

**THE  
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RUGBY  
UNION  
FOOTBALL  
CLUB**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
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**OFFICE BEARERS 1964**

**PATRON:** His Worship, The Mayor of Woollahra, Alderman M. E. Lawrence.

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

**VICE-PRESIDENTS:** A. Ball, Esq., H. H. Barraclough, Esq., J. Barrett, 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, Esq., Dr. D. Warden, D. V. Wiltshire, Esq., C. Worner, Esq.

**CLUB CAPTAIN:** H. Lamens.

**HON. SECRETARY:** E. B. Radford.

**HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY:** J. Messenger.

**HON. TREASURER:** E. Bennett.

**HON. ASSISTANT TREASURER:** G. Finlayson.

**HON. AUDITOR:** A. A. Bailey.

**REGISTRAR:** A. Ross.

**CLUB HOUSE MANAGER:** I. Kiernan.

**ASSISTANT CLUBHOUSE MANAGER:** B. Duck.

**COMMITTEE:** G. Finlayson, P. Mathews, J. Lyons, M. Connery, N. Palmer, A. Ross.

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

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

For the 1964 Season it has been my great pleasure once again to be Chairman of the Colleagues Club and this completes for me a most enjoyable twelve years membership of what I consider to be the best Club playing Rugby football in the Sydney district. But it was certainly not a successful Season for such a strong Club as the Colleagues because, for the first time for very many years, we stood on the sidelines and watched the Sub-District Grand Finals without our Club being represented in any one of the four grades. We also lost the Club Championship after being the holders of it for the previous nine consecutive years. Of course we cannot win all the time but I cannot help thinking that the Club could have done much better than it did.

Many Members may think that rejection by the N.S.W. Rugby Union of our application to join the Second Division was the cause of this temporary slump in our playing standards. But the 1964 Season saw a very strong Kentwell Cup Competition which could be said to be the barometer of Sub-District Union Football. As President of the Sub-District Union I can tell Colleagues that the 1965 Season promises to be one of the best they could expect, particularly when it is noted that the Season will commence with a Seven-a-side Competition and that new clubs will be joining Sub-District. I anticipate that as a result of the strengthening of our competition football Colleagues will be happy to remain a Sub-District Club.

There was very poor attendance at training during 1964 and an alarming lack of support at social functions and these shortcomings, I trust, will not be continued in the 1965 Season.

All we need to do is to get on with the job of improving our standard of Rugby so that once again we can play the fast open game in all grades which made Colleagues such a strong Club only a few years ago. I forecast an excellent Season for the Club and I would urge every Member to do his very best for his Club on and off the field so that we can get back to the good old days when it was a "do or die" effort for other clubs to beat the Colleagues.

Good luck to you all for 1965.

JOHN BARRACLOUGH.

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## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

During the 1964 Season, the Colleagues fielded four teams in the Metropolitan Sub-District Competition. This compared with five teams for the previous year.

The use of two excellent pitches again enabled us to play all four teams at home on many occasions and with the structural improvements to the clubhouse completed the customary Colleagues hospitality could be extended to our visitors.

Sunday fixtures played against the Hospitals and University Colleges proved popular and were well organised.

After a lapse of several years we again flew two teams and officials interstate to play our old Brisbane rival, Souths. The tour, partially subsidised by the Club, proved a great success and we look forward to a reciprocal visit from the "Bananalanders" this coming Season.

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Teams from Cooma and Moree were also invited to play Sunday fixtures.

A major problem which appears to be affecting most amateur sporting clubs, at the present time, is the lack of younger people joining. Young men leaving school to-day seem to busy themselves socially, rather than on the football field, which is undoubtedly attributed to an increasingly more affluent society. The Colleagues have been affected in as much as we were forced to reduce the number of teams from five to four. I should therefore like to ask all members to endeavour to introduce a new playing member, in 1965, so that we may again attain our old playing strength. As you are no doubt aware, the Club's policy has always been to provide football for all its members and the more new faces the more teams we shall field.

