

# THE WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

## ANNUAL REPORT 1957

### COLLEAGUES 1957

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### Report of Club Captain - 1957

If there is such a thing as a formula of success for the Colleagues, it is not by virtue of weight of numbers that enable us to win competitions - it is because we play football as a means of entertainment and relaxation - we play the sport to enjoy the fellowship and comradeship of our co-members.

Combine these with the Colleagues Club spirit and you find that you invariably finish with teams, not brilliant as all-round footballers, but teams so closely knitted together that they become very hard to beat.

I feel that successes should not be incorporated into this Report, but this year the Club has set a record never before equalled in sub-district competition Rugby.

The Club house was completed in time for the start of the season and to the Wollahra Council and to the Club Members who made the premises livable we owe many thanks.

Fielding four teams and the training of some hundred members has presented some problems but we feel that these problems are being overcome and that most available players are participating in Saturday games.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their support in making this year successful and to wish the Club well in the Season about to commence.

John Herman.

### Report of the Honorary Secretary - 1957.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen, I have much pleasure in presenting this report on behalf of the General Committee.

The Colleagues have had their most successful year, this being the first year that we have fielded four teams and we are proud to announce that -

- 1) We won the Club Championship.
- 2) We won the Kentwell Cup.
- 3) We won the Burke Cup.
- 4) We reached the finals and were minor premiers in our division of the Whiddon Cup.

Our congratulations to the excellent A. M. P. Team which won the Whiddon Cup. The standard of play in all three competitions was much improved, especially in the Burke Cup Competition and although there were only six teams in the Kentwell Competition the comparative standard of these teams was much more even than it has been in recent years.

Hans Lamens captained the Kentwell Team and Peter Martin was awarded the Jackson Trophy for the Best and Fairest player. John Barraclough was Coach and his enthusiasm and capable support was a major factor in the Team's success. "Dutchie" was a most able Captain and we are sure that his absence will be keenly felt this year, however he has promised to play again with the Club when he returns from abroad.

Bill Seddon captained the Burke Cup Team and led them to a soul stirring win against the Wests in the Grand Final. Dudley Grose again coached the Burke Cup Team and played in the Grand Final with his inimitable spirit, an inspiration to the Team. Boris Schodvin was awarded the Trophy for Best and Fairest which he deserved for his bulldog play throughout the Season.

Trophies were presented to all Members of the Burke and Kentwell Teams.

Whiddon Cup was captained by David McCathie and coached by Ian Gordon and although hampered by injuries did very well to reach the Finals. Phillip Sydney-Jones was the Best and Fairest player.

The Whiddon "B"s had a memorable season and won as many matches as they lost. Most important was the fact that every Member in the Club was enabled to have a game and the spirit of the "B"s was good to see throughout the Season. Brian Hardy was Captain and Colin Marshall won the Best and Fairest trophy presented by Mr. K. McCathie.

A further word about the "B"s. It was most gratifying to see some of the older and more colorful members of the Club take the field for the "B"s despite their condition and, younger members could possibly learn by observing the experienced and careful husbanding of what little energies remained to these older members into the right directions.

Mr. H. H. Barraclough presented a Cup for the most improved player of the year and this was won by Peter Anderson.

### Social Activities.

The year started off with a most enjoyable Bucks Night at the New Club House and a good evening was had by all. We then had an Informal Dance which was an excellent evening and a great financial success.

The Colleagues had a formal Dinner at the Pitt Club on August 7th and this was a great success. Representatives from the other Sub-District Clubs were invited and everybody enjoyed a most pleasant evening. It is hoped that the Dinner is again repeated this year and becomes a regular and permanent fixture. We had a number of informal Smokes throughout the year and a film night which was quite amusing. The Dance at the end of the Season at the White City was a grand function and all present excelled themselves. Trophies were presented and the celebration was memorable. It was unfortunate that we were unable to have any of our social games against University Colleges and other Teams but the three round competition made this impossible. It seems most improbable that there will be a three round competition this year and it is hoped to send our Teams to the country and possibly Interstate during the Season.

The Club House ran very smoothly during the Season and the Roster System was successful. Everybody in the Club had a week on duty and nobody shirked their duties. The Evenings at the Club House after our home matches win or lose, were always noteworthy.

#### Injured Players Fund.

This year we had a number of injuries of which two were serious. The Injured Players Fund assisted players where possible. I feel that Club Members should understand their position regarding the I.P.F. It is to be clearly understood that every player plays Rugby at his own risk and the committee recommends that every player belongs to a Medical Benefit Fund during the coming year. The I.P. Committee may award money from the Fund to members who are suffering hardship through injury but purely at their discretion and it is to be clearly understood that the Committee recognises no liability to do so.

