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1995 TROPHY WINNERS

John Anderson Trophy:	Not Awarded
Honour Cap:	Grant Tracey
Club Captain:	Sam Vivers
Club Best and Fairest:	Hugh Macfarlan
Carr Bros Players Player:	Michael Forsyth
Kentwell Best and Fairest:	Mark Gibson
Burke Best and Fairest:	Sean Corbett
Whiddon Best and Fairest:	David Nicholson
Judd Best and Fairest:	Hugh Macfarlan
Sutherland Best and Fairest:	Steven Linker
Most Improved Player:	Adam Upton
Rookie of the Year:	Nick Wansey
Oldest and Boldest:	Jon Ryan
Leading Point Scorer:	Brad Davies
Leading Try Score:	David Cobcroft
Kentwell Captain:	Grant Tracy
Burke Captain:	Sean Watt
Whiddon Captain:	Michael Buys
Judd Captain:	Troy Warfield
Sutherland Captain:	Richard McGrath
Kentwell Coaches:	Scott and Mark Gray-Spencer
Burke Coaches:	Henry Walton, Adam Tilley
Whiddon Coaches:	Peter Colquhoun, Andrew Draper
Judd Coaches:	Toby Lawson, David Cobcroft
Sutherland Coaches:	Richard McGrath, Brian Wood
100 Games:	John Vandervord, Roger Garner
	Martin Small, Richard Fagen
200 Games:	Tim Booth, Adam Tilley

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1995 promised much for the Colleagues. New Coaches, New Committee, New Players! All the ingredients for the expectations of a successful season.

The club was very healthy in the early part of the season then a mid season slump turned into a depression from which there was little recovery. This trend on the field was reflected in our off field performance.

This years trading was down over recent years partly due to Wednesday night training, but more to do with a lack of post home game support. Additionally the finances had to absorb some inherited and unexpected costs which knocked our bottom line result severely.

The club's financial viability this year can be attributed to the fantastic support of our sponsors: Comtek, F.A.I. Cameron Securities, Carr Bros Real Estate, Forbes Hotel, Phillips Foote, Newcastle Brown Ale and Daniels Steakhouse. All these organisations provided significant contributions to cover our operating costs to put teams on the field.

A special thank you must go to the clubs Major Sponsor: Bellevue Hotel. The players make the pub their Winter home and we trust our long standing association continues for many years.

The new Clubhouse saga continues to drag on with no significant progress in the past 12 months. The current situation is that Colleagues would need to fund over \$200,000 to build the new Clubhouse. A herculean task given the Colleagues current style of operation.

Rugby itself is changing rapidly under the shadow of professionalism. National and State representative levels have taken actions which are currently reverberating at the District Club level and eventually must impact on the Subbies. The impact at this time is unsure but there is a need to be aware that change is upon us. The challenge confronting Colleagues is where we wish to be positioned in this change.

It is in this environment that I feel the need to have a change of the guard. It is time for fresh, young blood to take the helm. We need enthusiasm and energy to take Colleagues into the modern era. I have enjoyed my past two years as President and thank personally those members on the Committee who have worked hard for the club in that time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

I trust I hand over the club in a health state with the traditions of Colleagues in tact.

I have no doubt that Colleagues will meet the challenges ahead and triumph as usual.

Yours in Rugby

BRIAN WOOD, Club President

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I would like to say that it is with some regret that I am writing this report — but I cannot.

I have had a thoroughly enjoyable year as Club Captain and as such I have very few regrets, apart from the fact that I spent the last half of the season gaining weight on the sideline.

We started out the season in good form (if you can consider 17 naked rugby players in the main street of Bowral "good form") and we were fortunate enough to have an unusual amount of talent in the backs, I say this not only because it is always rare to find any sort of talent in the backs, but also because this is probably the area where we have struggled over the past 3 seasons.

The pre-season training's could, perhaps have been better attended, we were not exactly forcing friendly pedestrians off the footpaths between Bondi and Bronte with our sweating mass of bodies. Those who attended found that fears far exceed the reality of the sessions, they were enjoyed by all, and were an ideal lead up to the season.

The standard of rugby this year was the best I have experienced since I started drinking with Colleagues. Our new imports including players such as Mouse and Wansey certainly made a difference while the improvement in players like Adam Upton showed what can be done with a bit of dedication. The seasoned campaigners such as Boothie and Glen Breeze should also be mentioned as should every other man and his dog who dragged his bruised and battered body off that sorry piece of earth that we call the Graveyard. After all it is the attitude of you guys that ensures Colleagues remains the best club to ever grace Subbies Rugby. This was especially obvious on Saturday mornings when the number of willing, hungover candidates spoiling for a

game far out stripped the spots available. To all those guys who struggled with obscurity in the real ranks of rugby we give our sincere thanks.

