

**THE  
WOOLLAHRA  
COLLEAGUES  
RUGBY  
UNION  
FOOTBALL  
CLUB**



**ANNUAL REPORT  
1975**

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**1975 OFFICE BEARERS**

<b>PATRON:</b>	His Worship the Mayor of Woollahra, Alderman G. J. O'Neill	
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Eddie Radford	
<b>VICE-PRESIDENTS:</b>	A. Ball, Esq. G. Berry, Esq. J. Corlis, Esq. D. Grosse, Esq. H. Lamens, Esq. C. Messenger, Esq. A. Murchison, Esq. M. Norburn, Esq. G. Osborne, Esq. C. Vandervord, Esq. R. Harriden, Esq.	J. Barraclough, Esq. J. Bunce, Esq. C. Diggle, Esq. W. Harvey, Esq. K. McCathie, Esq. G. Moray, Esq. C. Noice, Esq. C. O'Dea, Esq. F. Storch, Esq. C. Dorner, Esq.
<b>CLUB CAPTAIN:</b>	Mike Fitzgerald	
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Dave Allman	
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Fred Mulhal	
<b>CLUB-HOUSE MANAGER:</b>	Brad Wiedersehn	
<b>REGISTRAR:</b>	Doug Kirkwood	
<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Dave Ingham, Dave Green, Wal Hagon, Doug Kirkwood, Geoff Robbins, Sandy Ross.	
<b>HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:</b>	A. Ball, J. Barraclough, M.L.A., J. Corlis, J. Herman, D. Higgins, K. McLean, C. Messenger, C. Noice, G. Osborne, E. Radford, C. Diggle, C. Vandervord.	
<b>LIFE MEMBERS:</b>	T. Jackson, R. McCuaig.	

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past year has seen the club enjoy our first full twelve months occupancy of the grounds and clubhouse with both cricket and rugby making full use of the facilities. The cricketers having a full programme of matches within the City and Suburban Association.

The Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Union Competitions were contested in five grades, three Colleagues teams reaching semi-finals or better. Once again I note that in this large competition a greater degree of application and dedication would enhance our chances of victory.

Social functions were well attended and I believe were some of the most successful and enjoyable organised by Colleagues. One of the highlights was the week in which we were hosts to the Grafton Rugby Club from Auckland.

Preparations for our World Tour with stops in the U.S.A., England, Wales, Ireland, Holland and Singapore are well in hand, with the party leaving Sydney on January 2nd, 1976.

Your committee this year has been the equal, if not the best in my memory of Colleagues and I believe a study of the Annual Report and Financial Statement will bear witness to that fact.

My congratulations to all trophy winners, my thanks to the coaches, and all members and supporters for a most enjoyable year.

Gentlemen, I commend the report for your attention.

EDWARD RADFORD

## HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 1974-75 year has been a very active one for Colleagues and represents something of a milestone in the development of the club. With year round occupation of Woollahra Oval, a cricket team was entered in the City and Suburban Cricket Association Competition and played with great success. Members also took advantage of the availability of the club during the summer on Thursday evenings, when a large group of Colleagues could be seen kicking a very odd shaped ball around in order to work up a decent thirst.

Our main interest however remains Rugby, and once again we fielded five teams in the Metropolitan Sub District Rugby Union Competition. For the first time in several seasons the number of clubs competing in sub-district declined, with 73 clubs fielding 160 teams. This follows several years of tremendous growth in the number of teams and clubs.

The increase in the keenness of competition has been noted in previous reports and the 1975 season saw a continuation of this trend. In some instances this desire to win has led to somewhat questionable practices and this year three clubs had teams disqualified from the finals for allowing ineligible players to take the field.

Social functions included the Annual Ball, the Trophy Night, two disco nights and three gaming nights, all of which were very successful. Unfortunately, due to problems beyond our control, the proposed country tour had to be cancelled, much to the delight of wives and girl friends. We did however host the Grafton Club of Auckland, New Zealand, on their tour of Sydney.

