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**ANNUAL REPORT
1990**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I present this year's Annual Report. The culmination of several seasons' hard work, both on and off the paddock, finally came to fruition with a renewed competitiveness in the final rounds of this year. The Club has once again learnt how to win. My thanks and congratulations to all Club members for their efforts during the year. The 1990 season has not been an easy one.

The ability of the Club to perform is, so very dependent on the coaches. This season we had a new and youthful group whose enthusiasm was unrivalled. Graham Rush again coached Kentwell Cup under what can be best described as difficult circumstances. Mid-season he took on an assistant coach in John Noice with a winning partnership culminating. Kentwell's final rounds performances were a credit and a result of their efforts. Burke Cup had a first up performer in Tony Kent. Burke's are probably the toughest job for anyone to take on. Tony made a really first of the job finishing equal fourth however missing the play-off on for and against. Who can deny the dynamic duo? Woodsie and Kanga moulded the Whiddo's into a tough side both on and off the paddock. But with a few too many draws, about eight of them, they too came so close but fell at the final hurdle. Judd Cup had as many coaches as it did different team members during the year. Tom Frazer starting, but due to the lure of the Kentwell front (obviously a man of immeasurable good taste) relinquished his duties to the Super Coach. Toby Lawson took a rag-tailed outfit and moulded them into a crack team. The only small point of concern was that with five minutes to go before most matches there would be five maybe ten players stripped and ready. Three minutes before the kickoff the plague would descend of people wanting, no needing, to be involved in this high spirited outfit. My thanks to all coaches for their untiring effort.

Social functions this year were directed at the playing Colleague with several excellent functions being held in the Clubhouse. The two highlights being the Black Friday and Blue Parties. Congratulations to the entertainment's sub-committee and to Peter Sofianos for an excellent job in organising the ball. Trophy night had that usual touch of disorganization but somehow we meddled through with the Ghost and Fitzzy coming to the fore to aid the evening.

Congratulations to all trophy winners. It is most pleasing to see many new Colleagues in there numbers. To Stuart Glasson my thanks for the job well done and congratulations on receiving this year's Honour Cap. Stuart's tireless work has attributed greatly to the efficient running of the Club during the year.

It is also my pleasure to present, as part of this report, the Financial Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1990. Over the last few years, this committee has worked to reverse the lackadaisical attitude of prior management on our balance sheet. This year was no exception. A sound bottom line has once again been achieved. The main contributors to increased

expenditure coming from a series of substantial repairs and maintenance programmes that were carried out on the Clubhouse and the purchase of new training gear.

The proposed re-development of Woollahra Park continue to middle in mediocrity. However the threat is still very real and we must continue to strengthen our financial base so as to assure our autonomy.

Finally thank you all members for your commitment and success in 1990. Personally it has been a most enjoyable and rewarding couple of years and I thank you for your indulgence. All the best to you and your families for the festive season.

Stephen Roberts
Club President

1990 TROPHY WINNERS

Honour Cap: Stuart Glasson

Club Captain: Doug Ambrose

Club Best & Fairest: Tim Cullen

Kentwell Best & Fairest: Dog Poolman

Burke Best & Fairest: Tim Cullen

Whiddon Best & Fairest: Sean Dent

Judd Best & Fairest: Dave Young

Most Improved Player: Bob Boundy

Rookie of the Year: Dog Poolman

Oldest & Boldest: Jon Ryan

Leading Points Scorer: Andrew Johnstone

Team Scoring Most Tries: Kentwell Cup

In Appreciation Award: Sally Bigwood, John Vandervord

Kentwell Captain: Dave Morgan

Burke Captain: Tim Cullen

Whiddon Captain: Peter Jennings

Judd Captain: Toby Lawson

Kentwell Coach: Graham Rush

Burke Coach: Tony Kent

Whiddon Coach: Brian Wood and Kanga Colquhoun

Judd Coach: Toby Lawson

Sutherland Coach: Stuart Glasson

John Anderson Trophy: Not Awarded

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

1990 was again a very successful year for Colleagues both on and off the field. Socially the Club was fortunate to have a number of functions (Discos and The Ball) which were all well attended and well received. At the discos, frivolity reigned supreme and Sunday round-up's produced explicit reportings. I believe no-one was disappointed.

A professional stripper followed the Club everywhere!

Footy wise Colleagues performed with distinction and honour, unfortunately with little success. Kentwell beat all but Waverley and Matto at least once and with any luck semi's were "on the cards". Retiring coach Graham Rush will be surely missed and we wish him good luck.