I cannot go on without mentioning some of the more colourful members of the club. Where would we be without the guidance of people such as Coxy who showed us all how we should dress for an evening out with the family at Sizzlers. "Smarts" as he came to be known never failed to show up to a Wednesday night training "dressed up to the nines" and apparently ready for a round or two of golf. What report would be complete without reference to the all signing, all dancing, Johnny "Elvis" Papas who once again captured the heart of all the girls at the ball. And Simon "the quiet achiever" who shed his formal wear, and accompanied only by two similarly clad ladies did the dash across the Sydney Cricket Ground to be confronted by a wide eyed (and rather friendly) security guard. These guys epitomise the spirit of Blue Giant Rugby by adding that certain flare and colour which set Subbies Rugby apart from the more stayed attitude of Grade.

You may be thinking that I haven't said much about the year's Rugby (in fact I haven't mentioned it at all). I could bore you all with stats, figures and my opinions on the results of the years' games but there are several reasons why I haven't done this. Firstly, you were all there and you saw the games that I saw, secondly, on paper the results do not reflect the quality of the rugby on the field, and thirdly, you know what they say "opinions are like arseholes — everybody has one" (just couldn't resist one last parting cliché).

We can raise our glasses to another enjoyable year of Colleagues rugby. I thank you all for the opportunity to be your Ambassador, it has been a great learning experience and I have enjoyed it enormously. I know that whuever follows in my footsteps (staggered as they are) will enjoy it as much as I have, I wish them the best of luck and I look forward to liaising with them in my ongoing role as organiser of the annual Mudgee Sevens "Blue Giants" squad.

Finally a big thank you goes to the Coaches and Committee alike, especially the likes of Richard McGrath and Sam Creighton who not only led her own in a Committee full of "boys" but also held ours for us when we wandered from the path. Whenever there was work to be dou and few volunteers were forthcoming, inveterately it was Sam who shouldered the load and got things done.

Over the last three seasons we have built a stout base of rugby players (and we have some good backs as well). It is now our duty to take Colleagues all the way, and to get our name back in the record books in the 1996 Season.

Good luck and farewell

SAM VIVERS

KENTWELL CUP

This report is intended to summarise the performance of the Kentwell Cup team for the 1995 season. On cold hard statistics we finished sixth. As for a general theme for the report, the easiest one that came to mind was — "What if?". However, having read so many previous years' reports regarding Colleagues teams and the continual drone of each report of "What if?", we felt that this report should steer clear of that epitaph. We believe that it is just too easy a comment to make. It is a comment which should be removed from the Colleagues vocabulary. "What if?" is an excuse people make who do not seek to control their own destiny. People who make those type of excuses always come second. That is not the fundamental objective of the game of rugby.

We believe that the personnel at Colleagues can control their own destiny, can win every game in which they take the field and can be players who do not end up at the end of the season lamenting "what if?". We think it's time that as a rugby club, Colleagues stopped blaming everyone but themselves for their performances (especially referees).

If the players have faith in their undoubted abilities and play to their potential there won't be any need at the end of next season to even dream of the words "what if?"

One only needs to look at the players who played Kentwell this season to realise that the comments above are not a mere exultation for next season. The quality and skill levels of our players in Kentwell were certainly up to any other Kentwell team in the competition and when they applied themselves the Kentwell team played some of the most entertaining rugby seen from a Colleagues team in many years.

The Players

Full back

David Wansey — began the season in seconds but forced his way into Kentwell. We think David was an outstanding example, not only for Kentwell but for the whole club, that commitment, dedication and tireless effort can lead to great achievement on the football field. It was no coincidence that his absence through injury late in the season was when the Kentwell team lost a number of games. David's enthusiasm was a lesson to the whole team and could not be greater exemplified by his no-try at Waverley (thank Mick Nelson).

Matthew Bannister — an enigma. It is a pity that Matthew doesn't try to push his body on the field as far as he pushes it once the sun goes down. That said, there is no doubt that Matthew has attacking abilities unsurpassed in the club. With some more commitment, the sky's the limit.

