

**THE  
WOOLLAHRA  
COLLEAGUES  
RUGBY  
UNION  
FOOTBALL  
CLUB**



**ANNUAL REPORT  
1966**

THE WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

OFFICE BEARERS 1966

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1966 was another successful year for Colleagues and once again we fielded five teams in the Metropolitan Sub-District Competitions. Through sheer determination we managed to win the Kentwell and Judd Cups and with a bit of luck we might have won the Whiddon Cup. We lost our old friend the "Bruce Graham" Club Championship Shield to Briars by a small margin. As this Trophy has been in our possession for 12 out of the last 14 years we should use our best endeavours in 1967 to restore it to its rightful place in Colleagues Clubhouse.

There is no doubt of the increasing playing strength of Sub-District Rugby and this was clearly demonstrated in the sound defeats our two Combined Sub-District Teams inflicted upon Combined Second Division Teams at Woollahra Oval during July. In my opinion, Sub-District playing strength is reflected in the Keenan and High standard of Colleagues Club.

The attendance at training this Season was very good and it was pleasing to see players determined to get themselves into good condition before the Competition started.

I congratulate the Coaches upon their sterling performance and I trust that in 1967 we shall again have plenty of applications for the coaching positions.

As President of the Sub-District Union I can assure Colleagues that a very busy year lies ahead.

We congratulate the Wallabies on their successful tour of the British Isles and France, their Test victories over Wales and England and it is pleasing to note that Peter Crittle (Colleagues), Rob Heming (Uni. N.S.W.) and John Brass (A.M.P.) began their senior rugby careers in Sub-District football.

Good luck to all for the 1967 Season.

JOHN BARRACLOUGH.

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The Club fielded 5 teams during the 1966 season and won the Kentwell and Judd Cups and was runner-up in the Whiddon Cup.

At the start of the season we noted a good influx of players from the British Isles, in particular, Scots, Irish and Englishmen, together with a few young players from schools in the area.

As usual the process of selecting 5 graded teams produced great difficulties, but notwithstanding the normal criticism that emanates in the Club the teams managed to win their share of games in the first 2 to 3 rounds.

Things did look promising until we struck Briars in the early part of June when they succeeded in beating us in 3 out of 4 grades. This brought us back to size. The Football Committee racked their brains in selection meetings and a football clinic on each Tuesday night for some 4 to 6 weeks was conducted. We were fortunate enough to have internationals, Keith Cross, John Freedman, Terry McBride and David Emanuel at these clinics which helped to make players realise that "thinking" about the game was profitable.

The second round of the competition showed a considerable improvement and the Club in all lost no more than 2 to 3 games out of an approximate 30. All 4 teams reached the quarter finals and as mentioned, all but the Burke reached the grand finals.

Regretably the Burke was let down by certain personalities during the finals, when their presence could have helped the team make the grand final.

The Kentwell performances in the final and grand final were memorable. They showed splendid combination and spirit and were a great credit to the Club; to their Coach, Eddie Radford, and to their Captain, David Saywell.

The Whiddon Cup with its 3 divisions is a difficult crown for any Club other than a one team club. The Whiddon, which was well coached by Paul Jones, won 2 of these divisions, but met its Waterloo against the very capable Chatswood team in the grand final.

The Judd team was the most consistent in its performance during the season and the efforts of John Corliss in moulding a team out of the remnants were almost superhuman.

It is noteworthy that our fifth side, under the supervision of Ken Turner, had several wins and was showing good form at the end of the season.

The football standard in the Sub-District Competition last year was exceptionally high and this assessment was verified by the Combined Sub-District team's convincing victory over Combined Second Division.

Later in Brisbane the Combined Sub-District team, which contained at least 5 of our Kentwell side, was watched by some of the Australian Selectors when it played the Queensland Second Division.

