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FOOTBALL
CLUB**



**ANNUAL REPORT
1982**

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Gentlemen, I commend to you this years Annual Report. The 1982 season saw the most successful results ever attained by the Club and indeed no other club has ever won the Bruce Graham Shield, the Kentwell Cup and the Burke Cup in any one year. I would like to thank all associated with this years effort both on and off the field.

Congratulations to the Kentwell Cup who under Iain Edward's guidance have won the top grade twice in three years. The Burkes also deserve lavish praise for retaining the Cup and their coach John Noice assures me they will make it a record three in a row next year.

Also the Whiddon, Judd and Radford coaches and players should also be commended on their efforts which did not bring them victories as teams, but their overall contribution was rewarded by being Club Champions for 1982. While discussing teams I would like to offer my personal thanks to Ron Harriden and his "Fighting fives". They, I believe served as a useful platform for the higher grades to draw on and it is imperative that a fifth grade is organised again next year.

Both the Annual Ball and Trophy Nite were well attended and the end of season tour although short in numbers was enjoyed by those who participated. Congratulations to Iain Edwards, Honour Cup winner for 1982. Iain has been associated with the club now for many years, and after a long career on the pitch, it is great to see his success, so deserved, as our senior coach.

Expenditure this year was once again high, but unfortunately in these hard times the price of victory does not come cheap. With our 50th approaching, I am hoping that the club will come of age and to this end a more business like running of the club will be adopted for the 1983 season.

There will be two major undertakings next year, the 50th anniversary dinner and a trip to the PAN-AM tournament in Hawaii. Various fund raising committees have been formed, but the overall success of these functions ultimately rests on you, the members.

The success of 1983 will require a superhuman effort from the whole club and indeed I believe the future of the Colleagues will hinge on the outcome.

Finally, I would like to wish members, families and friends all the best for the festive season.

MIKE CASPERS, Club President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Congratulations must be given to all the coaches and players for the results of the 1982 season, which we would all agree has been one of our most successful seasons. The persistence and dedication of the coaches I believe has been rewarded by the commitment of the players. Although we were able to take out the Club Championship, Kentwell Cup and Burke Cup I guess in our forth coming 50th year that we can set a goal at achieving success in all the four cups.

Appreciation is expressed for the support that the club officials have given over the season. Financially, things are getting tight, and, I encourage all members to seriously think about their financial commitment to the club for the forthcoming season.

The club needs the financial support of all members if your elected officials are going to be able to adequately govern the club. Of the 10 committee meetings held the attendances were as follows:—

M. Caspers 10, T. Booth 10, M. Clifford 9, C. Mathews 7, J. Anderson 5, R. Monson 4, W. Carpenter 8, S. Hudson 7, J. Ingall 6, M. France 8, D. Kirkwood 10, D. Hill 10.

As I will be standing down for the next season, may I wish all officials, coaches and players a successful and memorable 50th year.

DAVE HILL, Hon. Secretary.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

It is with great pride that I have the opportunity as Club Captain, to sum up the 1982 season.

It was a season that again saw a more professional approach to the game and four teams training two nights a week was not such an unusual occurrence. The combination of increased training commitment and the resurgence of the "Fighting Fives" paved the way for the ultimate goal, the Club Championship.

It is here I must take the opportunity to thank all the coaches and managers. Coaching is a time consuming position and often requires more effort off the field than on. A special thanks must be made to Ron Harriden whose coaching and organising of the fifth grade made the regaining of the Club Championship a much easier task.

Looking through the grades it is interesting to note the wide range of players who have contributed to such a successful year.

Firstly, the Fighting Fives who had many unsung heroes and a few although unsuccessful in making their comebacks proved highly entertaining at the bar.

Secondly, there was the Judd Cup who under threat from Mark Bowker became proficient in scoring the narrowest of wins, (every week except the Grand Final), ably lead by Michael "Fitzy" Fitzgerald and well supported by John Pierre Reeves Vandervord and Michael "The Bomb" Clifford.

Thirdly, the Widdon Cup was a real mixture of talent and after looking like dropping out of the competition were moulded by their coach John Bunce into a formidable unit crushing Hunters Hill in the Major Semi-Final but unable to go on with the effort in the Grand Final going down by two points. Matthew Cullen and Sandy Ross were their best players while Cookie, Beak, Fago and Adam Wilson were always candidates for the Coruba Rum Award.

KENTWELL CUP 1982 PREMIERS AND MINOR PREMIERS

Grand Final — defeated Chatswood 22-6

For 352 against 124. — Won 17 lost 3

Fourthly, the Burke Cup were again successful winning the Cup for the second year in a row and in doing so continuing their incredible For and Against record, conceding only four tries in twenty odd games. I believe John Noice has already booked a table at the Double Bay Chinese Restaurant for 1983 and that Tommy and Molly have started cooking.

Finally, the Kentwell Cup who played entertaining and skilful rugby throughout the season culminating in the thrashing of Chatswood in the Grand Final. No team deserved to win more and I congratulate them on the fine example of dedication they gave to the Club. Congratulations also go to Iain Edwards whose coaching during the season, and past seasons, makes him a worthy recipient of this years Honour Cap.

Socially again the Club was the centre of much enjoyment and the cause of many headaches. The discos, the fund raising dinner, the Annual Ball, the Grand Final night and the Trophy Night were all big nights, (say no more!)

Thursday nights received a shot in the arm thanks to Nipper "Mossop" and Chris Cusak although too many of the younger players preferred seeking the girls at the pub rather than the expert advice of experienced players over a beer at the Clubhouse (Thursdays 1983 support your Club).

A special thanks is needed hereto Marguerite and Vera who, after two seasons of friendly service and high quality food, have decided to call it a day. They will be sorely missed especially by myself.

Looking towards 1983 I can see only what would be described as a gala 50th year for the Club. It is imperative in 1983 to retain the Club Championship and to support your Club in all its activities.