Guy Barnard — Filled in admirably between the absences of Wansey and Bannister. A strong player who we would like to see more of

Wingers

Hugh Beveridge — the most exciting player in the club. Perhaps should spend more time running past opponents than dancing with them. An integral part of the team.

Dennis Orrock — Dennis was certainly a success story for the year. Plucked from the fourths, Dennis exhibited great ability during the season and a passion for winning that was unparalleled in Kentwell. A strong competitor who with some off-season training will play a vital role next year.

Thanks also to James Chalmers and Matt Collett for filling in during the season.

Centres

Mark Gibson — the Kentwell best and fairest. A just reward for an outstandingly consistent, high quality season. Besides one bad game caused by insomnia (?) against Hunters Hill, Gibbo displayed some solid defence and blistering attack (watch the step). His contribution to the team performance cannot be understated and was largely due to his dedication to training and his innate hatred of losing, qualities to which all players should aspire.

Brad Davies — the Club's top point scorer (both on and off the field). Brad's skills were a pleasure to coach (both on and off the field). With another season under his belt, some maturity in his game and a strong off-season Brad will be a vital cog next year.

Also thanks to Matt Roberts who played some good games for us when called upon.

Five-eighths

Michael Forsyth — it is difficult to comment upon Mouse's year — certainly he wouldn't say much himself. A class player, he made life a lot easier for both the coaches and his team-mates. The timing and vision which he displayed certainly was not something you could coach. We look forward to

seeing Mouse next year (Mouse, you owe us half a season anyway due to your trip to Germany).

Dave Robinson — the only player who we thought might die during the season. Robbo's Kentwell performances were of high quality, particularly given his state of health and fitness. With his undoubted skills and uncompromising defence, Dave's contribution was invaluable.

We would also like to thank Will Kendall for his assistance during the season.

Half Back

Allistair Clark — another solid performer, who never let the side down. His defence in close was outstanding (as were his haircuts). Sometimes taken for granted Clarky never had a bad game (which at half back is not easy!).

Thanks also to Shaun Watt for filling in during Clarky's injury.

Lock

Adam Upton — Scott and I were considering buying Adam a jumper with a red "S" on it. Without doubt, the fittest player in the club. Adam's game thrives on workrate. After last year's disappointment through injury, Adam certainly had a tremendous season.

Breakaways

Mark Ritchard — again, it was no coincidence that the Kentwell team's performance slipped when Bucket got injured. Definitely the most effective backrower at the breakdown that we have seen since being associated with the club. We hope his injury late in the season will not stop him turning out next year.

Cameron Poolman — The backbone of the team. Again, a player that never played a bad game. Certainly at time he was inspirational. Came back to his best at the end of the season after a slow start through injury. A real blue giant.

Also mention should be made of the contributions by Craig Macintosh, Pete Macwood, Sam Sproats and Sam Vivers.

Second Row

Grant Tracey — Our captain for most of the year, Darbs played some inspirational games (both on and off the field). His lineout skills were invaluable as well as his depth of knowledge of the game. Certainly has one more big year in him.

Mick Nelson — Our other captain, Mick suffered from a slow start to the season. However, once fit, he certainly produced some of his best form and by the end of the season was the self-promoting champion that we all know and love. A key contributor to the team.

Ian Mann — Ralph as usual had his moments. Consistently led Colleagues well on Friday nights. A more dedicated approach would see Ian achieve his undoubted level of ability.

Also thanks to Ian Simpson and Troy Warfield.

Front Row

The most troublesome area for Kentwell again this year. The players were too numerous to go into in any detail but we would like to thank Rick Howe, Guillaume Brahimi, Neil Brett, Dean Clarke, Paul Jeffs, Vince Creagh, Will Cummins, Grant Tracey (?) and Graham Paton. Also special mention must be made of Murray Cox who again showed that he has the makings of a top class player.

Scott and I would also like to thank the club president, Brian Wood, the club captain, Sam Vivers and the other coaches for their support during the year.

Scott and I both look forward to next season and for an improving performance from the Colleagues.

MARK AND SCOTT GRAY-SPENCER

BURKE CUP

What a difference half a season makes!

1995 saw Burke Cup have a very up and down season indeed. As my first year in coaching I got to experience the full spectrum of Colleagues' on field ability. Having volunteered my services in the trials at the start of the season due to another anticipated injury, I realised that Colleagues had a great chance in not only Burke Cup, but in all grades of having a winning season. After the first round we were competitively placed in the top four having not lost to anyone but the top two sides. The tradition at Colleagues is to have a slow start to the season, but with such a flier I really felt Colleagues had a Burke Cup Premiership side. In particular wins against Waverley and Mosman were very encouraging as real determination was shown in an effort to win. However all was to no avail as the side only managed two more wins from the second round and ended up finishing middle on the ladder.

