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### Annual Breakfast

with Guest Speaker John Silvester, “Australian Journalist of the Year”

*Date . . . . . This Friday, 23 May 2008*

*Time . . . . . 7.00 am to 8.30 am*

*Venue . . . . . Boykett Room, Cardinal Pavilion*

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*Dates. . . . . To be Advised*

*Venue . . . . . Watch this Space*

### 3-on-3 Competition/Old Boys Match/Presentation

*Dates. . . . . Tuesday, 5 August 2008*

*Time . . . . . 4.00 pm to 10.00 pm*

*Venue . . . . . Upper Gym, Glenn Centre*

### Years 8 and 9 New Zealand Tour

*Postponed until further notice.*

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# MATCH REPORTS FOR 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008, ROUND 4

## 1sts 37 defeated Xavier 27

The **Scotch Firsts** headed into the weekend with a 1-2 record after dropping a hard fought match to **Melbourne Grammar** last week. **Xavier** would be the next challenge for **Scotch** as they would look to reach the even mark on their record. **Xavier** initiated the action as **Scotch** came out flat and gave up several early fouls and second chance points. After a wholesale substitution, the bench ignited **Scotch** and they began to match **Xavier's** intensity. **Alex Linossier** and **Ben Hanley** led the offensive attack for **Scotch** scoring 6 and 3 points respectively. The aggressive defence from **Charlie Hancock**, **Nick Wilson** and **Richard Allen** proved to be the difference in the first half. After trailing by as much as 8 points, **Scotch** would trail 16-15 at the halftime break.



The second half showed a much more enthusiastic **Scotch** side, but with a one-point lead **Xavier** seemed to increase their intensity to ensure their chances for the victory. With **Hayden Cox-Walker** in foul trouble for most of the game, **Ben Allison** took over the responsibility of shutting down **Xavier's** leading scorer and Vic Metro State representative player. **Linossier** and **Lowe** did an excellent job of taking away **Xavier's** inside presence. **Captain Jim Mollison** sparked **Scotch** with 4 points in a stretch of the game which saw three lead changes on three possessions, but the last would give **Scotch** the lead for good. **Cameron Lowe** would score 7 points in the half to keep **Scotch** ahead, but clutch foul shooting from **Charlie Hancock** put the game away. **Scotch** would hold **Xavier** to a modest 11 points in the second half and run away 37-27 winners.

(Scotch scoring: Cameron Lowe 9, Alex Linossier 8, Ben Hanley 6, Charlie Hancock 4, Jim Mollison 4, Nick Wilson 4, and Richard Allen 2)

*Coach Randy Shanklin, Scotch Firsts*



## APS First's results and ladder - Round 4 – 17 May

WC 55	def	SKC 50
CAUL 46	def	HC 45
SC 37	def	XC 27
MGS 49	def	CAREY 32

BOYS BASKETBALL (1sts)				Points	Points		Points	Place
	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%		
CAUL	4	4	-	244	154	158.44	8	
HC	4	3	1	241	158	152.53	6	
MGS	4	3	1	166	150	110.66	6	
SKC	4	2	2	213	165	129.09	4	
WC	4	2	2	193	187	103.21	4	
SC	4	2	2	152	157	96.82	4	
XC	4	-	4	126	226	55.75	-	
CAREY	4	-	4	131	269	48.70	-	

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### 2nds 38 defeated Xavier 23

The opening half saw both teams trading baskets back and forth and a close contest look to be on the cards. However, in the second half, to the scotch boy's credit they made a concerted effort to improve their defensive intensity and offensively "...take what the defense was giving them". As a result of implementing these strategies **Scotch** took an early 10 point lead at the beginning of the 2nd half. Scotch continued its impressive play in the 2nd half and was never headed, cruising to a comfortable victory.

*Coach Andrew Harms*

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### 3rds 66 defeated Wesley 17

The Thirds played **Wesley** on Saturday and had a blinder 66 - 17.

**Scotch** dominated the game in all aspects against little opposition. We started the game with a full court press and quickly scored 20 points to be forced into a zone defence through the mercy rule. At half time we were 24 to 0 - the challenge to the team was to double their score in the second half which they did easily. The team played very well combining well together and putting into practice many of the plays we had discussed. Best players were **Michael Collins** 24 points, **James Fitchett** 14 points, **Will McLean** 16 points. All players made an excellent contribution. Well done

*Coach Mark Mason*



### 4ths Gold 32 defeated Caulfield Grammar 23

With the early start and only five players, the team knew they would have to work hard. The first half was fast, with a lot of turnovers but few scoring opportunities. The half time score of 14 to 10 had **Scotch** up by four.

