

Sports

HOCKEY:

Girls Capture Shield

By Doris Saw Han

Last April the school entered two girls teams instead of three in the Women's League of the National Hockey Federation owing to a shortage of players.

It seemed that the enthusiasm of hockey was slackening, but those who did play put their heart and soul into the game. Hockey practices were held almost daily, and a good number of regulars attended. By the end of the season, the result of the hard work bore fruit.

The M.E.H.S. girls First XI won the Women's League championship shield of the Hockey Federation, and our second team won second place. This is the fourth year running that M.E.H.S. girls have captured the coveted shield, with our second team having won it the year before. This "grand slam" should be embedded in our hearts forever, as no other team has ever achieved this record.

The 1956 matches were not as easy as previous ones because the opposing teams had improved a lot and thus gave us a difficult time. However the First M.E.H.S. XI scored the most goals of the season.

We hope to keep up the good work and hope that our school will take the shield every year.

For the coming 1957 season, we have begun our practices earlier than last year as there are many more newcomers than usual who will be replacing players who have left.

The ex-students will continue to play for the school but hope to bring up a team of old M.E.H.S. players sometime in the near future. This will give a chance to the younger school girls to fill places on the first team.

For many an M.E.H.S. players, hockey will always be her favourite sport.

Hockey, like other games, is not difficult when you learn how to play it. Anyone can play if she practices regularly. Remember the motto of our hockey teams: "Practice Makes Perfect." So let's get going on our way to another year of success—the 1957 championship shield.

More Enthusiasts Required

By Cecil Todd

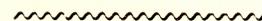
As in previous years, the Eagles of the M.E.H.S. were entered in the 1956 season last April for the Second Division of the Burma Hockey Federation Men's League, but we had no second-string Hawks team as before.

When the season began, we had high hopes of bringing home the shield. Our girls had been winning the Women's League shield every year and were boasting about it to the boys.

We were the more anxious to get this year's shield as its possession would have resulted in a feat unparalleled in M.E.H.S. hockey history since our school team entered the League four years before. We missed winning the shield by one point in 1955.

We practiced hard, we played hard, but ended up third in the league. In my opinion, the standard of hockey at M.E.H.S. in 1956 was not as high as it had been in previous years. Our most outstanding player was our goalie, Mr. Charles Kan Goon, who is also our school sportsmaster.

Players on the 1956 team were: Vivyan Sharma, Michael Ling, David Moultrie, Abe David, Peter McLean, Joe Martin, Furnell Parry, Derrick Webster, Robert Barnett, Jerry Daniels, Ashley Daniels, Mr. C. Kan Goon and Cecil Todd, captain.



Hotel visitor (at breakfast): "Waiter, this coffee tastes remarkably funny."

Waiter: "Well, sir, it was ground only an hour ago."

Hotel visitor (fed up): "It was ground a few minutes ago. Now it's mud."

FOOTBALL:

Win at Home;

Lose Abroad



FOOTBALL COLOURS of the M.E.H.S. XI were carried this year by, *left to right, seated, Jimmy Ong, Robert Ong, Henry Gywe, Alwyn Tun Tin, Edward Htaike, Vivyan Sharma: Standing, Jerry Daniels, Melvyn Benson Lynn, Cecil Todd, Patrick Hla Pe, Sydney Seing Saing: absent, Winston Taw Myat.*

Season 1956 was a successful one for the M.E.H.S. First XI. They set up a record of having won every game on their home grounds against visiting teams.

Among the best victories was a classic game early in the season on a quagmire of a pitch, when the team, in great form, trounced Daw Kyi Kyi's School First XI by a score of 15 to 4. Practically all the games after that produced enormous scores, suggesting the supremacy of the M.E.H.S. team on their own ground.

Strangely on the other hand, our team did not win a single game on away-from-home grounds. This can be accounted for by the fact that other grounds are longer than the playing field at our school, therefore the players could not readily adjust themselves to playing on a bigger field.

Nevertheless the team gave of its best in every game, among

the best being towards the end of the season when they went down fighting 3 to 1 against St. Paul's First XI, one of the strongest in Rangoon. In this game, the plucky display of the M.E.H.S. team carried applause from everybody.

