

**THE  
WOOLLAHRA  
COLLEAGUES  
RUGBY  
UNION  
FOOTBALL  
CLUB**



**ANNUAL REPORT  
1965**

THE WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

OFFICE BEARERS 1965

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the 1965 Season the Colleagues again fielded five teams in the Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Competitions and all members were delighted when we won back from Briars the coveted Bruce Graham Club Championship Shield. Over the last twelve years we have won this trophy so often that we have come to look upon it as the Colleagues' private property, and it was a great shock to us when we had to hand it over to Briars at the end of the 1964 Season. Having regained possession of it, it is up to Colleagues to win it again in 1966.

Notwithstanding this Club Championship victory the Season was, in my opinion, very disappointing if only because a club with our playing strength and good enough to fight its way into two grand finals could reasonably have been expected to have been successful in at least one of them.

Once again I am obliged to draw members' attention to the poor attendance of players on training nights, which leads me to believe that many of our players think they are so good that they do not need to train but are nevertheless confident of getting a game each week. Many players throughout the Season could not be said to be really fit. Players must realise that it is their own responsibility to get themselves fit and not the responsibility of their respective coaches to do this for them. Motto for 1966 - GET YOURSELVES FIT EARLY IN THE SEASON.

A big programme lies ahead of all the Clubs playing in Sub-District competition and this year there will be four 8-team competitions in Kentwell, Burke, Whiddon and Judd cups which means that the Club teams will all play on the same grounds with the Judd Cup game commencing at noon. I will look to Colleagues to go into the 1966 Season determined to win every competition in Sub-District and to be a credit to their Club on and off the field.

Good luck for 1966.

JOHN BARRACLOUGH.

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

There was a pessimistic feeling pervading the Annual General Meeting of the Club twelve months ago. The post mortem of the previous season revealed that none of the A teams had reached the Grand Finals and the Club Championship Shield (our pride and joy) was lost for the first time in a decade. Notwithstanding this background the Club produced exceptional football improvement during the season which was culminated by a triumphant return of the Club Championship Shield coupled with being runners up in both the Kentwell and Bourke Cups for 1965.

Despite what some of the football pundits of the Club might say the Kentwell Cup competition in the last two years has strengthened considerably and so the effort of our Number One team was all the more meritorious. The revival in the Club has been brought about by several factors. First, there has been a resurgence of young

players coupled with a return to the Club of some of our more seasoned Colleagues. The Climax of the season, I think, was the resounding victory by our Kentwell team over the Briars in the second round of the Competition. Whilst we were only narrowly defeated by the latter in the Grand Final I am confident that in 1966 the tables will be turned.

In retrieving the Club Championship by a very comfortable margin my tribute goes to the coaches of all teams for their effort and determination and, of course, this year we had tremendous co-operation and spirit in the Club which was most refreshing.

Our method of selection of teams in the past year, in my view, was more democratic than in previous seasons and worked satisfactorily (despite some angry outbursts by Selectors and tears from wives and girlfriends).

The Clubhouse Manager, Roger Smith, supported by his Deputy and other members of the Committee, improved the amenities in the Club to such an extent that most Colleagues were proud to bring their female supporters to the games and to the very enjoyable dances that were conducted from time to time.

I must thank those Colleagues who anonymously donated the tables for the Clubhouse and also Norman Palmer who arranged for his employer to donate the scoreboard which stimulated much interest particularly on Saturday afternoons when Vic Kelly's Bourke "B" team arrived home from Tunk's Park (overland) with the glad news of victory to put us ahead in the Club Championship.

Talking of Norman the idea of Colleagues Cricket became a reality this year and his organisation in that regard has been superb.

Looking back on 1965 personally I am grateful for the opportunity of giving a little time and service to the Club and receiving the full support from the Committee.

Upon reflection, the only difficult task of my reign was the evacuation of Shark Island on the June weekend. Colleagues and our guests from Queensland were determined to "dig in" on that balmy Sunday afternoon and it was only after some histrionics by Yours Truly that the group, headed by Barney, boarded the waiting ferry.

Football is a great game and as Peter Crittle (our illustrious Colleague) said during last season, the spirit which we have had at Colleagues is unique and I think this year was no exception.

The 1967 trip by Colleagues to New Zealand is the next milestone for the Club which is now 33 years old. We have taken Colleagues teams to all parts of New South Wales and to Brisbane in the past and now the Kiwis must prepare.

