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FOOTBALL
CLUB**



**ANNUAL REPORT
1981**

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- HONORARY AUDITOR:** Jim North

PRESIDENTS REPORT

It is my great pleasure to submit this years Annual Report. The 1981 season has been a most successful one for our Club having all grades reach the semi finals and the Kentwell and Burke sides contest the Grand Finals. Both these sides finished as minor premiers, an excellent achievement, but it was the Burke Cup side that kept the colours flying with a magnificent 12-0 victory in the Grand Final.

Congratulations to all the members of the Burke and especially to John Noice who after an illustrious career as a footballer successfully turned his skills to coaching his side to victory. My thanks also to the other coaches for their untiring effort especially John Maiden whose first year as a coach was so successful.

The climax of the season was the trip to Grafton which although poorly attended was still a success. It is important that the Club promotes a tour each year as we have done in the past but the attendance must be better to make such touring a viable proposition.

Social functions although not as numerous were well attended. The ball saw more than 170 guests celebrating this season our biggest roll up ever. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank Tim Booth for once again supplying the music.

Trophy Nite was also a gala event and I think all enjoyed the speeches of Brian Taber, Garry Pearse and resident guest Bob Moore. My personal thanks to John Corlis who once again did the honours as M.C. for the night.

Congratulations to all trophy winners and to John Anderson the Honour Cup winner for 1981. John has been Captain of Kentwell Cup for the past few years and has also been actively involved in sub-district representative sides and club fund raising.

My thanks also to John Hitchen who is retiring from the committee this year. John's tireless work has attributed to the efficient running of the club for many years, and I believe he will be solely missed.

The committee this year functioned well but there is still room for more dedication among both the general committee and office bearers. Anyone contemplating standing this year should bear in mind the time commitment required and the effort that must be employed all season long.

Expenditure this year was high but we have over the past few years decided to spend some of the accumulated funds on the members and their amenities asking only in return more dedication to training, playing and most importantly winning.

I think it best if I outline some of the major expenses which we are faced with each year so that all members can appreciate the spiralling costs involved. Ground rentals amount to some \$2,500, Trophies \$750, Insurance \$1,000, Electricity and Gas \$2,000 and Laundry expenses \$500, a total of approx. \$7,000. Receiving only \$2,500 from subscriptions leaves a sizeable deficit to be set even disregarding minimal sundry expenses.

I would also like to thank John Beckett who after organising the highly successful Monster Raffle is retiring from the committee this year. He has been re-elected to the management committee of Sub-District and still represents the club in this most important position.

Cricket and tip football are now under way and will continue throughout the summer. Now is the time for all to recruit new members and coaches for the forthcoming season.

Finally thank you all members for your commitment and success in '81, all the best to you and your families for the festive season — see you in '82.

MIKE CASPERS, Club President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Following the jubilation of last years grand final, it was fulfilling to see that the Colleagues were again able to field four strong and competitive teams. All four teams made the semis, with the Burke and Kentwell sides contesting strongly fought grand finals. Congratulations to Iain Edwards and his well drilled team on being able to take out the minor premiership with only one loss recorded against the team. John Noice's young and spirited side were triumphant over our arch rivals Hunters Hill and it was a rewarding scene to see John proudly display the Burke Cup above his head after the match. Ron Harriden and rookie coach John Maiden must be thanked for their commitment and dedication, and although not victorious, their efforts in grooming the young members of the club will be of reward in the future.

Congratulations to Doug Ambrose, Steve Cripps and Will Mortlock in being selected to represent the club as members of the Combined Side and for performing so well in the games played.

I wish to thank all players, both the new faces and the old hard heads, for their tireless efforts and enthusiasm throughout the season in the endeavour to achieve that ultimate goal. Could I suggest to all those players who were unable to achieve that goal this year, that there is plenty of football to come next season.

Appreciation to all spectators and supporters for their continued interest and encouragement, both in respect to the matches played and to the social events held afterwards.

To my colleagues on the Committee, may I express gratitude for their efforts in helping with the administration and management of the club.

Of 9 Committee Meetings held the attendances were as follows:

M. Caspers 9, T. Booth 9, D. Hill 9, M. Clifford 7, A. France 9, D. Ambrose 6, J. Anderson 7, S. Cripps 5, R. Monson 7, J. Hitchen 6 and J. Beckett 9.

