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FOOTBALL
CLUB**

**ANNUAL REPORT
1963**

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OFFICE BEARERS - 1963

PATRON: His Worship, The Mayor of Woollahra, Alderman A. C. Murchison.

CHAIRMAN: L. J. F. Barraclough, Esq.

VICE-PRESIDENTS: A. Ball, Esq., H. H. Barraclough, Esq., J. T. Bennett, Esq., D. J. F. Grose, Esq., J. Herman, Esq., R. Hogan, Esq., W. F. Harvey, Esq., N. Isherwood, Esq., J. Lamens, Esq., K. McCathie, Esq., K. McLean, Esq., D. Z. Mathews, Esq., C. Messenger, Esq., C. Noice, Esq., C. O'Dea, Esq., F. Storch, Esp., Dr. D. Warden, D. V. Wiltshire, Esq., C. Worner, Esq.

CLUB CAPTAIN: H. Lamens.

HON. SECRETARY: E. B. Radford.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY: H. Nicholas.

HON. TREASURER: R. W. N. Gibb.

HON. ASSISTANT TREASURER: E. Bennett.

HON. AUDITOR: A. A. Bailey.

REGISTRAR: A. Warden.

CLUB HOUSE MANAGER: David Lynch.

ASSISTANT CLUBHOUSE MANAGER: I. Keirnan.

COMMITTEE: G. Finlayson, G. McGrath, P. Mathews, M. O'Dea, A. Warden.

LIFE MEMBERS: L. J. F. Barraclough, Esq., J. Herman, Esq., D. Higgins, Esq., K. McLean, Esq.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1964

Once again the Colleagues had a most successful season in 1963, both socially and on the playing fields. We had the pleasure of being hosts at our headquarters to many clubs and we dispensed the usual Colleagues' rugged hospitality.

We had trips to Warren, Canberra and Cooma and we had a return visit by Cooma. We were also hosts to the Illawarra Rugby Union against two combined Sub-District teams.

We were again successful in winning the Kentwell Cup and the Club Championship, both of which we think were creditable victories. It appears, nevertheless, that the strength and success over many years of the Club has brought about its rejection from the Second Division Competition.

Our Club made two applications to enter Second Division and both were rejected. After the first rejection this Club, which was established over thirty years ago, was forced to change its name in order to make a fresh application, which was also rejected.

As one very prominent administrator of the Rugby Union said, "It seems a tragedy that an established Club such as the Colleagues has got to change its name in order to gain entry into the Second Division, and if its application is rejected because of the N.S.W. Rugby Union Constitution, then that Constitution should be altered without delay".

It is most important that we keep our Club strong, and it will be this strength which we hope will gain for us entry into the Second Division.

My very best wishes to all members for a very successful and happy 1964 Rugger season and, with more clubs entering the Sub-District competitions, and with a vast increase in our own and other clubs' strengths, 1964 promises to be one of our best seasons ever and, in anticipation of it, your Committee is already planning several country tours.

JOHN BARRACLOUGH.

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CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The 1963 season saw Colleagues fielding five teams in the Metropolitan Sub-District competition.

As in the past, it was our policy to provide Rugby for all who wished to play and what some members lacked in skill on the field, they invariably made up for in the customary welcome to the visiting team held in the clubhouse after the game.

We were again fortunate in having two first-class pitches, enabling all five teams to play at home on many occasions.

The Club Championship shield was successfully retained and the Kentwell team are to be congratulated on a fine win in the Grand Final against our old rivals, the Bank of N.S.W.

A major contribution to Club spirit throughout the season was made by the B teams who, with their enthusiastic, if not always classical play, provided Rugby for the older members and those not able to play regularly due to business or study commitments.

My thanks go to the members of the Committee for their conscientious efforts and the organisation of two very successful country tours; namely, to Warren by air and to Canberra/Cooma by bus.

These tours are always appreciated by those fortunate to go and do much to establish the Colleagues' name in the country areas.