In conclusion I thank Roger Smith and Jack Nelson in particular for their assistance during the last year and wish the Club well for 1966.

MAX CONNERY.

## HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. President, Gentlemen, I present herewith the Hon. Secretary's Report for the year ended 31st December, 1965, for your consideration.

### FOOTBALL.

Five teams were fielded in the M. S. D. R. U. Competition and in addition many non-competition games were played. Norman Palmer again organised the Sunday matches against the University Colleges and the hospitals and they were all most successful. Matches were, in addition, played against Souths and Tamworth. Full reports on both these encounters appear later in this report.

The fact that we recaptured the Club Championship and made the Grand Finals in two grades, I think, speaks for itself.

### CLUBHOUSE AND GROUND.

The provision of additional oval lighting and the improvement of the Clubhouse nearly exhausted the substantial funds we had available at the start of the season. Over £600 was spent on lighting and the complete renovation of the Clubhouse. Fortunately the Woollahra Council and the Woollahra Cricket Association have now made substantial contributions to the cost of the work. Roger Smith, Max Connery and Charles Vandervord deserve our thanks for their outstanding work in the Clubhouse. Roger organised the builders and he and Max and Charles devoted a great deal of their time to supervision, floor sanding and painting. Many other members helped with the painting and sanding, and our thanks are due to them.

### NEW ZEALAND TOUR.

We are sure that there will be no difficulty in raising the numbers to tour in March, 1967. The problem is one of finance and we hope to hold a lot of fund raising functions. The first of these will be announced shortly. A New Zealand sub-committee has been formed and it will shortly put forward its proposals for the collection of individual contributions from members who propose to make the trip.

### CRICKET AND SQUASH.

Norman Palmer again organised the team entered in the Summer Rugby Union Squash Tournament and he was responsible for the formation of a team which played in the Woollahra and District Cricket Competition. His own report on the cricket appears later in this report.

### SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

GAMES NIGHT - led by Henry Bennett, a keen group of members again made this function a financial success.

ANNUAL BALL - This year the club deserted its traditional ballroom at White City and a much more intimate affair was staged at Grace Bros., Bondi Junction.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - held in December at the Clubhouse as a substitute for the harbour cruise and barbecue of previous years.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - This is now an annual event. Aub Ball again delighted thirty or so children.

CLUBHOUSE FUNCTIONS - organised by the Clubhouse Manager and his Assistant, several dances and barbecues were held during the year. Without exception they were well attended and successful from every point of view.

I wish to thank the Committee for its drive and purpose during 1965. The Clubhouse improvements, the New Zealand Tour, and the numerous functions held during the year were all organised by the various committee members who gave unstintingly of their time.

Finally I would like to thank all supporters, the ground staff and Harry Herbert for their support and services during the year.

J. NELSON.  
Hon. Secretary.

### ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

L. J. F. Barraclough	9	I. Kiernan	4
E. Bennett	9	J. Nelson	15
H. Bennett	11	G. Osborne	14
M. Connery	16	E. Radford	12
J. Fitzpatrick	8	R. Smith	14
H. Lamens	3	C. Vandervord	11
N. Kelly	10		

Hans Lamens resigned from the committee early in the season upon being transferred to Melbourne.

John Barraclough missed several meetings due to his contesting State elections in May and November.

### REPORT OF THE HONORARY TREASURER

Gentlemen,

The basis of my report is set out on the attached Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet of the Club.

#### Income and Expenditure

Refreshment trading for the year was slightly better than last year, due to an increased turnover for the year. The Profits from functions was substantially less than in 1964. This was due to the fact that the 1964 Games Night gave a profit of £87 as against £370 for 1965. Other functions held during the year were conducted with

## KENTWELL CUP

Perhaps 1965 was a little disappointing for the Kentwell Cup team. During the trials the indications were for a very good season with a healthy nucleus of last year's team again available and perhaps the biggest influx of talented new players for quite a few seasons. However, we seemed plagued by insipid troubles that really never allowed the team to remain constant and play as a unit.

The early injury to Harold Baker created a problem that we were never really able to overcome and we spent the rest of the season experimenting in the back line. Work and study (both extremely important in each footballer's life) often disrupted training and necessitated changes for matches.

However, the team did manage to almost overcome these troubles and to scramble through to the grand final to be beaten only 32-19 by a very fine and well coached Briars side.

May we, at this stage, congratulate the Briars on their win, with the score perhaps a little flattering to Colleagues. For the last few minutes of the match, when we made a very spirited comeback, I personally feel that had we scored again to win, the Briars could have justly claimed that "the better side on the day lost".

