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## — Summer Term, 1972

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## EDITORIAL

*Each year we resolve to discontinue this particular feature of the Magazine, and each year we then go to work chewing pens and wondering what to say. The fact is that the School has fallen into the habit of a quiet and almost imperceptible development and although that is, in itself, a highly commendable proceeding it is not the stuff of editorial journalism.*

*In many respects the year has been an average one. It has had its successes and highlights — the 1st XV season and the opening of the Sports Hall spring to mind — and it has had its disappointments. It has had its sadnesses too. As we were going to press last year we had the melancholy task of reporting the death of the then Chairman of the Governing Body. This year we have, sadly, to report the death of David McNicol of Ruthven House who was killed in a climbing accident during the first half of the Summer Term. To his parents and relatives we extend our deep sympathies.*



## **David Robert McNicol**

(4.11.54 - 23.5.72)

David McNicol died in Perth Royal Infirmary four days after being injured in a climbing accident.

David came to Strathallan in 1968, and he very quickly made his mark. By the end of his first year he had commanded a regular place in the Junior Colts XV, shone in cross-country and athletics, and made a lot of friends. This was to be the pattern of his time here. As the years went by he developed into a superbly fit young man, always ready to accept a challenge, and setting a fine example to others. We shall long remember his sporting prowess, his courage, his loyalty, his impish sense of fun, his immense popularity, his total lack of malice, his zest for living. His death in his final term, on the threshold of manhood, was a shattering blow, and we share the sorrow of his family.

D.A.R.W.

## SCHOOL NOTES

As announced in our last issue the Gannochy Trust financed the building of a Sports Hall. This has now been built and has been open for a couple of terms — not without alarms and excursions, because a gale threatened to remove the roof at a late stage in the building of the hall.

Strikes and power cuts had less effect on the life of the School than might be imagined. Fortunately the weather was mild enough to nullify the hours without heat and light and there were insufficient cuts to provide a ready-made excuse for the non-appearance of preps.

Turning from the non-activity of the Hydro-Electric Board to activity, however, we sadly see that they have chosen to desecrate the Earn Valley with some giant pylons which stride straight across the hills. One of these pylons is stationed immediately at the end of Mud Flats and for some time the line of pylons stopped just over the other side of the railway bridge, making us wonder whether the Hydro-Electric Board had gone in for folly-building or whether that was where the power station was going to be.

The School has embarked upon a re-decoration programme which will be not unlike that for the Forth Bridge. Classrooms 1 and 2 have been re-furnished, the outside of Riley House has been painted; we expect these will have to last until the painters have finished Leburn at the other end of the grounds. Incidentally the Riley forms have been re-equipped with desks, and a set of desks for O Level examinations has been acquired.

There have been some small changes in routine. Morning Chapel on Sundays seems to be normal routine in the Summer and Autumn Terms, and post-lunch lessons starting at 4 p.m. are now a feature of the Autumn and Spring Terms.

There has, too, been some re-arrangement in accommodation in the School. The Factor's Office has been moved over to the Bursar's Office, and the administrative accommodation there has been extended slightly. Dormitory 25 in Ruthven has become Master's accommodation — a matter not entirely regarded with favour by Ruthven who, next term, will have a House Tutor actually resident in the house.

The R.N. Section seems to be partly moored in the Monkey Puzzle.

The new Act of Parliament dealing with fire precautions has led to the appearance of numerous fire or smoke-doors as they are more properly known. Apart from these a new fire escape is being constructed in the Freeland-Simpson dormitory area so that exiting from that end of the building will no longer require an agility more suitable for someone on an assault course.

We think that the agro-technologists are dormant.

Mr. G. Giles, one time Senior Mathematics Master here and now a lecturer in the Department of Education at Stirling University, has been awarded a grant of £33,450 by the S.E.D. to conduct a three-and-a-half-year study of how pupils can be helped to learn mathematics. One of the purposes of the research is to assess the value of new materials and ways of working in teaching mathematics.

Strathallians past and present will be sad to hear that Archie Doig has retired after giving 40 years' service to the School. We wish him well in his retirement.

We acknowledge, with thanks, magazines sent to us from other schools. Contributions for this magazine should be sent either to the Editor, at the School, or to the Secretary of the Strathallian Club. We do ask contributors to check their facts, however. Last year, entirely inadvertently, we killed off M. M. Stuart and immediately got an irate protest from his 'ghost'. We apologise most sincerely for this error and regret any embarrassment to him which our premature announcement may have caused. In future we shall require evidence supported by a cutting from a newspaper; we don't want to have to start a Resurrections Column.

The following prizes and awards were made at the end of the Summer Term:

Distinctions: R. C. Stark (N)

V. W. Anderson (Ri)

D. D. Mackenzie (S)

Form Prizes: IVB: A. I. Pate (W)

IVC: D. S. Lowden (F)

IIIA: K. A. D. Peddie (S)

IIIB: R. V. E. Pearce (N)

IIIC: K. W. Willox (L)

II: I. D. Cameron (Ri)

I: D. A. C. MacLachlan (Ri)

Campbell Award: D. A. S. Whyte

Senior Piping: C. W. Gray

Junior Piping: J. L. Stewart

Senior Drumming: I. N. Caskie

Junior Drumming: L. Cabrelli

Presentation Foil: E. A. Ferguson

We acknowledge, with thanks, photographs from D. A. R. Williams, Esq.; A. P. Wray; Royal Air Force; Perthshire Advertiser.

At the end of the School Year there were 343 boys in the School.



## STAFF NOTES

This year we include a list of the Governing Body and Staff as at the end of the academic year. We greet, belatedly, Mr. Colquhoun, who has come to teach History and some English. Already he has made his mark in the C.C.F., in Leburn House as House Tutor, in the orchestra, and as the coach of a highly successful Junior Colts cricket side, and Mr. Ball, who has come from overseas to teach Music and some French. He, too, has made an impression in many ways. He has been supervising a small jazz band, has developed a style of playing the Chapel organ in such a way that it is impossible to talk in Chapel, and he seems to have a different car every week. Mr. James Thomson, late of the B.B.C. Scottish Symphony Orchestra where, we understand, he could be seen behind a tuba, has come to teach Brass Instruments.

We bid farewell to Dr. Stonehouse who is departing to organise a course in the Department of Environmental Studies at the University of Bradford. Dr. Stonehouse has not been with us long and despite his interests in the Open University and in Antarctica in general and penguins in particular he has nevertheless found time to assist in the R.N. Section of the C.C.F. and in constructing a Nature Trail in the School grounds. Although Dr. Stonehouse has not been here long enough to become, if he will forgive the epithet, an institution, Mr. Newbury has and his departure to the fastnesses of Katmandu is a matter for particular regret. He is a keen and able mathematician and managed to cover a huge variety of courses to ensure the best results for his pupils here. Apart from this he was equally energetic as a coach assisting on 1st Game Rugby and turned his hand to numerous other activities such as arduous training, swimming and climbing and the house tutorship of Ruthven. Both he and Dr. Stonehouse are going to appointments which, while very different, are both very challenging, and we wish them and their families every success.

We have to record, too, that after many years of service Mr. Young has retired from the Housemastership of Simpson House. He is succeeded by Mr. Pearson. Dr. Paul MacKenzie, the School Medical Officer for many years, has retired from that appointment, and will be succeeded by Dr. Allan Forsyth.

Finally, we note the death of Pipe-Major Sinclair. An appreciation of his work appears in the C.C.F. Notes.

## SALVETE

### Autumn Term 1971

V — M. P. Thomson (L).

IV — D. G. Thomson (L).

III — I. Chalmers (N); J. D. Clarke (N); G. J. F. Crowe (S); W. R. Ferguson (S); D. J. Fletcher (L); J. D. Gourlay (F); R. K. Linton (L); A. W. B. Magill (R); C. P. Milne (S); I. C. McGregor (S); K. C. S. McLelland (R); R. A. McPherson (L); S. J. Newing (N); H. B. Niven (L); D. R.



M. Park (R); R. V. E. Pearce (N); K. A. D. Peddie (S); C. W. Picken (F); C. S. Russell (F); C. J. Wallace (L); A. D. G. Widdowson (N); J. A. Wilson (R).

Riley: C. J. K. Crawford, M. A. O. Dun; A. W. Ferguson; I. F. Gerrard; R. D. Goodfellow; J. M. Hunter; G. H. N. Julier; A. J. H. Locke; D. A. C. MacLachlan; A. H. McLaren; A. G. Norval; M. J. H. Ramsay; D. W. D. Ritchie; G. D. Robb; I. R. Robertson; M. A. Russell; D. Sim; G. R. Smith; D. M. Stewart; D. M. S. Stewart; A. J. E. Turner; I. H. Walker; T. R. Waterbury; M. J. Yellowlees.

### Spring Term 1972

III — T. J. Blaxter (R); N. R. Constable (N); J. M. Fairlie (L); G. S. Fidler (S); R. M. Garside (F); W. D. Gibson (F); D. R. A. Graham (R); G. L. F. Inglis (R); A. J. Tares (S); K. W. Willox (L); R. J. H. Wilson (F).

### Summer Term 1972

III — P. R. Baxter (S); R. V. Nairn (S).

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### Autumn Term 1971

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*Tulach House, Blairgowrie.*

T. R. MacLeod (S); Came 66<sup>3</sup>; III; School Prefect; XV 70-72; V. Capt. 71-72.  
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J. H. Owen (S); Came 65<sup>2</sup>; I; House Prefect; Orch.; L.Cpl. Army Sect.  
*Knockdow, Toward, Argyll.*

C. J. Robertson (S); Came 67<sup>3</sup>; III; Head of School; XV 71; Ski-ing 69-71; Capt. 71; L.Cpl. Army.  
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### Spring Term 1972

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## Summer Term 1972

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#### III Form

- C. I. Beverley (Ri); Came 70<sup>3</sup>; I.
- J. D. Gouley (F); Came 71<sup>3</sup>; III; Pre-Service.  
*N.Y. Court, Soi Chaem Chand, Off Soi Ekami, Off Soi Sukumut, Bangkok, Thailand.*

#### I Form

- I. C. Ferguson (Ri); Came 71<sup>2</sup>; I.

## CIVICS LECTURES: 1971-72

Lectures on a variety of topics were again arranged for members of the Sixth Form during the Winter Term, 1971, and the Spring Term, 1972. 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 their work or other interests. To each one of them our sincere thanks are due for finding the time in the midst of a busy life to prepare a talk and to come here to deliver it.

- J. L. Hunter Scott, Esq., B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E.: *Modern Japan and its Industrial Development.*  
W. P. McLeish, Esq., B.Sc., F.I.C.E.: *Civil Engineering as a Profession.*  
Ian MacArthur, Esq., M.A. M.P.: *Parliamentary Government.*  
Sheriff A. M. Prain, C.B.E.: *The Work of the Sheriff Court.*  
Dr. J. A. Watt: *Confidentiality: What should a Doctor tell?*  
Alberto Morrocco, Esq., D.A.(Abn), R.S.A. R.S.W.: *A Portrait Demonstration.*  
Alastair Warren, Esq.: *The Role of the Press.*  
Film: *"Portrait of a Challenge."*  
Chief Supdt. Seaton: *The Role of the Police.*  
D. A. Blaikie, Esq.: *The Importance and Scope of Insurance.*  
Brig. R. S. Doyle, C.B.E., M.B.I.M.: *The Problems of Establishing a New Town.*  
F. T. Belcher, Esq.: *Careers in Barclays Bank.*  
D. S. Erskine, Esq.: *The National Trust for Scotland.*

## SPEECH DAY 1972

In view of the appalling weather throughout June this year we were blessed with a welcome respite on Speech Day. The speeches were as usual held in the Perth City Hall, where the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. N. A. Gillanders, opened the proceedings by welcoming our guest speaker Brigadier Sir Bernard Fergusson, and congratulating him on his Life Peerage which he had received in the Birthday Honours. The past Lord Provost of Perth Mr. D. Thomson (O.S.) was also congratulated on his award of the C.B.E. The Chairman went on to mention how this had been a year of tragedy for the School in the death of David McNicol in a climbing accident. Mr. John Hall also, who officiated at Speech Day last year, had died, and he extended his deepest sympathy on behalf of the School to the families of the bereaved. Since last year, two of the original governors, Mr. Alec Fraser and Mr. George Smith, had retired from the Board and he expressed our gratitude for their services.

The Chairman remarked also that 1972 was Strathallan's Jubilee year, a fact which seemed to be passing notice. He therefore thought it fitting that we should be reminded of the past 60 years of development. Starting from the opening of the School at Bridge of Allan in 1912, he traced the history through to Harry Riley's death in 1942, the formation of the constitution in 1946, the degenerative interim until 1951 at which point Mr. Hoare took over and the

development since then. At this juncture he expressed everyone's deep gratitude to Dr. Farquharson and the Gannochy Trust for the Sports Hall which had already shown itself a valuable asset to the School. He emphasised how important it was for a school of Strathallan's kind to keep abreast of the times. On this note he acknowledged the work of the governors and staff and asked Mr. McCallum to present his report.

The Headmaster's Report dealt mainly with academic matters. He was pleased to announce that the School had achieved the best examination record for some years; 65% of those taking 'A' Levels last year had gained admission to University. On the subject of examinations, he referred, too, to the many enquiries he had received on the possibility of taking Scottish Highers at Strathallan. For him it was a choice between breadth and depth, and he was inclined to take the latter. However, it might be possible in the future for boys to take Highers, but due to administrative and teaching problems, this would have to be restricted to members of the second-year Sixth Form. During the course of the year the School had been visited by Her Majesty's Inspectorate, and it was fair to say that the Inspectors had been impressed by what they had seen.

On the sporting side of the School there were many good things to note. The late Headmaster of Fettes, Dr. Ian McIntosh, had once remarked that 'The two most ruthlessly competitive spheres of human activity are International Commerce and Scottish Schools' Rugby'. It was with some satisfaction, therefore, that he was able to report that the 1st XV had proved itself admirably deserving of a high place in Scottish Schools' Rugby in the season just past. It more than made up for the disappointment we had all felt when the Bath Cup Swimming Relay Team had won the event only to be disqualified on a technicality. Turning to other sporting activities the Headmaster said that E. A. Ferguson was to be congratulated on winning the Scottish Schools' Junior Sabre Championship, and both the squash and ski-ing teams had had notable seasons.

Mention, too, was made of some of the other highlights of the School year—the visits by the Choir, School and Orchestra to St. John's Kirk, Perth, and St. Giles' Cathedral, the production of Sheridan's 'The Rivals', and Combined Services' Day.

Mr. McCallum concluded his remarks on the School by stressing the importance of a true sense of values and fairness, service to the community, an ability to take and accept decisions and above all a sense of humour.

The Chairman then introduced Sir Bernard, drawing attention to his fine record: a soldier, statesman and author, he had been to Eton, Sandhurst and had seen service in the Black Watch, was wounded in Europe after service in India, Middle-East and Burma as a Chindit. From allied intelligence, he became Governor-General of New Zealand, and was currently on the London Board of the Bank of New Zealand.



After presenting the prizes, Sir Bernard delivered a rousing and colourfully illustrated speech, quoting General Victor Fortune as saying "In battle, 10% of the men go the right way, 10% in the wrong way, and 80% in any direction that takes their fancy". After several humorous anecdotes about the war he concluded by giving three pointers to bear in mind as young men: firstly, to be an individual unlike the 80% sheep, secondly not to underestimate one's own qualities, and thirdly to go out in the world with determination and courage. On this note he concluded and the concert followed.

## SPEECH DAY PRIZES

Smith Cup for Captain of the School .....	D. A. S. Whyte
Houston Prize for All Round Merit .....	D. A. S. Whyte
Dux .....	C. J. Robertson
French .....	R. C. Stark
German .....	R. C. Stark
English .....	N. O. Sherington
History .....	A. B. Lawrence
Geography .....	K. L. I. Campbell
Mathematics .....	G. E. Smith
Chemistry .....	G. A. Chalmers
Biology .....	D. A. Walker
Physics .....	G. E. Smith
Music .....	J. H. R. Parker
	P. D. Hunter
Art .....	G. P. McHarg
Chemistry Research .....	A. N. Hartley
Geography Fieldwork .....	I. F. S. Day
Drawing Prize .....	G. A. Herdman
Biology Project .....	K. L. I. Campbell
Maths Competition .....	A. N. Hartley

The following prizes were not awarded:

History Essay, Latin Prose, Art Essay, French Essay, Physics Prize, Economics Essay.

## HOUSE NOTES

### FREELAND

We congratulate Mr. Raine on his marriage during the Easter holidays to Miss Jean Warriner.

School Offices were held by the following: School Prefect, Librarian, Vice-Captain of Golf — S. D. Lowden; School Prefect, Captain of Athletics — G. A. Lockhart; School Prefect, Secretary of Golf — S. R. C. Duncan; Captain of Highland Dancing and Librarian — C. D. Langford; Chairman of Young Farmers' Club and School Projectionist — J. H. Shedden.



C. J. Cotton was awarded a place at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

On Speech Day K. L. I. Campbell was awarded prizes for Geography and Biology Fieldwork, and G. P. McHarg was awarded the Senior Art Prize.

In Rugger Freeland was well represented in the XV, but the House pack was not quite strong enough and had to be content to take second place to Ruthven in the House Competition. In Hockey we did surprisingly well to reach the final round, where we gave Ruthven a good run for their money being defeated by two goals to one.

C. D. Reekie won the Silver Medal at the Scottish Schoolboys' Athletics Meeting for putting the shot and was chosen to represent Scotland against Wales in this event. At the same meeting G. A. Lockhart won the bronze medal for the Long Jump.

E. A. Ferguson fenced for Scotland in the spring and won the Presentation Foil in the summer.

The House Boxing Competition is now run on a new basis, and Freeland won the Cup as well as retaining the Senior Tennis and Junior Squash.

S. D. Lowden won the Individual Golf Championship and G. A. Lockhart won the Senior Victor Ludorum.

House Colours were awarded to C. K. Gibson, N. R. Baxter, B. N. Gillanders and G. J. Pyle.

The House Prefects at the end of the summer term were C. D. Langford, J. H. Shedden, C. D. Reekie, B. N. Gillanders and N. R. Baxter.

#### House Captains of Sport:

Rugger & Athletics: G. A. LOCK-  
HART.

Cricket, Hockey & Golf: S. D.  
LOWDEN.

Boxing & Cross-country: C. D.  
REEKIE.

Tennis: G. P. McHARG.  
Squash: S. R. C. DUNCAN.  
Swimming: N. R. BAXTER.  
Shooting: J. H. SHEDDEN.  
Music: C. A. CAMPBELL.

P.R.S.

## LEBURN

This has been a very significant year for the House. The two outstanding events have been firstly the opening of the new House accommodation and secondly the generous gift presented to the House by Mrs. Leburn. This took the form of a portrait of Gilmour Leburn and a very handsome clock. The House is now fully established and indeed the largest in the School. It is agreed that we are extremely fortunate to have this building and particularly important is the fact that two-thirds of the House are in studies and the commoners have individual Toyes. As mentioned in our last report in order to bring the House numbers to a correct balance senior boys from other Houses volunteered to join us. They were: — D. A. Shortreed, J. A. Hay, P. J. Holden and N. S. Stevenson from Free-

land; W. M. Cantlay, C. H. Gilfillan, C. R. Harrington, J. W. MacFarlane and A. P. Wray from Ruthven; G. I. Brown, J. B. Ferguson, D. S. Gifford, H. L. Locke, M. S. B. Lydon, D. K. Roger and R. W. Ross from Simpson. To them we are extremely grateful as they have played an important and successful part in the establishment of the House, and we are sorry that some have had only one year with us. We also welcomed a full intake of new boys and hope that they will be happy with us.

The House authority this year has been D. A. S. Whyte as Head of House, M. J. Finlay and N. S. Stevenson School Prefects and W. M. Cantlay, H. L. Locke and J. W. MacFarlane House Prefects.

In inter-House competitions we have not taken many of the team trophies but in virtually every competition the teams showed an extremely good spirit and in many the House was only narrowly beaten into second place. In the Autumn Term there were no competitions but it was good to see Whyte, Finlay, Locke and McIntosh W. D. playing for the successful 1st XV. Also Cantlay captained the 2nd XV. In the rugger competitions the Junior XV narrowly lost to Simpson in the final and the Junior League team did extremely well in winning the competition. We were glad to have G. I. Brown the School ski-ing captain to lead us in the ski race and did well to take second place. The boxers put up a strong defence of the cup but again in this competition we were a close second. The Junior Cricket Trophy also left us but not without a hard struggle on the part of the Junior XI. However towards the end of the Summer Term the situation started to improve and the Golf Cup and the Pre-service trophy were won by the House. The following individuals are also to be congratulated on their various successes: — G. I. Brown (Tennis singles), S. A. Moffat (individual shooting) and R. L. Kirkland (Junior Victor Ludorum). One of the most pleasing things to see was the way in which so many members of the House contributed to the athletics competition in which we were leading until the last moment.

There have of course been many other individual successes on and off the games field but not all can be mentioned. However particularly meritorious efforts came from G. A. Herdman (Drawing Prize), A. I. Pate (Four B Form Prize) and K. W. Willox (Four C Form Prize).

To our leavers we say thank you and good-bye. David Whyte who has been Head of School and been awarded the four Full School Colours and won the Campbell Award is embarking on a P.E. course. Michael Finlay, as elusive off the rugger field as on it, has several careers in mind but will probably study at Cambridge (at the Tech.). He has contributed a great deal to School and House teams. Murray Cantlay intends to read Law — he was our captain of cricket and was also re-awarded his 1st XI colours. Wallace MacFarlane hopes to join a publishing House, Richard Ross, inspired by his association with the Beans Project is going into Food Technology. Our other leavers are: — David Roger (agriculture), Peter Holden (banking), David Gifford (teaching), Billy

Sandeman (hotel management) and Duncan Robb who is going to add yet another generation to Robb's Stores (Hexham). To all of them we wish all success and happiness in the future.

House Colours this year have been awarded to D. A. S. Whyte, M. J. Finlay, J. W. MacFarlane and W. M. Sandeman. Head of House next year will be N. S. Stevenson.

F.S.McN.

## NICOL

House Captain: R. C. STARK

House Prefects:

G. A. CHALMERS, D. A. WALKER, I. A. JAMIESON, A. G. MARSHALL, C. HILL.

Now that there are five Senior Houses the athletic competitions are in the form of knock-outs and on the whole we were well and truly knocked out; the cups we had last year gently toppled off the shelf one by one and no new ones were added, until the ghosts of Old Mother Hubbard and her dog were thought to be seen hovering around the shelf in the Junior Common Room. Fortunately it must just have been Susie and me, for Gray and Stewart J. L. produced two shining cups as a result of the Senior and Junior Piping competitions in the last days of the Summer term. Sneddon did outstandingly in the House Swimming competition winning all the senior events. R. H. Green was a member of the School 1st teams in Rugger, Hockey and Cricket, C. Hill in Hockey and Cricket, and I. Day in Hockey and Athletics. Twenty-two boys in the House represented the School in teams. Six members of the House played for the 1st XI and if there had been a House Cricket Competition . . . but there wasn't. At one time it looked as if A. D. Robertson WAS the Boxing competition, but more 'volunteers' were obtained both in Nicol and in other Houses.

I. A. Jamieson won the O level Vth form prize, R. Stark gained a Distinctions Prize and R. Pearce won the IIIb prize. Walker, Day, Stark and Chalmers were awarded Governors' prizes on Speech Day, and this year Chalmers' Chemistry Prize proved to be a glass of water, presumably for growing beans. Stark, Elder and Mackay all gave excellent performances in very different parts in "The Rivals". Gray has been a very industrious Pipe Major with Stewart in the Pipes and Mackay hidden under a leopard skin. King's figures for the Christmas Crib and his Toby Jug were amongst the best products of the pottery department this year. Lait has been heard a lot in Debating.

Twelve boys are leaving the House this term, of whom six are hoping to go to University in this country. The Day brothers are emigrating to Canada, and I dare say Hill C. will be seen in France. We wish them all every happiness and success.

I was very sad to hear of the deaths of two ex-Nicol Old Boys. Neil Harrison who was House Captain in 1962 lost his life in a diving accident and Julian (Stewart-) Smith who left in 1966 died in

Cambridge in April. We extend our deepest sympathy to their parents and families, for both were colourful characters who left their mark on the House and School and both of them contributed greatly to the School society when they were here.

#### House Captains of Sport:

Rugger and Cross Country:

R H. GREEN.

Boxing: D. A. WALKER.

Hockey and Athletics: I. F. S. DAY.

Cricket and Shooting:

G. A. CHALMERS.

Swimming: I. W. SNEDDON.

Squash and Tennis:

A. G. MARSHALL.

Sailing: R. C. STARK.

Ski-ing: D. P. BENZIES.

Music: R. A. ELDER.

T.C.G.F.

## RUTHVEN

It had been apparent for some time that 1971-72 was to be a very good year for Ruthven, and so it turned out to be. It is very sad that the successes of the year have been overshadowed by the tragic death of David McNicol. The seniors in the House this year have been a tight-knit group since they came to the School, and all have done very well in their respective spheres. When there have been so many genuine friendships developed over a long period the effect of a tragedy such as this is deeply felt. Perhaps a measure of the quality of David's year is that thirteen have become prefects, including five School prefects.

In work we remain unencumbered by scholars, but the majority have done themselves justice. D. R. D. Low has followed his brother to Magdalene College, Cambridge; and Parker, G. E. Smith and Hunter won Governors' Prizes. G.C.E. results are not yet to hand, but judging by the quite abnormally tidy and business-like atmosphere of the Middle Common Room, our 'O' level candidates should come up to their potential.

In sport our record has been second to none. It must be some time since a House held simultaneously the Senior Rugby, Hockey, Cricket and Athletic Cups; and to these we can add Senior Squash, Shooting, Ski-ing (of course), Rugby Leagues, Junior Cricket and Music. We have been well represented in all the School teams; and D. J. Butchart and the brothers Mackenzie have excelled in the fields of ski-ing and athletics respectively.

It seems that next year the only way we can go is down, and there is no doubt that it will be difficult to maintain this standard; but there are a lot of willing and able boys further down the House, and we intend to continue to be a force to be reckoned with. There is a little matter of losing a Junior Rugby Cup to be put right, for a start.

Finally, we say good-bye to Mr. Newbury, who after four years as House Tutor is going to Katmandu. We shall miss his direct

approach and infectious enthusiasm, and our best wishes go with him and his family in their new venture. I wonder if those hippies know what is about to hit them!

Head of House: J. H. R. PARKER.

Deputy Head of House: N. J. WATERSTON.

School Prefects: D. R. D. LOW (left Dec. '71), E. G. MACKENZIE.

House Prefects:

G. E. SMITH, I. PATERSON-BROWN, I. T. WATTERS, D. R. McNICOL,  
F. G. R. GILLANDERS, J. M. S. KIRKWOOD.

Captains, etc.:

Rugby: N. J. WATERSTON.

Hockey: E. G. MACKENZIE.

Cricket: J. H. R. PARKER.

Boxing: N. J. WATERSTON.

Swimming: K. G. MACLEOD.

Athletics: N. J. WATERSTON.

Cross-country: D. R. McNICOL.

Ski-ing: D. J. BUTCHART.

Shooting: I. T. WATTERS.

Tennis: I. PATERSON-BROWN.

Music: J. H. R. PARKER.

House Colours:

J. H. R. PARKER, D. R. D. LOW, N. J. WATERSTON, E. G. MACKENZIE, G. E. SMITH, K. C. MACKENZIE, C. R. HAY.

D.A.R.W.

## SIMPSON

Colin Robertson was School and House Captain for one term, passing the House on to Nicholas Sherington for the other two. He and John Owen left in December after successful Cambridge attempts, at the same time as Torquil MacLeod—no, not **that** Torquil MacLeod— and The Last of the Wallaces—yes, **those** Wallaces. Stephen Gunn departed in March.

This term's Prefects, apart from Sherington, were Sandy Porter (Address: the San), Alistair Lawrence (the well-known guitarist), Michael Macdonald (who has given up smoking), Malcolm Gordon, and, briefly, Philip Hibberd. Next year's House Captain is not for me to choose—see below—but Gordon appears to be the favourite so far on a short list of one. Of course most of this year's A level candidates assure me as they emerge from the exam room that they will be back in September, but one is used to that.

Talking of work, we did not quite overwhelm the School Prize list as we did last year, but had to make do with only more than our fair share. Robertson was Dux, Sherington won the English Prize, Lawrence the History Prize, and Adrian Hartley the dear old Lower Sixth Bean Prize plus a new Maths Competition Prize or something like that. The Headmaster also found a Distinction Prize in the School archives for Douglas Mackenzie.