The newly-renovated clubhouse, with its improved changing and washroom facilities, enabled players of both visiting and home teams to change and shower in comfort. Furthermore, it enabled us to make full use of the main hall in welcoming the visiting teams after the games. I should point out that the clubhouse is the responsibility of each and every one of us, and it is expected that all members rostered for duty throughout the season cooperate and give of their best, rather than leave the work to be done by the dedicated few.

Functions were well organised, well attended and thoroughly enjoyable. My thanks go in particular to Mr. Barret for his assistance in running our most successful games night.

During the season there was a crop of unfortunate injuries, resulting in numerous claims being made on the Injured Players' Fund. It should be realised that this fund is an assistance fund and does not take the place of Medical Benefits, which you are strongly recommended to join.

Finally, I should take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to new members and to wish you all a most enjoyable and successful season's Rugby in 1964.

H. LAMENS.

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REPORT OF THE HONARY SECRETARY

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen, herewith I present the Hon. Secretary's Report for the year ended 31st December, 1963.

The past year has been a most important phase in the history of "The Colleagues", both on and off the field. The Club was fortunate in winning the "Kentwell Cup Competition" and also the M.S.D.R.U. Club Championship as well as having three other teams contesting the semi-finals.

Clubhouse and Licence Agreement

As you are aware, we have enjoyed the facilities of the extensively modified clubhouse for the first time. Of course, such improvements as we have been fortunate to obtain do not come lightly and naturally the rental due to the Woollahra Council has been substantially increased. The committee, some time ago, felt it desirable to obtain a long-term agreement from the Council, and with this in mind, a meeting between representatives of your club and the Woollahra District Cricket Association was arranged. Agreement was reached to approach the Woollahra Council and I am happy to inform you that this matter has now been settled with your Club to be the head-licencees, occupying the grounds and clubhouse during the Rugby season, and the W. & D.C.A. to occupy during the Cricket season on a mutually agreed basis of sharing the rental on equal terms and each being responsible for their respective service charges.

Company Formation

When it appeared certain that we would be granted some form of agreement, legal advice was sought and the committee was informed that it would be desirable to form a company, limited by guarantee, rather than to appoint trustees to act as signatories. This company has been formed and is titled "The Woollahra Colleagues' Rugby Union Football Club Ltd", with registered office at "Berger House", Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

Our special thanks are due to Messrs. J. J. Carrol and Cecil O'Dea through committee member Michael O'Dea for the legal work involved with the company formation and for negotiations with the Woollahra Council and for having the registered office of the company situated at their office. Thanks also are due to Norman Corkill for early negotiations with the Council before his departure for overseas.

Second Division Application

The choice of the title for the company is directly linked with the third highly important feature during 1963.

At a special general meeting of the Club held on 4th July, 1963, attended by a large percentage of members, the committee were directed to make application for the Club to enter the Second Division Competition. Also to change the name of the Club to The Woollahra Colleagues Rugby Union Football Club, if necessary, to facilitate such application.

The application was forwarded to the N.S.W.R.U. and the club was then requested to send representatives (Messrs. J. Barraclough, H. Lamens, E. Radford) to a meeting with a sub-committee of the Executive of the N.S.W.R.U. (Messrs. C. Blunt, Chairman of Executive; K. Sands, Treasurer N.S.W.R.U.; J. Lane, Chairman of Grades Committee) to state our case and to answer queries re our application. Subsequently, this sub-committee of the Executive had a meeting with representatives from the Eastern Suburbs Club and, as a result, the Executive's recommendation to the General Meeting of the N.S.W.R.U. was to oppose our application. However, a lengthy debate ensued when an amendment to the recommendation that we be accepted for a trial period was proposed. This debate was brought to a close when the chairman was asked to rule on the necessary qualifications for entry to the Second Division. Following this ruling, based on the clause that only new district clubs and educational institutions were eligible for the Second Division, your committee forwarded a further application in the name of The Woollahra District R.U.F.C. in an attempt to have our case put to the vote and also in the belief that this would negate the previous objection re eligibility, at least as much as other clubs accepted for the Second Division. Once again the Executive recommendation was opposed to our application and again a similar proposal to accept the application was made. A further lengthy debate once more ensued and our Club President was afforded the opportunity to address the meeting. Finally, a vote was taken and the decision was against the application.