Finally, congratulations must go to John Anderson for the honour of being elected the most outstanding Colleague for services rendered on and off the field. He has set a fine example for all other Colleagues to live up to.

DAVE HILL, Hon. Secretary.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Colleagues in 1981 was again a successful year, both on the paddock and at the bar. It was a year that saw a huge influx of new players, new coaches, new concepts of fitness and a further striving for increased performances and skills on the field.

The high standard of rugby played this year was a credit to the coaches, each of whom reaped the benefits of the Australian Rugby Union Clinic held at the beginning of the season. Indeed, few people understand the time consumed in coaching and selecting players and my thanks goes to them all, especially Iain Edwards.

When looking back at the rugby during the year, a few highlights emerge:—

The Judd Cup's winning sequences in the latter stages of the second round aided by the guile of their coach, John Maiden, and their ageless Captain, Rowley Rollett!

The Widdon Cup's second round victory over eventual Premiers, Bondi-Bronte, where they displayed some typical Harriden aggression and silenced all their critics.

The fantastic effort of the Burke Cup in winning the 1981 Grand Final, especially in the light of the tragic personal losses of their coach, John Noice, only two weeks prior to the game.

Finally, the complete dominance of the Kentwell Cup during the year, winning the Minor Premiership three points clear of the field.

It is perhaps opportune here to also thank the Managers of the four teams. Their patience is invaluable and it is hoped next year not only to increase their responsibility but also to award a trophy for the Manager of the Year.

A high standard of skill was not only shown on the paddock but socially and on tour. As any participant will tell, the Colleagues Discos have a reputation of being able to immobilise most, and for a more enjoyable evening one would be hard pressed to find.

This year the Annual Ball proved to be the best attended and the most enjoyed for years. The locals still admit to hearing echos of rock and roll and the walls of the Orcades still reek of bourbon.

The Trophy Night was also well attended and all enjoyed the entertaining stories of guest speakers Brian Taber, Gary Pearce and Bob Moore, along with the usual degree of alcohol and trophies.

Colleagues Rugby this year was not, however, without its problems. The beginning of the season saw such an influx of new players it was not until the second round that the Club selections became stabilised. New players were frequently unreliable and this often hampered selections. The Club also suffered at the hands of injury and sickness, resulting in last-minute changes.

Financially, the Club proved as stable as ever. However, profits gained through the Discos, bar takings on Thursday and Saturday nights and the monster raffle were offset by the expenses incurred in increased purchasing of various training aids. The problems of the Club were sometimes overshadowed by the on-field performances but were always a constant embarrassment to the new Committee and too often the same people shared the work load.

It is here that I thank John Hitchen for his efforts as gear steward during the season. Without John's diligence, the Club's week to week running would be an onerous task. John, however, is unable to be gear steward in 1982 and consequently the management of the Club gear will be placed in the hands of each Team Manager.

These were the items of interest during the season, and from them more experience in the management of the Club will be gained. One outstanding feature remains.

Colleagues Rugby Club has been the dominant force in the history of Sub-District Rugby Union, and any player wearing the Colleagues Jersey should be proud to do so and feel the spirit of rugby that has pervaded the Club for almost 50 years.

TOM BOOTH,
Club Captain.

1981 TROPHY WINNERS

Club Captain	Timothy BOOTH
Club Best and Fairest	Roland ROWLATT
Kentwell Cup Best and Fairest	Steve ROBERTS
Burke Cup Best and Fairest	Andrew THORBURN and Duncan ACKERY
Whiddon Cup Best and Fairest	Andrew WILLIAMS
Judd Cup Best and Fairest	Roland ROWLATT
Leading Try Scorer	Steve CRIPPS (15 tries)
Leading Point Scorer	Steve WEIR
Challenge Trophy for Team Scoring Most Tries	
	KENTWELL CUP (63 tries)
100 Games Trophies	John HITCHEN, John SUTHERLAND, Ian (Stan) MCGREGOR and Mark SMITH

TEAM COACHES TROPHY

Kentwell Cup	Iain EDWARDS
Burke Cup	John NOICE
Whiddon Cup	Ron HARRIDEN
Judd Cup	John MAIDEN

