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LET US PRAY TOGETHER

*For the victims of
Wang Fuk Court,
Taipo*

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The Birth of the Lasallian Schools in Hong Kong

[Hong Kong Lasallian Family](#)

If there is one person, apart from the Brother Superior General, who should be credited with getting the Brothers to come to Hong Kong, it is Father Timoleone Raimondi. This man of ardent zeal and boundless energy was determined to obtain the services of the Christian Brothers to look after the education of Catholic boys in Hong Kong.

For many years Father Raimondi pestered and peppered the Brother Superior General, Brother Philip, with requests. Despite many refusals, Father Raimondi would not take no for an answer. His persistence eventually paid off when, just before his death, Brother Philip promised to do his utmost to send a few Brothers to Hong Kong. They were to help the Diocese to manage St. Saviour's College and St. Louis Orphanage.

And so, on the 7th November 1875, there landed in Hong Kong the six pioneers who formed the first Community of the Christian Brother Schools. Brothers Hidulphe Marie, Hidulphe de Jesus, and Hebertus who were from the Boarding school of Marseilles; Brothers Adrian Canny and Aldolphus Doyle who were Irish and came from the Novitiate of London; Brother Isfrid from Paris. The Brothers found no time to relax because they were asked to take charge of the St. Louis Orphanage and the English section of St. Saviour's College on the very next day, 8th November 1875. They renamed St. Saviour's College as St. Joseph's College, honouring the patron of their Institute.

At the arrival of the Brothers, 75 boys were attending English classes and were accommodated in 4 rooms in Pottinger Street. After a few weeks the enrolment had doubled and it became evident that larger premises were needed. In June 1876 Mgr. Raimondi purchased a fine house situated at No. 9 Caine Road and the Brothers at once moved into it. In January, 1878, a class for Chinese boys who desired to learn English conversation and correspondence was opened. In just five years, the number of students had increased from 75 to 281. The premises in Caine Road was now not large enough to satisfy the constant demands for admission.

By 1881, there were more than 300 boys on the roll at Caine Road. Bishop Raimondi again came to the rescue buying a new property in Glenealy, a majestic building overlooking the Cathedral. The school soon became a landmark on Hong Kong Island. The Brothers finally had a campus which could accommodate the demand. However, a rare earthquake in 1918 damaged the grand school building necessitating another change of campus.

In 1914, Brother Aimar Sauron had arrived in Hong Kong. He was a great administrator of remarkable foresight and organising ability. Immediately after the 1918 earthquake, he bought the site of the Old Germania Club where St. Joseph's College stands to this day. Noting that pupils living on the Kowloon side had to cross by double-trip ferry every day, he set up a school in Chatham Road, Kowloon (St. Joseph's College Branch School).

When Brother Aimar opened La Salle College, in 1932, St. Joseph's Branch was the basis of the student body of the new school. The new school became a landmark in Kowloon, not least because of its majestic dome under which was a beautiful chapel. Brother Aimar brought the new school to an admirable height of intellectual activity, discipline and prestige right from its first years. It continues to be held in high esteem by

the public. As the number of Brothers increased and with the support of the people of Hong Kong more Lasallian schools opened in the 1950's, 60's and 70's.



First off was **La Salle Primary School** which opened in 1957 under the able leadership of Brother Henry Pang. The pupils imitated their elder College brothers with admirable academic and extra-curricular achievements. **De La Salle Secondary School, New Territories**, opened its doors in 1965. It was the first Lasallian school that was distant from the city, was located near the border with mainland China and catered to the sons of farmers and working classes. In more modern times it has changed to a co-educational school. One distinguishing mark of the school is that it caters to quite a number of cross-border students.

St. Joseph's Primary School, a feeder to St. Joseph's College, opened in 1968 and immediately became a popular choice for parents. Its relatively cramped premises has not prevented it from turning out all-round students.

