

**THE
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CLUB**



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1977 OFFICE BEARERS

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| PATRON: | His Worship the Mayor of Woollahra, Alderman M. K. F. Bray. | |
| PRESIDENT: | John Noice. | |
| VICE-PRESIDENTS: | A. Ball, Esq. | K. McCathie, Esq. |
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| | H. Lamens, Esq. | C. Vandervord, Esq. |
| CLUB CAPTAIN: | Geoff Robbins | |
| SECRETARY: | Doug Kirkwood | |
| TREASURER: | Phil Parbury/M. Stynes | |
| CLUB HOUSE MANAGER: | Michael Caspers | |
| REGISTRAR: | Brad Wiedersehn | |
| COMMITTEE: | B. Diggle, J. Gregory, T. Fritz, S. Mooney, M. Stynes, B. Winter. | |
| HONARAY LIFE MEMBERS: | A. Ball, L. J. F. Barraclough, J. Cortis, C. Diggle, J. Herman, D. Higgins, K. McLean, C. Messenger, C. Noice, G. Osborne, E. Radford, C. Vandervord, R. Harriden. | |

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1977 saw a good influx of new members, and although I have seen new players go through the Colleagues Club for many years, I don't believe there has been the impact on the Club before as there was this year. We have for years had to fall back on our old reliable "charges" and believe me they have given wonderful service to our Club. However, this year in the top grades, and more particularly our Kentwell Cup side, we saw most positions filled by new players. I firmly believe this will pay dividends for the 1978 season.

We finished the season in third position on the Club Championship table and once again the Bruce Graham Shield has escaped us, as it has since 1971. However, this year it was not for the want of effort, having two sides make the Grand Final, our Burke and Judd Cup sides, of which the Judd side were minor premiers.

The Colleagues Club has had a fine Rugby background since 1933, and I am sure that you feel every time you put on the sky blue jersey you will find the opposition teams seem to try that little extra to defeat our great Club.

We cannot live on this past record without taking steps to see that it is upheld.

Firstly we must set our sights at winning back the Club Championship Shield next season, for this truly determines the strongest Club. This, of course, requires full effort and concentration from all coaches and players. There are perhaps many aspects of training methods, times and general team management to be looked at.

Rugby is simply a team game, and the team that trains together and the players that play for each other will prevail.

The 1978 season, I feel, presents us with a great challenge and to take up this challenge we must have dedication.

Bearing in mind the above, I believe more dedication will not alter the Colleagues tradition and spirit. It must not. It can only strengthen it.

At this stage I would just like to thank all coaches, committee members and office bearers for their support to the Club and great assistance to me during the past season. Also to those members of sub-committees responsible for social functions and fund raising activities. To Geoff Robbins, our retiring Club Captain, my personal thanks for his help and assistance to me during the season.

I believe we had a happy year, and of course this depends upon the support of you the members. I hope all members had an enjoyable year and hope to see you all at the beginning of next season.

In closing my report, my sincere thanks go to all Vice-Presidents and old members for their contributions and support during the past year.

John Noice,
PRESIDENT

SECRETARY'S REPORT

1977—a mixed and pleasurable year. To all the new members I would like to thank you for your spirit, and the older ones, for your support. On the field the Club acquitted itself admirably and I can only hope that this will continue. With a little more application and dedication I'm sure we can win grand finals in 1978.

Off the field (my favourite position) we should be thankful to have such a fine President as John Noice, who I'm sure aged considerably in his first term. I would also like to thank our Honor Cap winner, Michael Caspers, for his efforts behind the bar and his contributions to all the Committee's activities. Without people such as Michael our Club would not be what it is today.

The Committee this year functioned well and were conscientious in their duties, which I think is reflected in the financial statements contained in this report. The attendances at Committee Meetings were as follows:

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| J. Noice 10 | T. Fritz 8 |
| G. Robbins 10 | B. Diggle 8 |
| D. Kirkwood 10 | J. Gregory 9 |
| P. Parbury 7 | B. Winter 7 |
| M. Caspers 10 | S. Mooney 10 |
| M. Stynes 9 | |

As a Committee we strived to achieve two things this year—firstly to upgrade our standard of football, which I'm sure you would agree was successful; and secondly to promote the Club, through our social functions, our manner off the field and by the general Colleagues spirit. This, too, I would consider was achieved.