#### Vice Presidents.

Messrs. H.H. Barraclough, W.F.A. Harvey and V. Herman accepted the position of Vice Presidents for the year and we thank them for the interest and help they have shown us.

#### Club House.

The Woollahra Council leased to us this year a Club House on Woollahra No. 2, and it has been a wonderful improvement on our previous accommodation. Hot showers, a kitchen, and excellent facilities have enabled us to hold a large number and allowed the Club to expand proportionately. At the beginning of the Season we had to paint the Club House and it is to the Members credit that almost every Colleague devoted at least one day to working on the Club House. Our thanks are due to those members who donated fixtures and equipment to the Club during the year. We are deeply grateful to the Council for the facilities granted, we thank them for the kind help and interest they have shown us during the Season.

In summing up, the number of veteran Members who have frequented the Club during the past few months has dropped considerably and it is hoped that the incoming Committee and the Club make most serious efforts to attract these Members back. We had a large influx of new members this year which was a wonderful shot in the arm for the Club but our older members keep the tradition of a Colleagues alive.

The general dress of the Teams this year has left a lot to be desired and it is hoped that the appearance of the Teams during the coming year will be greatly improved.

In conclusion, our first year in the new Club House was a great success and this was due to the excellent spirit that prevailed throughout the Club. The enthusiasm and willingness of Members, both off and on the field was noteworthy and helped make the Season both enjoyable and one of great achievement. John Herman was again Club Captain and on behalf of the Committee and myself I should like to thank him for the fine leader-

ship and inspiration he has shown during the year.

My thanks are also due to all the Members of the Committee who at all times have been eager to work for the Club, especially Bill Harvey, the Treasurer, whose management of the financial aspect of the Club was beyond criticism. We have all worked hard throughout the year and the success of the Colleagues has been our aim as I am sure it will be of the new Committee you are about to elect.

FREDERICK STORCH.

#### REPORT OF THE HON. TREASURER, 1957.

Financially, the 1957 Season was a most profitable one in spite of the fact that we had to spend a great deal of money on improvements to the Clubhouse. A large item of expenditure this year was the purchase of trophies for the Kentwell and Burke teams.

I am happy to say that this is the first year the Colleagues will start off the season with a noteworthy number of assets. I would point out that we will have twenty-five footballs of which at least half are new and a full set of jerseys.

Other improvements have been:-

- (1) All team photographs from 1932 - 1957 inclusive have been mounted and framed.
- (2) Jugs, glasses, cutlery, brooms, crockery and ashtrays have been purchased.

It is hoped also to build lockers in the two changing rooms in 1958.

I should like to take this opportunity to recommend that the Injured Players Fund be built up to at least £100.0.0. this year.

Raffles throughout the year have been most successful and it is hoped that many more will be run during the 1958 season.

To conclude I should like to take this opportunity of thanking club-members for paying their subscriptions so promptly and also my stalwart Colleague Bruce Hudson for the help he has given me throughout the season.

Bill Harvey.

## KENTWELL XV

### REPORT BY HANS LAMENS, CAPTAIN OF THE KENTWELL XV 1957

The past season has been one that I am sure every Colleague will never forget. We have played some good games and others which we avoid discussing, however the team this year showed its ability to rise to the occasion and capped their performances with a splendid 11-3 win against a strong Western Suburbs side, thus becoming Kentwell Cup victors.

Owing to the keenness of the competition this year it has been a real battle to regularly choose a number one side. The selectors have had Burke Cup players knocking on the door each week and I feel sure that in the strength of our reserves lay the secret of our success. The season brought many new faces from the ranks of the schoolboy footballers and it was with great enthusiasm that we welcomed such players as Kay Wilkie-Smith, David Whithead, Reg Guy, John Dalton, Andy Anderson, Paul Isherwood, only to mention a few. Initially I am sure they wondered whether we played the game outside or with a bottle opener behind closed doors, however they soon became infected by the football spirit and after the trials got to know many of the members both on and off the field. Their improvement throughout the season was noticed in the dressing shed after the grand final when in traditional manner we all had a "sip" from the Kentwell Cup, to the accompaniment of Johnny Wiggs who as well as being a competent front row forward, also aided in relaxing "nerves" prior to the "big game" with his accomplished ukololo playing.

