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**ANNUAL REPORT
1989**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1989

It is my great pleasure to submit this years Annual Report. The 1989 season has been a most successful one for our club having the Burke and Judd sides reach the semi finals and the Burke side contest the Grand final. The Burke side finished as minor premiers, an excellent achievement as well kept the colours flying with a magnificent victory in the Grand Final.

Congratulations to all the members of the Burke Cup side and especially to Craig Kearney who after an illustrious career as a footballer in New Zealand, successfully turned his skills to coaching his side to victory. My thanks also to the other coaches for their untiring effort especially Graham Rush who stepped up a grade to Kentwell and did an excellent job with a young side.

Social functions, this year were numerous. The opening season Cocktail Party, Trivia Night, Garden Party and Ball were all well attended. To Daniel Storch and David Gooch my thanks for an excellent job on this years entertainments sub-committee. Hopefully the high standards set will be carried on by future committees.

Trophy Night was as usual a gala event. The novelty value of a well watered guest speaker was not lost on this group. Steve Streeter strode down memory lane, however dimly lit, of the Colleagues European Tour/ Vacation. A compilation of most enjoyable anecdotes which I am sure all attendees enjoyed.

Congratulations to all trophy winners and my thanks to the club for awarding myself and Doug Ambrose the Honour Cup for 1989. This year we awarded the John Anderson Trophy for Excellence to John Barraclough. John apart from his continued work with the club, stood down after twenty-six years as President of our governing body. A feat that I am sure is worthy of the highest accolade. During the year many people came to the aid of the club but no one surpassed the magnificent and tireless efforts of Freddie Storch. To Freddie my personal thanks for all his assistance during the year. Greg Tarplett was our sole participant in the sub-district representative side, however the Colleagues cream did rise to the top, with Greg also captaining the side. Well done, Tarpo.

My thanks also to David Gooch and Stuart Glasson. Their tireless work has attributed greatly to the efficient running of the club during the year. The committee this year functioned well but there is still room for more dedication among both the general committee and office bearers. Anyone contemplating standing this year should bear in mind the time commitment required and the effort that must be employed all season long.

It is also my great pleasure to present, as part of this report, the financial accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1989. The main task set this years committee was to reverse the effects of inept management in prior years on our balance sheet This has been achieved with a record profit resulting of \$22,162. Items worthy of note are:

1.) a more dedicated approach to refreshment sales resulting in a 49.29% gross profit percentage.

2.) the \$4,630 achieved through sponsorships. The marketability of the club should be maximized. This type of revenue figure can be continually achieved.

3.) the substantial profit achieved through club tie sales of \$7,489.

This was a windfall gain for the club with the market now saturated. However the marketing of such products in the future may achieve similar results.

The club must continue to strengthen its financial base as the threat of the re-development of Woollahra Park puts at risk our very existence and at least our autonomy.

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

Finally thank you all members for your commitment and success in '89. All the best to you and your families for the festive season. See you in '90

Stephen Roberts
Club President

1989 TROPHY WINNERS

Club Captain: Doug Ambrose

Club Best & Fairest: Andrew White

Kentwell Best & Fairest: Greg Tarplett

Burke Best & Fairest: Tim Cullen

Whiddon Best & Fairest: Brad Richards

Judd Best & Fairest: Bob Boundy

Sutherland Best & Fairest: Toby Lawson

Leading Try Scorer: Dave Malcolm (9)

Leading Points Scorer: Dave Malcolm

Team Scoring Most Tries: Burke Cup

100 Games Trophies: Greg Tarplett, Daniel Storch

200 Games Trophies: Stephen Roberts

Team Coaches Trophies:

Kentwell Cup: Graham Rush

Burke Cup: Craig Kearney

Whiddon Cup: Wally Carpenter

Judd Cup: David Gooch

Sutherland Cup: Brian Wood

Team Captains Trophies:

Kentwell Cup: Greg Tarplett

Burke Cup: Peter Sofianos

Whiddon Cup: Brad Richards

Judd Cup: Adam Tilley

Sutherland Cup: Toby Lawson

Premiership Trophies: Burke Cup Team

Most Improved Player: Peter Hart

Rookie of the Year: Andrew White

Oldest & Boldest: John Hitchen

Honour Cap: Doug Ambrose/Stephen Roberts

In Appreciation Awards: Fred Storch

John Anderson Trophy: L.J.F. Barraclough

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Unlike previous years, the 1989 season began with major goals on and off the field. To some extent it was a pity that perhaps the off-field goals had to take precedence.