Our First XI also played many friendly matches. One of the most entertaining was the one in which the school team trounced Diamond Aerated Water Factory 12 to 4.

The sportsmanship of the school team has made it popular wherever it has played, and this season the First XI had a record number of fixed games—both at home and away.

Here is a short sketch of the players who have worn their colours successfully this season:

Forwards

Left wing—Jimmy Ong; fast and possessing a brilliant shot in either foot, Jimmy has often scored great goals with his terrific left.

Left inner—Jerry Daniels; a very cool and calculating player, Jerry is always in the thick of it, and often scores fine goals through his opportunism.

Centre-forward—Edward Htaik; well-known as a first-class sprinter, Edward combines his speed and shooting power with his tactical sense and is always dangerous in the penalty area. Edward is so well-developed a player that he can play just as well in any other forward position.

Right inner—Winston Taw Myat; possessing a very mature football for brain so young a player, Winston is a great asset to the team. Equally at home on the wing, Winston is a great opportunist.

Right wing—Henry Gywe; the “baby” of the team and also one

of the stars, Henry has a great football future ahead of him. This short, nippy winger, possessing a brilliant dribble, has seen many fine goals scored from his tactics.

Halves

Left half—Sidney Sein Saing; a cool player, possessing a strong kick in both feet.

Center-half and captain—Cecil Todd; the veteran of the team, Cecil is such an accomplished player that he can play in every position with ease. Using his wide experience and keen football sense, Cecil is a great captain and also a prolific goal scorer. He is famous for his “runthroughs.”

Right half—Vivyan Sharma; tall and a strong tackler, Vivyan is a tower in defence. Possessing a strong kick in either foot, Vivyan often becomes rough in his play, but it is through sheer enthusiasm and not deliberate.

Backs

Left back—Alwyn Tun Tun; a quick strong tackler, well-known for his timely clearances.

Right back—Patrick Hla Pe; the best defender on the field, Patrick is a strong, determined tackler and often pulls the team out of danger through his great defensive play.

Goalie

Goalkeeper—Melvyn Benson Lynn; very courageous keeper, Melvyn brings off some wonderful saves. When all seems lost, his great display brings him praise whenever he plays.

Reserve

Robert Ong; as right inner or forward, Robert is fast and possesses brilliant ball control. He scores many fine goals through brilliant headers.

M.E.H.S. Teams Combine To Play Outsiders

By Derek Ong

Basketball is one of the popular games in our school. Besides the class teams which play inter-class matches at school, there are two school teams called the M.E.H.S. Yellows and the M.E.H.S. Greens. The former is the first team and the latter the second.

The captain of the Yellows is Peter Ong. Peter, who is an experienced player, plays at centre forward. Jimmy Ong and Harry Taw play at left wing and right wing, respectively. Winston Lee and Harry Chew are the two "stone walls" Alwyn Tun Tin, David Moultrie and Bertie Aye are also good players of the Yellows.

Shu Ye Wong is the captain of the Greens. Shu Ye, also an experienced player, plays at centre forward. Errol Ong and Paul Tan play at left wing and right wing, respectively. Jerry Daniels, Robin Soorty, Joe Martin and Cecil Todd are the four great "stone walls" of the Greens.

On the 19th January 1957, the Yellows and the Greens formed a combined team to play a match against the Chinese Methodist High School basketball team.

Not even a minute after the match had started, Jimmy scored a magnificent goal for our school. After the first half had finished, our school was ahead of C.M.H.S. by six marks. Three minutes before the match was over, both teams had 34 marks each. In the last three minutes, Peter scored two goals for our school, but our opponent scored three goals. Just then the referee blew the whistle and the match was over. The final score was C.M.H.S., 40, and M.E.H.S., 38. We were losers by the narrow margin of only two points.

The same combined Yellow-Green-team played another match on 26th January against the Y.M.C.A. basketball team. After the match was two minutes old, Peter scored the first goal for our school. At the end of the first half, we were out in front of the Y.M.C.A. by 16 marks.

Our players played very hard to score more marks, and the Y.M.C.A. also played very hard to beat us.

When the match ended, our M.E.H.S. team had won by a score of 55 to 36 for a triumph over the Y.M.C.A. team.