Ragg's Burke Cup were exceptionally unlucky to draw their last game, thus finishing one point out of semis. With such a proud record to protect, Ragg and his men will be back bigger and better next year. **This team was plagued by a stripper frequently.**

Whiddon suffered the same problem as most years, "never the same team". Woodsie and Kanga has this team of nomads in great spirits all year and semi hopes right till the end. The fact that they drew or beat so many of the fancied sides was a credit to all.

Toby Lawson took over coaching mid-season in fourths and morale was always high, without much success, but things did come together towards the end. Next year will see this side semi material.

Thanks as usual should go to John Vandervord and Sally Bigwood, our resident medical staff. Without whom the Club would struggle, I can personally vouch for their ability and can only hope they return next year.

Finally I would like to wish everyone associated with the Club a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours Doug Ambrose (PA!)

1990 SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 1990 committee should be congratulated for continuing on the high standard set in 1989. While the club's "on the field" performances were not the greatest, the committee were constantly trying to address the situation in consultation with the coaches. This effort was rewarded in the last 6 weeks, with the club being extremely competitive and achieving a high level of spirit through all the grades. One hopes that the spirit and performances shown at the latter part of the season will flow into the 1991 season.

I would like to thank all the 1990 committee for their dedication to the club throughout the year, and hope that they continue in 1991 with the same vigour. Special mention must be given to Stuart Glasson who was a worthy winner of the club's highest award, The Honour Cap.

Season Greetings to all, and the best of luck in 1991.

Yours in Rugby
Tim Cullen

NOTE: Committee Attendance for 1990 (8 meetings)

D. Ambrose	6	M. Bonnar	6
D. Cobcroft	5	T. Cullen	8
A. France	4	S. Glasson	8
M. Kehoe	7	C. Knight	4*
T. Lawson	7	S. McCure	7
S. Roberts	8	P. Sofianos	7
D. Storch	2*	G. Tarplett	7
A. Wade	6	A. Williams	2

*Joined committee during season

KENTWELL CUP

The position of Kentwell Cup on the ladder (6th) perhaps didn't do justice to the performance of the side. Six games were lost by 3 points or less and when you consider that we missed the semi's by 3 points this was critical in the final analysis. The first round clash with eventual premiers Waverley was the game that really got away, as we triumphed in every phase of the game except on the scoreboard. The players belief in themselves never waned and was rewarded when we won 5 of our last 7 games, including victories over grand finalists Matraville and our biggest win of the year in the last round over finalists Forest, this was the game where our potential was fulfilled and left us thinking what might have been had we made the finals.

Several players made their debut during the year in Kentwell and proved themselves worthy of recognition. Centre Hugh McFarlane was totally committed and proved a fearless competitor with his arrow straight running and punishing defence. Lock or breakaway Cameron Poolman was awarded Kentwell Player of the Year, and displayed good all-round skills, coupled with his enthusiasm and high work rate. "Dog" became a vital cog in the Colleagues machine. Latecomer Rick Howe displayed enough talent in his 4 games to suggest that he will become the best hooker in the competition next year providing his back stays intact.

Half back Bob Boundy solved a major problem caused by injury to inform Andrew Fitzgerald, Bob's effort in Kentwell after indifferent performances in Burke Cup was a pleasant surprise. His games were characterised by a will to win second to none. Bob's the sort of player you want on your side when the going gets tough.

Second rower Andrew "Ref - have you been to our change rooms" Purchase excelled consistently throughout and it was only a late start to the year that stopped him winning the inaugural "Subbies" Player of the Year award, as it was Andrew finished a creditable 4th.

Five eighth Matt Collett took time to adjust to Kentwell. However, a player with his skills will always be knocking on the Kentwell door and hopefully with this year's experience will blossom next year.

Of the established players, Will Cummins in the centre delivered the performances we knew him capable of, Steve Roberts at prop led the

team well at the end of the year and probably has "one more year" left in him. Dave Nolan again contributed to the cause at prop and the scrum was at its best when Dave was tighthead. Greg Tarplett was again prominent at breakaway after a slow start to the year. Peter Sofianos was safe at fullback and will benefit from some offseason sprint work which I'm sure he will attack with the same amount of enthusiasm he possesses in other spheres of his life. Other contributors to the Kentwell cause included Tom Fraser, Dave Wilson, Andy Fitzgerald, Mark Kehoe, John Cary, Dave "wheres the tryline" Cobcroft, John Salmon. The comeback king of the year – Tim Cullen well played Tim and Giles Neville.