**Scotch** maintained its high work rate and their shots began to drop. **Callum Maxwell** (9 points) and **Roy Chan** were outstanding at stealing the ball and creating more scoring opportunities. **Derek Yu**, in the role of centre, stopped **Caulfield** taking second chance shots while **Simon Black** (10 points) and **Jack Naughton** (9 points) kept our score ticking over.

I was very proud of this team's effort, team spirit and determination. A well fought win.

*Coach Renee Hill*

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### 4ths Red 29 defeated Wesley 20

For the first 5 minutes **Scotch** was on fire, leading 10 – 0 with a few fast breaks. **Wesley** gradually crawled their way back and at half time were only 4 points away from **Scotch**. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half was very close the whole way throughout, however, **Scotch** managed to tighten their defence, get on top of the rebounds, and throw a few “long bombs” for the fast break. With some good steals and goals from **Jack Marks** and **Alfred Chu**, we broke away in the last 5 minutes and ended up 9 points up on **Wesley**. A great game to watch and another top effort from the 4ths red.

*Coach Sam Miller*

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### 5ths Gold

No report.

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### 5ths Red 59 defeated Wesley 29

With the help of 3 boys from the 4ths, the 5ths had a very strong side. **Scotch's** defence wasn't all that great, letting **Wesley** find a few gaps to shoot, but no matter how much **Wesley** scored, **Scotch** hit them back even harder, and came out on top by a massive 30 points. The boys played very well as a team.

*Coach Sam Miller*

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## 10 A 25 defeated by Xavier 32

The 10As paid dearly for a slow start as they allowed **Xavier** to jump them and get out to an early lead, and were unable to close the gap despite an improved effort in the second half. Early foul trouble for **Oscar Davies** and **Phil Peters** had them on the back foot and although the defensive pressure was there, poor passing and even worse shooting was the story of the first half, with **Scotch** struggling to a miserable 9 points and an 11 point deficit at half time. A sweet 3-pointer from **Ben Foster** (17 points) gave **Scotch** some early momentum in the second half. **Ben** was clearly **Scotch's** best and almost single-handedly got **Scotch** back into the game with a big second half, with help from **Tom Matthews** who scored 7 crucial second-half points, but despite having plenty of opportunities, not enough of their team mates were able to convert opportunities to close the gap. The final margin of 7 looked very small when the turnovers and missed shots were recalled, and the team left ruing a lost opportunity against a team they were certainly capable of beating.

*Team Manager Neale Peters*

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## 10B 27 defeated by Wesley 29

It was a more consistent effort from the 10Bs this week as **Scotch** and **Wesley** fought out a close and exciting game in which the lead changed several times and either side could have won. **Nathanael Levonian** (6 pts) and **Jonathan Chen** (8 pts) gave plenty of run and pace, and **Jens Seibert** (6 pts) added a spark in an excellent effort in his first game up from the Cs. **Bryson Jacks** (13 pts) shot well and looked dangerous all game, and **Spencer Smith** gave his usual determined effort before being fouled out late in the game. **Tommy Jackson** and **Keinan Toh** worked hard through the key. A much better effort from the Bs who were a little unlucky not to come away with a win.

*Team Manager Neale Peters*

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## 10C Red 20 defeated by Xavier 20

Again the **Scotch** boys had to start with four players against a very strong **Xavier** team. Late in the second half we had 5 players but it wasn't enough to overcome the quality defence of the **Xavier** team. **Will** used his size and strength effectively to pull down many rebounds and **Leonard** penetrated the defence very well, creating opportunities for himself and team mates. However **Scotch** let themselves down with there passing, numerous times the ball was turned over and a fast break was created down the other end.

*Coach Dan Nelson*

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## 10C Gold 14 defeated by Caulfield Grammar 29

It was disappointing that **Scotch** once again only had 4 players turn up, as the opposition was probably a team **Scotch** could've beaten with a five players. In the first half the **Scotch** boys managed to stay within 6 points of the **Caulfield** team, however as the game went on the boys tired and the lead grew. **Scotch** had a lot more shots than the **Caulfield** team, but shot at a very low percentage. Well done to the boy who turned up, **Stuart, Andy, Callum and Tom,**

*Coach Dan Nelson*

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### **9A defeated by Xavier**

Our team had a tough challenge ahead of them on Saturday when they had to match up against a very big and talented Xavier team. The boys put in a brave effort, but unfortunately went down by 28 points. I was proud of their performance. They showed great character and didn't give up at all during the game. We had some good performances from our players, and everyone was disappointed to have that overshadowed by such a big loss.

