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FOOTBALL
CLUB**



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1978 OFFICE BEARERS

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- CLUB CAPTAIN:** Michael Caspers
- SECRETARY:** Doug Kirkwood
- TREASURER:** Paul Jurd
- CLUB HOUSE
MANAGER:** Steve Toland
- COMMITTEE:** John Beckett, Dave Caspers, Peter Kinsella,
Wil Mortlock, Michael Pelly, Michael Stynes,
John Sutherland, Barry Walsh.
- REGISTRAR:** Ian McGregor
- HONORARY
LIFE MEMBERS:** L. J. F. Barraclough, J. Corlis, C. Diggle,
R. Harriden, J. Herman, D. Higgins,
K. McLean, C. Messenger, C. Noice,
G. Osborne, E. Radford, F. Storch,
C. Vandervord.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SYDNEY SUB-DISTRICT CLUB CHAMPIONS—this is how 1978 can be described and each and every member can be proud of having contributed greatly to this honour. The Club had not won the Club Championship Shield since 1971 and as I have mentioned before the challenge was there and in true spirit the Colleagues took it up and succeeded. Our list of new members was not as large as last season, however, what we lacked in quantity we certainly received in quality.

We completed the season having all four grades in the final and three sides, namely the Kentwell, Burke and Whiddon, in the grand final of which the Burke Cup side were 1978 Premiers. This, of course, was a great effort and culminated a wonderful year for Charlie Vandervord and his "Burkies". There are many aspects of the past season one can look back on with gratitude, but perhaps the greatest significance was the strong mateship, true spirit and dedication of all members with the same goal in mind, to put Colleagues back where they rightfully belong—The Strongest Club.

Attendances at training this season were far more consistent than the previous season and I feel the two nights a week training towards the end of the season generally gave us the edge on our rivals in the semis and finals.

For the first time in the history of the Club, we had all four grades fitted out in new sets of numbered jerseys which we felt was money well spent. Our thanks go to two prominent past players for their contributions and generosity.

To all four coaches and managers of the teams, I sincerely thank you for your long and sustained efforts during the season, a sometimes thankless job which required a stack of dedication and understanding to achieve the years results. Roger Monson as chairman of selectors and together with the rest of the panel did a tremendous job in giving every member a chance to enhance his ability playing through the grades.

Mike Caspers, our driving Club Captain, did a fine job and together with all the committee and office bearers I thank you for steering the Club to the success of 1978.

Congratulations to our Honorary Secretary, Doug Kirkwood, who not only carried out his work as secretary to perfection, but also carried out many other duties behind the scenes and I feel his being named as the Honour Cap winner for 1978 was a just recognition of his services. I would also like to make mention of the Club Registrar, Ian McGregor, who kept us up to the minute of where we stood in the competition during the season, which was a great inspiration. In fact he was often contacted by other clubs asking him to clarify their positions in various teams.

Your Club has had a successful year and I feel sure you can look forward with confidence to 1979 when we will defend the honour of being Club Champions with as much, if not more success.

To all those members of sub-committees who took part in organising the Annual Ball, other social functions and general activities, my thanks.

In closing I would like to thank all Vice-Presidents and old members for their contributions and support during the past year and please stick with us in 1979.

JOHN NOICE, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Club winning the Bruce Graham Shield, the Burke Cup, winning the Premiership and the awarding of the Honour Cap, made 1978 my most memorable year with the Colleagues.

May I congratulate the four coaches for their excellent work, and the members for their effort in pulling the Club out of the doldrums. The coaches worked extremely well together under the guidance of Roger Monson, and it was the first year for some time that complaints regarding selections were at a minimum. Throughout the grades I thought the selections were fair and in the best interests of the Club.

Of last years' Committee there were only four out of thirteen who were appointed for this year, and as such it took some time to get things moving. Overall the Committee worked well and although our social functions were few, those we did have were financially successful and enjoyed by those who attended.

The attendances at the ten Committee meetings held during the year were as follows:

J. Noice 10	S. Toland 9
M. Caspers 10	W. Mortlock 8
D. Kirkwood 10	M. Stynes 8
P. Jurd 10	J. Sutherland 8
J. Bekett 10	P. Kinsella 7
D. Caspers 10	M. Pelly 6
B. Walsh 10	

During the year we did lack help in the internal running of the Club, and as may be appreciated this put quite a strain on those who were left to do the work. My thanks to those who did pitch in when required. Some members seemed to expect Royal Sydney Golf Club service while others thought the Club was a mixture of the Matthew Talbot Hostel, Harry's Cafe de Wheels, the Smith Family and a Chinese Bath-House. This all went to providing mild havoc for the Committee and hopefully one day we may find a happy medium.