TEAM CAPTAINS

Kentwell Cup	John ANDERSON
Burke Cup	Stewart HUDSON and Rick SMITH
Whiddon Cup	Andrew WILLIAMS
Judd Cup	Roland ROWLATT
Most Improved Player	Will PALMER
Oldest and Boldest	Roland ROWLATT
Rookie of The Year	Mal SINCLAIR
Honour Cap	John ANDERSON

CRICKET CLUB AWARDS

Best Bowling Average	Peter FLAHERTY
Best Batting Average	Chris WHITE

KENTWELL CUP

MINOR PREMIERS

WON 17 GAMES, LOST 3, DREW 1

508 POINTS FOR, 196 AGAINST

GRAND FINAL DEFEATED BY HUNTERS HILL BY 22-16

Sincere congratulations to all players who made the 1981 Kentwell Cup season the success that it was. We have now learnt that it is much more difficult to remain "on top" than to strive to be the best. Unfortunately our object to be "the best" and retain the premiership was not forthcoming. In losing the Grand Final to Hunters Hill 22-16. As a result of the extreme pressure from both sides few opportunities were available for open Rugby and the finish, where we were unable to score from 5 scrums on their try line, was typical of the pressure applied from both teams. It was an exciting finish to the season and I thank the players for the effort that they put in during the season and especially over the last two weeks in preparation for this contest.

Despite this, the season should not be considered as a loss—we were the Minor Premiers and the team considered by the opposition as the one to beat.

The attitude of all players towards our objective during the season was excellent and it is almost unfair to mention individuals. However, special mention and congratulations should be made to the following players:

John Anderson: Who had an outstanding season as Captain, and thoroughly deserves his award of the Honour Cap for 1981.

Steve Cripps: For being the club's leading try scorer and his selection in the combined sub-district team.

Doug Ambrose: For his success and selection in the combined sub-district team.

Steve Weir: For another outstanding season in goal kicking and winning the goal kicking award with 190 points.

Mal Sinclair: Who narrowly missed winning the Kentwell Cup Best and Fairest but rightfully gained the award for the best new player in the club.

Steve Roberts: On being the Kentwell Cup's Best and Fairest. An award well deserved, only narrowly defeating Mal Sinclair in the last game.

Will Mortlock: For his return from retirement and success in the combined sub-district team.



Back row: T. Booth, R. Alagna, K. Lane, S. Cripps, D. Ambrose,
A. Chubb, D. Kirkwood.

Middle row: H. McKidd, R. Smith, M. Sinclair, M. Smith, S. Roberts,
M. Chubb.

Front row: I. Edwards, W. Mortlock, S. Wier, J. Anderson,
R. Collins, R. Bellbooth.

Absent: J. Cavanagh, W. Froud, P. Maiden.

Won 17, Lost 3, Drew 1. — Points for 508, Against 181

Grand Final Lost 16-22 to Hunters Hill

During the season approximately thirty players filled the ranks in the Kentwell Cup. Most of these changes were forced through injury or absenteeism of various players. This constant change in positions made it difficult to keep a stable team and directly influenced the success of the back line as a unit in itself. Despite this it was most pleasing to see that every player in the team each week tried his hardest to play the best Rugby he could and that the points for and against indicated that as a team we were successful. The front row combination of Ross Collins, Andrew Cavanagh and the scrum master Morgan Chubb were never Chubb, (did you see me lift their scrum out of the ground), Jason bettered or equalled during the season. Tim Booth at second row, although distracted as Club Captain continued to take little steps and gain the scrum power we required. John Anderson as Captain played consistently and led the team by example rather than words.

Mal Sinclair, Steve Roberts and Michael Collett mixed power with speed in the back row and played well individually and as a unit. Fortunately William Mortlock and Hugh Warden were able to replace Michael Collett and Steve Roberts when injured. Hugh Warden's line out jumping demanded his selection in the Grand Final and miraculously through injury everyone got to play in the Grand Final.

At half back Doug Ambrose was the enigma of the side—playing hot and cold football. When he was good he was very good, but when he was bad

As a result of constant injuries the back line each week was always a nightmare to select. We were unfortunate in losing Kevin Lane early during the season for about eight weeks, followed by Richard Dunlop, Richard Allegna and especially Peter Maiden who week by week was playing better and would definitely have been a threat in the Grand Final. Wayne Froud ably filled Peter's place in the Final and gave possibly his best game of the season in the Grand Final. Despite his late arrival in the team, Mark Smith came to our aid and gave everything he could in the last few weeks to consolidate the back line. We are fortunate in the club to have experienced players around who can be called at short notice to fill spaces.