Administratively and financially the year was a tremendous success and this reflects the hard work and ability of the committee, all of whom contributed to the overall effort. Attendances of committee meetings are detailed below.

Most members probably do not realise how much effort does go into the running of Colleagues, which is not only a football club but a Company Limited by Guarantee. The future success of the club is completely dependant upon members with suitable ability being prepared to serve on the committee and fill the various offices. I urge all those amongst you who feel you can contribute to offer yourselves for election tonight.

This has been a very good year for Colleagues, which, with your help can only be improved upon.

Attendance at 10 committee meetings was as follows—

E. Radford	10	D. Green	8
M. Fitzgerald	8	W. Hagon (8 possible)	4
D. Allman	10	D. Kirkwood	7
F. Mulhall	7	G. Robbins (8 possible)	7
B. Wiederschn	10	A. Ross	7
D. Ingham	4		

DAVE ALLMAN, Honorary Secretary

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

This year did not provide the success that might have been wished, on the field. The results of the various sides are as catalogues elsewhere in this report but primarily, the club did not win a grand final and no pennant is to be added to the club's collection.

It is easy, however, to be too critical of the club in this regard and I suggest that as the strength of the Sub District football increases it is neither practical nor proper to expect to enjoy the domination that this club previously experienced.

It is worthy of remark that no side in the competition had more than one team in the grand finals and the winner of the Club Championship was not successful in winning any grand final. I therefore say that although the club should strive for the greatest possible success, its performance should be judged in realistic terms.

It is a matter of proper pride that this club approached the game with the right attitude, constantly placing the emphasis on fielding the strongest team possible for Kentwell Cup and thereafter in descending order, and further, conscientiously observed rules regarding the eligibility of players for finals. The failure of some of our opponents to act in a like manner is a matter of legitimate concern but the club's attitude remains that, any match lost on the field cannot be won by an administrative decision. I thank the coaches of all the sides for their enthusiasm and energy shown during the year.

On an administrative level the club prospered. It will be noted that our finances are in a sound position and the various activities of the club have been smoothly organised and well attended. This is a reflection of the conscientiousness of the committee and is a proper reward of their application and efforts and I thank them for it.

A measure of the strength of the club is that it is undertaking a major tour of Great Britain and providing a substantial contribution to each player's expenses and it appears that this tour will be the success it deserves.

The organisation of the tour lies in the hands of Geoff Robbins and Brad Wiedersehn and a great job has been done by both these members. The club is now open all year round and this serves to give a sense of continuity to its activities which can only be of benefit.

In conclusion, I thank all members for their support and assistance, it is a great club and I have been proud to be associated with it as club captain.

M. J. FITZGERALD, Club Captain

## KENTWELL CUP REPORT

In 1975 it was my pleasure to be associated with a total of 43 Kentwell Cup Rugby players as their appointed coach. Together astounding results were attained, for, out of 16 competition games played, the Kentwell team won a total of six games and were still able to contest the semi-final. The semi-final was lost 10-9 to St. Patrick's and our congratulations to that team for taking the Kentwell Cup for 1975.

It is to be noted that despite the win/loss ratio of the games played, the Kentwell side amassed 243 points to our opponents' 207. The 243 points scored consisted of 39 tries, 21 conversions and 15 penalties. Results show also that of the total of 243 points, 120 points were scored in the last five rounds of the competition.

The statistics show, I believe, that with more effort, far more favourable results could be achieved in 1976. In fact, repetition of the brand of football played in the last five rounds of the competition would ensure this.

It was pleasing to see in those games that hard-won ball was not kicked aimlessly away; instead the side was rewarded with some 20 tries. The key to this running, passing, back-up game is of course "fitness" and the 1976 season should be approached with emphasis on fitness.