Reduced weekly training attendances have been the cause of much concern to the committee and especially the coaches. It is proposed to enforce stricter measures in the coming Season to ensure that this trend ceases. As I have said before, Rugby being a team game, relies on a concerted effort from each individual so that the net result may be one of enjoyment based on team spirit, understanding and above all physical fitness.

Functions were generally well organised and our Annual Ball, held at the White City, was a memorable evening.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to new members and wish all Colleagues a most successful season's Rugby in 1965.

HANS LAMENS.

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## HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen, herewith I present the Hon. Secretary's Report for the year ended 31st December, 1964, for your consideration.

### Football

Once again the Club has enjoyed a very full programme, fielding four teams in the M.S.D.R.U. Competitions and playing many non-competition fixtures.

Unfortunately we did not attain the success in the competitions as we have done in recent years. However, the Kentwell and Burke teams reached the final of their respective grades and the Whiddon "A" the semi-final. The Sunday fixtures were very well organised by Norman Palmer and our teams had a great measure of success. Matches were played against St. John's College, St. Paul's College, Wesley College, St. Andrew's College, Prince Henry Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital.

We were hosts for weekend visits from the Moree R.U.F.C. and the Cooma R.U.F.C., both these weekends being memorable occasions. Moree fielded two sides, whilst Cooma had one. We also played the Annual Fixtures versus Old Colleagues and Gt. Britain versus Australia.

This year the club revived our association with the Southern Districts Club in Brisbane. A party of thirty eight members flew to Brisbane on the Queen's Birthday Weekend, playing four matches and enjoying the magnificent hospitality of Souths. On behalf of the club our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Southern Districts Club for a never to be forgotten three days.

Your committee this year decided to offer assistance to the Saturday Morning Juniors who use our ground. This took the form of a cash donation to The Bay's Junior R.U.F.C. and making available our changing rooms for their use.

#### Clubhouse and Ground

Further improvements were made to the Clubhouse during the season, the eaves have been closed in, the floor sanded and coated with a plastic finish and a telephone has been installed. Max Connery, Frank Baldwin and Ian Kiernan are to be commended for their efforts in organising these improvements. It is also hoped in the near future to improve the lighting facilities for night training and to arrange for larger goalposts.

The club has effected an agreement with the Woollahra District Cricket Association for their rights for the use of the Clubhouse and ground in the summer season and to protect our interests.

#### Squash Team

A team was entered in the Summer Rugby Union Squash Tournament and reached the semi-finals. The team members were Norman Palmer, John Lyons, Harold Baker, David Hogan, Don James and Max Connery.

#### Social Functions

**GAMES NIGHT.** — Once again a most successful evening was organised by Hans Lamens and Ian Kiernan, and it is due largely to their efforts that our finances are in such a healthy state.

**ANNUAL BALL.** — "Colleagues by Candlelight" held at the White City was again a huge success. The decision to engage a more expensive band proved a very worthwhile investment.

**GOLF DAY.** — Held as usual at the Wallacia Course. It has been suggested that a bus should be hired for next year in effort to make the day less hazardous for the participants. Trophy winners were Jim Dalrymple and Frank Baldwin.

**SUMMER BARBECUE.** — The harbour cruise and barbecue on Shark Island was not as well attended as expected, however the sixty odd members and friends who attended, voted the day a huge success.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.** — This new venture held in Centennial Park proved to be most successful and it is hoped to make this an annual event. Father Christmas Aub. Ball presented gifts to thirty two children.

Finally I express my sincere appreciation to Graeme Finlayson, Ernest Bennett, John Lyons, Brian Duck, Bob Meagher, John Cortis, Barry Barraclough and to all those who worked on the various sub-committees, the general committee, our Vice Presidents and supporters, the ground staff, and the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, for their generous and loyal support and services throughout the year.