Looking forward to next season, may I remind you that the Committee is elected by the members to administer the Club and without an efficient Committee we have no Club. So when electing our new Committee, perhaps some of the members who have enjoyed the Club over many years, and what it stands for, may consider putting something back into it by helping with its administration. Those of you that accept nominations for the Committee should be sure that they are able to give a full commitment to the Club for the whole season. This will enable us to have an efficiently organised Club and be able to concentrate on winning our Rugby.

Thank you for the opportunity of being your Secretary, and contrary to rumours I am not addicted—to licking stamps.

DOUG KIRKWOOD (Tuba).

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

The prophecy that 1977 would be the Colleagues year, almost came to fulfillment. The Clubs weekly performance this season, culminating in our coming third in the Club Championship re-established our prestige amongst the Sub-District Clubs. Although disappointing to lose in two Grand Finals, at least we were there and it is not so disgraceful to lose to a club such as Hunters Hill, who finished off such a magnificent year.

Our rebound strength and pride this season is attributable to you the playing members, for your responsible attitude; your refusal to accept that you were too old or too unfit. I congratulate you.

For many of us the season never ends, the light blue changes to cricket whites and the beer stays brown. Thursday evenings friendly game of soccer helps keep us fit and brush up on first aid.

The New Years Eve dance, now a regular annual event sounds warning of the forthcoming season.

This year started with more of a bang than usual, the newspaper and radio publicity received over the bath, seemed to stir us into action. The pre-season training was well attended and lead up to some excellent trials, notably against the visiting New Zealand teams, Bay hynn, Glenmark and Leamington. Our initial successes were deserved and well earned. The ups and downs of the remainder of the season are common knowledge and better dealt with in the individual team reports.

Socially the Club prospered, which financially is a necessity considering our rapidly escalating running costs. Credit for the Clubs financial situation must go to the committee whose efforts to organise profitable social events, has been as significant as your attendance.

The failures of both the U.S.A. tour and the country trip to Bowral are of concern and must be born in mind by future management organising such events. A further area of concern is the continuing inability to control loss or pilfering of gear, and refreshment, a luxury we are no longer able to afford.

However the overall picture for the club's future is a healthy one both on and off the field.

I wish to thank the members for their support and tolerance and look forward to joining you in the successful 1978 season to come.

G. ROBBINS

KENTWELL CUP REPORT

The year of 1977 was for many reason an exciting and enjoyable season of Rugby for the club, its supporters and myself. We should remember the brand of Rugby the Kentwell Cup side played against sides such as Mosman, the leading 2nd Division Club, St. Ives (1st Round), last year's premiers, Lindfield, Lane Cove and Kings, where the running game was highlighted with many fine tries, and convincing wins were recorded.

Many newcomers to the Colleagues Club, provided the impetus to a revival on our Rugby. Exciting gains were Neil Johnson, Mark Martin, Peter Maiden and Damien Bickmore-Hutt. Johnson was rewarded for his efforts by winning the team's "Best and Fairest" player award and also the club's "Best and Fairest" player award.

Through indifferent performances, our position in the competition table suffered and Kentwell missed out on a semi-final berth. It is my belief, however, that this past team was potentially the most exciting team in the Kentwell Cup competition and our failure to achieve success is regrettable.

The overall performance of the club was an improvement over recent past years where Burke and Judd Cup teams finished in Grand Finals. My congratulations to the players, to Ron Harriden "who has done it again," and also to Roger Monsen, "who has done it" in his first year with the club.

After three years of coaching the Colleagues, I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all the players and officials who have assisted me and made my presence at Colleagues a most enjoyable one.

MICHAEL STYNES.