Looking forward to next year I would wish to see every member striving to achieve a little more than he did this year. Unfortunately, due to business commitments I will be unable to continue as Secretary for 1979. I hope that someone will take up this position, as it is one that is essential for the efficient running of the Club.

Also next year a Rugby Tour to Hawaii will be held in October. For the younger members this tour will be a great opportunity to learn what touring as a Colleague is all about, as well as enjoying the Rugby against the other countries. I would commend this tour to all members.

Finally, my thanks once again to all my fellow Committeemen and members for making this year such a success and I look forward to us all putting it together again in 1979.

Doug KIRKWOOD (Tuba)

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

1978—The year of the Blue Giant. All involved with the Club should be justifiably proud of their efforts in winning the Club Championship's Bruce Graham Shield, and also the Burke Cup.

More than a fair share of praise is due to the four coaches, whose selections throughout the year resulted in our final success.

Many thanks to all players whose Club spirit and determination added that unique quality that produces champions.

Off the field, we were also in good hands, with our friendly Zambuck, Dave Nunn, and many local supporters, whose attendance and financial donations ensured Colleagues remained the premier club.

The committee this year also acquitted themselves well, and all functions arranged were a great success. The Colleagues Ball was once again well attended, and the Moree trip, for those who took part, very memorable.

Congratulations to all trophy winners, and especially to Doug Kirkwood, our Honour Cap winner. Special congratulations also to the Burke Cup, and to the 'Mad Hatter' coach, Charles Vandervord, who once again showed that schoolboy rugby, tea parties and smoking a pipe can still win Premierships.

Club expenditure this year was probably greater than in previous years, but the initial aim was to upgrade the Club generally, and see that the players would be as well looked after as possible.

With this in mind, working bees were arranged throughout the summer, and the Club was cleaned, painted, and plumbing repaired. New chairs, and a microwave oven were purchased, and a new bar fabricated.

For the first time, all players were supplied with numbered jumpers, a fact I'm sure, contributed to the Club's unity.

The laundry expenses alone amounted to approx. \$300, and I would ask players to look after the jumpers, and ensure their prompt return after each match, something that was not done last year.

Newer members may not realise that Colleagues is now operating for the full 12 months of the year, with tip football on Thursday nights, and cricket on Saturday afternoons. Members are asked to use the Club as much as possible on these two occasions, and make 12 months trading, financially viable.

1979 will, I believe, be even more important than '78 and the calibre of the committee will need to be outstanding. If you're contemplating running for office this year, make sure you have the time needed available, and be able to sustain your efforts throughout the *entire* season. If you don't want *work*, don't stand.

Once again, I would like to thank all associated with Colleagues, for making my first year as Club Captain so successful, and wish everyone good luck for the '79 season.

Mike Caspers, Club Captain.

KENTWELL CUP

Firstly my congratulations to all players, coaches and committee members for a great season culminating in winning the Sub-District Championship for 1978.

Personally, it is very gratifying to see the Colleagues Club in its rightful position as the premier club in Sub-District Rugby.

Many thanks to the players who played for the Kentwell Cup team through the season and for many wonderful efforts, special thanks to John Anderson and Mark Smith for doing such great jobs both on and off the field in their capacity as Captain and Vice-Captain of the team. Congratulations to Ross Tromans and Andrew Addinall for their awards which I heartily endorse.

The season saw the emergence in the Club of many fine young players whom I'm sure through the efforts will keep the Colleagues club to the fore for many years to come.

On behalf of the Kentwell Cup Team our congratulations to Burke Cup and Charles Vandervord for their grand final victory to Whiddon and Judd, and Pat Daly and John Bunce we assure you all, we know the feeling of just missing out.

I would like to conclude by especially thanking my fellow coaches, Michael Caspars, John Noice, and the committee, for their great efforts and their unselfish assistance to me through the year. I wish all the players, coaches and committee the best of luck for the 1979 season.

