

**THE  
WOOLLAHRA  
COLLEAGUES  
RUGBY  
UNION  
FOOTBALL  
CLUB**



**ANNUAL REPORT**

**1992**

**1992 OFFICE BEARERS**

<b>Patron:</b>	Her Worship the Mayor of Woollahra
<b>President:</b>	David Gooch
<b>Vice Presidents:</b>	J.Anderson, L.Barraclough, R.Caldwell, J.Bunce M.Caspers, J.Corlis, R.Harriden, J.Hitchen, D.Kirkwood, H.Lamens, J.Noice, A.Ross, E.Radford, F.Storch, A Williams
<b>Club Captain:</b>	Toby Lawson
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Tom Fraser
<b>Hon. Secretary:</b>	Rick Howe
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## 1992 TROPHY WINNERS

Honour Cap: Hugh Taylor  
Club Captain: Toby Lawson  
Kentwell Captain: Rick Howe  
Burke Captain: Tim Cullen  
Whiddon Captain: Dave Riddell  
Judd Captain: Doug Ambrose  
Sutherland Captain: Ronnie Johnstone

### Best and Fairest

Club: Peter MacKenzie-Wood  
Kentwell: Mike Nelson  
Burke: Tim Cullen  
Whiddon: Peter MacKenzie-Wood  
Judd: Hugh Warden  
Sutherland: Sinu  
Most Improved Player: Sean Corbett  
Rookie of the Year: Dougal Lamont  
Leading Try Scorer: Dave Apps  
Leading Point Scorer: Ronnie Johnstone  
Team Scoring Most Tries: Judd Cup  
Oldest and Boldest: John Hitchen  
John Anderson Trophy: Not Awarded  
200 Games Played: Hugh Warden  
100 Games Played: Andrew Draper  
Graham Rush

25 September, 1992

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is my honour to present the 1992 Annual Report. The Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet show again this year that Colleagues is in good shape financially. Particular note here should be made to the fact that \$25,000 is on term deposit for Colleagues' future.

This year's Mystery Ball held on Sydney Harbour continued the successes of previous functions and was enjoyed by all. This annual function should not be missed, particularly by Old Colleagues.

The playing field results were much like 1991 - the Club finishing fifth on Championship points. The rugby standard seems to improve each year and Colleagues' consolidation of good players and competent coaches hold us in good stead for 1993.

Congratulations to the Trophy Winners, and again this year .....  
It's great being a Colleague.

David Cooch

#### CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II described 1992 as an "annus horribilis" and rightly so. However, if she had bothered to focus on the colonial spirit at her Royal Colleagues she may have described it somewhat differently.

Colleagues enjoyed a successful year both on and off the paddock. The outstanding feature of the year was the camaraderie and spirit throughout all five grades, with the clubhouse spirit(s) breaking down any apparent barriers.

On the football field, performances were mixed leaving the Club fifth in the Club Championship for the second year in a row. However, the seeds of success, which were sown in 1991, have been nurtured with diligence by the coaching staff and we expect to reap the rewards in a new competition in 1993.

Kentwell Cup finished fifth and could reasonably be expected to be disappointed not to have made the semi's. The side's improvement on the previous season lay as much in its stability as it did in coaches Hugh Taylor and Bruce Malouf. Both gentlemen were incredibly dedicated to the team and to the Club, with Hugh being rewarded with the Honour Cap at the annual trophy night. Bruce will long be remembered not only for his expertise as a rugby educator but also as a fine human being, forever giving of his time to all and sundry. We wish him the best at Manly next year.

Burke Cup had a disastrous start to the year losing their first five games. However, they recovered well to finish sixth in the competition. The highlights were two great wins against semi-finalist's St. Patrick's and Lindfield in the last two rounds. Damian Kelly and Sean Swift gave their all and no doubt will be looking for a better start in 1993.

Whiddon Cup were desperately unlucky not to make the semi's and it must have been most frustrating for Brian Woods. Woodsie deserved a shot at the title for he has been one of the great Colleagues and this was reflected in his team's performance. Maybe 1993 will be the year we break the drought in Whiddon.

The best team in the club were Judd Cup. Age shall not weary them nor their penchant for scoring tries. Judd were well coached (if that was possible) by Rog Kent and they made the grand final against a side they had beaten on the previous two occasions. However, they were pipped on the day. We hope that this side makes one more attempt at wresting the title from Waverley for not only are they great players they are an integral part of Colleagues.

