

**THE
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FOOTBALL
CLUB**



**ANNUAL REPORT
1984**

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FOOTBALL CLUB

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HONORARY AUDITOR: Jim North

PRESIDENTS REPORT

It gives me great pride and satisfaction to submit this year's annual report.

In what was probably our most successful year we won four out of the five premierships the club contested. Not only did the four teams win the premierships, but were minor premiers as well, conclusively proving they were the best teams for the full season.

The Kentwell Cup coached by Iain Edwards won the minor premiership for the fifth time in a row, making up for last year's Grand Final loss, with an extremely strong performance in winning this year's grand final in a very disciplined manner. Iain and his team set the standard in terms of training and dedication for the club and the result was very deserving. Congratulations to Iain and the Kentwell Cup, once again, professionally managed by Ken Griffin.

John Noice's Burke Cup again won the minor premiership and Grand Final for the fourth year in a row setting a Sydney Suburban record. This year the Burke Cup had to work harder than previously but came through with the expected results. The combination of John Noice and John Corlis as Manager, has been extremely successful providing a strong base for future years.

The Whiddon Cup struggled most of the year, losing the majority of its games by only a few points. The few points made the difference between them making the semis. Michael Fitzgerald in his first year as coach learnt a lot and should take heart that his team beat both of the Grand Finalists. As a young team the Whiddon Cup should do well in 1985.

Andrew "Nipper" Williams in his first year of coaching won the minor premiership and Grand Final with the Judd Cup. This premiership has proved illusive to us, but his combination of experienced old heads and new young players proved to be the perfect mix. The Judd Cup trained hard and are to be congratulated on an excellent result. Both Andrew and his players have much to offer the club in the higher grades for the future years.

Our fifth grade team Captain coached by the "leader from the front" Tony Glynn won the premiership for the first time for Colleagues. The popularity and success of his team was shown in the large number of players that not only turned up for the games but also trained. The importance of our fifth grade is crucial to provide the depth the club needs to contest the season successfully. Congratulations to Tony Glynn and his team of athletes.

Our representation in the Combined Sydney Suburban was, rightfully, very strong. John Noice successfully coached the side with Morgan Chubb captaining the team. Other members to represent were Malcolm Sinclair, Geoff Bush, Michael Grossman, Brian Weir and Andrew Chubb. Congratulations on there selection.

Off the field activities were also successful this year with the Test Eve Ball at the Regent Hotel organised primarily by Peter Clarke and Mal Sinclair — an excellent night. The combination of the presentation night and Annual Ball assured a full house for the night which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Particularly pleasing was the recommencement of Colleagues football tours. Colleagues in the past was a touring Club with the tour to New Zealand hopefully becoming the start of regular football tours. The on field results were fair with the off field activities providing the highlights.

Congratulations to Ron Harriden on being awarded the Honour Cap for 1984. His devotion to the club over the years has been at the highest level and I was very pleased to see Ron's hard work being recognised by his peers.

To wrap up the year I would like to thank Steve Roberts in his first year as Club Captain and thank the Committee for their efforts during the year. For 1985 we will all have to work harder to repeat and build on our 1984 successes. To all members, congratulations on a great year, and all the best to you and your families for Christmas and the New Year.

JOHN ANDERSON — Club President

SECRETARY'S REPORT - 1984

Gentleman,

The Members of the colleagues R.U.F.C. must be congratulated on their performances for the 1984 season - our fifty first year:

The results achieved speak for themselves.
Bruce Graham Shield - Club Championship
Kentwell Cup - Minor Premiers & Premiers
Burke Cup - Minor Premiers & Premiers
Judd Cup - Minor Premiers & Premiers
Sutherland Cup - Premiers

We should also not forget the efforts of Michael Fitzgerald and his Whiddon Cup Team; although this team did not contest the Semi-Final Series they were always in with a chance and but for a few unlucky breaks during the year they could also have quite easily been as successful as our other sides.

The year was one of rebuilding for the Colleagues and the results achieved show that we are the Premier Club of the Sydney Suburban Rugby Union Competition and that we should hold this position for a few seasons to follow.

Your 1984 committee was basically a new committee and I am pleased to report that in the majority all duties were carried out efficiently and with distinction. It must be remembered that all

positions are honorary and therefore a great deal of personal time is consumed in the running of a club like the Colleagues.

The financial year was spasmodic and the downturn in bar trading compared with previous years left a void in funds which was difficult to replace.

The successes achieved do not come cheaply and large expenses are incurred in ensuring that all sides have adequate training facilities to enable these successes to be realised.

My thanks go to all of the committee members for their co-operation during the year.

