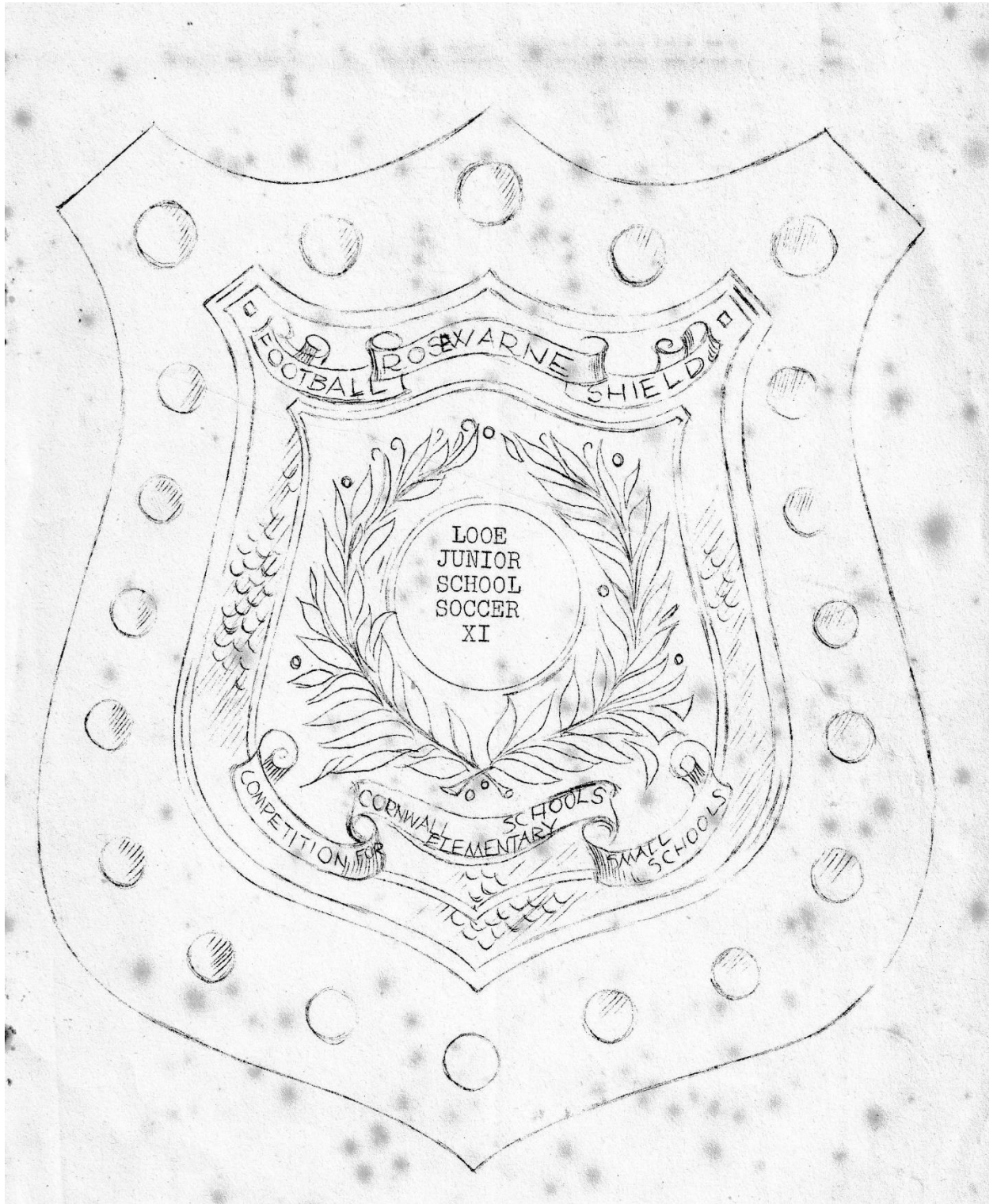


I discovered this 13 page booklet among some old school records. It appears to have been produced to celebrate the very successful 1951-1952 Looe Junior School Football Team. Some of the writing is rather faint. This is due to the age of the document and also to my inadequate copying equipment.  
John Broadhurst, Assistant Teacher 1962-1974.



The original photograph, showing the boys with Stanley Mortensen, the Blackpool and England centre forward, was on the wall in the school hall when the school was in West Looe.



Members of the successful Looe Junior school football team, who finished last season as joint junior champions of Cornwall and winners of the Ellis cup and Trelawney shield, are seen in the school yard with Stanley Mortensen, the Blackpool and England inside-forward.