Sport this year has been quite good for the present and even better for the future. After holding the Senior Rugger Cup for several years we had no real chance this time, but we did win the Junior Rugger, against expectation. There was a particularly fine effort in the Cross-country, where a team that was no more than in with a chance managed to dominate all three age groups under the inspiration of Lawrence. Gordon led the Swimmers to a com-



fortable victory, but Drew Lawson, who captained the winning Hockey League side, saw the Tennis escape us after two 'championship points' in our favour. On the last day of term the Athletics Cup rewarded a wide range of effort, there being no individual to do it for us single-handed this time, and I can assure you that the representative who turned up on time to collect the Cup from Mrs. McCallum arrived absolutely fortuitously, after escaping through a bedroom window with nothing but his collar on.

Finally a brief farewell. More than three and a half thousand House Reports from one man is more than any house should be subjected to. If I am delighted not to have to hear any more that "three of your boys have been caught breaking into the Bank of England improperly dressed", then I am even more sad at losing the deeper rewards that you readers have afforded me over those twenty-one years. (Old Boys don't read other people's House notes, do they? Go away!) It has been a long time and well do I remember, when I was a mere youngster, that time when —

No. no, Young, you are not that ancient. Anyway, I hand over to Mr. Alan Pearson, who must be good because he is the first scientist or mathematician we have ever dared entrust a house to, and I am sure that Simpson will give him the same support that I have had, approximately speaking, from every one of you.

D.E.Y.

## CHAPEL

Week-day Services have been cut to three a week, plus a congregational practice; on the other two days Chapel Services are now replaced by morning House Prayers.

Sunday Services, as forecast in last year's notes, have been in the morning during the Autumn and Summer Terms, and in the evening during the Spring Term. This arrangement has met general approval, if only because it allows the boys for two terms to get out of their kilts before mid-day.

We have had a wide variety of visiting preachers, including the first woman to occupy our pulpit (the Headmistress of St. Leonard's School). Most of them have commented favourably on the singing; if not technically polished, it has generally been hearty.

On February 27 the whole School went to St. John's Kirk in Perth to contribute to the "Music of St. John's" series. The Church was crowded and the highlights of an Informal Service were "Captain Noah and his floating Zoo" (at the end of which there was a long burst of applause, scandalising a few and delighting a lot more) and Barry Bell's setting of Psalm 150 (in which Choir, School, orchestra and organ made so much cheerful noise that one of the Elders was overhead to be worrying about the safety of the roof). We have been asked to return next year.

Mr. R. G. Bruce, the father of al Old Strathallian, has generously provided a new Communion Table for the Chapel. It was designed by Mrs. T. J. MacLeod, made by Lord Robert's Workshop in

Dundee, and was consecrated for Episcopalian and Presbyterian use at the service on Sunday, 13th February. It is a great improvement on the previous Table, and we are most grateful for it.

During the course of the year the following boys were confirmed:

Episcopal Church (on February 5): R. C. Herbert, K. A. Robertson and R. W. Ross.

Church of Scotland (on February 12): N. R. Baxter, A. J. Bennett, D. R. Bird, W. M. Cantlay, R. A. Elder, M. J. Finlay, D. S. Gifford, B. N. Gillanders, C. W. Gray, C. R. Harrington, I. A. Jamieson, P. N. Lewis, T. S. Ling, H. N. Macfarlane, D. D. MacKenzie, K. C. Mackenzie, D. H. Pate, D. W. Peddie, J. A. L. Porter, G. J. Pyle, D. K. Roger, W. B. Sandeman and R. M. S. Strachan.

W.N.M.



*The School Chapel decorated for the Carol Service.*



## THE SPORTS HALL

Except for those who think that the only indoor facilities the School requires are books and desks, many think that an extension of indoor games facilities has been necessary here for some years, despite the recent mild winters. It was good news, therefore, to hear that the Gannochy Trust had generously consented to finance the scheme for a Sports Hall, and the building of the Hall was started with the minimum of delay. As luck would have it we had some builders on site finishing off the Leburn dayrooms.

The natural place to build the Sports Hall was next to the Gymnasium — the two are now connected — and it has been built to extend from the Gymnasium towards Riley. The Hall was designed by Mr. Hunter Scott of James Gillespie and Scott of St. Andrews. It has quite generous proportions, being 97 feet long and 58 feet wide, and it measures 26 feet to the underside of the main roof beams. The dimensions, of course, were decided by national minimum dimensions for various sports such as basketball.

In the main the building is constructed of load bearing Cults brick, and it has a steel roof which was designed and erected by Butler Building (U.K.) Ltd., of Kirkcaldy. The roof created problems because it had reached a stage of being nearly finished when it was struck by an overnight gale—with the results that can be seen from the photograph. Not only that; the gale was accompanied, inevitably, by rain and the interior of the Hall was partially flooded as well.



*Dr. Farquharson of the Gannochy Trust unveiling the plaque on the side of the Sports Hall during the opening ceremony.*

The design of the building is typical of many of its type — there is, for example, a larger specimen belonging to the University of St. Andrews — in that there are no windows. This has the advantage of preventing the Hall becoming like a massive greenhouse in summer, and in winter prevents heat loss. Heating and ventilation are provided by interior fans and a through draught is provided by floor level air ducts. The interior is not plastered since Cults brick is made from hydraulically pressed concrete which gives an exceptionally smooth surface to a wall. Leather cricket balls hitting it have a remarkably long life and don't seem to lose shape. Because of the heating and ventilation system there is no condensation either.

The flooring is made from coloured Granwood tiles covering a concrete base, and one gable end is a climbing wall.

The main problem Mr. Hunter Scott was faced with was making this much larger building tone in with the surrounding smaller ones. The problem has been overcome by giving the Hall an exterior finish of white, dry dash roughcasting, and this finish is punctuated with contrasting columns of dark grey Cults brick. The Hall has deliberately been given a low pitch roof with overhanging eaves, and this has the effect of making its height appear to be less than it is.

The main construction was carried out by James Ramsay Ltd., of Leslie, the builders responsible for the Leburn dayrooms. It was



*New sports hall under construction with damaged roof after storm.*

officially opened on 5th February by Dr. Farquharson, Chairman of the Gannochy Trust. After an official lunch the visitors proceeded to the Gymnasium for speeches, and Dr. Farquharson was thanked by D. A. S. Whyte, the Head of School, who made a small presentation to Dr. Farquharson to express the School's gratitude. After the opening ceremony, the many guests were able to see some of the activities which the Sports Hall has to offer. And now, six months later, we are wondering how we ever got by for so long without one.

## THE RIVALS

This year's play was presented in co-operation with Kilgraston at the end of the Spring Term. The choice of this play of Sheridan's was an interesting experiment, but eighteenth century comedy (and indifferent eighteenth century comedy at that) is possibly not the ideal choice for teenage actors and actresses, or for a teenage audience. Or, if it comes to that, for some of their parents.

Your reviewer must admit that his heart sank when Fag and Thomas in their nervousness managed to extract every ounce of dullness from the opening scene on the North Parade. Two and a half hours of that on a hard chair in a cold gym weren't going to be much fun, even if one knew the people involved.

But, when the curtain went up on Scene Two, there was immediate applause for the set and, when Sir Anthony appeared, the play began to get off the ground even though Mrs. Malaprop



*A scene from The Rivals.*

was so taken with the beauties of Bath seen through the backstage windows that her remarks were almost entirely lost to the audience behind her.

And from then on, things improved. Sir Anthony thundered away and thrashed about with his stick (where had we seen those gestures before?), Jack became less wooden and began to see some humour in his predicaments, Acres brought a refreshing whiff of the midden into the urban elegance, Faulkland was a splendidly love-sick idiot, Sir Lucius' accent wandered fascinatingly from Londonderry to Cork and beyond, David (in even less predictable accents) was a valet in the great tradition, and Lucy was a convincing minx. And Mrs. Malaprop began to speak to the audience. The laughter became louder and the applause more spontaneous. The gym grew warmer and the seats began to feel less hard.

And Lydia and Julia? They are thoroughly silly girls without being funny and no-one can be remotely interested in what happens to them, but the actresses made the most of their thankless parts. And their clothes and hair-styles (and not only theirs) reflected a lot of talent and hard work in the background.

It was by no means a perfect performance. Much of the speaking was far too rushed to do justice to Sheridan's words, much of the timing was indifferent and many of the movements were awkward and thoroughly out of period. But considering that the producer had to start from scratch with a cast with no acting experience except perhaps in the chorus of **H.M.S. Pinafore**, it was a pretty good effort. It makes one wonder what might be achieved if these dramatic performances were not so far between and few.



*A scene from The Rivals.*



## The Cast:

Sir Anthony Absolute .....	G. A. Lockhart
Captain Absolute .....	R. C. Stark
Faulkland .....	R. A. Elder
Acres .....	C. D. Reekie
Sir Lucius O'Trigger .....	H. L. Locke
Fag .....	K. G. McLeod
David .....	A. H. MacKay
Thomas .....	P. S. Hibberd
Mrs. Malaprop .....	Louise Aldridge
Lydia Languish .....	Margaret Burnet
Julia .....	Angela Niven
Lucy .....	Mary-Ann Cockburn

## Production:

Set designed by: T. J. MacLeod, Esq.

Ladies' costumes: Mrs. A. L. K. Dutton, Mrs. T. J. MacLeod, Mrs. M. J. E. Wareham, Mrs. E. Worwald.

Hairdressing: Mrs. F. S. McNamara.

Lighting: A. L. K. Dutton, Esq.

Front of House Manager: R. N. Johnson, Esq.

Stage Manager: I. T. Watters.

Make-up: A. I. Robson.

Stage Hands: I. Paterson-Brown, J. M. S. Kirkwood, M. C. Taylor.

Producer: M. J. E. Wareham, Esq.

## COMBINED SERVICES DAY

On 26 May Strathallan was the scene of a most unusual spectacle. The School was host to a large display mounted by the three services. A great deal of planning went into the event and every so often for some months before beves of staff officers would converge upon the School to finalise arrangements. Then in the week beforehand Colonel Fairbairn was seen anxiously consulting the meteorologists on the staff, surreptitiously tapping barometers, and muttering gloomy prognostications and unfortunately his gloom was to a certain extent justified. The day before the rain came down late in the evening and visions of buses axle deep near the Paddock, Saracens churning up Little Acre and the hundreds of visitors from 49 schools all over Scotland floundering over sodden fields came only too readily to mind. It was now the turn of the masters in charge of Rugby, Cricket and Athletics to mutter and look gloomy as they thought of fields indelibly marked with deep ruts.

However, the weather cleared rapidly on the day but a strong wind was blowing and there was some heavy rain during the morning. As far as could be seen only the refreshment tent had been reduced, overnight, to something resembling the shipwreck of a galleon. The static displays were intact—even the jet plane on Rothesay Pier and the mock submarine (partly made of cardboard we were assured and, inappropriately, not alongside Rothesay Pier) survived.

During the morning the static displays provided by the R.N., R.A.F., Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, the Infantry and the Army Catering Corps were open to the School. The Catering Corps were well patronised, Strathallians always being interested in comparing institutional foods. Apart from these displays, an R.N. Diving Team gave us some idea of their offensive role, and the swimming pool was used for this. The most popular item appeared to be the helicopter flights laid on by the R.N., and 60 of our own cadets had the opportunity of seeing the School from 400 feet up in a Wessex.

From mid-day onwards the Services Day started in earnest. The Chief Guest was Air Commodore J. T. Forsythe, C.B.E., D.F.C., R.A.F. and he was accompanied by senior officers from all three Services.

Although by this time the weather had cleared up the wind had risen steadily too and, disappointingly, the Macaws R.A.F. Jet Provost Formation Display, and the parachute drop by the "Golden Lions" had to be cancelled, thus depriving us of two of the spectacular high points of the day. But the Services had still much of interest to entertain us with. Different types of aircraft flew past and demonstrated some of their versatility. The fixed wing types were a Lightning, a V.C.10 and a Nimrod. Separate demonstrations were also given by R.N. Sea King and R.A.F. Whirlwind helicopters.

The main arena displays took place on Big Acre which provided good vantage points. Perhaps the most colourful of these was the Military Band of the 1st Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders, and the



*An aerial view of Combined Services Day.*

most exciting the Royal Signals Motor Cycle Display Team. Those who have seen the Edinburgh Tattoo in recent years will know the intricate movements, the split-second timing, the bravado, the aerobatics and the slapstick comedy which comprise the routine of this Display Team.

The Combined Services Day, then, ended on a high note, and those of us who remained afterwards derived some amusement from long vehicles wedged in the drive, a consolation in itself for missing the A.G.I. And despite all those gloomy prognostications the only evidence one week later that anything unusual had happened was a patch of scorched grass on Big Acre! Our thanks to the Services for an instructive and entertaining day.

### Programme

- 11.00            Static Displays by the R.N., R.A.F., R.A., R.E., Infantry and A.C.C.
- 12.00 - 12.30    Royal Naval Diving Display.
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- 13.00 - 13.30
- 11.00 - on        Helicopter Flight Experience.
- 14.00            Arena Display starts.
- 14.00 - 14.05    R.A.F. LIGHTNING solo aerobatics.
- 14.06 - 14.18    The MACAWS R.A.F. Jet Provost Formation Display.
- 14.19 - 14.33    R.A.F. WHIRLWIND arrives with Mountain Rescue Team.
- 14.34 - 14.39    VC 10 Display.
- 14.40 - 14.47    R.N. SEA KING Display and departure.
- 14.48 - 14.53    NIMROD Display.
- 14.54 - 15.00    "Golden Lions" drop from R.N. WESSEX.
- 15.00 - 15.10    Edinburgh City Police Pipe Band.
- 15.10 - 15.20    Royal Marines Unarmed Combat Display.
- 15.20 - 15.30    Royal Marines abseilers (lifted by R.N. WESSEX).
- 15.30 - 15.40    Military Band 1st Bn. The GORDON HIGHLANDERS (Salute taken by Air Commodore J. T. FORSYTHE, C.B.E., D.F.C.).
- 15.40 - 16.00    Royal Signals Motor Cycle Display Team (The White Helmets).





## ACTIVITIES

It would be fair to say that the activities during the past School year have been very much the same mixture as before. Perhaps what is surprising is that there have been so few changes, for popular taste changes so quickly. Where taste doesn't seem to change is in watching films. It may be a sign of the times that so many are prepared to sit and be passively entertained, but it is wondered how much the trend is dictated as an easy way out by the organisers and how much benefit is actually derived from films. Are they not, perhaps, adding to the 'information overload' without stimulating thought and reflection?

Not all societies, of course, are plagued by films. Music, as we know to our cost because it happens just below us, continues to flourish and there have been some memorable contributions during the past year — an admirable Credo from the Gounod 'St. Cecilia' and an even better Pergolesi 'Magnificat' come to mind. The Pipe Band's report barely gives an inkling of the amount of practice they get through. 'The Rivals' aroused great enthusiasm and energy in the participants. Painting — the predominant style has changed this year — and pottery continue to exercise the skill and imagination of many boys in the School.

After our strictures last year, the Photographic Society has produced some photographs for us, so there is some activity there. The debaters continue to argue, although we understand that the quality of some of the speeches from the floor may be affected by the above-mentioned 'information overload'. Other peripheral activities mentioned in these pages in previous years seem to have disappeared.

For sheer variety the C.C.F. still has more opportunities to offer than most. The R.A.F. Section has just acquired a primary glider, some consolation for the last minute cancellation of one overseas camp this year. Nevertheless one camp was arranged in West Germany, and no less than two in England. The R.N. Section, or parts of it, seemed always to be going on cruises — one doesn't suppose that they are as luxurious as civilian cruises but they are much more interesting. And we have confirmation, too, that Army camps are still enjoyable — an eternal truth which everyone fails to recognise. If more boys went on these camps they might see more point in Friday afternoon training; Friday afternoons are only a quarter of the story.

## MUSIC NOTES

The Choir and Orchestra made two expeditions outside the School this year — one to St. John's Kirk, Perth, and the other to St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh. It was the first time we had had the privilege of performing in St. John's Kirk and in fact in the end the whole School attended and performed. For the occasion Mr. Ball wrote an anthem for Choir, School and Orchestra. The anthem,

based on the 150th Psalm, thus had its first performance at St. John's. The occasion was highly successful, and it was quite an experience playing and singing in this historic church. The Choir's main part in the programme was "Captain Noah and his floating Zoo", a cantata in popular style which seemed to be much enjoyed by the congregation. It was only a pity that because the School was singing in the anthem the congregation, apart from the School, did not get very good seats and so were not able to get the full impact of the words. We hope to be invited back to the Kirk again in future years.

During the latter part of the Spring Term, the Choir and Orchestra rehearsed Pergolesi's Magnificat which was to be their main item for their visit to St. Giles's Cathedral in May. However, at the end of the term it was discovered that this same piece of music had been chosen by the school due to perform in the Cathedral on the preceding Sunday. As a result, our programme had to be changed at short notice and "Captain Noah" was given a second performance, a much better one than the one in Perth — the words, it was said, were very clearly heard at the back of the Cathedral. The Pergolesi Magnificat then had its performance postponed until the Chapel Service on the evening before Speech Day. It went very well perhaps profiting by the extra time possible for rehearsal due to the postponement. Though the size of the congregation was disappointing, this had the advantage that the acoustics of the Chapel were ideal!

A large Jazz Band was started by Mr. Ball in the Autumn Term, and this made its debut in the Informal Concert at the end of the term. We hope that we shall hear more of it in the coming year. The Informal Concert was notable for a piece of music entitled in the programme "? ? ? ? ?". The piece had the advantage from the orchestra's point of view that players could play any notes they liked as long as they played them with correct expression and at the correct time. The effect was interesting and at times shattering, but whether the audience really appreciated this avant-garde style of composition is perhaps doubtful.

The second orchestra performed at this concert and again on Speech Day. They progressed considerably over the year and played very confidently on the second occasion. There is some very good material in this orchestra, some of which will be promoted to the School Orchestra next year.

The personnel of the Choir and the Orchestras is given below together with the full programmes of the concerts and music played during the year.

G.W.

### Orchestra

Violins: Mr. J. Mouland Begbie (leader), T. S. Ling, P. D. Hunter, G. I. Brown, S. A. Moffat, 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.

Bass: J. E. Hamilton.  
 Flutes: R. A. D. Powrie, Mr. N. Colquhoun.  
 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.  
 Horns: N. O. Sherington, R. A. Elder.  
 Trumpets: R. S. F. Leishman, A. D. G. Mackenzie, H. M. Clarke, N. E. Cope.  
 Trombones: J. A. Hay, I. J. M. Jarron, D. S. Lowden.  
 Timpani: I. A. D. Low.  
 Percussion: C. A. Campbell, J. M. S. Kirkwood, A. A. Wighton.  
 Piano: J. H. R. Parker.

## Second Orchestra

Violins: D. M. N. Gillanders, F. G. Macadam, A. R. Cochrane, P. A. C. Cameron,  
 K. J. Heard.  
 Cello: Mrs. B. Stonehouse.  
 Flute: J. A. Robb.  
 Clarinets: D. R. Newton, S. J. Newing, M. C. Walker.  
 Horn: A. D. G. Widdowson.  
 Trumpets: G. W. Lyburn, R. F. Wilson.  
 Timpani: G. J. F. Crowe.  
 Piano: D. L. Hinshaw.

## Choir

Trebles: C. B. Biggart, K. J. Crawford, R. M. Duff, A. W. Ferguson, G. S. Fidler,  
 D. M. N. Gillanders, R. D. Goodfellow, D. P. A. Graham, G. H. N. Julier,  
 A. J. H. Locke, F. G. Macadam, I. C. McGregor, D. A. C. McLachlan,  
 A. H. McLaren, D. S. Muir, D. R. Newton, A. G. Norval, A. D. Robertson,  
 C. S. Russell, C. R. M. Smith, B. W. Steele, D. M. S. Stewart, M. J  
 Yellowlees.  
 Altos: C. Beverley, D. R. I. Fingland, K. J. Heard, A. M. Hirst, K. C. S. McLelland,  
 S. J. Newing, J. Paisley, J. A. Robb, H. W. R. Steedman, M. C. Walker,  
 A. D. G. Widdowson.  
 Tenors: R. A. Elder, F. G. R. Gillanders, I. A. Jamieson, H. L. Locke, G. A.  
 Lockhart, S. D. Lowden, R. A. D. Powrie, C. D. Reekie, D. A. S. Whyte.  
 Basses: C. A. Campbell, M. W. Langford, T. S. Ling, I. A. D. Low, J. W.  
 MacFarlane, E. C. Rowell, N. I. Schneeberger, T. D. Stewart.

## INFORMAL CONCERT

7.45 p.m. TUESDAY, 14th December 1971

in the Music Room

### 1. Orchestra

Spanish Ladies ..... *Somerset Folk Song*  
 arr. Hollyoak

### 2. Violin Duet

T. S. Ling, P. D. Hunter.  
 First Movement Concerto in D minor op 3 No. 11 ..... *Vivaldi*

### 3. Trebles

4 Maori Songs: ..... *Traditional*  
 a. Haere e Hine  
 b. Haere ra e Hine  
 c. Me he manu rere  
 d. E te Arawa ra

4. *Orchestra*  
First Movement Symphony No. 5 ..... *Beethoven*
5. *Wind Quintet*  
D. R. D. Low, K. C. S. McLelland, F. G. R. Gillanders,  
N. O. Sherington, D.A.R.W.  
Two Movements from Divertimento ..... *Haydn*
6. *Jazz Band*  
March Past ..... *Oscar Petersen*
7. *Piano Solo*  
J. H. R. Parker.  
Waltz in F minor op 69 No. 1 ..... *Chopin*
8. *Orchestra*  
????? ..... *Self*
9. *Second Orchestra*  
Contredanse ..... *Beethoven*
10. *Choir*  
Christmas Jazz ..... *K. Cartwright*
11. *Orchestra*  
Slavonic Dance op 46 No. 6 ..... *Dvorak*

## CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

at

St. John's Kirk, Perth — 7 p.m., 27th February, 1972

### VOLUNTARY

*Congregation*

Psalm 100

### PRAYER

*Orchestra*

Suite: Largo — Andante — Trumpet Tune ..... *John Stanley*  
arr. G. West

*Choir with piano, bass and percussion*

Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo ..... *Michael Flanders and*  
*Joseph Horovitz*

*Orchestra*

4 Movements from Water Music ..... *Handel*  
Bourree — Minuet — Air — Hornpipe ..... arr. D. Stone

*School, Choir & Orchestra*

Anthem: O Praise God ..... *Barry J. Ball*

### OFFERTORY

### PRAYER

*Congregation*

Hymn 537

### BLESSING VOLUNTARY

**CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA**  
**St. Giles' Cathedral — 14th May, 1972**  
**Music at 6 p.m.**

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*Choir with piano, bass and percussion*

Cantata in popular style:

"Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo" ..... *Michael Flanders and  
Joseph Horowitz*

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Music during the Service

*Hymns:*

16 Praise the Lord, His glories show.  
138 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus.  
209 City of God, how broad and far.

*Orchestral voluntary*

Overture in G minor ..... *Schubert*

## SPEECH DAY CONCERT PROGRAMME

1. *Orchestra*

Fanfare and March ..... *Barry Ball*

2. *Piano (J. H. R. Parker) and Orchestra*

Intermezzo from Piano Concerto ..... *Schumann*

3. *Second Orchestra*

Contredanse ..... *Haydn*

Ecosaise ..... *Schubert*

4. *Tenors and Basses*

(Accompanied by guitars, piano, bass and percussion)

Three songs ..... *Theodorakis*

a) Rock Rock

b) Evening Approaches

c) Boat on the Beach

5. *Orchestra*

Farandole from L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2 ..... *Bizet*

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National Anthem.

Anthems sung in Chapel by the Choir this year have been:

Non nobis Domine (Quilter); Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake (Tye);  
Sanctus from Harmoniemesse (Haydn); The Spacious Firmament (J. Graves);  
Churbim Hymn (Borthiansky); Sleepers Awake (Bach); Sing a New Song (A.  
Wills); Rejoice in the Lord (Purcell); Nunc Dimittis (Harwood); Sanctus from  
Requiem (Mozart); Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep (W. France); Psalms 93  
and 150 (Gelineau); Turn back, O Man (Holst); Let us now praise famous  
men (Vaughan Williams); O Praise God (Barry Ball); Jubilate (G. Thalben Ball)  
— these last four were sung by the whole School.

The 'Credo' from St. Cecilia Mass (Gounod) and Magnificat (Pergolesi)  
were accompanied by the Orchestra.

The following boys have passed Associated Board Examinations:

Parker, J. H. R. Piano, Grade 7.  
Hunter, P. D. Violin, Grade 5 (merit).  
Elder, R. A. Horn, Grade 4.  
Fingland, D. R. I. Violin, Grade 4.  
Pate, D. H. Violin, Grade 4.  
MacLachlan, D. C. Piano, Grade 4.  
Paisley, J. Violin, Grade 3.  
Robb, J. A. Flute, Grade 3.  
Gilfillan, C. H. Clarinet, Grade 3.  
King, A. J. Clarinet, Grade 3.  
Newton, D. R. Clarinet, Grade 3.  
Gillanders, M. D. N. Violin, Grades 2 and 3.  
Macadam, F. G. Violin, Grade 2.  
Jamieson, R. M. Theory, Grade 2.  
Smith, C. R. M. Theory, Grade 1.  
Cameron, P. A. S. Violin, Grade 1.

## MUSIC SOCIETY

This year we have had two concerts. The first was a violin and piano recital given by Alan Wilkinson and Janet Gare. This was Alan Wilkinson's second visit to the School and he gave a very interesting and varied recital. In the Spring Term Raymond Meldrum gave a guitar recital which was well attended and enjoyed by all who went to it. We have also had two opera visits this year. The first was to see Scottish Opera performing 'The Barber of Seville' and the second was to see 'The Pirates of Penzance'.

On Speech Day we gave a concert in the afternoon. This year we tried to make it more interesting by introducing some jazz. This experiment seemed to be very successful. Many thanks to all the performers.

Finally, our grateful appreciation goes to Mr. Wareham and Mr. Ball for helping to arrange the concerts and visits.

Office-bearers were:

Vice-President: J. H. R. Parker.

Secretary: R. A. Elder.

Treasurer: W. J. G. Smith.

Members of Committee: P. D. Hunter, I. A. D. Low, T. S. Ling, R. A. D. Powrie,  
S. F. Gunn, D. Pate.

R.A.E.

## COMBINED CADET FORCE

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mr. N. Colquhoun as an officer in the Army Section and sadly at the end we say good-bye to F/O Newbury and Sub Lt. Stonehouse. We thank them both for their hard work in the Corps; we have benefitted greatly from their enthusiasm. We wish them all the best in the higher realms of Katmandu and Bradford University respectively. The Under Officer this year was in the R.N. section and was S. Gunn.



We were saddened by the retirement and shortly after, the death of Pipe Major Allan Sinclair, who instructed piping here for over 20 years. A tribute to him will be found elsewhere in the magazine. We are very pleased to welcome in his place Mr. Murray of Dunning, who is an enthusiastic player and competitor himself, as well as being a Headmaster. The Drum Major and he have produced a band of which we were very proud at Speech Day and who are being invited to take on more and more social engagements in the neighbourhood, though as competition players they still have some way to go.

The new style Army Proficiency Certificate with an individual build-up of subjects is proving lengthy and rather difficult to operate and those who missed orienteering and expeditions at Camp will find themselves behind.

It was interesting to see in the Daily Telegraph on December 8th 1971 a picture of Father Christmas escorted by an armed guard in Belfast. Under the snowy beard was 2nd Lieut. Mike Cran of the Royal Scots who was in the R.A.F. Section at School.

We had two first-class talks in the Spring Term. The first by Capt. Ritchie of the Royal Scots, told of his exciting career and experiences in the Army, including some popular but gruesome details of executions and cannibals. Later Commander Burley, R.N. brought a series of the most excellent slides of Elephant Island where he had led an expedition. Our thanks to them both, once again.

Baxter and L. A. Stewart visited Sandhurst in March and a party of R.N. cadets sailed to Portsmouth in H.M.S. Bacchante in November — a very jolly sounding vessel.

We have re-erected a glider hut and a primary glider has once more appeared on Little Acre, though it suffered an ignominious little accident pretty soon. However Squadron Leader Wormald is going on a course, so all will soon be well. F/O Barker, of course, must be congratulated on being awarded the CCF medal.

In the retreat on Speech Day Cox. Waterston was in charge of the parade and platoons were under the command of P/O Gifford, Sgt. Sherington, Cpl. Brown, F/Sgt. Gordon and P/Major Gray. The whole parade was very smart.

There was no General Inspection this year as we had been invited to be hosts to a Services Day which took place on the 26th May, with Air Commodore Forsyth as the Visiting Officer. The previous night turned out to be one of the wildest of the year and the caterers' tent was flat in the morning. Enormous vans kept getting stuck in the gate, and one of the organising Officers forgot his sporran. The Factor dejectedly guided large vehicles onto Little Acre, carefully inspecting their tracks. Unhappily the weather continued to be appalling in the morning, so bad that the OC borrowed and wore Mr. Williams' raincoat.