*Coach Matt Shanahan*

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### **9B defeated by Xavier**

Our second match up for Saturday was against **Xavier** again. After having already been defeated by them in our previous match, the boys were hoping to redeem themselves.

Going down by 10 points, we weren't sure what was in the water at **Xavier**, but we decided we wouldn't mind a bit of their height on our team!

We had some outstanding performances by **Jonathan Chow** and **Francis Ha**. These boys were both aggressive offensively and didn't hesitate to take it right at **Xavier**.

In conclusion, I was proud of the performances of both the 9A and 9B Boys teams, and everyone is continuing to improve at each training session. A tough weekend, but one that will prepare us for some of the battles yet to come.



*Coach Matt Shanahan*

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### **9C Red drew with Xavier 20 apiece**

There were a few changes to the rosters this week in an attempt to balance out the red and blue teams. The slightly changed red team did very well against **Xavier** having led the entire game until the final few minutes. **Xavier** made a very strong push in the last five minutes of play to tie the game at 20 but **Scotch** was able to hold them until full time resulting in a draw. The 9C Red team worked very well together and mounted some very good defensive and offensive plays. The high scorers for the game were **Daffy** and **Bolt**. This was a very promising improvement.

*Coach Dan Belluz*

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## 9C Blue 27 defeated Wesley 16

The team trekked out to Glen Waverley to play a St Kilda campus **Wesley** team who could only field 2 starters by match time. A scratch match ensued until 2 more Wesley players arrived 20 minutes late. The match then reverted to a **Scotch** vs. **Wesley** match. 9C Blues were playing the first time with a new team mix and it was good to see the teamwork blossom as play progressed. **Andrew Hopkins** was on fire scoring 13 points while **Alex Karklins** was prolific as well scoring 8 with including a freakish shot reminiscent of last week. **Paul, Danny** and **Albert** also contributed to the final score with **Savada** and **Jonathan** backing up with good ball skills around the court. **Scotch** won with final scores being **Wesley 16 to Scotch 27**. Well done boys!

*Coach Dr Jackie Handley*

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## 8A vs St Kevins

Right from the start **Scotch** played great team basketball. Again though we missed some easy shots but were lucky that defence didn't allow **St Kevins** to score easy buckets. Big fellas **James** and **Ed** again played well for **Scotch** with **Alex Fejer** playing a great all round game making smart decisions both on offense and defence.

*Coach Adam Nener*



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## 8B vs Xavier

This game was another story. From the start this game was going to be tough. The **Scotch** boys started with some easy missed baskets and that set the tone for the rest of the game. Confidence was down and **Xavier** saw this and never looked back. Full court pressure was next on the agenda and the **Scotch** boys made a few loose passes. To **Xaviers'** credit they played really well and the difference between the two teams is we missed some easy shots and Xavier made theirs. Look forward to bouncing back in our next game boys.

*Coach Adam Nener*



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## 8C Blue 22 defeated by 8C Red 30

**Scotch 8C Blue 22 defeated by Scotch 8C Red 30 points (This was an internal game)**

Congratulations to the 4x 8C Blue boys who fronted to play the 5x Red players on Friday after school. It was a fairly even game and played with great enthusiasm. **Jay Kashyap** and **Lloyd Tarrant** scored the most points. **David Rizkalla** enjoyed some good drives under the basket and scored 4 points. Thanks to **Onye Ugochukwu** (9SS) for volunteering to do the scoring.

**Note: Training for all 8C players on Wed at lunchtime.**

*Coach: Jeff Watson*

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## 8C Gold 10 defeated Caulfield Grammar 0 by Forfeit

It was an enthusiastic **Scotch** outfit that made their way the Glenn Centre ready and eager to take on the always-strong **Caulfield Grammar**. Unfortunately, **Caulfield** was only able to conjure up a single player for the first 10 minutes of the game, which led to an automatic walkover, handing the victory to **Scotch**. Fortunately (whilst still 15 minutes late) another three **Caulfield** players turned up and despite the victory already in **Scotch's** hands a friendly match was able to take place. This scratch match highlighted the dominance of the 8c Gold team as they didn't allow the unpunctual **Caulfield** team to use the ball to their advantage at all. Whilst there is always work to do the 8c Gold's showed that their unselfish nature can overcome any obstacle. A special mention must go to **Josh Wibowo** who held out his hand to play for the enemy to even out the numbers.