Sutherland Cup enjoyed its most successful year for some seasons due primarily to the enthusiasm generated by their captain-coach Ronnie Johnstone. The side fell short in the minor semi, but younger players gained valuable experience for when they play in higher grades (most of this year). Ronnie was also leading point scorer for the club, capping off a great year. Well done.

Congratulations to all trophy winners and captains for their efforts and leadership throughout the year.

Off the field, the committee did its level best to keep the club functioning properly. Colleagues is renowned as a "functional" place, with parties the major source of revenue. Nigel Davis and Axel Foley were tireless behind the bar whilst David Cobcroft always managed to organise enough people at a party to virtually destroy the clubhouse. It was left to Will Kendall and other volunteers to clean up the mess. Cobby's highlight was the annual ball which this year was held on board the SS Blue Giant. Everyone would agree it was a major success.

My thanks to Goochie, Tom and Rick for their constant support in making the right decisions and also to Stuart Hunter who kept me well in touch with the competition and sundry developments. Richard McGrath was a most studious jersey convener and will no doubt be looking forward to passing on this responsibility in 1993.

Colleagues is a great rugby club, inhabited by great people. For those fortunate enough to be a part of this unique place, the memories will never dim. However, whilst enjoying the experience, we must face the realities. The Club, in its 60th year is confronting its hardest test. It will be competing against strong clubs from the Metropolitan division as well as its usual Kentwell adversaries. It will be a great challenge, one which will extract the true spirit of the Colleagues, one which I feel will promote the team and not the individual.

Gentlemen, the task is hard. Take pride in your club and support those privileged enough to serve it. All the best.

Toby Lawson  
Club Captain

## KENTWELL CUP REPORT

1992 was another successful year for Kentwell Cup and Colleagues Football Club. The actual results on paper, were again like '91, below our initial expectations. The atmosphere, camaraderie, and spirit were stronger and even more enjoyable than '91. We attracted quite a few new players and numbers throughout the club were up again on last year.

Kentwell enjoyed a very successful middle period of the competition. We were definite semi-final contenders with 4 rounds to go. A great comeback against Newport showing a lot of heart and good control under pressure enticed Bruce and I to start thinking of premierships. The real test, however, came the next round against the eventual winners St. Leo's. This game, Bruce and I knew would make or break us. As the scoreboard showed it broke us. I think it was the best performance I have seen by a Kentwell side in my association with the Club. Great spirit against, in all fairness, a better side nearly won us the game, failing in the end by a very ambitious Simon Campbell field goal attempt. The last two games were disappointing but our energy and enthusiasm had gone after the St. Leo's game.

The Kentwell pack was strong again, however the front row seemed unstable mostly through injury. We didn't have the dominance in this area we had enjoyed in '91. The second row with the inclusion of the incredibly enthusiastic Dougal Lambert and one of our best players in Mick Nelson was a definite strong point in the side. The back row developed a good combination and played well in nearly all the games. The anti-smoking movement could certainly have a field day with Sean Corbett. He tested my patience more than once as he stood in lineouts and played touch with a cigarette hanging out of his mouth. Gus Logan was a real find along with Craig Benham our 5/8 who were both playing Whiddon Cup carefully guarded by Woodsie until I realised these two were a major reason for the Whiddo's great start to the season.

Dave Roberts left us at the end of the season to retirement which will be a great loss. Dave played and lead well all year and I wish him all the best for the future. Hugh McFarlane is another whose future with the club is a little uncertain. I hope to see him back in the sky blue but if not wish him all the best and a big thanks for his effort.

Craig "Reg" Blair in our opinion was the find of the year. He added some much needed flair to our back line. The ability to make something out of almost nothing and to hit the line with genuine pace was a great asset to the team. Unfortunately, Bruce obviously decided he was too good to lose also and at this stage is taking him to Manly with him. I hope he comes to his senses and returns to the Blue Giants soon.

I would like to wish Bruce Malouf all the best of luck at Manly (even if he has taken Reg with him). I don't have to say what a great asset he was to the Club, I'm sure anybody who had anything to do with him respected and admired the mans talent and enthusiasm. The possible exception to this was Axl Foley who being in charge of the bar was made to stay until Bruce had satisfied his unquenchable thirst.