Sincerely,
ROGER MONSON



BURKE CUP

"PREMIER'S 1978"

It is a long time since Club members were able to read this but it does signal a change in the fortunes of the Club. No longer will we be content to be second best. To achieve this, credit goes to the team and in particular to Mike Clarkson, the Captain and Mick Fitzgerald, the Vice Captain. The team contributed more points to the Club Championship, which the Club won, than any other team, losing only two games throughout the whole season. Each week, playing our own style of football, wins were achieved despite the predictions of the "prophets of doom" whose inspiration was always present. Who can forget the inspired play of Barry Winter.

To those who played I offer my congratulations and trust that you will all return to give service to the Club in 1979.

CHARLES A. VANDERVORD, Coach.



WHIDDON CUP REPORT

In my first year as coach, I must say that one could not have wished for a more enjoyable season. The pleasure of observing a renewed interest by older members of the club was more than matched by the delight of seeing the enthusiasm and sheer potential of some of the younger members. Like the ebbing tide, Whiddon Cup this year proved to be where the old experienced players on the way out and in the twilight of their playing days met and joined the younger players who are on their way up through the grades. I would like to thank each and every player for their continued interest and support during the season. This was proved by the fact that the minimum turnout on any official training night was thirteen players. Indeed on numerous occasions the side had seventeen or more players training.

It was this dedication that took the side through to the Grand Final where we were narrowly defeated by a very experienced and determined Hunters Hill combination.

I would like to give particular thanks to the captain of the side, Ian (Stan) McGregor, who at all times led the side by example. Every time he set foot on the field he gave a 100 per cent effort. For those efforts and his advice off the field I thank him sincerely. Stan was the teams best and fairest for the season. He narrowly beat our little half back Mick France for the Award. However, Mick was not to be denied a trophy. He took off the Rookie of the Year Award and there was no arguments about that decision. Team Manager, Graham (Barney) Wise, showed great enthusiasm in his portfolio as team Manager and this helped in creating a favourable training climate. Barney started the season on an unfortunate note in that he badly dislocated a shoulder. However, this did not dampen his spirits and I thank him for his efforts.

I would also like to make particular mention of one player and I am sorry I cannot mention more as space does not permit. Sid Evans is the man. Sid developed into a more than useful right wing during the course of the season. He was instrumental in the side winning the "Challenge Cup" which is awarded for the team scoring the greatest number of tries during the season. With a little bit more positive running in tight situations, Sid will develop further next season.

On behalf of all the team I would like to thank the committee for their work during the year. We feel that it was largely due to their efforts that the Whiddon Cup, and for that matter the club did so well this year. At all times they were in touch with the players feelings and attitudes. In football clubs there tends to develop a division between the higher grades. In this regard the efforts of Roger Monson must be recognised. Commiserations to Kentwell and Judd but of course congratulations to Burke for taking out the pennant.

Finally regarding training, I leave you with this little bit of advice. "If there is no pain there is no gain".

PAT DALEY Coach



JUDD CUP

The Judd Cup enjoyed another successful season in 1978.

The team produced some outstanding performances to reach the semi's. Unfortunately, we went down by three points in extra time to St. Ives in the final. The team was definitely not disgraced.

The Judd Cup's policy in 1978 was to promote players worthy of higher selection. Great pride was taken in seeing many of our earlier players participating in Grand Finals in the higher grades. This, however, made it very difficult to organize a pattern of play with a different team each week.

All members of the very depleted team that beat Hunters Hill, away, and put them out of the finals, will proudly remember that game and that team spirit for many years to come. It's days like that that coaches get their rewards.

The Judd Cup competition is becoming harder every year and as we found this year, the only way to win is to train.

I would firstly like to thank the many players who didn't get a game every week, but were regular trainers and always gave all when called upon.

We shared our Captaincy this year between Bob Alagna and David Gooch, whose co-operation was appreciated.

I congratulate Rick Alagna and Barry MacFadzean for their shared Best and Fairest award. The colleagues strength showed through this year with players such as Mark Curtis, Rick Alagna, Mick Pelly, Mick Webster and the never aging Ross Trio being regulars.