During the season we had some 50 or more players play for the Burke Cup side indicating the difficulty not only we had, but also the whole club had in developing continuity. In ordinary circumstances this may have indicated a rather haphazard method of selecting but it actually speaks loads for the way Colleagues manages to field sides each weekend. On this note, I have my only grudge as a coach. To me rugby is a real team game. You train together, you play together, and afterwards you drink together. When players let other members of the side down it is not fair on the guys who put in the effort. Too many times this year there were people who didn't give a shit about the side or the club which I feel was the catalyst to the second half of the seasons poor performance. To some degree I take the blame, but as a player there is never any better feeling than winning and with our efforts in the first round, it was such a shame to see all that effort go to waste.

During the season several players and moments deserve mention. The front row was an area which the club, in general, struggled in. However in Burke Cup we were fortunate to have the services of Neil Brett and Mike Gencher for the majority of the season. Although not as fit as they might like both had increasingly better seasons with their major asset being their dedication to the side. Both played more games and attended more training's than most; something I can't say for a lot of people. On the other hand in the hooking position we were blessed with several talented players. Troy Whalan, Ant Straun, Vince Creagh and Bruce Nucifora all played a handful of games due to work but we look forward to him having a big season next year as he is a player of obvious ability.

The second row was an area that we should have dominated. With players such as Bryn Griffiths (who I hope will return next year), Ian Mann (I can still play when I'm 0.25), Ian Simpson (just going away for a weekend!), Mike Nelson (showing his versatility in the row; or is that your position?) and Andrew Sinclair at our disposal we were sure to sin a plethora of tidy ball. But alas we never got a consistent combination going, not to mention our training habits, and struggled to get on top. Andrew Sinclair who ended up playing quite a few games and a very good season and I look forward to a big 1996 from him.

In recent years the club has been blessed with an abundance of back rowers. This year was no exception. Scotty and I were expecting some very difficult selections during the year in the back row positions and this proved to be the case. Two players in particular, Sean Corbett and Pete Macwood, had very strong seasons. Sean taking out the best and fairest and Pete playing tireless rugby all year. Although Sean is a coach's nightmare due to his peculiar training habits, one must commend him on his physical style of play he plays each week. Pete on the other hand trains well and manages to put this commitment onto the paddock. One would have been hard pressed to find a more committed and courageous player than Pete this year. Other back rowers to shine this year were Craig Macintosh who we did not see enough of this year, Sam Sproats who will definitely be vowing for a top grade spot next year, Steve Sheridan who came through the grades to play a few aggressive games with us and Sam Vivers. Sam unfortunately had a nagging shoulder problem all year which enabled him to play only a handful of games, although when he did, he played with his typical physical style. More on Sam later.

Our halfback this year was Sean Watt. In previous years Sean has played for a couple of games then got injured, but this year he defied logic and played a full season. Not only did Sean play a full season but he also captained the side and to this credit he did a great job. It's not easy being captain of any Colleagues side but with his play this year he was able to do so from the front. My thanks go to Sean for the season and on his commitment to training. He just loves those 12 Min runs.

The five eighth position was predominantly shared between Will Kendall, Dave Robinson and Ben Treweweke. Will started the season believing that this was his position for the year but unfortunately injury and selection problems didn't allow this. Will continues to improve with age, as do his hamstrings, and it will be a sad day when Willy has to retire from the players ranks. Dave Robinson's first season with colleagues was much like the season, up and down. When Dave is on song he is a very dangerous footballer of which we had some glimpses of this year however, as Dave will agree, one must be fitter to be more dangerous. Finally, Ben was used this year more as a utility back, probably much to his chagrin, in which he ably filled in for any vacant

position. As one of the gutsiest player in the club it was unfortunate not to have him in a regular position during the year.

The centres this year promised to be one of the highlights of the Burke Cup, however it turned out to be the most frustrating. Nearly every week we had a different combination and although sometimes we clicked, all too often our cohesion was lacking. Players to have good but fragmented seasons were Matt and Dave Roberts. One would not know that they are brothers by their looks or by the way they play. Matt plays with a fluid style and understands the finer points of playing in the centres, even though being unfit! Dave on the other hand is a courageous never say die player who, when he played, proved to be extremely valuable. There is no greater talker than the mouth. I look forward to both returning for a really big 1996. Another player whose services were invaluable was Angus Beveridge. Bevo is one of the most sound players in the club and I thank him for his efforts this year.

