

SPORT OVER THE FIFTY YEARS

Sport has always been a major part of the education system at Marist Brothers' College Rosalie. Even during construction of the school in 1928, the Brothers had plans for sporting events for pupils because they realised the importance of a 'full' education including the civilised art of competitive sport. All students are encouraged to participate in one sport at least, and not infrequently special arrangements are made for pupils to compete in the sport of their choosing even though it isn't a school sport ... variety and flexibility are a hallmark of Rosalie. This is borne out by comparing sports offered during the College's early years to the competitions offered now. No longer do students compete in gymnastics and the pugilist's is no longer recognised officially.

Prior to The Associated Schools competition, which started in 1956, Rosalie competed in the Metropolitan Catholic Schools Association. The school footballers played Rugby League (some say 'the greatest game of all') and had some notable success. Rosalie also excelled in boxing, and a number of people would like to see gymnastics reintroduced. But, above all, Rosalie before T.A.S. excelled in swimming. In the Senior Division of the Metropolitan Catholic Schools competition, Rosalie won the swimming shield in 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1943, 1944 and 1948. Swimming coach during most of those years was the legendary Rosalie swimming and football coach, Brother Matthias. The Metropolitan Catholic Schools Association was formed 1934. Four schools competed - Saint Laurence's, Saint Columban's, Saint James' and Marist Brothers' College Rosalie.

Rosalie was among the 'golds' from the start. In 1934 the College's young cricketers won the Junior Championship. Members of that team included Pete Connolly (later Judge Peter Connolly) and Tyson Doneley (later Father Tyson Doneley of the Sacred Heart Fathers). When he moved to Sydney and attended "Joeys", he set many school records and is still considered to be one of the best cricketers to graduate from Saint Joseph's College. Two years after winning the Junior Championship, Rosalie again proved too good for the competition and won the Senior Cricket Premiership in 1936.

In 1937, the College signalled all competing schools that in future it would also be a force to reckon with in athletics. Rosalie, in that year, easily won a Combined Catholic Colleges Carnival at the Brisbane exhibition Grounds. Against all comers, the College's athletes won the day. In 1946, a young athlete from Rosalie came third in the two hundred and twenty yards at the annual Metropolitan Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival. He was rather short and not build like a sprinter. He was the late Hector Hogan. In 1954 at the Sydney Sports Ground, he became Australia's most famous sprinter when he rocketted out of the starting blocks and covered the 100 metres in 10.2 seconds ... a world record time. Even today that world record time would rank Hector among the fastest men on earth.

In 1946, the College's boxing team was successful in winning the Pellerini Trophy. The newspapers of the day noted that Queensland boxing champion, Alan Gibbards, helped gain the points necessary for Rosalie's success.

Through the forties, Rosalie also dominated the football competition. In 1940, the College won the 5 stone 7 pounds premiership. Famous members of that winning side included John 'Skinny' Gerry, now Bishop John Gerry, Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane. Bishop Gerry conceded many years later that he'd spent a considerable amount of time sweating under a tarpaulin early in the Rugby League season to get his weight down to the five stone seven pound limit.

Another member of the 1940 premiership football team was Bernie Pease. Bernie's brother, John 'Jack' Pease, was captain. Bernie became Rosalie's first international footballer, when he was selected in the Australian squad which played France at the Melbourne Showgrounds on Saturday, August 18th 1951. Bernie was also involved in another famous piece of Rosalie's sporting history. It concerns his school boxing career. Bernie was College Juvenile Boxing Champion, and one particular match has gone down in history ... the Pie and Pease context. It was customary during a boxing contest that the fighters' names were prominently displayed in their respective corners ... so during this contest Pie appeared in big white letters on a black background in one corner, and Pease was hung in the opposite corner. If that wasn't enough for the already ecstatic ringside crowd ... the contest also had a deeply political side. David Pie came from a strict liberal party family, with one member of the family already a Queensland liberal parliamentarian, and Bernie Pease's grandfather had been Deputy Premier in the Forgan-Smith labour government ... one of the few times Pie and Pease didn't go well together. But before that little aside, I was telling you all about the footie forties of Rosalie.

