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**ANNUAL REPORT  
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## 1994 TROPHY WINNERS

John Anderson Trophy:	Not Awarded
Honour Cap:	Stewart McCure
Club Captain:	Will Kendall
Club Best and Fairest:	David Gourlay
Kentwell Best and Fairest:	Cameron Poolman
Burke Best and Fairest:	Ian Simpson
Whiddon Best and Fairest:	David Brenac and Paul Hoyer
Judd Best and Fairest:	David Gourlay
Sutherland Best and Fairest:	Hamish Paton
Halligan Best and Fairest:	Hamish Paton
Most Improved Player:	Darren Cooper
Rookie of the Year:	Murray Cox
Oldest and Boldest:	Glyn Breeze
Leading Point Scorer:	Andrew Johnstone
Team Scoring Most Tries:	Sutherland Cup
Kentwell Captain:	Mick Nelson
Burke Captain:	Sam Vivers
Whiddon Captain:	Paul Cummins
Judd Captain:	John Ryan
Sutherland Captain:	Peter MacKenzie-Wood
Kentwell Coaches:	Hugh and David Taylor
Burke Coaches:	Scott and Mark Gray-Spencer
Whiddon Coach:	Hugh McFarlane and Hugh Warden
Judd Coach:	Roger Garner and Chris Foote
Sutherland Coach:	Stewart McCure

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of the committee, I present the Annual Report for the Woollahra Colleagues Rugby Football Club for the 1994 year.

In my initial year of Presidency, the committee set out three prime objectives:

1. Instigate a Marketing Programme through Sponsorship and the Colleagues Services Directory.
2. Re-establish the culture of Colleagues traditions through past players and non-playing membership.
3. Continue on the progress and processes towards building a new Clubhouse at Woollahra Park.

I believe we can say that these objectives were met to varying degrees. At our first attempt in such areas we have learnt some lessons and look forward to improving our performance as these strategies are developed.

The club experienced a successful year as seen by:

- (a) The Sutherland Cup Premiership.
- (b) Over 100 new players drawn to the club.
- (c) Shifting the dependence for income from players to sponsors and supporters.
- (d) The capacity to absorb unusually high levels of costs.
- (e) Producing a healthy profit.
- (f) Providing a positive environment for players to enjoy their Rugby and the Club Spirit.
- (g) Lifting the overall presentation and profile of Colleagues within the NSW Suburban Rugby 1st Division.

There were some outstanding individual efforts that cannot go unrecognised:

- Stewart McCure – Honour Cap Recipient 1994.  
He single-handedly coached and managed the 5th and 6th grade sides throughout the season towards the premiership.
- Tim Booth and Adam Tilley.  
Two true Colleagues on and off the field. Both played their 200th game for the club this season.
- Hugh Taylor.  
Club and 1st grade Coach for the past four years, he is retiring. Colleagues owe Hugh an unpayable debt of gratitude for his dedication and unyielding belief in his players and in the club. Hugh will be missed.

Also we must make special mention of the support given to the club in our initial year of marketing by our sponsors and Non-Playing Members. The names are formally listed further on in this report.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Continued)**

Our future is strongly focused on the challenge to build a new clubhouse. To this end, a separate committee under the chairmanship of Fred Storch is in place, responsible for the design, funding and building of the new club. The task could not be in better hands.

My personal thanks go to this year's committee who each committed to a job responsibility at the beginning of the year and all delivered on that commitment. To those leaving committee, Stuart Hunter, Will Kendall, Adam O'Regan and Andrew Cooke. Thank you for your effort and contribution this year and in past years. Tim Booth and Richard McGrath were both tireless workers, particularly on match days and my thanks go to them for their co-operation, effort and contribution over the year.

All Colleagues can be proud of the club's performance in 1994 and will be called upon to support us in 1995 as the club continues to strengthen itself for the challenges ahead.

BRIAN WOOD, Club President

## **CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

The season started early again this year with the usual runs from Bondi to Bronte and back. That was way back in February when most of us had still no intentions of putting on the blue jersey. Thinking back to those runs it was hard to gauge what the season would bring, were there any new stars, faster wingers, 5/8ths with better hands, good line out jumping 2nd rowers or fat and fast props. It was hard to tell but all was revealed as the season progressed.