There were (11) committee meetings during the year and the attendance record is as follows:-

J. Anderson (8): S. Roberts (9): M. Chubb (8): A. Chubb (8): R. Harriden (11): T. Cullen (9): M. Clifford (10): P. Clark (9): M. Sinclair (8): N. Rice (8): D. Hudson (9): D. Kirkwood (10):

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Your committee attempted to arrange as many functions during the year as possible and by and large they were reasonably well patronised by the members of the club. The most notable of these functions being:-

Test Eve Ball

Mal Sinclair & Peter Clark organised this function at the Regent Hotel and an outstanding night was had by all who attended. It is hoped that this evening will become an annual event.

Games Night

The re-introduction of this very pleasant and profitable evening enabled the club to ease its financial burden and also provided a night of enjoyment for the various wives and guests of the members.

Disco Nights

A number of these functions were held during the season and in the main were well attended.

Trophy - Presentation Ball

The committee decided to combine the Annual Ball & Trophy Night into the one function, and the night proved to be outstandingly successful. The only sour note being that a number of members committed themselves verbally to the organisers that they would attend and for reasons known only to them they decided not to do so, and this contributed to a substantial loss being incurred on the evening.

These functions are put on for you the members of the club and your co-operation is needed in honoring your commitments to ensure that losses as experienced in this instance are not repeated.

With the efforts of Doug Kirkwood a full computer listing of all current financial members was established, and this should be of great assistance to the in coming committee.

It is with deep regret that I must retire as Honorary Secretary at the completion of the 1984 season, and I wish to convey my heartfelt thanks to all of the members of the club and the committee, for making this season so enjoyable and I wish the Colleagues every success for the future.

Yours in Rugby,

RONALD A. HARRIDEN Hon. Secretary

TROPHY WINNERS LIST 1984

Club Captain: Stephen Roberts

Kentwell Captain: Malcolm Sinclair

Burke Captain: G. Travers

Whiddon Captain: A.D. (Sandy) Ross

Judd Captain: Andrew Thorburn

Sutherland Captain/Coach: Anthony Glynn

Kentwell Coach: Iain Edwards

Burke Coach: John Noice

Whiddon Coach: Michael Fitzgerald

Judd Coach: Andrew Williams

Kentwell Best & Fairest: M. Collett

Burke Best & Fairest: H. Warden

Whiddon Best & Fairest: C. Rowston

Judd Best & Fairest: R. Fitzgerald

Sutherland Best & Fairest: G. Taylor

Club Best & Fairest: T. Cullen

Leading Try Scorer: M. Sinclair & D. Ambrose

Leading Points Scorer: D. Ambrose

Challenge Cup: (Team Scoring Most Tries): Kentwell Cup

100 Kentwell Cup Games: M. Chubb & S. Roberts

100 Games: S. Hudson; A. Addinall; H. Warden; M. Bowker;

200 Games: D. Kirkwood; J. Keene; J. Bunce; A. Williams

Most Improved Player: Sean Deverall

Rookie Of The year: Mitch Duggan

Oldest & Boldest: Ron Harriden

Honour Cap: Ron Harriden

John Anderson Trophy: John Noice

**KENTWELL CUP
PREMIERS & MINOR PREMIERS**

WON 17-LOST 3
381 POINTS FOR 118 AGAINST
GRAND FINAL DEFEATED ST. PATRICKS OLD BOYS 22-6

Sincere congratulation on this years achievement. The Grand Final performance of the Kentwell Cup in defeating St. Patricks 22-6 ended the season with a statement to all opposition clubs that the Colleagues Kentwell Cup Team was once again by far the best team in the competition. Not only were we minor premiers and premiers but the team set a new club record in the points "for and against" in breaking the record previously held by the 1981 Kentwell Cup team.

Despite this great success I think retrospectively this was a most difficult season. The club commenced the year with a loss of approximately eight Kentwell Cup players and for the first couple of months we struggled to find a front row combination.

Thanks to Steve Roberts, who as Club Captain, lead the way and made himself available as loose head prop from the beginning. Despite family pressures, social pressures and the fear of pain in his back he survived the season and we managed to settle one position. His reward was a try in the Grand Final. Even up to the Semi Finals, the front row positions were still not finalised thanks to Dan Hickson's comé and go arrangements. It was a tough decision to re-organise the front row at the finish and award Morgan Chubb the position of tight head prop with Dan Hickson as hooker. However, their Grand Final performance left no doubt that this was the best possible combination.

Despite these difficulties, through sheer perserverance of the players selected each week, we managed to formulæ a game strategy which suited the capability of the players.