The weather cleared by the afternoon and the full programme was able to go ahead except for the Jet Provosts and the Free-fall



parachutists. Mr. Henderson looked worried as fire and motor bikes swept over his running track, but in fact the final damage was minimal and the programme and static shows were excellent. Some 3,000 visitors attended. One of them, the Headmaster of Larchfield School, later privately expressed his appreciation and thanks saying how much his boys had enjoyed the day, yet adding that to friends of the School the poignancy of the flags flying at half-mast for David McNicol's funeral had been deeply moving. Amongst letters of sympathy received at the time of his tragic accident were two from the Joint Cadet Executive in London, and the CCF Association.



*This is the impression of Major G. D. A. Anderson (seen on the right), at breakfast time on Services Day.*

Army Camp was held at Garelochhead from 15th-22nd July and those who were there will never forget the glorious weather. Fieldcraft, orienteering, map-reading, expeditions and camping were made more testing under the blazing sun, though the day's cruise on the R.N. tug was like a Mediterranean cruise. All who wanted had the opportunity to take the helm and steer the vessel and the visit to the Holy Loch proved exceptionally interesting as not only was one submarine in dry dock but another was in the process of being loaded with its missile. Because of IRA dangers rifles were not permitted to be taken to camp this year. Transport too was fairly short and everyone went many miles on their own flat feet. A good spirit was achieved at camp, and a great deal of hard training was carried out. PT before breakfast and 20 press-ups at the top of the Cobbler are fun, you know. The night exercise proved more

frightening than supposed to some, because of the Greenjackets' interference, but the OC appreciated a long march at 2 a.m. Our thanks are due to all the Officers for their hard work and to Mr. Henderson for his long hours in the cookhouse, as well as to the OC of the Fife Cadets who welcomed both Officers and cadets into their messes.

T.C.G.F.

## PIPE MAJOR ALLAN SINCLAIR

Pipe Major Allan Sinclair came to Strathallan in 1951 to start tuition in Piping and to build up a band of Pipes and Drums. His immediate enthusiasm and inspiring tuition enabled the School to enter for the Band Competition at Goldenacre for the first time in 1954 and in Glasgow in 1955, and ever since we have been competing in both competitions. The School has always been very proud of the Pipes and Drums at School functions over many years, especially for St. Andrew's Nights, Speech Days and Cadet Force Inspections, and a great deal of the credit was due to 'Pipey'.

It was therefore with very great regret that we learnt in January 1972 that he felt he would have to retire because of ill health, after 21 years of service, unfailingly coming out to School from Perth regardless of the weather, to give his lessons; in his time here he produced more than fifty pipers who played in the band, and the same number of drummers, or more, came under him in the Pipes and Drums. The influence that he had on his former pupils and the affection in which he was held by them, was shown very strikingly in letters that I received at the time when we raised a testimonial fund after his retirement, when the Governors and present and former colleagues and pupils were able to give some small tangible recognition of their indebtedness to him. Many spoke of their real friendship and many of the tough standard that he had required of them, and it was encouraging to learn how many of them still have their pipes and play, even if not as often as they would like. His own set of pipes, which were formerly in the possession of the late H. Willcox, now belong to another Old Strathallian who prizes them greatly.

We only hope that he himself was able to appreciate some of the real gratitude and affection in which he was held at Strathallan, for sadly very soon after his retirement he was taken into hospital where he died in April. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family, but they may rest assured that he will not be forgotten here, certainly not by his former pupils, and many future members of the School who did not even know him will be competing for the cups for Piping and Drumming that bear his name and which he himself presented.

A gruff but cheery man, who exacted a high standard of discipline, he always had a twinkle in his eye, and was ready to help anybody who would try. His long and loyal service will be remembered with gratitude and affection.

T.C.G.F.

## R.N. SECTION

Under-Officer: S. F. Gunn.

Coxswain: N. J. Waterston.

P.O.'s R. C. Stark, A. J. Bennet, C. D. Reekie, I. A. D. Low.

The strength of the Section during the year was fifty-two cadets.

This year we are particularly indebted to Lieutenant Steele and his staff from H.M.S. Cochrane, Rosyth, who have been of invaluable assistance to the R.N. Section throughout the session by providing several interesting and varied C.C.F. afternoons.

Of these Field Day was particularly exciting. The complete Section was billeted the evening previous at H.M.S. Cochrane with an early start planned for the next day at 08.00. One half of the Section sailed on H.M.S. Rapid in the morning while the other group had useful training at the Seamanship School. In the afternoon we sailed to H.M.S. Lochinvar across the Firth of Forth where the officers of the Fishery Protection Service gave an interesting talk on the use of the minesweeper in this role. Returning to H.M.S. Cochrane the Section was entertained to a meal in the wardroom by the officers. To Captain Perowne and Commander Torr we express our grateful appreciation of the most worthwhile Field Day we have ever experienced.

Strathallan was able to return this hospitality when Captain Perowne and Commander Torr were the guests of the Headmaster some weeks later on their official visit to the School. Captain Perowne was kind enough to indicate that he was very pleased with the progress of the Section. The benefits of a closer liaison with Rosyth have been particularly evidenced by the number of training cruises offered. In November a party of cadets went to Portsmouth on H.M.S. Bacchante. Strathallan Cadets were selected for this cruise by the First Lieutenant of H.M.S. Bacchante — an old Strathallan.

At Easter Cadets went to H.M.S. Ramehead at Portsmouth and on H.M.S. Eastbourne with the Dartmouth Training squadron.

The Section enjoyed not having a General Inspection this year as much more time in the Summer Term has been available for practical boatwork. The Section motor boat on the Tay has been utilised to the full both on Fridays and Sundays. It is worth pointing out that the upkeep of the motor boat is quite considerable and P.O.s Low and Bennet have been most assiduous in their duties and the engine has given little trouble throughout the term.

Combined Services Day was an interesting experience for the R.N. Section although the Factor and the Headmaster will both remember the mobile submarine which caused chaos both getting in and out of the School grounds (sailing up the Earn would have been easier!). On Speech Day the R.N. Section mounted a smart parade.

Unfortunately there are still a few Cadets who let themselves and the R.N. Section down by their general attitude regarding camp responsibilities. Cadets who opt out at the last minute cause unnecessary correspondence and deprive Cadets from other schools who would have been pleased of the opportunity to take their places.

Later in the Summer Term Commander Scott of H.M.S. Camperdown kindly took some Cadets on H.M.S. Montrose for the weekend cruise to Granton and others enjoyed a lengthy trip on H.M.S. Rapid.

We congratulate Sub. Lieut. Bernard Stonehouse on his recent appointment but are very sorry to lose the services of such an experienced officer who gave up so much time to the Section particularly on Sundays. At the end of term Cox. Waterston presented a small token of appreciation from all the Cadets.

Summer Camps are being held at H.M.S. Ramehead, Portsmouth, H.M.S. Raleigh, Plymouth, and H.M.S. Avey at Devonport.

R.N. Promotions for September 1972:

P.O. Low to Coxswain.

C.P.O. Bennet, Reekie.

T.J.M.

## R.A.F. SECTION

The Section started off with its usual high numbers, which included 23 with Advanced Proficiency and 14 recruits. Because of the change of syllabus it is difficult to compare the examination results with those of previous years, but one can say that the approximate results were that 11 further cadets passed their Advanced Proficiency and 10 their Proficiency.

In addition to the usual trip to R.A.F. Leuchars for Field Day, half the Section went to R.A.F. Kinloss with Flight Lieutenant Barker. This involved a long bus journey, and an overnight stop at Kinloss itself, but it was decided that Kinloss was a useful extra venue for Field Days. Because the Section did not get a large enough allocation of places at Easter Camps this year, a third camp was held. The camps were held at R.A.F. Finningley, R.A.F. Gütersloh, in Germany, and R.A.F. Linton-on-Ouse. Separate reports on these camps follow. Five cadets went gliding and thus obtained their A and B Licences at R.N.A.S. Arbroath.

The two shooting teams have had a good average year. In the Scottish Winter League they were reasonably placed, although not being in the first two in either of their divisions. In the Assegai they were in the top twenty in Britain.

In the Spring Term the Glider hut arrived and was virtually constructed by the Section. This was done with great enthusiasm, and even spare time was devoted to it. The Glider itself arrived in the Summer Term, and was taken out and used on the static



stand twice, but everyone is looking forward to the Autumn Term, when the Section will be able to operate it properly and get some people up in the air.

In 1972-73 the Section will be split into two Flights which will operate as separate units for most of the time. This will enable more cadets to instruct and also should allow instruction to be more personal. The success of this venture will obviously depend on the keenness and enthusiasm of the senior cadets.

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

W.O.: I. T. Watters.

Flt. Sgt.: S. R. C. Duncan.

Sgts.: M. G. Gordon, I. Paterson-Browne, I. W. Sneddon.

Cpls.: G. A. Chalmers, M. J. Finlay, P. S. Hibberd, H. L. Locke,  
A. I. Robson, I. A. Jamieson, J. M. S. Kirkwood, D. A. S. Whyte.

## GLIDING

The R.A.F. Section was issued with a Grasshopper Mark III Primary Glider in June, 1972. Much speculation was aroused as to what the glider would do, and what we could do with it. It can be winch-launched, or even aero-towed, although the usual method of launching is by catapult, and this is the method that Strathallan will use. All cadets should first 'fly' the glider on the static stand until they can control it; here a wind is very useful. After using the static stand successfully the cadet progresses to ground slides with 'spoilers' on the wings to prevent the glider taking off. If he can manage these he is allowed to 'hop'. This is known as a 'ten second blackout'. Depending on the weight of the pilot, the power of the launchers and the strength of the wind, the glider can either just leave the ground or fly up to over thirty feet; it can travel fifty feet or six hundred feet over the ground. If one can manage the Primary Glider successfully then one is moving a long way on the path towards obtaining a Gliding Licence. One important thing to remember is that a lot of work is required to enable even one cadet to get a good standard; however, with a good team one can have an enjoyable time and also learn quite a lot about Principles of Flight.

## R.A.F. LINTON-ON-OUSE

Because of a mistake in the administration of the R.A.F. an extra camp was held at Linton, near York, from August 5th to August 12th. The station is No. 1 Flying Training School of the Royal Air Force, its most famous old boy being Prince Charles. It is also the Headquarters of 23 Group, the group responsible for all pilot training in the R.A.F. The station is comparatively small, and although it flew Halifaxes and Lancasters during the war, it is not suitable now for anything much larger than trainers — in this case Jet Provosts and Chipmunks.



Only six cadets attended, but although they had to sleep in tents — the first time this has ever happened — they had a thoroughly enjoyable time. The first two days produced some of the heaviest rain of the summer, but the programme continued. Every cadet had two glider flights, at least one flight in a Chipmunk, and R. S. F. Leishman was lucky in the ballot and got a flight in a Jet Provost.

There was plenty of range firing, and visits to various sections within the station area were covered. There were also two visits to York, where most of the cadets visited the Castle Museum, one of the best folk museums in Europe, and the Minster.

## **R.A.F. FINNINGLEY**

Finningley is the Navigational training station of the R.A.F. and with a full programme for each day, the camp held there during the Easter holidays proved to be very interesting. Strathallan was accompanied by parties of cadets from Bedford, Edinburgh Academy and Glenalmond. The camp was divided, roughly by schools, into flights.

Each flight had one day set aside for flight experience in either a Dominie — the jet trainer — or in a Varsity — the older turbo-prop trainer. Visits to York were arranged for each flight and as there was plenty to see, the cadets were left to themselves. A day was also spent on an Orienteering exercise in Sherwood Forest, at the same time an opportunity being given to try the nearby Army assault course.

Throughout the camp a competition was held which included the standard of turnout, shooting, games and drill. Strathallan easily won the sports and drill but, I'm sorry to say, were just beaten over-all by Edinburgh Academy, who consequently were presented with a shield of R.A.F. Finningley.

Because of the high standard of discipline expected and maintained throughout the camp, boys thoroughly enjoyed the week.

J.M.S.K.

## **R.A.F. GUTERSLOH**

After a relatively short flight and a speedy egress from customs we found that we were faced with an uncomfortable and tedious journey of four hours to get to the camp. We also found that we had left our Squadron Leader behind at the airport, but he was duly collected.

The accommodation at the R.A.F. station was of a very high standard, and there was plenty to eat and to do — entertainments ranged from a cinema, and two clubs to an indoor rifle range, and if one was bored with that, then free transport to Gütersloh and back was also available. A very full programme was arranged: there

were, for example, outside visits to Münster and to the Möhne Dam; everyone had at least one hour's air experience in a Wessex helicopter, and we had detailed instruction on the operation of Lightnings.

The good weather contributed, naturally, to the success of the camp, and our return was made the more eventful by getting lost on the autobahn, our luggage being lost in London, traffic jams and the rail go-slow.

## PIPES AND DRUMS

A shadow was cast over the year by the death of Pipe Major Sinclair. His passing was greatly felt by all members of the band and we would like to express our sincere sympathy to his wife and family. Pipe Major Sinclair has been succeeded by Mr. Murray, and we are fortunate to have such an able successor. We are also grateful for the continuing help of Mr. Wilson on the drumming side and to Mr. Henderson who looks after the administration and many of our practices.

As in some previous years, the competition results did not always come up to our expectations. But there are signs of the band's beginning to revive itself. The pipers came third in Glasgow despite severe competition, whilst the drummers came second at Dollar. The band came fourth and eighth respectively in these competitions. Congratulations, too, to L. A. Stewart who came second in the Junior Solo Piping at Glasgow.

The band played at a number of local engagements. We made our annual visit to Abernethy, and we had new engagements at the Blackford Games, Dunning Sports, and Glenfarg.

Senior Piping: W. W. Gray.

Senior Drumming: I. N. Caskie.

Junior Piping: J. Stewart.

Junior Drumming: L. R. Cabrelli.

C.W.G.

## DEBATING SOCIETY

We have had quite a full calendar this year, largely as a result of the miners' strike. We had power cuts on two Saturday evenings in the Spring Term, so we put on fairly light-hearted entertainments on these occasions. For the often weird but rarely wonderful lighting effects on these evenings we must thank Mr. Smith for his hurricane lamps, the Physics Department for light fittings, the C.C.F. Signals Section for their wiring and batteries. The competition between ourselves and the Music Society for light sources was fierce, so if anyone was asking what happened to the hurricane lamps lighting the School corridors during the power-cuts, ask no longer — if it wasn't "us" who purloined these, it was "them"!

However, beginning at the beginning, we started the season with a debate on the Common Market, which was an unfortunate choice in that the speakers for the Market on that occasion — Lait and Powrie — had to execute a volte-face three weeks later and argue against the same thing in the English Speaking Union's debating competition, and we failed to qualify to go forward in the competition. Despite this, we were happy to act as hosts for the Area Final. Our greatest worry on this occasion was making sure that none of our visitors got lost between Rothesay Pier and the Sixth Form Hall. We rounded off the term's debating with our traditional meeting with Kilgraston, which was very enjoyable, on the subject of the equality of mankind. Luckily the dragon of 'Women's Lib' lay dormant on this occasion.

In the Spring Term we had our two previously mentioned dark and riotous evenings, into one of which we packed an Inter-House Challenge (TV style) — admirably chaired by Bamber Young and convincingly won by Simpson (pure coincidence, I assure you — D.E.Y.). It has since been ascertained that Preston North End did not win the St. Leger last year. In the next black-out we had an 'Any Questions?' session and we thank Messrs Glimm, Newbury and Young for joining in the panel on this occasion. In the Balloon Debate, Mr. Newbury, representing an Irish navvy, was the survivor.

The Summer Term saw us entering a new debating competition, the Perthshire Schools Debating Competition. After a preliminary debate on pupil power which was supported and upheld, we entered two teams, the first comprising Powrie and Stevenson, the second Holden and McKelvie. In the first round, on the subject of whether Britain could support the monarchy, both teams were unsuccessful. However, McKelvie went through to the next round on the strength of a good personal performance, where, on the subject of whether education divides society, he was eliminated. These were the last debates of the year, and they rounded off the session nicely.

G.C.H.L.

## SCIENCE SOCIETY

The Science Society had another successful session this year. There were 72 members, and these were entertained by a varied programme of films. Some members, however, complained of a lack of variety and of too many films concerning petroleum during the Autumn Term. This mistake was not repeated during the Spring Term but the society was the innocent victim of the national power-cuts, which struck regularly every Saturday evening. We chose, instead, to meet on Sundays and, despite a drop in attendance, weathered the storm.

We would like to thank Dr. W. G. Ferrier for paying the School another visit and for giving one of his very popular lectures — "Medicine and Industry". Other lectures were given by Mr. R. W. Cargill on "Energy and its Applications" and Dr. P. W. F. Gribbon, who demonstrated the properties of liquid air. Dr. D. M. Shepherd's visit had to be postponed because of a forecast power-cut.

The miners also halted a society visit to Beckman's Instruments at Glenrothes. The company was too hard-pressed in recovering from set-backs caused by the strike to cater for visitors.

This year H. L. Locke was Chairman of the Society, E. C. Rowell was Secretary and S. F. Gunn Treasurer.

E.C.R.

## NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Under the guidance of Dr. B. Stonehouse, the society was founded last school year. It began to thrive after a quiet foundation year and developed into the most successful weekly society in the School. It established a membership of 120.

During the winter months there were 2 films shown each week. In the summer months the number of films shown were cut down and more emphasis put on outdoor work. The two nature trails in the School grounds were cleared and open to parents on Speech Day. There were also a large number of nest-boxes set up in the valley of which records were kept. There was one field trip organised for Loch Leven, but due to a bus strike it had to be cancelled.

The Society would like to extend its gratitude to Dr. Stonehouse for acting as President for our first two years, and for all the help and encouragement he has given us. We all hope he will be happy and find success in his new job.

President: Dr. B. Stonehouse.

Chairman: J. A. L. Porter.

Vice-Chairman: M. R. P. Macdonald.

Secretary: N. S. Stevenson.

Treasurer: I. A. D. Low.

J.A.L.P.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Society has been quietly existing throughout the year and our membership of fifteen shows a growing interest in the School compared to previous years, and a few of our successes are illustrated in this issue. Our darkroom has been frequently in use despite the desperate need for a new enlarger. A proposed merger has been suggested with the Natural History Society, but this is still at the level of discussion.

Office-Bearers:

President: Rev. W. Monteith.

Chairman: J. B. Ferguson.

Secretary: A. P. Wray.

Treasurer: J. B. Ferguson.

## FISHING CLUB

After the application of selective weed-killer last autumn, the Pond remained clear of weed, making fishing possible all term. More has been applied to the reeds about the edge of the Pond.

The fish caught were mainly about a pound in weight, but in very good condition. L. Dalgleish caught the biggest fish — an old one of just two pounds. There was a match held against the Old Boys' Club on Founder's Day, and this match was won by the School by one fish to nil. The 'official' match, however, was held later in the term on Saturday, 1st July and this time the venue was at Lake of Menteith. During a very good day's fishing, when twenty fish were caught by the whole party, the Old Boys got their revenge. Each side caught ten fish, but the total weight of the opposition's fish was heavier by seven ounces (lead shot?). I. S. Stark won the prize for the boys' biggest catch, with three fish weighing two pounds, two ounces.

Nevertheless, we thank the Strathallian Club (and particularly Mr. Stewart) for its continued interest, and for organising such an enjoyable outing. We thank Mr. Cowie, too, for overseeing the club during the year.

I.A.D.L.

## THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

This Club continued to operate on the usual lines during the year under report, though membership was small as a result of competition from other Clubs.

The highlight of the year was the visit in February to the Perth Bull Sales. For the regular meetings films provided the staple diet of the Club. The titles of some representative films enjoyed by members are listed below:—

Land Drainage; A Way with Weeds; Coccidiosis in Poultry; The Control of Ringworm in Cattle; Animal Anaesthesia.

Office-bearers during the year were:

President: J. H. Shedden.

Secretary: A. I. Robson.

Treasurer: C. D. Reekie.

Freeland Representative: J. H. Shedden.

Leburn Representative: W. D. R. Wallace.

Nicol Representative: C. W. Gray.

Ruthven Representative: J. J. McQueen.

Simpson Representative: D. W. Peddie.

A.I.R.



## SPORTS SECTION

### Captains of Games and Sports 1971-72

Rugby .....	D. A. S. Whyte
Cricket .....	J. H. R. Parker
Hockey .....	D. A. S. Whyte
Athletics .....	G. A. Lockhart
Badminton .....	H. L. Locke
Boxing .....	C. D. Reekie
Cross-Country .....	D. R. McNicol
Fencing .....	E. A. Ferguson
Golf .....	D. A. S. Whyte
Sailing .....	J. A. L. Porter
Shooting .....	S. A. Moffat
Ski-ing .....	G. I. Brown
Summer Hockey .....	D. A. S. Whyte
Swimming .....	I. W. Sneddon
Tennis .....	A. W. Lawson

The year started very well with the 1st XV producing results in match after match of the kind that have been striven for for many seasons. An early season comprehensive defeat by Fettes seemed more and more mysterious as the season went on and as good and notable rugby was played. The pace set by the Rugby was not continued throughout the year: the Hockey XI, lacking perhaps a good striker, didn't win as many matches as they might have done; the Cricket XI contrived disaster after disaster; the Athletes, however, had a reasonably good season.

The most significant event of the School year for sporting activities was, without doubt, the opening of the Sports Hall and this during the first two terms of a year promises to be heavily used. It has been built to accommodate climbing, badminton, basket-ball, cricket, five-a-side football or hockey, and volley-ball and it is possible to have climbing, badminton and a cricket-net going on at the same time. Such is its surface that it is surprising that Mr. Fairbairn hasn't commandeered it yet for Ballroom Dancing.

School sportsmen have continued to distinguish themselves outside the School as will be seen from the following pages. D. A. S. Whyte (Hockey), C. D. Reekie (Athletics) and E. A. Ferguson (Fencing) all found their way into a national team in their particular sphere and D. A. S. Whyte gained the Campbell Award at the end of the year. He has contributed much to Athletics, Rugby, Hockey, Golf, and, until he gave it up at the end of last year, Cricket.

The Games Committee has had some long deliberations at the beginning of each term. The scope of its membership has been widened to include five house representatives, the captains of the major games — where these were not house representatives — and a secretary. The Committee's particular brief has been to advise the Headmaster on the organisation and administration of both School and house games, to publish the rules for inter-house competitions and to arbitrate on disputes.

Several decisions and recommendations were made. Boxing ceased to be a compulsory activity, and the competition was maintained on a voluntary basis for the under-15 age group. The Senior House Cricket Competition, too, was abandoned. The reduction of house numbers has made it impossible for houses to raise sides and one house, at least, would have had to draw from Junior Colts 2nd game. At the other end of the scale another house could have fielded a team almost totally from 1st game, and the disparity of sides would have made the competition a competition in name only.

Weather was prominent in the discussion of 'seasons'. The condition of pitches led, for example, to house hockey matches being played in the Summer Term. This was felt to be undesirable. The organisation of Athletics Standards came up for review and it is hoped to have Wednesdays set aside for these next year.

## RUGGER REPORT

It was expected that the School would enjoy another good season at senior level and this proved to be particularly true of the 1st and 2nd XV's. The 1st XV has enjoyed its most successful season for many years and although not unbeaten were referred to as the second most successful team in Scotland by the schools correspondent of Rugby World. It is no coincidence that this year's XV contained a higher proportion of older players than in recent years, and this maturity and experience was undoubtedly a major factor in the team's success. Apart from this it was the talent of several players with real scoring potential that made it an outstanding team.

The season started with two good wins over the Strathallians and Perth Academy but neither of these matches exposed the early weakness of the scrum that was to be so effectively exploited by Fettes. This was a great pity but once rectified the rapid recovery of the pack can be clearly seen in that it was not until the very last match of the season that the School lost another 1st XV match, having beaten many strong sides in the course of the term. The victories over Edinburgh Academy, Loretto, Merchiston and Dollar were particularly creditable.

It is not being unfair to say that it was the back division that was the most decisive factor this season. It is unfortunately all too rare that this combination of speed and skill should arrive at 1st XV level in all back positions. It is often said that backs are only as good as their forwards' possession allows them to be but it is equally true that not all backs make full use of even good possession. Because of the strength of the backs it was policy this year to move the ball away from the scrum, so although the forwards were capable of dangerous attacking play it was mainly their job to provide good possession.

At scrum half Finlay was a most competent player and his length of pass was sufficient to put Sherington well out of the reach

of back row forwards. Sherington was capable of some fine performances (those who saw his try from the kick off in the Loretto game will agree that it will be recalled by Strathallians for years to come) and also some rather unusual ones, especially some off his elusive runs across the field which, whilst mesmerising the opposition, also tended to be rather confusing to his own three quarters. Whyte was learning to time his pass with telling effect. To have had such a successful season much credit must go to the captain. Whyte's composure under pressure was particularly important and his confidence in his team was a great morale booster. Whilst some of his tactics tended to be unorthodox, particularly in matters of relieving pressure on his own line, they almost invariably proved to be successful. Lockhart at inside centre must be the most exciting player seen at Strathallan for many years. The surprised look of a recent ex-International player in the Public School Wanderers match as he went to tackle Lockhart early in the match, only to find him ten yards past him by that time, was ample testimony to his standard of play. His speed, footwork, and handling of the ball were all well above normal school standard and some of his tries were a joy to watch. Both wings were also sound players who were a continual danger to the opposition. Locke developed into a very strong runner who became a very direct player as the season continued. He had a natural side-step and an ability to step through a tackle. Reekie proved to be a most competent player and could always be relied upon to make constructive use of the ball. His powerful running and low centre of gravity, together with real footballing skill, made him a most dangerous player. At full back Green was in many ways the most improved player amongst the backs and he developed into a very safe player. He was always willing to attack but had a tendency to lose the support of the rest of the team.

It was always expected that the backs would do well and it is therefore great credit to the pack that they developed so well and gave such a good account of themselves although nearly always lighter than the opposition. Macdonald became a most uncompromising prop forward and Low after some initial problems became one of the most constructive of the forwards. Shedden was never out-hooked in any match and was a forward who covered a tremendous amount of ground in search of work. Perhaps the most improved players in the pack were the locks. Robertson was a very intelligent player whose friendly expression hid a very purposeful determination on the field. McIntosh came rather late into the team but fully justified his selection. It is unusual for such a young player to do so well in the pack. In the back row Waterston was an outstanding asset to the team. His tireless energy and devastating tackling were a very important factor in the team's success. Smith was capable of some very enterprising play and he developed a sound positional sense as well as being very important in the line-out. MacLeod, the vice-captain, brought a steadiness to the pack that was often much needed and he was the sort of player who could always be relied upon to produce a sound performance.

The 2nd XV also had their best season for many years and whilst the standard of play of individual players differed between 1st and 2nd XV level they were a team that was extremely difficult to beat. They had a very powerful pack for a 2nd XV and their denial of possession to the opposition was a decisive factor in their success, and without any real speed in the backs the ability to keep winning possession ultimately produced the opportunities to score.

The 3rd XV also performed well and both these teams will provide useful members of next year's 1st XV.

At the junior level the situation was rather more mixed. The Senior Colts had a successful season overall and beat some good opposition but it was sometimes felt that they never quite realised their full potential. They were a powerful side with some real speed in the backs but there was a certain lack of basic technique which prevented them from becoming a really fluent unit. The Junior Colts



*1st XV 1971-72*

*Left to right: (Back row): R. H. Green; D. R. D. Low, C. J. Robertson, W. D. McIntosh, G. E. Smith, H. L. Locke: (Middle row): N. O. Sherington, M. J. Finlay, T. R. MacLeod, D. A. S. Whyte, G. A. Lockhart, C. D. Reekie, N. J. Waterston: (Front row): J. H. Shedden, M. R. P. Macdonald.*

had a rather disappointing season although they did record very good wins over Loretto and Merchiston. There was rather less real talent in some positions than there has been in recent years and this created weaknesses that could not easily be covered. It was good



to see the Minor Colts (Under 13½) come into being as a School team in their own right, and it was particularly pleasing to see them win their first match against Fettes.

The House competitions have again been successfully completed this season with the weather causing little real interruption to the programme. In the Autumn Term the Senior League was won by Ruthven and the Junior League by Leburn. In the Spring Term the Junior and Senior competitions were run on a knock-out system with Ruthven winning the Senior Rugger Cup and Simpson the Junior.

In conclusion thanks are again due to all those who have assisted with the School's rugger, particularly the coaches, who have given generously of their time and energy. Several new masters have been taking part this year. Mr. Raine has been running the Senior Colts game and Mr. Colquhoun and Mr. Ball have taken junior games. I would like to record the thanks of myself and several seasons of first game forwards to Mr. Newbury. He has done a great deal for the School's rugger and I am sure that with his enthusiasm for the game it will not be long before his characteristic cries of exhortation will be heard on the lower slopes of the Himalayas. To the groundstaff, matrons and housekeepers who have ensured that all the various activities associated with the School's rugger have gone smoothly I am again very grateful.

F.S.McN.