The first two trial matches were against UNSW and Hawkesbury respectively. Some of the familiar faces had returned along with the usual sprinkling of new players. Really, however, those two trial matches didn't look positive. Any concern we did have, however, was quickly eroded as the trials wore on and the usual latecomers shook off that lazy summer feeling and ventured down.

The next trial was at Orange against OAG. We left with 36 guys early on Saturday morning and made it up there, via a very luxurious bus trip and Brad's local knowledge, just after lunch. We played 6 x 25 minute halves and while we were not full strength we managed to give the younger Ag students a good contest both on the paddock and back at the pub. It was great to see some of the older players on that trip as well as Dave Taylor who got a good taste of the season ahead.

After the trials it was two weeks before the first competition match. During this period we had the annual Colleagues Dry Friday party organised by our party

man Adam O' and ably assisted by many of the players. The night raised good money for the Club and everyone managed to get into the state they were aiming for notwithstanding the torrential downpour that hit about midnight.

The trip to Penrith was our first match of the season. It was a good start with Sutherland and Burke winning and Kentwell drawing. Kentwell should have won but the situation was not helped when both centres came off through injury in the first five minutes. The club blooded several new players that day right through the grades, many of whom completed the season and will add to the growing nucleus of Colleagues in the seasons to come.

The following Wednesday night we had the annual new players night. The night would have been a standard affair if not for the then undiscovered talents of Johnny Pappas who made amateurs of us all with his unique rendition of Tooti Frooti. Well done, John, it showed a lot of guts.

The next 3 games against Hornsby, Hawkesbury and UNSW saw mixed results in the higher grades while the lower grades were clocking up wins.

The next game against Knox was intended to be Colleagues' revival. Unfortunately this was not to be. In a low day for the Club, however, Murray C, the eventual Rookie of the Year, turned in one of the great performances of the season with a 3 point game in Whiddon followed by another 3 point game as a replacement in Burke. It was no surprise that Murray ended up in Kentwell.

In the next two rounds the situation did not improve and our Club Championship position was looking precarious with just under half the season gone.

The turning point of the season was to come against Waverley, the local enemy. After securing wins in Judd and Burke it came down to Kentwell to win the day for the Club. Unfortunately, it was the one game of the season I missed due to family commitments in Wagga. I called from a service station about 200km from Sydney and was one happy little Giant when Ben (Jnr Woodsy) told me we had got up after being down 16-nil after 10 minutes. The Bellevue did well out of us that night!

A bye followed Waverley with the next game against Hawkesbury Ag, the eventual Club Champions. We went down in all grades against except Sutherland who continued on their winning way. The loss proved most expensive to Burke who at that stage were just clinging to the four.

The next weekend, save for our two rounds against Waverley, was our best day. We started well with Sutherland and Judd winning close games. Roger G was probably thanking the rugby gods for the Judd win when with 10 minutes to go before kickoff half his team had not arrived. We, of course, with the exception of Roger, were not worried as this tactic had worked well for them in the previous matches. A slight hiccup with Whiddon, who went down narrowly, was followed by a last minute win to Burke. The match of the day started off badly and by half

time we were down 16-nil. Hugh T, who by this stage was fairly worked up, delivered arguably his shortest but most effective speech of the season causing Kentwell to run on in the 2nd half a completely different team. Hugh B scored two tries and in the process played the best back game of the season. The final score was 29 to 16 our way.

The return match against Penrith was Kentwell's day. We had only managed to win one game during the day (Judd 5-nil) so it was obviously important that Kentwell won. This they did with a 38 to 5 demolition of the eventual 4th place getters.

Next week we had a bye and for a change we had the inaugural Colleagues Game Night. It was an informal affair which proved successful. Thanks to Matt C who helped out on the night and well down to Glynn "The iron man winner" and Bruce the official fastest man in the Club.

The next five games registered mixed results in the top three grades while Judd and Sutherland continued with their winning seasons.