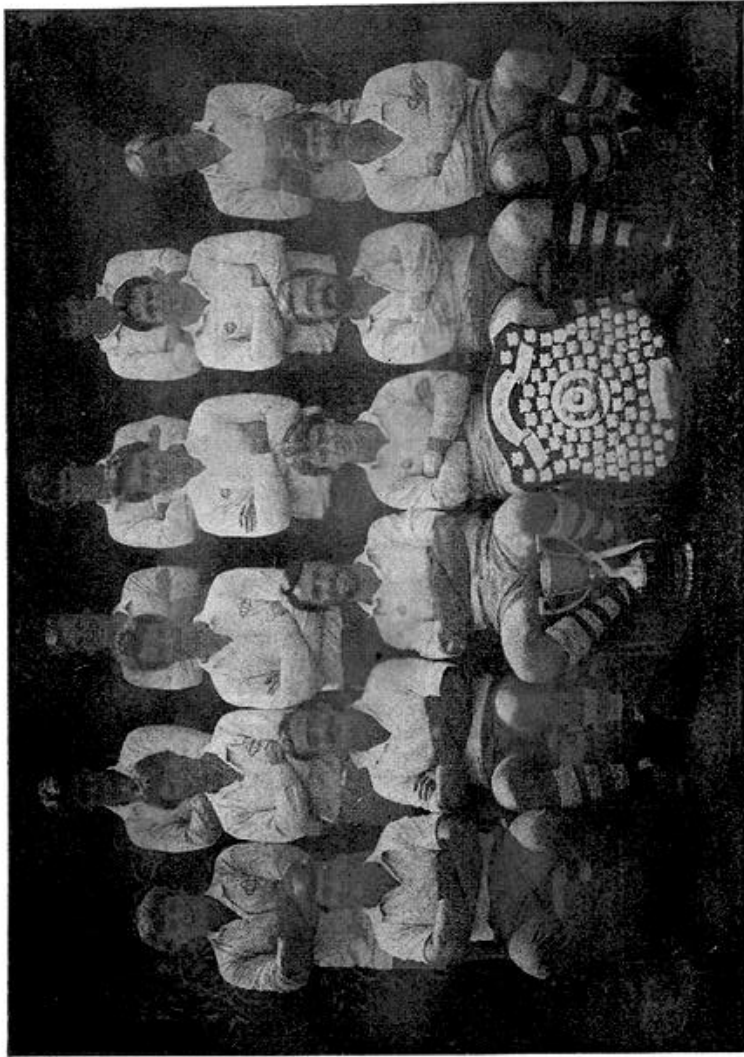
TIM BOOTH, Club Captain.

Premiers again—Minor premiers for the third year in succession—another great season for the Colleagues Kentwell Cup. Congratulations to all those who played and made the 1982 Kentwell Cup the success that it was.

As the points for and against indicated this year's team did not perform as well as the 1980 and 1981 teams. This was certainly not a result of lack of hard work or application, but rather the result of the continual rebuilding of the team. In the first half of the season there were only seven players remaining from the 1981 team. Further, without a regular and consistent goal kicker the points were harder to accumulate and it became necessary to score by tries and institute a tight defensive pattern which minimised the chance of the opposition scoring. The points again over 20 games indicates that the average was approximately six points per game. Injuries, withdrawals and the inability of players to maintain form in the team on a weekly basis made it difficult to plan and organise the running game to the level of sophistication that I believe the team was really capable. In spite of these difficulties those that were there at the time tried their hardest and gave their best for the team and the Club each week and the team continued to win, adding a large contribution to the Club Championship points.

On injury basis, it was unfortunate to lose Mal Sinclair, Will Currie and Doug Ambrose through injury during the middle part of the season. It must also have been difficult for Hugh McKidd to retire as a result of study pressures. Despite these marked losses in the team we were fortunate to find Peter Clark to replace Mal Sinclair at number eight and Adam Crouch fitted in without any real difficulty.

Three games in the season stand out. Two against Hunters Hill when we were clearly the superior team but lost both games incredibly in the last five minutes by a try and of course the Grand Final. This game over shadows the season and will be remembered not so much because it was won but for the way in which it was played. With only seven players remaining from those originally selected in the first half of the season, the team was only just beginning to combine. In the last few weeks, overseas departures, returns from injury, or just being injured and unable to play at ones best made it difficult to organise and settle the team. However by an enormous amount of work in the last two weeks the team got the attack together and convincingly



thrashed Chatswood 22-6 in the Grand Final. This game was a total team effort and it was most pleasing as it was based on the principles which had been discussed throughout the season. Had the team settled down one to two weeks before the Grand Final I believe the score would have been more substantial. The front row of Andrew Chubb, Dave Porter and Morgan Chubb are to be congratulated. Never once a backward step and how many tight heads were taken. John Anderson as captain lead the team by example and Nick Rice as a result of his increased speed, whilst not dominating the line outs, certainly destroyed the opposition half back. The back row of Andrew Addinal, Peter Clark and Michael Collett was superb in their possession of the ball from loose play and thereby denied the opposition very few chances of possession. It was most pleasing to see that Andrew Addinal and Michael Collett made the Grand Final after three years of almost being there, and to see how well Peter Clark adapted to the number eight position having been sighted originally about eight weeks before playing inside centre for the Judd. Adam Crouch had a superb game and made all the difference to Kevin Lane being able to find time and space in which to move. Adam's and Kevin's try came from organised controlled team efforts and both players are to be congratulated in their determination to score. Jeff Williams as inside centre appeared to underplay his attacking game as this was overshadowed by some devastating defence. Andrew Bassett at outside centre was the unobtrusive link in the back line and had the opposition backs completely under control. As a result of the extremely tight and fast Chatswood defence Steve Cripps was unable to score despite making a break from "Double L". On the other hand Craig Phelps was most unlucky to have crossed the try line twice and having tries disallowed. Steve Weir's kicking and control at full back was most re-assuring. Congratulations to all of you, and especially to Michael Collett for his man of the match performance.