Beginning the year in major financial trouble, the Committee worked together to bring order back to our financial situation. With the help of Fred Storch, the Committee organised fund-raising nights, sold ties, ran raffles and canvassed for donations – the result turning a deficit of approximately \$16,000 into the credit we have today. It is this result that brings me to sincerely thank, in particular, Fred and Daniel Storch, Stewart Glasson, Steve Roberts and the rest of the clubmen who so actively helped during the year. The result demonstrates what can be achieved when the work's put in and nothing is taken out!

Obviously the second goal of the year was the rugby and as usual Colleagues weren't without success. The Kentwell side were again in the firing line for much of the season as were the Judd Cup side (runners-up) and to a lesser degree the Whiddon, but again the Burke Cup kept the Colleagues' flag at its highest. Congratulations to Craig Kearney and his boys for a job well done, proving "it's only a matter of turning up" for Burkies.

1989 has been a great year for new players and new friendships. It is because of this that 1990 looks to have success written all over it.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Roberts (Club Pres – Ma!), because without his work during the year no results would have been possible. If he is to accept a New York position in 1990, Colleagues will be greatly weakened.

Merry Christmas to all – see you next year.

Doug Ambrose (Pa!)

1989 SECRETARY'S REPORT

Fellow Colleagues,

It is pleasing to say that the 1989 Committee has achieved all the off field objectives set out at the beginning of 1989. One of these objectives was to bring the mailing list up to date after 5 years of neglect. The list at the back of this report finally shows some resemblance to fact. The mailing list is directed at both supporters and members of the club. I would be appreciated if members and supporters could contact the Secretary, if the current list contains any inconsistencies, or if you change address or telephone.

Next year sees the beginning of a new decade and hopefully one as successful for Colleagues as the previous one. NOW is the time for ALL to think how they can make 1990 season the most successful year for Colleagues ever.

Finally I would like to thank all the committee for their assistance during 1989.

NOTE: 1989 Committee meeting attendance (11 meetings)

A. Adair	7	A. Kent	5
D. Ambrose	10	B. Marina	10
J. Cross	5	S. Roberts	11
T. Cullen	11	P. Sofianos	8
A. Fitzgerald	7	D. Storch	8
S. Glasson	11	G. Tarplett	11
D. Gooch	8	A. Williams	7

Yours in Rugby,

Tim Cullen

KENTWELL CUP

Our first game of the year against the defending premiers Mattraville, saw 12 changes from the last outing of 1988. A lack of size in the forwards was an early problem for us and unfortunately was never resolved. However, this did not stop the team from the most part, being a solid if not brilliant outfit. In fact with six games to go of the season, we had the second best defensive record, behind eventual premiers Waverley. We challenged for a semi-final position right up to the second last game of the year and with the exception of two second round games against Grand Finalists Lindfield and Waverley were always competitive. The loss of key players John Ryan, Shaun Corbett and Andrew Lomax in the first round robbed us

BURKE CUP REPORT 1989 Minor Premiers, Premiers

of vital elements – size and toughness. Certainly the team has to adopt a “hungry” attitude if it is going to compete in the future and an injection of aggression and size is eagerly awaited. Highlights of the season include a “live or die” win over 4th placed Hunters Hill in the 2nd round and a 4 tries to nil shellacking of St. Ives in weather far more suited to the mud sliding competitions. In fact the weather experienced this year was certainly a test of the players commitment and love of the game when week after week both at training and at game day, we were met with torrential rain, enough to dampen the spirits of even the most hardened rugby man!

Greg Tarplett, our Captain and Kentwell player of the year excelled consistently and showed great pride in his position. This man deserves to be part of a winning Kentwell Cup team (hopefully sooner than later Tarps!). Congratulations also to Greg on being Captain of the Combined Subbies side. Craig Smith and Douglas Ambrose shared for the major part of the year the custodians role, with Douglas also slotting into the inside centre position when called upon. Greg Parfitt and Rob Walton unfortunately had few opportunities on the wing, with Greg making the most of any ball that came his way with 6 touchdowns. Will Cummins shared with Douglas, and Shaun Corbett the centre role, Shaun being missed, as I believe he would have developed as the teams most complete player, if he mentally adjusted to the needs of team play. Andrew Fitzgerald, John Sangster and Sean Swift shared the halves role with each perhaps looking for more consistency. John’s effort against Blue Mountains after he had sustained several injuries, including one to the head was as courageous as it was skilful. The back row of Greg Tarplett, and the vastly improved Andrew White were a match for any opponents. The youthful second row combination of Walter MacCallum and Richard Edwards, were outweighed both physically and experience wise in the majority of games yet did not shirk their responsibilities. Walter had several “blindlers” at No. 8 and may be more suited to this role in the future. The front row of Steve Roberts, Dave Morgan and Dave Nolan when fit, proved effective and in certain games overshadowed heavier opposition. It is hoped Dave Morgan’s back can stand the pressure of another season as he is a knowledgeable and constructive influence. Dave Nolan’s appearance this year was a real plus as he has good scrummaging technique, mobility and as we found belatedly goal kicking prowess. Dave’s attitude to training and his team mates is something that should be noted by all Colleagues.

