



ROYAL ATHLETIC PARK
MAY 30, 1967

PROGRAMME

For Official Opening of Newly Renovated
ROYAL ATHLETIC PARK

by

THE HONOURABLE GEORGE R. PEARKE, V.C., P.C., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., C.D.
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia

at

6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 1967

O C A N A D A

Introduction of the Reverend S. J. Parsons, President of the Victoria Council of Churches, who will offer a Prayer of Dedication.

Introduction of His Worship Hugh R. Stephen, Mayor of the City of Victoria, who will give address of welcome.

Introduction of and Official Opening by the Honourable George R. Pearkes, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.

Introduction of the Lieutenant-Governor by His Worship the Mayor to the Captains of the Chelsea and O'Keefe's Soccer Teams who will in turn introduce their players to His Honour.

Kick-Off of game between Chelsea and the O'Keefes by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, followed by presentation of the soccer ball to His Honour by His Worship the Mayor.

Soccer Game between Chelsea and Victoria O'Keefes.

HALF-TIME ENTERTAINMENT

The Band of the 5th (B.C.) Field Battery, R.C.A.
Under the Direction of W.O.2 R. Marsh
By Special Permission of Major A. E. Sherwin.

Presentation by Councillor A. R. Mebs, President, and Jerry Gosley, Co-ordinator of the Greater Victoria Centennial Society, to members of the Victoria O'Keefe Soccer Club in recognition of their winning the John F. Kennedy Trophy.

The Restoration of Royal Athletic Park as it is today was made possible by the generous bequest of Thomas Shanks McPherson, prominent Victoria citizen and philanthropist, who died December, 1962, at 89 years of age.

CHELSEA FOOTBALL CLUB - 1966-67

ENGLISH CUP FINALISTS

No.	PLAYER	POSITION	No.	PLAYER	POSITION
	Peter Bonetti	Goal		Bobby Tambling	Forward
	Joe Kirkup	Full Back		Charlie Cook	Forward
	Eddie McCreadie	Full Back		Peter Houseman	Forward
	Allan Harris	Full Back		Tony Hateley	Forward
	Jim Thomson	Half Back		Tommy Baldwin	Forward
	John Hollins	Half Back		Peter Osgood	Forward
	Marvin Hinton	Half Back		Manager: Tommy Docherty	
	Ronnie Harris	Half Back		Coach: Jimmy Andrews	
	Johnny Boyle	Half Back		Trainer: Harry Medhurst	

VICTORIA O'KEEFE FOOTBALL CLUB

League Champions 1966-67
J. F. Kennedy Cup Champions, 1967

No.	PLAYER	POSITION	No.	PLAYER	POSITION
1	Barry Sadler	Goal	10	Ike MacKay	Inside Left
2	Dave Stothard	Right Back	11	Dunc McCaig	R. or L. Wing
3	Don McIntosh	Left Back	12	Bert Soutar	I. or Wing
4	George Paul	Right Half	13	Joe Alexis	I. or Full Back
5	Bill Hamilton	Centre Half	14	Russ Ball	I. or Wing
6	Tom Westwater	Left Half	15	Jeff Sweet	Half Back
7	Martin Taylor	Right Wing	16	Jim Schulz	Centre Forward
8	Peter Brett	Inside Right		Manager: Fred Magee	
9	Jim Menzies	Centre Forward		Coach: Frank Grealy	
				Trainer: Harold Holroyd	

Officials for the Game:

REFEREE: JACK ADAMS

LINESMEN: PETER BISHOP, ERIC REIMS

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PARK

This park has been used as a playing field since the early nineteen hundreds. It was in private hands until 1925 when it was purchased by the City from the estate of Grace M. Purchelle for the sum of \$30,543.99, "for the purposes of the Corporation" (By-law 2323).

In the nineteen twenties there was considerable interest at the park in track and field events including bicycle riding at a period when the Peden family was prominent in local sport.

In 1930 there was a grandstand on the south side of the park and a cinder race track and soccer pitch on the field. In the early thirties the old grandstand was demolished and was rebuilt at the north-west corner, primarily for baseball. The position proved unsatisfactory and it was moved to its present position following addition to the park of several lots on Caledonia Avenue.

In 1937 a lacrosse box was built at the east end of the park equipped for night lighting and fenced off from the rest of the park and operated until 1939.

About 1944 and 1945, a good brand of both amateur baseball and softball was played here with players chiefly from local war industries and the armed services. Throughout the whole period the game of soccer in Victoria has been given steadily increasing public support.

Early in 1946, wings were added to the grandstand, bleachers built and various other alterations made including installation of floodlights. From April 15, 1946, to August 4, 1954, the Victoria Baseball and Athletic Co. Ltd. leased the park each summer for a series of professional baseball games.