EDDIE RADFORD,  
Hon. Secretary.

#### KENTWELL CUP

Following a narrow win in the 1963 Kentwell Cup Competition the Colleagues entered the 1964 season confident of continued success. There had been several changes in the team brought about by players retiring and travelling overseas.

As the season progressed it became apparent that there had been a distinct improvement in opposition sides resulting in a much stronger Kentwell competition, each week being marked by hard football matches.

The team had its share of wins, although there was noticeable lack of fire in the forwards and penetration in the back line. These two factors being of paramount importance if a team is to win games.

Much of our trouble stemmed from a crop of injuries necessitating team re-arrangement with resulting upset in team co-ordination and understanding.

It was pleasing to see better attendances at training and with the emphasis placed on moving the ball about the condition of the players was as good as might be expected with one training run weekly. If the Kentwell is to succeed in the face of improving opposition it is important that the players make the effort to "have a run" at some other time during the week so that the official training evening may be utilised for coaching rather than conditioning of players.

The Colleagues were eliminated in the final at Concord Oval by the A.M.P. team who played fine open football resulting in a well earned win.

Finally, our congratulations to the Briars side in winning the Kentwell Cup by defeating A.M.P. in a most exciting game at Drummoyne Oval.

My thanks go to the Captain and vice-Captain for their continued support and to all those players and reserves who contributed so well to making the '64 Kentwell Team a pleasure and privilege to coach.

Best of luck in the coming season.

HANS LAMENS.

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**TEAM.** — J. Lyons (Capt.), E. Bailey-Tart, H. Baker, P. Ball, E. Bennett, H. Bennett, M. Connery, D. Dorrington, B. Duck, G. Finlayson, A. Fynmore, A. Heeson, D. Hogan, F. Hussey, D. James, I. Kiernan, G. McCrohan, I. Marsh, R. Meagher, J. Messenger, J. Noice, N. Palmer, H. Parsonage, A. Ross, R. Smith, D. Sully, H. Welman.

**COACH.** — H. Lamens.

**BEST AND FAIREST.** — H. Parsonage.

V. BRIARS	L	0 - 17	L	8 - 21
V. A.M.P.	W	21 - 11	W	24 - 11
V. B of N.S.W.	W	3 - 0	W	15 - 9
V. U of N.S.W.	W	26 - 3	W	12 - 6
V. KNOX O.B.	W	23 - 6	W	14 - 6
V. U of SYDNEY	W	28 - 3	Bye	
V. C.B.C.	W	14 - 9	L	0 - 3

**POINTS.** — 188 for, 105 against.

**SEMI FINAL.** — V. BRIARS L 3 - 14

**FINAL.** — V. A.M.P. L 12 - 15

#### BURKE CUP TEAM REPORT

The Burke Cup Team of 1964 achieved an enviable record on the field, being unbeaten in the competition rounds and playing only one drawn game. However, even with such a fine season behind them the coveted premiership eluded the team when they were eliminated in the final, after leading 3-0 at the interval, by our old friends and rivals, the Briars.

During the season we fielded no less than forty-five players, which in itself is indicative of the determination to win, for it became increasingly difficult to maintain cohesion and understanding in the team due to the many changes. On many occasions the Burke XV treated spectators to copybook Rugby with the forwards dominating play in the loose and the tight and the backline throwing the ball about in devastating fashion. For this reason "the Bourke" was able to win the "Challenge Transport" Trophy for the team scoring most tries. As proof of this, perusal of the records shows that of the 52 tries scored by the team 40 were scored by backs and 12 by forwards.

Team Captain, Norman Palmer, not only won the club's Oldest and Boldest Trophy, but also notched the highest number of points in the club for the season. His elusive play around the scrums and rucks and dropped-goals was a feature during the season. Vice-Captain, David Nicol, led the forwards very well throughout the year and was capably backed up by the other regular forward members, Gordon McGrath, George Osborne, Bruce Donald, Bob Hodgson, Ken Turner, Graeme Finlayson and David Dorrington. Regular members in the backs were wingers Doug Sully and Chris Blundell who both scored a feast of tries, and of course, the winner of the Best and Fairest award, Roger Smith.