Just as things were settling down we were disrupted by almost a mass exodus of the Kentwell Cup to the Combined Sub-District Team. Sincere congratulations to John Noice as Coach and Morgan Chubb as Captain of the Combined Sub-District team and that teams three wins. However, without the assistance of Brian Weir, Malcolm Sinclair, Michael Grosman and Geoff Bush, I doubt whether the team would have done so well and they are to be congratulated on their selection.

About the same time Nick Rice was lost to overseas and eventually to a broken arm, forcing the re-organisation of the second row. In this regard Andy Lomax came to the fore and provided along with Brian Weir, immense power in the scrum and showed great determination in raising the standard of his play as the season progressed. Both Brian Weir and Andrew Lomax have to be congratulated in their Grand Final performance wherein with the front row they dominated the tight play. It is disappointing that Brian Weir has moved to Melbourne but I feel that Andrew Lomax has

cemented himself a position in the Kentwell Cup for some seasons to come.

About half way through the second half of the season Peter Clark was showing signs of strain and indicated that this was not the year for him. To his credit he saw out the season and was of great value to the Burke Cup.

The back row remained reasonably stable during the year and the speed of Sean Deverall and Michael Collett to the loose ball enabled us to gain the advantage in the second phase play. It showed great determination for Sean to keep himself going every week when his body seemed to take so much punishment.

Michael Collett played throughout the season his consistant fail-safe game and deserved (although it was a very close contest between Doug and Mal) the award of the Kentwell Cup best and fairest player. His goal kicking in the Grand Final was exceptional.

As Captain Malcolm Sinclair had an extremely competent season, despite the difficulties of taking over from our stalwart leader of yesteryear — John Anderson. It took Mal some weeks to settle into the position as Captain. However he picked up the pieces as the season progressed and did an excellent job. He led the team with confidence, determination and pride and was a great example to the club in his general play and his work effort on the club committee.

As halfback Will Curry did all that was of asked of him, trying his hardest especially at training. He was a great assett to the team and a constant source of worry to the opposition. It was fortunate that despite his injuries he was able to see out the Grand Final in such a convincing win.

Kevin Lane had another excellent season. His leadership in the backs controlled what was otherwise a difficult situation in relation to what we hoped to achieve versus the skills we had. His hands, passing and running skills still makes him the best 5/8 in the competition as he proved to the opposition each week.

Geoff Bush as inside centre showed enormous improvement from previous years. he started slowly, bit the bullet, and then got stuck into it. His determination in defence and straight running was a great assett. I expect him to do better as I believe he has now developed a taste for the Kentwell Cup.

At outside centre Michael Grosman was devastating in defence and unpredictable in attack. I think in the future his best position would be winger but with application he showed improvement during the season to discipline his play. It was unfortunate that the pressure from work seemed to interfere with his training schedule as I believe with more training he would have improved further.

The wing positions were again difficult to select and it was not until later in the season that John Salmon and Alister McDonald settled into the team. Both had exceptional games in the Grand Final playing their best games of the season. Their cover defence, tackling and especially aggression in counter attack played a large part in the team's success during the season.

Last but not least Doug Ambrose at full back played his best season to date. He is to be congratulated on being not only the leading try scorer along with Malcolm Sinclair but also in being the leading club point scorer. His attitude to the team and the club reflected in his play and he was a constant worry to the opposition. Whilst his play has matured, I still do not believe he has reached his peak and look forward to seeing him do better again next year.

In reviewing the season only a few games stand out:

- The first round clash against Hunters Hill at Boronia Park where in we came back from a try in the first three minutes to win 27-4.
- The return clash with Bondi in the first round wherein thanks are due to John Anderson for his help in coaching in my absence. It must have given him considerable pleasure to see the team under his coaching 'revenge' — last year's Grand Final loss;
- The round two annihilation of Lindfield 39-3 after the 22-6 loss in the first round. Lindfield never regained their confidence after this game and fell from leading the competition to being an 'also ran'.

In thanking all those who were involved in the Kentwell Cup a special thanks must be given to our back-up team. Particular thanks to Eddie Radford for his honest and impartial advice and assistance during the games.

Sincere thanks to Chris Cusak for the time and effort he put into videoing the games, which was to the team's longterm advantage. We have gained a lot of pleasure from being able to review these games and without Chris' assistance, this would not have been possible.

To that loyal group of reserves who stood on the sideline cold and cheerless, my sincere thanks. It was comforting to have you available and your support was an essential part in the club and the team's success.

To my fellow Coaches John Noice, Mike Fitzgerald, Andrew Williams and Tony Glynn sincere congratulations on a great season.

It is now six seasons since I was first invited by John Anderson in May 1979 to help in the coaching of the Kentwell Cup. At this stage I feel it is necessary for both the club and myself to have a break from this position. I am very proud to have been associated with all those players who, made the effort to play the Kentwell Cup with me during those six seasons, for their achievement during those years of being consistently the best team in the competition and especially this year when we had to come back and retake the premiership under very adverse conditions.