Sutherland, with the help of a vast number of players, had by now cemented themselves in the top three and were the favourites with Waverley. Stu M had done a fantastic job to date, however, he still had a big job ahead. Judd were also in contention for their semis and had formed a good nucleus of players including John R, the captain, Angus B, Mark A, and both Boothies which gave them that important stability edge.

The Final round of the season was fittingly against Waverley who had become our traditional rivals over the past 10 years. During the week we had been advised that there was relegation for the Club which finished last in the Club Championship. This caused us a lot of concern as we were only marginally off the bottom and a loss to Waverley in all grades could have almost certainly lead to relegation. The fact that Colleagues had never been relegated in its 61-year history added further pressure. We went on to win Sutherland, Judd, Burke and Kentwell which placed us in 7th place for the season and any fear of relegation was removed. The feeling in the Colleagues' dressing room at the end of the day made my Club Captain role all worth it.

At the end of the competition rounds we had two teams in the Semis, Judd and Sutherland.

Judd went down in their semi, in a close match, after conceding a penalty in front in the last two minutes of the match. It was an unfortunate way to finish the season but they had, nevertheless, made the club proud. Sutherland won their match and consequently progressed into the grand final in two weeks' time.

In the free weekend before the Sutherland Cup Grand Final we had the Annual Ball at the Grand on Bondi Beach. I hope everyone got a chance to thank Adam O for the effort he put in to organise it.

Sutherland's biggest crowd of the season turned out to support them the following weekend for the Grand Final. They ran with the wind in the first half and went to a 6-nil lead by half time. The second half was played mostly in St Pat's half with Colleagues defending the line. Their tremendous defensive effort did not allow St Pats in and we ran out victors, 6-nil.

Sutherland's win in the GF was a great way to finish the season.

The final event of the season was the Trophy Night. Congratulations to all the winners, including:

- Murray C, a deserved Rookie of the Year.
- Darren C, the Most Improved Player.
- Cobby, Toby and Ronnie, 100-Game Players.
- Boothie and Adam T, 200-Game Players.
- Dave G, "The Club Best and Fairest" and
- Stu McCure, the Honour Cap Winner.

Above are my memories of the season, each one of you will all have your own. I hope, however, you will not forget the efforts of the few people who made the season what it was. These people included:

- The coaches who gave us their time and effort during the week and weekends as well as decide on probably the most difficult task of selections. It is a credit to these guys that generally all players were kept happy, yet the best available teams were selected. Hugh T, who is retiring, will be missed.
- Vashita and Norm who were there when we needed them.
- The committee, especially Richard, who ensured that everything ran smoothly on match days. Cooky, who had the difficult job of controlling the club's finances. Adam, who organised the social functions, and Boothie, the Club's backbone, even if we can't hear him cheer.

I had a great two years as Club Captain and enjoyed every moment. We have a good future ahead of us and I hope all of you will be involved.

WILL KENDALL

## KENTWELL CUP



We again started as last year with high expectations. Perhaps we were somewhat sobered in our excitement due to our very tough opening four rounds.

I must admit that it was very dissapointing at pre-season training to have such low numbers and the same old faces. The players should by now have realised how important the early games are, and again it was our slow start which cost us so dearly later on.

We started off with a draw with competition favourites, Penrith and would have won if our preparation had been better. We then lost the next five games although fairly narrowly, none-the-less it basically blew us out of the competition. Through all this we had built a solid forward pack and for the first time had some depth in the second row with Andrew Purchas and Ian Simpson playing 2nds and Grant Tracey and Ian Mann in 1sts. Our front row was a bit of a worry at times but we had Dean Clark and Rick Howe back with the discovery of Murray Cox – definitely one of the most skilled players I have seen at the club, we were more than formidable. George McKelvey spent most of the season in one of the front row spots and was an excellent find because of his scrumming prowess. The back row was settled in Dog on one side and Mick Nelson at loc kbut the other side I had problems with all year. Sean Corbett did a great job defensively but generally I struggled to find a really good attacking open side breakaway.