BURKE CUP

There is no doubt that the past season for this team was certainly one of changing fortunes and exciting games. When one considers that the team came from practically bottom of the competition, after the first round, to finally reach the Grand Final, in itself, speaks volumes for the spirit of the players and their pride in the Colleagues Club. I would personally like to thank all the players who played in the team throughout the season and also all the club members and supporters without whose help the reaching of the Grand Final would not have been possible. I would also like to congratulate the Hunters Hill team in their success.

It is often claimed that dedication and effort by a particular player goes unnoticed but I sincerely believe that the club's selection of Steve Tolland as the "Most Improved Player" was a decision all club members will applaud. Congratulations, Steve, for your efforts and your subsequent award.

To Peter Kinsella and John Keene, thank you for your loyalty and service to the team as Captain and Vice-Captain.

With the 1978 season coming up I hope through the dedication to training and a supreme will to win that the Colleagues Club will reach its rightful place as the best club both on and off the field in the Sub District Competition.

Once again thank you, players and club members, for your support and help afforded to me in the past season.

Sincerely,
ROGER MONSON.

WHIDDON CUP REPORT

I suppose every new coach goes into the season with high hopes and with dreams of Silver Cups and Championship pennants. I was no exception and I doubt whether my disappointment was any different either. However, things weren't too bad.

We started the season quite well, winning five out of the first eight games with one draw. When we turned into the second round however, the losing run set in. We lost players to higher teams, our training attendance began to get worse, and not until a fighting win over Kings at the end of the season did we show any of the flair which indicated our true potential.

We finished the season with nearly 40 different players having turned out for us during the season. Although such a turnover is par for the course in Whiddon, it is not a good thing for any team and perhaps something that future coaches should take more note of.

Socially, the team was as successful as ever and many of the players were prominent in the 'Colleagues Choir' and various other activities, some of which are unprintable here. My thanks to all those who played during the year and I hope you all return for another bite at the cherry next year.

DAVE INGHAM

1977 JUDD CUP

Traditionally Judd Cup Rugby calls for a majority of kicking, emphasis on tight forward control and close marking defence, and I suppose congratulations must go to Lane Cove on winning the trophy using these tactics.

On the other hand, the 1977 Colleagues' side attempted to break with tradition and play an exciting open style of running Rugby. This is shown in our performance during the two rounds of competition, i.e., 18 games played, 16 won, 2 lost. We scored 241 points whilst only conceding 57 points and in fact that we only had six tries scored against us proves that our defence was more than adequate to the task.

Upon reflection, that we stayed with our game completely was probably our downfall in the Grand Final. For if we had played back a little more to our forwards, I don't think there would be any doubt that the result would have been reversed.

I won't attempt to name all the individuals who played Judd Cup Rugby this season but would like to give special mention to a few stalwarts and thank all who participated.

David Gooch as captain was a great help all year both on and off the field and in fact only missed one or two games due to injury. He was ably assisted by Peter Ball and Andy Alsop in the early games. Unfortunately these two both suffered serious injuries which forced them off the field for the later games.

It would also be remiss of me not to mention our unsung hero Barry Walsh, our own happy hooker. Barry, with his own inimitable style and ability, gave us the amount of ball necessary for us to play the running game we enjoyed.

Our younger players, Tony Ryan, Ross Tromans, Sid Evans and Tony Fury, to mention only a few, all performed well. The undoubted ability of players like these and their compatriots will certainly ensure the club's continuing to be the power in Sub District that it has always been.

Congratulations to Mike Webster on winning the team's Best and Fairest award and to all other trophy winners in the club this year. And to Roger Monson and his Burke Cup side on reaching their Grand Final—a hearty well done.

RONALD A. HARRIDEN, Coach.

CRICKET REPORT

The cricket season is once again in full swing, although many of our more talented players from last year have been lured to the circus ring, the Colleagues have been able to put together a team of considerable strength and finesse.