As I step down as Club Captain I thank the committees, coaches and players for their support during the past 2 years; I specially mention Jack Nelson for his great assistance and his efficient work as Secretary. In passing and with your leave, I would like to record my view that the Colleagues Club has more to offer than most other football clubs in Sydney and shall continue to prosper if each one of us:-

- (a) continues to recruit a constant flow of players both young and experienced.
- (b) ensures that he assists to the best of his ability in the administration of the Club which has now reached a size which requires top administration by reliable and responsible committeemen;
- (c) maintains and fosters the spirit which pervades the Colleagues and which is envied and respected throughout the Rugby circles of Australia.

Good luck for 1967.

M. J. CONNERY.

#### HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. President, Gentlemen, I present herewith the Hon. Secretary's Report for the year ended 31st December, 1966 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. We played Northern Southland (N.Z.) early in the year and the trip away was to Brisbane. Details of the latter appear later in this report.

Although losing the Championship two Grand Final successes represents an excellent year's football.

#### CRICKET AND SQUASH.

Norman Palmer again organised the team entered in the Summer Rugby Union Squash Tournament and he was again responsible for the team which played in the Woollahra and District Cricket Competition. Norman's Report on the Cricket appears later.

#### SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

Games night, Annual Ball, The Christmas Party and the numerous Club-house dances and barbecues were all highly successful. Many producing ventures such as raffles were well run, largely by Jim Orrell.

I wish to thank the Committee for its assistance during 1966, all supporters, the ground staff and Harry Herbert, for their support and services during the year.

J. NELSON  
Hon. Secretary.

#### KENTWELL CUP

The team finished the Season with a stirring win in the Grand Final to be the 1966 Kentwell Cup Premiers and so, together with the Judd Cup Team return the Colleagues to the winning list.

From the beginning of the year it was apparent that the Competition was going to be stronger than the previous season with the advent of new clubs in the senior grade, particularly Lane Cove who were to be our opponents in the Grand Final.

With the retirement of several senior players in the club, particularly forwards, it was a pleasure to see many new faces at the trials. Taking the Grand Final team as an example one sees no fewer than five changes in the forwards.

The front row of Rick Cheatham, Harvey Welman and hooker Michael Nicholls after settling down proved to be a solid trio and were very capably locked by the second row of Henry Bennett and Turner Massey. The back row Iain Edwards, Roger Fegan and Bill Blakemore combined very well and although differing in style were excellent foils. However, all round the pack really achieved the ability to hunt together and so we were able to win more than our share of possession from the loose rucks and mauls. To my mind this was the one facet of play above all others that enabled the team to have its measure of success.

In the backs the team was very fortunate to have players with the ability to adapt themselves quickly to the varying situations as they arose. Halves Tony Greenberg and Bill Kerr combined well and gave an excellent service to centres David Saywell and John Noice. The wingers David Hogan and Chris. Blundell commanded great respect from their opponents and were always a danger either with the ball or chasing down kicks from the inside backs. It was a pleasure to see full back Don James back in the Kentwell after recovering from a serious operation.

During the Season we had the services of several players who, either unfortunately dropped out through injury, or were able replacements when needed. Their names appear in the list at the end of this report.

I have purposely refrained from a long discussion of individual player's merits, for this premiership win was essentially and finally a team effort. However, I would be remiss if mention were not made of one or two features: - David Saywell's excellent captaincy and his tally of 139 points, being the club's leading point scorer for the Season; Iain Edwards, who received the award for the best and fairest player. These two players, together with John Noice, David Hogan and Harvey Welman were selected in the Combined M. S. D. R. U. side to play in Brisbane. Tony Greenberg, Chris. Blundell and Rick Cheatham were selected to play for the M. S. D. R. U. 2nd XV against the Second Division. Also a special mention for Bill Kerr who travelled over 500 miles each weekend in the latter part of the Season to take his place with the team.

On reflection five fixtures stand out in my memory. The first of course, because of the stakes, was the Grand Final - down 0-6 fifteen minutes into the

second half, then pulling ahead to 12-6 finally winning by 12-11. The Final against Briars, to whom we had lost twice before, for dedication and teamwork left nothing to be desired. The first round games against Newington O. B. and Lane Cove coming from behind with injured players and for sheer pleasure of fast open Rugby against Bank of N. S. W.