The back line early in the season was a major problem, injuries being a major contributor. We basically had problems in all positions except the wings, where Hugh Beveridge and Reg Blair were outstanding all year with Hugh really showing his class in the 2nd half of the year when he got the ball with a bit of space. Matt Collett and Brad Davies both had good games a 5/8th but with all due respect, this is an area the club has to look at in the future. Vision is a vital commodity in a good 5/8ths make up, eg. knowing when to kick and when to

pass. The way the modern game is played, the ball is coming a lot more to the 5/8th and his decision time is possibly a lot less, so therefore it is a vital position in terms of decision making.

I feel in defence to our 5/8ths this year, we were troubled through our first 6 or 7 games with centre combinations and it wasn't until Henry Walton finally overcame his injuries and Richard Parker and Andrew Gooch showed up that we were able to pick a first grade back line. To add to this, Mark Gibson, who I rated very highly from the previous year, also struggled with injury and it wasn't until late in the season that he showed his true colours.

Our half back situation was similar with injuries to Sean Watt and Simon Brownlow, but we found Al Clarke who did a great job and was definitely one of the real finds of the year. At fullback Matt (I'll pass when I care) Bannister did a great job although reluctant as I have said to pass the ball, it was position David and I were always relaxed with. Along with Deano and Darbs, Matt was great for team spirit and kept us going at fairly low times throughout the season. Mick Nelson was my captain for the major part of the season and as well as adjusting to a new position, did a great job. Mick has matured enormously both as a player and in this case as a captain. He, along with Rick Howe and Dog Poolman are the only players to have been with me for my four year coaching stint at Colleagues in Kentwell Cup. Wil Kendall is another who has been there and fittingly finished the season so admirably in 1sts. I might also take the opportunity to not only congratulate Will, but to thank him for his support and encouragement through my coaching stint at Blue Giant Park.

I would also like to thank Brian Wood, our President on his support of me personally. He was always very calm and always worked with me which I found very encouraging. I would like to congratulate Stew McCure on a fantastic season and on a job well done. For hisorganizing skills alone, Fosters Brewing would pay a fortune to have him.

Congratulations also to Roger Garner on a great season along with John Ryan. They continued the Judd Cup success and it might even be time for Ryano to try his coaching skills. It was a tough year for Hugh McFarlane and Hugh Warden, going so well for 2/3's of the season then to come to an abrupt halt. Fifts and fourths success put added pressure on 3rds and it was no more evident than when the coaches pulled their boots out of the cupboard. Scotty and MarkGray-Spencer had a frustrating year, looking so good at times yet like the 1sts, they discovered ways to lose rather than win. Scott and Mark would have learnt heaps this season, particularly the frustrations of coaching. I would really encourage all these guys to have another season as you will not only be much more knowledgeable but the players will be able to relate to you so much better.

Thanks to Darby for his work as Physio this year and Norm for his tireless work on the sideline. Stuart Hunter, who came in for some criticism late in the year and under a lot of pressue from work, did a great job. Remember this guys, these guys give up their time for you for no reward.

Lastly and most importantly, I would like to express my great pleasure in having coached a season with my brother. I think it is a true test of one's friends when you coach together, let alone when you bring family into it. David ran the backs all year and the longer the season went, his influence and planning shone through. He realised early that only one person can do the talking and he let me assume that role (although it must have nearly killed him). We finished the season as we started as good mates which speaks volumes for our blood line when you consider what we went through. I really hope David coaches next year and possibly with Scotty Grey I'm sure they would have a great year.

I want to thank all the players for putting up with my incredible mood swings. I have made some great friends through my association with Colleagues and I will look back on my four years probably not realising the success I would have liked, but still with great memories.

Here's to the Blue Giants

Cheers

Hugh Taylor

## BURKE CUP

'So close but yet so far' are the words that spring to mind with regard to 1994 Burke Cup side.

It was a pleasure coaching the Burke Cup side in 1994 due specifically to the amount of characters that came through the grades. As was indicated by our for and against (197-212), we were never dictated to by any team and every game was competitive, be it the first or last placed team.