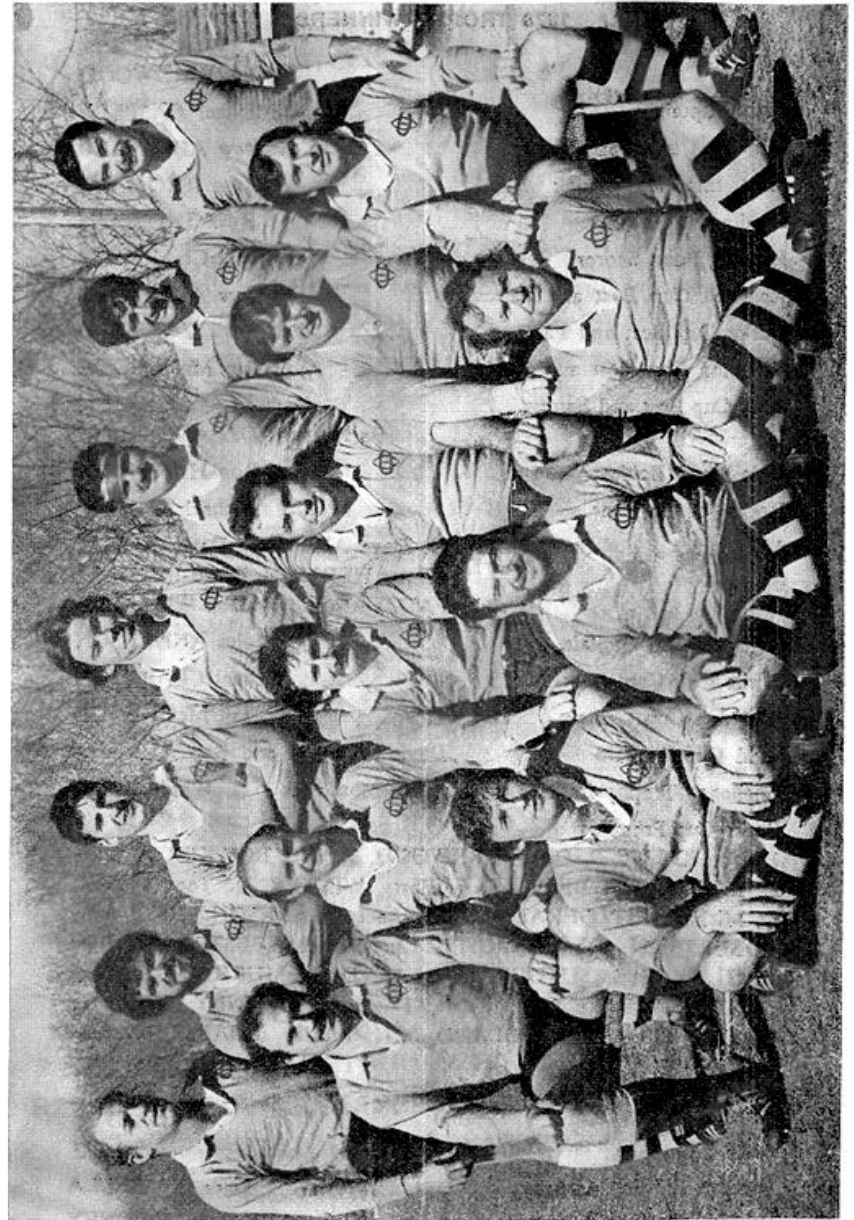
Bruce Diggle and Ron Harriden both added a little maturity to the team. So many good footballers passed through the Judd Cup this year it is impossible to thank them all personally. Let's hope as many new faces appear on the scene next year.

I enjoyed my season as a player coach in the Judd Cup and think those who played with me this season will be back next year to get hold of that elusive Judd Premiership.

I would like to thank the committee and fellow selectors for their co-operation during the season, and also early birds (the workers) who have the club and field ready every home game for our 12 o'clock start and our faithful supporters.

Congratulations to Bruce Diggle for his first ever try after 40 years in the game.

JOHN BUNCE



1978 TROPHY WINNERS

Honour Cap	Doug KIRKWOOD
Club Captain	Michael CASPERS
Club Best and Fairest	Andrew ADDINALL
Most Improved Player	Ross TROMANS
Leading Try Scorer	Ross TROMANS
Leading Point Scorer	Michael CLARKSON
Kentwell Cup Best and Fairest	Andrew ADDINALL
Burke Cup Best and Fairest	Michael FITZGERALD
Whiddon Cup Best and Fairest	Ian McGREGOR
Judd Cup Best and Fairest	Richard ALAGNA and Barry McFADZEAN (Shared)
Oldest and Boldest	Ron HARRIDEN
Rookie of the Year	Michael FRANCE
100 Games ,	Steve TOLAND, Dave ALLMAN, Dave GREEN, Peter HERMAN, David INGHAM, Barry McFADZEAN and Andrew WILLIAMS
Kentwell Cup Captain	John ANDERSON
Burke Cup Captain	Michael CLARKSON
Whiddon Cup Captain	Ian McGREGOR
Judd Cup Captain	David GOOCH and Bob ALAGNA
Challenge Trophy for team scoring the most tries	Whiddon Cup