The general standard of play this year was again high, and thanks to the guidance of our coach John Barraclough we were able to mould into a winning combination. The forward play although loose initially soon became tighter under his supervision and I am sure that this together with his continual "come on Colleagues", proved a great help. Again we were at loss for a goal-kicker and apart from a burst of kicking success from Harley Leslie and Bill Sheehan we were plagued in this department.

I would personally like to thank all those Colleagues who played but a few matches in the Kentwell side, Norm Corkill, Paul Knight, Bob O'Brien, Don Heath, Bill Seddon, Martin Burford, Ian Litchfield, Harley Leslie, Steve Ollerenshaw, Novello Gentle, Peter Hand, David McCathie, Peter Mathews, Graeme Knott, Ron Crossing, Eddy Redford, G. Osborne to mention a few. Your participation enabled us to still field a strong side and play the game as it should be played.

We were very unfortunate to lose Reg Guy with a fractured cheek bone half way through the season, also Andre Martin who had his arm badly broken in the Grand Final, I am sure you will be pleased to hear that both players have fully recovered and are looking forward to again playing for the Blues.

No Captain's report would be complete without mentioning something of the players in his team.

Full credit should go to our vice Captain, Best and Fairest, Peter Martin who despite the burden of having a fiance (now a wife) still managed to provide the spectators with some classic displays of tackling and hard running. Bill Sheehan, John Silvertown, (now a Dad), Kirkby Wilkie-Smith, Bill Bonnet always formed a backline which gave the opponents much to think about. Billy Bennett who came to us from five-eighths in the Burke and ended up on the wing made up for what he lacked in pace by some beautiful centre kicking and tackling. Left wing Andre Martin who came to Australia from Mauritius as a sprinter for England in the Olympics, played in the Kentwell all season and was without doubt one of the most spectacular players we have had in the Colleagues Club. His fast elusive running and general keenness were something any team would benefit by. Half back, Nick Sabine when not working on his car was a very keen member of the side and together with "Wilkie" built up a strong combination around the scrum base. In the forwards Paul Isherwood, Bruce Hudson, and Dave Whithead always revelled in the tough play. Breakaways Bruce Dalton and Andy Anderson tackled well and were continually on the ball. John Wiggs should also be congratulated on his excellent forward play as should John Corlis for a fine display of hooking throughout the year.

In conclusion may I thank each and every Colleague for the spirit in which they have helped both myself and the rest of the team enjoy the season's football. Thus ends 1957 and may we next year have an even more successful and keener Kentwell Competition and further enjoy this great game of Football. Good Luck!

DUTCH LAMENS.

### KENTWELL CUP REPORT BY COACH

The team achieved in 1957 its sole aim - to win the Kentwell Cup. A win that was not without struggle and drama, and I don't think many of our supporters gave us a chance after Wests convincing 9-0 win in the semi-final, but despite this loss and several defeats during the season, the team always believed in final victory and it was a great pleasure for me to coach a team that never accepted defeat and once a match was lost the players then prepared to win the next match. When we remember that Wests defeated us three times out of five matches (one was drawn) and yet in the Grand Final the Colleagues never looked like being defeated.

Our success was due entirely to a great team spirit and much credit goes to the Captain and vice-captain, Dutch Lamens and Peter Martin, for their excellent leadership. The training attendance was good and the players generally made an honest endeavour to get fit. The standard of play was good and the team always tried to play fast, open football, a type which gives the players most enjoyment and certainly makes it a pleasure to watch. The team scored 206 points for and had 97 scored against which is a very good record and but for the lack of a reliable goal kicker the points for would have been much higher.

The team contained 15 good players in every match, the forwards being a virile and mobile bunch and the backs speedy and tigerish in defence. I don't intend to pick out any players for mention as I looked upon every player as being a member of a team in which each had his job to do and when one player scored a great try it was because his 14 team mates were all doing their respective jobs.

In conclusion I would like to say that (a) players must remember it is their duty to get themselves fit and keep fit as fitness is responsible for 90% of the success of a rugby team, (b) it is hoped that in 1958 that more players will concentrate on becoming efficient goal kickers and (c) a little extra care in the cleaning of boots, jerseys etc. as it is so important to look the part as well as play it.