At the time of writing, two games have been completed. The first, against Briars resulted in a shock 45 run defeat, despite some fine bowling by Charlie ('Griffith') Benson, who bowled 5 batsmen for a mere 16 runs. The second game, against Hunters Hill provided a more accurate indication of the Colleagues' true form, when the team compiled a massive 3/242 in 25 overs. Benson and Co. then proceeded to rout the opposition, who were 9/121 at the close of play.

The club house is open for the normal refreshments each Saturday at 1.30 p.m. and all members are urged to support their Cricket Team in their endeavours, both on and off the field. Should anyone wish to make himself available for selection at any time during the season, please telephone either Pete Kinsella (36 5904) or Steve Mooney (337 1755).

1977 TROPHY WINNERS

LEADING POINT SCORERS

| | |
|---------------|----|
| J. SUTHERLAND | 77 |
| M. PELLY | 64 |
| P. HERMAN | 52 |
| M. CLAKSON | 51 |
| R. BUCKLAND | 50 |

LEADING TRY SCORERS

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| P. HERMAN | 13 |
| E. FRITZ | 12 |
| K. HOLT | 7 |
| P. MAIDEN, J. BECKETT, | |
| W. HANDLEY | 5 |

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| Club Best and Fairest | N. Johnson |
| Kentwell Cup | N. Johnson |
| Bourke Cup | I. Edwards, P. Kinsella (equ.) |
| Whiddon Cup | B. Winter |
| Judd Cup | M. Webster |
| Leading Try Scorer | P. Herman |
| Leading Point Scorer | J. Sutherland |
| Most Improved Player | S. Toland |
| Oldest and Boldest | P. Ball |
| Rookie of the Year | C. Dyce |
| Honour Cap | C. Caspers |

MATCH RESULTS

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|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| ST. IVES | 42-6 | 6-10 | 16-8 | 4-0 |
| ST. PATRICKS | 16-14 | 12-8 | 3-10 | 15-7 |
| C.B.O.B. | 10-6 | 8-6 | 12-3 | 12-0 |
| LANE COVE | 16-3 | 0-7 | 18-3 | 24-0 |
| LINDFIELD | 26-8 | 16-3 | 0-3 | 16-9 |
| NEWINGTON O.B. | 6-8 | 9-14 | 9-6 | 9-0 |
| HUNTRS HILL | 8-18 | 0-4 | 0-20 | 16-4 |
| KINGS O.B. | 8-13 | 26-3 | 7-3 | 18-3 |
| BRIARS | 22-4 | 18-0 | 4-4 | 19-3 |
| KINGS O.B. | 38-15 | 12-11 | 21-18 | 7-0 |
| ST. IVES | 6-12 | 3-17 | 4-7 | 0-7 |
| ST. PATRICKS O.B. | 12-13 | 15-11 | 6-22 | 6-0 |
| C.B.O.B. | 8-3 | 35-0 | 28-0 | 17-0 |
| LANE COVE | 15-19 | 20-3 | 29-3 | 3-11 |
| LINDFIELD | 13-12 | 16-6 | 0-15 | 18-4 |
| NEWINGTON O.B. | 14-20 | 12-9 | 20-7 | 19-3 |
| HUNTERS HILL | 13-22 | 3-4 | 7-30 | 16-6 |
| BRIARS | 8-10 | 6-6 | 6-7 | 22-0 |

Semi-Finals BURKE vs. NEWINGTON O.B. Won 4-3

JUDD vs. LANE COVE Won 6-3.