The 1993 season promises to be a really interesting year, 18 team competition playing everybody only once with the top ten to stay up. I, along with the senior players am looking forward to the challenge. Mark

Carroll whom I played with at Sydney University joins me in a player coach capacity. Mark's experience of having played with the likes of Michael Hawker and Nick Farr-Jones inside him will add a new dimension to our back play.

Several other players have joined us including another ex Sydney University back rower in Mark Richard who promises to give us an edge this season.

The old players and everybody associated with the club will, I hope, support us this season as we tackle the 2nd division competition. Cheers and here's to a very enjoyable and successful year.

Hugh Taylor

## BORKE CUP

Played: 18      Won: 7      Lost: 11

We started the season with four successive losses and we definitely had our chances in three of these games. These games certainly typified the frustration for the whole season especially losing 5 games by less than 5 points.

We certainly struggled to find a combination early in the season but in the end it came together. There are always plenty of "what if's?" in a season, however, a better start would have placed the side in a far more favourable position. Those first few games are crucial in any season. However, I feel the commitment made by everyone certainly led to some highlights. The major highlights for the season were the wins against St. Patricks, eventual grand finalists, in both rounds and finishing the season with three wins.

I believe these final three wins were due to a couple of reasons but the major one being we had a full team for Thursday night training. There is no doubt if we are to continue with this form then Thursday night training is imperative. If we can take this lesson into 1993 then we will have a better start to the season and the results will follow.

Damien and I would like to thank the commitment of those there week in and week out. I feel we are now comfortable with our style of football and with a few bounces of ball we will have a successful 1993 season. We look forward to 1993 where our effort and foundations from 1992 should pay dividends.

Sean Swift

## WHIDDON CUP 1992

Played: 18      Won: 10      Lost: 6      Draw: 2

Points: For 186      Against 109      Position: 5th

The season started in unbelievable fashion - undefeated in the first 5 games! However, the next 13 games resulted in only 5 more wins and 2 draws.

The second round introduced the new rules and new scoring system. The Whiddo's took a long time to come to grips with the new changes. The impact of our driving forward play was significantly less.

Our highlight of the season was a whopping 36-0 victory over St.Pats in the second last match. A fitting farewell to Marty Small on his way to the USA.

The low point came the next week with a 10-10 draw with Lindfield. We scored 2 tries to 1 (length of the field intercept), had all the territory, scored on the ball but missed the conversion.

That draw placed us 5th (1 point out of the semi's).

The Whiddo's developed a great team spirit and once again all players enjoyed themselves (except for the game at Newport!). Fullback Richard Fisher had kicked splendidly all year and was leading points scorer.

Outstanding performances throughout the season came from Stu McGuire, Byron Cooper, Marty Small, Dave Ridgell, Joe Distaso and Peter Mack-Wood. Hamish White and Wally McCallum formed a formidable second row combination, ably supported by Peter Anderson.

"Old Heads" props Ian Raine, Richard Pagan and Chris Foote gave their all throughout the season, whilst the "little fella's" - Matt Pierce and Ian Holland were always in the thick of games.

As usual, the Whiddo's was the spring board for rising stars this year. Gus Logan and Craig Benham playing in Kentwell Cup.

A special mention to "Rookie" half back Darren Curtin, who was injured after 5 games. We hope he comes back next season to fulfil his potential. Welcome back to John Carey, who added invaluable experience to the back line.

A very big thank you to Andrew Cook in his initial year of coaching for all his work and effort to make 1992 another good year for the Whiddo's.

Brian Wood

## JUDD CUP (THE DREAM TEAM)

1992 was the year that Judd Cup probably should have taken the Championship. Right throughout the year, the team had shown that ourselves and Waverley were the teams to beat.

The first game of the season saw Colleagues vs Waverley and unfortunately we went down 10-6 but the scoreline probably should have been in our favour as we dominated most of the match. The second round went our way and the major semi-final also went our way.

The Grand Final was what we really wanted and obviously we were confident of a victory and unfortunately it was probably over confidence that cost us the Premiership.

The team showed right throughout the year what "throwing" the football around can achieve. We scored more points than any other side and a lot of the games were extremely entertaining.

The team consisted of many players who had been with the club for many years which obviously gave us a lot of experience.