We drew away to St. Patricks, the eventual premiers and I think that this is indicative of the ability that the Burke Cup team had but was unfortunately extremely hard to harness due to the ever changing composition of the team. I am sure that we have both aged 5 years in one for the amount of times that the Burke Cup side had games sown up when they fruitlessly threw away those games by trying to shut games down instead of continuing to attack.

In our first year of coaching, we have learnt many things in relation to personalities, tactics and also with regard to the monotony that can occur with any coaching, be it kids or 1st grade. We endeavoured throughout the season to make the training as interesting as possible by including people such as Glen Ella (Assistant Australian Coach) and Matt Garry from South Sydney as well as Terry Herminson who came down and gave us that night of tackling practice in which BrucePlasto inadvertently dislocated his knee to make our lives just a little more difficult. I hope that the players who played under our coaching had the diversity and interest to continue to better their own ability next year.

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Should I be involved with coaching next season, I will endeavour to instill in all players an attitude that the reason we play is for ourselves as much as for anybody else and not to become defensive in our attitude towards other sides.

We would both like to thank the captains that have lead our teams this year which include Sam Vivers who always gave 100% on and off the field. We just hope that his nose bleed stops before the start of next season. Also we would like to thank Toby Lawson for his leadership qualities during this season and his innate ability to give a casual atmosphere to any warm up.

Just going through the team, there are some comments we would like to make on the players who played Burke Cup in 1994.

The front row consisted of General, Matt Pearce, Tim Crawford, George McKelvey, Guillaume Brahim and Bob the Canadian. I would first like to make reference to Matt Pearce who is a credit to any player who played Burke Cup this year with tenacious ability in and around the rucks that kept many opposition hookers on their toes. This was evident in him winning the Players Player award for the second deserving year running. The General took the ball up early in the season before he had to go to sea with 60 mates in a little sub sailing round the ocean. His defensive qualities as a Rugby League player were sorely missed. That brings us on to the Craw. He was probably the fittest bloke in the club, in fact I'd say the fittest front rower in the competition and he is older than me but looks half my age. Unfortunately, he either has a soft head or a head that has a built in radar for other peoples knees, elbows or heads. We wish him the best and hope to see him next year

Lastly, one of my greatest delights of the coaching year was turning a breakaway in Bob Swail into one of the most consistent loose heads running around. Bob is an extremely strong individual and with a couple more years experience will cause opposing props a lot of trouble. Just one word of advice Bob, hold on to the ball when you are in the clear!

That brings us to the second row. This was our most dominant position of the year and will be the same next year. Our two second rowers in Andrew Purchas and Ian Simpson were the envy of every other side in Burke Cup. Andrew is a very experienced player who couldn't train as much as he would have liked but played with vigour and commitment whenever he took the field in a Blue Giants jersey. Ian Simpson was deservedly Burke Cup Best and Fairest showing a commitment that was recognised by players, coaching staff and the fact that he never got injured. He never whinged, he just got on with the job every week and that made him an absolute pleasure to coach. Hopefully Simmo we will be back down next year and I look forward pulling on the number 5 in the top grade.

The back row for a coach is extremely difficult because it usually deals with people who are too slow for backs or too short for the second row. This leads us to Dugald Lamont. Doover was always at training and his commitment was rewarded with continual selection in the Burke Cup back row. A fitting reward for a total club man.

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The plethora of back rowers at the club included Adam Upton who, until he broke his jaw in an accidental collision, was providing real force in the side and I look forward to seeing him fresh for next year. Paul Hoyer (aka Carlos or The Axe) on the odd occasion found himself playing third grade due to selections in Kentwell and Burke Cups, but his ability was deserving of a genuine Burke Cup player and it's unfortunate that he is retiring at such a young age. He'll be back. We would also like to thank Jack Brenac, Hamish White, Sean Corbett, Mark Malloyand Darran Cooper and Richard Edwards. Without their efforts we would have really struggled. Finally, Sam Vivers who played a bit of first grade and mostly second grade had a great year and was always giving 100% in leading from the front. We look forward to seeing him next year.