My thanks to all those who played in the Burke Cup team during the season and on their behalf, congratulations to the eventual winners of the Premiership, Newington Old Boys.

EDDIE RADFORD.

TEAM. — N. Palmer (Capt.), E. Bailey-Tart, P. Ball, J. Blackadder, C. Blundell, K. Broadley, J. Buttrose, A. Clifford, A. Curry, B. Donald, D. Dorrington, A. Falstein, G. Finlayson, A. Finmore, R. Harriden, A. Heeson, R. Hodgson, F. Hussey, V. Kelly, J. Longhurst, G. McCrohan, G. McGrath, I. Marsh, R. Meagher, C. Meares, J. Messenger, H. Munro, D. Nicol, J. Noice, G. Osborne, W. Rowlings, R. Smith, D. Sully, J. Sutton, K. Turner, A. Woinarski.

COACH. — E. Radford.

BEST AND FAIREST. — R. Smith.

V. BRIARS	W	17 - 3	W	14 - 6
V. A.M.P.	W	14 - 5	W	8 - 0
V. B of N.S.W.	W	20 - 0	D	3 - 3
V. U of N.S.W.	W	51 - 3	W	56 - 3
V. U of SYDNEY	W	9 - 0	W	13 - 8
V. BALMAIN T.C.	W	17 - 3	W	25 - 3

POINTS. — 247 for, 37 against.

SEMI FINAL. — V. UNI. of SYDNEY W 24 - 3

FINAL. — V. BRIARS L 3 - 16

#### WHIDDON "A"

The 1964 Whiddon "A" team was comprised of a mixture of old and new Colleagues which ended the season as it had begun, with great promise and much enthusiasm. Unfortunately there were a few games in the middle of the season when it was occasionally difficult to detect either.

The team was ably and conscientiously skippered by that old stalwart, Harold Baker, and the pack was enthusiastically led by Chris Meares, who both did their very best to weld a team together under difficult circumstances.

There were few injuries in the side but as the season wore on and there were more replacements required for other teams it became more difficult to field a regular XV and so the numbers of members who played in the Whiddon "A" was quite considerable, but although this may have affected the standard of Rugby produced it certainly had no effect on the enthusiasm with which the social life was conducted. It may seem incredible but the Whiddon "A" members were even enthusiastic about training and insisted on training twice a week. There may have been motive behind this!

During the early part of the season we unfortunately lost Ken Watson, due to an injury sustained whilst tackling 3 men at once but his was the only serious injury on the field; off the field injuries were far more prevalent particularly on Friday nights.

The Whiddon dinner rounded off the season in the usual style and I think all will agree that the season if not as successful as we would have wished was an enjoyable one during which the team played some good and some bad rugby, and if the last game of the season which was lost in the last minute to Sydney High Old Boys is any pointer to 1965, there is an enjoyable season ahead both on and off the field.

TEAM. — H. Baker (Capt.), R. Adair, L. Angus, J. Blackadder, K. Broadley, T. Carver, A. Clifford, D. Cooley, J. Corlis, A. Curry, A. Falstein, A. Farrell, J. Fitzpatrick, R. Harriden, A. Heeson, R. Hodgson, A. Horsell, F. Hussey, T. Jones, V. Kelly, P. Lane, B. Law, V. Lewis, J. Longhurst, R. McCuaig, A. Martin, C. Meares, J. Nelson, T. Pockley, P. Stirgess, J. Sutton, K. Turner, C. Vandervord, K. Watson, D. Wedlock, J. Wilson, A. Woinarski.

COACH. — F. Baldwin.