Mr. Mortensen, who was on a visit to Looe, was taken to the school by Mr. Ron Roberts, of the Hannaford Point Hotel, and gave the boys a talk on football tactics, illustrated by blackboard diagrams.

The boys are Terry Rees, Michael Pote, Neil Stephens, John Parkhouse,

Alan Soady, Joseph Johnson, Tony Kellaway, Richard King, Roy Richardson, Allen Harris, Norman Chalk, Malcolm Moore, Roger Davies, and Norman Toms.

"Cornish Times" photograph.  
May 30, 1952.

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FOREWORD  
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I am glad to have this opportunity of adding a foreword to this little booklet because it seems to me to serve two very valuable purposes. First, to record in a permanent form the successful season just ended, and of which we are rightly proud, and secondly, to express appreciation to the many people whose contributions, either in practice or precept, have helped to bring this about.

As one would expect, the emphasis, throughout, is on the team spirit shown by the boys in their games. This booklet seems to convey very clearly that it has been the fine co-operative spirit of parents, teachers, civic leaders and others which has enabled our boys to achieve these outstanding results.

Margery E. Lee.

  
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THE TALE OF A TEAM

During the late afternoons of September last a casual visitor to the Downs would have seen some midget footballers joyously chasing an enormous football. Their ideas on football were not in accordance with those expressed in the text-book. Each boy had but one aim - to kick the ball and chase it. By this means he hoped to catch the eyes of the Sports masters, and to win his place in the Looe Junior School Soccer XI.

Came the day of the final practice match, after which the team to represent the School in the first match was to be announced. That afternoon, at 4.15, twenty-two lads came on to the bumpy pitch with the light of battle in their eyes. This number included two stalwarts of the 1950-51 season, Richard King and Roy Richardson, each the proud possessor of a County Championship medal, and already elected joint captains of the team. The match will be long remembered by the Sports masters. Spills, there were in plenty. Every player threw himself into the thick of the fray with gay abandon. There were tumbles, miskicks, yells of rage and shouts of joy. With the final whistle there was utter and complete silence. The Sports masters went into a

huddle and then the team was announced. Eleven chests visibly expanded.

A day or two afterwards, the eleven youngsters, wearing the coveted red and white, went to Liskeard to play the Junior School. Within a minute of the kick-off, Looe had the ball in the Liskeard 'net'. The 1951-52 Season had started with a bang.

Throughout the season, week in, week out, the boys attended practice matches and pep talks. Gradually they welded themselves into a workmanlike team. The accent was on 'the team spirit'. As the season advanced their displays brought an ever-increasing number of spectators to watch them, and, by the time the season ended, the boys had covered themselves in glory, and had brought honour to their School.

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THE SEASON'S RECORD

<u>OPPONENTS</u>	<u>GROUND</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
Liskeard Junior School	Liskeard	2 - 2
St. Neot C.P. School	Looe	0 - 0
Upton Cross Junior School	Looe	2 - 0
Liskeard Junior School	Looe	2 - 1
Upton Cross Junior School	Upton Cross	1 - 0
St. Neot C.P. School	St. Neot	1 - 0
St. Blazey Boys' School	St. Blazey	5 - 0
Upton Cross Junior School	Upton Cross	3 - 1
Carclaze C.P. School	Carclaze	3 - 2
Torpoint Junior School	Torpoint	1 - 0
Torpoint Junior School	Looe	1 - 0
1* Truro Bosvigo School	Newquay	2 - 2
2* Callington Junior School	Liskeard	1 - 0
3* Harrowbarrow C.P. School	Callington	2 - 0

TOTAL

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against
14	11	3	0	26	8

- 1\* Final. Rosewarne Shield.  
 2\* Final. Ellis Cup.  
 3\* Trelawney Shield.

Goalscorers Allen Harris 15, Malcolm Moore 7,  
 Richard King 2, Joseph Johnson 1, Norman Chalk 1.

Appearances T. Rees 11, N. Chalk 14, J. Parkhouse 14,  
 N. Stephens 14, J. Johnson 14, R. King 13, R. Richardson 11,  
 A. Soady 11, N. Toms 3, A. Harris 14, M. Moore 14,  
 M. Pote 10, R. Davies 7, T. Kellaway 4.

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THE VISIT OF STAN MORTENSEN

The boys had the thrill of a lifetime when Stan Mortensen, the Blackpool and England inside-forward, paid a visit to the School on Friday 23rd May, accompanied by Mr. Ron. Roberts. For an hour he had the boys spellbound as he talked on the national game.

He stressed the following points :-

1. Smart equipment.
2. Confidence.
3. Team work.
4. Practice.
5. Corner kicking.
6. Tactics from 'Throw-in'.
7. Defensive covering.
8. Shouting for ball.