Onto the backs. Sean Watt, who played until injury cut him short, Ross Bloore who has a magnificent pass and I look forward to seeing him next year developing those fantastic skills he does have and Toby Lawson. Toby is one of those people who talks more than he runs and andcalls for the ball when he doesn't really want to catch it!

Moving on to the 5/8s, we had 3 players in this position throughout the season and the majority of this time was split between Brad Davies and Matt Collett. They are both exceptionally talented footballers who both game breakers on their day with their running and passing ability allied to their skill of kicking goals from all over the paddock. When Brad was playing with confidence running, there is no better player in the club and a player of his ability should go a long way in the game should he choose to take the advice of people who coach him. Matt Collett is probably the most outstanding running 5/8th in the club. This year however we found something out about Matt that surprised a lot of people. Not only can he kick, pass and run he could also tackle doing so very well on a number of occasions most particularly to the delight of the crowd, Matt ran down two runners (as he often does) who were in the clear and about to score.

The Centre combination did change a lot with Simon Hudson, Paul Cummins, Henry Walton, Richard Parker, Goochie, Gibbo and Simon Campbell all making appearances. Each of them made great individual contributions, from Huddos pass to put Will through to win the game in the last minute against Hornsby, Gibbos chip and chase which lead to a try, Cummos tackle against Waverley. The list goes on. We would also like to thank Will Kendall for his contribution in the centre this year. (I think we can forget about that Will). It looks like 5/8 or full back in the future for you my friend! Richard and Henry went on to play a lot of first grade and had very good seasons. The wing position at the start of the season was held by Rob Walton and Bruce Plasto, both very gifted players. Pete McCook came along and played the majority of games and was an inspiration with his straight running and blood bin antics. Peter is a fashionable winger with a ton of ability.

On the other wing we had David 'The Nightmare' Cobcroft. Unfortunately he was equal leading try scorer in 1994 and if justice is seen to be done, then Cobby

should be regarded as one of the best wingers in the club and he played an exceptional game against Waverley in the last round. However, a good story about Cobby is never amiss. In one game, we were leading by 2 points with barely minutes to go and Cobby decided to throw a short line out to Will when six of the opposition were running at him at full speed. They scored a try and we lost the match. That's why we call him 'the nightmare'.

Finally, the fullback position. This was held for most of the year by Club Captain, Will Kendall. It's always a pleasure having Will in your side because you think you are coaching a 12 year old. However, Will is an extremely easy player to coach because he is the Club Captain and he got feedback from the players that I was able to use to keep harmony within the side. Matt 'Johnny Cab' Bannister also played one game and is destined for bigger and better things if he bothers to turn up for training. I would also like to thank Ben Taylor for his involvement at training when we needed players to fill in and he did the job admirably.

In summary, I would like to personally thank all the players that played Burke Cup and because I know that you gave 100% every time you played. Next year, if we play at 120%, we will win more games and have more fun and drink more beer. To the players who are disheartened through not getting into the teams they thought their talents deserved, take heart in the fact that some players started in 4th and 5th grade and ended up playing in 1sts and proved themselves to be very good footballers. Thanks to the committee and other coaches for their continued support. Remember, back your ability and be a team player, not an individual and the Blue Giants will have a big year in 1995.

Scott and Mark Gray-Spencer

## WHIDDON CUP

After a barnstorming first round, producing some brilliant running rugby, Whiddos seemed to lose fluency and games towards the end of the season. The ever changing personnel meant a week-to-week reshuffle for players and positions. Thanks go to those who were only too willing to accommodate.

With a huge influx of new blood and many old heads having another blast, Colleagues can feel confident of a bright future as a club. Without a great Club Championship result, the Colleaguescan still look back on a season of many highs and certainly Whiddos were a big part of this. A fantastic spirit made coaching a far less daunting task. Thanks to our various captains – Cummo, The Axe, Lawso, Andy Campbell and Mick Boyd for all their help.

A huge thanks also to my co-coach, Hugh Warden whose patience and experience with the forwards was invaluable, as was his help with the more mundane aspects of the job. Thanks also to our manager (anyone know who he was?).