Chan Sui Ki (La Salle) College opened in 1969. It was named for a philanthropist and took its first intake of students from La Salle Evening School. Brother Herman Fenton was the first principal but he became busy with planning for a new primary school and Brother Eugene Sharkey took over and had a long reign. Next up was **Chong Gene Hang College** in 1971. Mr. Chong had worked hard and long in the USA and managed to gain enough money to donate towards a school in his name in Hong Kong. The Brothers chose a site in a working-class district which also featured the sons of fishermen. Brother Brendan Dunne became the first principal and set a friendly, family-like tone from Day 1. The latest development is that the school is turning co-educational.

Currently, the youngest of our Lasallian schools in Hong Kong is **Chan Sui Ki (La Salle) Primary School** which opened in 1973 under the benign leadership of Brother Herman Fenton. It was a co-educational school from the start and was opened in a low-cost housing estate. With such rapid developments in Hong Kong, it is now surrounded by high-rise middle to upper class housing.

A final development saw the birth of **St. Joseph's College Kindergarten** in 1974. It was located on the top floor of St. Joseph's Primary School and was well looked after by Brother Alphonsus Breen. It had to close, however, in 2012 to enable full-day schooling in St. Joseph's Primary School.

In 2021, our Lasallian schools in Hong Kong cater for about **7,000 students, 700 staff and about 2000 Catholics**. Father Raimondi's dream has come a long way.

Fall Gathering - Old Boys in the New York Region

Peter Lai (67)



On Saturday, October 11, 2025, more than 20 Old Boys and their family members gathered in Pennsylvania at the residence of Michael and Pamela Besaw, daughter of Sueki & Peter Lai (67). Despite the cloudy skies and occasional raindrops, many OB guests made the trip from New York, New Jersey, and as far as Connecticut to visit scenic Newtown, Pennsylvania, a rural town about 75 miles south of Manhattan, New York City. Due to the long distance from New York City, almost all of the participants stayed overnight on-site or at nearby accommodations. This allowed for a very relaxed gathering without any concerns of nighttime driving or the amount of alcohol/adult beverages consumed. In fact, the atmosphere of the entire event felt much more like a family reunion than a social function.



As usual, the menus of the day were fantastic. To greet the arriving guests, our host prepared a variety of lunch bites that included sushi, croissant sandwiches, pasta, and other appetizers. Our pre-dinner

appetizer included a delicious cold-cured Scottish salmon prepared by our Master Chef Bel Baptista (77), and a golden roast pig from the best of Chinatown; the pig was skillfully cut and arranged by Louis Wong (66), and its crispy skin and tasty meat were devoured by the (very happy 😊) happy-hour crowd enjoying themselves at the basement bar.



This year's happy hour focused on an impressive assortment of Bourbon and Scotch whiskies and crisp Sancerre white wine, while delicious red wine and Korean Soju flowed during dinner time. The two featured specialty dinner main courses included fantastic rib-eye steaks prepared by Chef Bel on the grill, and delicious homemade crab-cakes by Chris Tse (64). To complement these dishes, our host also catered a variety of Italian dishes such as fried calamari, lobster ravioli, eggplant parmigiana, grilled shrimp over spinach, and a variety of vegetable dishes. The dinner concluded with Italian desserts including a delightful Napoleon cake, fresh fruit, and coffee for the party animals who continued on through midnight!





The sun came through briefly as the participants arose for Sunday morning breakfast. Sueki Lai prepared two pots of delicious homemade chicken congee, which was served together with deep-fried twisted dough sticks and roast pork buns from Chinatown. The congee mixed extremely well with the extra roast pork and steak we were fortunate to enjoy from the night before. The gathering leisurely came to an end as the participants began their homebound trips around noon.

Despite a few OB absences due to scheduling conflicts, all agreed that it was another successful Fall gathering. The relaxing atmosphere throughout the entire event was filled with great conversations, reminiscing the old days, and of course lots of laughter as always. Last but not least, all the participants expressed their deep appreciation to the Lai family for their efforts in planning and hosting this annual function. Needless to say, everyone is looking forward to the next Old Boys gathering.