Players deserving of special mention are Bob Alagna who led the side ably and with good example, and Brad Wiedersehn, "the best and fairest" who, together with Bob, played in all games.

I would like to thank Bob Alagna for his co-operation throughout the season and to all those who felt they needed a coach as much as I needed a team.

In conclusion, my thanks go to coaches Peter Carr, Ron Harriden, Andy Alsop and Charles Vandervord, and your President, Ed. Radford, for their support, and also particularly to Colleagues Club for making my initial year a most pleasant and enjoyable one.

MICHAEL STYNES

## BURKE CUP REPORT, 1975

What a tremendous magnificent performance Burke players gave this year. First, let us evaluate some fascinating statistics: Games 1-13: Won 12, lost 1, scored 215 points, conceded 21 points with only 4 tries being scored. After the completion of the season the figures were that our line was crossed only 9 times with the total points against being 94, while we scored 256 points. This is a remarkable record when one also includes the fact that Burke Cup won 12 straight games.

Our Grand Final game was a memorable one and we should take heart that only one cumulative point separated us and Kings O.B. after two meetings. Although the Grand Final was a hard, tough match, it was a spectators game with good open Rugby that should have made both teams proud of their performances.

Not only can the players remember the fine year they had, but the club can be heartened by the new blood that hopefully will be available next year. Dave Tyrrell played very good football before he moved to Kentwell as did Mike Clifford, B. FadZean, J. Theodore. The new discoveries we found included Dave Gooch who had a great year and won an award I believe he justly deserved. What a Grand Final performance he gave as did B. Donold in the twilight of his career. Another interesting find was another prop—S. Ross—who has found how it feels to play in the boiler room while the floukers obtain all the kudos. Players like R. Houston (when he did arrive), Dave Allman, John Beckett, J. Vandervord all added to an impressive record that will last in my memory for a long time. But, before one can complete this report one has to mention three players who gave a tremendous amount of themselves, playing in both Kentwell and Burke cups in the same week: John Noice (Grey Hair), Chris White and R. Barry. Not only were they the backbone of Burke but they also had a strong hand in Kentwell obtaining the position they achieved at the end of the season. Thank you players for your team and sometimes your co-operation.

P. KARR

## WHIDDON CUP REPORT

The 1975 season for the Colleagues Whiddon Cup team was indeed highly successful.

Although we didn't manage to win the coveted trophy, we did finish the Minor Premiership in second place overall and only one point behind the eventual deserved Premiers, Briars.

The season started off slowly and in fact we lost two of the three games. However, the only other defeats suffered by us were the second round match against Briars and the semi-final to the Bondi Surf Club.

The football highlight of the season was that magnificent 25-12 defeat of the previously undefeated St. Ives side. Coming from behind 0-12, the way we did was, I feel, the outstanding game of Rugby played by any Colleagues side for many seasons.

To mention every player who appeared for the team during the season would be time-consuming. However, I would like to thank the two captains, Sandy Ross and John Messenger for their support during the troublesome periods and to thank all the players for their dedication to training each Thursday and on the Tuesdays when training was held.

Congratulations to Neil Glynn for his well deserved win in the team's best and fairest award.

I look forward to continued successes for the Colleagues in the ensuing seasons and wish the touring side to Britain good luck.

RONALD A. HARRIDEN

## JUDD CUP REPORT

The Judd Cup team was not very successful in 1975. Many games were lost by one or two points and this meant that the team did not make the semi-finals.

All the players in the side gave of their best at all times and I think that had we been able to field a basic 20 players all year that the results may have been different.

Congratulations to Rod Wiltshire on winning the "best and fairest" and also to Steve Toland as vice-captain.

A lot of young players improved vastly and went on to higher teams during the season and I hope this is an example for future young players to follow.