This success of the Kentwell Cup was not without the assistance and help of many. Thanks seem little enough reward, but it is truly and honestly meant. Mine and teams thanks are due especially to:

1. Eddie Radford, Team Manager and confidential advisor.
2. Nick Derara for his assistance in coaching the backs.
3. To the reserves who stood around and got cold and were always willing to run on when asked.
4. To the camera team of Chris Cusak and Andy Williams. Your effort was very much appreciated and had a very measurable bearing on our teams success. It would be difficult to imagine how one could coach effectively without this sort of assistance.
5. To the captains John Anderson and Mark Martin and to Vice-captain Kevin Lane.
6. To the team in general, to those who played in the team throughout the season, and to the Club in general through its continual support.
7. To my fellow coach whose efforts always ensured that there was a player capable of filling a spot in the Kentwell Cup.

Whilst it seems unfair to single out players for special mention, extra congratulations are due to Steve Cripps, Andrew Chubb and Doug Ambrose for selection in the combined sub-district. When will we stop hearing from Andrew about the time he played against the All Blacks. To Kevin Lane as Vice-Captain and deservedly winner of the Kentwell Cup and Club Best & Fairest Award. To John Noice for his second year as Burke Cup coach and winning the Grand Final for the second time and to my fellow coaches, John Bunce and Mark Bowker. Your success in taking your teams to the Grand Final was an essential part in the Club's success in winning the Club Championship.

With the Club's 50th year celebrations in 1983 and the Club Championship won there is plenty of incentive for greater things next year.

Memories of a great game of Rugby played by fifteen players who "went for it" will provide a sound basis which the club can build further successes.

Thanks to you all and especially to my wife and family whose encouragements makes possible a season as coach.

Luck to Colleagues in 1983.

IAIN EDWARDS, Coach.

BURKE CUP

MINOR PREMIERS AND PREMIERS 1982

Congratulations to all those players who were part of the 1982 Burke Cup for their time and effort in retaining the Premiership.

The Club's strength was very evident in that most of the players in Burke Cup were the nucleus of the Kentwell Cup for the previous two seasons. These experienced members together with the new talented players gave up the perfect blend.

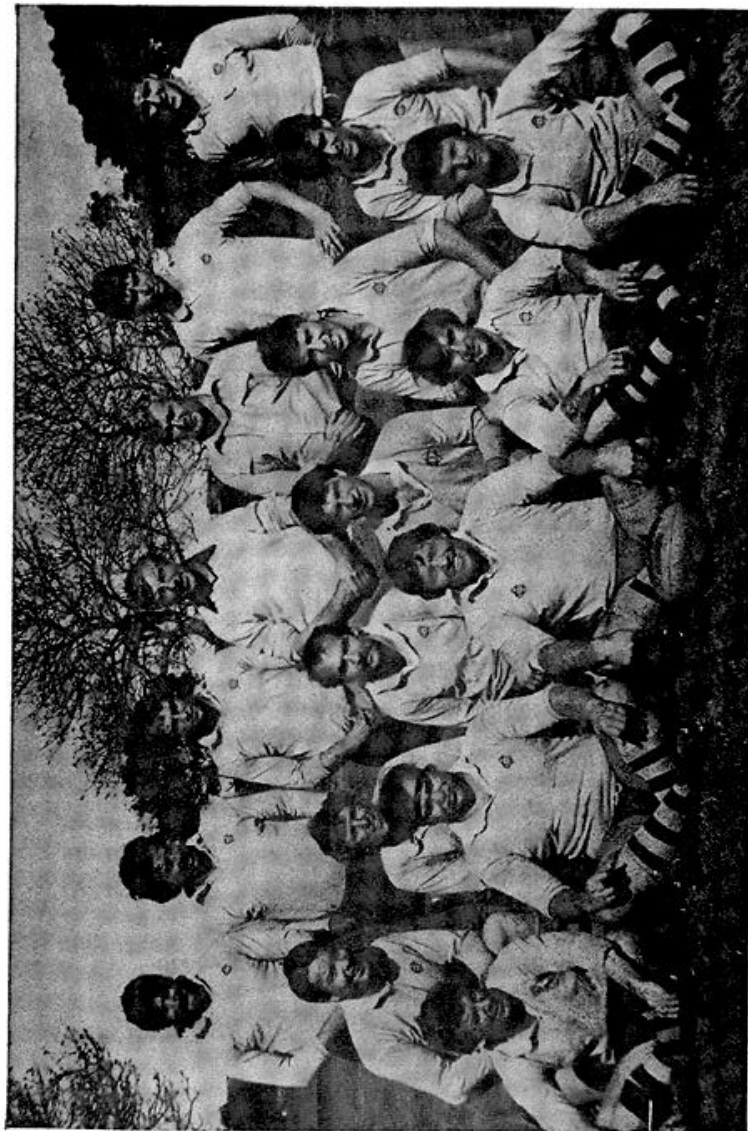
I would like to thank the team Captains Ross Collins and Rick Smith and Vice Captain Mark Smith for their continual dedication and support during the season.

Success was achieved simply by having the biggest and strongest pack of forwards in the competition, which starved the opposition of a great deal of ball and any ball they possessed they invariably went backwards. The most indicative point was that in 21 games the team only had 4 tries scored against it. Any attacks launched against us were quickly cut off by our superior defence pattern. The backs showed their ability in attack through the various moves and were well organised by the experienced Mark Smith.

The front row of Ross Collins, Tim Booth, Richard Brown and David Porter always commanded plenty of respect from the opposition with experience and weight. At one stage the front row actually weighed in at 46 stone. This is a nice solid platform to work off. Tim Booth who moved in to the tight head prop position mastered it very well considering he played most of his football in the back and second row position. Tim found a good paddock during the previous summer months.

The second row consisted of Hugh Warden, Mark Martin and Jeremy Ingall and were well supported by Tim Brosnan and Toby Marshall when needed. Apart from their good lineout work they were also very instrumental in second phase play.

BURKE CUP



The back row players changed between Burke and Kentwell regularly. The three in the finals were Steve Roberts, Stuart Orr and Mark "where is everybody" Campbell at No. 8. These three hunted well as a trio and with their ability would rate much better than most opposition Kentwell Cup backrowers.

Rick Smith and Bill Curry shared the halfback position during the season. Rick always had the edge on Bill the previous season, however, it was Bill's turn this season, also having many games in the Kentwell side. Both are highly competitive footballers and whoever filled the position gave their utmost every week.