Many thanks go to John Corlis who gave unselfishly of his time to the players and lent an ear to a sometimes bemused coach as manager. Thanks also to Iain Edwards and Hugh Taylor who lent their assistance at training. Congratulations to Craig Kearney and Captain Peter Sofianos on the retention of the Burke Cup and David Gooch for his effort in guiding Judd Cup to the finals. Away from the playing field, well done to Steve Roberts, Doug Ambrose, and the committee of the financial resurrection of the club.

Good Luck to Colleagues in 1990.

Graham Rush

When I look back on the 1989 Burke Cup side my initial memories are of the first game of the season against Matraville, the team Colleagues had beaten in the 1988 Grand Final. For the year’s first game we had one practice together and salvaged a draw, not through brilliant play but through an unwillingness to accept defeat. So started the team spirit that was a hallmark of the 1989 Burke Cup side.

Another memory of this season was the continual trainings and games played in mud and rain. Congratulations to all players for “sticking to their guns” in incredibly difficult conditions.

And naturally the last memories are of the despair of losing the major semi to Blue Mountains, the joy of beating Waverley in the final, and the euphoria and emotion of winning the Grand Final against Blue Mountains – a side we had lost to the 3 previous times we had played them.

Without a doubt the Burke Cup side had an incredible team spirit and pride, which were major factors in the team’s minor and major premiership.

My heartiest congratulations to all players in retaining the Burke Cup Premiership for the second year in succession.

Dave Malcolm, the team’s and club’s leading point scorer made a big impression in every game he played and in particular his running into backline from fullback always provided the team with a great attacking option.

Burke Cup went through a number of wingers but finally settled on Roger Garner and John Salmon. In the final part of the season both players were outstanding on defence and attack, John in particular. Other wingers for Burke Cup were John Cary, Stu McCure, Robbie Walton and Mark Bonner.

In the centres Mark Kehoe, David Cobcroft, and until injured Daniel Storch all proved very exciting and incisive runners. Cobby’s try against Waverley in the second round was one of the best individual tries of the season at Colleagues and Mark’s try scoring efforts in the finals were invaluable.

The most versatile man in Burke Cup was Mat Salter. He played every position from fullback to 5/8th and proved his rugby qualities playing 5/8th in Peter Sofiano’s absence halfway through the year. Mat, whether playing or reserving was 100% committed. It was always reassuring in the finals to know Mat was available to take on any position in the backline.

Halfbacks appeared to have a difficult time in Burke Cup this year with the team using 7 during the season. Andrew Fitzgerald and John Sangster were great assets in the middle of the season and it was disappointing not to see John go all the way through to the finals. Scott McCanish took over as halfback and proved to be a really gutsy player until the Grand Final

when a nasty injury saw him come off after only 5 minutes. Bobby Boundy's performance in the Grand Final was outstanding and argues well for his movement up to higher grades next year.

Burke Cup's loose forwards were a great asset, particularly in the final games. Rag Kent's experience and his combination with the crash tackling Dave Wilson and aggressive Peter Griffiths made a big impression in the finals. If Dave can keep his nose out of trouble and Peter can consistently play as well as he did in the Grand Final both will be Kentwell players of note next year.

Keeping the Grand Final loose forwards honest were Brad Richards, Simon Greenaway and Chris Andrews, all of whom could have easily played in the finals. The unluckiest player of the year was undoubtedly Tim Cullen, Burke Cup's Best and Fairest player for 1989. Tim injured himself in the second last game of the second round and did not play again. Both Tim and the rest of the team were very disappointed with the timing of the injury, the only possible good thing to come from it was that it made my job of picking the loose forwards a little more easy.

The second row was the most stable area of the whole team with only 3 players used for most of the season. The combination of Tim Cullen and Peter Hart, although small in comparison to most other sides were never beaten in the scrum or around the field. Peter as his surname would suggest played with a huge amount of guts and was one of the main reasons our forward pack although small, was always competitive and rarely beaten. Peter thoroughly deserved the award for the club's most improved player of the year. Andrew Purchase's arrival to the club proved very timely for the Burke Cup. His performance in the lineouts and around the field in the final segment of the season added a new dimension to the forward's play. Andrew's lineout work in the Grand Final was crucial to our victory.