After the talk, to the great delight of the boys, Stan Mortensen had his photograph taken with the team. He is now considered to be an old boy of the school.

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MESSAGES RECEIVED

1. From Mr. Harold Stevens :- "Having seen the Looe Junior Schoolboys play in most of their games, I wish to congratulate them on their very fine record, one that will not easily be beaten. Looe were lucky to have had such capable reserves. The three boys filled the positions admirably. The



strength of any team is in its team-work - not in individuals. Looe certainly played all through the series as a team - from goalkeeper to outside-left. A word about the spirit in which these games were played - no one could have displayed finer sportsmanship. The ambition of every young footballer should be to play the game, win or lose. I am sure that if these boys continue to play in the same spirit they will worthily uphold the tradition of Looe as a town of sportsmen.

Play to the whistle boys, obey the referee without question, and remember the game isn't lost or won until the final whistle. The best of luck to you all !"

From Mr. A. Thomas :- "As a spectator at most of the football matches played by the Looe Junior School Soccer XI I would like to say that in all my experience of junior football I have never seen a better team of boys. The standard of football amazed me. I could single out one or two of the players as being outstanding but this would not be fair to the rest of the team. To all the boys I would say, 'Make the most of every opportunity. First and foremost, keep fit, play hard and cleanly, and remember that the game is greater than the prize'."

From Mr. J.F. Harris - the father of Allen Harris :- "PLAY THE GAME, these words, used almost daily, by many people, are, I think, one of the essentials of everyday life as well as of sport. You Looe Junior Schoolboys have shown a very high standard on the football field. By playing the game you have reached your objective - GOAL. Remember that in a few years' time another objective will have to be aimed at, and I feel sure that if you continue to be good sportsmen and take the rough with the smooth, you will again win honours that will surpass those you have so justly won this season. Thank you all for the happy hours you have given to so many of us by your skill. My earnest wish is that you will continue to play the game and so hold the affections of all you meet in the years to come. Good luck to you all !"

From Raymond Bowden (ex Looe, Plymouth Argyle, Arsenal, Newcastle United and England).

"..... how pleased I am to hear of the wonderful success of the Junior XI. Hearty congratulations to the boys and the very best of luck to them for the future.

My advice to any boy who is particularly keen to improve is to practise with a ball as often as possible, and to concentrate while still young on kicking well with either foot. This is most important. It is surprising that many professional footballers have only one good leg. So come on boys, practise hard and in a few years from now, who knows, some of you may even be helping to win the English Cup."

From Norman Pengelly (Ex Looe and Plymouth Argyle). He writes - "Well done boys ! I always found the following tips very useful :-

1. To be two-footed and also able to work the ball with both feet.
2. To keep your eye on the ball for the whole game and always to move into position in attack or defence before the other team threatens danger.
3. Train hard in order to last the whole game.
4. Always obey your captain.
5. Always obey the referee without question.
6. Always play the game as a true sportsman.
7. Always play the game for the team and not for yourself. Games are won by teamwork."

#### WHAT THE BOYS SAY

T. Rees (G) "At first I didn't take much interest in football, but after I had played for the team I got in as much practice as I could. My most exciting moment was at Newquay when the Truro forwards swept through our defence. I was bewildered. The inside left shot but he was offside. Anyway I stopped the shot. My favourite footballer is Norman Chalk."

N. Stephens (L.B.) "The making of a team is in its teamwork. I think we all work together."

J. PARKHOUSE (R.B.) "I felt a bit nervous in the first match but confidence came afterwards. I am pretty well built for a footballer. My favourite team is Manchester United and my favourite player Stanley Mortensen."

R. Richardson (L.H.) "I am the only boy who has represented Looe Juniors for three successive seasons."

R. King (C.H.) "We have had many harassing moments in our matches. In the three finals our opponents were hoping to lower our colours but we completed the hat trick. Roy Richardson and I each have two Rosewarne Shield medals."

J. Johnson (R.H.) "I am ten years old. I was nervous at first but not now, after we have become joint champions of Cornwall. Roger Davies played a grand game against Harrowbarrow. My favourite professional is Stanley Matthews."

A. Soady (O.R.) "I was a reserve and played my first game for the School in the fourth match. Joseph and I will be eligible to play for the team next year."

N. Chalk (I.R.) "I started to play football when I was six. My most exciting moment was when I scored the winning goal against Carclaze. I like dribbling round my opponents. When I grow up I want to play for Blackpool. They have fine players."

A. Harris (C.F.) "At Newquay I was excited when our captain, Richard King, received the shield from Mr. S. P. Heath."

M. Moore (I.L.) "We never thought we would ever become champions of Cornwall. The best way to play is as a team and not to be selfish."