On the brighter side Hugh McKidd played consistently well and is only beginning to put his act together. Stuart Hudson despite the pressure gave everything he had and must be congratulated on his captaincy of the Burke Cup on their Grand Final win.

The season in general is full of memories of games won but the following seems to stand out . . .

The 30 point win in the second half against Briars when down 15 points at half time; Steve Roberts winning try in the rain in the last minute of the game against Chatswood. The 55 point win against Old Waverlians in the torrential rain with Steve Weir kicking 6 goals from all over the field; and defeating St. Patricks with only 14 players for most of the game.

Mine and the teams thanks are due in no small part to Rick Bellbooth for his assistance each week in helping the backs to help themselves. His experience was invaluable and accounts for the fact they were able to get the ball to the wing. In Rick's absence Jeff Williams was most helpful and must get the award for the most injured player off the field wherein he managed to pull a ham string at the bar which prevented him from making longer appearances on the field.

On behalf of the team and myself special thanks to our team manager Doug Kirkwood for his devotion in helping on Saturdays in getting the team on and off the field. This is a thankless job and our thanks are little compensation for the effort required.

Thank you to my fellow coaches, John Noice, Ron Harriden and John Maiden and especially to the sage advice of Roger Monson. Congratulations especially to John Noice in his first Grand Final win under extreme tragic family circumstances.

Thank you again to John Anderson for your assistance in Captaincy, and team leadership, and especially my wife who once again saw me through another Rugby season with Colleagues. Although we lost the last game we did not fail because I believe each of you tried your best and in that there is not failure. Good luck to Colleagues in 1982.

IAIN G. EDWARDS,

BURKE CUP

MINOR PREMIERS AND PREMIERS 1981

My congratulations to all those players who were part of the Burke Cup in 1981. The facts and figures of this teams performance tells it all. Of a possible 21 games played there were 18 wins, 2 losses and 1 draw. Our points gained (279) were not so impressive. However, points scored against us in the 21 games only totalled 85. The amazing fact was that this team only had its line crossed 8 times, 4 tries in the home and away games and 4 tries in the Semi-Final.

The team had a good balance of youth and experience. We had the availability of some very talented young players having come up from the lower grades the year before.

The team Captaincy was shared by Stuart Hudson and Rick Smith and Vice Captain Jeff Travers and I thank them for their continued support to me during the season.

Without doubt we had the strongest and most efficient forward pack in the competition. We spent a great deal of practice on scrummaging and rucking drills which unquestionably paid dividends in the Grand Final.

We used 4 props during the season—Mark Bowker, Andrew Chubb, Steve Rankin and Sandy Ross. After Mark and Steve suffered injuries, Sandy Ross and Andrew Chubb became our regular props, and I am sure their season peaked in the Grand Final with their fine display which left the opposition front row heartbroken. Our hooker, Mike Clarkson, took exceptional pride in his work and of course his goal kicking in the Final and Grand Final completely demoralised the opposition. From a coach's point of view its nice to have a good hooker and a good kicker in the team, in this case it came in one. In the lock position we had a good pair in the very experienced Jeff Travers and the up and coming Jeremy Ingall. As a young member, Jeremy's competitive spirit and aggression will serve the Club well in future years.



BURKE CUP

The back row consisted of Duncan Ackery, Frank McNamee, Hugh Warden, Wally Carpenter, Will Palmer and Mike Collett. Most of these players had games in the Kentwell Cup during the season and this in itself gave them a lot of experience which was of great value to our team. However, Wally Carpenter came up from Widdon Cup and I believe his display in the Grand Final in "hammering" the opposition five-eight was copy book stuff and something that is not seen enough in higher levels of Rugby. I am sure that particular five-eight would agree.

The regular half backs were Rick Smith and Bill Curry. Both served their backs well and used the short side to advantage. During his Captaincy Rick played a real generals game and the team reacted.