A team from the Kentwell comprising David Saywell, David Hogan, Bill Kerr, John Noice, Turner Massey, Jim Fitzpatrick and Harvey Welman were also successful in winning the M. S. D. R. U. "7s" competition, defeating Newington O. B. in the Final.

The Kentwell are also joint holders with the Judd Cup Team of the Challenge Trophy, each team scoring 59 tries in the fourteen competition games.

In closing this report, on behalf of the members of the Kentwell, our congratulations to the winners of the Burke and Whiddon Cups, to our own Judd Cup, to the Briars for the Club Championship and finally to express my own sincere appreciation for the co-operation and friendship to all those who played in the Kentwell Cup Team throughout the Season.

Good Rugby 1967.

EDDIE RADFORD  
COACH

TEAM:

David Saywell (Capt.), Henry Burnett (V. C.), Michael Nicholls, Harvey Welman, Rick Cheatham, Turner Massey, Roger Fegan, Iain Edwards, Bill Blakemore, Jim Fitzpatrick, Ian McMillan, Phil Mirabelli, Tony Greenberg, Peter Ball, Bill Kerr, Chris. Bambach, John Noice, Jim Gordon, Roger Smith, Chris. Blundell, David Hogan, Don James, John Messenger, Bill Rowlings, Andrew Mirfield, Bruce Donald, Don Wedlock, Keith James.

BURKE "A" CUP

In the 1966 Season the Burke "A" team reached the semi finals. There they lost to Briars who went on to win the Grand Final.

Again the team started the season rather slowly - three losses and a draw in the first five games. However, we only lost one game from that point to the end of the second round and in the process the team played some very good games of Rugby. Perhaps the highlight of the season was the game against Lane Cove - certainly the scores support this contention. All the players in the team that day showed what they could do and suffered a few bruises in the process.

Despite the satisfactory record I believe that many of the good games could have been better and the bad games turned into successes if the individual players had played up to the standard of which they were capable - there was too much lethargic Rugby.

This lethargy and complacency are ever present dangers in our club; if the players fire, the quality drops. Enthusiasm on the field leads to team Rugby, more enjoyable Rugby and incidentally better results. No one expects to win all the time but they enjoy it more if they do.

Of the players, I thought Don Wedlock played right up to the standard we all expect from him (he was unlucky not to be selected regularly in Kentwell) whilst Peter Ball and Roger Smith showed that old heads are still useful in the backs - Roger used his head for thinking - Peter used his for butting the opposing forwards. Mike Jepson, Bruce Canton and Simon Atkinson should do well next year - they each played their best football in the latter half of the season. Phil Mirabelli was an asset when he played with our team but his performances continually caught the selector's eye and off he went for another match or two with Kentwell.

My best wishes to all players for the 1967 Season.

N. L. CORKILL  
Coach.

WHIDDON A

The season commenced with mixed success for the Whiddons suffering two early defeats at the hands of Lane Cove and Briars. However, as the senior teams began to settle down there developed a firm nucleus of players around which the Whiddon A revolved.

Probably the most significant aspect of the team's development was the appointment of Sar-Major Allshorn as captain midway through the season. His faith in the ability of our team together with his reservoir of enthusiasm carried us through many tough games.

We suffered the loss of John Cooper with a fractured thumb midway through the second round. However, we were able to re-locate "Bad back" Pidcock at lock forward and promote Bob Caldwell to break-a-way. Geoff Morgan also was injured at a crucial time, preventing from playing in the all important Grand Final.

We enjoyed many exciting games particularly against Briars, Bank and Newington Old Boys. Probably our best games were played after we had qualified for the finals. It is appropriate to mention that because of the A & B divisions in the Whiddon Competition it was necessary to play a series of knock-out matches commencing with the quarter final.

The successful team in the whole Whiddon division would therefore have to win four consecutive matches to carry home the bacon. The team played extremely well to win all but the Grand Final.