On the brighter side I feel the team was a happy one, they certainly gave of their best at training and although not always successful they certainly put everything into each match. This was borne out by the effort they made when behind, especially the matches against Bank of N.S.W. at Five Dock, C.B.C. at Five Dock and the grand final.

On the personal side, my thanks to our three captains, Harvey Parsonage, Ernest Bennett and Dave Hogan, who did great jobs but all of whom, I am sure, would have preferred to leave the captaincy to someone else; - and of course to Stretch Bennett who filled in on several occasions.

Stretch still subscribed to the Barraclough theory that "the race goes not always to the swift", however his new line-out technique, developed during the year still has to be proved. His father, Mr. Jack Bennett, when discussing this technique (spriggs must be firmly in the turf during the jump) stated that he has no doubt it will succeed when forwards become shorter. Notwithstanding his theories, Stretch is still a great help in any team.

Of the outside backs, Dave Hogan and Don James played well throughout the season. Earl Bairly (Tart) was in top form early in the season and I feel that his covering in the combined game was the best I have seen from a Colleague winger in years. Unexplainably Earl lost form after his honeymoon; some say he is now too contented and well fed, others maintain he became weary from consistent driving in traffic and flying in light aircraft.

Clarrie Noice's son John and Brendan Egan both brought off some wonderful individual efforts and had to be matched carefully by all opposing backs. John's effort in the final and Brendan's in the game against C.B.C. at Five Dock illustrate their match winning ability.

Late in the season the baggy shorts of Dave Saywell again graced the field. A little slower perhaps but still very probing every time he has the ball. His critics maintain he had the selectors' favour and this was the reason for his meteoric rise, however, he fully justified the faith they put in him.

Around the scrum base we were well served by Chris Bamback, Bottle Greenberg and Peter Ball. Pete played very well until he received a nasty back injury, and was replaced by Bottle. Peter reappeared in Burke Cup and blossomed into a very good captain.

Tony and Chris became our halves and played very competently until Chris was moved to full-back. Young players and their friends are an acquisition to any club, aren't they Uncle Stretch?

The back-row, Ian Edwards, Sorrowful Phil Mirabelli and Tony Tynmore always tried very hard. Tony's covering, Ian's tackling and ball distribution (not always successful due to lack of support) and Phil's cover defence and bursts with the ball bode well for the future.

Second Row, enough said about Stretch, however Harvey Welman was always on the ball and his try against C.B.C. to clinch the match repaid him for lots of hard work.

The props, the ever reliable Harvey Parsonage, Ernest Bennett, who was plagued by a knee injury, and ("I want to play in Burke") Bruce Donald, toiled all the game.

Ray Hickey, lacking in experience in the scrums, made up for it in the open and will be a force to be reckoned with next year.

The other players who came in during the year played well and fitted in admirably.

No team is ever complete without a water-boy. We arranged this by allowing Mike Jex to break his leg after four games. Each week the coach shirked his job, which was carried out by Mike, who proved you don't have to play to remain a member of the team.

Finally, if I may, I feel the Colleagues at the moment are suffering, due to the lack of backs amongst the coaches. It would be a big step if next year we saw several of the better backs of the past five years offer their services as coaches.

My thanks to the team, our thanks to the supporters (especially the bigotted four, Noice, Ball, Messenger and Hogan) and next year must be better than ever.

JOHN CORLIS  
Coach.

BEST AND FAIREST - HARVEY WELLMAN

RESULTS:

V. KNOX O.B. ....	W 28-14	W 9-3
V. N.O.B. ....	Draw 12-12	L 5-6
V. C.B.C. ....	W 12-11	W 13-8
V. A.M.P. ....	W 14-6	W 9-3
V. BANK N.S.W. ....	L 14-16	W 11-3
V. BRIARS ....	L 14-20	W 18-8

POINTS - 159 for, 110 against.

SEMI FINAL - V. BRIARS L 8-11

FINAL - V. BANK N.S.W. W 6-3

GRAND FINAL - V. BRIARS L 19-23

TEAM: - John Cross, John Noice, Henry Bennett, Tony Fynmore, Ian Edwards, Jon Burleigh, "Earnest" Bennett, Harvey Welman, Don James, Phil Mirabelli, Bernard Gross, Tony Greenberg, John Harrison, Harvey Parsonage, Ray Hickey, Ron Rae, David Hogan, John Ruwald, Earl Bailey-Tart, Brendan Egan, David Saywell, Roger Smith, Norman Corkill, Peter Ball, Mick Jex.