The inside backs—Stuart Hudson, Richard Dunlop, Tony Anderson, together with Jeff Williams when not playing Kentwell, and of course John North and Andy Williams, always gained high respect from the opposition and were very instrumental in our defence record. Stuart, Northy and Nipper Williams played like men possessed in the Grand Final. Our regular wingers were Tim Oldfield, Rick Lavender, Mike France and Chris Rowston, they gave their best week in week out. At full back the experienced Andy Thorburn always played the game in a tradesman-like manner. Andy only missed one game during the year through injury. I am sure the rest of the team would agree that it was nice to have the presence of Andy's defence and long range kick.

Finally, I would like to thank our team Managers John Corlis and Alan McGuire, who were a great inspiration to the team and myself and were a very close part of our victory.

In conclusion I would like to thank all the players for putting so much time into training and improving their skills. However, this can only carry a team to a certain level. Determination, aggression and the absolute desire to win shows in the end result. They themselves showed this character which is a true stamp of a champion.

JOHN NOICE, Coach.

WHIDDON CUP

Gentlemen,

The 1981 Season just completed was a year of many variables.

It was a year of some outstanding performances such as our 3-0 defeat of the 1980 premiers Hunters Hill and our memorable 20-0 defeat of the eventual 1981 Premiers Bondi Bronte. To match those two outstanding performances were our equally as bad games against St Ives and St Patricks in the first round and Hunters Hill in the second round. One wonders what results could have been achieved had we been able to field our best XV consistently through the season.

It would be near impossible to mention each player who participated in Whiddon Cup rugby during the season as over 65 players were used. However I thank all who participated.

The team was led by Andrew Williams (Slugger) and I thank him for his valued support during the year.

Regular members of the back line included Andrew Simkin, Chris Mathews, John North, Andrew Williams, Chris White and Michael France whilst the forward pack had players of the calibre of Richard Brown, Bruce Donald, John Keene, Michael Salmon, Ross Cook, Steve Rankin, Tim Brosnan, Wally Carpenter, Max Compton, Michael Collett and Mark Bowker to call on when required.

The true measure of the team's ability was shown in the Burke Cup Grand Final where some five of our regular players shared in the success enjoyed by the Burke Cup and my congratulations go to John Noice and his team for their successful year.

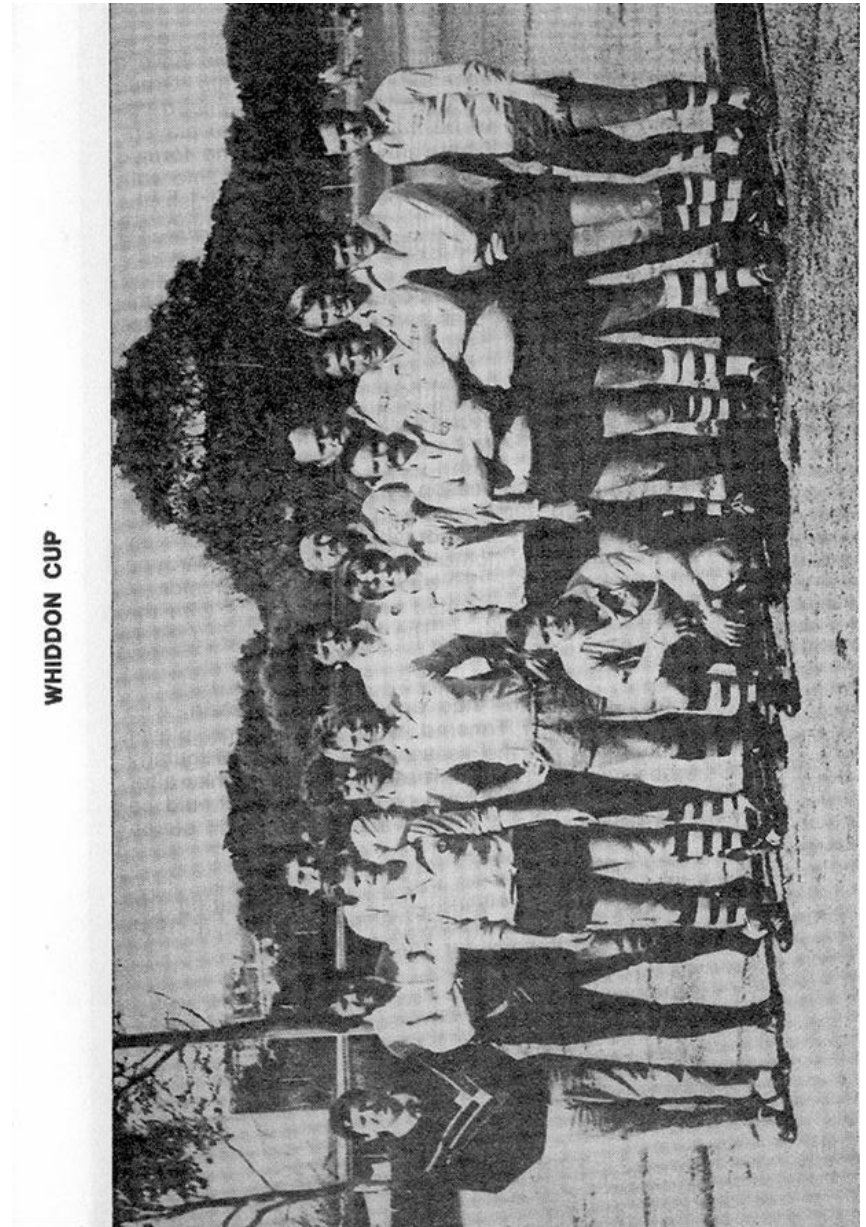
My special thanks to David Hill our team manager. David was always in attendance to assist with the player's needs and I am sure that all members of the team would have appreciated his valued support.