The Quarter final against the Bank was one match which I remember distinctly I was forced to leave the field with the score at 6-0 early in the first half. On my return to the field I learned that Bernie Grosse had replaced me and played a "blinder" The match was won 17-6. This was the magnificent spirit that carried us on to the Grand-final against Chatswood. The Chatswood side out played us in both forwards and backs on the day and our congratulations to a fine side for their convincing win.

It is almost impossible to single out players for special comment. We were far from a team of stars, however, I believe we played consistent football. Our success as a team depended to a large extent on the unselfishness, willingness to co-operate and unstinting support of every individual player.

Thank you for an inspiring season and best wishes for 1967.

PAUL JONES

Coach.

TEAM:

D. MOSES	R. RAY
R. McCUAIG	R. CALDWELL
V. KELLY	A. HORSELL
J. BUTTROSE	R. ENTWISTLE
J. ATKINSON	J. COOPER
G. PIDCOCK	G. MORGAN
M. HOWE	G. GULLIVER
A. SPRINGALL	B. CHANTER
P. ALLSHORN (Captain)	B. GROSSE
M. CONNERY	P. JONES

BEST & FAIREST: A. HORSELL.

JUDD CUP

The often quoted statement "the race goes on always to the swift" was borne out by the Judd Cup during the 1966 Season. However, by the narrowest of margins in a very closely contested 9-8 victory in the Grand Finals against Lindfield.

This particular game, played in the heat of high noon at Concord Oval, required the hitherto untapped physical and mental reserves of each member of the team.

Perhaps the game was won in the first 20 minutes before our opponents realised that we relied on set play, weight and quick sharp attacks at the try line from 15 yds. out, rather than blistering speeds to all parts of the field.

After half time it became obvious that Lindfield had assessed our tactics

and they commenced to throw the ball around, in a manner that seemed bewildering to the 15 blue jerseyed Colleagues.

The last 20 minutes of the game still remains part of a mental block, which most of us hope we will never go through again.

Notwithstanding this, the result was a successful one and was due in the main to spirit and loyalty throughout the Season.

One of our main strengths was that throughout the year we retained a good nucleus of old hands for every game, and it was therefore, relatively easy to fit newcomers into the Team. This fact also stood us in good stead towards the end of the season, when we realised that we could not hope to play the traditional open Colleague football against our younger opponents, and reverted to a dour and regimented type of game.

We trust that our small, but loyal, group of supporters will derive sufficient satisfaction from having the Judd Cup in the possession of the Colleagues, to forgive us for our unspectacular football during the last few rounds.

May I mention that our tactics over the last few rounds was a decision, taken not by the Captain or the Coach, but during a team discussion in a certain Public House, and demonstrates the interest and enthusiasm that was maintained from the team throughout the season.

Personality wise, it is only fair that Norman Palmer must be considered the rock on which the team was built. Again his goal kicking resulted in 100 points and his try scoring ability, close to the opponent's line, brought us valuable points when they were needed.

Bob Lygo, with Bob Letts, "Alfie" Hirst, Tom Taylor, Geoff Hughes, Rod Smith, John Sutton, Ken Turner and Bob Cameron, always gave honest service in the pack and all members of the team were delighted when Bob Letts won the best and fairest award for the season.

Fraser East as full back was always there when he was needed and Tony Clifford, Geoff Swanson, Mike Holloway, Vance Lowry, Bernie Grose, Rodney Entwistle and not forgetting Brian Duck, made the most of the limited opportunities they received under our mode of play.

We always had difficulties behind the pack. However, finally an adequate half back was found who provided a "solid" pivot for the team, on the occasions when he managed to be in position at the right time.

All in all it was an enjoyable and successful season, and one in which at times, revolutionary psychological tactics were evolved - "Leave him alone "Alfie", can't you see he is only a child".

My personal thanks to each and every member of the side and I know that Norman Palmer wants me to add his thanks.

We enjoyed it - and we trust that the 1967 Judd Cup side will emulate our solid if not always sparkling record.

JOHN CORLIS

Coach.

WHIDDON B

In 1966 the Whiddon "B" Team, improved on its performance in the previous season, recording fine wins over A. M. P. and Lindfield, who were runners up at that stage in our very strong North Shore competitions.