BURKE CUP 'A'

The 1965 Burke Cup 'A' team was one which overcame early setbacks to finish the season in the Grand Finals. As the results show the first competition match resulted in a 20-0 win, then three convincing defeats, 2 victories, and then another substantial loss to finish the first round with only three wins from the seven matches played.

At this stage, and particularly after the inglorious effort against the Bank of N.S.W. in the last game, our chances of even making the semi-finals appeared to be rather slim. However, a remarkable air of determination started to show in the team and after a good win against B. T. C. in the first game of the second round we faced a competition in which one loss meant certain relegation from the final four. The team was fortunate to gain the services of Peter Ball who came into the side as captain and immediately, by example, raised the standard tremendously. Another whom we welcomed back into the team at this stage was Roger Smith. And so the Burke A's faced Knox O.B. and turned a 3 - 16 loss into a 13 - 0 win (3 tries). The next week we faced Newington O.B. and this was probably the hardest match of the entire season. Whilst the Burke A was essentially a team, and this day it was never more evident, certain individual efforts do come quickly to mind and on this day Norm Corkill's masterly display at 5/8 was one of those occasions. Once again the team turned a first round defeat 3 - 23 into a win 6 - 0 (2 tries). This was to be the pattern for the balance of the second round, the team finishing with the amazing figures of 158 points for and 9 points against from 7 matches (40 tries for & 1 against).

Some other notable achievements were George Osborne's 60 points for the season, Chris Blundell's 14 tries, and Best & Fairest Award Winner lock Paul Norburn's

5 tries in the return match against Bank of N.S.W. However, I must stress once again that the individual can only succeed if the team effort has laid the foundation and the team as a whole was rewarded by winning the Challenge Transport Trophy for scoring the most tries. My thanks to all members who played during the season and congratulations to the premiership winners.

EDDIE RADFORD  
Coach.

TEAM: - P. Ball (Capt.), P. Norburn (V. Capt.), C. Blundell, R. Cant, C. Clouse N. Corkill, B. Donald, A. Farrell, K. Jones, I. Kennedy, R. Knox, J. Mesley, G. Osborne, N. Palmer, G. Pidcock, P. Papapetros, R. Rae, J. Ruwald, J. Sutton, A. Shirlock, R. Smith, D. Sully.

BEST AND FAIREST - PAUL NORBURN

RESULTS:

V. BALMAIN T.C. ....	W 20-0	W 30-0
V. KNOX O.B. ....	L 3-16	W 13-0
V. N.O.B. ....	L 3-23	W 9-3
V. BRIARS ....	L 5-15	W 9-3
V. C.B.C. ....	W 17-3	W 38-3
V. A.M.P. ....	W 33-6	W 39-3
V. BANK N.S.W. ....	L 0-25	W 23-0

POINTS - 249 for, 97 against.

SEMI FINAL - V. KNOX O.B. W 9-6

FINAL - V. N.O.B. W 21-3

GRAND FINAL - V. TRINITY O.B. L 5-10

BURKE "B"

Extra-Ordinary Extra "B" indeed!

When we managed to notch but one win in the first round there were those in the Club who considered us a spent force and the Club Championship a lost cause.

Traditionally slow to start, we, nevertheless, found our feet in the second round sustaining only two losses. Despair was displaced by jubilant optimism and in particular we relished the fretful expressions on the faces of the Burke "A" when they realised that they might have to play us in a semi-final. We were robbed of this pleasure when, in our last match, St. Joseph's Old Boy's forfeited rather than meet us, thus depriving the Burke "B"'s of the opportunity of racking up the One hundred or so points necessary to get into the semi-finals.

The fact that we came equal fourth before the count-back served only to exacerbate our irritation at the low tactics employed by our opponents.

It is impossible here to honourably mention all those who played for us with distinction. In many cases players gained at our hands, the necessary skill, drive

and experience to carry them on to higher, if not finer, things. It would be remiss of me, however, to fail to mention the "Burke 'B' and Wills" set who, undaunted by the many miles traversed and the incredible hardships suffered, turned up to play each week; Jack Nelson, Terry Wood, Chris Brangwin, Ian Moray, Bill Rowlings and Frazer East are names which particularly spring to mind. One hundred years ago such men would have opened up the continent. Our Kiwi import, Robbie Knox was undoubtedly our best and fairest and would certainly have played Kentwell if any member of the Selection Committee had ever seen him play. Still, we are not all pioneers.