United Kingdom Manchester October Gathering

David Ho (94)

Dear Lasallians,

Greetings from the UK!

We had a wonderful Manchester gathering on 25th October 2025! Twenty-seven old boys and their families participated in a very joyful event — the biggest La Salle Manchester gathering on record!

A huge thank you to Joseph Au Si Hing for taking the lead in organising this get-together at the Queens Arms pub — fun fact: it's the oldest railway pub in the world! The pub was recently acquired by a Hongkonger, and the food was absolutely amazing.



We were blessed to have Obed Cheung Si Hing lead us in prayer before the meal — it was very meaningful. Singing the school song together was definitely the highlight of the day. Big thanks to Bryan Au Yeung Si Dai for leading us!



Thank you also to Johnnie Chu Si Hing, who took us on a lovely walk after lunch. We followed the Bridgewater Canal into Worsley Woods — the riverside views were just beautiful.



UK gatherings are never easy, and we really appreciate everyone who made the effort to travel and join. It was another great example of our school spirit — La Salle is something more!

United Kingdom Gathering with LSCOBA President/Vice President

David Ho (94)

We had a memorable evening on 9th Nov 2025, welcoming our LSCOBA Vice President, Desmond Cheung, during his visit to the UK!



LSCOBA Vice President, Desmond Cheung visiting the UK Chapter on 9th Nov 2025

It was a real honour to have both President Dr. Daniel Wong and Vice President Desmond Cheung with us in 2025 - their presence made the occasion more special.



November 2025



August 2025

Desmond is currently very busy organizing the LSCOBA Gala Dinner, "The Flaming Torch," to be held in December. We wish him and his team great success with this meaningful event.

We would also like to thank Dr. Daniel Wong for his generous personal donation to the UK Chapter, which will allow us to maintain our website for another year.

Gatherings in the UK are never easy, and we truly treasure these moments together — always remembering the spirit we learned from La Salle!

Lasallian Brotherhood Shines at the 2025 Brother Thomas Cup

Toronto Chapter



The bonds of La Salle brotherhood were on full display as the La Salle Old Boys Association - Toronto proudly hosted the annual Brother Thomas Cup on September 28, 2025. Held at the prestigious St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club, the event was a vibrant testament to our enduring spirit, uniting over 30 players from across the decades in a day of friendly rivalry and cherished fellowship.

Under the banner of "One La Salle," the tournament was more than a game; it was a living tradition. The fairways echoed with shared memories and the unique camaraderie that defines our community, from seasoned graduates to our newest alumni.



As the sun set, the celebration continued at Starchiva Cuisine, Richmond Hill, where the fellowship deepened over an awards ceremony and a delightful dinner. The room buzzed with the unmistakable energy of Lasallians reconnecting and celebrating together.

We are thrilled to congratulate our champions, who exemplified the competitive excellence and grace of a true Lasallian:



Longest Drive: Woody Sung ('22)



Closest to the Pin: Arthur Cheong ('22)



Second Runner-Up: Dr. William Chan ('69)



First Runner-Up: Dr. Keneth Liu ('69)



Champion: Dr Edward Kong
(‘65)



This resounding success was made possible through the selfless dedication and tireless work of our volunteers. The Association extends its deepest gratitude to Dr. William Chan ('69) and the entire team of the Old Boys' Association. Their commitment is a powerful reflection of our core values—a true commitment to serving the community and strengthening the ties that bind us all.

The 2025 Brother Thomas Cup was not just a tournament won, but a spirit renewed. Let us remember, we are not here for school, but for life.

80th Anniversary of War Victory – Part 2

Mark Huang (85)

We were ushered by the Brothers from the soccer field to the covered playground around 8 am that morning. We heard planes fly overhead, and the sound of the bombing lasted for an hour or so. When things quieted down, the Brothers told us that the examinations were postponed indefinitely, and we were to go home. The school will be closed.