Props are often difficult people to find and this year proved no exception. Coupled with some untimely injuries we always seemed to be stretched in these two key positions. Tom Fraser was virtually pulled out of retirement and gave his all (including a broken collar bone in the final against Waverley) and then played in the Grand Final. Tom's performance was truly memorable especially against the powerful Blue Mountains scrum. Richard Fagan kept the other side of the scrum together and like Tom did a great job in the Grand Final. Another string to Richard's bow was his jumping at the front of the lineout where we gained a lot of good ball.

Other props through the season were Peter Coyle, our front row strong man, who like Tim Cullen was unfortunately injured in the last part of the season, Craig Robertson a young Kiwi import who came on in both the final and Grand Final and acquitted himself extremely well and Tim Lee who's play at the beginning of the season was some of the best I'm sure he has ever produced.

Hooker was the most competitively contested position in the Burke Cup side. Boyd Marina and David James played the majority of the games, with

the fitness and total commitment of David being a real highlight. Stef O'Dea joined the squad near the end of the season and the selection between Stef and David being very difficult. Stef's lineout throwing proved the difference and he went onto play tremendous football in the finals.

The Captain and 5/8 for Burke Cup was Peter "the wog" Sofianos. Peter's commitment to the team, his leadership and play (especially in the Grand Final) was exemplary. Without him we would not have won the major premiership. Well done Sof.

Finally my thanks to Guy Wayland for taking on the managerial role so capably halfway through the season, to Jeremy Simpson for his back coaching and to Andrew Chubb for his help prior to the finals: especially for his suggestion on scrummaging tactics in the Grand Final.

At this stage I would like to thank Colleagues for giving me the opportunity to coach the Burke Cup Team – and to thank everyone involved with the Burke Cup side for making this coaching job so enjoyable.

To the Colleagues Club and players the very best of luck for the 1990 rugby season. I will certainly be back at some stage to cheer the "Blue Giants" on to further honours.

Craig Kearney – "Coach"

WHIDDON CUP REPORT

It seems once again the Whiddon Grail has eluded the Knights of Colleagues. Since 1967 for some unknown reason Colleagues has not yet been able to regain the cup most clubs have never won.

With this years successes in Burke and Judd Cup, came the depletion of the mighty Whiddo's. This is nothing new for Colleagues with their inherent Burke strength, but was clearly apparent when one new player to the club was surprised to be asked to stand by for 2nds after what he thought was 5ths! Not to say that the standard was 5th grade but apart from a select core the team changed weekly.

Like all teams there was a core of dedicated players; Brad "Phar Lap" Richards, Ronnie "The Wall" Johnstone, and Brian Westlake to name a few. Even after the coach was moved overseas half way through the season for business, there was an unmistakable will to win (unfortunately not supported by victory). Perhaps if we had been allowed to run 26 instead of 16 players we may have registered a few more wins. Perhaps more strength, different rules, and a dedication to spoiling scrappy rugby; Colleagues may once again hold the Grail.

As always Whiddon Cup has served as an introduction to Suburban Rugby for a multitude of young players who will grow into the strength of Colleagues. These young players who never gave up, no matter what the odds!

Congratulations to all those who played for Colleagues Whiddon Cup this year, Burke for their win and Brad Richards for his Best and Fairest award.

Regards in Rugby

Daniel Storch
(In absence of Wally Carpenter)

JUDD CUP 1989

Finishing second on the premiership ladder behind Waverley, the eventual Grand Final winners, reflects a successful year's rugby. The spirit and friendship amongst Judd Cup members was strong and played an important part in the results during the season.

We were led on the field in the first half of the season by Peter Jennings and then by Adam Tilley for the second half and finals. We were fortunate to have basically the same twenty players for most of the year.

Stef O'Dea and Robert Boundy, regulars for most of the season, should have a special mention for finishing the year in the premier side – the Colleagues Bourke Cup.

Being part of the team this year was my great pleasure, in fact, it was a good year to be a Colleague.

David Gooch

SUTHERLAND CUP "The Fighting Fives"

What a start to the season – the first three training sessions of the year had attendances of 27, 24 and 26 players after the top four grades were selected. Talent galore! What a year we "The Fives" will have!

Half way into the competition – the fives were 3rd on the table with only one loss (4 draws) 4-0 in the first game.