Many players excelled this year, however I would like to congratulate Hugh Warden for winning best and fairest. Hugh and David Taylor had a solid struggle for the award. David Taylor dictated the play all year and at times he looked as though he was 20 years of age again.

The front row consisted of Steve Roberts, Pete Richards, Ian Holland and Tim Booth. It was great to see Boothie in blue colours again and I believe he will be playing again in '93.

The second row as solid as a rock on one side with Andy Lomax and on the other side the fullback came Second Rower the "Cool" Tilley. Breakaways were John Ryan, Simon Greenaway and Hugh Taylor. Speed to the Breakdown was not one of our stronger points, so John has informed me that he will be doing some sprint training between the forty beers each day. Half Back was broken up between Billy Currie and Sean Swift with both of them being very capable.

The Centre combination was probably our biggest problem all year. We had many changes however, due to Graham Rush's injury and Axle Foley's injury we were not really settled even up to Grand Final Day. Henry Walton had a fine start to Colleagues and I hope I see him playing up the Grades in '93. Wingers were Craig Smith and Dave Apps. Dave ended up being the leading try scorer so a lot has to be said for D.Taylor throwing the ball out wide.

Finally, we come to our skipper, Doug Ambrose as Fullback! Doug played more games than anyone else. There were occasions where he went on with the team but didn't come off with them. However, thank you, for skipping the side to the Grand Final and I'm sure Colleagues, Judd Cup will see you again. Good luck in '93.

Tony Kent

#### COLLEAGUES R.U.F.C. 5TH GRADE REPORT 1992 SEASON

The 1992 season was certainly a great year for the Blue Giants with players coming from out of the wilderness to have a game or two. No doubt this was a flow off from the successful World Cup of 1991. The 5th grade side had no less than 100 players turn out during the season, with most of those having half a game here and there. This caused confusion and complications, especially at half time in trying to ensure that everyone had some sort of a run. There was no more evidence of this than the game against Newport in the first round where I was forced to tell 2 players to stay on the field at half time and the remaining players had to swap with the 13 reserves.

The confusion however did not seem to interfere with cohesion amongst players, with the side having a very successful year indeed. It was the first time Colleagues 5th Grade had ever made the semi finals and I am sure this success had a great influence on the higher Grades.

Success was not confined to the rugby paddock however, and all those involved with 5th Grade throughout the year had a super time off the field. A lot of new friends were made as one would expect having met nearly 100 new faces during the year, and one of particular note was our "superb" Fijian international traveller, Simu. The influence Simu had, especially off the paddock, was a highlight for all involved at the Club this year and hopefully he will be back for many years to come (who will ever forget his renditions of "The Pub With No Beer").

Of all those players that started off in 5th Grade this year, there were 4 players of note that played in the lofty heights of Kentwell Cup. This was a reflection on the selection panel who not only looked at the so called named players, but were also prepared to take players from any Grade, provided they performed well. This also contributed to the success of the Club as a whole.

Word was obviously travelling around during the season that 5th Grade was the place to be, and indeed it brought an old rooster out of retirement in Trevor Peterson to play half a game against Waverley. I will never forget the poor Waverley breakaway who took 5 minutes to get up after Patto made one of his legendary shoulder charges.

I would like to thank several players who played for most of the year and turned up week after week, even though they were only getting half games and playing out of position. Mostly, this was due to there being 8 or 9 breakaways every week, from which the back line was generally developed. These players include Paul Chappell, Tony Cheshire, Darren Cornell, Darren Cooper, Angus Craig, Brad Davies, Mike Finlayson, Sean Heath, Michael Hill, Peter McDougall, Richard McGrath, Tim McNicol, John Ryan, Gary Turner and Hamish Sutherland. Particular note goes to Angus Craig being our 16 year old prop who tried to start off as a hooker, but due to being too big for that position, had to play prop. It was a great commitment from the youngster who on one particular instance turned up at the Blue Mountains for half a game after playing in his school trials. This was also a reflection of the enthusiasm of Angus' old man, Craigie, who organised the water and sand every week, and who was also prepared to train with the side, even when he had spent all day at lunch.

I would particularly like to thank Richard McGrath for all his help throughout the year. In particular, when he pointed out to me on several

occasions that this was not to be taken too seriously.

