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FOOTBALL
CLUB**



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1985 OFFICE BEARERS

PATRON:	His Worship the Mayor of Woollahra, Alderman Jock McCallum	
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CLUB CAPTAIN:	Stephen Roberts	
SECRETARY:	Amelia Gunning	
TREASURER:	Andrew Draper	
CLUB HOUSE MANAGER:	Tim Booth	
COMMITTEE:	Messrs. Bavin, Chubb, Clark, Cullen, Currey, Rowston, Sinclair, Storch	
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HONORARY AUDITOR:	Michael Clifford	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 1985 season proved to be one of fluctuations throughout the year. After the tremendous success of 1984, we were brought back to the field this year with a thud. The combination of retirements, new coaches and general apathy unfortunately affected the club more seriously than both the committee and members realised initially. We should have learnt our lessons from this and launch into 1986 prepared to re-establish ourselves in the rightful position of undisputed champions.

My congratulations to John Noice as coach of the Sydney Suburban representative team and to Steve Roberts as its captain. The club strongly supported the representative side with Steve Roberts, Morgan Chubb, Hugh Warden, Geoff Bush and Doug Ambrose — my congratulations to them.

Special mention to Hugh Warden on being awarded Sydney Suburban Player of the Year.

Social functions this year were very successful with the inaugural "Trivial Pursuit Night" organised by Dan Storch and Charles Bavin, a great success. The annual ball organised by Peter Clarke was a good night and well attended.

The Kentwell Cup, coached by John Noice had a difficult year being severely interrupted with representative duties and injuries. While we did not enjoy our previous successes, John Noice has learnt a great deal from his first year as Kentwell coach which will benefit the team next year. The team had many new players who should provide a good base for next year.

The Burke Cup, once again upheld the winning tradition with Nick Derera and later on Mal Sinclair, doing an excellent job in their first years of coaching.

Andrew Williams, assisted by Andrew Thornburn as coach of Whiddon and Judd, had a tough year with constant team changes and lack of dedicated players.

The fifth grade once again lead by Captain/Coach Tony Glyn, had a very successful year in coming second to Newport. Tony is to be congratulated on his efforts in keeping this side together with their importance to the club as a back up for the senior sides crucial. Bruce Diggle and Sandy Ross this year joined the small select group who have played 300 games and are congratulated on their magnificent contributions both on and off the field.

Finally congratulations to all trophy winners and in particular to Tim Booth the Honour Cup winner for 1985. Tim has been a past Club Captain with his efforts during the year as Club Manager setting an example to all the club.

The committee this year, with the exception of a couple, did not diligently work as effectively as previous years. For 1986 potential

committee members will have to put a lot more time and effort into restoring the club to its previous strength. All members will need to realise that to be successful, we have to all work together towards this goal and not just a few individuals.

While the year was not as traditionally successful on the field, we did have a good year financially. This money should be used to ensure the club has the best facilities possible for its members.

The traditional Colleague summer activities of Cricket and Tip football are now underway which gives all members the opportunity to keep in contact.

Finally, thank you all members for your support in 1985, and good luck to you and your families for 1986.

JOHN ANDERSON — Club President

TROPHY WINNERS LIST 1985

Club Captain: Stephen Roberts
Kentwell Captain: Kevin Lane
Burke Captain: Mark Martin
Whiddon Captain: Tim Arnott
Judd Captain: Mick Bull
Sutherland Captain/Coach: Anthony Glynn
Kentwell Coach: John Noice
Burke Coach: John Anderson
Whiddon Coach: Andrew Williams
Judd Coach: Andrew Williams
Kentwell Best & Fairest: K. Lane
Burke Best & Fairest: A. Adair
Whiddon Best & Fairest: A. Tilley
Judd Best & Fairest: R. Walton
Sutherland Best & Fairest: R. Wynn
Club Best & Fairest: S. Deverall
Leading Try Scorer: A. Tilley
Leading Points Scorer: D. Ambrose
Challenge Cup: (Team Scoring Most Tries): Kentwell Cup
300 Games: B. Diggle, S. Ross
Most Improved Player: B. Marina
Rookie Of The Year: I. Sinclair
Oldest & Boldest: S. Ross
Honour Cap: T. Booth
John Anderson Trophy: Not Awarded

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The success we achieved in 1984 was to be short-lived. Our only triumph being the continuing dominance of the Burke Cup. However the spirit of the club was sustained through the ranks emphasised in the attendance at the social and money-raising gatherings arranged during the year. Certainly the success of a club can be measured in two ways. Its Club Championship standing and by its effectiveness in finals football. In these areas our performance was lack-lustre in comparison to previous years. However, as pointed out by Messrs Barraclough and Storch, we are a club of high standards. Second best is never good enough and we can use this year's comparative lack of form as a spur to next year's inevitable success.