I believe the attitude and example set by those players over those seasons has been an inspiration to the club and has once again raised Colleagues to being the best club in the Sub-District competition.

My sincere thanks to you all and good luck to Colleagues in 1985.

IAIN G. EDWARDS



BURKE CUP

MINOR PREMIERS AND PREMIERS 1984.

Minor premiers and premiers for the fourth successive year. This is a record in Sydney Suburban Rugby and congratulations to all those players who made this possible.

The team was captained by Geoff Travers. His experience was backed up by the regulars in Hugh Warden and Tim Booth. They always had our forward pack well motivated and operating as a solid eight showing dominance.

The front row position shared by Andrew Chubb, David Wiadrowski and Tim Booth and together with their hookers Tom Fraser and earlier Doug Kirkwood provided the team with a strong base up front.

Second Row Geoff Travers was partnered during the season early by Andrew Lomax, then guest appearances by the experienced John Anderson and finally by David Wiadrowski. Whatever the combination our second row was always in control. The back row consisted of Hugh Warden, Greg Tarplett, Bill Powell, Tim Cullen and later Peter Clark. Hugh had his usual consistent season and his general field play combined with his superb lineout work made him very instrumental in the game strategy. Greg and Peter had strong games particularly in the Grand Final and their talent and experience showed out over their rivals. Nasty injuries cost the "loosies" Tim Cullen and Bill Powell their position, but they also had a strong hand in the Burke Cup success.

Problems in the lineouts and controlling the ball in second phase during the year were ironed out as the season progressed. From then on the forwards gave generally good possession to the backs. This was just as well, as our Grand Final rivals, the Blue Mountains team, had a very strong pack. However, the power of the Colleagues "eight" finally had its effect in the second half and the opposition buckled under pressure.

The backline, ably led by the veteran and Vice Captain Stuart Hudson, playing his fourth consecutive premiership, scored some brilliant tries. The half position was shared by John Lindsay and finally David Taylor. Centres Dave Hudson, Graham Rush and Craig Smith often opened up the opposition backlines which resulted in wingers John Lee, Steve Sheppard and the fullback Mitch Duggan scoring some fine tries. The strong defence of the backs was evident in that in 20 games our line was only crossed 10 times. In fact Colleagues Burke Cup has not had a try scored against it in the last four Grand Finals. Some of the better victories which come to mind were the games against firstly St. Pats in the first round 18-6 who at the time were running hot on our heels. The second round games against Hunters Hill 30-6 on the Saturday and Briars 25-0 on the Sunday. The team scored some great tries that weekend and was well supported by the reliable boot of Graham Rush.



Our Club is well stacked with individual potential and from the Burke Cup this past season I see interesting futures for players like Tom Fraser, David Wiadrowski in the forwards and in the backs John Lee, Steve Sheppard and an exciting proposition in Mitch Duggan. Ask any forward in the Burke Cup and they will agree that the scrum just is not the same without the presence of Tim Booth. This man not only has power but also has more natural ball skills than most forwards in the Club.

In closing I wish to thank other members of the squad, namely Boyd Marina, Dan Storch, Wal Carpenter, Andrew Draper, Andrew Addinall and Chris Rowston for their support. Congratulations to my fellow coaches for their success in what must be Colleagues finest season.

Finally, my thanks again to John Corlis for his tireless and loyal support to the team and myself, as manager.

JOHN NOICE
Coach

BURKE CUP RECORD 1984

GAMES PLAYED: 20 — won 18 lost 2.
TRIES SCORED: 45 — 10 against.
POINTS SCORED: 330 — 124 against.
MAJOR SEMI-FINAL: Colleagues 17 Bondi Bronte 15.
GRAND FINAL: Colleagues 13 Blue Mountains 6.

WHIDDON CUP

In his memoirs President De Gaulle confessed his great embarrassment at being included in the victory celebrations after World War II. If "Le Grand Charles" whose dearest wish I understand was to die in his own arms, felt that way, as coach this year of the Whiddon, I appreciate his position.

I congratulate the coaches and player of the other winning teams and the Club itself on an excellent season. As for this team, evenness was the keynote. The results were evenly divided between wins and losses, we defeated both grand-finalists once, evened the score on two occasions and even the coach had half a game.

This season had a number of high points, Angus Cooke standing up straight was one that springs to mind, and who can forget the crime wave that saw Hugh Stump lose three sets of boots and end the season playing in his mother's sandshoes. A constant fascination was the exotic excuses advanced for not attending training. Chris Rowston deserved his best and fairest award and I thank Sandy Ross for his assistance as captain. I also thank Desi (Radar) Hill for his fine job as team manager.