## RUGGER RESULTS 1971/72

### 1st XV

Guest XV	22	26	Lost
Perth Academy	50	3	Won
Strathallians	22	9	Won
Fettes	8	27	Lost
Edinburgh Academy	29	9	Won
Glenalmond	4	0	Won
Loretto	24	6	Won
Merchiston	9	7	Won
Keil	40	3	Won
Morrison's	14	0	Won
Gordonstoun	Cancelled		
Dollar	7	6	Won
Kelvinside	27	3	Won
Glasgow Academy	12	19	Lost
Panmure	Cancelled		
Scottish Wayfarers	Cancelled		
Edinburgh Wand. Colts	12	6	Won
Public School Wands.	10	27	Lost
West of Scotland Colts	6	22	Lost

	P	W	D	L	For	Against
v. Schools	11	9	0	2	218	83
v. All Teams	16	11	0	5	290	183



## 2nd XV

Fettes	9	16	Lost
Glenalmond	14	0	Won
Edinburgh Academy	14	6	Won
Loretto	9	12	Lost
Merchiston	12	0	Won
Rannoch 1st XV	15	0	Won
Morrisons	42	0	Won
Dundee High	Cancelled		
Kelvinside	28	0	Won
Glasgow Academy	4	0	Won
Madras College 'A'	50	4	Won

P	W	D	L	For	Against
10	8	0	2	197	68

## 3rd XV

Perth Academy 2nd	42	6	Won
Queen Victoria School	24	4	Won
Fettes	24	4	Won
Glenalmond	10	7	Won
Edinburgh Academy	6	7	Lost
Loretto	21	0	Won
Merchiston	4	9	Lost
Rannoch 2nd	35	3	Won
Dollar Academy	10	11	Lost
Glasgow Academy	4	10	Lost
Perth High 1st	12	6	Won

P	W	D	L	For	Against
11	7	0	4	192	67

## 4th XV

Fettes	4	35	Lost
Glenalmond	4	22	Lost
Dollar	36	8	Won

P	W	D	L	For	Against
3	1	0	2	44	65

## 5th XV

Glenalmond	4	8	Lost
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## 6th XV

Glenalmond	6	40	Lost
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### Senior Colts

Rannoch	62	0	Won
Fettes	4	13	Lost
Loretto	16	6	Won
Merchiston	6	15	Lost
Keil	10	0	Won
Gordonstoun	Cancelled		
Dollar	20	4	Won
Glenalmond	10	11	Lost
Edinburgh Academy	22	20	Won

P	W	D	L	For	Against
8	5	0	3	150	69

### Junior Colts

Perth Academy	30	40	Lost
Queen Victoria School	44	10	Won
Fettes	9	16	Lost
Loretto	10	6	Won
Merchiston	18	7	Won
Dundee High	Cancelled		
Glenalmond	0	16	Lost
Glasgow Academy	3	22	Lost
Edinburgh Academy	6	14	Lost

P	W	D	L	For	Against
8	3	0	5	120	131

### Minor Colts

Fettes	10	6	Won
Loretto	0	10	Lost
Merchiston	4	12	Lost
Ardvreck	4	21	Lost
Larchfield	Cancelled		
Lathallan	18	8	Won

P	W	D	L	For	Against
5	2	0	3	36	57

### Riley House

Craigflower	12	4	Won
Hurst Grange	10	14	Lost
New Park	24	0	Won
Belmont House	42	0	Won

P	W	D	L	For	Against
4	3	0	1	88	18

**1st XV v. Perth Academy—At Viewlands—Tuesday 28th Sept.—Won 50-3.**

This, the first inter-school match of a new season, is always approached with a certain amount of concern. Whilst one hopes that the best XV has been selected it is bound to produce situations which at this stage of the season have not been thoroughly covered or have even been overlooked altogether. Rain had softened the ground but the going was firm and the ball dry. Although overcast and dull with a slight breeze from the west conditions were good.

Whyte won the toss and elected to play into the breeze. From the kick off it was evident that the School were set on a business-like approach to the game. A clean catch and quickly rucked ball saw Whyte giving a scoring pass to Reekie on the right within seconds of the kick-off. Unfortunately this was one that got away. From Reekie's knock-on the first scrum of the match showed what was to be one of the main problems for the School. There was a lack of control in the scrum, and badly channelled ball was presenting Finlay with considerable difficulty and the Perth scrum-half with a sitting target. However, it was from a set scrum on the Perth 25 that the scoring opened. Finlay broke powerfully on the narrow side to send Lockhart in for a try which he also converted.

From the Perth kick off the School soon found themselves under considerable pressure, and composure in defence left much to be desired. It was only some desperate play and good luck which prevented a Perth score—not one of the School team appeared to consider kicking the ball into touch to be a wise thing to do. Play eventually was taken out of the School half and from a penalty on the halfway line the ball was moved quickly to the right wing for Reekie to score. This was a good example of well-executed basic play. Mackenzie kicked the goal. It was by now very obvious that the School backs were far quicker and more powerful than their opponents but some careless play on the School 10 yard line line necessitated a brilliant covering tackle from Waterston to prevent a Perth score. It was soon after this that we saw one of the sights of the afternoon—Finlay, taking the ball from a Perth line-out broke on the open side, obviously intending to link with his backs. However he veered inside and isolated himself from the support and was faced with a very long run home. Despite a valiant effort the speed of his legs became perceptively slower and he was hauled down a few yards short of the line. Typical Welsh delaying tactics were necessary before Finlay was in a fit condition to continue. The School were driven back to half-way by a good clearance kick but from the line-out a good heel saw MacLeod, Mackenzie and Waterston take the ball again close to the Perth line. MacLeod scored from the ensuing scrum.

The next score was perhaps the best of the afternoon and it is unlikely that one could see a better try from combined play. From the kick-off the ball was again well rucked. The ball moved to Lockhart who ran wide to the right and then turned the ball inside to the forward support who moved the ball back to the left touchline where a ruck was formed from which the ball was passed quickly down the line for Reekie to score in the corner. The conversion attempt failed but Sherington kicked a penalty goal to make the score at half-time 0-21.

The School immediately attacked from the kick off but they were kept from scoring again partly by the Perth defence and partly by some rather ponderous play as they attempted some plays—most of which took place in slow motion and led to Sherington being given man and ball in no uncertain fashion. The second half scoring opened when after a series of indecisive line-outs on the Perth 25 the School eventually won the ball and Lockhart, finding a gap in the centre, made a break for Reekie to score again in the corner.

The next phase of play saw Sherington beginning to assert himself—some neat jinking runs and good feeding of his centres took play to the Perth line and from a five yard scrum Sherington dropped a fine goal. Play now settled into a fairly routine pattern and further tries came from MacLeod, Sherington and Waterston before finally Reekie scored his fourth try of the match. Locke on the left wing appeared to be in quarantine and it was a pity that he was not given more of a run with the ball.

Obviously this was a pleasing start to the season but there was evidence of much work still to be done. The line out was poor, support was sadly lacking at times and the disciplined play of the early part of the game was not maintained. However it was very gratifying to score fifty points and concede only one penalty goal.

F.S.McN.

**Team:** Green; Reekie; Lockhart; Whyte; Locke; Sherington; Finlay; Low; Shedden; Macdonald; Lowden; Robertson; MacKenzie; MacLeod; Waterston.

#### **1st XV v. Old Strathallians—At Home—Saturday 2nd October—Won 22-19.**

From the start it was obvious that both sides intended to throw the ball about, and with two strong-running back divisions, an interesting game was in prospect. In two minutes the School were awarded a penalty but Lockhart hooked his kick. Shortly afterwards Smith J. M. kicked a penalty for the Old Boys. Then, following a quick heel, Finlay made a good break and Lockhart scored on the burst. Sherington did not convert from half way out. The Old Boys were interpassing well, and from now until half-time threatened to run away with the match. Wearmouth was almost baulked by Green, who fell on the ball well, but succeeded in scoring half-way out. Then, when Smith was tackled near the line by Waterston, N. McKenzie barged over from the resulting maul. Prain completed the first half scoring when he went over in the corner.

In the second half play settled in the School's half for the first ten minutes, although there were several good runs, especially by Sherington who was proving very elusive. Finally from a good heel Whyte made a break and Reekie scored between the posts for Sherington to convert. Then the Old Boys were off-side under their posts, and Sherington kicked the penalty to bring the score to 13-15. There was a further long run from Reekie to five yards out, and play went backwards and forwards for some time. Then, during a School raid there was a quick heel and Sherington dropped a good goal from the twenty-five. half-way out. Locke was nearly in, and Sutherland was only a yard away for the Old Boys, before the School had a converted try to go seven points ahead. Whyte made a break, following what had looked like a knock-on, and Lockhart gathered a very long pass to race over half way out. Some Old Boy pressure followed, and McKenzie again barged over very wide out. This completed the scoring.

It was a very encouraging result for the School against an Old Boys' side which had plenty of talent.

R.A.L.B.

**1st XV:** Green; Locke; Whyte; Lockhart; Reekie; Finlay; Sherington; Low; Shedden; Smith, G. E.; Lowden; Robertson; Mackenzie, K. C.; MacLeod; Waterston.

**O.S.:** Carmichael; J. Pringle; McLean, D. B.; Sutherland (Capt.); Wearmouth; Walker; Waterston; Low, D. K. R.; Archibald; Prain; McKenzie, N. D.; J. W. B. Anderson; J. M. Smith; Muirhead; A. G. Stewart.

#### **1st XV v. Fettes College—At Fettes—Saturday 9th October—Lost 8-27.**

The Fettes pitch was in perfect condition, though there was a strong west wind blowing straight across it throughout the match.

Fettes kicked off towards the College. The ball went straight into touch and the scrum back at the centre proved to be a forecast of the whole match. The Fettes forwards played throughout as one pack and won the game for them. Their binding and shove in the set scrums sometimes enabled them to recover the ball even when it had reached our back row, and the constant pressure they kept up on our forwards meant that we were continually attempting to gain possession when retreating and brought with it a lot of penalties for off-side and infringements in set scrums. One noticeable feature was the fact that on the occasions when we did hook the ball it was against the head.

So in this first scrum with a combined shove and an accompanying roar Fettes easily gained the ball and narrowly missed scoring. After five minutes of play they were awarded a lucky penalty which surprised them, but it was easily kicked thus supplying them with a good morale booster.

Fettes tried various line-out tactics which were successful at first but which were soon spotted by our forwards. Most of the Fettes throw-ins proved to be not straight specially in the second-half, but this gave them a scrum on our ball, which they inevitably won.

After 10 minutes play Fettes failed a second attempt at goal, but a good forward rush brought them a try, which was not converted, after 15 minutes.

They kept up the pressure all the time, but their backs, who were decidedly weak, did not make much use of all the ball they got. Our backs were rather starved of the ball, but when they got it they showed speed and sense. We only really had two good opportunities in the first half. On the first occasion after 19 minutes of play we got a good hook and with sensible use of the wind Sherington had a long kick right into their 25. After 30 minutes play Whyte started a classic movement which resulted in a score in the corner by Reekie. Waterston was noticeable for his good covering and tackling.

Unfortunately Fettes had scored again after 20 minutes and had converted the try, making the half-time score 13-4. To give some idea of the run of the game, and the continual rearguard action our team had to put up, it is noteworthy that penalties for technical infringements were awarded against us five times between the 22nd and 27th minutes.

The second half very much followed the pattern of the first, the Fettes forwards continuing to rub in their superiority, and our backs looking dangerous on the all-too few occasions they got the ball with room to move. Three times in this half we foolishly gave away some advantage by not kicking the ball ten yards from a centre kick-off, which was equivalent to a gift to their forwards instead of playing on their weaker backs.

Waterston again was conspicuous for good following up and Lockhart and Locke had two good runs, the latter ending with a try after about 30 minutes of play in the second half. Lockhart made a good attempt at a very long kick.

But by this time Fettes had kicked over another penalty and had scored two more tries.

With five minutes to go, the bells of the Chapel started ringing, as if in a victory peal. To clinch the matter finally Fettes kicked the eleventh penalty they had been awarded and the game ended with the score at 27-8.

The match was won by the Fettes forwards who outplayed our pack. We were unable to give our infinitely superior backs enough of the ball.

T.C.G.F.

**Team:** Green; Locke; Whyte; Lockhart; Reekie; Sherington; Finlay; Low; Shedden; Smith, G. E.; Robertson; Mackenzie, K. C.; Jamieson; MacLeod; Macdonald, M. R. P

### **1st XV v. Edinburgh Academy—At Home—Saturday 16th October—Won 23-9.**

The School beat Edinburgh Academy by two goals, two tries, and a penalty goal to one goal and a penalty goal: 23-9.

After a showery morning play started (a few minutes late) with excellent conditions; the rain held off and the wind was not much more than a breeze—enough to make a slight difference to those who could use it.

The School kicked off and from the start spectators seemed to be promised an excellent game. Following the recent debacle against Fettes there was considerable apprehension that Edinburgh Academy, always a difficult side to defeat, would provide a team that would not allow the School to settle down. This apprehension was apparently justified by the first impression of the visiting team—their forwards seemed larger even than the Fettes' pack.



At the first line-out it was obvious that the School forwards would have to fight hard for any possession from the throws — a slick peel-off manoeuvre was executed with apparently effortless precision. The School however seemed to be on their mettle and a fine run up the side, the ball being passed back and forth between Lockhart and Sherington, seemed to bewilder the Edinburgh defence. The move was finally stopped in touch on the Academy's 25, but the School was awarded a penalty for an offence in the line. Lockhart shaved the upright with his kick but opened the score none the less for Strathallan after 10 minutes of play.

Shortly after this Mr. McIntyre (Morrison's Academy), to whom thanks are due for kindly refereeing this match, showed his firmness by summoning both captains to ensure proper scrummaging. Play continued for about 20 minutes without either side scoring, but with no lack of interest for the spectators. The run of the play was characteristic of the whole game: for much of the time play drifted between the half-way line and the School 25, but the School covering was excellent — at this stage of the game the tackling was firm and decisive — and the School forwards were nearly able to hold their own against the heavier pack. Shedden seemed to get several strikes against the head — though the advantages of this were occasionally lost through being pushed — but the Edinburgh forwards almost invariably gained possession from the lines and from the ruck. The Edinburgh forwards' hard work was sadly wasted by the all-too-frequent mishandling of their backs — though this criticism should in no way detract from the excellent covering already mentioned. During this period of the game Green showed great steadiness and skill at full-back, which must have helped the confidence of the School XV considerably.

On the stroke of half-time, a very fine three-quarter movement, which quickly recovered from twice being stopped by the Academy forwards, culminated in a splendid break by Whyte and a magnificent try by Lockhart in the left-hand corner — which he failed to convert, leaving the half-time score at 7-0.

Edinburgh Academy opened the second half with a long kick, deep into the School 25, but within five minutes the home team were again in an attacking position. Reekie from the right wing brilliantly picked up a pass that had come along the ground from Sherington — missing out the two centres — and starting on the wrong foot he did a devastating diagonal run, cutting clean through the defence to score under the posts. Sherington converted to bring the score to 13-0.

After this, Academy began to look more dangerous — partly perhaps due to some unconscious complacency on the part of the School. The general level of tackling seemed to rise above the waist and some moves were only foiled by Green playing soccer at full stretch — or sadly by poor handling in the centres. Finlay at scrum-half found himself running into trouble before passing the ball out — and also on one occasion before the ball emerged from the back of the Academy scrum. A penalty goal was kicked for this by the largest man on the field — Loudon — to bring the score to 13-3, twelve minutes into the second half.

Inspired by this score, Academy showed that they were by no means out of the game yet. One of the very few occasions on which the School gained possession from the line was when Academy was pressing well into Strathallan 25 — having gained a lot of ground by intelligent kicking ahead. Half way through the second half, Loudon tried to kick a second penalty for Academy from near the School ten-yard line: the kick was long enough but just wide. The School recovered quickly and shortly afterwards had a clean heel well inside the opposition 25. Finlay, disdaining to use his backs, although they had at least one man over, but possibly because they had been showing a general lack of rhythm in spite of some individual pieces of good play, tried to go straight through on his own. He was tackled well but Smith backing up was able to gather the ball and score without difficulty. The goal was well kicked by Sherington to make the score 19-3.

Academy drove themselves even harder after this, and again a slight air of complacency accompanied the School's play. The result was perhaps inevitable: within five minutes of Smith's try Edinburgh Academy had pulled

back the score to 19-9 by an excellent try following some good running (and improved handling) from their backs, and a mighty kick from Loudon that soared high over the post.

Academy, with only about seven minutes left to play were still looking dangerous — their rucking was very quick and only the School's covering and their own poor handling under pressure prevented them increasing their score. Reekie took the advantage from a knock-on and started forcing the game back into the visitors' half, though he proved not quite quick enough to elude his pursuer. Shortly after this Whyte ducked his way through some weak tackling on the opposition 25, and was tackled — although Locke was running free outside him — fortunately on, or over the line. Lockhart was unable to convert this try, so the score reached its final stage — 23-9.

Again Edinburgh Academy wasted no time in pressing forward to the School's line. For the last five minutes they did not relieve the pressure, but the general pattern of good possession but poor finishing enabled the School to survive with no further score.

Spectators showed their appreciation for the standard of play and were well rewarded for their attendance. Partisans of Edinburgh Academy must have been disappointed by Academy's failure to use the excellent possession they won, and those of Strathallan by the slight loss of rhythm that the School backs appear to have suffered. Interest however never flagged and the final score was well deserved.

Waterston played an outstanding game throughout at wing forward and both he and Lockhart were awarded their colours after the match.

**Team:** Green; Reekie; Lockhart; Whyte; Locke; Sherington; Finlay; McDonald, M.; Shedden; Low; McIntosh, W. D.; Robertson, C. J.; MacLeod; Smith, G. E.; Waterston.

#### **1st XV v. Glenalmond—At Home—Tuesday 19th October—Won 4-0.**

This was a disappointing match for any Strathallian, whether on or off the field of play, because the XV, faced with one of the weakest Glenalmond sides for many years, almost totally failed to live up to the season's early promise, and could only win by one try to nil. Admittedly, weather conditions did not favour the style of play for which this team seemed to be made — for a rain-storm throughout the first half made handling difficult (though Glenalmond coped well enough) and can have been no fun for the players. Even so, there was a lack of cohesion and thrust in much of Strathallan's play that a more capable side than Glenalmond would have exploited with embarrassing ruthlessness.

The story of the match is soon told. Strathallan did most of the pressing in both halves, but found it very difficult to pierce a resolute and quick-covering Glenalmond defence. We had our chances, but lost them, almost invariably through bad handling. In the opening minute, Whyte and Lockhart pierced the Glenalmond defence beautifully, only for the full-back to bring off an excellent tackle from behind on the speedy Locke. Later in the half, Locke was sent over after an excellent move by the Strathallan backs, but was rightly recalled for a knock-on, and late in the second half, after Sherington had significantly been omitted, good passing down the line nearly led to a try in the corner. The match-winning score, half-way through the first half, was a fine affair, Hay's splendid kick leading to a good position and good possession. Lockhart looped round Locke and scored in the left corner. Lockhart himself just missed the difficult kick.

That these four events were the only really memorable events of the afternoon is a sad reflection on the rest of the game. Strathallan's strong backs were held well by a combination of good Glenalmond defence, poor handling by Sherington and, surprisingly, Lockhart, and the infrequency with which they took their passes moving fast. This latter factor was due to Sherington lying too flat, or to bad possession from the forwards, who were again outweighed and frequently pushed backwards, despite Shedden's

excellent hooking in the tight. And why is it that Strathallan's pack are always so slow in cover and support, even with splendid forwards like Low and Waterston to set an example? Mobility should be a light pack's great advantage. Hay deserves great credit for the way he stood up to difficult conditions, especially for his kicking, which often created good situations, or saved difficult ones. Not, it must be said, that the Strathallan defence was ever too severely tested.

Overall, a disappointing day: poor weather, two poor teams, and a poor match.

**Team:** Green; Locke; Lockhart; Whyte; Reekie; Sherington; Hay; Macdonald; Shedden; Low; McIntosh, W. D.; Robertson; MacLeod; Smith, G. E.; Waterston.

### **1st XV v. Loretto—At Home—Saturday 23rd October—Won 23-3.**

Conditions for this match were good underfoot, although there was, at the time of kick-off, a gusting wind and a light drizzle. Loretto kicked off left towards the Pond and the ball, slightly sliced went straight to Sherington who loped quickly down the field; one dummy was sufficient to break through the Loretto line and he scored underneath the posts. It all looked very casual and not only did the attempt at the conversion look casual, it was. So the score remained at 4-0. An excellent start!

The opening phases of the game after this start suggested that there was little difference between the two sides. Loretto lost 2 line-outs out of 7 on their own ball, and Strathallan 2 out of 6. Loretto did, however, lose three against the head to Strathallan's one, although Shedden may have been a little over-eager because 2 penalties were also awarded to Loretto for infringements in the front row. Both sides, too, were very willing to pass the ball around a lot, and Loretto had a chance of making up some of their lee-way when Finlay was penalised for putting the ball into the scrum not straight. The kick was well wide to the left, and Reekie, gathering made ground with the ball before clearing to the Loretto full-back. From there the ball was worked over to the Loretto right and after an ensuing line-out, a Loretto pass went down. From the scrum Finlay made a nice break, and for some time Strathallan were threatening Loretto's line. A penalty from the wrong side was sliced, and one or two useful thrusts were made.

By this time the Loretto backs were being soundly harassed, and it fell to Galbraith, the Loretto scrum-half, to put in some sound relieving kicks, and when one of Finlay's kicks was charged down Strathallan were in trouble. Fortunately for them the Loretto backs were rather slow and didn't quite get through the centre. Some sterling work by Green at full-back saved things from being worse than they might have been. As it was, in this phase Loretto scored only a penalty goal.

However, Galbraith kept putting the ball up to Green who started to falter, and Strathallan started to fritter away the advantages they built up. A good strong run by Locke, difficult to tackle at the best of times, took play from the Strathallan '25' upfield for 30 yards before Lockhart, to whom the ball had been slipped, was stopped. A scrum came followed and Finlay was again penalised for putting the ball in crookedly. So play swung back deep into the Strathallan '25' after Green had been caught in possession. Loretto forced a couple of five yard scrums and after the second the ball was dropped by them in their three-quarter line. Shedden who had lost 3 more strikes against the head by this time got the one that mattered. A movement quickly gathered momentum going left. Whyte half broke through a tackle and gave an overhead pass to Locke who with room to move made sufficient ground before switching the ball back to Lockhart who scored under the posts. This time the try was converted, and at half time the score stood at 10-3. A somewhat fortunate score, although Strathallan had asserted some line-out superiority and had obviously rattled the Loretto backs from their rhythm.

The opening minutes of the second half, one felt, sealed Loretto's fate. Strathallan immediately got a good ball from a ruck, and a kick from Sherington caught the Loretto full back off balance. Low went over in the right corner to

score. Thereafter, try as they might, Loretto never looked like getting back on terms. Time and time they mounted attacks only to fumble the ball or have their attacks brought to a halt by Whyte's excellent cover-tackling. Whyte was having a good game. On the other hand neither Green nor Shedden were—3 penalties were awarded against Shedden for 'foot up' and Green looked very unsafe. Fortunately, though, the Strathallan rucking was better than Loretto's and gradually play flowed more and more into the Loretto half. The dangers came from the kicks at Green and from Galbraith who was proving rather elusive. One break of his on the blind side gained Loretto 30 yards and took play back to the Strathallan '25'. From the scrum, Shedden won the ball against the head and Finlay promptly knocked on.

A penalty against Strathallan for obstruction failed and from a ruck Strathallan worked the ball away to the Loretto 10 yard line where one of their players was penalised for lying on the ball. Strathallan elected to run the ball from the penalty. The ball arrived at Lockhart who put in one of his phenomenal bursts of acceleration and just as it seemed as if the movement was going to die, Waterston appeared from nowhere to back up and score. Lockhart missed the conversion, but this didn't matter so much, because shortly after Locke scored a further try, which was converted, and a penalty goal was kicked after Loretto had been penalised for collapsing the scrum.

This was a good game for Strathallan. Despite losing so much in the tight scrum, and despite the facts that the full-back was out of touch and that Finlay was playing below his best, the side never looked to be in great danger of losing.

R.N.J.

**Team:** Green; Locke; Whyte; Lockhart; Reekie; Sherington; Finlay; Low; Shedden; Macdonald; Smith; Robertson; Waterston; MacLeod; McIntosh.

#### **1st XV v. Merchiston—At Merchiston—Saturday 6th November—Won 9-7.**

This match was approached with a good deal of confidence after the successful run that the School had enjoyed in the first half of term. It was known that our backs would be faster and more powerful than the opposition's but it was also realised that any game at Merchiston was bound to be a very close run thing and despite any known superiority they would need to play at their best in order to capitalise on their possession. As it turned out a mixture of enterprising defensive play by Merchiston and a certain amount of casualness on the School's part prevented the School from once crossing the Merchiston line.

It was a cold day with a wind of some consequence which the School had behind them in the first half but which they did not really take full advantage of. From the kick-off it was apparent that the School were not playing with the rhythm which had been the highlight of their play in recent matches. This was particularly true at stand-off where Sherington contrived to drop three good passes in quick succession. At the fourth attempt the centres showed their power and Whyte was to be seen running strongly for the line with only the full back to beat and Reekie up in support. The potential scoring pass was in the general direction of Reekie but no more than this. As a spectator one felt that if this early possession could have been used to good effect the School would have produced a more satisfying performance. As it was Merchiston must have been greatly heartened by the School's mistakes and what appeared to be certain weaknesses in defence were quickly strengthened and as their forwards made the School's possession uncertain it became apparent that this was to be a very close game. Merchiston kicking against the wind were awarded a penalty for obstruction on the wing and a very well taken kick took them into an initial lead. The only further scoring in the first half was a penalty by Sherington bringing the scores level at half-time.

In the second half the loss of the wind advantage made little difference to the School's tactics but Merchiston soon realised its value by sending long kicks towards the Strathallan line. However despite this inconvenience the School were playing with more assurance and pressed the Merchiston line



for lengthy periods during which they took the lead through another Sherington penalty goal. The backs did come close to scoring but as the School's backs allowed themselves to be pushed across the field the prospects of this happening rapidly diminished. Merchiston produced most of their attacks either from scrum-half or by bringing the full back into the line and this proved to be particularly dangerous on several occasions, and it was only some excellent covering tackles plus the fact that the School were generally faster that prevented their backs from scoring. The only try of the match came from a line-out when a Merchiston forward broke through the line and avoided the defence to score in the corner. The conversion attempt failed.

The School forwards at this stage began to play a much stronger game and in fact in the end it was their latter efforts that proved to be decisive. It was from a forward drive from close to the School's line that they were awarded a scrum beneath the Merchiston posts from which Sherington kicked a neat goal. This put the School ahead for the first time and it brought the response from Merchiston that one expected. Perhaps the School's ability to withstand this final assault allows one to say that the School deserved to win. It was not a victory scored in the way that one would have wished, but victory it undoubtedly was, and perhaps Sherington can be forgiven those three dropped passes in view of his scoring those nine essential points.

**Team:** Green; Locke; Whyte; Lockhart; Reekie; Sherington; Finlay; Low; Shedden; Macdonald; Smith; Robertson; Waterston; MacLeod; McIntosh.

#### **1st XV v. Morrison's Academy—At Home—Tuesday 16th Nov.—Won 14-0.**

After an untidy start, Lockhart made a 50 yards run being stopped 3 yards from the try-line. From the line-out the ball moved across the field to Sherington who narrowly missed a drop-goal. From the resultant 25 drop-out Morrison's attacked and moved into Strathallan's 25. Then Morrison's heeled badly and Strathallan moved back to the half-way. Morrison's attacked again and were almost over but the pressure was relieved by a penalty to Strathallan. Another penalty put Strathallan on the attack whilst Reekie made an individual attack which was stopped by his kick ahead. Until now, Strathallan's attacks had nearly all been individual breaks with the attacker rarely looking for support, which was usually there. Locke almost scored with a kick ahead but the referee gave a drop-out. With the now constant pressure Low kicked over the full back, but the penalty after the scrum in front of the posts was missed. The play moved backwards and forwards, always in the Morrison's half, until, just before half-time Whyte made a determined effort from just outside the 25 and scored. Sherington missed the conversion. Half-time 4-0.

In the second half Morrison's kicked off into the wind but a good kick by Reekie put play into the Morrison's 25. Continuous pressure by Strathallan was relieved by a penalty to Morrison's. Despite some long defence-splitting passes by Finlay too many passes were dropped and in general the play was unco-ordinated, and so despite over a quarter of an hour's continuous pressure there was no scoring, although a high kick by Lockhart almost put Reekie over.

Morrison's then lost a man for the remainder of the match. Another lot of sustained pressure brought a quick heel and then a break brought a try to Lockhart. Sherington missed the conversion. Finally, almost on time, Finlay made a break from a scrum-five and scored for Lockhart to convert.

Final score 14-0 to Strathallan.

Strathallan deserved to win, on pressure alone, but too many passes were dropped (due to the wind possibly) and too often an individual made a break and then never looked for support.