My heartiest thanks go to John Noice for his efforts this year. Stepping into Iain Edwards' shoes as Kentwell Cup coach is no easy task. John having had four successive and successful Burke Cup moved up into the top grade and, as well, coached again the combined Sydney Suburban

side. John's commitment to the club and to rugby in general has always been great but I would think none greater than this year. In his first year as Kentwell coach his side made the semi-finals. Under his guidance the Subbies side toured New Zealand putting up extremely creditable performances against first class competition. One of the hardest things about coaching is putting up with the bar-room critics. John, this year, endured two sets of them, as well as a few less than amenable players. His efforts this year are most appreciated and we look forward again to seeing John at the helm of one of our sides.

Congratulations must of course be extended to the Burke Cup and their various coaches. John Anderson and his panel did an excellent job in their first year and their continued efforts will be one of our major forces towards next year's success.

This year we had a coaching dilemma, the Whiddon and Judd sides. Combining the coaching of both under the allseeing eyes of Andrew Williams and assistant Andrew Thorburn. It is very hard for anybody to cement a combination when that combination is forever changing. The enormous injury rate within the club affected these two sides by far the worst. Coupled with the absences due to representative football of seven of our Kentwell side mid-season making things very difficult. As well as certain players' continuing inability to train. Next year we shall most definitely be returning to the old adage, "No Train, No Play".

Our ability to achieve success next year is dependent on several things. The solidarity of the club must be re-established. Let the critics come forward but not in a way that is detrimental to the club. I am sure that this year's committee would be the first to admit that mistakes in judgement occurred. If problems or weaknesses arise we would prefer that they were forwarded in an honest and forthright manner. We must all be aware that the club is always in need of new players. All members should put forward a high and respectable profile. The club has, bar a few losses, the same coaching and playing personnel that has achieved so much over the last six years and given the new player strengths introduced, there is no way that next year we shall not be back to more of our winning ways.

My thanks to all coaches, players and managers for this year. It has not been easy.

All the best for the New Year.
STEPHEN ROBERTS
Club Captain.

CLUB HOUSE MANAGER'S REPORT

The 1985 season was a "Cocktail of Experiences", a mixture of champagne highs and sobering post mortems. From the selection of teams cocktail evening (when was that?) to the grand final drink out of Billy's Bundy Bucket (who remembers that?), the season encompassed a wide range of human insights.

It could be said without fear or contradiction that colleagues in 1985 was the centre of socially imbibing activities (drunkenness) in Sydney. Those people who chose to partake in the entertainment offered throughout the season were consistently provided with a "big" night. Some highlights cross my mind:

- B-B-Q pork spare ribs at the selection evening
- Quality testing of the new tackling bags at the opening disco
- B.Y.O. Pizza trivia night and cake throwing (traditional)
- Olympic high jump qualifying at the mid season disco
- Annual destruction of a prestige hotel (often called the annual ball)
- The creation and demise of the human mountain (ask cass) at the end of season disco
- The Fenech — Shinoki rematch colleagues pavilion tickets at door
- And of course the grand final night starring the Burke Cup les girls version of "We are the champions", David T's attempt at the world drinking record, the dancing girl in the cage by Susie Thorpe, I've been under the black dot by Alister McDonald and still etched in my brain cells (what's left of them) Billy's bucket of Bundy a new innovation in drinking techniques.

Statistics show that in 1985 colleagues drank approximately, 15,000 cans of beer, and smoked over \$1000 worth of cigarettes. 1 colleague drank 4 dozen bottles of vodka (thanks Doug, nice drink!). Breakages included 6 photo frames, 2 wood panels, 1 table and a door while injuries were kept to a minimum and only 1 cracked rib, 1 hamstring, multiple cuts and bruising and a dislocated shoulder were registered.

My thanks go to Mick Doolan, Wal Corliss and Des Hill for their help during the year and to the General Committee.

Remember it's easy to bag the club for the things that did not go right during the year but much harder to get in there and help out.

See you next year
TIM BOOTH

KENTWELL CUP

The Club after having had such a successful season in 1984, the 1985 season presented itself as a difficult year and a hard act to follow, especially with the fair number of retirements from our top grades.

The Kentwell Cup began on a good note and whilst most of our victories were achieved by stronger second half displays, the team went into the second round undefeated, and in fact 4 competition points ahead of the field.

Then the crunch came — Representative duties, lack of depth for what is needed to win Kentwell Cups and the usual spate of injuries. All of these factors contributed to our downfall. Unfortunately the team could only win 4 out of the 10 games in the second round including the Semi Final.