In summary, I say that as a season it was one that got away, I feel that a better result was deserved considering the effort and application of all players and the closeness of all games. The coach intends to spend the off season sharpening his skills by helping the juniors — in this case 17 year old net ballers, who may also feed his mid-life crisis.

MICHAEL FITZGERALD



JUDD CUP

Among the successes achieved by the club during the 1984 season were the minor premierships and premierships wins by the Judd Cup. The only other Judd Cup premierships win by the club was in 1966.

Any win in a lower grade competition by a club successful also in higher grades is an indication of the strength of that club. Colleagues are a strong club; 1984 was probably the club's greatest year.

During the season the Judd Cup team scored 218 points for and 38 against, and were clearly the minor premiers with 16 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. The team beat Waverley Old Boys 7-0 in the final and Newport 13-3 in the grand final.

The club has contested numerous Judd Cup finals over the last 18 years, eventually winning again in 1984. As a result of the club's strength Judd Cup fielded a good 15 players every week, largely due to the depth of players available from Tony Glynn's successful 5th grade side.

The other major factor contributing to the Judd Cup was the establishment of a nucleus of players keen to assist in winning not only the club championship but also the Judd Cup. The nucleus started with Andy Thorburn, John Bunce and Toby Mashall. During the season and as teams began to settle down the nucleus grew and with that growth came a team. Initially the nucleus was joined by "our" Charles Bavin (who played all but one game in Judd Cup during 1984) and hooker Rick Fitzgerald (the teams "best and fairest" player). To these players were added Adam Tilley, Greg Tamsett and Andrew King. During the second half of the season the nucleus grew to a grand final winning combination with the arrival of Mark Bowker, Dave Harris, John Plimmer, Michael France (actually he returned) Tim Brosnan (only because he **knew** we would win) and Tommy Porter. The team was completed with the 11th hour return of Mark Smith, Max Compton and Craig Phelps.

In addition there were many other club members who played in Judd Cup and who together with the abovenamed contributed to the win in 1984, not the least of whom included Moose Collins, Bruce Diggle, John Hitchen and Jimmy Theodore (I refuse to play prop anymore so I retire).

No success comes without the club strength, i.e. the players. Behind the players stands the club, its management and facilities. In addition any one team gains further support from coaches and managers.

In Judd Cup, 1984 was made easy by the presence of support by coaches and managers. At this point I would like to give thanks to the following for their indispensable part in the success of Judd Cup.

Andrew Thorburn; captain, fitness, assisting coach, co-selector, friend — thankyou.

John Bunce; captain of the forwards, out of retirement, assisting coach, co-selector, friend — thankyou.

In addition my thanks go to Chris Cusack and Mick Doolan and the nucleus (the team).

On behalf of Judd Cup we congratulate the rest of the club for their contributions towards winning the club championship, Kentwell, Burke and 5th grade premierships.

A.R. WILLIAMS

SUTHERLAND CUP PREMIERS

Dear Colleague

It has been many years since Colleagues have won a 5th GRADE PREMIERSHIP — This year the "FIGHTING FIVES" have finally broken through. Many thanks must go to Ron Harriden who resurrected the 5th GRADE in 1982 and although meeting far superior opponents in that year and '83 (i.e. Randwick 5ths, Drummoyne 4ths etc's) managed to produce many fine efforts. It was only this year when our competitors were the 5th grades from clubs in our main competition, that the depths of talent and ability of Colleagues finally came to the fore.

With one dubious loss out of 12 games and extraordinary for and against statistics, the 1984 "fives will be long remembered". Names like Gerry "I'll play anywhere" Taylor — our best and fairest, and his twin Cliff Brown, David "Araldite" Oliver and his illustrious step brother, Ron "I can't make training but will play a ½ for the O.A.B." Harriden together with Bruce Diggle, John Beckett, John Keene, Tony Anderson and many others too numerous to mention, made the "fighting fives" a burning combination!

Picking the team was easy — after the first four teams were finalised, we would end up with the rest. Many times there were 3 hookers, 10 breakaways, 6 wingers etc and let me offer my thanks to those guys who played out of position or who only received ½ a game. Surprisingly enough, for the entire season there was only one nomination for the ½th position!!!

Many thanks go to our manager Wayne Saunders and his assistant David Gooch. I'm sure the team and myself look forward to retraining the cup in 1985. To conclude may I extend our congratulations to Iain Edwards, John Noice, Andrew Williams and their team members, for their splendid performances throughout the year and especially in the Grand Final.