The Team improved greatly in the Second Round when for a few weeks it stabilised with a few players of the calibre of John Barraclough and Andy Beacher and at this time several surprises were delivered to our competitors, but unfortunately our success coincided with heavy injuries in the Club, so that at the end of the season in a few weeks we lost all our team to the higher grades.

In spite of this it was a good season, in a very good competition and we had many fine footballers play with us - to name a few: Tony Farrell, Peter Rowe, Alister MacDonald, Mick Holloway, Gil Whelan, Geoff Hughes, Claud Gauchett, Dave Hickey, Andy Robertson, Bob Caldwell, Brad Wiedershen and many others.

KEN TURNER

Coach.

TROPHY WINNERS 1966

HONOUR CAP: J. NELSON

Best and Fairest

KENTWELL	I. EDWARDS
BOURKE	R. SMITH
WHIDDON "A"	A. HORSELL
JUDD	B. LETTS
WHIDDON "B"	T. FARRELL
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MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	W. HAGON
LEADING POINT SCORER:	D. SAYWELL
TEAM SCORING MOST TRIES:	KENTWELL AND JUDD
OLDEST AND BOLDEST:	N. PALMER
100 GAMES	J. CORLIS

COMPETITION POINTS FOR 1966 SEASON

<u>KENTWELL CUP</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Points For</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Competit Points</u>
Briars	12	-	2	212	80	24
Lane Cove	12	-	2	196	77	24
Colleagues	11	-	3	334	119	22
Newington O. B.	7	-	7	136	179	14
Trinity O. B.	5	-	9	124	257	10
Bank N. S. W.	4	1	9	147	212	9
St. Joseph's O. B.	4	1	9	133	243	9
Commercial Bank. Co.	3	-	11	112	221	6

BURKE CUP A

Briars	12	-	2	190	94	24
Homebush O. B.	10	1	3	231	74	21
Newington O. B.	8	2	4	148	82	18
Colleagues	7	2	5	144	89	16
Bank N. S. W.	5	-	9	128	180	10
Trinity O. B.	5	-	9	113	170	10
Lane Cove	4	1	9	120	142	9
St. Joseph's O. B.	0	-	14	52	285	0

WHIDDON A

Briars	10	2	2	116	39	22
Colleagues	10	1	3	131	46	21
Newington O. B.	10	1	3	107	51	21
Bank N. S. W.	9	1	4	92	66	19
Lane Cove	7	1	6	59	55	15
Trinity O. B.	3	2	9	41	165	8
Commercial Bank. Co.	2	2	10	47	142	6

JUDD A

Colleagues	11	2	1	237	33	24
Hunters Hill	12	-	2	227	49	24
Briars	9	2	3	110	55	20
Bank N. S. W.	6	1	7	90	82	13
Petersham	5	-	9	91	83	10
Newington O. B.	4	2	8	56	122	10
Trinity O. B.	2	1	11	35	229	5
Commercial Bank. Co.	2	-	12	26	223	4

COMPETITION POINTS FOR 1966 SEASON (Continued)

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Points For</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Competition Points</u>
<b>WHIDDON B</b>						
Chatswood	14	-	-	279	23	28
Sydney High O. B.	11	-	3	146	77	22
Knox O. B.	10	-	4	233	69	20
Lindfield	6	1	7	105	94	13
Reserve Bank	6	-	8	112	116	12
Pennant Hills	4	-	10	77	180	6
Colleagues	2	-	12	52	223	4
A. M. P. Society	1	1	12	35	172	3

RESULTS OF QUARTERS FINALS

IN WHIDDON CUP

Bank N.S.W. 11 Briars 6 Colleagues 16 Newington O. B. 6

RESULTS OF SEMI FINALS

KENTWELL CUP

Lane Cove 22 Briars 6 Colleagues 15 Newington O. B. 9

WHIDDON A

Colleagues 17 Bank N.S.W. 0

JUDD A

Colleagues 8 Bank N.S.W. 0

FINALS

KENTWELL CUP

Colleagues 14 Briars 8

Bye Lane Cove

WHIDDON A. B. C.