E.W.

**Team:** Green; Locke; Lockhart; Whyte; Reekie; Sherington; Finlay; Low; Shedden; Macdonald; McIntosh, W. D.; Robertson, C. J.; MacLeod, T. R.; Smith, G. E.; Mackenzie, K. C.



### **1st XV v. Dollar Academy—Home—25th November—Won 7-6.**

Strathallan failed to take advantage of a first minute penalty when Lockhart's attempt at goal was well wide. Soon afterwards a promising break and kick by the Dollar outside centre was cleared by Sherington just a few yards from his own line. From a scrum which followed the line-out, the Dollar scrum-half went round the blind side and it took some fine cover tackling to keep the visitors out. Dollar kept up the pressure and stayed very close to the home line for several minutes before a kick to touch brought much needed relief.

After the initial flurry there followed a period of rather dull play during which both teams seemed content to spoil and any attempts at creative rugby were killed at the onset. The game eventually came to life again with a move starting on the half-way line. Good handling by Whyte and Smith sent MacLeod in for a very well taken try. The wind took the attempted conversion off course and was indeed making accurate kicking very difficult. Dollar replied shortly afterwards with a move starting from a set-scrum about thirty-five yards out. The ball was taken round the blind side, switched inside, and with the cover going the wrong way the visitors scored very easily under the posts. The try was converted giving Dollar a two point lead at half-time.

With the second half only minutes old, Whyte made a good outside break and with good support from McDonald and McIntosh play was taken well into the Dollar half. From the resulting ruck Strathallan were awarded a penalty in front of the posts and Sherington was on target with what proved to be a very vital kick.

Rather than defend a very slender lead, Strathallan applied further pressure and came close to scoring on several occasions. Dollar also rallied well but were unable to make anything of their chances. A few minutes from the end things looked black for Strathallan when an interception and kick took play to within two yards of the home line. Fortunately the ball came out of the scrum against the head and Sherington was able to clear with a long kick to touch from behind his own line.

**Team:** R. H. Green; H. L. Locke; G. A. Lockhart; D. A. S. Whyte; C. D. Reekie; N. O. Sherington; M. J. Finlay; G. E. Smith; J. H. Shedden; W. D. McIntosh; M. R. P. McDonald; T. R. MacLeod; D. R. D. Low; C. J. Robertson; M. J. Waterston.

### **1st XV v. Glasgow Academy—At Anniesland—Wednesday 8th December— Lost 19-12.**

For anyone who believes in ill-omens the result of this match must have been a foregone conclusion. This, the last School fixture of the season, was approached with the team having lost only one School match. Things started to go wrong when it was found that our regular driver was not taking us to Glasgow but more important, Waterston, who had played such an important part in previous matches had not fully recovered from injury. And certainly the sun did not shine down on us as we left the School, it was one of the most depressing days of the year with persistent rain and the cloud layer only just clearing the flag mast. It was perhaps not surprising therefore that half an hour later saw us stranded in Auchterarder awaiting another bus to replace our broken down one. The new bus duly arrived accompanied by our usual driver who himself made his feelings known by driving our apparently broken down bus back to Bridge of Earn in under ten minutes. An example of aggression and sense of purpose that was somewhat lacking at New Anniesland later in the day.

The School eventually kicked-off on a dull, wet, afternoon with a considerable Strathallian contingent to support them. The opening play consisted mainly of disorganised handling and some rather aimless kicking by both sides. The School was understandably tense for although not unbeaten in previous matches that one defeat seemed so long ago that it almost felt like it. Within five minutes the School was penalised in front of its own posts. This gave

the Academy an early lead which clearly gave them an added confidence. The Glasgow forwards were showing more power and disciplined play at this stage and their good possession enabled their outstanding stand-off to produce kicking of a very high order, and made it very difficult for the School to take any initiative. The School produced the occasional move of some promise but the Academy defence was well-prepared and gave our backs very little room in which to move and generally they were more composed and certainly adapted themselves better to the conditions.

One's hopes were raised when from a rare piece of possession Lockhart scored a try which made it all look very easy. It was a characteristic effort which included a huge dummy and change of direction which made one think that even with limited possession all would be well eventually. Lockhart converted this try. However it soon proved that these hopes were unfounded. Bad handling, dropped passes and a very tight defence reduced the School three-quarter play to a level where it should have been realised that a change of tactics was called for. Unless the Academy were made to turn and run for well placed attacking kicks the School's scoring chances would be virtually non-existent. The opposition were also winning continual line-out possession and with the absence of Waterston the School's speed to the loose ball was sadly diminished. At half-time with both teams having missed penalty kicks at goal the Academy were leading by nine points to six having scored a goal.

In the second half it was hoped that the School would produce a much steadier performance. But it was again the Academy that made the most of play in the opening minutes. However one encouraging sign was that Strathallan suddenly found their drive in the fight. This was the crucial stage in the match when the School could have really got into the game, but partly through unintelligent play, and partly through being forced into errors by the opposition they produced a standard of play that was unbelievably poor. Suffice to say that Glasgow scored ten points during this period. With only a few minutes left to play the School threw caution to the wind and began to show themselves in a better light. A kick from Sherington, this time to our wing rather than their full back saw Reekie gather and score in the corner. Lockhart converted the try with a splendid kick which brought the final whistle.

If this report appears to favour the view that Strathallan lost the match rather than that Glasgow Academy won it this would be unfair. Undoubtedly the School's performance appeared to be well below their normal standard but Glasgow looked a better side on the day and they certainly played the game in a way more suited to the conditions. However it was very sad that after such a splendid season's rugby that it could not have ended on a happier note. We had a very quiet journey back to the School.

## HOCKEY

The XI won two matches, lost three and drew one. Three matches were cancelled. D. A. S. Whyte was the only old colour and he was not fit for two of the matches. That the team was not without ability was demonstrated in the final match against Stamford, but the season was rather frustrating and the XI had little opportunity to reach its true potential, because of bad weather, Thorny Shades not being fit for match play until late in the season.

As a result of the Final Trial for the Scottish Schoolboys' XI held on Thorny Shades on 12th March, D. A. S. Whyte was chosen for the team and played in International Matches against the other home countries at Glasgow in the Easter holidays.

## FIRST XI MATCHES 1972

### Tuesday 7th March—Strathallan v. Perth High School—Away—Lost 0-2.

Although a disappointing start to the season the result of this match was hardly surprising. Perth High School took the lead after twenty minutes play on their all weather pitch with a fine goal, and it was not at all obvious why they did not take the opportunity of scoring again in the first half. Perth had a highly trained and polished side whose stick work easily excelled that of Strathallan. However, Strathallan nearly scored one towards the end of the first half, and with the prospect of playing down the hill in the second half, still had a chance of turning the tables.

Strathallan team work improved in the second half, but superior physical fitness was not sufficient to compensate for lack of experience, and a second goal by Perth High School clinched the result of a most interesting match.

**Team:** S. D. Lowden; N. O. Sherington; K. C. Mackenzie; E. G. MacKenzie; C. Hill; G. E. Smith; N. J. Waterston; D. A. S. Whyte (Captain); J. H. Shedden; C. Hay; R. H. Green.

### Tuesday 9th March—Strathallan v. Perth Academy—Home—Won 3-0.

This match was played on the Garden Pitch which was very wet. Strathallan looked faster than the Academy side and had scored twice by half-time, Hay getting a good goal after five minutes and Smith another after twenty minutes.

It was a little disappointing that the XI only scored once in the second half. This was another tremendous shot from Smith on the left wing at an oblique angle. Although this was a satisfactory result against a more experienced team, the match did not reach a particularly high level.

**Team:** S. D. Lowden; D. A. S. Whyte; K. C. Mackenzie; E. G. MacKenzie; C. Hill; I. F. S. Day; R. H. Green; C. R. Hay; J. H. Shedden; N. J. Waterston; G. E. Smith.

### Tuesday 14th March—Strathallan v. Loretto—Away—Lost 0-3.

Strathallan were without D. A. S. Whyte and in the first half were playing uphill on the dry but uneven surface at Pinkie. Loretto had more of the territorial advantage in the first half and managed to score two goals from a succession of corners. McDonald at centre-forward playing his first match for the First XI combined well with Hay at inside-left and Strathallan mounted some good attacks which kept the Loretto defence on the alert and the goalkeeper was active.

In the second half Strathallan were unlucky not to score from a short corner when the whistle went for a Loretto infringement just before the ball entered the net. Loretto scored the only goal of the second half following an excellent centre from the right wing which was swept into the Strathallan goal by the Loretto centre-forward. Otherwise there was much open play with Strathallan having their fair share of attacking movements, but failing to produce the required scoring power.

**Team:** S. D. Lowden (Captain); J. E. Hamilton; K. C. Mackenzie; E. G. MacKenzie; C. Hill; C. G. Gilfillan; R. H. Green; N. J. Waterston; J. S. P. McDonald; G. R. Hay; G. E. Smith.

### Thursday 16th March—Strathallan v. Gordonstoun—Home—Won 1-0.

This was rather a dull game. Its principal feature was the number of times the whistle went for sticks—usually by the visiting team. This led to a lack of fluency and at half-time there was no score.

The second half was only a little better, but Strathallan pressure was eventually rewarded when Waterston at inside-right receiving a good pass just outside the Gordonstoun circle, controlled the ball well and scored a good goal.

**Team:** S. D. Lowden (Captain); J. E. Hamilton; K. C. Mackenzie; E. G. MacKenzie; C. Hill; I. F. S. Day; R. H. Green; N. J. Waterston; J. S. P. McDonald; C. R. Hay; G. E. Smith.

#### **Tuesday 21st March—Strathallan v. Fettes—Home—Lost 0-4.**

Whyte was able to lead the Strathallan team, which nearly scored in the opening minutes of an exciting match. However, it was the Fettes inside-left who opened the scoring and the Fettes centre forward put Fettes two up shortly afterwards with a good flick from a short corner. The Fettes team with eight old colours showed great opportunism and Fettes were four goals up at half-time after some sharp and decisive attacking.

The second half opened with some determined pressure from Strathallan on the Fettes goal, but it was in vain. The Strathallan defence played with greater vigour than in the first half, but the Fettes defence was very sound and the Fettes First XI fully deserved their first victory against Strathallan at Forgandenny.

**Team:** S. D. Lowden; D. A. S. Whyte (Captain); K. C. Mackenzie; E. G. MacKenzie; C. Hill; I. F. S. Day; R. H. Green; N. J. Waterston; J. S. P. McDonald; C. R. Hay; G. E. Smith.

#### **Thursday 2nd March—Strathallan v. Stamford—Draw 2-2.**

Stamford, whose Hockey Master, Mr. G. W. Searle, had been on the staff at Strathallan from 1963 to 1966, made this their first Scottish fixture in a short tour.

The match was played at a rather leisurely pace in Spring-like weather. Stamford were the first to score, a sudden and quickly taken shot from the extreme edge of the circle defeating the Strathallan defence. It was not long before Hay scored a good goal and the score remained one-all till half-time.

Strathallan played with some skill but still at a rather slow tempo, while their opponents were given too much latitude. It was not long before Stamford's more direct methods brought a further goal, which resulted in keener Strathallan pressure. Hill equalised, when Whyte pushed the ball across to him at a short corner. Thereafter both defences treated their opponents with greater respect and neither side were able to get the winning goal.

**Team:** S. D. Lowden; D. A. S. Whyte (Captain); K. C. Mackenzie; J. E. Hamilton; C. Hill; E. G. MacKenzie; R. H. Green; N. J. Waterston; J. S. P. McDonald; C. R. Hay; G. E. Smith.

### **OTHER HOCKEY RESULTS**

#### **Second XI:**

Tuesday 14th March—Strathallan v. Loretto—Home—Lost 0-2.

Thursday 16th March—Strathallan v. Lendrick Muir—Home—Lost 0-2.

Tuesday 21st March—Strathallan v. Fettes—Home—Lost 0-2.

### Colts:

Tuesday 14th March—v. Loretto—Home—Lost 0-4.

Thursday 16th March—v. Gordonstoun—Home—Lost 1-3.

Tuesday 21st March—v. Fettes—Away—Lost 0-3.

### Junior Colts:

Thursday 9th March—v. Lathallan—Away—Won 1-0.

Tuesday 14th March—v. Loretto—Home—Lost 0-3.

Tuesday 21st March—v. Fettes—Away—Won 3-0.

### Riley:

Saturday 4th March—v. New Park—Away—Won 5-3.

Thursday 9th March—v. Craigflower—Away—Drawn 2-2.

### Riley 2nd XI

Saturday 11th March—v. New Park—Home—Won 2-0.

### House Matches:

Preliminary Round: Leburn beat Simpson 5-1.

Second Round: Ruthven beat Leburn 5-2; Freeland beat Nicol by conceding fewer corners.

Final Round: Ruthven beat Freeland 2-1.

Ruthven therefore won the House Hockey Cup.

Simpson won the Hockey League Cup.

## CRICKET

What an unsatisfactory season the 1st XI had this year! Of the side which played against Fettes in 1971, nine boys were back, but two were allowed to give up cricket and seven old colours remained. That two were allowed to give up cricket may have made no difference, although one of them had been our second highest run-getter last year and the other had some reputation for scoring quick runs in the colts, but it is one of the penalties that has to be paid for an options system.

One of the most dismal characteristics of the season was the failure of the batting — sometimes against spin, sometimes against medium-pace, sometimes on wet wickets and sometimes on hard ones. There is no doubt that the early wet wickets did very little for confidence in shot-making, and this complaint was a common one throughout schools in the British Isles. Unfortunately, just when one had hoped that some of the team would start to come good they ran into a series of club matches which turned out disappointingly. This, allied to the fact that there was, in certain cases, a lack of will to come to terms with the basic arts of batting, made run-getting an uncertain affair and perhaps put too much burden on the established batsmen in the side. Yet despite our fragile batting more batsmen than usual got to 50 — E. G. MacKenzie, J. H. R.



Parker, C. Hill all scored one and D. T. Cochrane scored a couple when he wasn't pre-occupied with getting noughts. E. G. MacKenzie also got a century against Morrison's and the last time a hundred was scored at this level was by D. J. S. Currie (against Morrison's, too) several years ago. By and large, though, the bigger individual scores came at a time when other useful solid scores were not forthcoming in support.

The bowling was as good as ever, although frequently it was poorly supported in the field. Chalmers took some weeks to adjust to a good length and direction, but once the hard wickets came he improved enormously. At times he allowed himself to be put off rather too much by front foot no balls. Lowden bowled steadily and with great economy continually switching line, cut and swerve. Both these bowlers bowled expecting to take wickets. McDonald, in his first season, was unlucky not to get more wickets and he seemed to suffer more from fielding lapses than most. As a bowler he still has much to learn since there is little variety in the inswing which he persists in bowling from 23 yards and from wide of the stumps. Green, as ever, was an enigma. His run up was an unrhymical shuffle and it was only latterly that he started to try to improve that, his grip and his bowling action. For one who is a reasonable athlete it was not very satisfactory, though the bowling was made to look rather more wayward when the wicket-keeper failed to cope with some of the wilder extravagances. Nevertheless he stacked up 18 wickets early on in the season and, then, rather depressingly for him he got no wickets for several matches.

The spin bowling did not develop. Sherington, in his fourth season, got fewer wickets and insisted on bowling to eccentric fields. MacKenzie gave the ball more air and on two occasions returned good figures, but neither fielded well to his own bowling and neither had a follow-through worth mentioning — in short, aggression was lacking.

Lack of aggression marred the fielding as a whole. Only Green had a bullet of a throw and both he and McDonald were safe as far as catches were concerned. Cochrane was a more than adequate slip field but the remainder gave away more runs in the field than they made with the bat. It was rare to see fielders walking in briskly and common to see outfielders converting one and a half runs into two by waiting for the ball to come to them.

What of the other teams? The Second Eleven did poorly, but that was to be expected with the thin spread of talent. The thirds were enthusiastic both in defeat and victory. The Senior Colts, having been beaten out of sight in their Junior Colts' year, smartly turned around and under Mr. Williams' direction had an unbeaten season. There are still a lot of rough edges to be smoothed out, but one or two promising cricketers come up to first game. With so many of the First Eleven leaving, the ex-Colts will have to work hard at their game during the winter. The Junior Colts, too, had

a better than average season. This year their coach was Mr. Colquhoun and he produced a side which had a great deal of potential and enthusiasm.

The Senior House Match Competition didn't take place this year because of lack of time and lack of players now that there are five houses. The Junior House Match Competition, however, ran under the same rules as last year, but this time with ten rounds. Whether the increase of competitive cricket contributed to better results at junior eleven levels or not it is impossible to say. One suspects it did, and those boys not playing regularly for the Senior or Junior Colts at least had the chance of playing in eight matches that mattered. Further, the competition once again went to the last round when three winners were possible. Leburn and Ruthven both played a good standard of cricket in these games and since the competition ended with these two houses vying for top place their meeting in the last round was allocated to The Lawn. Ruthven eventually won.

A word, too, would be appropriate about the less illustrious cricketers. The Junior Colts Second Game, organised by Mr. Gray enjoyed their cricket and a variety of other sporting activities, whilst Riley House with some good players never had any luck at all with the weather. The matches that they did have had exciting finishes.

## OTHER RESULTS

### 2nd XI

- v. **The Edinburgh Academy.** Strathallan 66. The Edinburgh Academy 67-4. Lost by 6 wickets.
- v. **Dundee High School.** Dundee High School 76. Strathallan 34. Lost by 42 runs.
- v. **Perth High School.** Perth High School 129-5 (dec.). Strathallan 106-9. Drawn.
- v. **Loretto.** Loretto 122-7 (dec.). Strathallan 70-8. Drawn.
- v. **Fettes.** Fettes 146-9 (dec.). Strathallan 40. Lost by 106 runs.
- v. **Merchiston.** Merchiston 117. Strathallan 91. Lost by 26 runs.
- v. **Glenalmond.** Strathallan 47. Glenalmond 48-5. Lost by 5 wickets.

### 'A' XI

- v. **Kelvinside Academy 1st XI.** Strathallan 126-6 (dec.) (Marshall 41, Duncan 41). Kelvinside Academy 86. Won by 40 runs.
- v. **Dollar Academy.** Dollar Academy 130-7 (dec.). Strathallan 39. Lost by 91 runs.

### 3rd XI

- v. **Edinburgh Academy (H).** Edinburgh Academy 137 for 5 dec. Strathallan 40. Lost by 97 runs.
- v. **Perth Academy 2nd XI (A).** Strathallan 101 (K. A. Robertson 23). Perth Academy 71 for 7 (A. G. Macfarlane 4 for 15). Match drawn.
- v. **Morrison's Academy 2nd XI (H).** Morrison's Academy 87 (P. B. M. Sutherland 8 for 48). Strathallan 78 (A. G. Macfarlane 27). Lost by 9 runs.
- v. **Loretto (A).** Strathallan 51. Loretto 53 for 2. Lost by 8 wickets.
- v. **Fettes (A).** Fettes 141. Strathallan 41 for 8. Match drawn.

- v. **Merchiston Castle (H)**. Merchiston Castle 53 (P. B. M. Sutherland 6 for 24). Strathallan 56 for 4. Won by 6 wickets.
- v. **Trinity College Glenalmond (A)**. Glenalmond 113 (P. B. M. Sutherland 5 for 57; L. A. Stewart 3 for 19). Strathallan 61. Lost by 42 runs.

### Senior Colts

- v. **The Edinburgh Academy**. The Edinburgh Academy 153-3 (dec.). Strathallan 81-4 (Bell 35\*). Drawn.
- v. **Morrison's Academy**. Morrison's Academy 59 (MacLeod 5-13). Strathallan 60 for 5. Won by 5 wickets.
- v. **Perth Academy**. Strathallan 105 for 7 (dec.) (Fraser 46\*). Perth Academy 61 (MacLeod 6-17). Won by 44 runs.
- v. **Dollar Academy**. Strathallan 118 for 7 (dec.) (Fraser 50). Dollar Academy 6 (Whitaker 5-1, MacLeod 4-3). Won by 112 runs.
- v. **Loretto**. Loretto 106-7 (dec.). Strathallan 40 for 7. Drawn.
- v. **Fettes**. Fettes 106-8 (dec.). Strathallan 40 for 7. Drawn.
- v. **Merchiston**. Merchiston 69. Strathallan 70 for 7. Won by 3 wickets.
- v. **Glenalmond**. Glenalmond 61 (Hay 7-14). Strathallan 63-8. Won by 2 wickets.

### Junior Colts

- v. **The Edinburgh Academy**. Strathallan 60. The Edinburgh Academy 61 for 8. Lost by 2 wickets.
- v. **Dundee High School**. Dundee High School 35. Strathallan 36 for 1. Won by 9 wickets.
- v. **Perth Academy**. Strathallan 103 for 6 (dec.). Perth Academy 43. Won by 60 runs.
- v. **Loretto**. Strathallan 69. Loretto 70 for 2. Lost by 8 wickets.
- v. **Fettes**. Fettes 48. Strathallan 49 for 6. Won by 4 wickets.
- v. **Merchiston**. Strathallan 133. Merchiston 87. Won by 46 runs.
- v. **Glenalmond**. Glenalmond 150-8 (dec.). Strathallan 83. Lost by 67 runs.

### Junior 'A' XI

- v. **Kelvinside Academy**. Kelvinside Academy 42 and 48. Strathallan 109-5 (dec.). Won by an innings and 19 runs.

### Junior XI

- v. **Lathallan (H)**. Strathallan 77. Lathallan 66. Won by 11 runs.
- v. **New Park (A)**. Strathallan 67. New Park 43. Won by 24 runs.
- v. **Croftinloan (H)**. Strathallan 52. Croftinloan 51. Won by 1 run.
- v. **Craigflower (A)**. Strathallan 43. Craigflower 42. Won by 1 run.

Runs for:—219 — an average of 5.47 per wicket.

Against:—202 — an average of 5.05 per wicket.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
4	4	0	0

The matches against Belmont House and Ardvreck were rained off without a ball being bowled.

### Junior 2nd XI

- v. **New Park (H)**. Strathallan 109 for 8 dec. New Park 35. Won by 74 runs.
- v. **Craigflower (H)**. Strathallan 76. Craigflower 26. Won by 50 runs.

# 1st XI AVERAGES

## Batting

	Inns.	Not Out	Runs	H.S.	Av.
E. G. MacKenzie	14	3	325	101*	29.54
J. H. R. Parker	14	1	211	56*	16.23
S. R. C. Duncan	10	1	126	43	14.00
W. M. Cantlay	10	0	140	41	14.00
C. Hill	13	0	181	55	13.92
D. T. Cochrane	11	1	138	55*	13.80
G. A. Chalmers	8	3	52	29	10.40
N. O. Sherington	11	3	62	30	7.77
S. D. Lowden	11	3	55	19*	6.87
J. S. P. McDonald	8	2	41	25*	6.83
R. H. Green	8	3	28	12	5.60

## Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Av.
R. H. Green	107.3	26	255	20	12.75
S. D. Lowden	143.3	42	332	25	13.20
E. G. MacKenzie	60.5	10	183	13	14.07
G. A. Chalmers	132.2	44	311	22	14.13
J. S. P. McDonald	87.3	20	269	10	26.90

Also bowled N. O. Sherington 25-1-71-3.

## Saturday 6th May v. Crieff C.C.—Home.

Persistent rain during the night and through the morning ensured the impossibility of playing the opening match of the season.

## Thursday 11th May v. Dundee University 2nd XI—Home.

This is another fixture which never seems to attract anything like good weather. Fortunately, as it happened, the School won the toss and were able to bat first on a softish wicket. Parker and Cantlay opened the innings, and Cantlay went in the third over of the innings, being bowled by one going down the leg-side. Cantlay didn't get across to the ball with his bat, but nevertheless managed to kick the ball onto his wicket with his right foot—a shot one might imagine a rather elderly and arthritic stork making. Thereafter, Hill and Parker seemed to have little difficulty coping with the bowling, and Hill's innings was just beginning to gather pace when he converted a brisk two into an amiable ambled one and a half.

The wet ball and intermittent drizzle began to make fielding and bowling conditions rather bad, and Parker and MacKenzie settled in, and neither looked like being out. MacKenzie hit one over long-leg onto the Ruthven roofs and shortly afterwards brought up his fifty with a similar hit. His fifty also included six 4's. Parker's fifty was less spectacular, but was well-made. Heavy rain fell during the tea interval and only a couple of overs were possible after. Eventually the game had to be abandoned.

## Strathallan

	O	M	R	W
J. H. R. Parker, not out	56			
W. M. Cantlay, b Attenborough	0	17	3	31
C. Hill, run out	14	8	2	33
E. G. MacKenzie, not out	54	8	2	29
D. T. Cochrane, S. D. Lowden,		3	1	10
N. O. Sherington, A. G. Marshall,		2	0	14
G. A. Chalmers, J. S. P. Mc-		1	0	7
Donald and R. H. Green did not				0
bat.				
Extras	6			

Total (for 2 wks.) 130

## Saturday 13th May v. The Edinburgh Academy—Home.

The Edinburgh Academy opened the proceedings by going off at their usual cracking pace, and some loose opening bowling was rightly despatched. Strobridge quickly fell into the groove and in the third over hit Chalmers over square leg for six. Mackie was the first to go, driving at one from Chalmers that stopped a little. The result was that the ball drolled off the end of his bat to give Green a simple catch as he came in from straightish cover. Fulton didn't last long either. Taking a middle and off guard he was perilously close to being out leg-before to Chalmers almost immediately, and three overs later was caught down the leg side by Hill off Green (yes, Green was actually bowling some within reach). After that the innings burgeoned. Loudon took a heavy toll of MacKenzie, and some of his sixes were mis-hit straight back over the unfortunate bowler's head. None of the bowlers seemed to pick up the hint that a ball of shortish length on off-stump made Loudon look rather ordinary — on this day, anyway. Loudon went at last when it looked as if nothing was going to remove him — McDonald took a stinging catch at extra-cover, and Lowden, the bowler, excelled in taking a sprawling caught and bowled just before lunch to dismiss MacGregor.

The catching during the innings was fairly good — very good compared with later in the season — and Cochrane took two nice slip catches. Throughout, The Edinburgh Academy were always positively looking for runs, and their brand of cricket makes very refreshing watching. They were out shortly before three o'clock for 140 — a very good striking rate.

The best that can be said of the Strathallan innings is that they made a miscalculation. Loudon, who had already been getting wickets for The Academy, didn't seem to present any problems, although he got Parker out early on with a ball that Parker, with his initial shuffle down the wicket had made into an inswinging beamer. Cantlay led a charmed life, as is so often his wont, and Hill was out padding up to Grant. MacKenzie took time to get going, but when he did he split the cover field with some good hits. Cochrane was bowled the next ball after Hill — he appeared to be overawed by the occasion — and after that the rot set in. Grant was switched to the Chapel end and was bowling off-spin and getting enough turn to bowl round the wicket. The end was soon in sight when MacKenzie hit a full-toss straight to extra cover, and thereafter the haste to get out was positively unseemly. It was like watching a side scrambling for quick runs at the end of a Player League innings — the true situation was that Strathallan needed 21 runs with four wickets in hand and nearly an hour to play.

The Edinburgh Academy		Strathallan	
J. F. Strobridge, b Green	21	J. H. R. Parker, b Loudon	11
A. R. Mackie, c Green b Chalmers	7	W. M. Cantlay, b Darling	30
J. D. O. Fulton, c Hill, b Green	2	C. Hill, lbw b Grant	30
W. D. G. Loudon, c McDonald b Lowden	61	E. G. MacKenzie, c Darling b Grant	40
A. J. S. Darling, b Lowden	16	D. T. Cochrane, b Grant	0
C. I. C. MacGregor, c and b Lowden	10	S. D. Lowden, b Grant	4
D. G. Gregson, c Cochrane b McDonald	0	A. G. Marshall, b Grant	3
A. S. Fitchie, c Cochrane b Green	14	N. O. Sherington, b Loudon	2
A. P. M. Hutchison, b Chalmers	0	G. A. Chalmers, c Strobridge b Darling	7
J. D. K. Grant, not out	2	J. S. P. McDonald, b Loudon	5
T. F. McLeod, b Green	4	R. H. Green, not out	0
Extras	3	Extras	3
Total	140	Total	135



	O	M	R	W
Green	12	3	19	4
Chalmers	11	4	38	2
MacKenzie	8	0	48	0
Lowden	12	6	27	3
McDonald	4	2	4	1

	O	M	R	W
Loudon	16.2	5	41	3
Hutchison	7	1	23	0
Gregson	4	1	5	0
Darling	9	2	20	2
McLeod	3	2	5	0
Grant	8	0	33	5

## Tuesday 16th May v. Perth Academy—Away.

One supposes that this Perth Academy side, even they would admit, was not the best they could field. Nevertheless, it went nearer to beating the School than ever before in the last ten years. The School's performance, from first to last, was about as undistinguished as it is possible to be, and even then did not reach the depths it reached later in the season.