Regards

TONY GLYNN

FIRST DIVISION — MINOR PREMIERSHIP

KENTWELL CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colleagues	15	—	3	388	118	30
St Patricks OB	12	1	5	230	181	25
Lindfield	10	2	6	294	235	22
Blue Mountains	10	1	7	233	178	21
Hunters Hill	9	1	8	173	186	19
Briars	8	1	8	189	173	18
Chatswood	8	1	9	200	232	17
Old Waverlians	6	1	11	143	190	13
Bondi-Bronte	5	1	12	159	258	11
Newport	2	—	16	109	367	4

BURKE CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colleagues	16	—	2	300	103	32
Brondi-Bronte	12	—	6	200	123	24
Newport	12	—	6	214	146	24
Blue Mountains	10	2	6	186	121	22
Hunters Hill	9	2	7	165	139	20
Lindfield	9	2	7	179	164	20
St Patricks OB	8	1	9	162	153	17
Briars	4	1	13	94	213	9
Chatswood	3	1	14	83	226	7
Old Waverlians	2	1	15	77	272	5

WHIDDON CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blue Mountains	11	2	5	160	111	24
Lindfield	11	2	5	138	102	24
Newport	11	1	6	160	90	23
Hunters Hill	11	1	6	134	104	23
Bondi-Bronte	9	1	8	106	120	19
Colleagues	8	2	8	130	121	18
Briars	7	2	9	121	125	16
Chatswood	7	2	9	112	125	16
St Patricks OB	5	1	12	111	155	11
Old Waverlians	2	2	14	76	190	6

JUDD CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colleagues	16	1	1	218	40	33
Old Waverlians	13	—	5	197	80	26
Newport	12	—	6	176	69	24
Blue Mountains	10	2	6	211	95	22
Hunters Hill	10	—	8	124	184	20
Briars	7	2	9	148	132	16
St Patricks OB	8	—	10	113	177	16
Chatswood	7	—	11	114	185	14
Bondi-Bronte	2	2	14	78	220	6
Lindfield	1	1	16	72	269	3

1st Div. Championship

Colleagues	920	Newport	522
Blue Mountains	704	Bondi-Bronte	510
Hunters Hill	646	Briars	466
Lindfield	620	Chatswood	426
St Patricks	600	Old Waverlians	346

SIXTH DIVISION — CHAMPIONSHIP

MELDRUM CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coogee Jnrs.	16	2	—	364	76	34
Pennant Hills	14	1	2	255	92	29
Manly Savers	11	2	5	150	108	24
Merrylands	10	—	7	174	134	20
Rockdale	8	3	7	118	123	19
Greystanes	8	1	9	128	116	17
Shore OB	5	1	12	108	231	11
Lidcombe	3	3	11	110	160	9
Manly S. Ferns	3	1	13	69	165	7
Hills District	3	—	15	69	340	6

RADFORD CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maccabi	16	—	2	347	47	32
Arncliffe Scotts	13	3	2	256	73	29
Kingsgrove Nth	13	1	4	235	100	27
Nth Cronulla	12	1	5	312	103	25
Sth Coogee	10	1	7	181	95	21
Peakhurst-Lug.	8	—	8	123	157	16
Lakemba AF Navy	6	—	11	192	169	12
Blakehurst	5	—	13	120	232	10
South End	2	—	16	83	329	4
A.N.Z. Bank	—	—	17	22	566	0

ROBERTSON CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. August. OB	14	1	3	229	97	29
Sth Curl Curl	13	1	3	257	74	28
Mid. Harbour Sk.	14	—	4	205	76	28
North Styne	9	—	9	151	150	18
Petty Sessions	8	1	9	153	180	17
Cremonne Strata	3	2	13	86	199	9
Normanhurst OB	4	—	14	102	234	8
Wanderers	3	2	13	96	269	8

SUTHERLAND CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colleagues	13	—	1	197	45	26
Newport	10	—	4	131	70	20
Hunters Hill	8	—	6	93	85	16
Lindfield	8	—	6	111	126	16
Briars	6	1	7	110	102	13
St Patricks OB	6	—	8	72	128	12
Old Waverlains	4	1	9	36	194	9

DISTRICTS CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Uni.	11	3	—	226	53	25
Manly	9	1	4	141	72	19
East. Suburbs	9	1	4	134	91	19
Randwick	7	1	6	157	115	15
Warringah	4	2	8	87	153	10
North. Suburbs	4	1	9	117	205	9
Mosman	4	—	10	91	188	8
Drummoyne	3	1	10	131	207	7