Colleagues 14 Dundas 3

Bye Chatswood

JUDD A

Colleagues 9 Hunters Hill 0

KENTWELL CUP GRAND FINAL

Colleagues 12 Lane Cove 11

WHIDDON CUP

Chatswood 9 Colleagues 0

JUDD CUP

Colleagues 9 Lindfield 8

BRISBANE TOUR

Once again it became our turn this Season to travel to Brisbane to play our old adversaries, Southern Districts, with whom we have had many tussles on and off the field during the past ten years.

Thirty players flew up from Sydney on the morning of Saturday the 11th June, and, having drunk all the beer on the plane before it had passed over Rosebery, they had to fall back on tea and biscuits until their arrival in Brisbane, a couple of hours later. There they were met by their hosts with the customary fleet of cars and were driven into the city and later to their billets. Most of those who were not billeted elected to stay at the Kangaroo Motel whilst a few others, having booked out the Avis fleet of hire cars at the airport, proceeded to roam around the city and to test its traffic regulations.

After lunch the whole party went to Souths ground at Yeronga where two matches were played. Because of a misunderstanding between Souths Club and the Executive of the Queensland Referees Association, nobody was appointed to handle our game, but the gap was quickly filled by Souths who supplied their own referee. In the early game we lost by 9 to 8, notwithstanding the valiant efforts of David Hickey who played at full-back, wing and centre three-quarter breakaway, ably assisted by Ken Hall who fell asleep several times during the game.

In the senior game that great Souths patriot, Mick Baker, was appointed referee; Colleagues were consequently beaten by 14 to 8. The least that could be said about our friend Mick is that he is a patriot through and through and would never let his side down.

Immediately the football finished Souths colossal capacity for stupendous hospitality was in evidence, when all players, officials and supporters of Colleagues and Souths adjourned to the Coronation Hotel where a huge 12-course supper was provided in the garden. Having no knowledge of the heavy feast which was to be provided later in the evening, the Colleagues tore into this banquet with great gusto and having eaten all the food and drunk several large casks of beer they adjourned to their hotels and billets for a brief rest before commencing the evenings entertainment.

## CRICKET REPORT

This took the form of a dance at the holy-of-holies, The Brisbane Cricket Ground, in Vulture Street, which the Colleagues thought was aptly named. Our cha distinguished themselves very well in the dancing, the music for which was provided by a batch of electric guitars which must have been connected to the main power hou of the city. Never shall we forget their booming and ear-splitting effects, but if ti music was on a grand scale the buffet supper was on a scale of almost terrifying proportions and even the Colleagues, gargantuans, gourmets and hogs though they may be, found it difficult to cope with the magnificent spread of huge prawns, pies, chicken and sundry salads, oyster patties and a host of other dainties. Even Tony Clifford was heard to admit that he had had enough to eat and when the dancing was continued, the Colleagues could only lounge around and look on. By 2 a. m. most Colleagues had had enough and it was then that their car-hiring friends went into action, driving girls and other friends to some of the most distant suburbs of Brisbane at breakneck speed.

On Sunday a terrific barbecue was provided by Souths at a place called Bunya Crossing where Colleagues were taken in a fleet of cars, amongst which was that driven by the notorious Jack Hall, who frightened the life out of his passengers, particularly George Osborne and Norman Palmer. The barbecue itself was the usual solid repast of steaks and beer which we had come to expect from Souths and i was a very tired crowd which drove back to town later in the evening.

On Monday the 13th two more games were played at Yeronga. In the Seconds we drew 9-all, and in the Firsts we were beaten by 24 to 19. In this game Mick Baker did not referee but instead played against us as hooker and after watchib him for some time George Osborne remarked that Mick Baker appeared to be in need of a prayer book as he was always on his knees. When the second half of the game had been on for approximately 55 minutes and the score was 19-all, a Souths officia called to the referee (who also was not appointed by the Association) to "end the gan as soon as Souths score again", Colleagues just could not take any more and were overjoyed when the game came to an end by Souths scoring and converting one more try.

