



SCOTCH BASKETBALL END OF 2008 SEASON PRESENTATIONS, DINNER AND EXHIBITION GAME

TUESDAY, 5TH AUGUST 2008



Date: Tuesday, 5 August 2008
Time: 3.45pm- 3-on-3 in the Glenn Centre
5.30pm- Exhibition game tip off, Glenn Centre
6.45pm-Dinner and dessert, James Forbes Academy
7.30pm - Award Presentations for all teams, Years 7 to Opens
Venue: The Glenn Centre Upper Gym and James Forbes Academy
Cost: \$20 for adults and children aged 12 and over, and \$10 for children under 12
Cash only at the door.
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MATCH REPORTS FOR 2ND AUGUST 2008,

ROUND 11/REDRAWS

1sts 39 defeated by St Kevins 43

Pipped at the Basket...

St Kevins came out firing in a spirited first half and **Scotch** seemed a little slow to respond to their energetic play. We had many opportunities to score but missed many which weren't under pressure at this stage of the game. At times we lacked that aggressive edge and some poor positioning in defense helped our opponents, though **Scotch** kept trying hard and by the end of the half scores were level at 19 all. In an unprecedented off court incident, the **St Kevins** coach was sent out of the stadium on a tech foul for the rest of the match and a student took over the coaching. **Kile Rogers** and **Charlie Hancock** provided some spirited defence and spark in offence.

The game in the second half was very physical and there were very few easy baskets and even less fast breaks. The coach commented that **St Kevins** scored off the same play four times and that we failed to execute instructions given to counter this. At times it seemed there were more fouls than points and at one point the score remained at 29 all for some five minutes. **Scotch** struggled to attack the basket and missed some gettable shots, while **St Kevins** made the shots that counted. We didn't play with a lot of confidence during the game and struggled to overcome their tight defence, which was applied both up the court and under the key, which forced us to shoot long; however, the team never gave up trying, at times we just seemed to try too hard to no avail. Amazingly at the end of the game the scores were tied on 34 all with 9 fouls each team. Due to ladder demands another 5 minute period was invoked to gain a clear result. This time we were outplayed despite sustained pressure and went down narrowly 43 – 39.

Best shooters Kile Rogers (12), Hayden Cox Walker (11), Ben Allison (7) and Cam Lowe (5).

Despite the season ending this way the team has enjoyed a very good season overall and with at least 4 players returning next year, the future looks bright for **Scotch** moving even further up the APS ladder.

Go Scotch!

Team Manager Warwick Barry



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2nds 45 defeated Geelong College 39

The last game of the year **Scotch** began as if they were already on holidays! Missing easy baskets both in transition and their half court sets, **Scotch** looked to be in for a long morning. **Geelong College** took full advantage of **Scotch's** slow start opening up a handy double digit lead.

The 2nd half proved to be a different story as **Scotch** slowly started to click. With increased defence and renewed confidence down the offense end, **Scotch** tied the game with only minutes to play. With both teams trading baskets late in the game the contest looked to be anyone's. However, 3 of the 6 three pointers made by **Hayden** came in the last few minutes and proved to be the difference. **Scotch** runaway winners.

Bests: Hayden (six 6 3pointers), Al, Huggett, Charlie.

Coach Andrew Harms



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3rds 61 defeated St Kevins 33

Scotch 3rds played **St Kevins** on Saturday and lead the whole game to **win 61 - 33**. **Scotch** dominated the first half with strong man on man defence creating many scoring opportunities. Towards the end of the half **St Kevins** started to beat our press with clever passing over the top forcing us to adopt a zone defence. This slowed the pace of the game but to our credit we ran great transition and managed to keep scoring easily.

Our best player was **Will McLean (19 points)** who rebounded strongly and scored consistently in close. A most reliable player, **Tom Miers (12 points)** had a great game doing what he has done best all season; driving the key strongly and running into transition in support with his team mates. **Lawrence Martin (12 points)** had another great game with strong run and accurate shooting.

Another great win by a great team. Well done everyone!! I would like to thank all the team for their great attitude and commitment during the season. I have really enjoyed coaching them.

All the best to our year 12's who played their last game.