In summing up, Gentlemen, it appears that the weight of opinion felt that the status and strength of the Eastern Suburbs Club would be damaged if our application was accepted and the present large number of players available and the outstanding potential number of players in this densely populated area were not sufficient justification to approve our application. At no stage was the standard of Rugby or the administration of the club criticised, in fact it was praised.

Grounds

We were again fortunate in having two fields available for our home fixtures and we must compliment the ground staff for the condition of the fields through a season of extremely bad weather.

Non-Competition Fixtures

During the season games were arranged with:—

- Old Colleagues
- Prince Henry Hospital
- St. John's College
- Canberra Royals — At Canberra
- Ainslie — At Canberra
- Monaro Harlequins — At Cooma
- Warren Rugby Union — At Warren
- Monaro Harlequins — At Sydney

Also a fixture with the Moree Club was cancelled as they were unable to make the trip due to bad weather.

The Club also acted as hosts for two fixtures between Combined M.S.D.R.U. Teams and Representative Illawarra Rugby Union Teams.

Social Functions

GAMES NIGHT.—A most successful evening was held at the Golden Sheaf Hotel. Our most sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Jack Barrett and his staff for a wonderful night. Hans Lamens and Ian Kiernan also must be praised for organising this function. The present healthy state of the Club's finances are largely due to this effort.

ANNUAL BALL.—Held as usual at the White City, was another night to remember. Richard Gibb, Ernest Bennett and others with their co-opted Ladies' Committee organised this very successful Ball. The work put into the decorations was really outstanding.

ANNUAL DINNER AND TROPHY PRESENTATIONS.—After the success of this event last year the Annual Dinner was held in the same manner and afterwards The Club Captain presented the trophies in a very convivial atmosphere.

GOLF DAY.—A golf day was once more arranged and held at the Wallacia Golf Club, with a barbecue afterwards on the banks of the Nepean River.

Winner on Handicap — John Herman

Closest to Pin — Peter Mieville

Other social events during the year were two launch picnics to Shark Island, a social evening and barbecue at the White City to entertain our guests from Cooma. We are grateful to Norman Palmer for arranging to have this function at the White City clubhouse.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all who helped to make 1963 a memorable year for "The Colleagues", to a happy and hard-working committee and for the encouragement shown by our Vice-Presidents and supporters.

EDWARD RADFORD.

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COMMITTEE

During the year eleven committee meetings were held. Attendances are listed below.

L. J. Barraclough	10	E. Bennett	9
G. Finlayson	7	R. Gibb	9
I. Kiernan	7	H. Lamens	10
David Lynch	7	G. McGrath	6
P. Mathews	10	H. Nicholas	7
M. O'Dea	5	E. Radford	11
A. Warden	9		

Richard Gibb, Michael O'Dea and Andrew Warden were forced to resign from the committee in December as all three were going overseas.

Ian Kiernan was elected by the committee to the position of Assistant Clubhouse Manager on 11th March.

ON THE FIELD 1963

The Club enjoyed a most successful season in the M.S.D.R.U. Competitions in 1963, winning the Club Championship for the ninth consecutive year. Five teams were put onto the field, one Kentwell, two Burke and two Whiddon. The Kentwell Cup side won the premiership, the Burke Cup "A" Division side reached the finals, the Burke Cup "B" Division side were Minor Premiers and the Whiddon Cup "A" Division side were also Minor Premiers and reached the finals. The Whiddon Cup "B" Division side were not so successful, but still played with great spirit.

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KENTWELL CUP 1963

The 1963 season saw Colleagues narrowly winning the Metropolitan Sub-Districts' senior trophy, the Kentwell Cup.

The emphasis throughout was on fitness and team spirit rather than a reliance on individual skills, a thing which we have grown to accept in previous Kentwell teams. It is for this reason that I do not wish to single out players for particularly brilliant performances during the season, but rather to refer generally to those who made up a team which, under the leadership of a most capable captain, produced spirited if not classical Rugby, climaxing in a win over the Bank of N.S.W. side at Drummoyne Oval in the Grand Final.