The Backline was very interchangeable, and of course this was a big plus. Mark Smith, Stuart Hudson, Geoff Bush, Wayne Froud, Doug Ambrose, Shamus Dalton and Richard Lavender were the Grand Final combination. Other backs who gave great service during the season were Peter Corcoran, Tony Anderson and Daniel Storch. As a unit they had a heap of talent and experience with all having played many games in Kentwell during the year. In particular they prided themselves in their tremendous defence record as mentioned before.

As coach a few memorable aspects of the season come to mind. The gutsy win against Hunters Hill 18-3 in the second round, which even at that stage of the season virtually sealed the Minor Premiership. The three games in a row where we scored 30 odd points to 6 and one of them against St. Pats, who at the time were in third place in competition. The game which I feel showed the true capabilities of the team was the Final against Chatswood at the Sports Ground where we won 19-3. After having lost the Semi Final the week before the team showed their true "backs to the wall" spirit and played a magnificent game of Rugby.

Congratulations to the "Walcha Tiger" Geoff Bush on winning the Best and Fairest and to Shamus Dalton for receiving the Barrett Shield for the Clubs highest point scorer. Shamus kicked some 200 points during the season, and often broke the oppositions hearts with his fine long range around the corner style of kicking. He also scored some fine try's on the wing.

Also, I would like to congratulate my fellow coaches on a great effort in making the Grand Final in all 1st division grades, and to Ron Harriden and his "Fives" who week in week out provided the backbone and spring board into the higher grades, great stuff. Also to Iain Edwards and the Kentwell Cup team in winning the Grand Final. All these achievements culminated in a great year for Colleagues Rugby.

Finally, my thanks go to John Corlis and Mike France for their faithful support to myself and the team and to Mike Stynes for his assistance during the season.

JOHN NOICE, Coach.

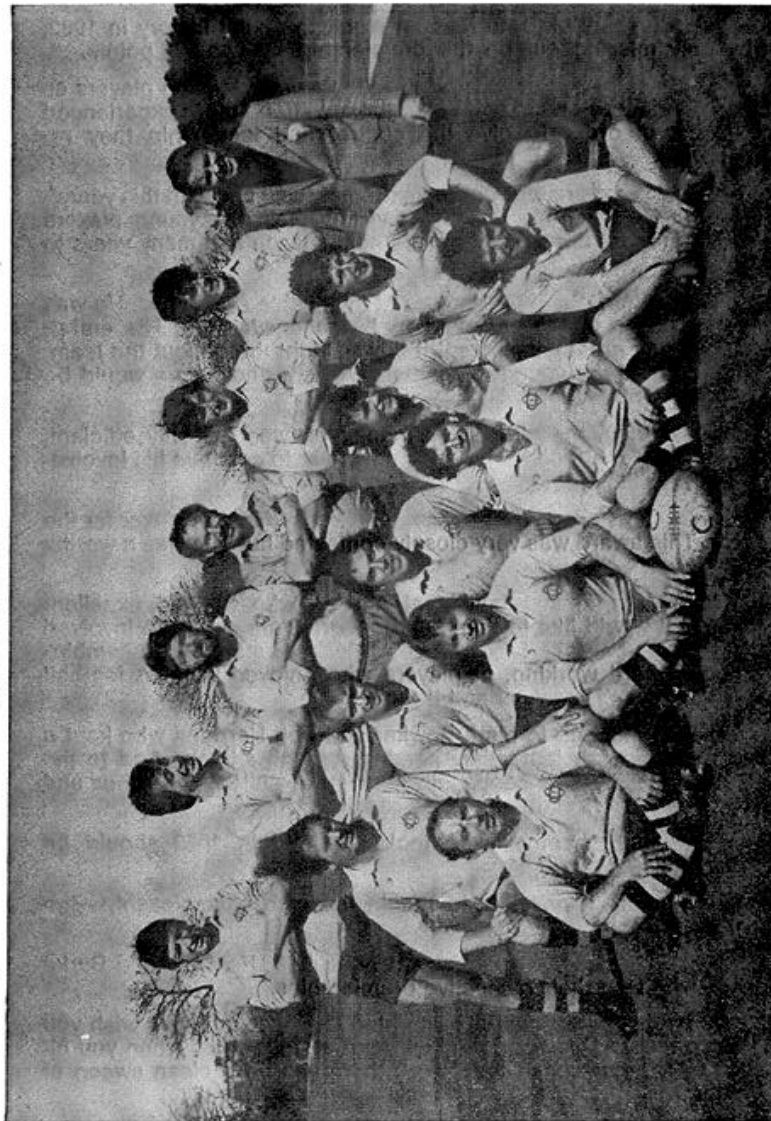
BURKE CUP RECORD 1982

PLAYED: 21 games. WON: 18 games. LOST: 3 games.

TRIES: 40 for 4 against. POINTS: 341 for 86 against.

GRAND FINAL: COLLEAGUES 9 HUNTERS HILL 3.

WHIDDON CUP



WHIDDON CUP 1982

Whiddon Cup enjoyed its best result in recent history in 1982, by only missing out on the premiership by two (2) points.

My aim this season was to introduce as many young players as possible into the team and blend them with the more experienced players, in order to give the control and leadership they required.

I feel this experiment worked extremely well and with this years' experience playing colleagues style football, the young players will be a great asset to all grades next season and many years to come.

Our Captain, Sandy Ross, was of invaluable assistance. He was always there to take over when I was unavailable. His enthusiasm and great winning spirit flowed right throughout the team, especially to the younger members. A better colleague would be hard to find.

Ken Griffen, the ultimate in managers, was not only efficient, but great fun. I hope Ken returns next year to continue his involvement with the club.

Conaratuations to Tim Cullen, our best and fairest player for the year. This award was very closely contested but Tim was a worthy winner.

Rather than name individual players who had an excellent season, I would like to thank and congratulate everyone involved in a great team effort. We weren't a team of stars, but a combination of hard working, fit players who enjoyed winning football matches for themselves and the club.