Burke Cup Premiers

1. John KEENE, 2. Doug KIRKWOOD, 3. Mark BOWKER, 4. Dave GREEN, 5. Phil BROOKS, 6. Barry WINTER, 7. Tony RYAN, 8. Michael FITZGERALD, 9. Michael CLARKSON, 10. Jeremy ROBERTS, 11. John BECKETT, 12. Michael WEBSTER, 13. Paul JURD, 14. Jock SUTHERLAND, 15. David MURRAY, 16. Tim BOOTH, 17. Mike O'CONNOR, 18. Steve MOONEY, 19. Barry WALSH, 20. Steve TOLAND, 21. Martin BOARD, 22. Ross LeQUESNE.

Coach Charles VANDERVORD.

Cricket Trophies:

Highest Batting Average	Peter KINSELLA
Highest Bowling Average	Steve MOONEY

MATCH RESULTS 1978

	Kentwell	Burke	Whiddon	Judd
Briars	won 13-8	drew 3-3	won 19-7	won 14-0
St. Patricks	won 10-9	won 10-9	lost 10-3	won 14-9
St. Ives	lost 15-6	won 12-9	won 6-0	lost 6-4
St. Patricks	won 15-16	won 19-10	won 11-4	won 10-0
Newington O.B.	lost 22-8	won 18-4	won 12-4	won 18-6
Hunters Hill	won 34-10	won 11-0	won 10-0	won 11-0
Chatswood	won 12-7	won 11-6	won 10-4	drew 0-0
Kings O.B.	won 14-0	won 12-8	won 31-0	lost 19-0
Lindfield	won 29-10	won 10-9	won 29-3	won 11-4
Briars	won 21-3	won 31-4	won 8-4	won 29-0
Lane Cove	won 15-0	won 22-7	won 42-7	won 15-0
St. Ives	won 10-4	lost 14-0	won 4-0	won 29-0
Newington O.B.	lost 19-4	won 29-10	won 19-0	won 26-6
Hunters Hill	lost 26-3	won 13-12	lost 26-0	won 6-3
Chatswood	won 12-6	won 15-6	lost 9-6	won 6-0
Kings O.B.	won 7-6	won 16-6	won 15-4	lost 9-0
Lindfield	drew 9-9	won 9-3	won 3-0	won 4-0

RESULTS FOR SEASON 1978

KENTWELL CUP

Hunters Hill	18	13	—	5	310	156	26
Colleagues	18	12	1	5	238	160	25
Lindfield	18	11	2	5	193	152	24
St. Ives	18	11	1	6	284	176	23
Chatswood	18	9	2	7	166	180	20
St. Patricks O.OB.	18	9	—	9	260	184	18
Lane Cove	18	7	—	11	170	291	14
Newington O.B.	18	6	—	12	178	167	12
Briars	18	5	1	12	135	268	11
Kings O.B.	18	3	1	14	106	275	7

BURKE CUP

Colleagues	18	15	1	2	247	116	31
Hunters Hill	18	13	—	5	261	93	26
St. Ives	18	10	1	7	285	124	21
Lane Cove	18	9	3	6	163	126	21
Briars	18	8	5	5	151	131	21
Lindfield	18	10	1	7	141	166	21
Newington O.B.	18	8	—	10	165	241	14
St. Patricks O.B.	18	6	1	11	107	226	13
Chatswood	18	4	2	12	116	166	10
Kings O.B.	18	1	—	17	78	325	2

WHIDDON CUP

Colleagues	18	15	—	3	225	69	30
Hunters Hill	18	13	3	2	349	81	29
Chatswood	18	13	1	4	215	97	27
Lindfield	18	11	1	6	219	133	23
St. Patricks O.B.	18	10	1	7	225	115	21
St. Ives	18	7	3	8	110	117	17
Briars	18	8	1	9	160	166	17
Newington O.B.	18	4	1	13	94	310	9
Lane Cove	18	2	1	15	92	346	5
Kings O.B.	18	—	2	16	42	316	2