Coach Mark Mason

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4ths Gold 26 defeated Caulfield Wheelers Hill 19

This was my favourite game of the season! With only one on the bench, the team ran hard to keep the scores goal for goal in the first half. Everyone was getting onto the score sheet. **Marc Nuygen's 3 point shot** really helped the team's confidence.

With 2 minutes to full time, **Scotch** had a 2 point lead and possession. **Caulfield** called a time out. **Simon Black (14 points)** scored as soon as the clock started again leaving plenty of time for **Caulfield** to catch up if they were good enough. The ball went down their end, but they lost possession. With 2 seconds to go **Josh Bowles** threw the ball from mid court and the ball went sailing through the net!

A 7 point win and a great way to end an 8 win 3 loss season.

Coach Renee Hill

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4ths Red **No report**

Coach Andrew Harms

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5ths Gold drew with Geelong College 28

The 5th's Gold team were facing their nemesis – like Dr No in James Bond – the College boys looked sinister and overwhelming. They had defeated us by twenty points at the start of the season, but we were not going to fail now – this was the last game of the season for many of the players and they wore their school colors with pride. The game started with **Scotch** down 19 to 14 and not looking good – they had 12 players and we had 7, but we had the heart and spirit and after the first half we came back to take the lead.

The playing of *Jimmy McLean* and *Kaine Reynolds* was instrumental, the defence of *Jack Hookey* and *James Thompson Officer*, and *Stephen Stamopoulos* was great and the skill and *Jimmy White* was terrific.

A great season fellows – good luck

Coach Peter Riley

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5ths Red v Wesley (Cancelled)

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10A 40 defeated by Xavier 42

This was certainly a tough loss for the boys for the last game of the season. However, considering that the last time these two teams met **Xavier** defeated us 44 to 26 we can see just how far the boys have come this season. It was looking good for the **Scotch** boys at the end of the *first half leading 23 to 18*. Some great defence and excellent transition plays had us playing our best basketball all season. Unfortunately, as was so often the case for the boy's fitness got the better of us in the second half. The boys fought tough, and late in the game the two teams were inseparable, **Xavier** clinching a two point win with the last basket of the game.

Coach Nick Austin

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10B 31 defeated by St Kevins 44

In the first meeting of these teams for the year **Scotch** were always going to do it tough with only 6 players. The first half set the tone, **St Kevins** were running and some uncharacteristic passing errors hurt us. Some fine shooting from *Nate Levonian* in the first half kept us in the game, at the half we went in 10 points behind.

The beginning of the second half the boys made a run, *Bryson Jacks*, *Jon Chen* and *Phil Peters* all running hard, the boys just didn't have the legs and **St Kevins** ran out comfortable winners.

Coach Nick Austin



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10C Red 32 defeated by Caulfield 36

The **Scotch** team put in a brilliant fight to narrowly lose to a talented **Caulfield** team. The **Caulfield** team jumped the **Scotch** boys early, getting out to a 14 point lead. The **10Cs** then fought back brilliantly in the second half, reducing the **Caulfield** lead to only 2 points. *Jonathan* played an outstanding game both defensively and offensively. He shut down **Caulfield's** man threat, a 6ft 5 giant, while adding on numerous points himself. *Derek*, *Caillan* and *Benedict* pressured the guards around the perimeter causing numerous turnovers and easy points down the other end. *Leonard* and *Kelvin* also contributed well and kept the score ticking over, while *Daniel Tram* rebounded very effectively against a taller opposition. Bad Luck guys

Coach Dan Nelson

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10C Gold 13 defeated by Carey 38

It was a disappointing result for the **10C Gold** team on the weekend who was simply outplayed by a taller and full team of **Carey**. It never helps having to play the majority of the first half with only 4 players and despite the intensity being high the run from **Carey** proved to be too much. With the half time score being 9-18 confidence was still evident as our fifth player had turned up and we were nearing full strength. However, in the end it was not to be and match fitness took its toll as it is always hard running out a full game. All players should be commended for their determination.

Coach Matt Danos

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9A No Report

Coach Matt Shanahan

Many thanks to Randy Shanklin for coaching this team at the last minute!! (Ed.)