We were also hampered by the fact that we received the rare advantage of the assistance of a number of successive coaches when we had one at all. We do appreciate their efforts but, I think that the feeling of the team was that had we had but one consistent coach throughout the season, we would have cracked the semi-finals with ease and the dread cry of "Up the B-----s" might have been heard on Grand Final Day.

**VIC KELLY**  
Captain.

TEAM: - Vic Kelly (Captain), Tony Sherlock, Geoff Pidcock, Tony Farrell, Rod Berry, Peter Armstrong, Morty Howe, Demis Cooley, Paul Connery, Peter Bannister, Frank Baldwin, Jack Nelson, John Longhurst, Mick Jepsen, Robert McCuaig, Roger Burgess, Chris Brangwin, Tim Brangwin, Ian Moray, Charles Vandervord, John Ruwald, Robbie Knox, Tony Greenberg, Terry Wood, Alan Horsell, John Mezley, Tony Clifford, Ron Rae, Peter Papapetros, Bernie Grosse, Bill Rowlings, Roger Smith, Richard Chauvel, Colin Gallop, Ewan Macdonald, Phil Lane, Ken Watson, Chris Haseldon, Doug Sully, John Shapcott, Julian Buttrose, Frazer East.

COACHES: F. BALDWIN, G. McGRATH

BEST AND FAIREST - ROB KNOX

RESULTS:

V. LINDFIELD .....	L 3-12	L 6-9
V. SYD. UNI. ....	L 8-16	W Forfeit
V. TRINITY O.B. ....	L 8-24	L 3-25
V. RESERVE BANK .....	L 3-19	W 9-8
V. SOUTH CARLTON .....	L 5-15	W 11-6
V. L.R.S.C. ....	W 11-0	W 15-3
V. ST. JOSEPHS O.B. ....	L 3-18	W Forfeit

POINTS - 80 for, 155 against.

WHIDDON "A"

Whiddon A was comprised largely of players too old and too unfit to play in any other team. The pre-match instructions consisted almost entirely of the two or three people in the team who were under 25 and not limping, being cajoled or brow-beaten to tackle for the whole three-quarter line.

A youthful breakaway would realise in his first game for the side that this was no ordinary team. He would probably be told firmly that not only would the team's five-eight not be tackling that day, but one centre was just recovering from an injury and the other had not played for four years (and was three stone overweight). Equally firmly it would be impressed upon him that he would have to tackle for those players and score tries as well. The young enthusiast would be further disconcerted when the team's other breakaway, after muttering something about 'buck's party - haven't been to bed for two days', would be violently and colourfully ill on the field.

It would be invidious to name many people. However, at least three people should be mentioned. Jake Corner as captain and Graham Hurst (the vice-captain) of course were responsible for many coarse movements on and off the field. Norman Palmer realised early in the season that this was the team with which he would be able to win his usual trophy for the season's highest points-scorer and promptly scored over a hundred points, some of them spectacularly unorthodox.

Somehow, despite (or perhaps because of) the almost deliberate alcoholic self-destruction and the impressive array of beer-stomachs, despite the average age being about 28 and despite the team finishing every training night about half-an-hour before any other team, Whiddon A managed to win a respectable number of games and was a very happy side.

If ever a team was tolerant of its coach and humoured him when appropriate, it was the Whiddon A. With many thanks for a most enjoyable season and best wishes for 1966.

**MICHAEL ROSSER**  
Coach.

TEAM: - Chris Blundell, Colin Gallop, John Corlis, Michael Rosser, Norm Palmer, John Harrison, Jack Corner, Graham Hurst, Ron Harriden, Phillip Lane, Ken Turner, John Longhurst, Geoff Pidcock, Neville Gentle, John Shapcott, Charles Vandervord, Rodney Entwhistle, Bill Bennett, Peter Mathews, Kevin Broadley, John Cross, Alan Horsell, Julian Buttrose, Bernard Grosse, Max Connery, Roger Smith, Doug Sully.

BEST AND FAIREST - GRAHAM HURST

RESULTS:

V. KNOX O.B. ....	W 11-6	W 16-3
V. N.O.B. ....	D 13-13	L 13-15
V. BRIARS .....	L 0-8	L 0-9
V. C.B.C. ....	W 19-0	W 20-0
V. A.M.P. ....	W 51-6	W 16-0
V. BANK N.S.W. ....	W 14-0	L 3-6

POINTS - 166 for, 56 against.