JUDD CUP

Colleagues	18	14	1	3	182	59	29
Kings O.B.	18	12	3	3	192	82	27
St. Ives	18	9	3	6	134	111	21
St. Patricks O.B.	18	9	2	7	112	90	20
Hunters Hill	18	7	3	8	111	142	17
Lane Cove	18	7	3	8	111	142	17
Lindfield	18	7	2	9	74	191	16
Chatswood	18	4	4	10	110	136	12
Newington O.B.	18	4	2	12	75	159	10
Briars	18	3	4	11	48	170	10

SEMI-FINALS

Kentwell Cup: Hunters Hill 7, Colleagues 6. Lindfield 9, St. Ives 0.
 Burke Cup: Colleagues 8, Hunters Hill 4. St. Ives 8, Lane Cove 3.
 Whiddon Cup: Hunters Hill 6, Colleagues 3. Lindfield 3, Chatswood 0.
 Judd Cup: Kings O.B. 6, Colleagues 4. St. Ives 4, St. Patricks O.B. 0.

FINALS

Kentwell Cup: Colleagues 7, Lindfield 0. Bye Hunters Hill.
 Burke Cup: Hunters Hill 4, St. Ives 0. Bye Colleagues.
 Whiddon Cup: Colleagues 7, Lindfield 6. Bye Hunters Hill.
 Judd Cup: St. Ives 12, Colleagues 9. Bye Kings O.B.

GRAND FINALS

Kentwell Cup: Hunters Hill 7, Colleagues 4.
 Burke Cup: Colleagues 9, Hunters Hill 7.
 Whiddon Cup: Hunters Hill, 7, Colleagues 6.
 Judd Cup: Kings O.B. 14, St. Ives 6.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 1978

BRUCE GRAHAM SHIELD

Points—Kentwell 10, Burke 8, Barraclough 8, McLean 8, Jeffery 6,
 Stockdale 6, Noice 6, Grose 6, Judd 4, Blunt 4, Richardson 4, Clark 4,
 Walker 4, Farrant 4, Meldrum 4, Radford 4.

Colleagues	1588	Rockdale	232
Hunters Hill	1428	Northmead	228
Bondi/Bronte	1356	Randwick No. 1	224
Lindfield	1220	Oak Hill	222
St. Ives	1168	Greystanes	216
Forest	1068	Denistone	200
Chatswood	980	Nth. Balgowlah	200
St. Patricks O.B.	980	Coogee	200
St. Leos O.B.	940	Parramatta	200
Old Waverlians	892	Northern Suburbs	184
Lane Cove	832	Blakehurst	176
Briars	820	Balgowlah R.S.L.	172
Christian Brothers O.B.	804	Eastern Suburbs	168
Barber O.B.	784	Old Ignatians	168
Manly Silver Ferns	760	Ku-ring-gai	160
Reserve Bank	736	St. Augustines O.B.	152
Newport	748	Roseville CC	152
Manly District	680	St. Josephs O.B.	152
South Carlton	636	North Sydney High O.B.	152
Killara	636	Bondi Boys	144
Haberfield	604	Randwick No. 2	136
Lidcombe	528	Balgowlah	134
Shore O.B.	520	Manly Life Savers	126
Willoughby	512	Chevalier O.B.	112
Bank of N.S.W.	504	St. Marys	112
Eastwood	496	Naremburn	112
C.B.C. Bank	430	Punchbowl	108
Kings O.B.	412	Collaroy Plateau	104
Warringaroos	392	Gordon	96
Kellyville	384	Knox O.B.	96
Blue Mountains	368	Hills	96
Navy	360	University of N.S.W.	88
Merrylands	358	Supreme Court	80
Sydney High O.B.	358	Normanhurst	80
Newington O.B.	352	Oatley	80
A.M.P.	314	Smithfield	80
A.N.Z.	304	Western Suburbs	64
Cammeray/Northbridge	264	Wanderers	60
Seven Hills	256	Epping Jnr.	56
Matraville	254	Tobians	30
Maccabi	248		

MOREE TRIP

5.30 a.m. — Saturday, 17th June, 1978 — a cold and wet morning as the tourists arrive. Wil Mortlock, John Sharpe, Steve Toland, Mike Doolan, Rick Daley, Doug Kirkwood, Des Hill, Mark Smith, Barry Walsh, Mike Caspers, Ross Collins, John Beckett, Mark Martin, Mark Bowker and John Noice were the only ones to brave this tour.