6th Div. Championship

Coogee Jnr.	408	Nth Cronulla	300
Maccabi	384	Sydney Uni.	300
Pennant Hills	348	Manly Savers	288
Arncliffe-Scotts	348	Sth Coogee	252
St August. OB	348	Merrylands	240
Sth Curl Curl	336	Newport	240
Middle Hbr. Skf.	336	Rockdale.	228
Kingsgrove Nth	324	Manly	228
Colleagues	312	East	228
Nth. Steyne	216	St Patricks OB	144
Greystanes	204	Shore OB	132
Petty Sessions	204	Blakhurst	120
Peakhurst-Lug	192	Warringah	120
Hunters Hill	192	Lidcombe	108
Lindfield	192	Old Waverlains	108
Randwick	180	Norths	108

Briars	156	Cremonne	96
Lakemba AF/N	144	Normanhurst	96
Wanderers	96		
Mosman	96		
M.S.F.	84		
Drummoyne	84		
Hills District	72		
South End	48		
A.N.Z.	0		

NEW ZEALAND TOUR 1984

After a week of celebrations following the Grand Final victory, the tour party departed for NZ on Friday 7th September.

For the 17 Colleagues members, Qantas provided the initial activity with a five hour delay, and then unlimited refreshments to compensate. This naturally was appreciated by all, except our Kiwi friends upon arrival and a little later on our first hotel manager.

Upon arrival it was straight to the hotel in Christchurch to make up for lost time. Much to our delight we found that with the highly favourable exchange rate, refreshments were extremely cheap, in fact a bargain. Such was the impact of this realization that the tour party took advantage of it for the next 10 days!

Our first game was against Sydneyham Rugby Club at 11.00 next morning, however, despite this the tourists decided to make the most of every hour in NZ. festivities were arranged when the bar closed which included a great show put on by two experienced performers in the art of indoor wrestling, with the use of artificial aids.

We staggered out next morning to find a very hostile hotel. Believe it or not we were blamed for the most horrendous of crimes and told we were no longer welcome in the hotel. The hotel manager upon learning what the word Colleagues stood for nearly collapsed and said no other rugby team had ever stayed in the hotel. Now there is something about New Zealand that warms the soul of every rugby player, and that's the fact that wherever you turn there is a rugby fanatic. Well we turned and found the hotel owner, who just happened to be an ex first grade Marist rugby player, which was the club we were playing the following week. And that was the end of any story about us being unwelcome!!

The only promise was that the younger, more radical members had to be controlled in the hotel, thus the responsible Doug Ambrose was given the job due to his tour captaincy role. Now that was a mistake we would later regret.

With a great deal of help from John the Kiwi, who helped arrange the tour with Roger Monson, we found the ground and the opposition.

The game was played at a surprisingly high standard even allowing for the little sleep the night before. Our 19-18 win was secured after some top rugby from Doug Ambrose, the tour captain which led to a John Lindsay try in the corner. Peter Clark mind you will have it be known that it was his conversion that sealed the opposition fate. A memorable moment for all was Morgan Chubb's Bondi charge into the oppositions frontrow. The opposing hooker reeled back in horror and much to our amusement Morgan turned & abused his second rowers for packing too hard!! Now one of these was Peter Clark, hence the team's amusement!

A number of players during the game, participated in leaving the field for minor medical hicups only to return with a good deal more colour in their cheeks. Maybe the water over there is even more magical than ours. All 17 tourists had a run, much to some of their displeasure.

Sydneham were excellant hosts, and made all their facilities available to us. Both sides went along to the Ranfury Shield clash Canterbury versus Wairaka Bush which turned out to be a dreadfully disappointing game. The icy conditions made the return to the clubhouse even more pleasant, and all Colleagues took full advantage of a club away from home!

Being a rugby tour, there were the normal tour rules. No right handed drinking, no winking, pointing or nodding. Much to the tour parties delight we found a members with little respect for tour rules. Mr Shepard took us all on, ultimately lost, but not without such a fight that nearly half of the rest of the party were dragged down with him. Steve used the "Peer Group Pressure" system to great advantage!

A saying also developed on tour, that ended up becoming the touring party's catch cry "LMB", lick my bags became so widely used that Kiwis on Mt Hutt became quite insulted by its use and thought it was a new Australian derogatory saying.

On the Sunday, we headed for the deep south and Queenstown in our two mini buses which proved to be another bargain of the tour.

The tour captain piloting one bus which upon arrival in Queenstown, found all the seats with neat hand prints imbedded in them. It was not just the bad road we were told.