*Coach Matt Danos*

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## 7A 43 - XC 16

Little things count in Basketball as in life. A made foul shot can win a game; a good pass can make all the difference; a decision to pass away rather than dribble the ball can mean the difference between success and disappointment. There are many things that make Basketball a great game to play: it requires **fitness**, **stamina**, and **power**. Basketball is a great game for **thinkers** who accept the challenge and outsmart their opponents. They do not always succeed but, as your granddaddy used to say: *'If you never fell over you never tried to walk.'* He was a wise man, your granddaddy.

The Scotch 7s trained well this week and **Coach Hortin** anticipated a close and fearsome encounter with the much heralded **Kostka** team from Barkers Road. The game started well, in the traditional manner of an old fashioned arm wrestle! Up and down, up and down. A basket here and a basket there but, slowly, slowly we inched ahead. Our defensive pressure increased as **Gallucci**, **Thomson** and **McCraw** met the first assault at the arc. Our big men, **Mulcahy**, **Hall** and **Pang** bumped cutters and deflected inside passes to advantage, and after 10 minutes or so we looked towards a good lead at the break. This was no place for the weak of heart, however, and when **Hall** unleashed a string of 2s we moved into the break ahead **21 - 7**.

There is always a danger in this situation that the leading team starts to relax. That someone will take the foot off the pedal, or think that an easy win will take care of itself. It was very pleasing, therefore, that our players approached the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with fire in their bellies. Like maddened warriors they pushed up, spread across the field of combat, used each other and were relentless in their determination to find the hole. **Aaron Hall** played perhaps his best game this year (**17pts**); **Jin Pang** (**8pts**) was hard to stop inside; **Cam Powell**, **Thomson** and **Gallucci** penetrated effectively and allowed **Pang** and **Mulcahy** to rebound well. **McCraw** and **Heggei** made solid contributions. Above all, we saw the benefit of **pressure** defence, especially when we squeezed Kostka with a full court press.

In the end, we achieved an excellent result that did not reflect Kostka's efforts or ability. They are a good group and have some skilled players, but sometimes a team can only do what their opponents let them do and this was the case today. **Next week**, we play **Wesley** and our future lie in our own hands. **We had moments today where we played as a team and for the team**. This is why we won the game so well. But there is much to do and we have a long and narrow road ahead of us in the high, mountain passes. **There will be storm and fury, snow and dangerous ice, but as one we shall advance, confront every obstacle, until we enter the cauldron and face the dragon.**

*Until then, 'Well played, Scotch!'*

**Coach Rob Hortin**

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## 7B – 40 defeated Carey 8

The 7B team were far too quick for **Carey** and managed to steal the ball countless times. They rebounded very well and all players got on the scoreboard. In the end Scotch were had too much firepower and finished with 40 points compared to **Carey's** 8. Top scorers were **James Atcheson** with 16 and **Gordon Shao** with 10.

**Coach Mike Runchey**

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## 7C Red 26 tied with 7C Blue 26

The Red and Blue teams played against each other and the Blue team got out to an early lead and at halftime looked to be in control of the game. However the Red team fought back hard and slowed the Blue's scoring. The last few minutes were very tense with both teams trading baskets and in the end it was fitting that the teams were all tied up at 26 points.

*Coach Mike Runchey and Coach Sam Miller*

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## 7C Gold 34 defeated Caulfield Grammar 13

Saturday's game saw the boys at home for the final game of the day at 11:50. Facing a much taller **Caulfield** side, the **Scotch** boys rose to the challenge under the leadership of **Aaron Chan**, who scored 14 points in the first half. By half time, **Scotch's** pace and fast breaks had allowed them to have the lead 18-4. **Evan Li** continued to contribute with his hustle defence and **Jae Lee** contributed four points as well as some fundamental rebounding. By the games end **Scotch** had won 34-13, with **Aaron Chan** managing 24 points.

*Coach Nick Allen*

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The **Slam Dunk Club** is the parent support group for basketball at Scotch College and provides support for the staff, coaches and the players throughout the APS basketball season. The committee meets once a month (wine and cheese nights and we have a lot of fun) throughout the playing season as well as a couple of times outside the season.