Thanks must go to Mark Bowker and Ron Harriden who kept a fine supply of fit footballers coming through all year, and to the club committee who continually supplied excellent conditions and good equipment throughout the season.

Every club member who took the field in 1982 should be congratulated.

They made it possible to regain the club championship—the ultimate trophy.

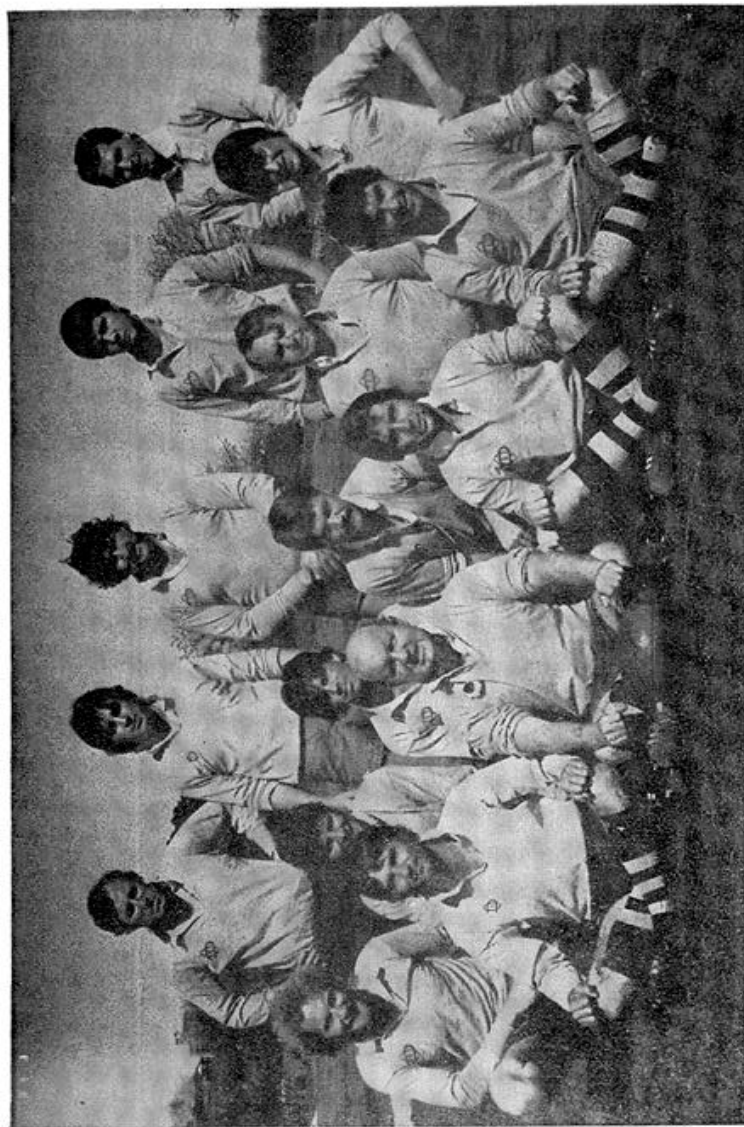
A special mention should be given to both Kentwell and Burke Cup, who won their respective premierships.

To Peter Corcran, who is returning to the country, we wish you well. There wil always be a spot open at colleagues when you hit ued co-operation and hard work there will be a clean sweep of town.

Next year will see our 50th Anniversary and I hope with contin-all grades by the colleagues in 1983.

JOHN BUNCE, Coach.

JUDD CUP



JUDD CUP REPORT

Colleagues 1982 Judd Cup team, a team of 65 odd players provided the club and its supporters with many memorable games.

A mixture of age and experience with youth and exuberance, this team combined to win 13 games out of a possible 18 and reach the Grand Final.

Many memorable close wins and exciting big wins were experienced during the season, unfortunately the Big One escaped us in the last few minutes, but that is the way the dice roll in grand finals. Thanks to Chris Cusack and Andrew Williams, some of these games are now on video cassette, and they will be invaluable to younger players as well as older to see how or how not to do it.

So many players passed through our ranks this season, some to go onto higher levels and some to the Burke and Whiddon sides. Thanks must go to Ron Harriden and his fighting fifths for without their continued playing it would have been impossible to judge many players abilities. I feel this not only strengthened the Judd Cup, but also the Whiddon, Burke and Kentwell teams and helped us to eventually come up with strong enough sides to capture the club championship, Kentwell and Burke premierships.