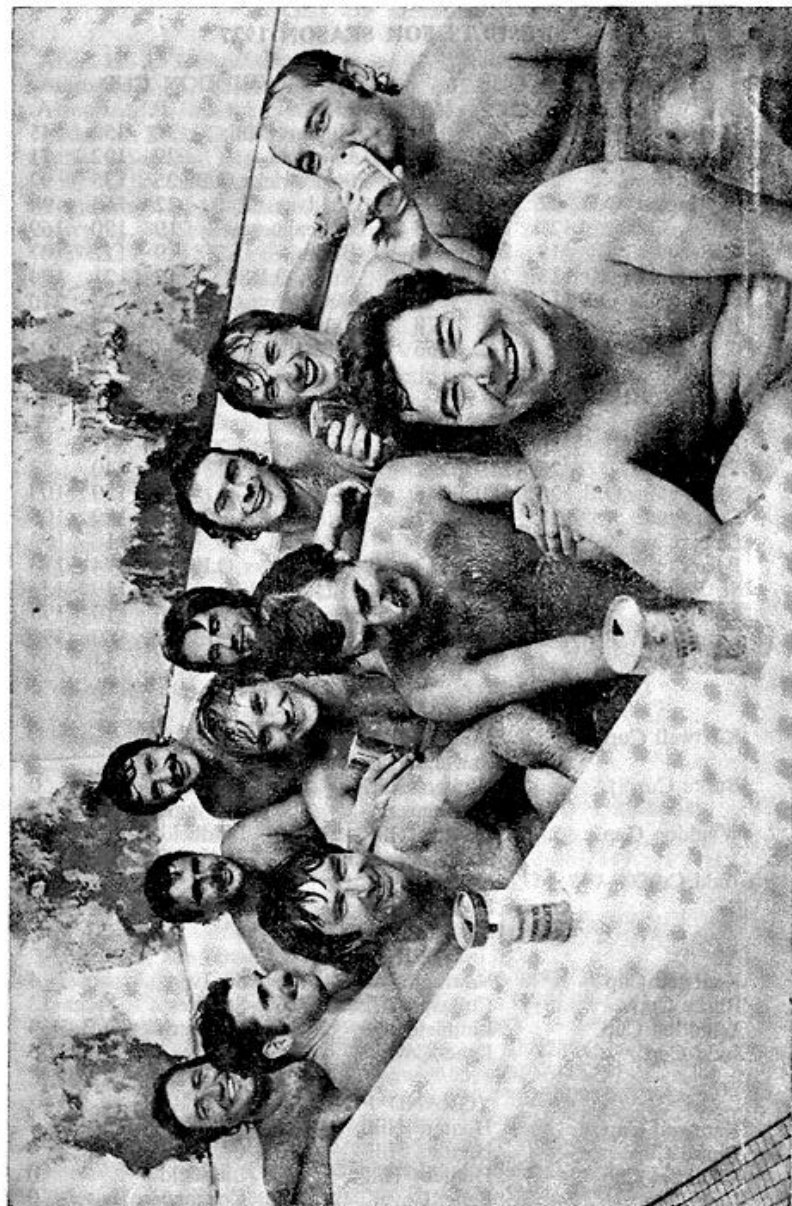
Final: BURKE vs. ST. IVES Won 16-13.

Grand Final: BURKE vs. HUNTERS HILL Lost 9-13;

JUDD vs. LANE COVE Lost 0-4.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1977 BRUCE GRAHAM SHIELD

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|-------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Hunters Hill | 824 | Sydney H.O.B. | 396 | Reserve Bank | 280 |
| St. Ives | 674 | Oakhill | 388 | Eastwood | 260 |
| Colleagues | 608 | Blacktown O.B. | 386 | Haberfield | 260 |
| Lane Cove | 568 | Merrylands | 373 | Barker O.B. | 256 |
| Chatswood | 566 | Bondi L.S. | 366 | Northmead | 246 |
| St Leos O.B. | 546 | Kings O.B. | 352 | Manly Silver Fern | 220 |
| Old Waverlians | 526 | Matraville O.B. | 348 | North SOB | 212 |
| Newington O.B. | 512 | Shore O.B. | 344 | Willoughby | 204 |
| Forest | 502 | Newport | 328 | Roseville C.C. | 196 |
| Lindfield | 494 | South Carlton | 298 | A.M.P. | 192 |
| Briars | 466 | Knox O.B. | 288 | C.B.C. Bank | 184 |
| St. Patricks O.B. | 428 | Bank N.S.W. | 280 | Greystanes | 174 |
| Collaroy Plateau | 426 | Blue Mountains | 280 | Old Ignations | 168 |