After the 1940 five stone seven pound premiership victory, Rosalie and coach, Brother Matthias, produced the Invincibles, in the mid-forties. This team won the five stone seven pound premiership in 1944, the six stone seven pound premiership in 1945, the six stone seven pound premiership again in 1946, and the seven stone seven pound premiership in 1947. The amazing ability of this team, which must be the most successful football team to compete in Catholic Colleges' Competition in Brisbane, is still discussed at gatherings of the 'oldies'. In four years they were undefeated, except for their very last game in 1947. Brother Matthias was coach in 1944 and 1945. Brother Gilbertus continued the success in 1946 and 1947. In 1949, Rosalie won both the six stone seven pound and seven stone seven pound premierships. The seven stone seven pound side was again undefeated during the season. One of the best scorers in the competition was five-eighth in the seven stone seven pound side - P. McIntosh - who crossed the line twenty-five times in the season.

In 1956, Marist Brothers' College Rosalie joined The Associated Schools competition. That same year, the College took its first title – the cricket premiership. The College's A grade cricketers won the annual competition again in 1960, 1961, 1968, 1969 and 1970. The second team won its competition in 1969, which gave the College a double for that year. In 1966 and 1967, the College won the tennis premiership. The junior athletes won the T.A.S. Junior Shield in 1960 and 1961, and in 1962 won the Senior Shield.

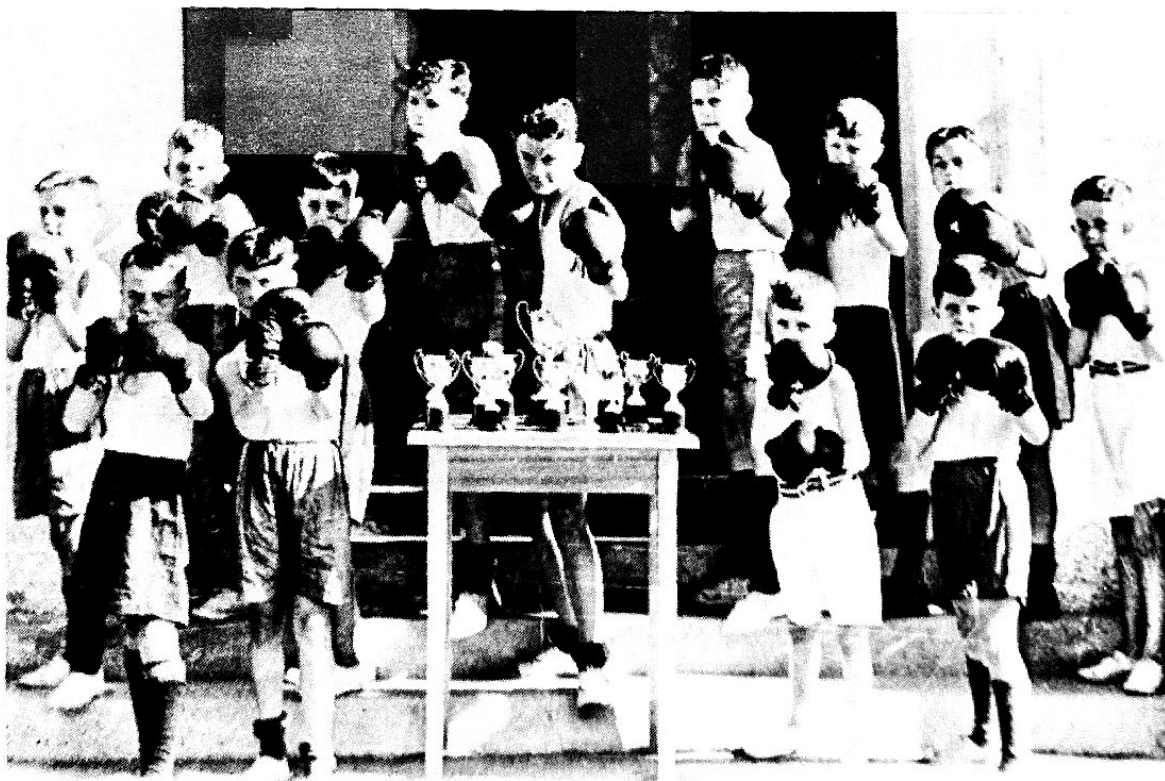
There have been many individual sports stars during recent years. Queensland football representatives include Peter Dawson, Greg Galligan, Reg Cannon, Barry 'Shortie' Dowling, John Bourke, Barry Brown, Kent Warbrooke (also selected for the 1964 Wallaby trials) and last, but in no ways least, Stan Pilecki. Big, gentle Stan has been a strength among Australia's forwards in Rugby Union for many years. His gracious and gentle nature off the field and his hard play on the field for Australia have done Rosalie and his home country, Poland, proud.