The other bus had happier times, having the unexpected good luck of finding two attractive Kiwis of the female variety looking for a lift. To top it off they were very nearly the best looking girls we saw in our entire stay. One poor girl, however, had the misfortune to sit next to Andrew Chubb and from that moment on I am sure her perception of rugby players never stopped declining. The girls ended up being the tourist guides, and certainly provided a good laugh when we caught up with the other bus load of Colleagues tourist. They just could not believe our luck! Up to this time the camera buffs had been snapping away merrily. Much to our amazement Peter Long upon



Photo Left to Right
Standing: S. Deverall, P. Long, A. Storch, A. Tilley, J. Lindsay, P. Clark, D. Ambrose, M. Sinclair, A. Lomax, M. Duggan, M. Chubb
Front Row: A. Chubb, C. Phelps, S. Shepard, A. Draper, C. Rowston, W. Currie

taking his 24 photos discovered there wasn't even film in the camera. Steve Shepherd had to be reminded continuously that New Zealand countryside could not be viewed through a camera lens cap!!

Up to now a certain party member, with a well reknowned reputation had been a model of respectability. Queenstown saw the full repercussions of a return to previous form from Doug Ambrose and along with him went most of the touring party. Again the hotel manager was pleased to see us, as were the local police and the bike shop.

Skiing was undertaken by half the party at Cardrona about an hour and half north west of Queenstown. This was a trip that literally took your breath away and it was the only time on tour that there was no talking (even Andrew Chubb!) as we climbed 6000 feet in 13 km.

The rest of the touring party discovered a quiet country pub at Arrowpoint and proceeded to run the barman off his feet. Peter Clark led the way, and it was noted that many felt this was the cementing of Doug's new mould for the tour.

White water rafting was also undertaken from Queenstown which to everyones great pleasure saw Doug Ambrose spending moretime out of the raft than in, not that anyone picked on him! The rafting was a great success and if time permitted another journey would have been undertaken I am sure.

Jet boating was also tried, but at 9.00 am on a cool hungover morning, nothing is really very exciting!

From Queenstown it was back through the centre towards Mt Hutt. Much to our disappointment a blizzard had set in on the mountain. Alternative activities were arranged which included the tour pool tournament. Winnings were payed by the gallon with the final results being quite blurred, Andy Lomax and partners drinking the hotel out of tomato juice , the Ashburton Hotel where the majority of us stayed was a bonanza on such a day with every conceivable amenity available, including very helpful barmaids. I am sure all party members made the most of the facilities.

Finally it was back to the skiing with all tourists participating. The party was evenly split between the good and the not so good skiers but to everyones credit all ended up together with many helpful hints being picked up by those of us in need of help.

The maniac award on the slopes went equally to Steve Sheppard and Scan Deverall who both approached the sport in a similar vein to the way they approach their rugby. Doug Ambrose again was mentioned in dispatches, as much for his attire as his methods of skiing!

It was then back to Christchurch to prepare for the final game of the tour on the Saturday. The game against Marist Rugby Club was again in the morning to allow us time to see the Runfurly Shield clash in the afternoon at Lancaster Park.

The clash with Marist was far less enjoyable than the previous weeks encounter. The reason for this was simply the mental and physical health of the tour members.

I must say the smell of linoment brought the Colleagues spirit to the fore and a good deal of effort was put in by all. Mitch Duggan at inside centre put in some crashing runs, however the lack of support when a try was a certainty cost us many points. Finally the game slipped away at 14-10, but it certainly was not an effort to be disgraced by.

The Ranturly clash between Canterbury and Otago proved to be everything the clash the week before was not. In front of 50,000 screaming Kiwis, Canterbury put on a tremendous forward display which left no one untouched. It was a good reminder of the strength behind the All Blacks.

That night being our last night of the tour found all participating in a rather large way this included certain tourists picking up members of the opposite sex whose husbands or boyfriends were away on a rugby tour! It was at this outing that Fossil picked up his nickname for the speed of operations when girls were around. Also at one late night spot certain younger party members picked up girls whom they found to be of the entrepernural type in that payment was required for services Craig Phelps was absolutely devastated. Daniel Storch had much success that night with the opening line "I just love older women!!

The hardest souls, and there were only three, of which Bill Currie could hardly have been called alive, found the energy to go skiing again at Mt Hutt. For the rest of us golf, was the highlight as the tour really started to take toll of all participants.

The flight back was only slightly disturbed by some party members airing the culinary delights of Qantas, with one girl getting a red wine bath which she greatly appreciated.

The tour was a resounding success. All participants found that bond that makes such tours so enjoyable and I think leaves the way open for future overseas tours by Colleagues.

Games

Sydneham Won 19-18

Tries: Storch, Ambrose, Lindsey

Goals: Clark, Ambrose

Penalty: Ambrose

Best Players: Ambrose, M. Chubb

Marist Lost 14-10

Tries: Ambrose, Phelps

Goals: Ambrose

Best Players: Duggan, Shephard, Lomax