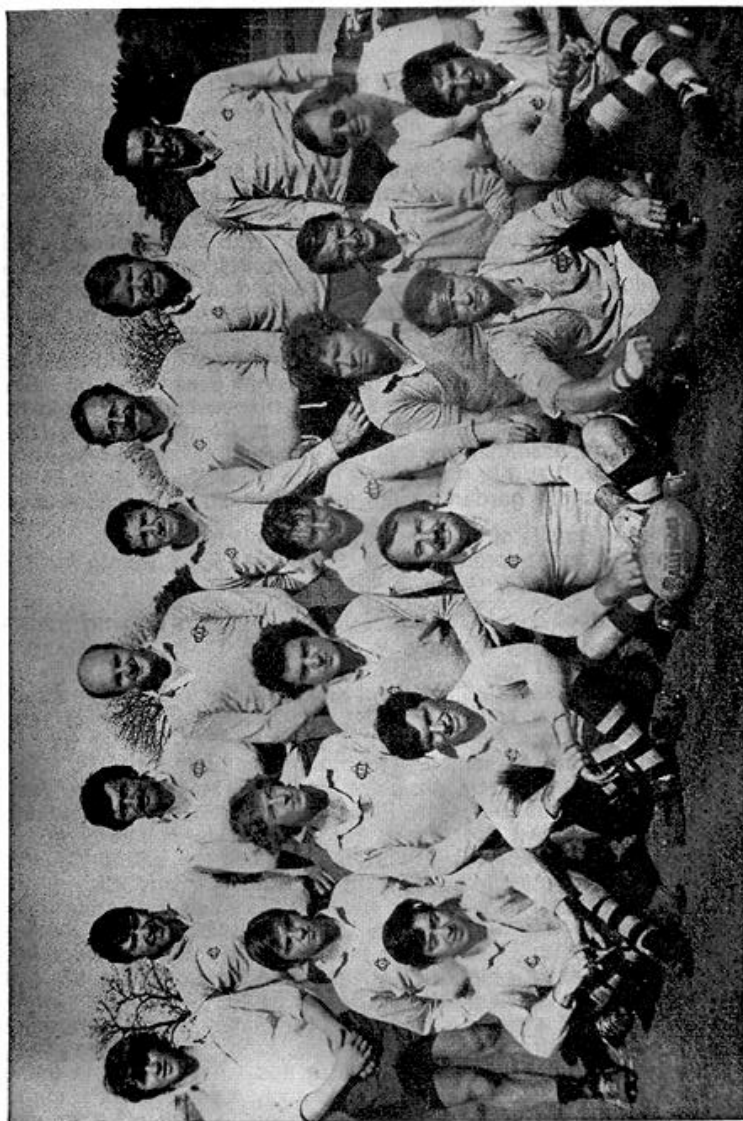
Our regular members of the team this year were co-captains Michael Fitzgerald and Michael Clifford, thanks fellas for all the support during the season, Bruce Donald, Boyd Marina, Stan McGregor, Andy Williams, John North, Charles Bavin (our kicker), John Lyndsay, Adam Wilson, John Vandervord, Steve Rankin and Andrew Thorburn who inspired the backs to many outstanding performances. Congratulations to Michael Clifford for his win in the Best and Fairest competition. I would like to put all names in, but lack of space stops this. To be a part of a Club as a Judd Cup player, and to run onto the T. G. Milner field in a grand final, representing the Colleagues is a very proud feeling, but to do it with all your other grades in the following grand finals is something no other courageous teams in years gone by have been able to achieve and I feel all the players in Judd can feel justly proud of this record.

I would personally like to thank all the players for their co-operation during the season, and our manager Andy (Turkey) France for his fine assistance during the season.

To my co-coaches, thank you for your help in my first year as coach. The advice and co-operation made for a very pleasant year. Congratulations to Ian and John for their successes.

To all players who played in Judd and Fifths, next year is Colleagues 50th and looks to be a great season for us again, and I look forward to seeing you all back on the padock in '83.

MARK BOWKER, Coach.



RADFORD CUP

RADFORD CUP 1982

"Old Footballers never die, We just don't score".

Gentlemen,

The above adage probably sums up the 1982 season for our illustrious Radford Cup side or as they became known "The Fighting Fives".

At the beginning of the season hope sprang eternal, for we had no problems with numbers and in fact for most of the early games we would start with our defensive XV and at half time after completely baffling our opposition with such tactics as collapsing scrums, rucks, mauls and lineouts combined with unorthodox kicking (footballs that is) and a general complete breakdown of all fundamentals of the game of rugby, we would send on our offensive XV who broke all traditions by attempting to a. Win set play. b. Contest rucks and mauls. c. Run and pass the ball. d. Tackle opposition team. (when in possession of ball—how conventional). These tactics whilst successful early on in the season i.e. defeating the 1981 premiers, Coogee Juniors 13-11 soon came assunder as injuries, heart attacks, loss of nerve took their toll and in fact in one game we played with 12 fit and true men and 1 garden gnome (name withheld due to libel laws.)

The full details of the season read as follows:
Played 17 and 1 forfeit. Won 4. Drew 2. Lost 11. Points for 101. Points against 279.

It would obviously be impossible to mention all who participated in Radford Cup rugby during the year, however some deserve special mention and these include:—
Tony Glynn, Team Captain, Goal Kicker? Chief away game caterer and a five-eight of RARE speed and skills. John Keene: Team Best and Fairest Award and the pillar of strength that was required on one or sometimes both heads of the scrum. Roger Monson: Guest Coach, Assistant Five-eighth team selector, Tackling practice co-ordinator. Rowley Rowlatt: Retired (President Erskineville Aged Pensioners Association). John Vandervord: A rare breed of back rower who could chase the ball and tackle, all this after sometimes backing up from his Judd Cup duties. Michael Fitzgerald: Who after showing his ability as leader of our offensive XV was promoted to Judd Cup captain, Glory Seeker! Michael Collett: Undoubtedly our Star! One still wonders how it took 6 weeks for him to be advanced to higher grades. We as a team claimed his Kentwell Cup pewter as our own trophy. Morgan Chubb: Who after one Radford Cup game returned to softer pastures, i.e. front row Kentwell Cup. John Lindsay: Who played half back—full back, outside centre and wing all in one game. John Beckett: The only man to give away a penalty whilst standing next to opposition player attempting to kick off after Colleagues had scored a try. Max Compton: Max stood by the team all year and gave his all to every game. Michael Doolan: Why did I make that phone call. He played better in retirement.

Among others who deserve special mention are:—
John Hitchen, Bruce Diggle, Mal Newman, Wal Hagon, Tim Irosnan, Pip Lyons, Tony Griffin, Toby Gunning, Tony Anderson, John North, Mark Smith, Andrew Rolland, Davids Gooch and Oliver. Michael Webster.

My own special thanks to David Hill (mentioned previously) for his assistance as team Manager. Des gave up his own time to become completely involved in his duties and I have no doubt that if it had not been for his help and encouragement our season would have ended long before it did.

My congratulations go to the higher grades for having reached all four Grand Finals for the first time in the history of Colleagues and special congratulations to the victorious Kentwell and Burke Cup teams.

Finally congratulations to the Colleagues Club for having taken out the Bruce Graham Shield (Club Championship). This was the trophy that mattered most and I have no fear of contradiction in saying that without the fighting fives it may have not been possible.

Good Luck to the Colleagues Rugby Club for the 1983 season when it is hoped that the efforts of 1982 will be surpassed, so that our 50th Anniversary Celebrations will be complete.

Yours in Rugby,

RONALD A. HARRIDEN, Coach.

