



DIARY DATES 2008

Yrs 7 and 8 Skills Camp

Dates Sat 28th June & Sun 29th June, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm
Venue Upper Gym, Glenn Centre
BBQ to follow.

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

**Look out for the next issue of the
Great Shot! after 21st July**

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YRS 7 AND 8 SKILLS CAMP
SATURDAY 28TH AND SUNDAY 29TH JUNE
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BBQ TO FOLLOW
PLEASE SEE **ROB HORTIN FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

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HOLIDAY TRAINING FOR **ALL PLAYERS**
IN **YEARS 9, 10 & OPENS**
WITH 1STS COACH RANDY SHANKLIN

Wednesday 2nd July Scotch, Upper Gym, 10:00am -1:00 pm

Wednesday 9th July Boroondara Sports Centre
10:00am-1:00 pm on court 4.
Melways 46 F5, 271 Belmore Rd Balwyn

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*Congratulations to **Ben Hanley** and **Kile Rogers** who have been selected to represent Scotch at the APS selection trials in August.*

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MATCH REPORTS FOR 21ST JUNE 2008, ROUND 8

A Comfortable Win

Scotch 55 defeated St Kevins 49



Scotch Firsts enjoyed a good win over **St Kevins** last Saturday in what was basically a practice round game due to several APS schools already being on holiday. The team scored well and freely, teamed very well and enjoyed lots of second chances. By half-time, the score was **33 to 23, Scotch's** way.

I thought it might give an opportunity to consider individual players and what they offered this week. **Alex Linossier** was tremendous on rebounds and second efforts, whilst **Charlie Hancock** showed good all court vision and was very useful on the jump for rebounds in defence. **Ben Hanley** led the shooting this week and was aggressive on takes to the basket and finishing through contact, whilst **Kile Rogers** made some great three-point shots, timely steals and played the passing lanes really well. **Ben Allison** on the other hand, showed great anticipation a number of times, was more aggressive offensively and was very good on finishing on the fast break.

Cameron Lowe was good on the second efforts and rebounds and had a soft touch around the basket; a sensational steel and on an up close and personal pass. **Hayden Cox Walker** led our hard-nosed defence and ran the lanes wide and hard, while **James Mollison** played the point guard role really well, gave great on-court leadership and was deadly on the loose balls. **Richard Allen** provided much defensive spark and was great at the jumps and contests and **Matt Jane** from the Seconds worked hard and was good defensively on the rebounds as was **Charlie Ralston**, who was very good offensively and managed a few steals and aggressive drives to the basket.

Firsts Team Manager Warwick Barry



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2nds 28 defeated by St Kevins 38

With both teams trading baskets, a close contest looked to be on the cards. However, **St Kevins** lifted the intensity late in the 1st half and **Scotch** failed to match their physical output. With full court defence providing a problem for **Scotch** at one end and an inability to finish easy scoring opportunities at the other **Scotch** trailed by 10 heading into the second half.

The 2nd half was a mirror of the 1st as **Scotch** simply got out worked at both ends of the floor. Nevertheless, to their credit, with 4 minutes left in the game and trailing by 8 points, **Scotch** strung some possessions together and nearly stole the game from **St Kevins**. It was a case of 'too little too late' as **St Kevins** used the clock to their advantage coming away victors.

Report for Saturday 14th June, 2008

Scotch 48 defeated Haileybury 28

With both teams only fielding 4 players each (due to various school commitments), the game would come down to a test of fitness (no subs). **Scotch** dominated the play at both ends and forced **Haileybury** into bad shoots and numerous turnovers. As a result **scotch** was never headed and cruised to comfortable victory.

Special mention to the three men who logged the full 40 minute contest for **Scotch**, **James Erskine**, **Will Huggett** and **Alex Van Ryn**.

Coach Andrew Harms



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3rds 76 defeated Xavier 20

The **Thirds** had another great win against **Xavier** 76 - 20. The team continues to dominate in defence creating many scoring opportunities. **Scotch** has great balance and the team combines very well together.