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9B 37 defeated Haileybury 27

Once again, the **9Bs** truly reflected their Spartan superiority on the court with an emphatic win for the season's last game. With our win over the **9As** the day before during training, we felt adrenalized and unstoppable. Although fighting the court with our two tallest players out, we powered through effortlessly with **Jonathan Chow** snatching the first basket. **Onye** performed his usual ultimate hop displays but by far who outshined in this game was **Macaulay Hewitt**. His rebounding and perfect shooting was breathtaking. **Marksy** shook fear into the opposition with his unsuspecting, nerve-racking moves, and **Francis** and **Jonathan** ankle-broke the opposition all over the court, especially with **Jonathan** finishing the game off with a 'swing the ball around the oppositions back' trick! Also, **Benjamin**, our star-player, who had started playing slightly poor defence around half-court ended with a spark of miraculous talent and true-A material defensive ploys.

Last but not least, were our amazing team managers, **Monsieur Robins** and **Bu Chambers** who stood by us every game with their optimistic smiles and their heart-breaking devotion to the team.

A tender-sweet and superb end to the season boys!

Coach Glen Robins

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9C Red forfeit to Geelong College

It was a freezing morning waiting by the Cardinal Pavilion bright and early at 7:50 for an 8.00 departure to Geelong. At 8.20, only four boys had shown up which was a large disappointment for the boys (both teams), the bus driver, and myself.

Coach Sam Miller

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9C Blue 16 lost to Xavier 46

Once again the boys did battle against bigger, faster and more skilled opposition. **Albert Chen** managed to score a few baskets in the first half but was unfortunately unable to take the floor in the second half due to another engagement. **Alexander Karklins** and **Hamish Galbraith** worked very hard all game affecting many steals and rebounds but the team was unable to make this good work show on the scoreboard.

Coach Keith Oatley

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8A 70 defeated Wesley 28

It's now official; the **8A's** were undefeated this season! To give insight into just how superior this team was in the competition the **Wesley 8A's** were undefeated until this game, but by half time were **down 35 to 8**; they just were not up to the standard of our **8A's**.

Harry Skelton scored an *outstanding 29 points* and *Ed Spence* scored *17*.

This was a great season's ending for an outstanding team.

Team Manager Donna Del Porto

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8B 13 defeated by Haileybury 40

The game started out at a great pace, with the **Scotch** boys down by 5 after 10min in the first half. Unfortunately for **Scotch** it wasn't going to get any easier. With only 5 players for the game we ran out of legs and with **Haileybury** running at every chance they got pulled away to a 20 point lead with 8 min to go in the game. The boys tried hard but **Haileybury** were just too big and strong for the 5 man team of **Scotch** and went down 40 to Scotch 13.

Good job boys thanks for the season.

Coach Adam Nener

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8C Red drew with St Kevins 19

The **8C Red** team had a draw on Saturday and this was not as sweet as a victory, but nonetheless a very good finish to the season. The two teams started off fairly equally, but then **St Kevins** took the lead which they maintained for a good part of the first half. However, **Scotch** displayed excellent technique and team play and equalised again at the start of the second half and even taking the lead. The two teams then equalised. It was a fast and exciting game and fabulous display of great team spirit.

Our thanks to *Mr Scrinis* who scored for us again.

Team Manager Zeljka Hamza

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8C Blue 29 defeated by Haileybury 31

The **Fabulous Five 'Blue'** boys treated the first five minutes of the game as their warm up session, conceding a 7 point advantage to **Haileybury**. After a T.O. the boys returned to court and played some good basketball to hold a 4 point buffer at Half Time. Thirty seconds into the new Half, *Jay Kashyap* dropped a great 3 pointer and followed this within two minutes with another! Not to be outdone, *Lloyd Tarrant* also dropped a nice 3 pointer. **Scotch** held a 12 point buffer with 11 minutes of play remaining.

Everyone worked hard and scored some points but unfortunately, the **Blue** boys ran out of legs and lost concentration under a relentless **Haileybury** come back. **Haileybury** took advantage of several rapid turn overs and broke away over the final two minutes to win by 2 points. A very exciting to end the season and the **5x Blue boys** can be very proud of their final game. Well done!