DRILL TEACHER:

N.F.C. Volunteer

By Jerry Daniels

During the absence of Mrs. I. R. Edwinston, our regular sportsmistress, Miss Maureen Sin, a National Fitness Council organizer, has been substituting for her. She volunteered to direct the girls' drill classes at M.E.H.S. during January and February, until Mrs. Edwinston, who became the proud mother of twin girls on January 24, could return in March.

Miss Sin hails from Bhamo. She is one of the 40 women who underwent N.F.C. training for physical education and are now doing outstanding service throughout the country. She took her training for five months in Rangoon.

RIDDLES

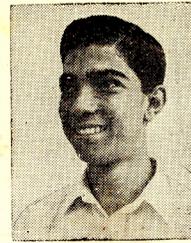
Why was Adam a good runner?
Because he was first in the human race.

If a chicken could talk,
why would it always swear?
Because it would only use "fowl"
language.

How did the whale that swallowed
Jonah obey the divine law?
Jonah was a stranger, and he took him in.

ALL KINDS:

Games Played Daily at M.E.H.S.



Asst. Daniels

By Doris Saw Han

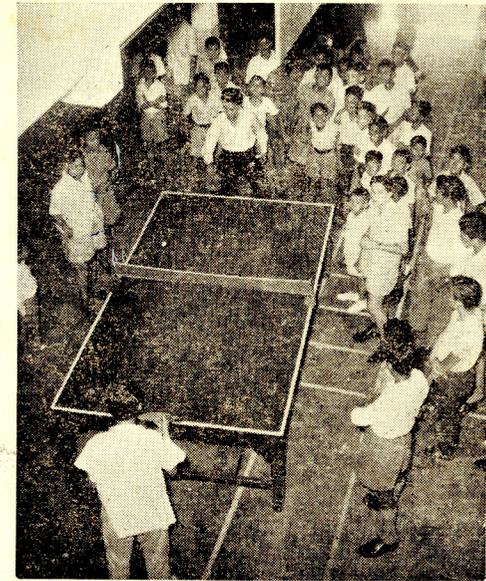


Table tennis enthusiasts during morning break enjoy a friendly match.

The wishes of many school children at M.E.H.S. have come true. All kinds of sports are being played in school this year. At school we never really have a dull moment.

Games are played daily—inter-class basketball matches, table tennis, football, hockey and tennis at various times of the year.

This year's main attraction has been tennis. It is surprising to see several good players from both boys and girls.

A badminton tournament was formed, but unfortunately had to be cancelled because the hall was not free.

Many students are willing to participate no matter what game it may be, however this year a number of our sportsmen have become scholars and have no time for sports.

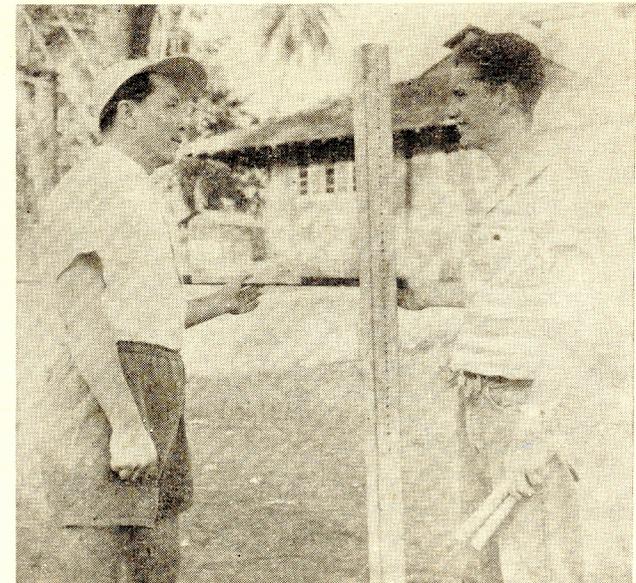
Our school was to take part in the Inter-School Sports, but this year's meet was cancelled. Many of our athletes were disappointed as they had practiced

very hard, and our own school Sports Day was not held this year either. They had been getting in condition at track practice sessions on our school grounds after classes under the coaching of Sportsmaster Kan Goon and his assistants, Thomas Manton and Jerry Daniels.

To compensate, however, two of our students made good showings in the National Track and Field Championships (story elsewhere in this section), and a number of our Indian students entered the Indian Sports Day.