SEMI FINAL - V. BRIARS L 0-6

## WHIDDON "B"

The ultimate result of the 1965 season was most gratifying, although the actual results were perhaps not the best, when one thinks in the terms of achievements it was a very good year. My personal thanks go to Gordon McGrath who gave me much counsel and advice, thanks Gordon. Also to one Mr. H.H. Barraclough (Mr. "Barra." for his unflinching support and guidance without which I feel sure that this team would have suffered.

The "Best and Fairest" was won by Monty Howe, he is certainly a credit to the Colleagues, both on and off the field. Well done Monty. One of the most interesting players who went on to Kentwell selection was Tony Greenberg; this young lad once firmly ensconced was certainly one of the best players in the club. Another to gain "honors" was Chris Bambach.

My heartfelt thanks go to such players as Allan Vine, Bruce McWilliam, Gil Whelan, Peter Howe and many others who trained and turned up on Saturdays throughout the season, although they might not have got a game they were unflinching in their support and enthusiasm. There was much new material this year and it proved to be exceptionally good, as mentioned above two players made Kentwell Cup, and a host of others made higher grades, one who comes to mind is Allan Horsell who said he was a half back, he finished up winning the most improved player of the year award playing as fullback. Another one was Big Wal Hagon who, like Monty Howe, was an exceptionally good club man. I am sorry Wal that we did not sell potato chips.

One could go on for pages about the players, I would, however, like to say thank you to all the old hands who turned out, two of whom captained the side on numerous occasions. In conclusion I would like to wish the 1966 Whiddon "B's" all the best.

### GRAEME BERRY Coach.

TEAM: - Richard Chauvel, Colin Gallop, Kevin Broadley, Bill Rowlings, Don Conson, Tony Greenberg, Terry Carver, David Moses, Gil Whelan, Ron Algy, John Corlis, Bernard Grosse, Andrew Becher, Bruce McWilliam, Hans Lamens, Brian O'Doherty, Terry Wood, Phillip Lane, John Shapcott, Tony Hirst, Terry Green, Jack Fitzpatrick, John Blackadder, Dennis Cooley, William Hagon, David Ham, Mick Jepsen, Peter Mathews, Charles Vandervord, Alan Vine, John Harrison, Chris Hazeldon, Ewan Macdonald, Mal Ramage, Ron Harriden, Frank Baldwin, Alan Horsell, Tim Brangwin.

BEST AND FAIREST - MONTY HOWE

#### RESULTS:

V. AVOCA .....	D 0-0	L 0-19
V. RESERVE BANK.....	L 0-17	W 8-5
V. WHALE BEACH.....	L 3-14	- -
V. BRIARS .....	W 11-3	L 6-9
V. S.H.O.B. ....	L 3-14	L 6-17
V. S.J.O.B. ....	L 14-21	L 6-13
V. TRINITY O.B. ....	L 0-6	L 6-9

POINTS - 65 for, 147 against.

## TROPHY WINNERS 1965

HONOUR CAP: ROGER SMITH

### Best and Fairest

KENTWELL	H. WELLMAN
BOURKE "A"	P. NORBURN
BOURKE "B"	R. KNOX
WHIDDON "A"	G. HURST
WHIDDON "B"	M. HOWE

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	A. HORSELL
LEADING POINT SCORER:	N. PALMER
TEAM SCORING MOST TRIES:	BOURKE "A"
OLDEST AND BOLDEST:	N. PALMER
100 GAMES:	M. CONNERY
	H. BENNETT

### LEADING POINT SCORERS

Norman E. Palmer .....	106
George Osborne .....	54
Chris Blundell .....	45
Jon Burleigh .....	34
David Hogan .....	30

### SOUTHERN DISTRICTS VISIT TO WOOLLAHRA

Few people ever realise the amount of organising which is necessary to successfully entertain a visiting club for a long weekend, and in order to adequately amuse a club such as Souths who had been so magnificently hospitable to us on our visit to Brisbane during the previous season, it was clear that some careful planning was called for; it was no wonder that one of the most frequently discussed topics at Woollahra during the early part of the season was how they should be entertained.