To my co-coaches and selectors my thanks for an enjoyable year without too many great hassles.

It is with deep regret that I am standing down as a coach with the Colleagues. Having been associated with the Club for 25 years the last nine as a coach, I am convinced that Colleagues is the finest sporting club or organisation in existence and I am proud to have been and to continue to be a part of it.

Yours in Rugby,

RONALD A. HARRIDEN.



JUDD CUP REPORT

Colleagues Judd Cup 1981 provided the opportunity for in excess of 60 players to wear the Colleagues jersey and have a game. In essence that made the season for this Grade successful. It also proved awkward and sometimes embarrassing in that selections needed to be made from over 30 players. However, I have been advised that Fifth Grade is being formed for 1982 to ensure that all people turning up for a game with Colleagues will get a run. This, hopefully, will diminish the frequency of people starting with the Club and dropping out during the season through lack of opportunity.

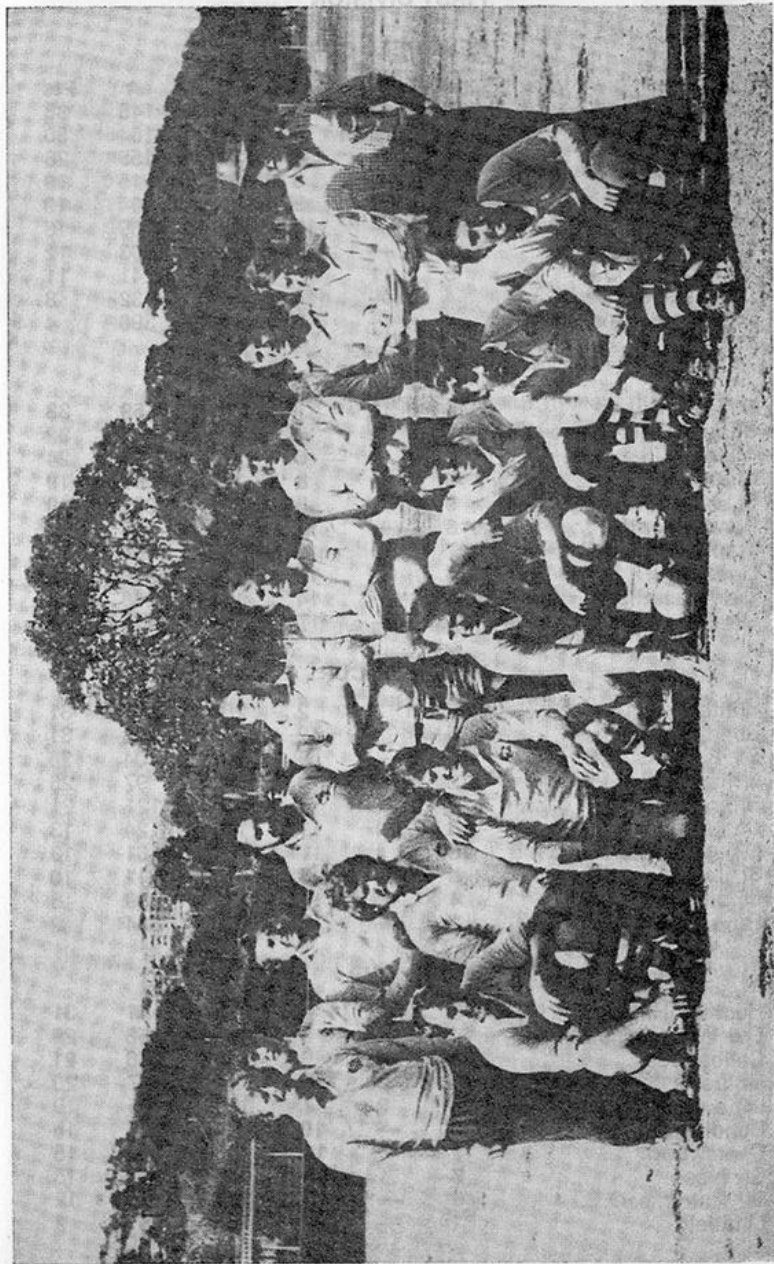
As the score board shows, the success in achieving a Semi-final berth was obtained. This was a particularly exciting place to finish after the Colleagues Judd Cup side was last after seven rounds. This lowly position was due to a coaching miscalculation and was soon rectified. The new strategy of not attempting to score tries, however, minimising mistakes was implemented.