Coach Jeff Watson

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8C Gold 29 defeated Xavier 14

The **8C Gold** team capped off their stellar season with another comprehensive victory, this time against **Xavier**. A strong and determined outfit took to the court for their last outing of the season and it was evident from the start that they would not let the opposition get in their way. A fitting way to end the season as all players scored with equal top scorers *Gareth Wymond*, *Summa Wu* and *Victor Yang* all scoring **6 points** with *Anthony Ma* following close behind (**5 Points**) and then followed by *Josh Tram* and *Shih Wang Tee* with **4 and 2 points respectively**.

The season has been very productive for all involved and the skill level of this team is far superior to any 'C grade' opponent and the boys should really have been competing in a higher grade. It has been a pleasure to coach the boys and I wish them all the best for the future.

Coach Matt Danos

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7A 40 defeated Wesley 29

The **7A** team has worked hard this year to master full court pressure and transition basketball and they needed every part of their game to defeat a gallant **Wesley** crew on Saturday. For the first time this year, **Aaron Hall led the team out to the centre as Captain**, and if this appointment troubled **Aaron** in any way, it was not obvious in his game.

The 1st half was as tight as a rusted bolt, with both teams keen to establish an edge on their opponents, and the lead changed hands after almost every basket. **Wesley's** tall players (three of them!) were hard to stop inside but we did our best, only to fall short by 3 points at the break **14 - 17**. We had a fight on our hands and our boys needed to think very clearly about finding their way home. **The 2nd half was a beauty!**

Scotch started to exert excellent defensive pressure in the front court that led to a number of turnovers and baskets. When **Wesley** broke through and their "biggs" came into play, **Scotch forwards Mulcahy, Shao, and Hall** boxed out effectively and restricted **Wesley** to one shot most of the time. We capitalized with some transition baskets that saw us skip away to **a useful lead 32 - 23**, which we effectively held to the end. **Hall (19pts)** was dominant at both ends of the floor and **Jin (7pts), Shao (8pts), and McCraw (2pts)** moved the ball well. **Oscar Thomson (2pts)** carried the ball effectively and hit some great passes.

To finish what has been a wonderful season for the 7A team, Aaron Hall sank a lay-up on the siren to seal the victory 41 - 29.

Coach Rob Hortin

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7B 32 defeated Caulfield 17

After a slow start, down 0-5 in the first 10 minutes, the **Scotch** boys caught fire, sparked by the late arrival of **Andrew Heggie**. After his running hook shot, the boys scored 10 points in two minutes, and by halftime had a **16-7 lead**.

The second half was much of the same, the boys played great defence and were calm when dealing with the pressure **Caulfield** were putting on them up the floor. Our two point guards, **Nathan Leung** and **Cam Heine** figured out how to beat the press and either scored themselves or found the open man. **Luke Skok** played his best game of the year, scoring **12 points** on lay ups, jump shots and hook shots.

It was a fantastic effort by all the boys and a really good way to finish off the season. I am very proud of this group of boys and am sure their parents and the school are too.

Thanks for an awesome year 7B.

Coach Mike Runchey



7A with Coach Rob Hortin



7A & 7B with Coaches Rob Hortin & Mike Runchey

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7C Red 11 defeated by St Kevins 63

A disappointing end to the year for the **7C Red** team, with only 4 players turning up to the game, after a mix up with the list. **St Kevins** showed no mercy, or sportsmanship, playing 5 on 4 for the first half and setting up a huge lead for the 2nd half. **Sam Cook** battled through illness but couldn't take the floor at the start of the 2nd, so for a few more minutes it was 5 on 3! After suggesting to **St. Kevins** to play with 3 also, some good sportsmanship finally came into play, and the decision was even made by the players themselves!

The last 7 minutes of the game became 4 on 4 and there was some great play by the **Scotch** boys, who showed a lot of courage and determination by never giving up. The parents watching, **Ms Bifano** and myself were very proud of these 4 boys who played the game in unfortunate circumstances. I also hope the boys are proud of themselves.

Thanks to the **7C Red** team for a very enjoyable year.

Coach Mike Runchey

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7C Gold 41 defeated Xavier 10

This final game saw the **7C Golds** play an inexperienced **Xavier** side. For the entirety of the game, the boys were able to apply pressure defence that led to many steals which often resulted in **Scotch** scores. By half time, the score had **Scotch** winning **24-8**.