R. Davies (O.L.) "I am looking forward to the tea party."



M. Pote (O.L. or L.H.) "I think our record is a very good one indeed."  
 T. Kellaway. "I have played in three matches and have enjoyed all fourteen."  
 N. Toms. "I feel very proud of our team."

#### THANK YOU

1. Looe A.F.C. - for use of your ground.
2. Mr. T. Weston - for safe and comfortable journeys.
3. Supporters - for coming to our matches.
4. Our opponents - for fine games.
5. Mr. L. Ward - for window displays.
6. Town Trust - for use of the Downs.
7. Parents - for our smart turn-out.
8. Mr. Nason - for inscribing our trophies.
9. Looe U.D.C. - for use of the Mechanics Institute.
10. Ladies and Gentlemen - for the wonderful Victory Party.
11. Mr. and Mrs. Whitelegg - for your most generous gift.
12. Subscribers to our booklet.
13. Mrs. B. Crabb - for helping us so much.
14. Mrs. S. Ball, Mr. R. Martin, Mr. Shergold, Mr. Stroud, Mr. G. Marshall, Mr. R. Madge, Mr. Gregory and Mrs. L. Southern for your kindness to us.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON

1. The wonderful reception given to the team at Carclaze.
2. The magnificent support given to the team by the people of Looe.
3. Mrs. B. Crabb riding on the Hobby Horses with the team after the Ellis Cup victory.
4. John Parkhouse's record of being last to change and last to dress in all our matches.
5. The visit of Stan Mortensen.
6. Our Victory Tea.
7. The Sportsmanship of the Team.
8. The success of the three reserves when called upon.



THE VICTORY PARTY

Mrs. B. Crabb, who throughout the season has been one of the team's staunchest supporters, assisted by the boys' mothers, entertained the young footballers at the Mechanics Institute on 9th June.

Tea was scheduled for 5 o'clock, but many of the youngsters, having worked up enormous appetites, were on the doorstep by 4.30 ! At last all was ready and the boys came in. Their eyes bulged at the heavily-laden tables - sandwiches, meat pies, fancy cakes, chocolate biscuits, jam and cream, jelly, blancmange, fruit, ice-cream, sponges, and lemonade to aid digestion. The centre piece was a magnificent cake, representing a football field and bearing the names of the players.

Miss M. E. Lee gave the party a good send-off and the boys fell to, sweeping straight into the attack. Everyone was in top form. It was, without a doubt, the best game of the season.

After tea many more children arrived for the Variety Concert. This was very much enjoyed by everyone.

Those taking part were Mr. C. Williams (comedian), Mr. and Mrs. Liney (conjurers), Miss Shirley Barron (pianist) the Looe Harmonica Band, Mrs. V. Knight (Songs),

Mrs. V. Burnett (piano), "the Two Kates", and Miss Annette Rowe (songs). Mr. Arthur Fletcher was M.C.

Presentations were made to the teachers by Mrs. L. Southern and the boys.

The success of the party was due, in no small measure, to the untiring efforts of the ladies, particularly Mrs. B. Crabb, Miss A. Murrish, Mrs. E. M. Soady, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. I.L. Pote, Mrs. V. Richardson, Mrs. L. Southern, Mrs. F. Stevens, Mrs. A. T. Kellaway, Mrs. E. Chalk, Mrs. Rockley, Mrs. N. Rees, Mrs. K. V. Stephens, Miss Z. Johnson and Mrs. A. Jones.

As the party ended the boys thanked one and all by giving three cheers.

### QUIZ

1. A Looe boy captained Cornwall Schools Soccer XI last season. Name him.
2. Some years ago the England inside-right was a Looe man. Who was he ?
3. Since the war a Looe man has played for Plymouth Argyle. What is his name ?
4. Who were the Finalists in the Cornwall County Shield 1951-2 ?
5. England played three matches on the Continent recently. Who were their opponents ?
6. Where is the English Cup Final played ?

7. Where are the Olympic Games being held this year ?
8. What games do you associate with each of the following ?
  - (a) The Oval.
  - (b) Wimbledon.
  - (c) Lords.
  - (d) Twickenham.
9. What nation has a cricket team in England this season ?
10. Name the first professional to be elected Captain of the English Cricket Team.

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#### ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Neil Playne.
2. Raymond Bowden.
3. Norman Pengelly.
4. Cornwall Technical College.  
Bude-Stratton Secondary Modern School.
5. Italy. Austria. Switzerland.
6. Wembley Stadium.
7. Helsinki.
8. (a) Cricket. (b) Tennis, (c) Cricket, (d) Rugby.
9. India.
10. Len Hutton.

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