My thanks to our Captain Kevin Lane and Vice Captain Morgan Chubb and Steve Roberts for their support and leadership. Kevin always led by example and is one of the most respected members of the Club. Morgan and Steve who shared the Vice Captaincy led the forwards with authority.

There were some very exciting games in the first round, without doubt the finest effort was our 12-7 victory over Matraville, the eventual Premiers. The team played superb Rugby at the Long Bay ground, particularly through the forwards who continually put the opposition at a disadvantage in the second phase pieces.

Some great tries were scored during the season with Hugh Warden, Kevin Lane, Alister McDonald and Steve Negrine having a hand in most of them.

As mentioned before, the Sydney Suburban Rep. fixtures in which Colleagues were represented by Morgan Chubb, Steve Roberts, Geoff Bush, Hugh Warden and Doug Ambrose, had an effect on the home side. Apart from the two matches in Sydney, there was also a two match tour of New Zealand. This put a tremendous amount of pressure on these players, in training and playing virtually in two teams over a two month period.

However, the Union should be supported and congratulations to them on their selection.

Towards the end of the season when the team settled down they trained with great enthusiasm, with most members giving their best effort.

However, unless the enthusiasm, desire and hunger to win is taken into matches, results cannot be achieved.

I wish to thank John Corlis, Ken Griffin, and Chris Cusack for their loyal support to the team and myself week in week out, and congratulations to Kevin Lane, who always gives a competitive display on the Best and Fairest Award.

Also, congratulations to John Anderson, Nick Derera and the Burke Cup team for once again winning the fifth successive premiership.

Finally, as a Vice President, it disturbs me to see the amount of apathy shown during the past season by some members and some notably disruptive influences by a certain element. The Club cannot run on selfish attitudes, and I feel this must be corrected otherwise Colleagues Rugby will be the big loser.

JOHN NOICE
(Coach)

BURKE CUP PREMIERS 1985

For the fifth year in a row the Burke Cup are premiers. This is a record which will certainly take some beating and one every player who represented the Burke side this year should be very proud of.

Defending the title this year was perhaps one of our most difficult tasks with the retirement last year of key players and the large number of representative players and injuries from the Kentwell team. However the new Burke players showed they have the necessary ability and should provide the basis for the next few years.

The team had five different captains during the year with the two key captains being Dave Taylor and Mark Martin. My thanks to Dave Taylor who kept the side motivated during the season and gave his full support to Mark Martin during the finals. Dave has proved he will be a key leader to the Burke side for many years to come.

Congratulations to Adam Addair on winning the Best and Fairest Award. Although Adam missed most of the second half of the season, his play was so good for the first half that it enabled him to narrowly win this prestigious award. Next year he should be one of the leading players for the club.

Nick Derera who partnered me coaching the side, certainly made a difference to the backs, but also in contributing to the matchplans used. The younger backs certainly benefited from the wisdom and experience of Nick.

For the finals, Mal Sinclair took over with his contribution to the side in preparation and performance being the major factor in the eventual success. It is a reflection of his efforts that each week the side performed better culminating in a complete "Shut-Out" of Newport in the Grand Final.

It is particularly pleasing to see new players to the side perform so well in the finals. Andrew Draper, Peter Taylor, Adam Tiley, Wally Broome, John Carey and Chris Mathews who proved not only to the club, but to themselves, that they have what it takes. These players backed up by the experienced Tim Booth, Ivan Hollyman, Will Currey, Dave Wadronski and Ian Sinclair proved to be the perfect blend. Many thanks to the reserves who trained all through the finals in particular to Paul Wynne and John Murray who played such important roles during the season. Graham Rush who made a comeback for the finals once again proved what a reliable player he is, even if his goal kicking is a little worrying at times.

A grand final is not won without a great deal of time and effort being put in by both the coaches and players. Many thanks for giving me your support during the season and especially for the last six weeks which proved the more you put in, the more you get out.

JOHN ANDERSON

WHIDDON AND JUDD CUPS 1985

Whiddon and Judd cups for 1985 were coached by yours truly with assistance from Andrew Thorburn.

If teams are measured only in terms of success then the 1985 season was a failure.

A review of the 1985 season produced the following; Whiddon Cup was running 2nd at the half way point; approximately 80 players took the field for Whiddon and Judd Cups; neither team fielded the side selected Thursday evening on the following Saturday, approximately 40% of each side which played on any Saturday comprised members playing in their 1st season for Colleagues. If clubs are built on past performances then the latter point augers well for 1986.

I would like to take this opportunity and thank Andrew Thorburn for his assistance, Tim Cassidy for a season of support, Michael Doolan for his efforts as manager, Tim Arnott for his "second-half" as a captain of Whiddon.

Congratulations are due to the Burke cup side and to their coaching team of John Anderson and Mick Derrera.