Anyway, an enjoyable season, a learning experience and a platform to build on. What more is there – WINNING. See you next year!

Hugh McFarlane

## JUDD CUP

What might have been. This just about sums up the season that the Colleagues Judd Cup side had this year. With a forward pack that dominated almost every team we came up against, a Premiership appeared a distinct possibility. Unfortunately, for all those players who worked so hard throughout the year, it wasn't to be.

To the stalwarts of the team and those who passed through, I wish to thank you for all your efforts and support to make my debut year of coaching as painless and enjoyable as it was. Congratulations also to those who passed milestones in their careers:

Ronnie Johnstone, who completed his 100 games and passed the 500 point mark in becoming the season's leading point scorer, David Gourlay who won both Judd Cup and Club Best and Fairest awards, Steve Sheridan running a close second and a special mention to Tim Booth for clocking up 200 games for the Blue Giants.

My thanks also to Chris Foote for his help and support as co-coach this season and his willingness to don a boot to help us out when we were short in the front row. Thank you also to John Ryan for his commitment as captain, ignoring injury to stay on the field and always leading by the highest example.

A rosy future for the Colleagues seems assured with the depth of talent displayed by the Judd Cup side and especially the Sutherland Cup side with their Premiership victory this year. On behalf of the Judd Cup team, congratulations to Stew McCure and all the players in fifth grade for their successes this season.

Yours in Rugby

Roger Garner

## SUTHERLAND & HALLIGAN CUP

Colleagues regained possession of the Sutherland Cup for the first time in ten years. We defeated St. Patricks Old Boys 6-0 in the Grand Final, courtesy of two Barney Buntine penalty goals. It was the first Colleagues premiership in any grade since the Burke Cup in 1989.

In 1994 the Fifth Grade side won 17 and lost 3 games.

For the first time ever, Colleagues fielded an on-going 6th grade side in the Halligan Cup competition. This brought us up against some familiar teams as well as some very competitive one-team clubs such as Sydney High Old Boys, Blacktown, Roseville and Aitutaki.

Sixth Grade finished the year with a record of 4 wins, 6 losses and 1 draw.

However, as was the case in 1993, the real story of the fifths and sixths lies in the spirit shown by all the players who turned out - 119 in total. Many of these players will be mentioned elsewhere in this Annual Report as they went on to distinguish themselves in every side in the club including Kentwell.

My duty, however, is to recognise the players who were with the side for the year. The players and reserves who won the Grand Final were a great mix of the 'Old Heads' (such as Glyn Breeze, Richard Fagen and Adam Tilley), new additions to the club (including Martyn Roberts and Mark Geissler) and the evergreens (the Mac-Wood brothers, Adam O'Regan and Simon Campbell).

I must mention those players who were unfortunately ineligible for the finals. Without the year-long contributions of players like Dave Nicholson, Will Cummins and the Woods brothers we simply would not have won the competition because we would not have made it to the Semis. Another of these is Hamish Paton who distinguished himself by taking out the best and fairest awards for both Sutherland and Halligan Cups in his first year of Rugby Union.

1994 also saw the return of some familiar faces - Walter McCallum after many years away and Baron Alder after quite a severe illness in the second half of last season.

A number of people were a great help to me this year, but special mention must be made of Peter MacKenzie-Wood who captained the fifths for most of the year, but had to go overseas on the week of the Grand Final. Thankyou also to Stuart Hunter and the rest of the committee who were always on hand when needed. Finally, I would like to thank both Hugh and Dave Taylor for their regular sideline support and their advice all season.

It was both an honour and a pleasure to be associated with Colleagues 1994 fifth and sixth grade sides. Many of the players mentioned here and many others who are not, will continue to play and play well in the clubs higher grades in the years to come. This all bodes well for the club and I believe that great things are in store for the Colleagues Blue Jersey in the years ahead.