The call to higher honours by the top sides was increasing and as in years past, the "Fives" answered the call in true Colleagues fashion.

The "bad news" was that the "Fives" failed to complete the season. The "good news" was that the top four grades benefited from our reservoir of talent to complete the season successfully. Throughout the year over 80 different players appeared in the "Fives".

Special thanks to the new brigade of "old heads" who were our mainstay all year – Mr. Squiggle (Stuart Hunter), Toby Lawson, Mark Gillum, Mark Jenkins, Dr. George, Robo, Chris Levick and David Sterling.

The "Fives" will be back in 1990 – so be there or be somewhere else!!

1989 COMPETITION RESULTS Minor Premiership Tables

FIRST DIVISION

KENTWELL CUP	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Waverley	16	1	1	355	79	33
Matrville	11	2	5	254	172	24
Lindfield	11	1	6	280	162	23
Hunters Hill	10	1	7	173	157	21
Old Ignations	8	4	6	177	163	20
Colleagues	7	3	8	161	215	17
St. Patricks	7	2	9	210	242	16
Newport	4	3	11	137	246	11
St. Ives	5	0	13	147	316	10
Blue Mountains	2	1	15	129	170	5

BURKE CUP	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Colleagues	11	3	4	182	83	25
Blue Mountains	10	2	6	191	91	22
St. Ives	8	5	5	198	157	22
Waverley	10	0	8	162	114	21
Newport	9	2	7	118	99	20
Lindfield	10	0	8	159	194	20
Hunters Hill	7	3	8	133	165	17
Matrville	5	2	11	173	208	12
St. Patricks	5	2	11	122	208	12
Old Ignations	5	0	13	101	209	10

WHIDDON CUP	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Waverley	15	1	2	211	86	31
St. Patricks	12	3	3	150	50	27
Lindfield	11	1	6	168	100	23
Old Ignations	8	3	7	92	183	19
Blue Mountains	8	2	8	137	124	18
St. Ives	6	2	10	83	128	14
Matrville	6	2	10	79	140	14
Hunters Hill	5	3	10	96	122	13
Newport	5	1	12	105	122	11
Colleagues	4	2	12	122	215	10

JUDD CUP	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Waverley	16	0	2	246	55	32
Colleagues	12	2	4	145	79	26
Blue Mountains	11	1	6	183	103	23
Hunters Hill	9	3	6	98	90	21
Matrville	10	0	8	145	124	20
Newport	8	1	9	120	114	17
Lindfield	7	1	10	105	116	15
St. Patricks	4	2	12	62	112	10
Old Ignations	5	0	13	80	175	10
St. Ives	3	0	15	31	245	6

SEVENTH DIVISION

SUTHERLAND CUP	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Waverley 'A'	12	3	1	133	60	27
Matrville	11	2	3	256	97	24
Forest	8	4	4	131	72	20
St. Patricks	8	1	7	94	147	17
Blue Mountains	6	4	6	100	95	16
Old Ignations	6	1	9	133	159	13
Lindfield	5	0	11	92	147	10
Colleagues	3	4	9	55	155	10
Waverley 'B'	4	1	11	115	177	9

1st DIV. CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

	Pts
Waverley	843
Lindfield	627
Matrville	552
Colleagues	546
Hunters Hill	545
Old Ignations	476
St. Patricks	464
Newport	403
St. Ives	386
Blue Mountains	369

MAJOR PREMIERSHIPS

FIRST DIVISION

Major	Kentwell Cup	Waverley 19, Matrville 11
Semi-Finals –	Burke Cup	Blue Mountains 15, Colleagues 13
	Whiddon Cup	Waverley 10, St. Patricks 0
	Judd Cup	Waverley 17, Colleagues 6
Minor	Kentwell Cup	Lindfield 27, Hunters Hill 7
Semi-Finals –	Burke Cup	Waverley 10, St. Ives 3
	Whiddon Cup	Lindfield 19, Old Ignations 6
	Judd Cup	Blue Mountains 6, Hunters Hill 0
Finals –	Kentwell Cup	Lindfield 24, Matrville 19
	Burke Cup	Colleagues 16, Waverley 12
	Whiddon Cup	St. Patricks 6, Lindfield 3
	Judd Cup	Blue Mountains 9, Colleagues 6
Grand Finals –	Kentwell Cup	Waverley 15, Lindfield 7
	Burke Cup	Colleagues 9, Blue Mountains 6
	Whiddon Cup	St. Patricks 9, Waverley 3
	Judd Cup	Waverley 17, Blue Mountains 7