A.R. WILLIAMS

SUTHERLAND CUP

Dear Colleague

"Puffed on the Past" could be an apt description for the 1985 "Entertainers" — A.K.A the "Fighting Fives." Two very close defeats and a dubious game against Hunter's Hill resulted in the "Entertainers" failing to take the premiership for two consecutive years. As in previous years, many players passed through our ranks and my thanks must go to those who gladly played out of position and also only received "a half" now and then.

My personal thanks must go to David Gooch who captained the team for most of the year following a devastating injury to the coach. David led from the front both by example and motivation of his team mates — I hope that by becoming a "dad" does not interfere with his return to the paddock for '86. Congratulations must go to Richard Wynne — our best and fairest. Richard is best known as the publican to A.T.O.C. He also donated the weekly "carton" to the best player on the day — he has promised us big things for '86. The two unsung heroes of the team are our managers, Wayne Saunders and Des Hill. We at least had Wayne in his shorts and short black socks at St. Ives, but Des wouldn't leave the sideline — we have heard on the vine that Des has embarked on a strenuous fitness program to ready himself for next year.

Ron Harriden, Bruce Diggle, Gerry Taylor, Andrew France, Fred Mulhall, John Beckett, David Oliver, Peter Coombes, John Bunce,

Richard Hallett and "Kanga?" come to mind as regulars. I apologise if I have omitted any other players from our long list of attendees.

Our congratulations go to the Kentwell and Burke Cup teams, coaches and managers for making the semis, especially to John Anderson and the Burke Cup team for their splendid performances to capture the Grand Final.

This year to say the least has been a disappointing one following our record year in 1984. We appeared to lack discipline both in training, on the field and in the general attitude towards the club itself — some say all clubs go through a slump after a big year — I don't accept that. All members of the club including president, captain, committee and players must assess their positions and commitment for '86 and, gentlemen, let's learn from our mistakes of this year and reinstate the Colleagues to the premier club — once again — for '86.

Regards
TONY GLYNN.

COLLEAGUES CRICKET CLUB REPORT 1984/85

The return of the Colleagues Cricket Club to the City and Suburban competition got off to a slow start, with heavy rain hampering well attended practise sessions and washing out a number of early season games. When we did get going we had a memorable season, losing only one of sixteen matches, and that narrowly.

Our defeat came against St. George Veterans when a batting collapse cost us a game that seemed won. Mal Sinclair needed four from the last ball to win, and his shot would have cleared the fence but was knocked down by the long-on fieldsman. The batsmen could only take two and the game was lost by a run. Other highlights of the season were home and away wins over Carringbah Sports and a convincing victory over I. Zingari Veterans. The team's success was based on the strength and depth of our pace attack and a much stronger and more resilient batting line-up than that available in past years.

The confident Graham Rush led the bowling, took over 50 wickets and thoroughly deserved his selection in a number of Association games. He was well supported by Andy Thorburn, who bowled out with a knee injury, and later, Peter Flaherty. A feature of our attack was the number of useful second-line seamers available. Tim Booth, Rob Walton, Richard Dunlop, John Lindsay, George Sayers, Seamus Dalton and Mitch Duggan all bowled some good spells and could keep an end quiet when required. Spinners seldom get a look-in in limited over cricket, but it was nice to know that Peter Clark's leg-spin was always available to provide novelty and a decent score for the batsmen to chase.

Of the batsmen, David Taylor and Mal Sinclair concentrated best and deserved their success. David's competitive streak stood out, but he

was always prepared to give bowlers a little friendly advice and mid-wicket coaching, a nice gesture that won him many friends. Mal was sometimes a slow starter but drove and pulled powerfully when set.

George Sayers played stylishly, but often down the wrong line, and was difficult to hide in the field. Kiwi, Richard Warren batted neatly and was always capable of engineering a run-out, though not as a fieldsman. Tim Cullen played one big innings and everyone was capable of a quick 20 or 30, so useful in a 35 over game. Greg Tamsett kept wickets very well and the captain stopped most balls that got past the bat, when Greg was unavailable.

Three real finds were allrounder Rob Walton, opening bat John Lee, whose crossbat heaves disrupted the opposition, and Kerry O'Keefe who looked a cricketer of real potential, on and off the field.

As I write, the new season is underway with a double booking and a wash out on the score sheets to date. Hearts and minds are set on the clash with Cranbrook at the end of November.

BILL CURREY

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

9 MEETINGS:

J. ANDERSON	7
S. ROBERTS	6
T. BOOTH	9
C. BAVIN	7
A. DRAPER	8
T. CULLEN	8
A. CHUBB	8
M. SINCLAIR	7
W. CURREY	8
D. STORCH	7
P. CLARK	8
A. GUNNING	9
A. KENT	2
C. ROWSTON	4