To those players who had the season disrupted by injury, study, work etc. David Morgan, Graig Smith, John Ryan, Dave Gordon it is hoped that players of this quality will spend more time on the paddock next year and less on the sideline.

Finally I would like to thank my co-coach John Noice for well, being noicey enough said.

Good luck to Colleagues in 1991.

Graham Rush

BURKE CUP

The Burke side of 1990 contained only three members of the previous years premiership side and with a lot of new players to the club and the side, it was always going to be hard to install in the players minds just what Colleagues Burke Cup is all about.

The first game of the season was against Hunters Hill which we won convincingly 16-3 and I thought at that stage we had the makings of another premiership side. However, due to injuries and changes in the Kentwell side, we found ourselves with up to six changes a week. Unfortunately the club did not seem to have the ability to convert pressure into points and we found ourselves losing games marginally. This will improve next year as long as we get the majority of players back.

The season as far as I was concerned was a success and I feel the players and myself gained a great deal of experience. We gained players such as David Wansey, Joe Distaso, Tom Kinross and not forgetting The Pauls College Connection in the Parker Brothers and Charlie Huxtable.

I would like to give special thanks to Tim Cullen who was captain for most of the season before being selected in Kentwell. Everytime Tim put the boots on, he was an inspiration to all the team and I think you'll see even a better player next year. I would also like to thank Daniel Storch and Ian Purchase for their support and although Ian's getting long in the tooth, I still think he's got another year of two left in him. Also I would like to thank Mark Sleeman (Sleeze) who was a great help to me throughout the season.

Thank you to everybody who played Burke Cup this year and I'm sure next year we will win our Burke Cup trophy back again.

Tony Kent

WHIDDON CUP 1990

A Mathematical Possibility!

Throughout the season, the "Whiddos" were in the running to make the semi-finals (even up until the second last game).

The potential within the side was enormous, the performance on field fell well short of the potential.

1990 was a year of frustration – 5 drawn matches (which we should have won) 6 losses by less than 4 points (which we should have won) and 3 legitimate defeats (which we didn't deserve to win).

The season can best be described as a whole lot of fun, the team spirit developed at training and on field realised itself at our "Team Dinner".

Special thanks to Doctor George Blackwood for his earnest efforts towards team fitness. Special mention to regular team members Jenno, Big Joe, "Yo-Yo" Morrison, "Hitman" Roulston, Sean "The Star" Dent, "Cardi" Kentish, "Slugger" Ryan, "Granny" Milto, Willie Corkhill, Marty Small and Davie Young.

Kanga and Woodsie enjoyed the season and looking forward to the next season.

Be there or be somewhere else!

JUDD CUP REPORT 1990

What does a fourth grade side mean to a club like Colleagues?

One could possibly disregard the Club Championship points because a fourth grade side alone will not win the Club this prized trophy. Although as the Colleagues found out half way through the season every point does count when relegation rears its ugly head.

My perspective on the importance of Judd Cup performances to the Club in general is based on attitude. A well drilled, confident lower grade side has the ability to impact upon the attitude of higher grades. They have the ability to ensure that the three teams above perform to their potential in the knowledge that their own positions are tenuous. "If Juddies can do it so can we" is not an unheard of cliché in the circle of the Whiddon Cup side as they prepare to take the field. This attitude becomes self-fulfilling all the way through the grades.

More importantly, a Judd Cup side can sow the seeds that yield an enthusiastic, goal driven Club. And it is in this particular aspect where I believe the 1990 Judd Cup side proved themselves.

Footballing ability, age and fitness aside, each player who played regularly for Judd this year was enthusiastic on both Thursday night at training and Saturday on the paddock. (Off the field was also where the players excelled....sure!) Their goal and this was what was impressed upon them was to learn to be a part of a team. Trust each other, support each other, respect each other.

This attitude was highlighted more so in the forward pack which is only natural in the mistake-ridden, stop-start type of game fourth grade is. The backs are given limited opportunities to show their class, but their commitment in defence was undeniable.

There are so many names that were pencilled onto the registration forms at 11.45am on Saturdays that citing particular efforts would seem unfair. However, as a coach, one cannot heap more praise on the no-nonsense efforts of Anthony Brummitt and Charles Adams. While lacking the technical ability of accomplished second rowers, their attitude and enthusiasm was inspiring. The same could be said of Tony Booth, a hooker of pint-sized proportions, but a commitment unsurpassed.