Training was well attended throughout, which made it possible to try out a variety of new moves and iron out any problems which players might have had. Poor attendance at training, apart from making selection for Saturday an almost impossible task, adversely affects team spirit and makes the Thursday evening practice a burden for both coach and player alike.

The forward pack, although lacking some experience and weight, quickly realised that first to rucks and distribution of the loose ball is of paramount importance if the back line is to succeed.

The pack in set play was generally quite effective, however, the lack of weight in scrums made the hookers' task a most difficult one.

The breakaways stuck to their job well with patches of brilliant tackling, although a little more disregard for the feelings of the opposing five-eighth would have been welcomed on occasions.

An unfortunate injury to the halfback in the trials presented the major headache of the season and after much deliberation the decision was made to "make" a halfback. The "volunteer", our regular fullback, equipped himself admirably and with further experience may well have found his vocation in Rugby!

The back line were those undoubtedly most plagued by change; change brought about by circumstance and injury, making it most difficult to develop understanding and co-ordination, both of which are vital if a back line is to become proficient. Nevertheless, towards the end of the season, aided by the experience of a somewhat slower inside-centre, the younger back line showed itself to be a constant threat and, with the benefit of the season's play, should develop into a forceful combination in '64. Possibly the most outstanding features were the uncanny handling of the five-eighth and the speed of the wingers who, had they seen more of the ball, may well have enjoyed a feast of try scoring.

Finally, the fullback, with positive tackling and safe handling, came to the team's rescue on many occasions when things looked decidedly grim.

My thanks go to all those players and reserves who contributed so much to making the '63 Kentwell team a pleasure and a privilege to coach.

Best of luck in the coming season,

HANS LAMENS.

TEAM.—R. Gibb (capt.), J. Lyons (v.-capt.), E. Bailey-Tart, E. Bennett, H. Bennett, C. Blundell, J. Buttrose, B. Duck, N. Gentle, P. Jones, G. McCrohan, R. Meagher, J. Messenger, J. Noice, D. Ross, R. Smith, K. Turner, A. Warden, D. Wedlock, H. Welman.

COACH.—H. Lamens.

BEST AND FAIREST.—A. Warden.

V. UNIVERSITY OF N.S.W.	W	47- 0
V. BANK OF N.S.W.	L	3- 5
V. A.M.P.	W	13- 5
V. SYDNEY UNIVERSITY	W	8- 0
V. BRIARS	W	8- 5
V. HOMEBUSH O.B.	W	Forfeit
V. UNIVERSITY OF N.S.W.	W	15-12
V. BANK OF N.S.W.	L	3- 6
V. A.M.P.	W	6- 0
V. SYDNEY UNIVERSITY	W	30- 5
V. BRIARS	D	6- 6

POINTS.—139 for 44 against.

SEMI-FINAL.—V. Bank of N.S.W.: W 11-0.

GRAND FINAL.—V. Bank of N.S.W.: W 8-6.

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BURKE "A" REPORT

The 1963 season has now passed us by and looking back, one wonders if with a little more luck and a lot more conditioning, could we have won the Burke Cup Competition. One must remember that you can only get out of anything what you put into it, so describes the Burke "A" 1963.

After mediocre performances throughout the season, high tribute must be paid to the team which defeated Briars in the semi-final, described later as the best Burke Cup game seen in years. It would not be fair to single out any one player but, for consistency the whole season, one player, namely Mick Carrick, deserves praiseworthy mention. (Keep it up in '64, Mick.)

The final game played against C.B.C. of Sydney was a game which either side could have won up till full time, but unfortunately, when we caught up just before time, we were content to ease up and play out time, which, of course, was our downfall. It is hoped that the lesson was well learnt and the coming season will show us more mature players, who have now been through the mill.

There is little left to say now, so the team of '63 wishes the team of '64 good fortune in the coming season.

GORDON McGRATH.

TEAM.—G. McGrath (capt.), K. Broadley, M. Carrick, B. Donald, D. Dorrington, D. Earl, P. Finlayson, D. James, I. Kiernan, I. Marsh, G. Marr, J. Nelson, N. Palmer, B. Pollock, C. Vandervord, G. Whittaker.

COACH.—G. McGrath.