The players in the 1975 Judd Cup were—

S. Toland, A. Clifford, R. Wiltshire, J. White, J. Sharpe, J. Pitten, K. Holt, B. Green, A. Jeffrey, K. Hall, K. Phillips, R. Cameron, R. O'Caime, B. Diggle, D. Kirkwood, O. Dashwood, P. Anderson, M. O'Brien, J. Rhodes and F. Mulhall.

I would like to thank the other coaches for being helpful in what was an enjoyable but not successful year for Judd Cup.

Thank you,

ANDY ALSOP, Coach

## RICHARDSON CUP — VETERANS

"Another season passed and gone and still the aged stagger on"

Not as one might think, a quote from Churchill, but rather from Geoff Hughes as he took his boots off after the last game. He contemplated retiring but was out-voted by his family—he deservedly got the "oldest and boldest" for the club.

In all, not a very successful season, although the team has become more adept at picking up points through forfeits and other means. There was for instance, one Saturday when the opposition failed to arrive at the appointed "pitch," their presence at another nearby was known and it is a tribute to the discipline of the team that not one man, by deed or conduct gave away our position. Another two points were notched up on the following Monday—the afternoon in question being usefully devoted discussing tactics at the local pub.

On a more serious note, the turn-out was more encouraging, a number of players passed through to higher grades, Les Yates, Tony Woods, Gary Connery, Kevin Broadley and Mike Rosser did much to hold the team together and my thanks go to them.

On occasions, the team, against strong opposition gave all that could be asked of it. Next year, who knows, we might even win some games by scoring points.

CHARLES A. VANDERVORD

## 1975 CLUB TROPHY WINNERS

HONOUR CAP:	Brad Wiedersehn
CLUB CAPTAIN:	Mike Fitzgerald
100 GAMES:	Mike Clifford, Mike Pelly
200 GAMES:	John Messenger
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	Dave Gooch
LEADING POINT SCORER:	Mike Pelly
LEADING TRY SCORER:	John Noice
TEAM SCORING MOST TRIES:	Burke
OLDEST AND BOLDEST:	Geoff Hughes
BEST AND FAIREST:	
Club—	Dave Tyrell
Kentwell—	Brad Wiedersehn
Burke—	Mike Pilcher
Whiddon—	Neil Glynn
Judd—	Rod Wiltshire
Richardson—	Les Yeats
TEAM CAPTAINS:	
Kentwell—	Bob Alagna
Burke—	Ian Edwards
Whiddon—	John Messenger
Judd—	Andy Alsop
Richardson—	Charles Vandervord

CRICKET:	
Batting—	Nick White
Bowling—	Gil Whelan

## 1975 RESULTS

Opposition Team	Kentwell		Burke		Whiddon		Judd	
	F.	A.	F.	A.	F.	A.	F.	A.
St. Patricks O.B.	12	18	3	9	16	0	6	0
Briars	19	19	14	0	0	9	12	11
Bondi	17	7	25	6	0	11	8	10
Newington O.B.	8	12	24	9	3	3	6	12
Petersham	32	0	48	0	28	3	0	4
St. Ives	4	11	13	6	25	12	0	13
C.B.O.B.	6	12	15	6	9	4	0	0
Hunters Hill	3	13	20	4	12	3	4	4
Lindfield	3	9	22	6	15	3	3	24
Kings O.B.	15	15	9	6	9	6	0	30
St. Patricks O.B.	28	18	25	3	9	4	6	13
Briars	23	10	14	6	0	22	7	0
Bondi	26	14	17	0	9	6	0	13
Newington O.B.	10	19	11	16	15	10	0	21
Lane Cove	15	17	0	9	23	4	3	25
Petersham	22	13	30	7	20	3	6	10

RESULTS FOR SEASON 1975

KENTWELL CUP

South Harbour	P.	F.	A.	North Harbour	P.	F.	A.
Newington O.B.	17	187	181	Lindfield	28	306	126
Colleagues	14	233	205	St. Ives	24	271	134
St. Patricks O.B.	13	206	199	Hunters Hill	24	234	124
Briars	12	187	242	Lane Cove	23	277	170
Petersham	6	172	361	C.B.O.B.	17	225	195
Bondi L.S.	2	105	429	Kings O.B.	12	180	213