My thanks to the players for the excellent support they gave me during the season and to express the great pleasure it gave me to coach the team, to co-selector Ken McLean for his able assistance in the rather difficult job of selection and to our supporters who followed us up hill and down dale, rain or shine, and gave up those encouraging shouts of "Come On, Blues"

JOHN BARRACLOUGH

#### BURKE XV

#### REPORT OF THE BURKE CUP CAPTAIN, W. SEDDON.

The 1957 Season proved to be the most successful one to date for the Burke Cup Team resulting in the first Premiership win in the history of the Colleagues Burke Cup sides. The Team had an excellent record throughout the season losing only one match (10-19 to Wests in the first round) and being held to one draw (6-6 by Wests in the second round.) This record is particularly meritorious when one considers the team changes made necessary from week to week due to injuries etc. in the team and in the Kentwell side and the fact that in the Semi-Final and Final the team defeated the first teams from the Bank of N.S.W. and Warringah Clubs.

The success of the Burke Team was due to a large extent to the efforts of the Coach, Dudley Grose, whose unceasing enthusiasm and constructive criticism was much appreciated by all who came under his guidance. Mention must also be made of the fact that in the team's hour of need Dudley came out of retirement and brought his vast store of experience to the field of play.

Throughout the season the Burke Cup Team played fast, open football as a unit. Nearly all tries resulted from team play and very few were the result of individual efforts. The fine team spirit which prevailed throughout the season enabled the team to hold together and fight on from behind during extra time in the Grand Final to a thrilling 15-14 victory.

The forwards operated as a pack, concentrating on tight scrummaging, fast rucking and continual backing up and cover defence. The front row comprising Ian Litchfield, George Osborne and Andy Warden remained intact throughout the season and supplied the backs with more than their share of the ball from the set scrums. Of a very solid pack of forwards special mention should be made of Boris Schedvin, who, although dropped due to lack of form caused by examinations early in the season, played his way back into the team and eventually won the coveted trophy for Best and Fairest Player in Burke Cup. Second Rowers Needles Matthews and Eddy Radford and loose forwards Don Heath and Don Pike always turned in good displays.

Behind the scrum the halfback position was ably filled by Steve Ollershaw who took many a battering but always maintained an immaculate service to his supports. Bill Bennett proved his worth at 5/8 on centre to such an extent that he was promoted to the Kentwell team and retained his position there for the balance of the season. At 5/8 Norm Corkhill, with his excellent handling and intelligent use of the short kick, kept the back line moving smoothly or caught the opposing players on the wrong foot. Nov Gentle and Phil Twigg in the centres and Ken Crossing, Graeme Knott and Peter Hand on the wings ran with determination in attack and defended well. After a late start fullback Dick Wetheroll settled down as a very safe last line of defence and capped a good season with a try in the Grand Final. Many other players represented the team during the season and all were willing to do their best and play till they dropped. The thanks of the selectors and of the Club go to each of them.

Finally, I would like to thank every one who played in the Burke Team during the season for their co-operation and team spirit and for giving me the honour of captaining their team.

Good luck for 1958.

Bill Seddon.

#### WHIDDON "A"

#### REPORT BY DAVID MCCATHIE, CAPTAIN OF THE WHIDDON "A" TEAM 1957.

The Whiddon Cup "A" Team had a most enjoyable season. Though defeated in the finals by a powerful A.M.F. side they never lost spirit or capacity and continued to enjoy the remaining functions of the Club.

We were fortunate this year in having a large number of players to select from owing to the increased Club Membership and in particular the generosity of the Whiddon "B" Team. We were rarely short of playing strength and on most Saturdays the players even knew what positions they were to hold! On those occasions when we were short, we were able to call upon such sure footed veterans as John Barracough, Bill Harvey and Ian Gordon. In general however we were able to run on to the field looking like a team - though not an exceptionally well presented one.

It would be rude to particularise on certain players in the team - for a team is essentially not a group of individuals. I feel, however that certain persons deserve mention. Phil Sydney-Jones proved an excellent Vice Captain and fully deserved the Best and Fairest award. The other forwards were tireless workers. Their job was made more difficult by the numerous Friday night parties. The backs proved sterling in defence. They rarely got the ball. On the few occasions when the forwards gave it out, the halves considered they could score on their own - they never did. Only when the forwards or halves thought they might be severely handled by the opposition did the ball really go to the outside men.

Finally an appreciation of the person who has the hardest job in the Colleagues - Coach of the Whiddon team. He really did a fine job. On behalf of myself and the team I would like to thank him for his perseverance in the face of nearly insurmountable odds.

David McCathio.

#### THE WHIDDON "B"

##### REPORT BY BRIAN HARDY, CAPTAIN OF THE WHIDDON "B" TEAM 1957.

Despite the fact that this was our first year in the competition the Whiddon "B" proved themselves with as many victories as defeats during the season.