BEST AND FAIREST—

V. BRIARS	W	16 - 3	L	3 - 10
V. A.M.P.	W	15 - 3	W	6 - 0
V. B of N.S.W.	W	5 - 3	D	3 - 3
V. U of N.S.W.	W	11 - 0	W	Forfeit
V. KNOX O.B.	W	27 - 0	W	14 - 0
V. S.H.S.O.B.	W	18 - 0	L	3 - 12
V. C.B.C.	L	5 - 8	L	0 - 3

POINTS. — 126 for, 45 against.

SEMI-FINAL. — V. S.H.S.O.B. L 8 - 11

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#### WHIDDON "B" TEAM REPORT

The most gratifying circumstances of this team's activities in the 1964 season was the large number of players who turned up for training each Thursday night. It will, however, always be a mystery to me as to why twenty forwards and no backs should turn out one week whilst the following week we have twenty backs and no forwards. From the point of view of winning games the season could hardly be called successful, although it must be admitted that quite a few games were lost by the odd try in the closing minutes of the match.

The team was set a splendid example in the early part of the season by the leadership of John Blackadder, and later by John Fitzpatrick, who subsequently took over the leadership in the same exemplary manner. It warmed ones heart to see "Fitz's" cover defence and by his ferocious tackling he must have saved countless tries.

Lawrence Angus won the "Best and Fairest" award for the season. He combined skill and resourcefulness, having played practically everywhere from wing threequarter to hooker with tremendous gusto; who can forget his head-on tackle of the Newington full-back in the second round of the competition, following which he assures us he knew nothing about what was going on around him for the rest of the game?

I must say that in Whiddon "B" the spirit of football appears to prevail both on and off the field and when I say this I cannot help thinking of such solid types as Bill Hagon, Jamie Wilson, Gavin Gibson and a host of others.

I wish the Whiddon "B" team the best of luck and a great deal more success in the 1965 season.

EUAN MacDONALD.

TEAM. — J. Fitzpatrick (Capt.) L. Angus, M. Arbib, J. Buttrose, S. Clarke, D. Conson, J. Corlis, J. Corner, S. Flood, G. Gibson, T. Green, P. Hackett, W. Hagon, D. Ham, P. Harris, J. Harrison, T. Hazeldine, D. Hickey, G. Hinds, A. Horsell, G. Hughes, T. James, G. Kendall, P. Lane, E. Macdonald, R. McCuaig, A. Martin, P. Mathews, N. Morgan, K. Patrick, T. Pockley, B. Pollock, M. Romage, I. Reid, B. Smith, J. Sutton, W. Weigall, G. Whelan, P. Whitehead, J. Wilson, S. Wright.

COACH. — E. Macdonald.

BEST AND FAIREST. — L. Angus.

V. BRIARS	L	5 - 13	L	6 - 8
V. RESERVE BANK	L	3 - 9	L	3 - 25
V. SUTHERLAND	L	11 - 18	D	3 - 3
V. LINDFIELD	L	5 - 17	L	0 - 9
V. NORTHBRIDGE	L	9 - 12	L	3 - 17
V. NEWINGTON O.B.	L	3 - 22	L	0 - 14

POINTS. — 51 for, 167 against.

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#### TROPHY WINNERS 1964

HONOUR CAP: MAX CONNERY

#### Best and Fairest:

KENTWELL	H. PARSONAGE
BURKE	R. SMITH
WHIDDON "A"	
WHIDDON "B"	L. ANGUS
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	P. BALL
LEADING POINT SCORER:	N. PALMER
TEAM SCORING MOST TRIES:	BURKE
OLDEST AND BOLDEST:	N. PALMER

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#### LEADING POINT SCORERS:

N. PALMER	117
J. LYONS	71
A. CLIFFORD	31
D. SULLY	27

Points are totalled to the last competition game only.