BEST AND FAIREST.—M. Carrick.

BURKE "A" REPORT—contd.

V. UNIVERSITY OF N.S.W.	W	9- 3
V. BANK OF N.S.W.	L	0- 3
V. BALMAIN TEACHERS' COLL.	W	14- 9
V. SYDNEY UNIVERSITY	W	8- 0
V. BRIARS	L	8- 9
V. SOUTH CARLTON	W	15- 3
V. COMMERCIAL BANKING CO.	L	6-11
V. UNIVERSITY OF N.S.W.	W	22- 3
V. BANK OF N.S.W.	D	0- 0
V. BALMAIN TEACHERS' COLL.	W	21- 5
V. SYDNEY UNIVERSITY	W	Forfeit
V. BRIARS	L	8-14
V. SOUTH CARLTON	W	24- 3
V. COMMERCIAL BANKING CO.	L	5-13

POINTS.—140 for; 76 against.

SEMI-FINAL.—V. Briars: W 11-3.

FINAL.—V. Commercial Banking Co: L 6-11.

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BURKE "B" REPORT

Looking back over the season, even our worst enemy would have to concede that the Burke "B" had a very successful season.

The only team that we failed to beat was A.S.O.P.A., and why we were unable to win at least one of our competition games against them will always remain a mystery. However, it is an ill wind that blows no good and I have no doubt that certain Patrol Officers in the darkets parts of New Guinea are recounting, even now, how they beat the minor premiers down in Sydney!

Running a "B" side presents more difficulties than the uninformed might imagine, and I was one of them at the beginning of 1963. Apart from the necessary quality of trying to resist the raids made upon the team by other selectors, one has to advance all sorts of reasons for the shocking display the week before of players with previously good records and, at the same time, advance glowing tributes to the aforesaid selectors in respect of players who hitherto have not been so favourably viewed. Otherwise one stands a fair chance of finishing up with 3 half-backs, 6 prop forwards, 5 second-rowers and no inside centre—until the word comes through that Freddie Storch is available for selection.

However, all those problems fade into insignificance when compared with the necessity for an extremely thorough knowledge of geography. This would be necessary in ordinary circumstances considering that the opposing teams are spread as far afield as Lane Cove and Pennant Hills at one end and Sutherland at the other. However, the Burke "B" had the happy knack of collecting a good sprinkling of the Club's "importations" who, in the "old country", didn't travel that far for holidays!

This team, however, overcame those and other difficulties and, as previously mentioned, went on to win the minor premiership, which, when it is considered that after losing the first game in the second round, we had to win every game to get into the final four, is quite an achievement. The reason for this could be put much more delicately, but in simple colleague language, it was due to the wonderful spirit and the plain "guts" shown by the fellows in the team.

We all have our own particular memory of the best game of football we have seen or played in. As some of you may know, I have played a few games before this year and can recall a couple of games that I cherish. But anybody who was privileged enough to see the Burke "B" against Lane Cove at Tunks Park saw what I regard as one of the finest combinations of good football and spirit that could be found in a long time. It will be a very long time before I forget the "defence" of Bob Martyr that day, or the "rucking" of Bob McCuaig, just to mention a couple of highlights. Peter Ball probably doesn't remember the game at all—but he was in it for the whole 80 minutes, except when he was being "brought around".

I could go on for a long time praising this team, but it suffices to say that I have never previously been associated with so many fellows who had so much team spirit as this year's Burke "B" had. To every one who played in the team this year I extend my sincere appreciation for a great job.

Peter Ball won the "best and fairest" and nobody deserved it more than he did. Bob McCuaig was always there in the forwards, but has to get over that extraordinary habit of picking the other fellow up or shaking hands with him after knocking him over. Bob Martyr's opponents on the other hand couldn't get up! The other stalwarts were Peter Matthews (with 2 1's, you'll notice), Tony Farrell, Ian Johnston, Andy Becher, Mick Brodie, Ken Watson, Paul (try a match) Norburn, Ron Harriden and Tony Fynmore. There were, of course, many others, but space will not permit of nominating everybody.

Once again to all the members of the team I say "thank you" and only hope we can go a bit further next time.