Consisting of a nucleus of younger members of the club, probably many who will gain Kentwell honours this coming year, they finished in fourth position on the table and were unlucky not to be in the first three.

The "A" side should be extremely proud of the fact that they were the only combination to defeat us on all three occasions. Perhaps if the truth were really told this strange occurrence might be due to a certain selection committee who did a little bit of shuffling on Thursday nights.

However, our congratulations are due to the Kentwell and Burke Cup teams who held the name of the club high by winning their respective trophies and to our brothers in the "A"'s who made the final of their division.

Colin Marshall was our Best and Fairest and although the choice at times became difficult through other excellent displays of football we have no doubt that he will justify again during the coming six months.

Matches won included, Mosman (twice), University of Technology (twice) Briars (once) and draws against the above and Western Suburbs whilst Colleagues defeated us as mentioned on all three occasions, Wests (twice), Briars and Mosman (once each), none by any great margin.

All such defeats will be remedied during the next period of play.

Finally a vote of thanks to Mr. Barraclough Senior, our most sincere support for the effort he made in being the best "Lemon Boy" and barracker the Colleagues of any side have ever had.

Brian Hardy.

#### KENTWELL CUP COMPETITION RESULTS

1957

##### 1st ROUND

Colleagues	11.	S.H.O.B.	9
"	3	Mosman	0
"	22	Briars	8
"	33	Uni. of Tech.	0
"	6	Western Suburbs	11

##### 2nd ROUND

Colleagues	12	S.H.O.B.	3
"	9	Mosman	3
"	8	Briars	3
"	20	Uni. of Tech.	21
"	3	Western Suburbs	3

##### 3rd. ROUND

Colleagues	16	S.H.O.B.	6
"	25	Mosman	6
"	36	Briars	5
"	3	Uni. of Tech.	8
"	9	Western Suburbs	11

#### BURKE CUP COMPETITION RESULTS

1957

##### 1st ROUND

Colleagues	18	S.H.O.B.	0
"	16	Mosman	3
"	27	Briars	3
"	25	Uni. of Tech.	3
"	10	Western Suburbs	19

##### 2nd.ROUND

Colleagues	11	S.H.O.B.	3
"	10	Mosman	8
"	9	Briars	0
"	19	Uni. of Tech.	6
"	6	Western Suburbs	6

##### 3rd. ROUND

Colleagues	12	S.H.O.B.	0
"	20	Mosman	5
"	26	Briars	3
"	37	Uni. of Tech.	0
"	5	Western Suburbs	3

# WHIDDON "A" CUP COMPETITION RESULTS

1957

## 1st. ROUND

Colleagues "A"	19	Colleagues "B"	6
"	12	Mosman	11
"	17	Briars	6
"	34	Uni. of Tech.	0
"	6	Western Suburbs	5

## 2nd. ROUND

Colleagues "A"	11	Colleagues "B"	0
"	14	Mosman	5
"	6	Briars	3
"	13	Uni. of Tech.	3
"	0	Western Suburbs	3

## 3rd. ROUND

Colleagues "A"	13	Colleagues "B"	3
"	14	Mosman	8
"	18	Briars	0
"	19	Uni. of Tech.	6
"	8	Western Suburbs	9

# WHIDDON "B" CUP COMPETITION RESULTS

1957

## 1st. ROUND

Colleagues "B"	6	Colleagues "A"	19
"	0	Western Suburbs	9
"	12	Uni. of Tech.	0
"	22	Mosman	8
"	6	Briars	6

## 2nd. ROUND

Colleagues "B"	0	Colleagues "A"	11
"	3	West. Suburbs	3
"	0	Uni. of Tech.	0
"	6	Mosman	15
"	3	Briars	6

## 3rd. ROUND

Colleagues "B"	3	Colleagues "A"	13
"	0	West. Suburbs	15
"	12	Uni. of Tech.	0
"	16	Mosman	9
"	15	Briars	9

# RESULTS OF 1957 SEASON

<u>LOST</u>	<u>DRAWN</u>	<u>POINTS FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>COMP. PTS.</u>
<u>KENTWELL CUP COMPETITION</u>				
4	1	206	37	21
<u>BURKE CUP COMPETITION</u>				
1	1	251	62	27
<u>WHIDDON CUP COMPETITION</u>				
Whiddon "A"				
2	-	204	66	26
Whiddon "B"				
7	3	101	123	13

Highest Point Scorer	H. Leslie	60
Most Tries	A. Martin	18 ... 54 pts.
Most Goals	H. Leslie	22