

Vocation Minded Old Boys

In a recent edition of 'Concordia', the official organ of the Clapham Old Xaverians Association, in an article on vocations, the fact was mentioned that out of five new aspirants at the juniorate three were from Clapham.

Of the BRADLEYITE itself, it says, "The Bradleyite is the juniorate's own excellently produced newsletter."

It also gives news of the profession and investiture ceremony last September 8th. Special mention is made of Len Fletcher, now Brother Patrick, who pronounced first vows, and who was in the lower school at Clapham before joining the juniorate.

The Old Boys of Clapham are showing their concern for the Xaverian Brothers' need for vocations by organising a campaign of prayer. It is a very comforting thought to know that while we are at Mass in the morning, somewhere there is a Clapham Old Boy offering Mass with us and for us.

T. Kelly

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SPORT IN SHORT

Football Basketball

Our football season started with an easy victory over a select school team. This game seemed to bring out the best of our players, especially Andrew Roclawski who scored four fine goals in our 9-2 victory.

In our second game we also played well, but, being up against tougher opposition, we only won 4-3. In a tense, hard-fought game, Mike Curtis gave the best performance, scoring two goals.

In our most recent match against the Salesians of Pott Shrigley, we started the underdogs and by half-time had amply justified the position, being 2-0 down. However, our team never stopped trying and were justly rewarded when Frank Kane headed the ball into the net despite the close attention of their defence. But this did not deter them, and they scored four second half goals before the whistle blew for full time.

Our first basketball game this year was against St. Pius X. The Juniorate started slowly but soon wiped out an initial deficit of four points and then surged into the lead. In the second half we never looked like losing and ran out fairly comfortable winners, 31-19.

Our second game against the Mill Hill Juniorate was much closer, and it was not until the last ten minutes that we pulled away to win, 27-20. Tony Ricks was the leading scorer in both these matches.

However, our basketball season finished on a slightly lower note when in an inter-school tournament we were knocked out in a very close game in the first round, losing 19-18.

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The Bradleyite was a magazine written by the boys in Manchester [who were training to be Xaverian Brothers]. Five boys from my 1A class in the 1960s went up to Manchester to train – two of them Mike McGrath [big Mike] and Tim Kelly [RIP] wrote these two articles, they never lasted the course, but did watch Man Utd and returned to Clapham in 1968..