On results the scoreboard would suggest an unsuccessful season for Judd Cup. However, if having over 20 players changed and ready at each game, with similar numbers at training....and if enthusiasm and a desire (if not the ability) to win is considered unsuccessful for a fourth grade then something is amiss.

There is one game that I will remember as the best of the 1990 team. And fittingly, it was a 0-0 draw. That match was against Matraville, a side that went on to play Waverley in the grand final. It will be remembered for the gutsy tackling of the backline and the mobility and commitment of the forwards. Most of all it will be remembered for the attitude.

And without putting too finer point on it, the Club went on to have a very successful day, winning both Kentwell and Burke against a very strong club. Herein lies the role of Judd Cup at Colleagues.

Thank you for a great season and thank you especially to Tom Fraser and Andrew Chubb who coached the side in the first half of the season and who supported me when I took over.

Toby Lawson

1990 COMPETITION RESULTS

Minor Premiership Tables

KENTWELL CUP	FIRST DIVISION							
	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	DIF	PTS
Waverley	18	14	4	0	486	162	244	28
Matraville	18	12	5	1	314	222	92	25
Forest	18	10	6	2	256	161	95	22
Hunters Hill	18	9	8	1	199	215	-16	19
Lindfield	18	9	9	0	194	221	-27	18
Colleagues	18	8	10	0	188	181	7	16
St. Patricks	18	7	11	0	210	332	-122	14
Newport	18	6	11	1	198	276	-78	13
St. Ives	18	6	11	1	170	308	-138	13
Old Ignations	18	6	12	0	222	279	-57	12

BURKE CUP	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	DIF	PTS
	Newport	18	14	3	1	221	87	134
Waverley	18	13	3	2	241	101	140	28
St. Patricks	18	11	6	1	143	156	-13	23
Forest	18	8	8	2	124	120	4	18
Hunters Hill	18	9	9	0	153	150	3	18
Colleagues	18	8	8	2	118	151	-33	18
Old Ignations	18	7	9	2	133	164	-31	16
Lindfield	18	5	12	1	120	219	-99	11
St. Ives	18	4	12	2	132	192	-60	10
Matraville	18	4	13	1	114	159	-45	9

WHIDDON CUP	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	DIF	PTS
	Waverley	18	13	2	3	193	89	104
Lindfield	18	12	3	3	164	64	100	27
Matraville	18	12	5	1	235	97	138	25
St. Patricks	18	7	7	4	96	105	-9	18
Colleagues	18	6	8	4	79	111	-32	16
Forest	18	5	8	5	109	113	-4	15
Newport	18	6	9	3	94	133	-39	15
St. Ives	18	6	9	3	87	156	-69	15
Old Ignations	18	5	12	1	116	264	-148	11
Hunters Hill	18	3	12	3	97	138	-41	9

JUDD CUP	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	DIF	PTS
Waverley	18	17	1	0	295	64	231	34
Matrville	18	14	3	1	131	60	71	29
Forest	18	9	7	2	100	122	-22	20
St. Patricks	18	8	8	2	113	121	-8	18
Newport	18	8	10	0	132	127	5	16
Old Ignations	18	8	10	0	144	140	4	16
Hunters Hill	18	7	10	1	131	119	12	15
Lindfield	18	6	9	3	92	96	-4	15
Colleagues	18	5	11	2	75	147	-72	12
St. Ives	18	2	15	1	39	256	-217	5

SUTHERLAND CUP	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	DIF	PTS
Newport	18	18	0	0	254	47	207	36
Matrville	18	12	3	3	321	97	224	27
Blue Mountains	18	8	5	5	186	133	53	19
Waverley	18	8	7	3	187	101	86	19
St. Ives	18	8	8	2	140	97	43	18
Lindfield	18	8	8	2	125	173	-48	18
Forest	18	6	8	4	136	185	-49	16
St. Patricks	18	7	10	1	124	152	-28	15
Colleagues	18	1	14	3	52	280	-228	5
Old Ignations	18	1	14	3	49	309	-268	5

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

DIVISION 1

	Pts
Waverley	828
Matrville	605
Forest	574
Newport	519
St. Patricks	502
Lindfield	496
Hunters Hill	495
Colleagues	472
Old Ignations	384
St. Ives	345