Perth Academy batted first on a poor wicket but the bowling was far too wayward to take advantage of that, and the bowlers became more and more discouraged as catch after catch went down. As a spectacle the Academy batting did not compensate except for some blacksmithian hits by Paul, and Strathallan were left 60 minutes to get 95 runs.

Parker batted quite well in an attempt to keep on terms but the remainder of the batting looked less than convincing, and in the last quarter of an hour too many easy catches were given off short lifting balls.

### Perth Academy

N. Brough, st Hill b McDonald	18
D. MacFarlane, lbw b McDonald	10
G. Ross, c Green b Lowden	10
R. Heeps, c Parker b Lowden	11
W. Paul, not out	26
T. Stuart, c MacKenzie b Lowden	1
J. Anton, c Green b McDonald	3
C. Heeps, not out	1
Extras	15

Total (for 6 wks. dec.) ... 95

### Strathallan

J. H. R. Parker, c and b Stuart	25
W. M. Cantlay, c and b Paul	7
C. Hill, b Paul	3
E. G. MacKenzie, b Stuart	11
D. T. Cochrane, c Heeps, b Stuart	0
S. D. Lowden, c Stuart b Paul	0
A. G. Marshall, c Ross b Stuart	0
N. O. Sherington, not out	0
G. A. Chalmers, not out	4
R. H. Green, and J. S. P. McDonald did not bat.	
Extras	6

Total (for 7 wks.) ..... 56

	O	M	R	W
Green	8	5	8	0
Chalmers	6	3	4	0
MacKenzie	9	1	24	0
McDonald	8	1	32	3
Lowden	5	1	12	3

	O	M	R	W
Paul	10	3	14	3
R. Heeps	4	0	22	0
Stuart	6	1	14	4

## Saturday 20th May v. Morrison's Academy—Home.

The opening overs of the School's innings gave no inkling of what was going to happen later in the innings. McNaughton bowling very briskly and getting some movement removed Parker in his second over and when Cantlay went shortly afterwards the score was 24. Thereafter Hill and MacKenzie repaired the damage in no uncertain manner. Both batted carefully to start with and then MacKenzie cut loose and punished the second line bowling heavily enough for the opening bowler to be brought on again. MacKenzie proceeded from 36 to 98 with 8 fours and a six and by tea was 85 not out. Hill was content to let MacKenzie have the bowling and was 42 not out at tea—a fairly restrained innings for Hill. After tea Hill was soon out after getting his fifty and MacKenzie went to his 100 with a six (over the pavilion), two fours and a single. There was no nonsense about nervous nineties, and when he had reached his hundred in 89 minutes (14 4's and 2 6's) the innings was declared. This was quite the best innings MacKenzie has played in the eleven and he was never anywhere near as good for the rest of the season.

The Morrison's innings started calamitously. In his first three overs Green bowled two batsmen and had another two caught. The later batsmen tried to transform the situation by taking the attack to the fielding side. Some loose bowling by Chalmers was thumped and Lowden, too, came in for some punishment. Eventually Green returned to the attack and bowled Sylvester with a full toss and then with a ball of even fuller length had McNaughton caught slashing towards deep gully.

Strathallan	
J. H. R. Parker, b McNaughton	1
M. Cantlay, c and b McNaughton	13
C. Hill, b McNaughton	55
E. G. MacKenzie, not out	101
S. D. Lowden, not out	4
A. G. Marshall, D. T. Cochrane,	
S. R. C. Duncan, G. A. Chalmers,	
J. S. P. McDonald and R. H.	
Green did not bat.	
Extras	11
Total (for 3 wkts. dec.)	185

Morrison's Academy	
R. I. Davidson, b Green	0
W. L. Milroy, c and b Lowden	24
J. Haggart, c Hill b Green	2
G. D. Stalker, b Green	0
R. A. I. McLean, c Chalmers b	
Green	2
A. N. Suttie, c Duncan b	
Chalmers	23
D. J. West, lbw b McDonald	3
G. C. Sharp, c Chalmers b Mac-	
Kenzie	13
K. J. McNaughton, c Cantlay b	
Green	31
A. B. Sylvester, b Green	6
J. Denholm, not out	0
Extras	6
Total	110

	O	M	R	W
McNaughton	16.1	4	58	3
Haggart	16	2	73	0
Davidson	2	0	10	0
McLean	5	0	25	0
West	1	0	8	0

	O	M	R	W
Green	10.3	3	22	6
Chalmers	7	2	32	1
McDonald	6	4	7	1
Lowden	8	0	35	1
MacKenzie	3	1	8	1

#### Thursday 25th May v. Dundee University Staff—Away.

The wicket had a little bit to offer to medium pace bowlers and the early order batting found the going difficult. The University Staff opened with Hardisty bowling cutters and Jones bowling off-spin. In the third over of the innings Hardisty removed Cantlay to a very good caught and bowled going high and to his right off a ball which Cantlay had tried to drive. Very often Cantlay stretches at the full-length ball and if it is slower than he thought a catch somewhere between mid-on and mid-off is the inevitable result. At 13 Parker was well taken at slip driving at Jones. For some time he had not been happy against the off-spin since he tends to get out of line rather early in the ball's flight. Hill followed shortly after driving impatiently across a ball of full-length, and in the 19th over, with the score only at 24, MacKenzie, too, was bowled.

Then, either the bowling tired or the batting became more resolute. Duncan and Cochrane both batted without appearing to be troubled, Duncan driving on the off-side particularly well, and Cochrane working the ball away on the leg-side—including a six over mid-wicket where he had nearly been caught the previous ball. Cochrane, in fact, batted well enough (giving a sharp chance to the wicket-keeper early on) to make 50 in 78 minutes before being leg-before hitting across the line. The partnership put on 89 runs, Duncan's innings showing a promise which was never fulfilled during the remainder of the season.

When the University Staff batted Green and Chalmers proved to be too quick for some batsmen. Second ball of the innings, Hood shaping to hook a long-hop from Green, got a top edge and was spectacularly caught by Cochrane at full stretch behind the wicket-keeper. Thereafter Chalmers proceeded to bowl out the middle order with some relish, the only resistance coming from Dr. Ferrier who remained not out at the end.

### Strathallan

J. H. R. Parker, c Black b Jones	6
W. M. Cantlay, c and b Hardisty	1
C. Hill, b Hardisty	8
G. MacKenzie, b Hardisty	8
S. R. C. Duncan, c Ferrier b Jones	43
D. T. Cochrane, lbw b Hardisty	50
S. D. Lowden, b Hardisty	7
N. O. Sherington, not out	5
G. A. Chalmers, J. S. P. McDonald and R. H. Green did not bat.	
Extras	5

Total (for 7 wks. dec.) ... 133

	O	M	R	W
Hardisty	22	5	41	5
Jones	23.1	8	43	2
Tervet	7	1	26	0
Pathi	5	1	19	0

### Dundee University Staff

Hood, c Cochrane b Green	0
Pathi, b Chalmers	1
Ferrier, not out	26
Burke, lbw b Chalmers	0
Hardisty, b Chalmers	0
Black, b Green	0
Jones, b Chalmers	3
Sharp, c Parker b Green	0
Maule, b Green	0
Jennings, b Chalmers	0
Tervet, b Chalmers	2
Extras	6

Total ... 38

	O	M	R	W
Green	11	5	17	4
Chalmers	11	4	15	6

### Saturday 27th May v. Evercreech C.C.—Home.

Evercreech C.C. are well known to recent Occasionals and played a fixture arranged at short notice against the School when one of the Evercreech touring fixtures fell through. Once again we had a soft slow wicket. Chalmers removed King second ball of the innings and Green had Abrahams easily caught on the off-side. Pereira looked in better form and made some pleasant scoring shots on the off-side. He was threatening to get right on top of the bowling when Green switched to round the wicket and got a faint outside edge with a ball that pitched middle and leg and moved away. The Evercreech score was brought back to some semblance of respectability by their middle-order batting and they declared, very generously, at 129.

Strathallan suffered the early loss of Walker and the more grievous loss of Parker run out just as he was getting going, Marshall calling him for a second run where only one and a half existed. MacKenzie, fortunately, was in good fettle and was able to push the runs along at a reasonable pace, and when he was out 46 runs were required in 20 minutes with 7 wickets in hand. The equation could have been even more favourable had not Marshall been out of form—17 in two minutes less than two hours against some very moderate bowling allowed the bowlers to find a length they should never have found—and if a batsman is not going to play what shots he has against moderate bowling, he is never going to play them. Unfortunately, when Marshall was out with 17 minutes to go and still 46 required to win, no serious attempt had been made to go for the runs.

### Evercreech C.C.

A. King, b Chalmers	0
J. Abrahams, c Chalmers b Green	7
E. Jamieson, b Green	6
C. Pereira, c Walker b Green	23
D. Millard, c Sherington b McDonald	12
J. Lovell, c Duncan b Chalmers	7
R. Chinnock, lbw b Sherington	32
T. Benwell, b Lowden	13
R. Maiker, not out	12
P. Bolton, not out	14
Extras	3

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) ... 129

### Strathallan

D. A. Walker, b Pereira	0
A. G. Marshall, b Maiker	17
J. H. R. Parker, run out	16
E. G. MacKenzie, b Pereira	38
S. D. Lowden, not out	8
S. R. C. Duncan, not out	10
N. O. Sherington, G. A. Chalmers, J. S. P. McDonald, R. H. Green and D. T. Cochrane did not bat.	
Extras	11

Total (for 4 wks.) ... 100

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Chalmers	10	3	21	2	Pereira	21	6	40	2
Green	13	1	35	3	Bolton	5	3	12	0
McDonald	6	0	31	1	Miaker	16	4	32	1
Lowden	8	0	21	1	Chinnock	1	0	5	0
Sherington	4	0	18	1					

#### Thursday 1st June v. C. B. E. Somerville's XI—Home.

The day was not a very pleasant one for cricket, it being cool and the wicket fairly soft. C.B.E. Somerville's XI batted first and Webster and Haines—a new opening partnership this—steadily and solidly put on runs and a wicket didn't fall, indeed didn't look like falling, until the 17th over. Perhaps the thought of Hanif appearing from the pavilion was sufficient to deter the bowlers from being too enthusiastic. Eventually D. Haines went hitting across the line to Lowden, and Webster was caught in the deep when he had completed his fifty.

We were meanwhile being treated to a gem of an innings from Hanif. His technique of whipping the slightly short ball through mid-wicket for a single was particularly interesting, and had the weather been warmer and the wicket faster the School bowling would have suffered, one felt. As it was both Lowden and McDonald bowled very steadily, for the most part keeping the ball well up and other wickets began to fall. G. McLellan was caught at the wicket, but since he used up 10 years' luck on this ground last year, there were few reasons for complaint. Moore was stumped almost at the tea interval, and after it Hanif went to an excellent falling catch by Lowden at deep mid-on off the bowling of McDonald. Lowden finished with the well-merited figures of 6—49.

The School reply was poor after an opening stand of 36. In the face of spin, particularly Harrex's sharply turning chinamen, little resistance or competence was shown. One felt that advancing down the wicket and one or two hits directed at close fielders might well have helped. As it was, only Cochrane stayed in for any length of time, but by then the damage had been done, and the School batting never regained confidence for the rest of the season.

#### C. B. E. Somerville's XI

H. Webster, c Chalmers b	
Lowden	57
D. Haines, b Lowden	20
Hanif Mohammed, c Lowden b	
McDonald	45
G. McLellan, c Hill b Lowden	1
B. Moore, st Hill b Lowden	2
A. B. Wren, c McDonald b	
Lowden	9
R. R. Sloan, c Duncan b Lowden	0
G. F. R. Martin, not out	0
Extras	2

Total (for 7 wkts. dec.) ... 136

	O	M	R	W
Chalmers	8	3	18	0
Green	4	0	20	0
Lowden	15.3	3	49	6
McDonald	12	0	47	1

#### Strathallan

W. M. Cantlay, b Sloan	19
N. O. Sherington, b Sloan	17
J. H. R. Parker, c Hanif b Harrex	3
E. G. MacKenzie, b Harrex	0
C. Hill, st McLellan b Sloan	5
S. R. C. Duncan, b Harrex	0
D. T. Cochrane, c Haines b Wren	6
G. A. Chalmers, b Hanif	1
S. D. Lowden, st McLellan b	
Hanif	0
J. S. P. McDonald, not out	3
R. H. Green, b Wren	0
Extras	3

Total ... 57

	O	M	R	W
McAinsh	6	1	12	0
Martin	4	1	18	0
Sloan	7	2	9	3
Harrex	10	7	4	3
Hanif	6	2	8	2
Wren	1.2	0	3	2

# **Saturday 3rd June v. Loretto—Home.**

Succinctly, one can say that there was nothing in the wicket, there was nothing in the bowling, and there was nothing in the batting. One must, I think, put the performance down to anxiety induced by the total collapse of the batting in the previous game. The collapse this time was not spectacular and it may be a source of wonderment that a side can stay at the wicket from 11.30 until 2.40 and obtain only 71 runs. A side full of Hamlets could have hardly wavered collectively as much.

After Strang had been brilliantly caught in the gully off Green, Loretto, too, batted studiously, and the match, incredibly, nearly went into the final 20 overs.

Strathallan		Loretto	
W. M. Cantlay, b Hutchinson ...	2	D. W. Galbraith, not out .....	34
N. O. Sherington, c Simpson b Hutchinson .....	1	M. G. Strang, c Sherington b Green .....	5
J. H. R. Parker, c Lawson b Hutchinson .....	1	P. D. Winton, not out .....	21
E. G. MacKenzie, c Simpson b Clarke .....	7	Extras .....	13
C. Hill, b Clarke .....	20	Total (for 1 wkt.) .....	72
S. R. C. Duncan, c Cox b Hutchinson .....	1		
D. T. Cochrane, b Hutchinson ...	1		
G. A. Chalmers, b Partridge ...	29		
S. D. Lowden, c Simpson b Partridge .....	0		
J. S. P. McDonald, b Partridge ..	1		
R. H. Green, not out .....	5		
Extras .....	3		
Total .....	71		

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Clarke	17	6	22	2	Green	7	2	13	1
Hutchinson	16	3	31	5	Chalmers	14	7	13	0
Lawson	7	3	12	0	Lowden	13	6	22	0
Partridge	6.5	4	3	3	MacKenzie	2	0	2	0
					McDonald	4.3	2	11	0

# **Tuesday 6th June v. Fettes—Home.**

This was a highly indecisive match. Fettes batted first on a showery day and took time to get going. Then they lost three quick wickets in the 40's—all to Lowden—and so a retrieval of the situation was necessary. Against the steady bowling of Lowden and McDonald this was of necessity a slow process and Griffin and Wall were just getting back on terms when both were out shortly after lunch. It should have been possible for Parker to press home the advantage from this point on but Breakey and Reid were let off the hook not once but several times. Fettes were allowed to accumulate 174 before declaring when at one time it had seemed possible that they would be out for less than 150.

Strathallan's reply started badly. Marshall was given out leg before to Gilles, and the next disaster occurred when MacKenzie ran out Parker. Parker was silly to go for the run which was not, in the event, MacKenzie's call anyway. The tragedy was that Parker was going as well as he has ever batted this season and 174 looked a by no means impossible target. Thereafter MacKenzie and Duncan pushed the score along. Once or twice MacKenzie narrowly missed being stumped and Eddlestone and Loudon were kept on into the last 20 overs when about only 5 an over were required to win. Fettes dropped their catches too—probably as many as we did—but the batting was never quite resolute enough to get in a winning position. Perhaps Loudon



could have gambled with spin for an over or two more because Eddlestone frequently looked as if he was going to get wickets. With two overs to go Duncan got out quite unnecessarily and in the last over MacKenzie, who appeared to have gone to sleep for 20 minutes, called Cochrane for a near-suicidal run. Cochrane was out next ball leg before to a ball which must have straightened considerably, since Cochrane was well out of his crease. Nevertheless it wasn't thinking cricket on MacKenzie's part.

Fettes		Strathallan	
T. B. Rome, b Lowden	27	J. H. R. Parker, run out	37
W. R. M. Inglis, c Hill b Lowden	11	A. G. Marshall, lbw b Gilles	1
A. S. Causey, c McDonald b Lowden	1	C. Hill, b Loudon	19
S. M. Griffin, c Cochrane b Lowden	26	E. G. MacKenzie	47
M. A. Wall, c MacKenzie b Chalmers	27	S. R. C. Duncan, c Rankin b Loudon	28
J. D. S. Breakey, not out	38	D. T. Cochrane, lbw b Gilles	0
W. G. D. Loudon, c Cochrane b Lowden	5	N. O. Sherington, not out	0
G. J. Reid, not out	30	G. A. Chalmers, S. D. Lowden, R. H. Green and J. S. P. McDonald did not bat.	
Extras	9	Extras	2
Total (for 6 wks. dec.)	174	Total (for 5 wks.)	134

	O	M	R	W
Green	9	2	37	1
Chalmers	9.2	3	22	1
McDonald	21	5	47	0
Lowden	28	9	55	5
MacKenzie	2	0	4	0

	O	M	R	W
Gilles	20	7	35	2
Reid	9	2	21	0
Eddlestone	11	2	43	0
Loudon	17	7	33	2

### Wednesday 14th June v. A Forfarshire XI—Home.

This must be the first time that Forfarshire XI has failed to make runs here. There was no inkling of what was going to happen; the first wicket put on 52 before Murray gave a top edge to the wicket-keeper. Robertson was out leg before 4 overs later trying to sweep and then wickets fell steadily to indiscreet shots as the batsmen tried to keep up with the clock. MacKenzie bowled well in his two spells.

Strathallan found it difficult to come to terms with quickish, short-of-a-length bowling which continually rose chest-high—it should, of course, be impossible to bowl stuff like that on a school wicket anyway. Marshall stayed in for just over an hour while four wickets fell at the other end, but he had neither the confidence nor the skill to do anything more than survive precariously. Finally, he was bowled by a near half-volley. Cochrane was out next ball caught at the wicket off a long-hop, and Chalmers was given out l.b.w. hitting across the line of a long-hop. The decision was a little remarkable since had Chalmers advanced another two paces he could indubitably have shaken hands with the bowler. Then Lowden allowed the third long-hop in a row to hit his stumps.

A Forfarshire XI		Strathallan	
D. G. Jones, c Green b MacKenzie	37	A. G. Marshall, b Hopkins	9
A. W. Murray, c Hill b McDonald	18	N. O. Sherington, b Murray b Booth	0
D. G. Robertson, lbw b Lowden	6	J. H. R. Parker, c Jones b Booth	11
M. J. S. Walton, st Hill b MacKenzie	3	E. G. MacKenzie, c Jones b Fleming	1
W. Y. Bell, c McDonald b Chalmers	7	C. Hill, b Fleming	0
		S. R. C. Duncan, b Walton	13

R. Hopkins, b Chalmers .....	1
R. M. Fleming, c and b MacKenzie .....	7
C. Wasiack, b Lowden .....	4
A. H. Patullo, c and b MacKenzie .....	14
K. R. Booth, not out .....	8
J. P. Allardyce, c McDonald b MacKenzie .....	0
Extras .....	15

Total ..... 120

	O	M	R	W
Green	3	0	11	0
Chalmers	9	4	19	2
McDonald	10	2	33	1
Lowden	12	5	16	2
MacKenzie	9	0	26	5

D. T. Cochrane, c Jones b Hopkins .....	0
G. A. Chalmers, lbw b Hopkins .....	0
S. D. Lowden, b Hopkins .....	0
J. S. P. McDonald, not out .....	25
R. H. Green, b Patullo .....	0
Extras .....	4
Total .....	63

	O	M	R	W
Patullo	9.3	3	13	1
Booth	9	6	13	2
Hopkins	4	1	10	4
Fleming	4	3	1	2
Allardyce	3	0	11	0
Robertson	4	2	5	0
Walton	2	0	6	1

#### Thursday 15th June v. Dundee University Staff XI—Home.

The second game this season against Dundee University Staff was not so decisively in our favour. Chalmers was not able to conduct the rout that he engineered in the first match; instead it was MacKenzie bowling well-flighted off-spin that had the visitors in trouble. He bowled 20 overs and only when he pushed the ball through did the batsmen not look in trouble. For once it was a day when not too many catches went down, or rather the catches went to the hands of our safer fielders.

Our batting was poor against some moderate bowling. Cochrane was sent in first in an attempt to change his form, and the ploy worked. He was never in trouble, and apart from giving a sharp chance to gully in the twenties he never looked like being out. Indeed the longer he stayed the better he looked and when Bartley came on towards the end bowling quickish short of a length off cutters he was hooked for three fours—two of them in front of the wicket. It was more than strange, therefore, that the remainder of the side should have been content to bat like an inept prep. school side. Parker played the Parker shot which by now has become an example of the triumph of hope over experience. Marshall wouldn't take his bat out of the way of a ball outside the off-stump, and MacKenzie played forward with a degree of automatism and was bowled middle stump. Duncan might have got going but reverted to the French cricketing style which both he and the opposing bowlers prefer, and the innings just hung on until Cochrane gave some sanity to it.

#### Dundee University Staff

A. Hood, c Green b Lowden ...	16
A. Sharp, lbw b MacKenzie ...	6
S. Bartley, c McDonald b MacKenzie .....	7
J. Dewhurst, not out .....	51
T. Burke, c Cochrane b MacKenzie .....	5
A. Black, c McDonald b Sherington .....	12
J. Maule, c Lowden b Sherington .....	8
H. Jones, b MacKenzie .....	1
R. Barrie, c and b MacKenzie .....	5
L. Barry, c Green b MacKenzie .....	4
E. Marsh, c Hill b MacKenzie ...	0
Extras .....	11

Total ..... 126

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D. T. Cochrane, not out .....	55
J. H. R. Parker, b Bartley .....	0
A. G. Marshall, c Maule b Bartley .....	0
E. G. MacKenzie, b Barry .....	0
S. R. C. Duncan, b Barrie .....	12
C. Hill, c Jones b Barrie .....	6
N. O. Sherington, b Bartley .....	0
J. S. P. McDonald, b Bartley ...	6
R. H. Green, not out .....	4
G. A. Chalmers and S. D. Lowden did not bat.	
Extras .....	5

Total (for 7 wks.) ..... 88

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Green	5	1	13	0	Barry	8	4	9	1
Chalmers	6	4	5	0	Bartley	15	6	40	4
MacKenzie	20.5	6	49	7	Marsh	3	0	10	0
McDonald	2	0	7	0	Barrie	11	4	18	2
Lowden	7	2	15	1	Jones	3	0	6	0
Sherington	10	1	26	2					

### Saturday 17th June v. Strathallian Club XI.

This year we saw a change of faces in the Club XI. So well organised were they that there was a considerable surplus of personnel wanting to play in the game and the start was delayed whilst Terry Trusdale sorted out an eleven. Norman McKenzie opened the bowling and his accuracy suggested that, despite his protestations of not playing this season, he might have been having some surreptitious practice in one of the barns. Bruce Walker was also accurate though there wasn't much fire in his bowling and it didn't present too much of a problem.

The only wicket to fall in the morning session was Cochrane's. He edged a catch to the wicket-keeper. Since play didn't begin until 11.45 this morning session of play was even more unsatisfactory than it usually is.

During this period Parker didn't look too happy and was dropped at mid-on by his brother. The miss was not a disastrous one as it transpired because he was dismissed in the eighth over after lunch, playing across the line as usual. E. G. MacKenzie never got going and was out playing back to a half-volley from Alan Turner who by this time had replaced Norman McKenzie at the Law end. It was left to Cantlay and Duncan to push along the score, and Cantlay played some particularly pleasant strokes through mid-on off Sim's bowling. The runs accumulated very slowly though, and the numerous batting disasters throughout the season were probably responsible for this untoward circumspection, for the bowling, with all due respect to the two gentlemen concerned, was not difficult. One sometimes wonders whether the Strathallian Club players realise just how much reputation rather than skill enables them to get away with things.

It was Ross Settles, their fifth bowler, who finally decided matters. Bowling slow medium cutters he removed Duncan first of all. Then Hill was unfortunate enough to get an inside edge onto his boot and the ball carried to gully. Sherington gave a simple return catch to Turner and Cantlay, who had batted well all the while, was also bowled by Settles. Thereafter resistance was minimal, Green providing the only moment of light relief by padding away Turner off his middle stump.

The School had not collected together anything like enough runs to present the Club with a worthwhile target. In the fifteen minutes' batting before tea Ian Smith and Ian Smith scored seventeen with no trouble before rain brought about an early stoppage for tea. The rain in fact persisted for some time and it was not possible to resume play again until 5 p.m.

In the second over after tea Sim was bowled by Chalmers. With rain about the innings had to assume greater urgency and Ian Smith managed to hit Green square for two fours when Green incautiously bowled within reach. Alan Sloan was out in the following over caught driving at Chalmers. 'Caught' is perhaps a misnomer because the ball seemed to hit almost every part of Parker's anatomy except his hands. This brought in Terry Trusdale who was almost removed first ball. Then just as the innings was gaining momentum down came the rain again, and it was the rain which evened the match up. It started at 5.30 just as the minimum of 20 overs was starting and by the time that it had stopped—to the umpires' though not the Old Boys' satisfaction—the striking rate was 7 an over. (One ought to explain that once players come off for rain, play does not start again until the rain has stopped).

When play did start again Ian Smith steeped one almost immediately and was caught and bowled by McDonald. One felt that Lowden rather than McDonald was the answer at this stage, particularly as Terry Trusdale began to assume his most pugnacious attitude. The ball was wet and progressively

he began to smear McDonald all over the park as the colourful Australian phrase has it. A very long hit for six over extra cover was particularly memorable. So effective was Trusdale's innings that the Club XI was well within reach of the target when he marched down the wicket yet again to McDonald and was stumped. At the other end Settles, too, had made his mark by hitting Chalmers into the Rose Garden before being stranded going for a run that wasn't, and Norman McKenzie promoted to number five in view of his exploits last year gave a tremendous lurch and failed to make contact. With the disappearance of Trusdale, George Balfour struck one belligerent blow, but the advent of Lowden for the last over shut the game down comprehensively. The Club, then, finished seven runs short of victory and the rain had returned. There was disappointment at the result, naturally, but the tactics pursued were not the right ones. Trusdale was trying to flail at everything and the fact remains that in that last period of play 24 balls resulted in no score. Virtually no attempt was made to look for short singles: had that not been the case, the School's fielding and bowling might well have gone to pieces.

#### Strathallan

D. T. Cochrane, c Balfour b McKenzie .....	8
J. H. R. Parker, b McKenzie .....	22
W. M. Cantlay, b Settles .....	41
E. G. MacKenzie, b Turner .....	0
S. R. C. Duncan, b Settles .....	12
C. Hill, c Smith b Turner .....	0
N. O. Sherington, c and b Turner .....	6
S. D. Lowden, c McKenzie b Settles .....	4
R. H. Green, lbw b Turner .....	7
G. A. Chalmers, not out .....	1
J. S. P. McDonald, b Settles .....	0
Extras .....	5

Total ..... 106

	O	M	R	W
McKenzie	10	3	21	2
Walker	7	5	3	0
Turner	16	6	36	3
Sim	10	2	23	0
Settles	10	3	18	4

#### Strathallian Club XI

I. M. Smith, c and b McDonald .....	20
I. D. E. Sim, b Chalmers .....	12
A. J. Sloan, c Parker b Chalmers .....	0
T. N. W. Trusdale, st Hill b McDonald .....	35
R. L. Settles, run out .....	14
N. D. McKenzie, b Chalmers .....	0
G. W. Balfour, not out .....	7
J. L. R. Parker, not out .....	0
M. T. Mackenzie, A. B. Walker and A. D. Turner did not bat.	
Extras .....	12

Total (for 6 wks.) ..... 100

	O	M	R	W
Green	4	0	17	0
Chalmers	9	0	35	3
McDonald	7	1	35	1
Lowden	1	0	2	0

#### Saturday 8th July v. Merchiston Castle School—Away.

What a debacle this match was! We were treated to one of the most shoddy performances a first eleven from this School has ever put on. Merchiston Castle batted first, and had Duncan been alert at forward short leg, Swan might have been taken twice in Chalmers' first over. As it was these misses didn't matter because Cochrane took a simple chance at first slip off McDonald's bowling and Swan was out for 4. Whiteford never looked comfortable and played and missed with a certain amount of frequency and hope. He was particularly unable to come to terms with Green's bowling, but Green after bowling five overs of exemplary tidiness as far as he is concerned was mysteriously removed and even more mysteriously was never re-introduced into the attack.

When Lowden was put on the scoring rate was kept down and both Murphy and Drummond eventually went to him. Whiteford followed, too, some overs later, but the extremely charitable nature of the fielding and the field-placing was beginning to have effects on the momentum of the Merchiston innings. For a hundred minutes Merchiston had been contained but now the misfields became common. Easy catches were dropped—Cantlay dropped Blythe twice in the same over—and the misses were expensive. Blythe at last gave himself up and the Merchiston innings progressed to 186.