1982 TROPHY

Club Captain TIMOTHY BOOTH
Club Best and Fairest JOHN VANDERVORD & KEVIN LANE (eq.)
Kentwell Cup Best and Fairest KEVIN LANE
Burke Cup Best and Fairest GEOFF BUSH
Whiddon Cup Best and Fairest TIM CULLEN
Judd Cup Best and Fairest MIKE CLIFFORD
Radford Cup Best and Fairest JOHN KEEN
Leading Try Scorer STEVE CRIPPS (10 tries)
Leading Point Scorer SHAMUS DALTON
Challenge Trophy for Team Scoring most tries Kentwell Cup (43)
100 Games Trophies RICK SMITH
300 Games Trophies RON HARRIDEN & BRUCE DONALD
TEAM COACHES TROPHY
Kentwell Cup IAIN EDWARDS
Burke Cup JOHN NOICE
Whiddon Cup JOHN BUNCE
Judd Cup MARK BOWKER
Radford Cup RON HARRIDEN
TEAM CAPTAINS
Kentwell Cup JOHN ANDERSON
Burke Cup ROSS COLLINS
Whiddon Cup ALEXANDER ROSS
Judd Cup MIKE FITZGERALD
Radford Cup TONY GLYNN
Most Improved Player ANDREW CHUBB
Oldest and Boldest RON HARRIDEN
Rookie of The Year PETER CLARK
Honour Cap IAIN EDWARDS
CRICKET AWARDS
Best Bowling Average SHAMUS DALTON
Best Batting Average RICHARD PARRY

FIRST DIVISION SUMMARY 1982

Once again, the First Division competition was dominated by Colleagues and Hunters Hill, with both Clubs qualifying in all Cups for the semi-finals. On this occasion, however, Colleagues Club was able to turn the tables on their arch-rivals Hunters Hill by comfortably winning the Bruce Graham Shield (Club Championship) and achieving minor premiership status in the two major Cup competitions. It will be noted that the minor premiers in each Cup of this Division also were successful in winning the major premierships.

FINAL RESULTS

Minor Semi-Finals: Kentwell Cup Bondi-Bronte 9 v. Hunters Hill 7. Burke Cup: Chatswood 17 v. Briars 17. Whiddon Cup: CBOBS 12 v. Bondi-Bronte 9. Judd Cup: Hunters Hill 16 v. Briars 10.

Major Semi-Finals: Kentwell Cup Colleagues 7 v. Chatswood 6. Burke Cup: Hunters Hill 9 v. Colleagues 7. Whiddon Cup Colleagues 16 v. Hunters Hill 10. Judd Cup Old Waverlians 13 v. Colleagues 3.

Finals: Kentwell Cup Chatswood 15 v. Bondi-Bronte 10. Burke Cup Colleagues 19 v. Chatswood 3. Whiddon Cup Hunters Hill 10 v. CBOBS 6. Judd Cup Colleagues 3 v. Hunters Hill 0.

Grand Finals: Kentwell Cup Colleagues 22 v. Chatswood 6. Burke Cup Colleagues 9 v. Hunters Hill 3. Whiddon Cup Hunters Hill 11 v. Colleagues 9. Judd Cup Old Waverlians 6 v. Colleagues 4.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Colleagues 960, Hunters Hill 754, Chatswood 642, Briars 580, Lindfield 544, Bondi-Bronte 520, Old Waverlians 516, St. Patricks O.B. 508, C.B.O.B.S. 486 and St. Ives 250.

FIRST DIVISION KENTWELL CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Colleagues	15	—	3	320	112	30
Chatswood	14	—	4	335	155	28
Bondi-Bronte	10	1	7	269	168	21
Hunter Hill	9	3	6	239	183	21
Old Waverlians	8	2	8	185	214	18
Lindfield	8	2	8	201	265	18
St. Patricks O.B.	7	1	10	197	252	15
Briars	7	—	11	236	226	14
C.B.O.B.S.	6	1	11	179	258	13
St. Ives	1	—	17	148	476	2

BURKE CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Colleagues	16	—	2	293	71	32
Hunters Hill	12	1	5	246	120	25
Chatswood	12	—	6	171	146	24
Briars	11	—	7	248	140	22
Lindfield	10	1	7	188	158	21
St. Patricks O.B.	10	—	8	173	166	20
C.B.O.B.S.	6	2	10	155	202	14
Old Waverlians	5	3	10	112	155	13
Bondi-Bronte	2	1	15	123	270	5
St. Ives	2	—	16	89	370	4

WHIDDON CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hunters Hill	14	—	4	218	80	28
Colleagues	13	2	3	144	79	28
Bondi-Bronte	11	1	6	146	87	23
C.B.O.B.S.	10	1	7	149	124	21
Briars	8	2	8	147	104	18
St. Ives	7	3	8	98	165	17
Lindfield	5	3	10	114	158	13
St. Patricks O.B.	5	2	11	93	154	12
Chatswood	5	1	12	118	200	11
Old Waverlians	4	1	13	49	124	9

JUDD CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Old Waverlians	14	1	3	158	46	29
Colleagues	13	2	3	161	60	28
Hunters Hill	9	3	6	148	59	21
Briars	9	3	6	134	88	21
St. Ives	10	1	7	143	119	21
Bondi-Bronte	7	6	5	100	74	20
C.B.O.B.S.	6	4	8	90	125	16
St. Patricks O.B.	5	4	9	57	119	14
Lindfield	4	2	12	75	183	10
Chatswood	—	—	18	34	227	0

FIFTH DIVISION

RADFORD CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Oatley	15	—	3	268	95	30
Rockdale	14	1	3	262	85	29
Maccabi	14	—	4	239	80	28
Coogee Jnr.	13	—	5	269	146	25
Arncliffe Scots	10	1	7	180	147	21
Blakehurst	9	3	6	139	130	21
South Coogee	10	—	8	192	119	20
South End	7	—	11	129	218	14
Petersham	5	1	12	107	319	11
Colleagues V	4	2	12	101	279	10
Reserve Bank	3	—	15	53	321	6
Coogee Surf Club	(withdrawn)					

TOUR REPORT

For those who have, and have not, experienced the joys of touring with the Colleagues I give you "Grafton 1982".