#### BRISBANE TRIP

Early on an overcast Saturday morning in July, a bleary-eyed collection of Colleagues farewelled their wives and girlfriends, avoided the milkman and groped their various ways through the smelly fog of Alexandria towards Kingsford Smith Airport.

A short time after we had been mustered a T.A.A. plane somehow managed to get off the ground (which was more than some of us had managed to do with the hostesses!) and headed north: the 1964 tour had begun.

It soon became apparent that the crew had been told a party of young boys from the Rose Bay Social Club would be passengers, when the subject of mistaken weight allowances arose, and so the ever resourceful Colleagues endeavoured to lessen the load by consuming all perishable stores!

Our arrival at Brisbane in the sunshine was audibly accompanied by sighs of relief from the plane; spirits had risen and as we tumbled out we were met by our hosts, Souths Rugby Union Club led by the captain, secretary and what we took to be the club mascot. The air was filled with flying footballs as we were cunningly led off to Mr. Morrison's hostelry for a post flight stimulant and it was some hours before a few diehard officials could make themselves heard above the rattle of morning coffee glasses, a game football was mentioned and we were transported to the arena for the first of the gladiatorial contests.

The two 2nd XV teams took to the field before a large crowd of enthusiastic supporters and an enjoyable game followed during which the Colleagues proved to be the stronger and the final whistle went with the score at.

The 1st XV game which followed was hard fought with the home side taking the initiative and playing better football and with a final score of 19-11 the players left the field. It was obvious to both players and spectators that this was to be a memorable trip, good company, hard clean football and besides, where else does the club mascot play in the front row?

The evening's entertainment began when we were transported to the Souths clubhouse where it became apparent that our hosts were very well organised; wives, girlfriends and club members had banded together to make it a success and what an evening it was. A fantastic amount of liquid beverage was on tap, the tables groaned under the weight of food, speeches were made, the floor was cleared, a band produced and the dancing, etc., was on, those of us who were present felt rather sorry for the rest of the club who were still in Sydney and missing out on all this. The Souths hospitality seemed to be never ending and it was only a short time after we had into bed that the Brisbane chaps, who never sleep, stirred us out for church parade!

The chapel was situated in the scrub about 20 miles away and was descended upon by 120 Souths and Colleagues; by this time it had become impossible to distinguish between the two clubs except that all visitors seemed to be wearing Souths guernseys! However, this was a back to nature day, a nudist colony was quickly established and various sporting activities were arranged, e.g., racing young ladies on horseback, cattle rustling, paw-paw throwing and boat racing. Food and refreshments were abundant; no decision on the boat race result could be reached so there were re-rows all day, a perilous affair for judges, competitors and spectators! Colleagues won the single handed steak eating competition, the winner shovelling down 16 steaks in 60 minutes, and the 6 x 100 yards swimming relay in the creek was abandoned when two of the competitors went to the bottom for a rest! A wake was consequently held and after a two hour hymn session the meeting was adjourned to enable us to return to Mr. Morrison's for a cocktail party.

Entertainment was provided by Big Barney and his dancing troupe with solo efforts by Ian Kiernan and partner, window climbing and wall scaling by John Lyons and Co. and general transport disruption by Tony Woinarski, who also won the Bundaberg trophy.

Monday dawned too early and too brightly but by the afternoon there were no casualties and some excellent football followed with the 2nd XV winning again, despite the refereeing of our club president, and the 1st XV losing a splendid game which was a delight to see and proved how versatile the Souths club were, their efforts on and off the field were well planned and wholeheartedly supported.

Our generous hosts once again turned it on during the evening, the ladies' committee did a terrific job and backed up the members wholeheartedly and it was with great reluctance that we said au revoir before we returned to Sydney, laden with trophies and decorations for the club house.

Our most sincere thanks go to the members of Souths, their ladies' committee and Chipsy. Wood who did so much to make this tour the thundering success that it was. Many thanks, Souths. Come on Colleagues, they will be here shortly! In fact the Queen's holiday week-end.