*An old boy account of the fateful morning
when the Japanese attacked Hong Kong,
8th December 1941*

That announcement spelt not only the cancellation of the days' examinations, but the end of formal education for many of the boys.

Through radio broadcasts those in Hong Kong learnt that a mere eight hours before Hong Kong was attacked, the Japanese raided the U.S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbour, Hawaii. That was on 7th December, the date which United States President Roosevelt notably called, "a date which will live in infamy...". That holds true for Hong Kong, and for La Salle College.

Brother Cassian's Community Diary records,

Japanese troops invaded the Colony on the morning of 8th December 1941 and the following Friday, 12th December entered Kowloon. We were saddened, even humiliated to see Japanese soldiers filing past the School, on their way to take possession of Kai Tak Airport.

La Salle Relief Hospital

It had been arranged that La Salle College was to become a relief hospital once war broke out. Not long after the first bombings started, the wounded, in some accounts tallying up to 250 civilian casualties, began to arrive at the College. However, the doctors and medicine were not yet on hand, and the La Salle Relief Hospital was not ready to operate. The Brothers were said to have drawn whatever available first aid facilities from the Scouts quarters and the laboratories to minister to the wounded. Among the many Brothers, Brother Anthony Kilbourn, the Prefect of Boarders from 1937 to the war, had in particular offered much help to the hospital staff and inmates.

Brother Cassian remembers:

It was only by afternoon with the arrival of Doctor Howell, infirmarian Major Miss Robinson and Madame Sheldon that some order was brought to bear on the situation. Chairs and desks [and benches] were soon piled up along the verandas [and in the courtyards] and the classrooms furnished with camp beds. After the arrival of the nurses, doctors and the supplies, the Relief Hospital got into swing, and the Brothers were on hand to help in whatever way they could with the injured or those tending to them. After three days of resistance, the Japanese took over the whole of Kowloon, and the Allies retreated to the Island. On the evening of 12th December, a Japanese officer arrived at the College and requested the Brothers to surrender half of the College building to provide accommodation for a large battalion of soldiers and their staff officer. Without any option, the Brothers obliged. The hospital was to support both Hong Kong casualties as well as Japanese for accommodation and medical attention.

1,200 Japanese military personnel filed in and took over a large section of the College in the next few days. On the evening of 13th December, the school hall was filled with Japanese soldiers, who as they prepared to attack Hong Kong Island were entertained by an impromptu concert.

Brother Felix Sheehan recalled the evening at the 1960 Speech Day:

There was the fateful night of the 13th December 1941, when this hall was filled with Japanese soldiers, who were about to make an assault on the besieged island of Hong Kong. Prior to the attack as they sat silently packed together, they were entertained here to an impromptu concert.

As remarked in the Silver Jubilee Lasallite (1957):

For the next few weeks, it housed simultaneously an imposing number of people of many races and creeds. Its inmates comprised besides the civilian casualties already mentioned, over a thousand Japanese troops and wounded together with scores of refugees to whom the structural solidity and the charitable character of the College gave a feeling of security. The blow was as cruel as it was unexpected. Several locations in Hong Kong were converted into Hospitals or First Aid posts. Among those on Hong Kong Island were St. Paul's Hospital, University Relief Hospital, Rosary Hill, the War Memorial Hospital and Matilda Relief Hospital. On the Kowloon side, La Salle Relief Hospital, and Maryknoll First Aid Post. La Salle was to accept casualties that had less serious injuries.

The Kowloon sites included La Salle Relief Hospital and Maryknoll First Aid Post which joined St. Teresa's Hospital and the Kowloon Hospital. From the Hong Kong Volunteers Defence Corps (HKVDC) records, 85 staff were mobilised and stationed in La Salle Relief Hospital. Another 22 were in Maryknoll First Aid Post. They probably belonged to the Auxiliary Nursing Service, under the Director of Medical Service. Therefore, the La Salle College building played an important role providing hospital services to the injured in northern Kowloon. Further, the fact that La Salle was one of a few large relief hospitals in Kowloon at the time illustrates that the district was sorely lacking in hospital facilities for the military. This issue will loom larger for La Salle several years later, and will lead to the requisition of La Salle College again by the British War Department in the late 1940s for over ten years.