It was quoted early in the season by a well known manager, "Ace," "75% of Judd Cup games are won or lost by one score." Unlike other Grades in Sub District, Judd Cup, unfortunately needs to be played in a fairly tight pattern concentrating around 10-man football. The Semi-Final was lost to a better side in Briars and the season was completed on a great note with the Team Dinner at the Rugby Club. The bill for the damages is still to be received!

In Rolly Rowlatt, the side had an excellent Captain, who was ably supported by Tony Tancred, who was the only player to play every game during the season. It was particularly pleasing to see certain players progress through the ranks after starting the season in Judd Cup, and congratulations should go to Will Palmer, who must have proved one of the finds of the season.

I thank all players who ran on for Judd Cup during the year, plus the Club for making Saturdays during winter in 1981 very interesting and worthwhile for the Coach.

JOHN MAIDEN.



JUDD CUP

FIRST DIVISION

KENTWELL CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colleagues	16	1	1	467	146	33
Hunters Hill	14	2	2	377	164	30
Chatswood	14	—	4	347	155	28
Bondi-Bronte	9	1	8	312	215	19
St. Ives	9	1	8	284	304	19
Briars	8	—	10	189	269	16
Lindfield	6	—	12	211	303	12
St. Patricks O.B.	5	1	12	178	241	11
Lane Cove	4	—	14	144	432	8
Old Waverlians	2	—	16	110	390	4

BURKE CUP

Colleagues	16	1	1	251	59	33
Hunters Hill	16	—	2	348	68	32
Briars	12	—	6	171	123	24
Chatswood	9	1	8	162	97	19
St. Ives	9	1	8	241	206	19
Bondi-Bronte	8	—	10	188	189	16
St. Patricks O.B.	7	1	10	166	168	15
Lindfield	6	—	12	124	240	12
Old Waverlians	4	—	14	143	246	8
Lane Cove	1	—	17	72	470	2

WHIDDON CUP

Hunters Hill	15	1	2	264	66	31
Bondi-Bronte	15	1	2	218	103	31
St. Patricks O.B.	13	—	5	157	104	26
Colleagues	12	1	5	180	97	25
Briars	10	1	7	203	121	21
Chatswood	6	1	11	118	124	13
Old Waverlians	6	1	11	84	131	13
St. Ives	5	—	13	130	211	10
Lindfield	4	—	14	105	239	8
Lane Cove	1	—	17	71	334	2

JUDD CUP

Hunters Hill	15	1	2	212	81	31
Old Waverlians	14	1	3	141	53	29
Colleagues	9	3	6	146	66	21
Briars	9	2	7	145	77	20
Lane Cove	8	3	7	168	105	19
Bondi-Bronte	8	—	10	94	101	16
Chatswood	7	1	10	93	148	15
St. Ives	7	1	10	98	163	15
St. Patricks O.B.	6	—	12	138	138	12
Lindfield	1	—	17	54	357	2

FIRST DIVISION SUMMARY — 1981

The high point of First Division was, once again, the remarkable performance of Hunters Hill Club. They won the Bruce Graham Shield (Club Championship) for the fourth time in the last five years, this time with a record number of points. All four grades qualified for major semi-finals as well as qualifying for all four grand-finals. Congratulations to all concerned with Hunters Hill Club. Their perennial rivals COLLEAGUES, also deserve honourable mention, having qualified all four grades into semi-finals.