After school closes in April, the next thing to look forward to is hockey season with league games for both boy and girl teams. M.E.H.S. teams have already begun to practice in February.

Sportsmaster Kan Goon and Assistant Manton talk it over at afternoon track practice.





Exultant MEHS track stars pose with their Senior Girls Inter-School Championship shield (1956); left to right, Shukla Nundy, Pauline Chen, Sally Nathan, June Taw, Gillian Logie, Louisa Benson and Lillian Tha Gyaw

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Two M.E.H.S. Athletes Shine

By Jerry Daniels

Two of our M.E.H.S. athletes did well for themselves at the National Track and Field Championship Meet held at the Aung San Memorial Stadium in February.

Cecil Todd came first in the high jump, third in pole vault and third in the javelin throw in the school open section. He could have done even better if he hadn't been sick just before the meet. In the

men's open, he placed fourth in the decathlon event.

June Taw and her team came first in the relay in the women's open. She did well in the heats in other events, but she was out of luck in the finals.

Since we did not have our own school Sports Day this year, the sports-minded students of M.E.H.S. were glad to see some of our own athletes taking part and winning events in the national meet.

INDIAN SPORTS:

M.E.H.S. Represented

Approximately 10 students from M.E.H.S. were among the competitors in the All Burma Indian Youth League Sports. The event was held at Aung San Memorial Stadium on Thursday, February 21 and heats were held that morning as well as the preceding Sunday.

Most of the Methodist school entries were younger boys and girls from our afternoon school.

Among the events they took part in were the Junior-Junior's potato and three-legged races; Juniors and Seniors 100-metre and 200-metre races for boys, and the skipping, mathematical and thread and needle races for girls. Girls who came first in the maths race were disqualified if they miscalculated their problems in the race, therefore, it required a combined skill to be a winner in that event.

Among the Juniors and seniors from M.E.H.S., the girls outshone the boys and several of them won first, second or third places in various events.

A Methodist boy also came off with third place in the Senior Boys High Hurdles.

M.E.H.S. Has Swimming Stars

By Winston Ba Glay

The pupils of our school have formed a swimming club of their own (with pupils of other schools) and named it "The Water Devil's Swimming Club." This Club won the junior championship shield at the Inter-Club Meet held in October 1956. They also won second place in the water-polo competition which was held together with the National Championship events.

John Twe Maung is the Captain of the club, Penny Po Saw is the treasurer and Betty Tin Maung, David Ba Htay and Ashok Nath are committee members. Maung Maung and Edward Wee are ordinary members.

Roberto and Aniceto Arce are members of the Kokine Swimming Club and their team, "The Joyful Competitors," won first place in the water-polo competition.

Our school has good swimmers such as John Twe Maung, Aniceto Arce,

Roberto Arce, Ashok Nath, David Ba Htay, Maung Maung and Edward Wee.

There are also good women swimmers in our school, such as Betty Tin Mg, who placed third in the womens' novices race at the National Swimming Championship Meet, and Penny Po Saw.

Some of our men swimmers also competed successfully in many events in the National Swimming Championship Meet. John Twe Maung came third in the cross-lake, 1500-metre, 800-metre, and the 400-metre events and came second in the 200-yard free style event.

Aniceto Arce took part in the diving championship event, but was defeated.

Roberto Arce came third in the 100-yard back stroke and fourth in the cross-lake event.

David Ba Htay placed third in the 200-yard breast stroke event and sixth in the cross lake event. He is the first swimmer who could finish as one of the

first six in the cross-lake event by means of using the breast stroke.

Ashok Nath came fifth in the 200-yard breast stroke event and thirteenth in the cross-lake event.

The three Manton brothers, who are former students of our school, all won trophies at the National Swimming Meet also. Tom, the eldest, who has been our assistant sportsmaster this year, won the 200-yard breast stroke, but was outshone by his younger brother, David, who won the individual championship of the year. David came first in the 100-yard freestyle as well as the 400-metre and 800-metre freestyle races after he had already won the 2,000-yard and 1,500-yard contests held by the National Swimming Federation. William, youngest in the family, brought home the first place diving trophy. David and William are now students at Woodstock School in India.