2025 Remembrance Day

Victor Leung (77)

In this solemn time of Remembrance, lest we forget our war heroes—the **"Boys of Courage and Men of Daring"**—who sacrificed their young lives defending against invaders during the war era. Their ultimate sacrifice demands our enduring gratitude.

Mark Huang, in his dedicated book **"Sons of La Salle Everyone—A History of La Salle College and Primary School 1932-2007"**, has conducted commendable research. He captured and preserved a vital list of the fallen brothers from the La Salle community who died at a very young age defending Hong Kong.

Our lost brothers may be gone, but their courage and memory will never be forgotten.

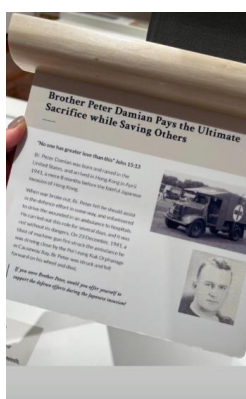
John CHUNG Yew Mun (a.k.a. CHONG Yew Mun)		Francis LIM Seang Teik	
Company	No. 9 Platoon, No.3 (Eurasian) Company, HKVDC	Company	No. 8 Platoon, No.3 (Eurasian) Company, HKVDC
Rank	Private	Rank	Private
Civilian Occupation	Teacher, La Salle College	Civilian Occupation	Teacher, La Salle College
Date of Birth	1912	Date of Birth	Unknown
Date of Death	19 th December, 1941	Date of Death	19 th December, 1941
Age at Death	29	Age at Death	Unknown
Burial	No known grave; commemorated at Column 34, Sai Wan Memorial	Burial	No known grave; commemorated at Column 34, Sai Wan Memorial
Connection with LSC	Teaching staff, Scout Master of the 17 th (La Salle) Scout Troop	Connection with LSC	Teaching staff, Scout Master of the 17 th (La Salle) Scout Troop
Remarks	Missing believed killed at Wong Nai Chung Gap	Remarks	Missing believed killed at Wong Nai Chung Gap
Peter Hans Amandus ULRICH		Edward Joseph HING	
Company	5th AA. Battery, Corps Artillery, HKVDC	Company	No. 7 Platoon, No.3 (Eurasian) Company, HKVDC
Rank	Gunner (service no. D/R 72)	Rank	Lance Corporal (service no. 3526)
Civilian Occupation	Teacher, La Salle College	Civilian Occupation	Unknown
Date of Birth	1916	Date of Birth	1914
Date of Death	18 th December, 1941	Date of Death	19 th December, 1941
Age at Death	25	Age at Death	27
Burial	6. D. Coll. Grave 1-6, Stanley Military Cemetery	Burial	No known grave; commemorated at Column 33, Sai Wan Memorial
Connection with LSC	Old Boy; Teaching staff; 2 nd President of LSCOB	Connection with LSC	Old Boy
Remarks	Probably murdered by Japanese Forces after being captured at Sai Wan Fort. Brother of Albert Ulrich	Remarks	Killed in action while covering his men's withdrawal from JLO3, a defense position in area north of Jardines Lookout
Voldemar GREENEVITCH (served as HRYNIWICZ)		Edward Filomeno HYNDMAN	
Company	No. 1 Company, HKVDC	Company	Field Company Engineers, HKVDC
Rank	Private (service no. 3237)	Rank	Sapper (service no. 5002)
Civilian Occupation	Unknown	Civilian Occupation	Student