It was a long afternoon in the field — almost three hours — and it was hot. The irregular nature of the outfield, too, was off-putting to a side used to the regular evenness of The Lawn. Taking all these factors into account it is still not possible to find sufficient excuse for the afternoon's blundering.

The batting gave no consolation. Cantlay and Sherington went off at a smart pace, but Cantlay didn't last very long and Duncan went soon after square on to a well pitched up delivery from Drummond. Sherington continued to hit the opening attack with some relish, and both he and Parker treated Richards with a certain amount of disrespect. Unfortunately Parker, attempting to hit Richards down the ground, was caught half-way back. Then disaster struck. MacKenzie dollied a catch to short extra-cover, Hill was given out padding up outside the off-stump, and Cochrane was snaffled up at short square leg. Sherington then ran Green out and was out himself shortly afterwards. The innings was in ruins. Lowden, of all the tail, performed adequately without being able to predict, with certainty, the outcome of all his shots. And that was that.

#### Merchiston Castle School

Swan, c Cochrane b McDonald	4
Whiteford, c Chalmers b Lowden	36
Murphy, b Lowden	18
Drummond, b Lowden	3
Blythe, lbw b McDonald	64
Thompson, not out	30
Black, not out	24
Extras	7

Total (for 5 wks. dec.) ... 186

#### Strathallan

W. M. Cantlay, c Black b Drummond	6
N. O. Sherington, b Richards	30
S. R. C. Duncan, b Drummond	7
J. H. R. Parker, c Whiteford b Richards	22
E. G. MacKenzie, c Robertson b Richards	0
C. Hill, lbw b Richards	0
D. T. Cochrane, c Black b Richards	0
R. H. Green, run out	0
S. D. Lowden, not out	19
G. A. Chalmers, b Richards	1
J. S. P. McDonald, b Richards	1
Extras	1

	O	M	R	W
Chalmers	13	5	38	0
McDonald	8	2	34	2
Green	5	2	5	0
Lowden	20	4	59	3
Sherington	11	0	27	0
MacKenzie	4	0	15	0

	O	M	R	W
Drummond	6	0	24	2
Murphy	3	0	14	0
Richards	11	1	28	7
Black	8	2	21	0
Total				87

#### Monday 10th July v. Trinity College, Glenalmond—Away.

The wicket for this match was not perfectly hard and it was well grassed. One or two sharp showers before play started probably kept some life in it, although any dampness that there was was soon dispelled by the high wind which blew for most of the afternoon. Glenalmond lost their first wicket at 15 when Hardy didn't quite get into the line of a ball of fairly full length from Chalmers. The second wicket was a fortuitous one. Green was brought on instead of McDonald, who had been bowling fairly innocuously, and his first ball was a rank long-hop some distance outside the off-stump. Hindmarsh going for the runs gave a simple chance to Parker at wide mid-off. Ireland was out shortly afterwards leg before to a ball which cut back a shade. However, Gowar looked very sound indeed, and anything short was hooked very smartly for four. His one weakness, perhaps, is an inability to get anything away which is well up on off-stump. Anyway, of the two, he looked better than Piggot who was a shade lucky to get as many runs as he did. It was, in fact, Piggot who got Gowar out, calling him for a run to short mid-wicket and then sending him back.

The innings proceeded onwards indecisively, mainly due to some accurate bowling by Lowden and some lively bowling by Chalmers. Green bowled



rather better than usual without persuading anyone except Piggot to get an edge. The innings closed at 5.30, leaving Strathallan 80 minutes plus 20 overs to get the runs.

MacHarg opened the bowling in fiery fashion and in his first five overs he disposed of Sherington, Duncan and Parker. All three played across the line to an inswinger pitched well up to them. Parker, indeed, was so far across the line that he was bowled leg stump behind his legs. Cantlay and MacKenzie pulled the innings round before Cantlay went caught at mid-off stretching at a ball outside the off-stump. Owen was brought on to replace Braithwaite but his left-arm spin was not really the type of bowling for this wicket. However, MacKenzie was well caught on the square leg boundary off a full toss, so another MacKenzie innings ended disappointingly. Hill hit out well in a style of innings that seemed to suit him, and while he was at the wicket, Strathallan was getting back into the game. Cochrane, a notoriously poor starter, settled in relatively quickly to carry on the good work. Hill was at last caught on the long-on boundary and the task of collecting the necessary runs in the last hour was just beyond the ability of the remaining batsmen. One felt that a more solid start would have made all the difference.

A word of praise is necessary, too, about the keenness and excellence of Glenalmond's ground fielding (this was a day when their catching did not quite come up to the high standard they set themselves throughout the season); everything was chased purposefully and with great spirit. In comparison, Strathallan's fielding was aldermanic.

#### Trinity College, Glenalmond

Hardy, b Chalmers	4
Hindmarsh, c Parker b Green	11
Gowar, run out	32
Ireland, lbw b Chalmers	2
Piggot, c Hill b Green	49
MacHarg, lbw b Chalmers	13
Davies, not out	16
Owen, c Parker b Chalmers	3
Heap, b Chalmers	5
Bruce, not out	0
Extras	13

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) ... 148

	O	M	R	W
Chalmers	19	2	50	5
McDonald	7	3	15	0
Green	16	2	38	2
Lowden	14	6	19	0
MacKenzie	3	1	13	0

#### Strathallan

W. M. Cantlay, c Ireland b MacHarg	21
N. O. Sherington, b MacHarg	1
S. R. C. Duncan, b MacHarg	0
J. H. R. Parker, b MacHarg	0
E. G. MacKenzie, c Hindmarsh b Owen	18
C. Hill, c Braithwaite b Bruce	21
D. T. Cochrane, b MacHarg	18
R. H. Green, b MacHarg	12
S. D. Lowden, b Braithwaite	9
G. A. Chalmers, not out	9
J. S. P. McDonald, c Piggot b Braithwaite	0
Extras	1

Total ... 109

	O	M	R	W
MacHarg	19	8	27	6
Braithwaite	7	2	15	2
Owen	15	2	46	1
Bruce	4	0	11	1
Gowar	2	0	9	0

## ATHLETICS

Once again the team proved fairly successful, losing narrowly in two of their five matches, but soundly winning the remainder. The first match of the season was against The Edinburgh Academy, who had an extremely strong side, and in this match we thought we did well to keep the Academy's winning margin down to ten points. T. S. Ling and K. C. Mackenzie were our most successful com-

petitors on this day, Ling setting up a new School record for 100 metres and Mackenzie setting School records in both Shot and Discus.

The next fixture was against Loretto, a fixture which we are normally able to win comfortably, and this proved to be so on this occasion. Notching up first and second places in most events the final score was 73 points to Strathallan against the 37 of Loretto, and K. C. Mackenzie yet again broke the Discus record. Everyone was in good form for the next fixture against Fettes, and although no records were broken on this occasion several people achieved personal bests in the match, which we won by 147 points to 97.

The second defeat of the season occurred in our match against Glenalmond. We did well in the track events, but Glenalmond were strong on the field events' side, and this tipped the balance in their favour. K. C. Mackenzie, however, continued his habit of breaking the Discus record. Finally, we beat Rannoch 79 points to 42, and in this meeting Lockhart set a new School record for the 100m. and C. D. Reekie had a personal best in the Shot.

The team sent to the Scottish Schoolboys' Meeting held at Pitreavie was extremely successful. In the 15-17 age group A. D. G. Mackenzie won the silver in the Javelin, whilst his brother, K. C., won the gold in the Discus. T. S. Ling also did well to gain a badge standard in the 200m. In the Senior events G. A. Lockhart won the bronze in the Long Jump, and C. D. Reekie the silver in the Shot. Later Reekie was selected to putt the shot for Scotland against Wales in the Schoolboys' International.

The following records were set up during the season:

Senior:

100m.: Lockhart — 11.0 secs.

Shot: Reekie — 39' 4".

Discus: K. C. Mackenzie.

Middle:

100m.: Ling — 11.4 secs.

200m.: Ling — 23.5 secs.

400m.: Ling — 53.0 secs.

Discus: K. C. Mackenzie — 119' 2".

Shot: K. C. Mackenzie — 11.10m.

4x100m. Relay: — 47.1 secs.

The following were awarded their Full Colours:

G. A. Lockhart; N. J. Waterston; C. D. Reekie; D. A. S. Whyte; T. S. Ling

## SPORTS DAY

Mr. Henderson has never been kind enough to tell us just how he manages to have fine and sunny weather every Sports Day, but there it is — as usual, inevitably one might say — the weather was hot and sunny. A perfect day for cricket indeed! The Standards Competition had given some inkling of how the day was going to

go, although Standards can never be a certain indication, because not every house manages to get out its dark horses before Sports Day itself; they might be heavily committed in other games, or working hard for examinations, or just sulking Achilles-like.

On the day many races produced excitement if not unexpected results. This is one meeting where the favourites usually win. However, several records fell in the track events as seemed probable since we haven't been metric for that long. Other 'records' in some of the field events were established, the shot now being in kilos and not pounds. It was noted, too, that the Riley House High Jump had gone metric whereas the others had not. Riley, of course, has its own meeting going on interspersed with the main events and it's always a bit mysterious because only the cognoscenti know how the points position is going on. The points position in the main meeting was clear, and for some time in the afternoon the balance swung between Leburn and Simpson, the Ruthven challenge fading after the field events. Eventually we reached the point where, if Simpson dropped the baton in three successive relays, Leburn or even possibly Ruthven could win. However, Simpson cleaned up the first two relays in record times, and Leburn only managed first in the last relay of the afternoon — again, to end on a high note, in a record time.

Indeed, the afternoon ended most appropriately for Simpson won the Athletics Cup, a nice present for Mr. Young on the point of his retiral from Simpson, and even Charles loped around with great jubilation and to the perturbation of that other monarch. And the afternoon ended just as appropriately for G. A. Lockhart, the Captain of Athletics, who carried off the Senior Victor Ludorum Award.

Mrs. McCallum kindly presented the winners' medals.

## SPORTS DAY RESULTS

100 metres — Riley. 1 Beverley; 2 Cabrelli; 3 Smith, C.; 4 Heard; 5 Macadam. Time: 14.3 secs.\*

100 metres — Junior. 1 Lowden (F); 2 Kirkland (L); 3 Cameron (R); 4 Voigt (R); 5 McDonald (S). Time: 12.8 secs.\*

100 metres — Middle. 1 Ling (R); 2 Wighton (S); 3 Whiteford (S); 4 Paterson (N); 5 Marshall (N). Time: 12.0 secs.

100 metres — Senior. 1 Lockhart (F); 2 Whyte (L); 3 Lawrence (S); 4 Jarron (S); 5 Green (N). Time: 11.45 secs.

200 metres — Junior. 1 Lowden (F); 2 Bird (S); 3 Voigt (R); 4 Shannon (F); 5 Magill (R). Time: 26.7 secs.

200 metres — Middle. 1 Ling (R); 2 Whiteford (S); 3 Wighton (S); 4 Paterson (N); 5 Allan (R). Time: 23.2 secs.\*

200 metres — Senior. 1 Lockhart (F); 2 Whyte (L); 3 Lawrence (S); 4 Green (N); 5 Jarron (S). Time: 23.6 secs.

300 metres — Riley. 1 Beverley; 2 Powrie; 3 Cabrelli; 4 Smith, C.; 5 Lyburn. Time: 43.2 secs.\*

400 metres — Junior. 1 Bird (S); 2 Shannon (F); 3 Voigt (R); 4 Milne (S); 5 Clarke (N). Time: 60.3 secs.

400 metres — Middle. 1 Ling (R); 2 Powrie (S); 3 Paterson (N); 4 Dalgleish (S); 5 Allan (R). Time: 53.0 secs.\*

- 400 metres — Senior. 1 Waterston (R); 2 Whyte (L); 3 McDonald (S); 4 Lawrence (S); 5 Smith (R). Time: 52.5 secs.\*
- 800 metres — Junior. 1 Kirkland (L); 2 Bird (S); 3 Hutchison (N); 4 Shannon (F); 5 Clarke (N). Time: 2 mins. 16.9 secs.\*
- 800 metres — Middle. 1 Powrie (S); 2 Mackenzie (R); 3 Hall (N); 4 Shedden (F); 5 Moffat (L). Time: 2 mins. 8.8 secs.
- 800 metres — Senior. 1 Waterston (R); 2 Locke (L); 3 Finlay (L); 4 Lewis (N); 5 de la Haye (S). Time: 2 mins. 05.8 secs.
- 1500 metres — Junior. 1 Kirkland (L); 2 Magee (S); 3 Hutchison (N); 4 Clarke (N); 5 Magill (R). Time: 4 mins. 57.5 secs.
- 1500 metres — Middle. 1 McDonald (S); 2 Powrie (S); 3 Hay (R); 4 Nicol (L); 5 Lydon (L). Time: 4 mins. 27.3 secs.
- 1500 metres — Senior. 1 Waterston (R); 2 Locke (L); 3 Lewis (N); 4 Ferguson (L); 5 de la Haye (S). Time: 4 mins. 26.5 secs.
- High Jump — Riley. 1 Powrie; 2 Heard; 3 Sim. Height: 1m. 34 cms.
- High Jump — Junior. 1 Kirkland (L); 2 Bird (S) and Voigt (R); 4 Clarke (N); 5 Magill (R). Height: 4' 8".
- High Jump — Middle. 1 Ling (R); 2 Whyte (S); 3 Marshall (N); 4 Wallace (L); 5 Rowell (L). Height: 5' 8".
- High Jump — Senior. 1 Sandeman (L); 2 Locke (L); 3 Jamieson (N). Height: 5' 4".
- Long Jump — Riley. 1 Powrie; 2 Beverley; 3 Sim. Length: 14' 4½".
- Long Jump — Junior. 1 Magill (R); 2 Shannon (F); 3 Kirkland (L); 4 Lowden (F); 5 Bird (S). Length: 14' 9¾".
- Long Jump — Middle. 1 Marshall (N); 2 Ling (R); 3 Linton (L); 4 Young (F); 5 Baxter (F). Length: 17' 10¾".
- Long Jump — Senior. 1 Lockhart (F); 2 Whyte (L); 3 Jarron (S); 4 Green (N); 5 Lawrence (S). Length: 19' 4½".
- Discus — Junior. 1 Magee (S); 2 McIntosh (L); 3 Park (R); 4 Ross (L); 5 Wilson (F). Length: 71' 6".
- Discus — Middle. 1 Mackenzie, K. (R); 2 Hamilton (N); 3 Wighton (S); 4 Magee (S); 5 Gillanders (R). Length: 118' 11".
- Discus — Senior. 1 Whyte (L); 2 Lockhart (F); 3 Green (N); 4 Locke (L); 5 McDonald (S). Length: 87' 1".
- Javelin — Junior. 1 Lowden (F); 2 Shannon (F); 3 McIntosh (L); 4 McDonald (S); 5 Hutchinson (N). Length: 100' 9".
- Javelin — Middle. 1 Mackenzie, K. (R); 2 Mackenzie, G. (R); 3 Magee (S); 4 Gillanders (R); 5 Wighton (S). Length: 148' 6".
- Javelin — Senior. 1 Green (N); 2 McDonald (S); 3 Finlay (L); 4 Jarron (S); 5 Day (N). Length: 144' 6".
- Shot — Junior. 1 McIntosh (L); 2 Magee (S); 3 MacArthur (S); 4 Lowden (F); 5 Vivian (L). Length: 31' 5½".
- Shot — Middle. 1 Mackenzie, G. (R); 2 Mackenzie, K. (R); 3 Marshall (N); 4 Wallace (L); 5 McIntosh (L). Length: 38' 9½".
- Shot — Senior. 1 Reekie (F); 2 Locke (L); 3 Lockhart (F); 4 Smith (R); 5 Finlay (L). Length: 37' 9".
- Relays: 4 × 100m. — Riley. 1 Hamilton; 2 Big; 3 Islay; 4 Drumfinn; 5 Glencoe. Time: 58.8 secs.\*
- 4 × 100m. — Junior. 1 Simpson; 2 Ruthven; 3 Leburn; 4 Freeland; 5 Nicol. Time: 52.0 secs.\*
- 4 × 100m. — Middle. 1 Simpson; 2 Ruthven; 3 Nicol; 4 Leburn; 5 Freeland. Time: 46.5 secs.\*
- 4 × 100m. — Senior. 1 Leburn; 2 Simpson; 3 Freeland; 4 Ruthven. Time: 46.4 secs.\*

\* = New record.

**Points:** 1st Simpson 344; 2nd Leburn 318; 3rd Ruthven 284; 4th Freeland 227; 5th Nicol 222.

**Standard Points:** 1st Simpson 151; 2nd Leburn 139; 3rd Nicol 128; 4th Ruthven 115; 5th Freeland 112.

#### **Victories Ludorum**

Junior: Kirkland (L).

Middle: Ling (R).

Senior: Lockhart (F).

## **CURLING**

After a two year spell underground the time has come to publicise the existence of a small and select body of very enthusiastic curlers within the School.

We joined in the coaching scheme organised by Perth Ice Rink two years ago and under the expert guidance of 'Chuck' Hay and Tommy Muirhead two rinks, one senior and one middle, have been trained each year. Time is limited, and last year's coaching amounted to only eight sessions during the Autumn and Spring Terms but, even so, it was amazing to see how quickly the enthusiasts improved.

The fixture list is not very extensive, but the one game we played this year, against Perth Academy, was very close and most enjoyable — the Academy squeezed home at the last end! Perhaps the Masters or Fathers and/or Mothers would care for a game?



*"This side up".*



## FENCING

The club has had a very successful year. We won both our matches — very easily against Fettes but it was more closely contested with Glenalmond. Our Captain, E. A. Ferguson, was again chosen to represent Scotland at Junior Sabre, and in the Thistle Shield at the Scottish Schools' week we were placed eighth out of twelve.

The following have represented the School during the year:

D. Crowe, E. A. Ferguson, R. P. Kerr, M. I. Patterson,  
N. I. Schneeberger, D. G. Whyte.

This year the club embarked on the Scottish Schools' Award Scheme. There are six Awards and the object of the scheme is to develop style and technique. Altogether 18 Awards were gained, ranging from the first to the third.

We are again grateful to Professor Mater for coaching us on some Sundays in the Autumn and Spring Terms and to Mr. Henderson for coaching and supervising us during the week.

The Presentation Foil awarded to the winning fencer in the School Championship was won by E. A. Ferguson.

M.W.L.

## GOLF

The Summer Term proved to be a very quiet and uneventful one as far as organised golf was concerned. For one reason or another four of our annual fixtures — Gordonstoun, Perth Academy, Old Boys, and the Masters — did not take place, which was very disappointing, and this left only the game against Glenalmond, which we lost.

On the home front, the main feature of the summer season was the total lack of competitions apart from the House Competition and individual championship, both of which were held at the end of term.

Our four man team of D. A. S. Whyte, S. D. Lowden, S. R. C. Duncan and N. O. Sherington finished fifth in the annual Perthshire Inter-Schools competition played over the Glenalmond course in September. They all performed creditably but unfortunately could not muster one really good round between them, which would have made all the difference to our chances. Once again we were invited over to Elie in October to play against the Old Boys and once again they proved too strong for us. However, it was a most enjoyable day and we must thank the Old Boys, and particularly Graham Johnston, for their hospitality.

S. R. C. Duncan did well to qualify for inclusion in the four-man Perthshire and Kinross side which played in the inaugural Scottish Schools' Inter-District competition, sponsored by Coca-Cola. This was played over the Newbattle Course in June. His rounds of 75

and 85, which were very respectable considering the testing conditions and unfamiliar terrain, helped the side to reach sixth position.

The club champion was S. D. Lowden and the winners of the House competition — Leburn.

## SUMMER HOCKEY

The summer hockey players enjoyed a good season and Thorny Shades remained in good order throughout the term. Against Glenalmond we fielded almost the strongest side available and won 1-0 in a keenly contested match. A weaker XI had previously been defeated by Edinburgh Academy away, but the team chosen for the Merchiston match at Merchiston defeated them by 6-1.

As usual the best games were those against clubs. Perhaps the most exciting of these were the 2-3 defeats we suffered at the hands of an Inverleith XI and a Grove Academy FP XI. Another good game resulted from D. N. F. Pennie's bringing The Barbarians from Dundee. After a bad patch in late June and early July the team was playing well at the end of the term.

The following played in at least three games:

Goalkeeper: J. J. McQueen.

Defence: D. A. S. Whyte, K. C. Mackenzie, I. F. S. Day, J. H. Shedden, N. J. Waterston, P. N. Lewis, J. E. Hamilton, A. G. Marshall and C. W. Gray.

Forwards: C. R. Hay, G. E. Smith, H. L. Locke, T. S. Ling, G. I. Brown and C. D. Reekie.

Summer colours were awarded to: J. J. McQueen, J. H. Shedden, H. L. Locke and T. S. Ling.

### Summer XI Results

Saturday 6th May v. Ruthrieston Strollers (H). Drawn 1-1.

Saturday 20th May 'A' XI v. Edinburgh Academy (A). Lost 1-4.

Sunday 4th June v. The Barbarians (H). Drawn 2-2.

Saturday 17th June v. Strathallian Club (H). Drawn 2-2.

Sunday 18th June v. Grove Academy FP (H). Lost 2-3.

Tuesday 20th June v. Glenalmond (A). Won 1-0.

Sunday 25th June v. Morgan Academy FP (H). Lost 1-4.

Saturday 1st July v. Edinburgh Northern (H). Lost 0-5.

Saturday 8th July 'A' XI v. Merchiston (A). Won 6-1.

Sunday 9th July v. Inverleith (H). Lost 2-3.

## SAILING CLUB

Once again a great deal of work was necessary during the winter months to scrape together a fleet for the start of the season. D. S. Gifford as Captain of Boats ably performed the necessary miracles as slave-driver.

There were three matches on the fixture card for the team this season. One of the fixtures — that against Fettes — never took place because the opposition, despite three postponements, were unable to muster a fleet.

Of the other two matches, the first was sailed against Loretto, and we won this fixture convincingly, managing to cope with the strong tide and rather unpredictable winds.

Strathallan: 1st, 2nd and 4th places =  $6\frac{3}{4}$  pts.

Loretto: 3rd and two non-finishers = 17 pts.

The second match was against Glenalmond. As this fixture was held on the same day as the Loch Earn Schools' Championship, and our 'B' team proved to be no match for Glenalmond.

The same crew as last year went to Loch Earn and improved their position, being placed 2nd as opposed to last year's 3rd. The crew was: J. A. L. Porter (helm); D. S. Gifford (crew).

The sailing teams were:

Helms: J. A. L. Porter; R. C. Stark; D. S. Gifford.

Crews: J. B. Ferguson, I. S. Stark; F. G. R. Gillanders, D. Butchart.

'B' Team Crews: A. Bennet; E. Rowell.

J.A.L.P.

## SHOOTING: 1971/72

The shooting programme continued on the usual lines, though the new daily routine meant that during the winter months more shooting than normal had to take place after dark.

Two teams were entered for the League competitions organised by the British Schools Small-bore Rifle Association and they acquitted themselves with modest success:—

"A" Team: Bennet, A. J.; Grant, A. M.; Moffat, S. A.; Robson, A. I.; Watters, I. T.

"B" Team: Baxter, N. R.; Fyfe, J. F.; Gunn, S. F.; Locke, H. L.; McIntosh, W. D.

With only one leaver from the "A" Team we look forward to a successful season in 1972-73.

Ruthven sprang a surprise by winning the House Shooting Competition in March, 1972.

Moffat, S. A., has been appointed Captain of Shooting for 1972-73 and colours have been awarded to:—

Bennet, A. J.; Grant, A. M.; Moffat, S. A.; Robson, A. I. and Baxter, N. R.

I.T.W.

## SKI CLUB

The season started as usual with trips to the dry ski-slope in Edinburgh each Saturday during the Autumn Term. At the end of the term the School team had entered for the British Schools Dry Slope Ski Championships. The team was C. J. Robertson, D. R.

D. Low, G. I. Brown, and I. A. D. Low. Things looked good and the School had a very fair chance of winning. Alas these hopes were never fulfilled as, in appalling overhead conditions, we suffered two disqualifications in the first run and were thus unplaced.

The School party bound for Andermatt over the New Year was slightly smaller but on the whole arrangements were much better, experience having been gained from the previous year. This time the party flew to Zurich and was taken the rest of the way by coach. We were booked in at the Hotel Schwarzen Bären, only a short walk from the cable car station and the food and hospitality were both quite remarkable for the quality and abundance in which they were made available to us.

Yet again the party met the White Hare Ski Club members and a very enjoyable social life was had by all. Our trainer this year was again happy-go-lucky Sepp whose skill on skis had to be seen to be believed. His acrobatic displays (including forward somersaults) lent an even greater air of excitement to the already well-stocked roster and his race training was to have far-reaching effects on many of the boys, in particular D. R. D. Low who skied extremely well to win the Greenland Shield Giant Slalom from C. J. Robertson



*Strathallian Flush: Left to right I. A. D. Low — Dundee Ski Club Junior Champion, D. R. D. Low — Dundee Ski Club Senior Champion, C. J. Robertson — Winner Neish Trophy, D. J. Butchart — Winner Gulabin Slalom. "The wee guy in the middle" is Georg Gstrein — 2 i.c. Gusti Fischenaller's race training school, East of Scotland Champion.*



The School "B" team consisting of K. C. Mackenzie, D. S. Gifford, J. B. Ferguson and D. P. Benzie laid a sound claim to being the best school "B" team in the country passing easily through the Scottish Schools Challenge round and recording a very fine 8th place in the final. Meanwhile the "A" team — brothers Butchart, I. A. D. Low and Irvine-Brown managed to retain their previous year's place at 5th.

Full honours must go to D. J. Butchart who was chosen to train as a member of the British Espoir team in France, Switzerland and Austria. In his first season as a senior racer he returned some excellent individual performances, notably 1st in the Gulabin Slalom and 4th in the East of Scotland Championships.

Having spent the Spring Term as instructors with Gusti Fischnaller's Cairnwell Ski School in Glenshee both Robertson and D. R. D. Low joined Butchart on the British Espoir training squad at Easter.

The success with which we concluded our season, retaining both Senior and Intermediate team and individual titles at the Perthshire Schools' event leads us to look forward to yet another good season's ski-ing confidently expecting even better race results.

G.I.-B. & J.F.C.

## SQUASH

The standard of Squash in schools continues to improve steadily year by year, and it is pleasing to be able to report that we can justifiably consider ourselves to be among the front runners. We lost and won against Edinburgh Academy and beat Watson's College. Unfortunately we were not at full strength when we played Fettes in the Autumn Term, and were denied the chance of avenging the defeat in the Spring Term due to the power cuts, Parker having become operational by this time.

The Senior V gained valuable experience when playing against Club sides in a local league which was launched this year. The type of game employed by some of the older generation can usefully be copied, and it is from this point of view that these matches are so advantageous. The league was won by the Bloodsuckers, whoever they are!

The game continues to be very popular amongst the Juniors, and the top group this year should develop into sound players, provided that they are prepared to work at it sufficiently. The lack of competition at this level is unfortunate, but situated as we are it is impossible to arrange many matches.

J. H. R. Parker, this year's captain, came very close to winning the Edinburgh School's Open Squash Championship in March; he was beaten 3-2 in a very good and extremely tense final, by Davies of Dollar Academy. Parker was selected for the Edinburgh Schools' side which played against North of England Schools, Surrey Juniors and Millfield School.



## RESULTS:

### Senior V — Played 13 Won 7 Lost 6

- v. Fettes — Lost 5-0 — Away.
- v. Bloodsuckers — Lost 4-1 — Home.
- v. Edinburgh Academy — Lost 5-0 — Away.
- v. Scone — Won 3-2 — Home.
- v. Beavers — Lost 5-0 — Home.
- v. George Watson's — Won 3-2 — Home.
- v. Crieff — Won 5-0 — Home.
- v. Bloodsuckers — Lost 4-1 — Home.
- v. Edinburgh Academy — Won 4-1 — Home.
- v. Beavers — Won 3-2 — Home.
- v. Crieff — Lost 3-2 — Away.
- v. Scone — Won 4-1 — Home.
- v. Dunfermline — Won 5-0 — Home.

### Senior 'A' V — Played 4 Won 2 Lost 2

- v. Merchiston — Won 8-2 — Home.
- v. Morrison's Academy — Lost 3-2 — Home.
- v. Firrhill — Won 5-1 — Away.
- v. Old Boys — Lost 3-2 — Home.

### Junior V — Played 4 Won 2 Lost 2

- v. Edinburgh Academy — Lost 4-1 — Home.
- v. Firrhill — Won 3-2 — Home.
- v. Edinburgh Academy — Lost 4-1 — Away.
- v. Firrhill — Won 3-2 — Home.

The following played for the Senior team: J. H. R. Parker, A. G. Marshall, G. I. Brown, G. P. McHarg, E. G. MacKenzie, S. P. B. Aitkenhead.

The following played for the Junior team: S. P. B. Aitkenhead, D. F. Ferguson, N. D. Fraser, A. E. Lockhart, A. W. Adam, S. N. Vivian.