RESULTS FOR SEASON 1977

KENTWELL CUP

| | P. | F. | A. |
|-------------------|----|-----|-----|
| Hunters Hill | 36 | 387 | 119 |
| St. Ives | 25 | 292 | 215 |
| Lane Cove | 23 | 213 | 204 |
| Newington O.B. | 22 | 244 | 209 |
| Kings O.B. | 20 | 180 | 268 |
| Colleagues | 18 | 281 | 206 |
| Lindfield | 13 | 219 | 246 |
| St. Patricks O.B. | 11 | 176 | 277 |
| Briars | 10 | 166 | 278 |
| C.B.O.B. | - | 142 | 266 |

WHIDDON CUP

| | P. | F. | A. |
|-------------------|----|-----|-----|
| Hunters Hill | 32 | 352 | 45 |
| Lindfield | 29 | 192 | 71 |
| St. Patricks O.B. | 25 | 175 | 92 |
| St. Ives | 22 | 168 | 94 |
| Colleagues | 19 | 190 | 169 |
| Briars | 19 | 112 | 107 |
| Kings O.B. | 12 | 121 | 194 |
| Newington O.B. | 10 | 167 | 210 |
| Lane Cove | 7 | 75 | 206 |
| C.B.O.B. | 3 | 54 | 302 |

BURKE CUP

| | P. | F. | A. |
|-------------------|----|-----|-----|
| Hunters Hill | 28 | 202 | 94 |
| St. Ives | 25 | 219 | 122 |
| Newington O.B. | 25 | 180 | 137 |
| Colleagues | 23 | 214 | 122 |
| Lane Cove | 22 | 198 | 123 |
| Briars | 20 | 161 | 117 |
| St. Patricks O.B. | 14 | 120 | 206 |
| Lindfield | 12 | 111 | 143 |
| Kings O.B. | 5 | 123 | 269 |
| C.B.O.B. | 4 | 85 | 302 |

JUDD CUP

| | P. | F. | A. |
|-------------------|----|-----|-----|
| Colleagues | 32 | 241 | 57 |
| Lane Cove | 30 | 140 | 84 |
| St. Ives | 23 | 129 | 103 |
| Briars | 23 | 159 | 104 |
| Lindfield | 23 | 118 | 103 |
| St. Patricks O.B. | 14 | 74 | 115 |
| Hunters Hill | 12 | 119 | 134 |
| Kings O.B. | 8 | 110 | 195 |
| Newington O.B. | 8 | 110 | 195 |
| C.B.O.B. | 7 | 54 | 203 |

SEMI FINALS

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|--------------|-------------------|----|----------------|---|
| Kentwell Cup | Hunters Hill | 17 | St. Ives | 7 |
| | Newington O.B. | 25 | Lane Cove | 8 |
| Burke Cup | Hunters Hill | 11 | St. Ives | 0 |
| | Colleagues | 4 | Newington O.B. | 3 |
| Whiddon Cup | Hunters Hill | 10 | Lindfield | 3 |
| | St. Patricks O.B. | 29 | St. Ives | 3 |
| Judd Cup | Colleagues | 6 | Lane Cove | 3 |
| | St. Ives | 10 | Briars | 3 |

FINALS

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|--------------|----------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Kentwell Cup | Newington O.B. | 6 | St. Ives | 4 |
| Burke Cup | Colleagues | 16 | St. Ives | 13 |
| Whiddon Cup | Lindfield | 10 | St. Patricks O.B. | 3 |
| Judd Cup | Lane Cove | 10 | St. Ives | 3 |

GRAND FINALS

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|--------------|--------------|----|----------------|---|
| Kentwell Cup | Hunters Hill | 6 | Newington O.B. | 4 |
| Burke Cup | Hunters Hill | 13 | Colleagues | 9 |
| Whiddon Cup | Hunters Hill | 20 | Lindfield | 0 |
| Judd Cup | Lane Cove | 4 | Colleagues | 0 |