Will McLean (14 points), **Ed Dick (7 points)** and **Lachlan White (6 points)** dominated the boards outclassing their opposition and creating many opportunities for the team. **Tom Matthews (9 points)** continues to play tall and his strong defensive play is always an asset. **Tom Miers (10 points)** ran well into offense creating early transition and many scoring opportunities. **James Fitchett** had a great game full of run (**20 points**).

James played his last game with **Scotch** as he is moving to live in Queensland. He has had a great season and his speed and creative play will be missed. I wish him all the best at his new school.

Please watch the notice board for changes to the team and training times.

Coach Mark Mason

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4ths Gold 31 defeated Wesley 20

Wesley were late to arrive and their lack of warm up showed as **Scotch** made it to a 20 to 9 half time lead. **Scotch's** handling of the ball and increased accuracy with passing made the first half a pleasure to watch.

In the second half **Wesley** were more competitive, but the good foundation set by **Scotch's** first half stood them in good stead. **Callum Maxwell** played the essential role of point guard very well and scored **9 points**. Simon Black (10 points) and **Blake Connell (7 points)** also continued to contribute to the success of the team.

Coach Renee Hill

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4ths Red 54 defeated St Kevins 19

A relatively one sided affair with **Scotch** easily accounting for the opposition, the game had two dominant players, **Big Ed** inside and **Aaron**. In the first half **Ed** had many clean baskets and finished the game with **15 points**. **Aaron** had a quiet first half but came out blazing in the second to finish with a game high of **19**. However, all players contributed well, **Will** and **Andrew** played really strong defence, while **Jack** and **Roy** created many steals from some good pressure.

Coach Nick Austin

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5ths Gold 36 defeated 5ths Red 16

"Battle Lost and Won"

What a sad day it was when the "battle was lost and won" - the witches Macbeth, the **Red** showed up but did not show up, they played but did not play, they lost. The **Red** were undermanned at the start and in the end only two players showed up. Two **Gold** players later were lent to their team, **Max Lee** and **Jitain** and the game began, 4 on 4. The **Gold** dominated the field and **Red** lost heart - it was a sad day for **Red**. **Will Wang** became a spent player by half time and aimlessly and lifelessly wandered up and down - and he was **Red's** key scorer. **David Signorino** and **Jitain**, **Will** and **Max** showed some spirit on occasion, but against the onslaught of the **Gold**, they lost impetus.

The **Gold** were dominated by **Kaine Reynolds** and **Jimmy McClean**, and with **Josh Bowles** and **James Thomson-Officer** the field was set for a defeat and routing. **Jack Hookey** sealed the match with some terrific shots, and between **Kaine** and **Jack**, the **Red** lost heart. From the side lines we watched the broken crumpled team fall to pieces.

It was not the same match as the lunch time spectacular, but then more players showed that day; 36 to 16 a woeful route.

Coach Peter Riley

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10A Scotch 26 defeated by St Kevins 27

The second encounter between these two teams was a much more even contest, and resulted in a loss by the slimmest of margins. After a low scoring first half, the second was a much more flowing match. Once again **Scotch's** defence was solid, lead by **Tom Matthews** and **Phillip Peters**. The last few minutes were tight, **Oscar Davies** was instrumental in getting the boys back to within a point, unfortunately time was against us and **St Kevins** finished on top again.

Coach Nick Austin

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10B Scotch 28 defeated Wesley 27

Another tight game determined by less than a basket. Once again a slow start, **Scotch** missing many open shots had us finishing the half with a 2 point deficit. Due to a late start **Wesley** were awarded 5 points, leaving the boys an even tougher task to get up. They dug deep, excellent defence from **Jonathon Chen**, **Jens Seibert** and **Spencer Smith** helped get us back into the game. **Bryson Jacks** dominated at the offensive end accumulating **15 points** and doing just enough to get the boys over the line, a really good game.