In swimming, Bernard Delaney was one of Australia's fastest breaststrokes during the nineteen sixties. In cricket, Rosalie was represented in 1975 in the combined T.A.S. side by Mark McDade, Mark Funnell and Tony Marrinan. Tony Marrinan was a member of the T.A.S. cricket side again in 1976.

Another old boy who gained international status in his chosen sport was Michael Victor. In the nine years from 1958 to 1966, Michael won twelve Queensland cycling titles ... and represented Queensland every year during the same period. Michael Victor then took an interest in young cyclists. In 1975 he was the manager of the Australian team to the World Cycling Championships at Liege, in Belgium. He was the only non-Canadian official in the cycling events at the Commonwealth Games at Edmonton Canada, last year; and at present is deeply involved as Director of Cycling for the 1982 Commonwealth Games to be held in Brisbane.

No fewer than ten former Rosalie students have represented Queensland or have been State athletics champions. Along with former world record holder Hector Hogan, athletics champions include John Reeves, Peter Moy, Paul Maughan, Louis Buttress-Grove, Michael Ryan, Michael Vandebroek, Jim Ottaway, Brendan Higgins and Harry Williams. In 1976 Michael Vandebroek (sprinter) was selected as a member of the T.A.S. Athletics Team. The following year, Michael Vandebroek and Jim Ottaway were both Rosalie representatives in the T.A.S. Athletics Team which competed in the Pan Pacific games. Then in 1978, Jim Ottaway was chosen as Captain of the T.A.S. Athletics Team. Michael Vandebroek won his third cup the same year. Not too bad for a College that opened its doors on January, 29th, 1929, with a first day enrolment of one hundred and thirty-five.

Harry Williams



1934 Boxing Club

Back Row: B. Power, A. Trudgeon, F. McCourt, J. Francis, P. Ryan, H. Judge, A. Cross, J. Stevens, K. Foley
Front Row: P. Sherman, D. Murphy, L. Cronin, L. Grealy



1932 Five Stone Seven Pounds Rugby League Premiers
Back Row: H. Graham, F. Parry, T. Tabulo
Middle Row: F. Byrne, H. Batterham, J. McCabe, H. Miller, P. Ryan, J. Reith
Front Row: O. Driscoll, G. Goodair, L. Ryan, Brother Bernardine, T. Doneley, J. Hanlon, M. Wieland



1932 Eight Stone Seven Pounds Rugby League Team



T.A.S. 2nd XI Premiers 1969
Back Row: R. Harris, P. Mackensie, A. Thomas, J. Flynn, T. Kane,
 L. Terwijn, M. Lynam
Front Row: G. Milliner, B. Donaldson, L. Gordon (C), R. Speare,
 D. Carmody

1942 Five Stone Seven Pounds Rugby League Team
Back Row: Dolph Maranta, Leo Barber,
 Bernie Pease (C), John Gerry (V-C), Peter Sullivan,
 Austin Dawson, Kevin Morrison.
Middle Row: Don Fraser, Frank Gerry, Brother Cuthman,
 Jack Watson, Billy Burke.
Front Row: Arthur Apelt, Norm O'Neill.