GEORGE OSBORNE.

TEAM.—G. Osborne (capt.), P. Ball, A. Becher, M. Brodie, A. Farrall, A. Fynmore, R. Harriden, I. Johnstone, T. Jones, R. McCuaig, R. Martyr, C. Meares, P. Norburn, K. Watson, P. Mathews, P. Whitehead.

COACH.—G. Osborne.

BEST AND FAIREST.—P. Ball.

V. A.S.O.P.A.	L	12-13
V. KNOX OLD BOYS	W	11- 8
V. PENNANT HILLS	W	19- 5
V. LANE COVE	L	3- 6
V. DRUMMOYNE	W	31- 0
V. NEWINGTON OLD BOYS	L	0-13
V. SUTHERLAND	W	16- 6
V. A.S.O.P.A.	L	0- 8
V. KNOX OLD BOYS	W	6- 3
V. PENNANT HILLS	W	17- 0
V. LANE COVE	W	12- 3
V. NEWINGTON OLD BOYS	W	9- 3
V. SUTHERLAND	W	19- 9

POINTS.—155 for; 77 against.

SEMI-FINAL.—V. Newington Old Boys: L 3-6.

WHIDDON "A"

Although the competition Cup eluded the team this year, the season was one in which the Colleagues enjoyed considerable success. The team narrowly won the minor premiership from the Reserve Bank who, a fortnight later, were to inflict upon it the third defeat of the season and thus end a run of ten match wins in a row. We look forward to thrashing it out again this year with this club, our toughest rivals throughout the season, and the opportunity is taken to congratulate the Long Reef team on its success in carrying off the Cup for 1963.

From a club point of view the players knitted together strongly and set an encouraging example of what team spirit means in action, primarily noteworthy in the resistance of members to the hijacking raids made by the preying coaches of the higher orders every Thursday evening. Our defences against such assaults were craftily engineered by Max Connery and Ewin McDonald, who both contributed much in many other ways to the smooth running of the side. We were sorry to lose Keith Piggan, who suffered a severe jaw injury early in the season, but it is reported that his nocturnal activities have in no way been impaired, although his staying power might be open to comment. The golden boots of Ian Hall-Johnson were hung up three weeks too soon as a result of their owner's broken forearm.

Max Connery, our oldest and boldest, led the side with a veteran's skill throughout the season in all sorts and conditions of weather and games and received for his troubles the Captain's Cup and well earned thanks. Half-back Dave Ham is to be congratulated on attaining one of the Club's best and fairest awards, and it was Ewin McDonald who took delivery on behalf of the team of the Challenge Trophy awarded to the try-scoring-team-of-the-year, snatched just in time from the very jaws and thirsty lips of the Kentwell side.

It is regretted that of those who attended it, mine host, Olympic Hotel, is perhaps the only one to have a clear recollection of the events of the night of the team dinner, but he can rest assured that this excellent way of rounding off a good season is certain to be repeated with, we hope, the spirit shown in 1963.

HARRIE NICHOLAS.

TEAM.—M. Connery (capt.), L. J. Barraclough, A. Barrett, E. Beasley, M. Conlan, A. Curry, J. Fitzpatrick, G. Furlong, C. Gray, A. Gundry, I. Hall-Johnston, D. Ham, P. Harris, J. Harrison, V. Kelly, H. Lamens, E. Macdonald, M. Manning, R. Marsh, K. Piggan, T. Pockley, M. Ramage, D. Sully, A. Woinarski.

COACH.—H. Nicholas.

BEST AND FAIREST.—D. Ham.

V. UNIVERSITY OF N.S.W.	W	17- 3
V. BANK OF N.S.W.	W	3- 0
V. A.M.P.	W	14- 0
V. RESERVE BANK	L	0- 3
V. BRIARS	L	3-11
V. ST. ANNE'S	W	20- 5
V. COMMERCIAL BANKING CO.	W	11- 0
V. UNIVERSITY OF N.S.W.	W	11- 3
V. BANK OF N.S.W.	W	20- 0
V. A.M.P.	W	9- 3
V. RESERVE BANK	W	13- 3
V. BRIARS	W	5- 0
V. ST. ANNE'S	W	20- 0
V. COMMERCIAL BANKING CO.	W	24- 0

POINTS.—170 for; 31 against.