Coach Nick Austin

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10C Red vs. 10C Gold No report

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9A 25 defeated by Wesley 42

The **9A** boys had a loss on Saturday against **Wesley**, **42-25**. Unfortunately, **Wesley** were too big and too talented for us, and some of our team weren't aggressive enough. However, **Jarred O'Donoghue** never gave up and showed great character during the game. I'm looking forward to the **9A** boys being able to finish our season off strongly, and secure some wins for **Scotch** from our last 3 games.

Coach Matt Shanahan

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9B 29 defeated by Carey 41

The **9B** boys had a loss against **Carey** on Saturday, **41-29**. We started poorly, and allowed them to get a 10-2 lead against us, and we weren't able to get it back. However, the boys fought hard for the remainder of the game and didn't give up, which is a great thing to see as their coach. **Francis Ha** and **Jonathan Chow** had good games again, and contributed well for our team. We will be working hard and doing our best to have a strong finish for the remaining 3 games of our season.

Coach Matt Shanahan

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9C Red 30 defeated by Xavier 42

Even though the score shows a loss to **Scotch**, this game was far from it. The boys played very well with good solid defence and some well executed offensive plays. High scorer for the game was **James Bolt** with **16 points**. Well done boys.

Coach Dan Belluz

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9C Blue 28 defeated Wesley 20

The boys were hyped for a win to end the term and started off well. **Alex** and **Hamish** scored **4 points apiece** and **Paul** and **Andrew** chipped in with **two each** to lead **Wesley** 12 to 9 at half time. **Jonathan** and **Geoffrey** were fierce in defence with **Albert** using his height under the basket at each end.

The second half saw an increasing tempo with some inspired play from both sides as the lead changed several times. The **Scotch** boys rose to the occasion with lay ups coming thick and fast and the desire to win producing some excellent defence in the dying minutes of the game. **Hamish** scored a standout **10 points** for the second half ably supported by **Alex** with **four points** and **Andrew** with **two**. Finally **Scotch** ran out winners 28 to 20 in a well deserved win remarkable for its outstanding team work.

Well done boys!

Coach Jackie Handley

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8A 53 defeated Xavier Burke Hall 23

Once again the **Scotch** boys were a little undersized with **Xavier** having a couple of boys over 6ft. This game was the first time I have seen the **Scotch** boys play defence like we did today. Everyone contained the dribbler and no easy baskets were scored. Due to our great defence once again we were able to push the ball up the court for lay-ups and easy baskets. The Second half started and we had a considerable lead and not much changed from then on in. Congrats to **Scotch** another great win lets keep it going.

Coach Adam Nener

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8B 28 defeated by St. Kevins 39

We have played this team before and lost by 20 points so this was always going to be a hard game for the **Scotch** boys. A few silly passes went straight to the opposition which then resulted in easy baskets for **St Kevins** and I thought we were in some big trouble. I called a timeout and told the boys to relax and take our time; for the whole game we were fighting back into the game. Just when we would make a run at them and get back within 9 points sure enough **St Kevin's** would get some easy baskets and push their lead back out to 15. If we didn't have that lapse in the first half I believe **Scotch** could have won this game but the final scores were **Scotch 28 def by St. Kevins 39. Good job boys.**

Coach Adam Nener

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8C Red 29 defeated Wesley 11

Things didn't look promising as we only had four players, but **Scotch** scored a basket very early in the piece and then went from strength to strength. All four boys - **Ugo Agbarakwe, David Rizkalla, James Colliver** and **Anthony Ma** - played extremely well and kept the pressure on constantly. A special thanks to **Mr Hortin** who again did a tremendous job coaching the team during the game.

Team Manager Zeljka Hamza

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8C Blue 15 defeated by Xavier Burke Hall 36

Xavier got the jump on **Scotch Blue** and we played 'catch up' for the whole game. Six minutes into the game saw the **Blues** only two points down, but we lost this momentum and at the break were 8 points behind. Early in the Second Half, **Jay Kashyap** popped a great 3 pointer. Unfortunately, **Xavier** then went on a scoring spree which we couldn't match. Nevertheless, a good sporting effort from the 5x **Blues** players.