**Our next meeting** will be held on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at Craig and Sue Hancock's home, 16 Bourne Road, Glen Iris, at 8.00pm. All welcome. Please RSVP to SDC Ian Hancock ([ian.hancock@hancockproperty.com.au](mailto:ian.hancock@hancockproperty.com.au)) if you are able to join us for catering purposes.

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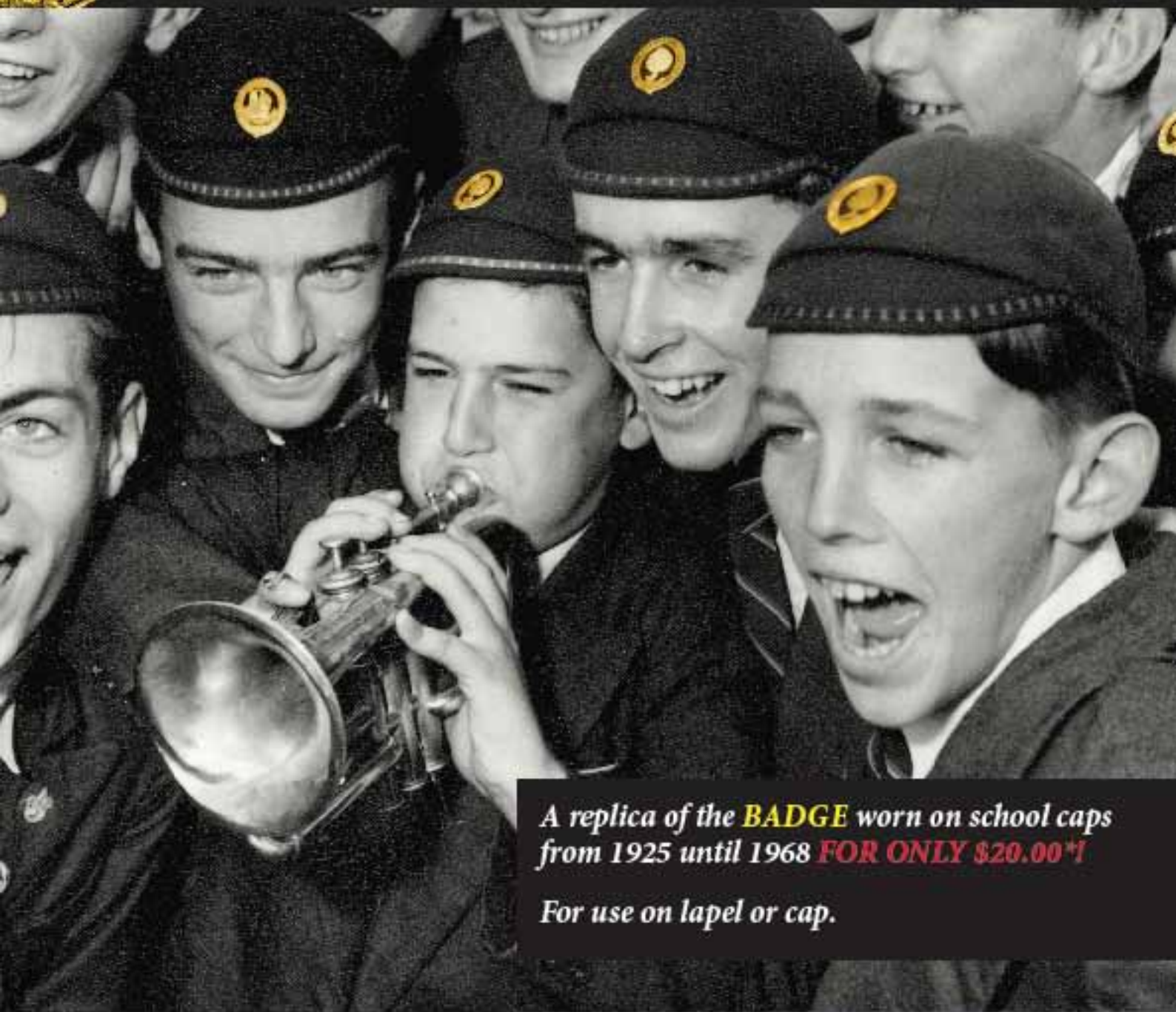
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