Friday 27th 12.45 p.m. After waiting for the team coach and tennis court magnate (W. Mortlock) we left Rose Bay headed north, all seventeen of us!

4.00 p.m. Our first stop at a pub just outside of Newcastle. It had been decided after meeting with Kev, the driver, over the "no grog on the bus clause" to make several stops on the way and this being our first everyone enjoyed a few quick schooners, a fast game of pool and a game of forcings over the bus in the carpark. By this stage Kev had rung headquarters in Sydney for a replacement (good help is hard to find these days).

6.00 p.m. After calming the driver down we stopped again at a small pub in the middle of nowhere. The highlight of this stop was the successful smuggling of a few dozen cans onto the bus, the product of a cunningly contrived plan executed quickly and efficiently (I knew Ambrose was good for something).

8.00 p.m. Setting all records for driving hours to Grafton we stopped again this time at the Karura RSL. It was "no socks" Mortlock and "Scruffy" Williams who did the damage here pulling off three jackpots on the pokies in half an hour and making it an automatic choice for a stop on the way back. Meanwhile Chubby, Boothy and Dave Porter each attacked a bottle of oysters to stave off any hunger pains and keep their strength up. The rest were content with three or four beers knowing a good taco was ahead at Macksville.

10.00 p.m. Arrived at Macksville only to find the Mexican Restaurant which Cookie had terrorized the previous year to be closed. This however was not going to deter seventeen rugby players hungry after eight hours on the road. Self appointed spokesman, Ambrose, after much door banging persuaded the locals to open the shop and it was "heads down and go for it". The stop at Macksville proved to be our longest and most enjoyable. It was one hour fifteen minutes later that we staggered back onto the bus, needless to say each had had his fill of corn chips, tacos, red wine or beers with a few mexican songs thrown in for good luck.

1.15 a.m. Arrived at the Sundowner Hotel, Grafton. We were met at the door by our host, Alan, eager to witness once again the Beak's legendary depth charge performance so it was straight to the bar and left handed drinking. The tour was on for young and old!

Saturday 4.00 a.m. The details of the tour become a bit cloudy here but I believe Chubby was the first to bed and Mick France the last. Actually Francy had been transformed into a drunken, raving, touring lunatic (the result I believe of left hand drinking) and it was not until he played on the wing in the game on Sunday that he snapped out of it. (By the way ask Francy about "Bear", it's a long story).

8.00 a.m. All tour soreheads reported for breakfast only to find we were sitting opposite our first opponents, the Glen Innes Uglys. The conversation was slow and so was the service. By 9.15 we were out of the dining room only to be told the first game was at 10.00 (not what you would call good preparation for football).

10.00 a.m. After a rusty start combined with good forward scrumaging and mauling we defeated Glen Innes comfortably and returning to the hotel for sleep, T.V. viewing and punting (the T.A.B. was next door, how unfortunate!)

4.00 p.m. For our second game we had been drawn with Surfers Paradise, a well drilled team undefeated in four years of competition at Grafton. It was this game that produced the highlight of the tour. We played the game in what could only be described as "grand final" atmosphere with the locals sensing possible defeat of the reigning champions. It was a tough tight encounter all round. The forward struggle and the scrumaging was as hard as any grand final but it was the backs who scored the tries.

Ambrose scored a solo try which had to be seen to be believed and Phelps regathering a chip kick from Williams sealed the game in the final minute. It was a great feeling and an experience one would not forget quickly.

6.00 p.m. By this stage the touring party were set to celebrate, left handed drinking took its toll and several schooners of "bloody marys" disappeared in quick succession. It was here that the tour party split into three groups. One group headed towards town to explore the delights of the local steak house, the second group stayed at the hotel to molest a couple of very suspect girls and the third group consisted of a couple of desperates investigating the Grafton Golf Club where the annual orgy of five hundred rugby blokes and a half dozen aboriginal girls takes place (ask Andrew Chubb).

11.30 p.m. The tour party were reunited in the upstairs private lounge of the hotel for a pep talk from coach (bring out the cards) Mortlock. We all heard the Chris Matthews story of escape from a bikie boyfriend, Chubby's close encounter with a very large aboriginal girl and Griff and bulldozer Phelps' failures to impress the local girls at the steak house.

1.30 a.m. Again details become hazy but from what I am told several dozen raw eggs were produced. Unfortunately after so many drinks Boothy decided to have breakfast early and to many peoples disgust devoured several whole eggs, shell and all. Chubby and Dave Porter also showed a liking for the raw egg and it was decided that the two forwards who drew the short straws would play second row in the morning.

3.30 a.m. After invading the "oldies" (Anderson, Mortlock and Williams) bedroom and deflecting a few eggs off the overhead fan it was time to terrorize the St. Leo Rugby Wankers who were sleeping downstairs. And terrorize we did! After several direct hits and one egg squashed in a sleeping persons ear we went to bed satisfied we had caused enough trouble for one night.

5.00 a.m. The whole hotel awoke at the sound of Dave Porter and Daniel Storch chundering simultaneously, the sounds amplifying out of the bathroom right down the corridor.

8.00 a.m. After being awoken by the bear and hosing down Doug Ambrose for his egg performance it was off to breakfast and an hour of blue movies. Finally Francey had his chance for a comeback as Daniel Storch was a casualty from the night before as he was still chundering at 10.00 a.m. when we left for the big semi final game.

11.00 a.m. We played a team from Palm Beach (Qld.) We were, as could be understood, very under motivated in fact Hugh Warden felt considerable pain from a tackle from the kick off most of the team just strolled around the field keeping out of the other teams way. Exceptions were Dave Porter, Andrew Chubb and Michael France who were outstanding. We were defeated 4-3 in the last minute by a poor refereeing decision, a decision we were all probably thankful of. The tour was almost over. A shower, some lunch, a few more steadying beers, ten hours drive and we were home.

11.00 p.m. Arrived back at Rose Bay, a tour of great enjoyment and considerable pain. As anyone who has toured to Grafton will appreciate it is a great experience.

"See you in 1983 and remember "If you want my love you've got it!"