Other Clubs who performed well this season were Chatswood, and Bondi-Bronte, and it is good to see these newer Clubs in First Division among the leaders of the Club Championship.

After strenuous efforts on the part of their management, it was unfortunate that Lane Cove were unable to lift themselves from the bottom of the ladder, but surely their chance will come in the future for this old member of our Competition.

FINAL RESULTS: Minor Semi Finals, Kentwell: Chatswood 25 v Bondi-Bronte 9. Burke: Chatswood 7 v Briars 7. Whiddon: St. Patricks O.B. 17 v Colleagues 4. Judd: Briars 4 v Colleagues 0. Major Semi Finals: Kentwell: Hunters Hill 11 v Colleagues 4. Burke: Hunters Hill 23 v Colleagues 10. Whiddon: Hunters Hill 6 v Bondi-Bronte 3. Judd: Hunters Hill 7 v Old Waverlians 7. Finals: Kentwell: Colleagues 13 v Chatswood 7. Burke: Colleagues 6 v Briars 0. Whiddon: Bondi-Bronte 12 v St. Patricks O.B. 3. Judd: Old Waverlians 9 v Briars 3. Grand Finals: Kentwell: Hunters Hill 22 v Colleagues 16. Burke: Colleagues 12 v Hunters Hill 0. Whiddon: Bondi-Bronte 7 v Hunters Hill 6. Judd: Old Waverlians 7 v Hunters Hill 4.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Hunters Hill 866, Colleagues 826, Chatswood 570, Bondi-Bronte 568, Briars 558, St. Ives 462, St. Patricks O.B. 434, Old Waverlians 298, Lindfield 272, Lane Cove 184.

REPRESENTATIVE SIDE — 1981

It is my pleasant duty to report on what has probably been our best Representative season. Two interstate fixtures and matches against other Representative sides saw our team undefeated.

After defeating Combined Sydney Third Division 32-0 we played our first major fixture at Ballymore as the main curtain raiser to New South Wales v Queensland on 7th June. Our 35-3 victory no doubt stimulated the first New South Wales defeat of Queensland at Ballymore for five years. Scorers were: Tries: Geoff Norman 2, Steve Cripps 2, Phil Tuck 1, Mike Clifford 1, Steve Lidbury 1, Doug Ambrose 1, Conversions: Doug Ambrose 2, Penalties: Doug Ambrose 1.

On 20th June we toured to South Australia to play against Combined South Australia. This match proved to be a dour struggle in which we suffered heavy casualties although the match was played in the True Spirit of Rugby. We were obliged to settle for a 12-12 draw, although some opportunities for us were missed. The South Australians were delighted that Sub-District Rugby had not forgotten them and we look forward to renewing our friendship with a return match as a curtain raiser to a Major International Test in the near future. Scorers in this fixture were: Tries: Steve Cripps 1, Conversion: Doug Ambrose 1. Penalty Goals: Peter Webster 1, Doug Ambrose 1.

In culmination of a fine season we were invited to play the only curtain raiser against Combined Illawarra to the Italy v Country match at Wollongong on 5th August. Although somewhat depleted with injuries and country selection we were able to defeat the Ardath Cup holders 12-9. Tries were scored by Will Mortlock, Steve Lidbury and Paul Lancaster.

I extend my special thanks to those players who joined the squad as late replacements and reserves.

My task was made easy with assistance from those members of the Management Committee who travelled on tour together with my Assistant Managers, Alan Forno and Bob Tuminello whose help was invaluable.

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Our injured players competition raised almost \$1,300 and Steve Lidbury took out both the Major Prize and Ticket Seller's Prize. Our thanks to Fire Control, Sharp Corporation and Alan Forno for their donations of prizes.

BRENT HALLIGAN, Team Manager.