BURKE CUP

Colleagues	26	295	93	Kings O.B.	25	258	132
Briars	17	226	143	Lindfield	22	290	125
St. Patricks O.B.	16	204	182	St. Ives	21	229	137
Newington O.B.	14	193	160	Lane Cove	20	238	107
Bondi L.S.	6	113	295	Hunters Hill	13	133	201
Petersham	0	56	616	C.B.O.B.	12	192	199

WHIDDON CUP

Briars	26	207	89	St. Ives	25	260	119
Colleagues	25	203	103	Kings O.B.	21	167	98
Bondi L.S.	20	217	88	Lindfield	17	213	165
St. Patricks O.B.	18	122	94	C.B.O.B.	16	183	83
Newington O.B.	10	107	144	Hunters Hill	7	82	197
Petersham	0	31	428	Lane Cove	6	63	219

JUDD CUP

Bondi L.S.	20	154	120	Lane Cove	28	181	88
St. Patricks O.B.	19	109	74	Lindfield	27	218	53
Newington O.B.	16	118	89	Kings O.B.	15	109	85
Petersham	16	111	126	Hunters Hill	12	61	105
Coleagues	8	64	160	C.B.O.B.	12	90	144
Briars	6	64	135	St. Ives	11	98	154

RICHARDSON CUP

Willoughby	30	187	36	Chevalier O.B.	26	200	66
Supreme Court	22	166	81	Mosman	17	123	115
St. Josephs O.B.	21	163	88	Chatswood	12	74	142
Navy	19	159	109	Lindfield	11	36	122
Tobians	9	62	131	Kuringai Coll.	9	62	119
Colleagues	6	56	169	S.W.Y.C.	9	31	141

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 1975 — BRUCE GRAHAM SHIELD

Points: Kentwell 10, Burke 8, Barraclough 8, McLean 8, Jeffrey 8,

Whiddon 6, Stockdale 6, Noice 6, Grose 6, Judd 4, Blunt 4,

Richardson 4, Clark 4, Walker 4, Farrant 4.

Lindfield	666	Oatley	168
St. Ives	602	Newport	162
Lane Cove	538	C.B.C.	158
Colleagues	530	Gordon	134
Kings O.B.	506	Greystanes	128
Forest	478	Petersham	124
St. Patricks O.B.	442	Willoughby	120
Briars	436	Harbord	112
Hunters Hill	434	Chevalier O.S.	104
C.B.O.B.	410	Normanhurst O.B.	100
Newington O.B.	406	Bondi Boys	96
Manly L.S.	404	Balgowlah	96
Shore O.B.	394	Wanderers	92
A.M.P.	348	Northmead	92
Eastwood	344	Killara	92
South Carlton/C	342	Supreme Court	88
Matraville O.B.	332	Seven Hills	88
Barker O.B.	330	St. Josephs O.B.	84
Tobians	328	Lidcombe	84
St. Leos O.B.	306	Coogee Jnr.	80
Old Waverlians	294	Navy	76
Blue Mts.	290	Haberfield	72
North Steyne	288	St. Marys	72
Bondi L.S.	268	Balgowlah R.S.L.	72
Bank N.S.W.	264	Cammeray/North	72
Old Ignatians	258	Collaroy Plateau	68
Knox O.B.	254	Mosman	68
Chatswood	248	Bronte L.S.	64
Maccabi	248	Roseville/CC	56
Sydney H.O.B.	236	Hills	40
Oakhill	206	Narrabeen	40
Reserve Bank	200	S.W.Y.C.	36
Blacktown	196	Kuringai Co llege	36
Merrylands	188	A.N.Z.	32
Armenians	174	Leprechauns	20
North S.O.B.	170	South S.O.B.	8