On the Saturday morning of the Queen's Birthday weekend thirty-five Souths players and officials arrived at the clubhouse in various stages of repair after what had been, by all accounts, a most gruelling overnight train journey. Those Colleagues who remembered the reception handed out at Brisbane, and its effects, were quite sure that the weary travellers would be in dire need of refreshments; this assumption proved to be correct and it was not long before both visitors and hosts were rejuvenated by sustenance distributed by mine host Roger Smith and accomplices.

A few old familiar faces were apparent as well as a large number of new ones and it was particularly good to see two of the visitors who had travelled south fresh from their post nuptial revelries and appeared to have survived the incident unscathed.

The schedule for the weekend was a fairly tight one with games to be played on Saturday afternoon, a dance in the evening, an all-dayer on Sunday, more games on Monday morning followed by a barbecue at the club before the N.S.W. - Springbok game and another get-together in the evening before the return of the visitors to Brisbane.

The Saturday afternoon rugby commenced with a victory for Colleagues over Long Reef and was followed by two games against Souths both of which were won by the home side. Scores in the two games were not important but we all enjoyed the fast open rugby played by our Northern visitors and the Colleagues were envious of the Big Northern forward weighing eighteen stone and able to sprint down the sideline like a gazelle. Naturally we inquired if we could buy him from Souths but, unfortunately, his transfer fee was a 1000 gallons of beer (of which 250 gallons would be consumed by the player concerned). Who could it be?

Naturally after the game we adjourned to the Clubhouse to welcome our visitors in the usual quiet Colleagues manner and the hospitality was proceeding in a gentlemanly manner when some wild red-headed Souths breakaway person screamed "BOAT RACES" . . . . Colleagues won?

The club dance which was held at Grace Bros., Bondi Junction was well attended, proved to be a great success and provided a substantial appetizer before the gastronomic delights of the Sunday all-dayer were tackled. Sunday morning activity tended to be somewhat lethargic but after some delay Colleagues and Souths club members alike decided to risk the possibility of mal-de-mer and were transported across the turbulent waters to Shark Island. As usual the arrival on the island coincided with the hurried departure of numerous small craft carrying petrified grandmothers envious fathers, and mothers who shielded the terrible spectacle from the eyes of their offspring.

We were unfortunately denied the pleasure of the company of those persons who had made our visit so worthwhile in previous years. It would indeed be interesting to know just where the Sons of David and the Greek-Australian Association go for their barbecues now that they have vacated the island, but as ever something unusual was produced and a brass band (out of tune) and a collection of maidens (extraordinarily interested in Colleagues-South activities) were on hand for light entertainment. The club defeated the visitors in the challenge boat race, the visitors conceding defeat after three starts, but the highlight of the afternoon was the round the island swimming race for which there were only two starters, both from Souths, who somehow managed to complete the circuit and, to the admiration of spectators, emerged from the water with all limbs intact. The Souths eighteen stoner also swims like a gazelle!!!

A fall of rain in the evening softened the pitch for the games which were to be played on Monday morning, and in ideal conditions the Old Colleagues staggered on to the field to meet the club and despite their well fed appearance, greying temples and shortness of breath managed to canter around the field and give the young club side a good run for their money in the presence of two totally unbiased referees.

The two games which were scheduled to follow were both to have been played against the Brisbane boys but due to a shortage of time and a mysterious shortage of hale and hearty players it was agreed that only one match would take place which was won by Colleagues.

We then entertained our visitors to a barbecue lunch with refreshments and then took them to the thrilling N.S.W. v. SOUTH AFRICA match at the Sports Ground. All round the ground were cries of "wait till you Sprinboks get to Queensland and play Souths".

Then back to the Clubhouse for sad farewell drinks and "Auld Lang Syne".  
A great week-end for Colleagues and we THINK our pals from Souths enjoyed themselves.

#### TAMWORTH TRIP, 1965

This week-end will long be remembered by the players who made the journey to Tamworth as one of the most amusing events of the season.

On the evening of Friday, September 3rd, those who intended to make the trip, and a few who would be there in spirit, gathered in an hostelry in Pitt Street. At one time it seemed as if the weekend would be spent in quiet conversation about the game of rugby, but with Bacchus only half appeased the group found themselves herded out of the "Angel" with club officials snapping at their heels and slowly wended their way towards the coach to the merry tune of clanking cans and clinking bottles; the departure from Martin Place was made to the strains of that solemn old battle hymn "The Colleagues boys are out on the . . . again!"

After numerous whistle stops the Woollahra male voice choir held out until Windsor where parched throats and dry vocal cords were lubricated in preparation for the journey to Scone via Little Weeny Creek (a small creek with a big sign!). The arrival at the motel was uneventful except that the club captain could not find a bed and after a mass search had revealed that there were no maidens in distress within half a mile a quiet night ensued.