Senior Champion — J. H. R. Parker.

Junior Champion — D. F. Ferguson.

Winners of the Senior House Competition — Ruthven.

Winners of the Junior House Competition — Freeland.

## SWIMMING

Swimming results this year were very disappointing. Some good swimmers had, of course, left at the end of last year, but the remainder very obviously did not put sufficient effort into their training.

The number of people in the team was one up on last year. There were five seniors — K. G. McLeod, R. A. D. Powrie, M. G. Gordon, I. W. Sneddon, N. R. Baxter, and six Juniors — M. J. Macdonald, A. P. Pearson, G. I. Bennet, N. M. Menzies, J. D. Gourley and A. H. MacKay. Our first of four matches was against Glenalmond. This we won, but lost a water polo match held afterwards by 11-4. Our next match, in the Spring Term, was a new venture.

In a light-hearted match against Kilgraston we were narrowly beaten. We had a further match against Glenalmond which we won — but again lost the water-polo — and the final match was against Loretto, and this we lost by 8 points.

The inter-house swimming took place over two nights. Results were as follows:

**Freestyle:**

100 yds. Senior: 1 Sneddon (N); 2 Gordon (S); 3 Baker (R) and Holden (L).  
Middle: 1 Smith (R); 2 Powrie (S); 3 McLeod (R); 4 Green (N).  
Junior: 1 MacDonald (S); 2 Ross (L); 3 Willox (L); 4 Robertson (R).

**Butterfly:**

50 yds. Senior: 1 Sneddon (N); 2 Gordon (S); 3 Porter (S); 4 Locke (L).  
Middle: 1 Powrie (S); 2 Bennet (S); 3 Heard (N); 4 McLeod (R).  
25 yds. Junior: 1 MacDonald (S); 2 Lowden (F); 3 Gourley (F); 4 Ross (L).

**Backstroke:**

100 yds. Senior: 1 Sneddon (N); 2 Gordon (S); 3 Porter (S); 4 Holden (L).  
Middle: 1 Powrie (S); 2 Reid (N); 3 Menzies (L); 4 Bennet (S).  
50 yds. Junior: 1 MacDonald (S); 2 Robertson (R); 3 Willox (L); 4 Milne (S).

**Breastroke:**

100 yds. Senior: 1 Sneddon (N); 2 Locke (L); 3 Bird (S); 4 Green (N).  
Middle: 1 McLeod (R); 2 Baxter (F); 3 Pearson (S); 4 Green (N).  
50 yds. Junior: 1 MacDonald (S); 2 Shannon (F); 3 Lowden (F); 4 Robertson (R).

**Freestyle Relays:**

Senior 4×50 yds.: 1 Simpson; 2 Nicol; 3 Freeland; 4 Ruthven; 5 Leburn.  
Middle 4×50 yds.: 1 Nicol; 2 Simpson; 3 Leburn; 4 Ruthven; 5 Freeland.  
Junior 4×25 yds.: 1 Simpson; 2 Ruthven; 3 Freeland; 4 Leburn; 5 Nicol.

**Medley Relays:**

Senior 4×50 yds.: 1 Nicol; 2 Simpson; 3 Freeland; 4 Leburn; 5 Ruthven.  
Middle 4×50 yds.: 1 Nicol; 2 Simpson; 3 Ruthven; 4 Freeland; 5 Leburn.  
Junior 4×25 yds.: 1 Ruthven; 2 Simpson; 3 Leburn; 4 Freeland; 5 Nicol.

Open 6×50 yds.: 1 Nicol; 2 Simpson; 3 Ruthven; 4 Freeland; 5 Leburn.

**Points:**

- 1 Simpson 127.
- 2 Nicol 88
- 3 Ruthven 58.
- 4 Freeland 47.
- 5 Leburn 36.

**Victores Ludorum:**

Senior: Sneddon (N).  
Middle: Powrie (S).  
Junior: MacDonald (S).

## TENNIS

The indifferent season was not helped by the bad weather. At the start of the season we lost at home to Gordonstoun (2-6) and to Morrison's (4-5), both of which schools give a higher priority to tennis than we do. Thereafter, competing on more or less level terms, we came out about all-square. We lost at home to Fettes (1-7) and away to Merchiston (3-6), both of which matches would have been closer but for a regrettable failure in temperament, and we beat Loretto (5-3) and Glenalmond (5-0), both away and both played during thunderstorms.

The team consisted of A. W. Lawson (capt.), G. I. Brown, J. A. Hay, G. P. McHarg, J. H. Shedden and R. D. Buchanan.

The house competition was won by Freeland. During the competition it was tantalising, as no doubt it is at other similar schools, to see the amount of obvious talent denied to tennis by the charms of other activities. As long as the tennis players consist of a handful of boys with natural ability and a mass with little knack for any ball-game, the standard must remain rather low; but the new indoor court generously donated by Mr. Ramsay (O.S.) of the firm that built the Sports Hall may help a bit next year.

The singles competition was won by G. I. Brown who beat J. A. Hay in the final.

W.N.M.

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*The President of the Strathallian Club.*



## THE PRESIDENT — 1971/72

Watson Linton younger brother of former Club President Dunlop Linton was at Strathallan from 1938 to 1942.

After leaving school he went to St. Andrews University on a R.A.F. Scholarship to study Arts and then into the Royal Air Force. After completing preliminary training in the United Kingdom he trained as a pilot in South Africa and was awarded his wings in 1945. He transferred to the Royal Air Force Regiment and served for a year as a Flight Commander in Palestine.

After demobilisation in 1947 he took a Business Administration Course at the Commercial College and in 1952 joined J. & P. Coats Limited. He held appointments in Sales, and Management Services and was at one time responsible for computer development in the Company's Overseas Subsidiaries. He is now responsible for Management Development in the Coats Paton Group of Companies.

Watson retained his school interest in rugby after leaving the Air Force and joined West of Scotland Rugby Club where he played in the 1st and 2nd XVs for five years. He was also a member of the management committee of West of Scotland for many years. His present recreation is golf and he is a member of Troon Golf Club.

Watson and his wife Joan live at West Kilbride where they moved recently. They have three boys of whom the two eldest are at Strathallan.

## AGM and Annual Dinner

The 38th Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Station Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, 27th November, 1971 at 6 p.m.

The President, Iain A. Headrick, was in the Chair, and the meeting was attended by 25 members.

Seventy-one new Life Members were elected to the Club, and the Council's Report and Accounts were approved.

E. Watson Linton was elected as President of the Club for the ensuing year, and R. Alister Bird was elected as Vice-President. The Club welcomed Eric McK. Watt as the new Club representative on the Board of Governors.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Station Hotel following the A.G.M., and was attended by 114 Strathallians and their quests. Dr. Ian D. MacIntosh, M.A., LL.D., a former Headmaster of Fettes College proposed the toast to the Club and School in an entertaining manner. He spoke of the emergence of Strathallan School as a top public school, and complimented the editors of the Magazine for not being taken up with either fund raising or sick poems. He discussed the values of Public Schools and their training in graduated responsibility which prevented pupils from being "negatively occupied in comfort"!

The President presented the Angling and Golf Trophies, and in replying on behalf of the Club said how deeply the Club and School would miss John Hall. He spoke of his year in office and the pleasure which he had derived from it.

The Headmaster's reply on behalf of the School, paid tribute to the late John Hall and to the 40 years service to the School of Archie Doig who was retiring. He spoke of the new Sports Centre in the course of construction, and of the generous grant from the Gannochy Trust. His witty reply was thoroughly enjoyed.

A. Alister Bird, the new Vice-President, proposed the toast to the guests, and the reply by D. Eric Munro was loudly applauded.

The President closed the proceedings by handing the Chain of Office to the new President, E. Watson Linton.

## **Dinner Dance**

The Annual Dinner Dance was held on Friday, 21st January, 1971 in the Central Hotel. Attendance was slightly down on last year, but, nevertheless the function was immensely enjoyable and Roger Eason was a highly successful convener.

The 1973 Dance will be held on Friday, 26th January, 1973 in the Excelsior Hotel at Glasgow Airport. Ever rising costs have largely contributed to this move, but the Council hope that the new venue will be an exciting and more economical change, and will cater for a wide range of Strathallian tastes.

Jimmy Dinsmore is the 1973 convener, and both he and the Hon. Secretary hope to be swamped with ticket applications in the New Year!

## **London Branch**

The Annual London Branch Dinner was held on 14th April in the Caledonia Club, Halkin Street. Stewart M. Ritchie was in the Chair, and 30 members and guests including the Headmaster were present. The President also attended the Dinner which he thoroughly enjoyed.

The Branch is always on the look out for new members, and Strathallians moving to London are urged to contact either the Secretary or the Treasurer at the following addresses:

SECRETARY: D. H. Anderson, 194/200 Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2 01.283.6767.

TREASURER: J. W. Linn, 19 Bemish Road, London, S.W.15.

## **Angling Club Report 1971-72**

The Annual Party was held in December at the Maguire's and was the usual success with a good attendance and excellent cuisine. Our thanks to John and Seona for a great evening.

The season opened as usual at Kenmore and was distinguished by the usual lack of fish and an unusual lack of fishers. However, the Loch Awe meeting reversed the position in a most satisfactory manner, the Cup being won by Jimmy Park (much to the relief of the captain who was sitting on an embarrassing hat trick).

At the annual match with the Phoenix, the Strathallians lost narrowly, after a well supported outing with a satisfactory basket of fish to complete the enjoyment.

An outing was held on Loch Fitty at which the new trophy in memory of the late John Hall was competed for, the winner being Bert Gibson by a narrow margin from Ian Henderson.

The evening outing to Loch Leven in June was held under Arctic conditions, but in spite of the danger of frostbite, a fair basket of good quality fish was taken.

The outing against the School at Lake of Monteith was very successful, being a beautiful day with a large turnout, the Old Boys finally winning by a very narrow margin of 7 ozs. on a good basket of fish (there is no truth in the rumour that John Maguire's fish which swung the balance, was paying a second visit to the scales!).

At time of going to press, there is one outing to come at Linlithgow, which we hope will help to distinguish this season as the one with the largest baskets of fish for several years.

## Golf Club

Once again the Club has had an active season, there being reasonable attendances at each outing. In addition a match was arranged against Glenalmond in October, 1971 but unfortunately the result was a whitewash for our principal sporting protagonists. The Club did, however, manage to beat the School in October and a similar outing against the School in May of this year had regrettably to be cancelled. The Autumn meeting at Elie was won by Derek Ovenstone with the unbelievable score of 80 less 17-63.

As an innovation this year, the Spring meeting was held on a week day at Pollok Golf Club in Glasgow. An encouraging turnout of members led to the Johnston Trophy being won by Robin Scott with the score of 82 less 10. It is understood that the winner found considerable difference between golf in the oil fields of Africa and in suburbia of Glasgow. Unfortunately the Johnston Trophy was not presented to the winner since the previous winner's house was burgled.

The Summer meeting at Gleneagles for the Bogie Trophy was won by Gordon Lowden with a score of 70 less 3.

The Club enters each year for the Queen Elizabeth Trophy in Barnton and we look forward to this week-end.

The membership is once again in the region of 60 members most of whom have paid their Annual Subscriptions.

Captain: Ian McEwan.

Secretary: Graham Johnston, 10 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh.

## News of Old Strathallians

- Anderson, J. W. B. (1962-66) has been appointed a Director of a fruit and vegetable import wholesale business in Carlisle.
- Archibald, G. C. H. (1964-69) is a senior Vice-President of the Students Representative Council at St. Andrews University. He has won the applied maths class medals in 1970 and 1971 and has played for the 2nd XV and 2nd Cricket XI.
- Barr, D. (1940-46) has been elected President of Brigg Rotary Club for 1972-73. He enjoys an occasional game of golf with Dr. G. Sandeman (1940-46).
- Barnett, P. (1963-67) has been appointed Managing Editor of Frederick Muller Ltd., and elected a member of the Press Club and Society of Young Publishers.
- Barron, V. A. (1958-63) is now Managing Director of a club for overseas visitors conducting social activities in London and tours across the Continent.
- Baxter, R. F. (1956-59) is leaving Johannesburg to look after J. & P. Coats' East African set-up based in Nairobi. He reports that T. R. Taylor arrived safely in South Africa.
- Bell, F. R. (1957-64) is taking up the post of Assistant Advisory Officer, State of Guernsey, Channel Isles. He holds a Scottish Diploma in Agriculture.
- Biggart, D. D. C. (1961-68) has graduated B.Sc. Pure Science from Aberdeen University. He takes up a management trainee post with Fine Fare Ltd. in September 1972.
- Birnie, G. W. V. (1957-62) has been promoted to Principal Teacher of Biology by Aberdeenshire Education Committee. He was married in April, 1971.
- Carnegie, D. L. (1965-68) graduated from Newcastle University in 1971 with a 2nd class honours degree in Sociology and Social Administration. He is now a Housemaster at a school in Hastings.
- Carver, G. A. R. (1958-64) has been appointed Franchise Development Manager, Dunlop Canada Ltd.
- Clark, B. G. (1956-64) is in practice as a Dental Surgeon in Brighton, Sussex.
- Clark, M. G. (1961-65) has reached the end of his second year at Jesus College, Cambridge, where he is studying for a Ph.D. in History.
- Cook, A. S. (1956-60) has become a founder member of the 'Not Quite Perfect' Golfing Society.
- Dale, R. G. (1967-71) has completed his first year at the West of Scotland Agricultural College.
- Davidson, J. F. (1961-65) is shortly leaving the R.A.F. He was the organiser and leader of the R.A.F. Iceland Expedition in August 1972.
- Dawson, M. I. M. (1960-65) is living in Durban, South Africa. He is playing 1st XV Club Rugby and working in the Accounts Department of a Correspondence College. He occasionally sees D. Currie, S. Eriksen and I. K. Lamont, and hopes to pay a visit to this country next year.
- Drysdale, R. C. G. (1961-65) has completed a year's training at Moray House, and is taking up an appointment as an assistant master to teach History at West Buckland School in Devon.

- Eason, R. S. (1950-54) was appointed a Director of Croggan and Co. Ltd., Wire Merchants in April, 1972.
- Eastwood, I. (1952-56) was appointed Engineering Services Manager with Federation Chemicals Ltd. in Port of Spain, Trinidad in 1969. He is occasionally in contact with Harry Bushe (1939-44). He hopes that any Strathallians passing through will contact him at 659/2221 or 2543.
- Eriksen, S. S. (1964-69) is living in Durban, South Africa and was married in February, 1972.
- Fairbairn, D. M. (1961-66) has graduated LL.B. and has completed his 3rd year C.A. exams. He is to be married in October, 1972.
- Fleming, A. J. (1959-64) has been seconded by I.C.I. Ltd. to I.C.I. Australia Ltd. for a 3 year period.
- Fleming, T. (1966-70) has reached the end of his 2nd year at the Edinburgh School of Agriculture.
- Gjertsen, R. R. B. (1935-37) is now R.N. Fleet Dental Surgeon and Command Dental Surgeon, Plymouth.
- Gordon, G. G. H. (1955-60) is still working for United Dominions Trust in London. He informs us that I. S. Gray (1954-61) has been deported to Australia and would like any Strathallians in that country to contact him at Slater Walker (Australia) Ltd., Norwich House, 6 O'Connell Street, Sydney, 2000. He also gives news of A. M. Pate (1954-61) and T. R. Taylor (1956-61) and reports that I. H. W. Jones (1954-61) is alive and well, living in Glasgow.
- Gemmell, R. J. (1959-65) is teaching near Titchfield, Hants.
- Grant, P. M. (1955-62) was appointed Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Electrical Engineering of Edinburgh University on 1st August, 1971.
- Hubbard, T. F. (1964-69) has reached Senior Honours in English at Aberdeen University. He won the class prize in 1970/71.
- Henderson, R. M. (1958-65) qualified as a solicitor in January, 1972 and has been appointed an assistant in the office of the Solicitor to the Secretary of State for Scotland. He was married in September, 1970.
- Ingram, J. D. D. (1966-70) has completed his first year at Leicester University. He spent most of last year working on a kibbutz in Israel.
- Keech, J. R. (1959-64) is spending a year at the European Institute for Business Administration (INSEAD) in Fontainebleau, France.
- King, K. B. (1963-68) has been appointed a resident master at Hurworth House School, Darlington.
- Lamont, I. K. (1959-64) is now working as an Investment Analyst with Stockbrokers, Ivor Jones & Co., Johannesburg, S.A.
- Lewis, I. D. (1966-70) has completed his first year at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.
- Lochtie, I. M. (1948-53) has been appointed a Director of J. H. Minet & Co. (Australia) Pty. Ltd., the Australian subsidiary of the world-wide Lloyd's and General Insurance Broking Group, Minet Holdings Ltd., London. He has lived in Brisbane with his wife and three children for the last six years. Prior to that he was in Sydney, Melbourne, Edinburgh and Glasgow. Any Strathallian visiting Brisbane can contact him at G.P.O. Box 1755, Brisbane.
- Lunan, T. K. (1964-71) has completed his first year exam in Law and Sociology at Leicester University.
- Macfie, J. (1963-68) has completed his 3rd year at Dundee University where he is studying Biochemistry (Hons.).
- Millar, W. S. H. (1965-69) is at the South Shields Marine and Technical College where he obtained the Royal Life Saving Society's distinction.



- Moffat, J. T. (1964-69) is in his 3rd year at Strathclyde University where he is studying Biochemistry. He became the Ayrshire Golf Champion and is Captain of the Scottish Universities Golf Team.
- MacMillan, J. W. (1924-32) is Chairman of the British Racing and Sports Car Club (Scottish Div.). He is a member of the Scottish Motor Racing Club and would be interested to hear from anyone interested in sponsoring a Race or Race Meeting at Ingliston.
- McInnes, J. M. (1953-57) is Senior Lecturer in Management Control and Director of the Doctoral Programme, Manchester Business School, University of Manchester. He was married in 1965 and now has three children, James, John and Jennifer.
- McGregor, J. (1934-37) is presently employed by Scottish Pulp and Paper Mill, Corpach, near Fort William.
- McIntyre, J. O. (1962-69) is at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, where he is studying for a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology. He was married on 12th August, 1972.
- McIlveen, E. D. H. (1945-50) is a Sales Manager with Shell Retail in Northern Ireland.
- Ormerod, D. M. (1966-67) has completed his first year at Bedford College, London University, where he is reading 'Dutch and German'. He informs me that his brother Ormerod, J. I. (1965-71) has completed his first year at Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he is reading Law.
- Parker, J. L. W. (1956-61) is now Medical Registrar at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. He has passed his M.R.C.P. examinations and is still playing rugby and cricket for Kelvinside Accies.
- Paterson, N. D. L. (1955-61) was appointed Group Operations Manager, Malawi Hotels Ltd., based in Blantyre, Malawi, in October 1971. In July 1972 he was transferred to a similar position with Coastal Hotels Ltd. in Dar-es-Salaam. He is due for home leave in December 1972.
- Paterson, D. N. (1942-47) has now returned to this country on retirement from the Forest Research Institute in Malawi, Central Africa. He is now living at the Old Bank, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire. He met Ian McLaughlan (1940-47) in Malawi and tells us that he has now retired from his veterinary practice in Rhodesia and is working in the Veterinary Dept., Govt. of Malawi.
- Peacock, J. G. (1956-62) is Hotel Projects Adviser, Scottish and Newcastle Breweries Ltd. He tells us that there is a new Thistle Hotel in Birmingham called the Strathallan Hotel which he hopes will be patronised by Strathallians.
- Ritchie, D. M. (1957-63) is an assistant company secretary with Cutty Sark (U.K. Scotch Whisky) Ltd. He is undertaking a 3 year course in management studies.
- Roger, T. F. (1941-44) has returned to Montreal, Canada, after 3 years in Bombay as Director and Chief Electrical Engineer of Montreal Engineering International Ltd.
- Rodger, R. A. (1966-71) has reached his 2nd year at Dundee University where he is studying medicine. He informs us that J. H. McLaughlan is studying the same course and is in his year. W. Locke is in his 1st year also studying medicine.
- Roselle, S. R. (1954-60) is now employed by South Carolina Public Service Authority on the construction of a new power plant.
- Ross, I. C. (1958-64) is now on a Buccaneer tour with the R.A.F. in Germany. He informs us that his father J. B. Ross (1924-30) has now retired from the R.A.F. and is living overseas.
- Scott, R. H. (1955-63) is still working for Shell in Nigeria. He informs us that his brother John (1956-60) is still tea planting in Assam, India.

- Shannon, D. (1940-46) is now working for the Department of Veterinary Science, University of Makerere, P.O. Box 7062, Kampala, Uganda.
- Simpson, W. D. (1942-47) is now a Senior Engineer with B.A.C. Ltd., Stevenage.
- Smith, R. B. (1955-60) is farming at Dunnymuck, Girvan. He and his wife Helen have two children, a daughter born in 1968 and a son born in 1970.
- Smith, R. M. (1955-62) now holds the rank of Captain and has been posted to the Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill, where he will attend a long gunnery course for a year.
- Taylor, J. D. (1961-68) graduated LL.B. in June, 1971 from Edinburgh University. He has now passed Part IV of the examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.
- Thomson, D. K. (1925-27) is the Hon. Sheriff of Perth. He was appointed a Director of Scottish Transport Group on 1st January, 1972 and is to be congratulated on receiving the C.B.E. in the New Year Honours.
- Tingsabadh, C. (1964-67) is reading for a Ph.D. at Birmingham University.
- Trusdale, T. N. W. (1960-66) was Captain of Glasgow University Cricket Team and the Scottish Universities' XI this year.
- Tulloch, P. J. (1958-63) has been promoted to Contracts Manager with Bovis Ltd.
- Wallace, G. G. (1961-66) has gained a Diploma in Architecture at Dundee.
- Wallace, D. R. P. (1961-66) has completed his final year of Hotel and Catering Administration at Surrey University. He takes up a post with Strand Hotels Ltd., in September.
- Wallace, N. F. (1962-67) is an assistant quantity surveyor with Cyril Sweett & Partners, Basingstoke.
- Wardhaugh, D. R. (1955-62) has been assumed as a Partner in D. Wardhaugh & Son, Chartered Surveyors and Land Agents, Forfar.
- Whitton, D. J. (1937-41) gained a Higher Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics in August 1971. With effect from September 1972, he takes up the post of Australian Education Adviser to the Government of Zambia in Lusaka.
- Wilson, P. M. (1962-68) has graduated B.Sc. (Hons) from St. Andrews University. He is now going to study Public Health Engineering at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

## Engagements

- Carver, C. G. (1961-67) to Miss Carol Hope, Omaha, Munro Drive East, Helensburgh.
- Clark, M. G. (1961-65) to Miss Patricia Wilson, Old Toll Manse, Perth.
- Crawford, B. J. F. (1963-68) to Miss Patricia M. Jackson.
- Davidson, J. F. (1961-65) to Miss K. C. Bain, The Schoolhouse, Kingussie, Inverness-shire.
- Keech, J. R. (1959-64) to Mlle. Irène Carteron, 15 Avenue d'Orsay, Paris, 7e.
- Linn, J. W. (1956-61) to Miss Fiona M. Cameron, 20 Harcourt Terrace, London, S.W.10.
- Melville, W. B. (1958-66) to Miss H. Jean Kerr, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Moodie, I. A. G. (1962-68) to Miss Susan Lumley-Brown, Mont Feland, Jersey.
- Shepherd, P. J. (1958-63) to Miss Anne Balson of Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

## Marriages

- Bayne, S. M. (1951-57) to Miss Linda Waldie, Cupar, Fife.
- Bell, D. M. R. (1958-66) to Dr. R. Slaughter on 19th July, 1972.
- Booth, A. J. (1961-64) to Mairi M. McPherson on 28th April, 1972 at Alloway Parish Church.
- Fraser, E. A. (1955-60) to Miss Ruth Ann Milne, 208 Nithsdale Road, Glasgow, on 19th May, 1972.
- Galloway, W. R. (1958-60) to Miss Melanie Frances Hoar in Vancouver on 9th September, 1971.
- Gardner, A. W. (1960-67) to Miss Kate Ladson on 5th June, 1971.
- Gordon, G. G. H. (1955-60) to Miss Hilary Claire O'Neill in February 1972.
- Peacock, J. G. (1956-62) to Miss M. A. Briggs on 27th April, 1972.
- Shannon, D. (1940-46) to Miss Dorothy Dick in October, 1971.
- Turner, D. I. (1955-62) to Miss Patricia A. L. Hardie on 22nd October, 1971.
- Wallace, M. F. (1962-67) to Miss Eleanor G. Sturrock on 29th April, 1972.
- Wilson, P. M. (1962-68) to Miss Sarah Baenhill, South Carolina on 9th September, 1972.

## Births

- Aitken, I. M. (1953-58). On 10th July, 1971 to Mr. and Mrs. Iain Aitken, 6 Carolside Avenue, Clarkston, Glasgow, twin sons—Andrew Robertson and Gordon Montgomery.
- Bell, F. R. (1957-64). On 1st July, 1971 to Mr and Mrs. F. R. Bell, c/o Caputh Manse, Murthly, Perthshire, a daughter, Catriona Elspeth. The Christening was held in the School Chapel on 22nd December, 1971.
- Clark, D. (1958-63). On 25th October, 1971 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clark, George Hotel, Inverary, a son, Christopher.
- Cook, A. S. (1956-60). On 14th May, 1972 to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Cook, 21 Albert Drive, Helensburgh, a son, A. Cameron, a brother for Katie.
- Eason, R. S. (1950-54). On 18th October, 1971 to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Eason, 67 Beech Avenue, Newton Mearns, Renfrewshire, a son, Richard Gilmour.
- Fleming, A. J. (1959-64). On 28th March, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan J. Fleming, c/o 81 Longstamps Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex, a daughter, Sharon Elizabeth.
- Marshall, J. R. (1957-61). On 18th January, 1971 to Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall, Duncrub Park, Dunning, a son, Andrew James Kerr.
- MacCallum, D. S. (1950-57). On 27th May, 1972 to Dr. and Mrs. D. S. MacCallum, 31 South Drive, Chorltonville, Manchester 21, a daughter, Susan Jane.
- MacKenzie, D. F. (1942-47). On 26th May, 1972 to Mr. and Mrs. D. F. MacKenzie, Pantiles, Gosford Road, Longniddry, East Lothian, a daughter, Philippa, a sister for Kevin.
- Parker, J. L. W. (1956-61). On 21st September, 1971 to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. W. Parker, 50 Kelvin Drive, Glasgow G20 8QN, a son, Alister Scott Wilson.
- Peters, R. S. (1957-62). On 24th February, 1971 to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Peters, Wester Kerse, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, a son, Simon.
- Roselle, S. R. (1954-60). On 23rd December, 1971 to Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Roselle, 106 Setter Lane, Summerville, S.C. 29483, U.S.A., a daughter, Laura Jean.
- Ross, K. I. R. (1956-62). On 6th June, 1972 to Mr. and Mrs. K. I. R. Ross, Ridderkleiva 34, 1370 Aske, Norway, a daughter

- Scott, R. H. (1955-63). On 8th April, 1972 to Mr. and Mrs. Robin Scott, c/o Clevans Hill, Bridge of Weir, a daughter, Jennifer Ann, their second child.
- Shepherd, W. N. (1956-60). On 5th August, 1971 to Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Shepherd, of 16 Silloth Place, Cullencoats, Northumberland, a son, Nicholas James.
- Sinclair, D. B. (1957-60). On 10th January, 1972 to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sinclair of East Dron, Bridge of Earn, a son, Andrew Jamie.
- Smith, R. M. (1955-62). On 17th July, 1970 to Captain and Mrs. R. M. Smith, 3RHA Kirklee Barracks, Colchester, a son, Alexander.
- Wardhaugh, D. R. (1955-62). On 16th August, 1971 to Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Wardhaugh, Crianaig, Roundyhill, Forfar, a son, Graeme David Crombie.

## Deaths

- Binnie, Dr. M. (1932-39) of Beech Tree Cottage, The Priory, Burnham, Bucks. Suddenly at home on 21st May, 1972.
- Cowper, H. K. (1926-30) in Adelaide, Australia in 1969.
- Duncan, W. M. (1940-47). October 1971.
- Grandison, G. P. (1960-66) of 5 Boglily Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife, on 20th September, 1971.
- Harrison, R. N. (1957-62) of 27 Blandford Road, Teddington, Middlesex, as a result of a drowning accident in April, 1972.
- Robertson, A. M. (1921-24) of 75 Warrender Park Road, Edinburgh, on 12th September, 1971.
- Shanks, W. M. (1921-27) of Viewfield, Denny, Stirlingshire, on 3rd October, 1971.
- Stewart Smith, J. C. (1961-66) at Cambridge on 13th April, 1972.

## Errata

- Stuart, M. M. (1959-66). The death of Malcolm M. Stuart was unfortunately announced in the 1971 issue of the magazine. Malcolm is happily alive and well and living at 15 Braemar Road, Leamington-Spa. The Hon. Secretary regrets any distress caused.

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