Coach: Jeff Watson

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8C Gold 49 defeated St Kevins 12

An inspired 8C Gold team took to the Glenn Centre early Saturday morning in what turned out to be a stroll in the park for the boys. After a layup from the first tip, the team knew they were in control and asserted their authority from the outset. Led by top scorer and ball magnet Gareth Wymond (17 points) the team controlled both ends of the court. Suma helped the scoring followed closely behind with 16 points and the efforts of everyone showed the improvement in the team. The unselfishness nature was paramount in the fact that all players got on the score card and all contributed in both offense and defense. A very strong victory from all involved.

Coach Matt Danos

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

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7A Scotch 36 defeated Carey 19

After two hectic weeks at **Scotch**, we saw a very good effort from the **7A** team this week. *(It is a great pity that we have exams because they do interfere with basketball training!)* Never mind, that's the way it is and we just have to pick ourselves up and keep moving forward.

Coach Hortin arrived late for the game (*no comment*) and was stunned to find his team already on court and edging ahead of **Carey**. With minutes to play in the first half, we held the lead 10-4 and **Coach Runchey**, who had fortunately stepped in to get the team started, felt that all was going well. *We led at the break, 14-6.* Our press was working quite well and **Carey** found scoring difficult even when they penetrated the keyway.

Coach Hortin took over and was very pleased to see **Cameron Powell (3pts)**, **Gianni Gallucci**, **James McCraw (4pts)**, and **Oscar Thompson (3pts)** apply the screws to **Carey's** guards; while **Aaron Hall (13pts)**, **James Mulcahy (7pts)**, and **Gordon Shao (6pts)** finished off some fine transition play. **Gordon** found the intensity more to his liking this week and played well especially on the boards. *(Players are reminded, however, that the officials are kings and they call the game as they see it. It is never up to a player to question or, worse, antagonize a referee, and even though we took some hits inside and were called quickly on 3 second violations, our players kept their heads in the game. Let the coach worry about calls. Players should play the game.)*

This was a good result and an improvement on our last encounter with **Carey**, which we won 24-22, only three weeks ago. *We train on Wednesday morning* before the holidays and everyone should expect a hard session. *Eat well, sleep well, stay on top of your studies, and thank mum and dad for everything they do for you!!*

Nb. Coach H. was pleased to learn afterwards that, in his absence, players conducted a good warm up and were well organized to start. This is a great sign of maturity.

'Well played, Scotch!'

Coach Rob Hortin

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7B 18 defeated by St Kevins 34

The **7Bs** faced a **St Kevins** side that possessed both speed and size. When **St Kevins** pressed from the start of the game, the **Scotch** boys found themselves under heavy pressure to get the ball over half court. This pressure proved to be too much for the boys, who let **St Kevins** run a fast game and get an early lead at half time of 18-6.

The Second half saw **Scotch** play more of an offensive game and less of a defensive game. This meant that **Scotch** had done a better job of finishing shots while not improving their half court defence. The boys may have gone down, but their second half was a good team effort with the scoring spread out amongst the team. **Nathan Leung** led the team with **6 points**, with **Will Marshall**, **Andrew Heggie** and **Rami Imam** all managing **4 points**.

Coach Nick Allen

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7C Red 31 defeated by 7C Blue 9

The **Red** and **Blue** teams played each other Saturday morning and both teams worked hard to improve their game which was a pleasure to see. In the end the **Red** team were a bit too strong for the **Blue's** and were winners 31-9. Well done to all the boys who played.

Coach Mike Runchey

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7C Gold 18 defeated by St Kevins 50

The **7C Golds** played a strong and skilled **St Kevins** team, who were able to score easily with outside shots and lay ups against **Scotch**, this enabled **St Kevins** to jump to an early lead of 32-5.

Like the 7Bs, the **Golds** had a much better second half and were able to score significantly more and held **St Kevins** to 18 points in the second half. The boys were much more competitive in the first five minutes of the second half, however this didn't last.

Well done to *Aaron Chan*, who made some impressive manoeuvres and *scored 12*, with *Mitch Henzell (4 points)* also contributing to the scoring, while *Jimmy Ho* made an impressive shot and *Sam Kidd* also scored despite a few knocks to his face.