See you next year

Stewart McCure



## COMPETITION TABLES

### DIVISION 1: HAHN CHAMPIONSHIP

COMPETITION TABLE – Grade: KENTWELL CUP								After Round: 18
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
UNIVERSITY OF NSW	18	14	0	4	374	230	144	28
UWS HAWKESBURY	18	13	1	4	343	288	55	27
ST PATRICKS	18	11	0	7	356	283	73	22
PENRITH	18	9	2	7	366	330	36	20
MOSMAN	18	10	0	8	309	312	-3	20
LINDFIELD	18	9	0	9	304	303	1	18
HORNSBY	18	6	1	11	315	414	-99	13
WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES	18	5	2	11	194	344	-50	12
WAVERLEY	18	5	0	13	363	386	-23	10
KNOX OLD BOYS	18	4	2	12	231	365	-134	10

### DIVISION 1: HAHN CHAMPIONSHIP

COMPETITION TABLE – Grade: BURKE CUP								After Round: 18
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
ST PATRICKS	18	12	2	4	221	160	61	26
UNIVERSITY OF NSW	18	10	1	7	245	219	26	21
PENRITH	18	10	1	7	201	186	15	21
UWS HAWKESBURY	18	10	1	7	218	205	13	21
KNOX OLD BOYS	18	9	1	8	223	187	36	19
WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES	18	7	3	8	200	215	-15	17
WAVERLEY	18	7	1	10	219	204	15	15
HORNSBY	18	7	0	11	217	228	-11	14
LINDFIELD	18	7	0	11	217	247	-30	14
MOSMAN	18	6	0	12	159	269	-110	12

### DIVISION 1: HAHN CHAMPIONSHIP

COMPETITION TABLE – Grade: WHIDDON CUP								After Round: 18
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
PENRITH	18	15	0	3	216	141	75	30
ST PATRICKS	18	12	3	3	219	139	80	27
LINDFIELD	18	8	4	6	228	177	51	20
HORNSBY	18	9	1	8	210	177	33	19
UWS HAWKESBURY	18	9	1	8	193	219	-26	19
WAVERLEY	18	8	1	9	201	182	19	17
UNIVERSITY OF NSW	18	7	2	9	173	178	-5	16
KNOX OLD BOYS	18	6	0	12	174	228	-54	12
WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES	18	6	0	12	146	214	-68	12
MOSMAN	18	4	0	14	173	278	-105	8

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COMPETITION TABLE – Grade: JUDD CUP								After Round: 18
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
PENRITH	18	15	0	3	260	71	189	30
WAVERLEY	18	13	2	3	244	122	122	28
WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES	18	13	1	4	238	114	124	27
UWS HAWKESBURY	18	12	1	5	233	101	132	25
ST PATRICKS	18	10	0	8	127	138	-11	20
LINDFIELD	18	10	0	8	125	178	-53	20
UNIVERSITY OF NSW	18	5	1	12	115	228	-113	11
MOSMAN	18	4	0	14	116	220	-104	8
KNOX OLD BOYS	18	3	0	15	146	277	-131	6
HORNSBY	18	2	1	15	118	273	-155	5

### DIVISION 1: HAHN CHAMPIONSHIP

COMPETITION TABLE – Grade: SUTHERLAND CUP								After Round: 18
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
WAVERLEY	18	16	1	1	275	65	210	33
WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES	18	15	0	3	261	78	183	30
ST PATRICKS	18	13	3	2	207	65	142	29
PENRITH	18	9	3	6	139	107	32	21
MOSMAN	18	8	2	8	131	123	8	18
UNIVERSITY OF NSW	17	6	2	9	126	161	-35	14
UWS HAWKESBURY	18	6	0	12	115	199	-84	12
KNOX OLD BOYS	18	4	2	12	108	188	-80	10
LINDFIELD	17	3	0	14	60	266	-206	6
HORNSBY	18	2	1	15	60	230	-170	5

### DIVISION 1: HAHN CHAMPIONSHIP

BRUCE GRAHAM SHIELD		After Round: 18
Team		
UWS HAWKESBURY		699
ST PATRICKS		686
UNIVERSITY OF NSW		674
PENRITH		648
LINDFIELD		502
MOSMAN		444
WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES		418
WAVERLEY		394
HORNSBY		393
KNOX OLD BOYS		362