After the game the Ladies Committee of Souths turned on a marvellous buffet on the touch-line of hot soup, pies, prawns and sandwiches washed down once again by ample liquid refreshment. Colleagues were then driven to the airport ar as usual the departure of their plane was delayed, to the benefit of the bar talkings.

At long last their plane took off and I hazard a guess that every member of the party slept all the way back to Mascot; a deep sleep being, in my opinion, a fitting end to such an exhausting trip.

H. H. BARRACLOUGH.

ORTA RECENS QUAM PURA NITES - If the Government Railways hadn't jumped in first this might well be the motto of the Colleagues' Cricket team.

As this report is written, with three games more to play, we hope to finish in the first three. We have had a thoroughly pleasant season and more success than we could have hoped for at the outset. We hope that the Members of the Club share the cricketers' view that the allocation of \$100.00 for cricket equipment was well worth it.

The highlight of the season to date has been the partnership between Chris. White and hard-hitting John Noice in the second round game against Sydney Judeans. Coming together at 9 for 87 they added 110 runs in quick time to set a new District record for the last wicket. John compiled an attractive 14 and, prior to scoring, provided Chris with emotional support sufficient to induce him to score the first 70-odd runs on his own. Chris. went on to make an unbeaten 122, our top score of the season.

Of the other batsmen, Don James was consistently good and received, from time to time, support from Bill Rowlings; Warren Swan showed a vast amount of technique at No. 9 and Tony Clifford was equally at home batting at No.1 or No. 10. Bill Blakemore shared this adaptability. Alan Horsell did not get among the runs this year, but who would, batting in Norman Palmer's boots? Skipper John Corlis spent much of the season batting late in the order and running out of partners, but towards the finish has batted higher up. He has been a thoughtful, and, need we say, aggressive captain who encouraged all his players to give of their best.

Our opening bowlers have been the mainstay of our attack and we like to think they are the best two quickies in the competition at present. Brian Duck's leggies have been thrown in occasionally for psychological purposes and Bill Rowling's bowling has been a wonderful asset to have in reserve - if the need had arisen. Don James was our first change bowler and often picked up valuable wickets. He probably doesn't regard Wills Oval as his favourite strip, however.

No report would be complete without a note of thanks to our organiser, providore, father-confessor, masseur, transport co-ordinator, psychologist and non-playing supervisor, Norman Palmer. It is due to him that the Colleagues XI has become a reality and the result of his efforts that the XI has been an XI each weekend, not a 1X or even a V111. It was a shame that he would not enjoy the fruit of his labour more actively, but each week he seemed content to bask in the sun and bet packets of cigarettes, obtained at considerable expense, on various incidents in the game.

And last, but certainly not least, our thanks to our few solid supporters, who regularly came along each Saturday to support the team. It was a great help



to us to hear cries of "send him off Umpire" and "he's been doing it all day Ump".

Next year we hope to field two teams, so prospective players are urged to speak with Norman during the coming football season and to describe to him their skills and the degree of their prowess. We may enjoy twice the amount of success

#### BRIAN DUCK.

#### SQUASH

Colleagues again entered a team in the Rugby Union Summer Squash Competition. This competition is held at the Rugby Union Club between the 1st Grade Clubs, the Referee's Association and Colleagues. Colleagues have the distinction of being the only Sub-District Club to participate in this Competition.

This season Colleagues fielded a very even and consistent team. After 9 rounds the team is recorded with 8 wins and 1 loss. Individual results are: Dave Hickie (4 wins, 5 losses), Dave Hogan (7,2), Don James (9, 0) Norm Palmer (9, 0). Norm Palmer has proved himself a very good anchor man, both on the court and in the socialising thereafter, he has dropped neither set nor glass in 9 rounds.

Colleagues' only loss was against the Referees' Association in a closely fought match which was decided on a count back of points, the Referee's being victors by the narrow margin of 5 points.

With one round remaining Colleagues are guaranteed a position in the semi-finals against either Referees or Eastern Suburbs 1.

The support of club members at our matches is always welcome, as a good cheer is as good as a beer!