Date of Birth	1922	Date of Birth	1924
Date of Death	18 th December, 1941	Date of Death	31 st December, 1941
Age at Death	19	Age at Death	17
Burial	No known grave; commemorated at Column 34, Sai Wan Memorial	Burial	5.A.8., Stanley Military Cemetery; also commemorated at Club de Recreo
Connection with LSC	Old Boy	Connection with LSC	Student
Remarks	Missing believed killed at Sanatorium Gap	Remarks	Wounded and admitted to War Memorial Hospital on 20 th December 1941; died on 31 st December 1941
Francis J. JORGE		George Morris MACKECHNIE	
Company	Army Service Corps Unit, HKVDC	Company	No. 7 Platoon, No.3 (Eurasian) Company, HKVDC
Rank	Private	Rank	Private
Civilian Occupation	Unknown	Civilian Occupation	Unknown
Date of Birth	1919	Date of Birth	1922
Date of Death	22 nd December, 1941	Date of Death	19 th December, 1941
Age at Death	22	Age at Death	19
Burial	No known grave; commemorated at Column 34, Sai Wan Memorial; also commemorated at Club de Recreo	Burial	No known grave; commemorated at Column 24, Sai Wan Memorial
Connection with LSC	Old Boy	Connection with LSC	Old Boy
Remarks	Killed in action in Repulse Bay Hotel garage area	Remarks	Killed in action in area of village north of Jardine's Lookout; alternatively murdered at Wong Nai Chung Gap after being captured
Carlos Antonio MARQUES		Ronald Douglas MAXWELL	
Company	No. 6 (Portuguese) Company, HKVDC	Company	No. 9 Platoon, No.3 (Eurasian) Company, HKVDC
Rank	Lance Corporal (service no. 2831)	Rank	Private (service no. 3176)
Civilian Occupation	Assist, Standard-Vacuum Oil Co	Civilian Occupation	Clerk, British Cigarette Co. Ltd
Date of Birth	1917	Date of Birth	1919
Date of Death	19 th December 1941	Date of Death	23 rd December 1941
Age at Death	24	Age at Death	22
Burial	No known grave; commemorated at Column 33, Sai Wan Memorial; also commemorated at Club de Recreo	Burial	Actual burial at St. John's Cathedral Grounds, Central; alternative commemoration at IX. E. 21 Sai Wan War Cemetery
Connection with LSC	Old Boy	Connection with LSC	Old Boy
Remarks	Probably killed in action at Tai Koo Dockyards	Remarks	Killed in action in Wan Chai area
Francisco Antonio NORMNHA		Manuel Heliodoro OZORIO	
Company	No. 6 (Portuguese) Company, HKVDC	Company	5th AA. Battery, Corps Artillery, HKVDC
Rank	Private (service no. 3357)	Rank	Gunner (service no. 4198)
Civilian Occupation	Unknown	Civilian Occupation	Accountant, HL & Whampoa Dock Co Ltd
Date of Birth	1920	Date of Birth	1917
Date of Death	18 th December 1941	Date of Death	18 th December 1941
Age at Death	21	Age at Death	24
Burial	No known grave; commemorated at Column 34, Sai Wan Memorial; also commemorated at Club de Recreo	Burial	6.E. Coll. Grave 1;20. Stanley Military Cemetery; also commemorated at Club de Recreo
Connection with LSC	Old Boy	Connection with LSC	Old Boy
Remarks	Killed in action at Tai Koo Dockyards	Remarks	Probably murdered by Japanese Forces after being Captured at Sai Wan Fort
Frederick Austin RAPP		Albert ULRICH	
Company	Army Service Corps Unit, HKVDC (attached to the Royal Army Service Corps)	Company	5th AA. Battery, Corps Artillery, HKVDC
Rank	Private	Rank	Gunner (service no. 4614)
Civilian Occupation	Unknown	Civilian Occupation	Assistant, Hong Kong & Kowloon Whard & Godown Co1 Ltd
Date of Birth	1922	Date of Birth	1917
Date of Death	22 nd December 1941	Date of Death	18 th December 1941
Age at Death	19	Age at Death	24
Burial	No known grave; commemorated at Column 34, Sai Wan Memorial	Burial	6.D. Coll. Grave 1-6, Stanley Military Cemetery
Connection with LSC	Old Boy	Connection with LSC	Old Boy
Remarks	Murdered by Japanese Forces after being captured at "the Ridge"	Remarks	Probably murdered by Japanese Forces after being Captured at Sai Wan Fort. Brother of Peter Ulrich