SEMI-FINAL.—V. Bank of N.S.W.: W 6-3.

FINAL.—V. Reserve Bank: L 3-6.

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WHIDDON "B"

The Whiddon "B" Team made a very real contribution to the success of the Club during 1963. Whilst not being terribly successful on the field, a feature of membership was an almost fanatical desire to attend every social function held by the Club, and in this regard they were second to none.

However, I would like to mention one game in particular, not a victory but a loss. The effort in the second round against the eventual competition winners, Long Reef Life-savers by the Whiddon "B" of tigerish rucking, tackling and grim determination in possession, when the team played above themselves in a valiant attempt to avenge the first round defeat was something that I will never forget and certainly made me, and I am sure every member who saw the game, proud to be "A Colleague".

Captain Geoff Hughes was a tireless worker throughout the season and he had great support from Steve Zerovich, who continued a fast-growing Colleague's tradition of thirteen stone half-backs. Steve also won the best and fairest award. Another distinction achieved by the Whiddon "B" was fielding two bearded players, Bill Hagon in the second row and Nigel Morgan on the wing. Martin Arbib proved to be a fiery player at times and his opposite number, George Sears, a great ball-follower and later an expert on offside play. John Sutton, Alan Vine, Simon Clarke and John Boyce were regular members of the pack, and in the backs Phillip Lane, Don Conson and Greg Newman were others who played regularly through the season.

EDDIE RADFORD.

TEAM.—G. Hughes (capt.), M. Arbib, J. Boyce, S. Clarke, D. Conson, R. Douglass, G. Finlayson, W. Hagon, G. Hepworth, J. Kinnear, P. Lane, B. Law, B. Lewns, D. MacRae, C. Marshall, J. MacGregor, N. Morgan, F. Mould, M. Newman, G. Newman, K. Patrick, G. Perrett, G. Sears, B. Smith, W. Stevens, J. Sutton, A. Vine, P. Viesnick, E. Wright, S. Zerovich.

COACH.—E. Radford.

BEST AND FAIREST.—S. Zerovich.

V. LONG REEF LIFESAVERS	L	0-38
V. KNOX OLD BOYS	L	6- 9
V. NORTHBRIDGE	L	3-16
V. TRINITY OLD BOYS	W	9- 0
V. SYDNEY HIGH OLD BOYS	L	3-19
V. BRIARS	L	3-11
V. SUTHERLAND	D	3- 3
V. LONG REEF LIFESAVERS	L	0-10
V. KNOX OLD BOYS	L	0- 8
V. NORTHBRIDGE	L	3-17
V. TRINITY OLD BOYS	L	3-17
V. SYDNEY HIGH OLD BOYS	W	14- 8
V. BRIARS	L	3- 9
V. SUTHERLAND	L	5-17

POINTS.—57 for; 182 against.

TROPHY WINNERS 1963

HONOUR CAP: RICHARD GIBB

Best and Fairest:

KENTWELL CUP ANDREW WARDEN WHIDDON CUP "A" DAVID HAM
BURKE CUP "A" MICHAEL CARRICK WHIDDON CUP "B" STEPHEN ZEROVICH
BURKE CUP "B" PETER BALL

CLUB CAPTAIN: HANS LAMENS

Team Captains:

KENTWELL RICHARD GIBB WHIDDON "A" MAX CONNERY
BURKE "A" GORDON McGRATH WHIDDON "B" GEOFF HUGHES
BURKE "B" GEORGE OSBORNE

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: IAN KIERNAN
LEADING POINT SCORER: ROBERT MARTYR
TEAM SCORING MOST TRIES: WHIDDON "A"
OLDEST AND BOLDEST: NORMAN PALMER

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CANBERRA-COMMA TRIP

The first of the Club's two country trips for 1963 found a happy band of wanderers gathering at the clubhouse in the early hours of Saturday, 8th June. Finally, with all gear loaded, we were under way, to the strains of much-loved refrains.