The following morning at a well timed 9.59 a town with the incredible name of Warris Creek was reached. The opportunity to visit this quiet waterhole was too good to be missed and was only concluded when the club drovers stampeded the group into the bright sunlight. The arrival at Tamworth at midday coincided with the completion of the first round of stories, recitations and songs, the mysterious breakdown of the coach loudspeaker system and the loss of the driver's equilibrium. Rugby tour coach drivers are fortunately an incredible breed who can be placed on a sure footing with the aid of fizzy drinks, this one proved to be no exception and even admitted that he was finding the experience more enjoyable than taking ladies' bowling clubs to Terrigal or tourists to Katoomba.

After a brief reunion with some of the Tamworth players, and those of our number who had driven themselves, the group was transported to the Tamworth Oval. The pitch was in good condition and the afternoon was warm as Colleagues took to the field against the local second XV and in a good exhibition of open rugby proved to be too strong for the home side - score 19-3. (Some say it was Baldwin's Day?)

The second match of the afternoon saw an excellent game played at a fast and furious pace with Colleagues going down by 11-9. With the afternoon sport concluded the touring sides were entertained in a local pub and then at the Tamworth clubhouse until festivities were terminated by the local constabulary at some hour before sunrise. A few hours later, to the amazement of our own clubhouse manager, a large squad of Colleagues lent a hand with clean-up activities before driving a few miles out of town for a barbecue.

The drought had not completely dried the country boys' sense of humour and it was not long before a marathon session of poetry, music and oratory had started which would have put any Eisteddfod on its mettle and it seemed all too soon when the coach



had to leave for Sydney. Hostages were delivered on the way to Quirindi which proved to be a popular move, depleted stocks of beverages were replenished and the final farewell was made to the strains of a tune which had fast become the song of the tour, "I love my wife, I love her dearly". The return journey to Sydney proved to be both hilarious and instructive during which the Colleagues' secret weapon came to light, the explosive Mr. Pidcock.

#### CRICKET REPORT

At the conclusion of the 1965 Season it was decided by your Committee that, as an experimental move, Colleagues should enter a team in the Competition administered by the Woollahra & District Cricket Association and there can be little doubt that the move has proved a highly successful and enjoyable one. With a full round of nine games completed at the date of this Report Colleagues are in third place in the "A Reserve" Grade and seem certain to qualify for the play-off between the top four teams, a position which is all the more gratifying since after three games Colleagues were in tenth and last position.

To some extent, the disastrous opening to the season was to be expected since the first fixture was forfeited due to the Tamworth trip reported elsewhere, while the first week of the second fixture clashed with the 1965 Rugby Grand Finals when many players were unavailable. However, the team duly settled down and from a defeat on the first innings on the 2nd October has registered an impressive series of wins including a highly exciting first innings win over Paddington R.S.L., the current leaders of the "A Reserve" Competition.

While the names of the players who have represented the cricket team are set out below it might be appropriate to single out certain players for mention. There has been fine batting from the captain Frazer East (who incidentally notched the first Colleagues' century), Don James and Phil Mirabelli, while the bowling honours have gone to Gil Whelan, with a late "discovery" Harvey Wellman showing a lot of promise. Brian Duck and Alan Horsell as all-rounders have both had their share of runs, wickets and catches, and the wicket-keeping in the safe hands of Bill Rowlings and Tony Greenberg has been highly efficient. Lastly, the "triumvirate" of Dave Saywell, Henry Bennett and Keith Piggan has contributed some grand fielding and when the "big" occasion has arisen each has contributed useful batting performances - (N. Kelly - the try of the year).

The Cricket team is grateful to Barry Barraclough for his support throughout the season and to Doug Berry for his support in the early matches. During the season a donation was received from Alan Williams towards expenses and the team much appreciated this kind gesture.

The following players have represented the team:- C. Bambach, H. Bennett, G.D. Berry, A. Clifford, J. Corner, B.S.H. Donald, B. Duck, F. East, A. Greenberg, A. Horsell, D. James, V. Kelly, J. Longhurst, P. Mirabelli, J. Noice, N. Palmer, G. Pidcock, K. Piggan, E. Radford, M. Rose, W. M. Rowlings, J. Ruwald, D. Saywell, R. Smith, H. Wellman, G. Whelan.