J. GRIFFITHS		Brother Peter Damian WHEALAN, F.S.C	
Connection with LSC	Old Boy	Occupation	De La Salle Christian Brother
Further details	Unknown	Date of Birth	22 nd January 1908
		Date of Death	23 rd December 1941
		Age at Death	33
		Burial	St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley
		Connection with LSC	Staff of St. Joseph's College, HK
		Remarks	Ambushed and killed by Japanese Forces during a voluntary ambulance mission in Cause Way Bay



AI Enhanced Photo of the HK Volunteers Defense Corps (HKVDC), Number 3 (Eurasian) Company, which consisted of many Lasallians. They were positioned to defend Wong Nai Chung Gap.



Classical Chinese Verses in English Rhyme 《詩詞英韻》

Our beloved Mathematics teacher of La Salle College, Mr. Shum Mow Kee (岑懋基, 岑佬), besides being a Mathematics genius, is also a lover of Chinese literature. After his retirement, he has spent the years in

studying classical Chinese poetry and translating them into English. Mr. Shum approaches the translation work with amazing artistry, besides depicting the meaning of the sentences, Mr. Shum takes into account elements such as the length of the sentences, the tonal structure, the number of syllables, and the rhyme structures. Mr. Shum has put together a collection of 186 pieces of his work to share with friends and lovers of poetry. The book is not for sale, and is free for anyone to download. Please visit the following website to download the PDF version of the book. Also, please do leave a comment to Mr. Shum and tell him what you think. You are welcome to share the [link](#) to anyone you know who may want to read this book, 詩詞英韻. (P.S. 岑寂 is the pen name of Mr. Shum).

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World Cup 1974 – Total Football (part 6)

Danny Leung (71)

Famous or infamous quote:

- Prior to the final game, van Hanegem asked the team to “stuff” the Germans but had to whine afterwards, “I didn't give a damn as long as we humiliated them. They murdered my father, sister and two brothers (during WWII). I am full of angst.”
- Another pre-tournament favorite Brazil, suffered the same long boot camp training as the Germans. That led Pereira, their best defender, to comment, “What do they expect us to be? The “Champion of Masturbxxxxx?”
- Beckenbauer played a mind game with the highly acclaimed referee, Jack Taylor, after a penalty was awarded to Holland “Taylor, you’re an Englishman!” The media would pinpoint this as a psychological reason for Taylor to award the second penalty to the Germans, which Taylor refuted later on.

Off the pitch factors, incidents, controversies, rumors:

- Brazil was awarded to keep the Jules Rimet trophy permanently after winning it the third time in 1970. The trophy was kept in their Football Association but was stolen and eventually melted in the 80's.
- Adidas came up with a modified version of soccer ball from their last Telstar, the black and white Telstar Durlast. The Durlast did not last as Adidas reinvented a light and bouncy ball starting from the next world cup.
- Brazil switched its jersey from white to yellow in 1962 as the original color was deemed as bad luck after they lost the 1950 World Cup final to Uruguay at home. The new shiny yellow jersey is widely



The last of the heavy sucker

familiarized to the world to this day. In 1974 Holland introduced its bright orange color coupled with either white or black pant to earn them the name **The Clockwork Orange**.