As can be expected the tour began rather quietly about 7.30 a.m. and alcohol consumption was at a minimum until the boys got to the Bridge. By the time we reached Muswellbrook things had started to warm up as Will uttered those prophetic words "I'm not an animal" and downed a meat pie in one mouthful. Problems along the way were mostly concerned with adequate urinary facilities which consisted mainly of an empty 'Orchy' container which was flushed out the rear window. Some members found great difficulty in aiming into the narrow neck and consequently the floor was awash.

We arrived at Wallabadah at 1.40 p.m. where Mr. and Mrs. Martin had arranged lunch for us at the local pub. An enjoyable repast was taken and afterwards, seeing that the Test was being televised live, we decided to settle in for the afternoon. Definitely the worse for wear we continued on our jaourney at about 5.00 p.m. About 10 miles from Tamworth, Mick Doolan decided to take a 'Walk on the Wild Side' and duly, whilst answering the call, fell out the front door of the bus. The fact that the bus was travelling at 70 kilometers an hour was of course incidental. Expecting to find a dead body, as well as disrupting the card game, the boys raced back to where the body was lying, and when asked if he was alright; came the reply "I want a woman": After two hours at the local hospital he was pronounced 'Certified and allowed to leave. We finally arrived at Moree at 11.30 p.m. and booking into the Victorian Hotel, we duly adjourned to the Criterion Hotel for late drinks and eventually retired at about 2.00 a.m.

Awaking very 'seedily' on the Sunday we breakfasted and travelled to the Moree Showground for the game. We were joined here by Jock Sutherland, Neil Johnson and Mark Curtis who were a trifle dubious about the bus trip up, and drove themselves.

The game was played in a good spirit and although against a much younger, fitter and soberer side we held the half time score to 12-8. Half time seemed to end all doubts about the result of the game when local publican Michael Deary provided buckets of beer to quench our thirst—the result was a close win to the Moree side 24-12.

After the game we adjourned to the Moree Rugby Club where lunch was provided and a considerable amount of booze consumed. We departed for Sydney about 4.10 p.m. taking half their bar supplies with us, much to the astonishment of Leigh, the bus driver, who thought we must have had enough.



The trip home was highlighted by the usual carousing of the "Ghost" in the Flight Deck Bar, four-oh-forty Beckett in the rear, and guest appearances by El Presidente (Jim Daniels) Noice — who wanting to be first off the bus at one of the numerous rest stops, stepped out the door and fell down a ten foot gully, where he was heard to be muttering something about being sober as a judge and that he had been bitten by a funnel web spider or was it a trouser snake.

We eventually arrived at the Clubhouse about 2.00 a.m. Monday morning and whilst the bar was being opened, Leigh the bus driver was heard to remark about his twenty three years of driving and not having seen anything the likes of us before. A quick \$20 from the Ghost put him on the right track home and we gradually departed—tired and full to our respective cells.

A great trip Wil, but about the cost

Seasoned and Pickled Tourist

CRICKET REPORT

I would like to preface this report with a request to all members of the Club who fancy themselves with a bat or ball to ring Steve Mooney on 358 4255 or myself on 36 2996 and arrange a game for yourself. We desparately require players for the rest of the season and unless more support is forthcoming, there is a danger that the Cricket Club will become extinct next year. So please help our plight by having a couple of games over the next few months.

Considering our depth, the results so far this season have been excellent. The team has won five of its seven games, despite being without a full side on each occasion.

The several plays who form the nucleus of the side each week have all performed creditably, and are to be congratulated. I'm sure that without them, our results would have compared more to those of previous seasons.

The Clubhouse bar facilities are open every Saturday afternoon and members and their friends are encouraged to come down and enjoy the Sun and the Cricket.

Thanks to all who have both played in and supported the team during the past twelve months, and in particular to last year's committee who gave the Club some badly needed new gear. With a little more support during the next three months, I'm sure that the good results achieved so far will continue.

PETE KINSELLA



VALE

AUBREY BALL

In January this year, Aubrey Ball we regret passed away.

Aubrey was Vice-President and Honorary Life Member of our Club for many years. He had been a very strong supporter and stalwart of the Colleagues Club since the mid 1950's.

His presence on the side line every Saturday wherever the games