Some hours later and, of course, late (you know the reason why) we arrived at the Federal Capital with just enough time to unload and make a quick dash to the field. The first game against Ainslie was under before most of the fellows had had time to, and some startling sights resulted. A certain five-eighth is still wondering why a breakfast of cointreau and ice cream seemed to be just the thing a few short hours before. The second game against our hosts, Canberra Royals, opened up in fine style and some excellent Rugby entertained spectators. However, the Royals proved a little too strong on the day and ran out the winners.

Sunday morning saw us on the road again heading for Cooma, but not before our driver, Stan, showed us a few of Canberra's sights, including construction work on Lake Burley-Griffen. On arrival at Cooma we were taken out to ex-Colleague Ian Litchfield's family property where a magnificent barbecue awaited us. Later in the afternoon under the influence—of the invigorating mountain air, a group of Colleagues decided it was time to muster a flock of sheep, and in desperation one was seen to attempt a flying tackle only to be eluded by a sidestep that would have done justice to an international.

Monday dawned and after lunch we were together again at the Cooma Showground after being billeted by our hosts and ready to do battle with the local team, Monaro Harlequins. The match was a very even one with the forwards having a great struggle and both teams endeavouring to throw the ball about in spite of the very muddy conditions. The Harlequins eventually won 6-3. After the match we retired to The Dodd's Family Hotel, where "mine host" had a room reserved. The refreshments flowed freely and, led by Steve Zerovich, that master of repertoire and verse, an hilarious evening continued till about 10 p.m. when, after more barbecued steaks, we boarded the bus to begin the journey home, arriving in Sydney at 7.30 a.m., on Tuesday morning.

On behalf of all those who made the trip, our sincere thanks and appreciation to our hosts for a wonderful weekend.

TRIP TO WARREN 1963

Saturday, the 13th July, saw 32 Colleagues board an overloaded Douglas aircraft for Warren. It seemed that either a Colleague or the beer would have to be unloaded but, thanks to the pilot, the crisis was quickly overcome and we roared into the grey, cold sky.

Flying over snow-covered Bathurst it was announced that the old "Doug." was feeling the effects of the overweight, and we would have to land at Dubbo. As the aircraft stopped 200 yards short of the petrol tank, the Colleagues had to push the plane to the tank!

Off again, we flew tree-top-high to the Warren International Airport, where the Warren boys met us and dashed us into the "Clubhouse" Hotel for lunch and beers.

After a good lunch we went to the Warren Ground, wind-swept and cold, where our 2nd XV, whose ages averaged around 39, won a thrilling "coarse" game of Rugby, 22-6, due to excellent performances by Palmer (one try), LaMens (five goals) and Barracrough (two tries) and a dashing wing display by Eddie Radford.

The 1st XV played a strong Warren side who had amassed quite a number of country victories, including wins against the strong Cobar and Walgett teams. It was a tough, dour match and we drew 6-6, the homeside was rather unlucky in not winning, but the Colleagues sometimes failed to finish off scoring movements and our goal-kicking was astray. The game was played in a great spirit and was excellently refereed.

After the match we were guests of the Warren Rugby Union Club at the rooms of the Country Women's Association (a perfect venue for the Colleagues) where we consumed great quantities of steaks and liquid refreshments and then onto the local Golf Club for twisting and Russian folk dancing! All in bed by 5.00 a.m.!

Colleagues had to make their own arrangements for entertainment on the Sunday, which was done with usual Colleague ingenuity and most of us spent the day at various properties and we were all invited to "come again", except Vic Kelly, who selected a prize show pig for his annual "kill". The owner of the pig nearly died — laughing!

All back to the plane, except Tony Fynmore, who arrived late with a Police escort (we had been warned — hands off all signs in Warren). Then the pilot had his little laugh by diving the Douglas at the airfield and, just as most of us thought the "moment" had come, the nose of the plane lifted and at a height of 20 feet we left Warren after a most enjoyable weekend.

Back at Mascot at 8.30 p.m., all into the lounge-bar, an order for 64 beers and we were all home in bed by 3.00 a.m.!!

(Written by a Welshman who must remain anonymous).

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