- For the first time in history, a second group phase with 2 groups was staged after 8 teams qualified from the initial one. It eliminated the previous quarter final knockout. The winner of each second group phase advanced into the final. That format by chance benefited the host. After losing to E. Germany, they avoided meeting Holland until the final and had time to regroup, a blessing in disguise.
- A few days before the final game photos were leaked out on Cruyff having fun with a few German girls in a tub. Cruyff's wife Danny was furious and persistently barked over him on the phone throughout the night before the game. Cruyff had a mediocre day when it mattered most. One wondered if that incident took on its toll.
- The Germans were not allowed to take their spouses to the celebration dinner after the final game, a strict code by the DFB! That prompted anguish among the players and a few retirements from Mueller, Overath, Grabowski and Breitner. Breitner would later return in the 1982 World Cup as a midfielder general.
- Later on, Cruyff and Rep would blame each other for not scoring on that one on one chance in the final game. Cruyff would send X'mas cards every year to all of his Dutch team mates other than Rep.

The immediate afterlife of the champ and its conqueror

- Holland made it to the semi-final of the European Nation Cup in 1976 after knocking out Poland and Italy. The majority of the players were there but they once again triggered another self-inflicted disaster. The Ajax players were having problems with the PSV's and coach Knobel. Knobel was an approachable person but did not have the personality to lead his egoistic players. The arrogant Dutch were thinking way ahead of the final to avenge against the Germans and forgot about their next opponent. With a wet pitch and the forever controversial referee Clive Thomas of Wales, Holland and Cruyff played poorly. While Holland dominated the game, Czechoslovakia disrupted their play with hard tackling. The Dutch, seldom a strong believer in discipline, snapped back. Neeskens and van Hanegem were red carded and the team lost 3-1 in overtime. Thomas, 20 years later, admitted his mistake for not giving Holland a penalty before the Czechs turned around and scored in overtime. Van Hanegem was given the red card due to his discontent with that decision. Half of the reserve team showed up and beat Yugoslavia 3-2 in an entertaining overtime match to win the third place. The lack of discipline, infighting and squabbling nature of the Dutch would continue to plague them for a few more major tournaments to come!
- W. Germany had to go over another two nail biting overtime in the same tournament. They overcame Yugoslavia 4-2 after trailing 2 goals early in the semi-final game. The final witnessed the never-say die Germans tying the score with two late goals. They were adequate in attacking but their ageing defense started to leave space behind. The Czechs had to be thankful to their keeper Viktor as he made numerous difficult saves during the entire tournament. In the first ever tournament penalty shootout, Hoeness missed the only shot while Panenka dipped a gentle chip in the middle to win the title. That style of penalty kick was later named as The Panenka.

Footnote: Rinus Michels and Johann Cruyff were honored as the European Coach and Player of the Century respectively by FIFA in 1999. Cruyff was voted as the second best Player in the World behind Pele. He also won the prestigious Ballon d'Or Award in 1971, 72 and 74 and third in 75. Beckenbauer claimed the same prize in 1972 and 76, runner-up in 74 and 75 and third in 66.

About the North American Lasallians

This electronic newsletter is a joint bimonthly publication, aiming at fostering communications and serves as a channel to reconnect La Salle old boys in North America and beyond. We welcome submissions of articles and photos that may be of general interest to the old boys community, including, but are not limited to, official announcements and recaps of events hosted by Chapters in North America and/or dedicated old boys (such as class reunion and excursions); old boys community updates from Hong Kong; news and stories of old boys overseas; La Salle related heritage; as well as a few words and/or photos of nostalgia.

Brother Thomas said it quite well at the inauguration of this newsletter in 2009: "The big challenge will be to ensure that that second, third and more editions see the light of day. It will only continue if each Chapter supplies news, views and copy on a regular basis." It would be even better if the word "Chapter" is replaced by "Lasallian". You are urged to help nourish this newsletter by contributing articles, news and even just pictures as often as you can. The subjects of your contributions need not be limited to only materials regarding LSC, LSPS, OBA chapter, HKLSCOBAs and old boys, but may also include other subjects that are of general interest to the old boys community.

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