The second half of the game saw the boys playing as a strong team as well as an unselfish team. Many excellent passes were made and the boys were always helping each other in defence. By the end of the game the boys had won **41-10**. **Aaron Chan** kept his usual scoring average above 20 points with a **22 point** performance. **John Mai (11 points)**, **James Su (6 points)** and **Jeremy Tran (2 points)** also contributed to the scoring.

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. All welcome.

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

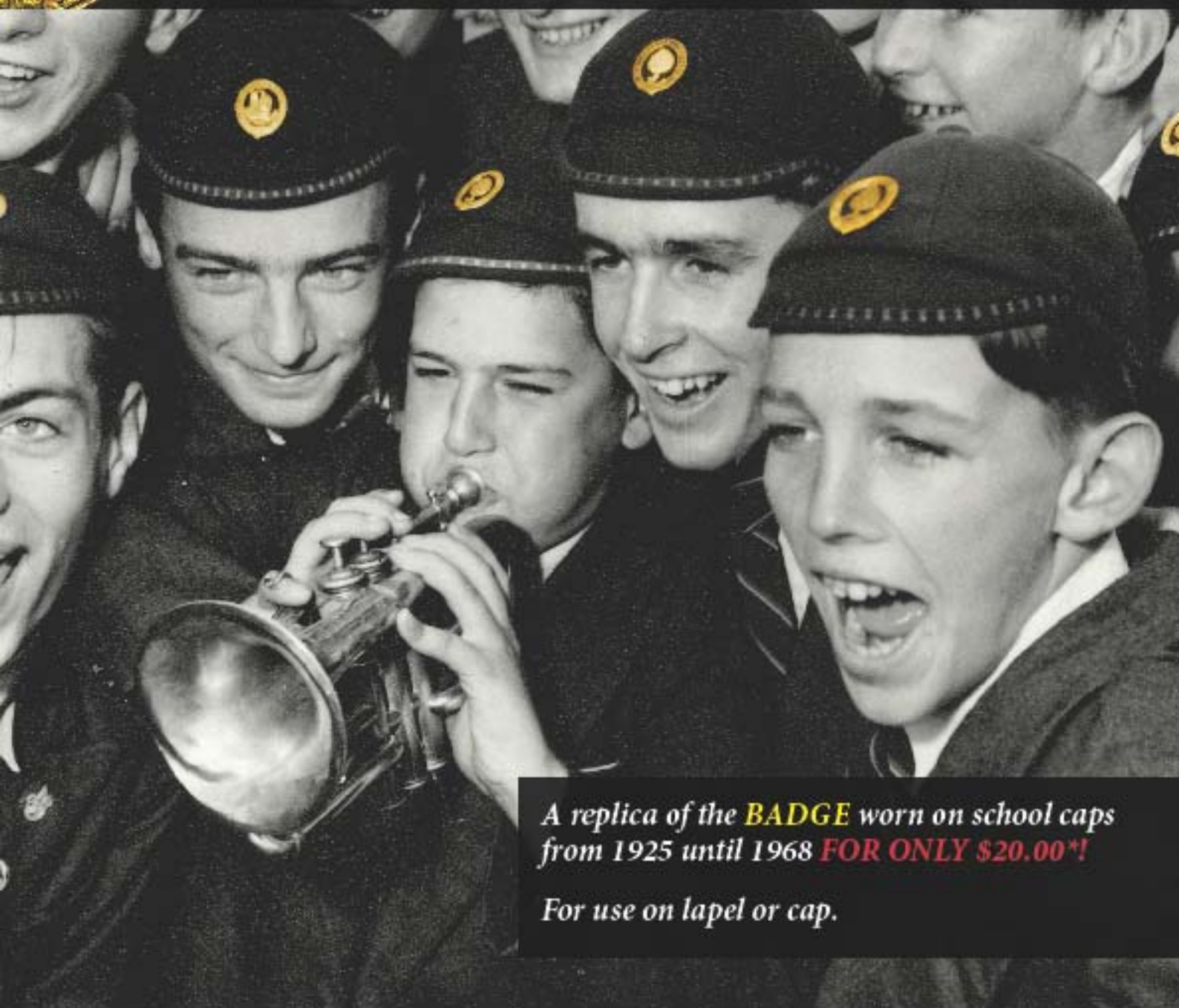
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