Finally, thanks also to the other Coaches for their support and in particular to Hugh Taylor and Bruce Malouf for taking time out of their training schedules to assist me with some of the finer points of forward play.

Here's to '93.

Andrew Johnstone (Ronnie)

COMPETITION TABLE Division: KENIWELL CUP Date: 29/01/93

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
WAVERLEY	18	15	0	3	546	207	339	30
ST LEOS	18	14	0	4	430	185	245	28
ST PATS	18	13	0	5	292	195	97	26
MATRIVILLE	18	12	0	6	320	281	39	24
COLLEAGUES	18	9	1	8	315	240	75	19
NEWPORT	18	9	1	8	307	263	44	19
FOREST	18	7	0	11	191	286	-95	14
OLD IGNATIONS	18	6	0	12	267	371	-104	12
LINDFIELD	18	4	0	14	178	392	-214	8
BLUE MOUNTAINS	18	0	0	18	118	544	-426	0

COMPETITION TABLE Division: BURKE CUP Date: 29/01/93

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
WAVERLEY	18	14	1	3	303	88	214	29
ST LEOS	18	12	1	5	231	132	99	25
ST PATS	18	11	2	5	309	138	171	24
MATRIVILLE	18	12	0	6	229	200	29	24
COLLEAGUES	18	9	0	9	163	211	-48	18
NEWPORT	18	7	0	11	188	239	-51	14
FOREST	18	6	2	10	157	227	-70	14
OLD IGNATIONS	18	6	1	11	181	203	-22	13
LINDFIELD	18	4	2	12	122	294	-172	10
BLUE MOUNTAINS	18	4	1	13	137	287	-150	9

COMPETITION TABLE Division: WHIDON CUP Date: 29/01/93

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
WAVERLEY	18	14	1	3	262	85	177	29
ST LEOS	18	12	2	4	232	104	128	26
ST PATS	18	11	1	6	256	143	113	23
MATRIVILLE	18	11	1	6	185	131	54	23
COLLEAGUES	18	10	2	6	176	109	67	22
NEWPORT	18	7	4	7	156	167	-11	18
FOREST	18	6	3	9	102	184	-82	15
OLD IGNATIONS	18	5	1	12	125	192	-67	11
LINDFIELD	18	4	3	11	98	190	-92	11
BLUE MOUNTAINS	18	1	0	17	73	360	-287	2

COMPETITION TABLE Division: JUDO CUP Date: 29/01/93

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
WAVERLEY	18	15	0	3	276	85	191	30
ST LEOS	18	13	1	4	331	95	236	27
ST PATS	18	13	1	4	157	44	113	27
MATRIVILLE	18	13	0	5	212	89	123	26
COLLEAGUES	18	7	1	10	118	176	-58	15
NEWPORT	18	5	2	11	140	156	-16	12
FOREST	18	5	2	11	87	194	-107	12
OLD IGNATIONS	18	6	0	12	103	244	-141	12
LINDFIELD	18	5	0	13	87	239	-152	10
BLUE MOUNTAINS	18	4	1	13	74	263	-189	9

COMPETITION TABLE Division: SUMMERLAND CUP Date: 29/01/93

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
WAVERLEY	18	17	1	0	419	44	375	35
ST LEOS	18	13	3	2	302	52	250	29
ST PATS	18	10	1	7	178	126	52	21
MATRIVILLE	18	9	2	7	169	164	5	20
COLLEAGUES	18	9	1	8	129	146	-17	19
NEWPORT	18	9	0	9	145	226	-81	18
FOREST	18	6	0	12	112	249	-137	12
OLD IGNATIONS	18	4	3	11	77	162	-85	11
LINDFIELD	18	3	2	13	83	229	-146	8
BLUE MOUNTAINS	18	3	1	14	94	310	-216	7

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	K	B	W	J	Pts
WAVERLEY	450	192	116	60	818
ST LEOS	420	232	104	24	780
ST PATS	390	200	60	52	702
MATRIVILLE	360	104	92	54	610
COLLEAGUES	285	112	88	54	539
NEWPORT	285	112	72	30	499
FOREST	120	192	92	18	422
OLD IGNATIONS	210	144	44	24	422
LINDFIELD	180	80	8	20	288
BLUE MOUNTAINS	-	72	44	24	140
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