1948 Swimming Team – M.C.S.A. Champions
Back Row: K. Searle, J. Searle, V. Mateer
Middle Row: W. Broad, W. Mayne, N. Evans, B. Maranta
Front Row: L. Luton, J. Bain, Mr J. Etchells (Coach), J. Webster,
 J. Joyce



BERNIE PEASE – Rosalie's first football International. Bernie played for Australia against the French in 1951.



ALAN GIBBARDS
former Queensland boxing champion.



HECTOR HOGAN
world champion sprinter



First XI Cricket – T.A.S. Premiers 1968
Back Row: R. Paviotti, N. Morris, B. Reville, F. Banks, M. Galvin,
 B. Nowak
Front Row: L. Mierzwa, P. Driscoll, H. Adamus (C), P. Herd
 T. Whimp

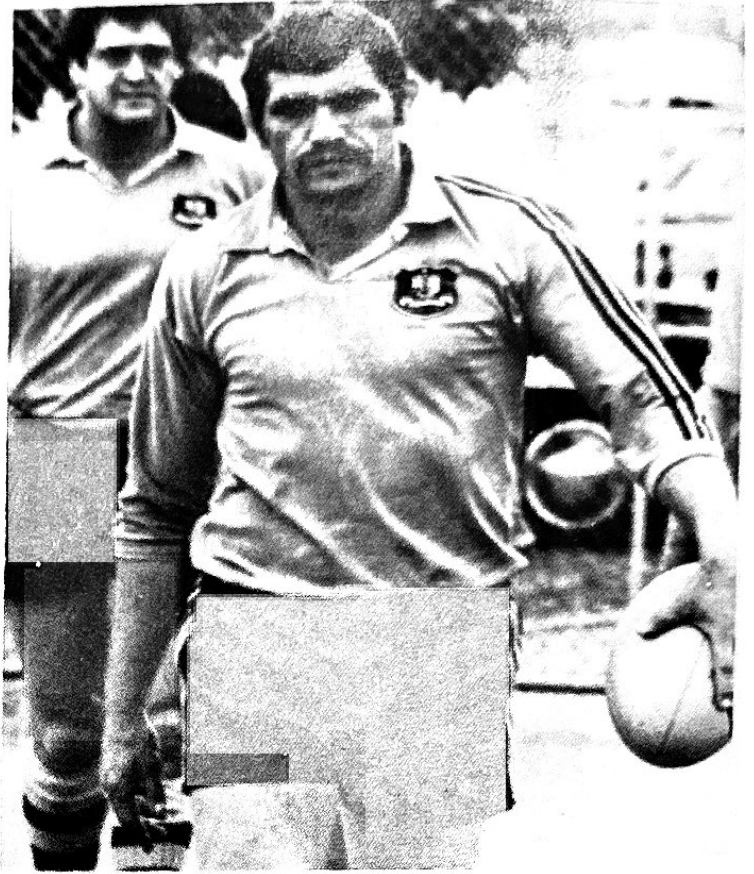


1st XI – T.A.S. Cricket Premiers
Front Row: P. Donaldson, L. Gordon, P. Driscoll, John Paterson,
 G. Sawyer
Back Row: L. Terwijn, T. Kane, K. Lambkin, J. Bourke, F. Banks,
 B. Donaldson
Scorer: P. Lynn



T.A.S. 1st XI Premiers 1969
Back Row: G. Sawyer, R. Bauer, K. Lambkin, P. Donaldson,
 B. Reville, F. Banks, M. Galvin
Front Row: R. Paviotti, L. Mierzwa, H. Adamus (C), T. Whimp,
 P. Driscoll
Scorer: M. Hallam

AUSTRALIAN RUGBY UNION forward STAN PILECKI



PORTRAIT OF BISHOP GERRY

In May Bishop John Gerry returned to the College for the presentation of his portrait to the College. The work was commissioned by a group of ex-students namely: Dr A. Steel, Mr J. Nowak, Mr H. Stewart, Dr J. Bolger, Dr K. Farrell, Mr S. Pilecki, Mr D. Semple, Mr K. Fitzgerald, Mr D. Knight, Mr P. Bolton.

The above picture shows Dr A. Steel, Brother Raymond (Principal), Victoria Fontaine, the artist, and Bishop John Gerry.