Coach Nick Allen

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Contact Club Secretary Ian Hancock (ian.hancock@hancockproperty.com.au) for more information.

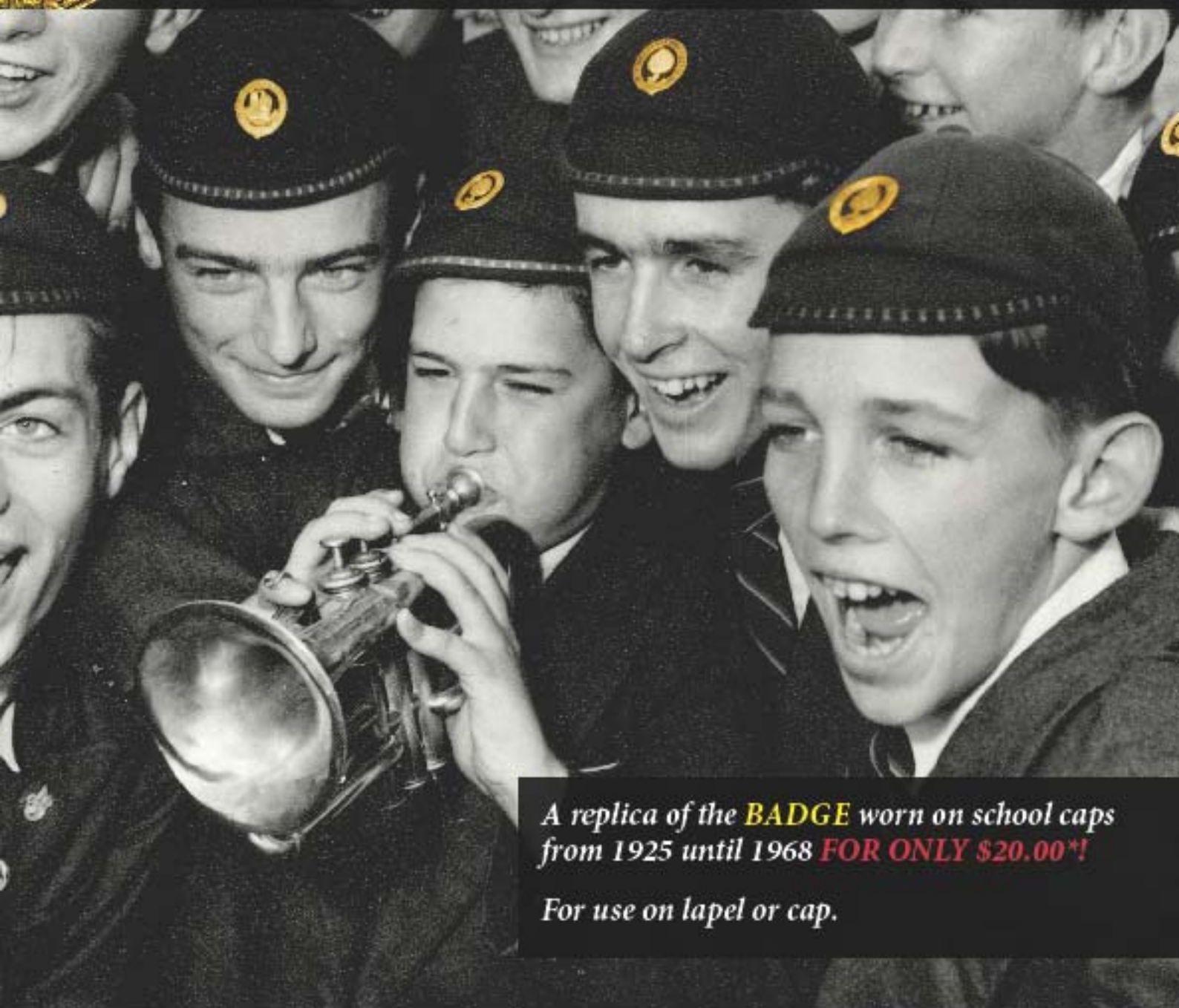
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