The wing spots this year were predominantly held by Stephen Crisp and James Chalmers. Both showed a great deal of commitment to the side and club this year especially in light of the fact that they probably didn't see as much of the ball as they would have liked. Toby Smith was another to grace the paddock this year but unfortunately he didn't do too much running. I thought I was injury plagued but getting injured just before we ran on at Lindfield takes the cake. Lets hope 1996 is a little more fruitful.

Finally, the fullback position. During the year, like most positions, we had a number of players don the number 15 jersey. Our first was Nick Wansey who proved he is a player to be reckoned with and played a lot of games in the top grade. Other players to play this year were Will, Ben, Toby and Johnny Cab. A more useful bunch of players.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players who played this year. It wasn't an easy year but one which highlighted that fact that Colleagues, at full strength, are a premiership threat. Other thanks must go to Scott and Mark Gray-Spencer who were always willing to lend a hand and advice when I needed it. To Kanga, for putting up with the far too frequent last minute calls for players. To Toby and Coby who always provided Burke Cup with mature and able reserves. To Sam Viviers as Club Captain and for the work he did helping with coaching. Thanks must also go to the Committee and our Sponsors FAI Insurance. And last but not least, Adam Tilley as my Co-Coach. He was always there to help me when I needed him and gave me valuable help when it came to selections.

I look forward to everyone returning for 1996 and myself playing a full year without injury!!

HENRY WALTON

WHIDDON CUP

Whiddon Cup commenced the season with a flying start, after our first 7 games our record was 5 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss and a place in the finals looked assured. The team then hit a mid season slump which seemed to coincide with the loss of several key players to higher grades, injury and work commitments. A notable loss was our captain for most of the first round, Angus Beveridge whose leadership and control in the midfield was sorely missed.

Whiddon Cup down through the years has always been characterised by constantly changing line-ups of players, but during this year it seemed worse and I think we lost count at 100 different players who made an appearance in the grade. Obviously with that constant change it is difficult to get any kind of combination working and as a coach all you can do is plough on and hope for the best each week. However, the number of players we had through this grade demonstrates the great depth of the club and no player we had during the season, the guys were always ready to lend a hand.

However we did have a nucleus of regulars without whose loyalty and enthusiasm we would really have been lost — most notably Pete "I can kick goals from halfway" Treharne, Marty Roberts, Nigel Lotz, Marty Small, Andrew "professional foul merchant" Welsh, Glyn "110 percent" Breeze ("I can't make training because someone parked me in and my car hasn't got reverse") and Dave Nicolson who fell foul of the selectors earlier in the season but came back to win the third grade best and fairest. A few other players deserve special mention as well, Mick Turner, a talented young player who I hope will come back again next year as he could easily play first grade, Mike Buys, who had a taste of higher grades later in the season and is promising a big commitment next year and Windy, always a great addition to the side when he was with us.

Thanks to all those other players we have missed here, we hope you enjoyed playing in the Whiddo's and a special thanks to our sponsors, Cameron Securities for your support.

ANDREW DRAPER AND PETER COLQUHOUN

JUDD CUP

Wins:	15	Points For:	393
Losses:	2	Points Against:	99
Drawn:	1		

A glance at the above statistics would indicate that the Colleagues Judd Cup team enjoyed a successful season. A closer look reveals a glaring omission which renders the above almost meaningless, and that is the word **Premiers**.

The Judd Cup team, or Dream Team, stumbled at the final hurdle, losing in the semi-finals after finishing second on the premiership ladder behind UW Hawkesbury. The eventual premiers, Waverley finished third. To say we were disappointed was an understatement. We were shattered and have taken some time (and plenty of alcohol) to get over it. As the only Colleague team in the semis we were keen to give the Club another pennant to add to the many festooning the walls (and floors) of the Clubhouse. Sadly, it was not to be, and we will rue the missed opportunities, particularly in the semis.

Having said that, David Cobcroft and myself were extremely pleased with the effort of all players who represented the team throughout the year. We asked the Club at the beginning of the year if we could form a team of our peers to play one last season together in the hope that we could finish our careers with a premiership. The Club agreed, and although it caused a lot of friction throughout the year, we would like to thank the Committee for supporting us. The concept of a Dream Team is fine if the Club has sufficient depth or does not sustain too many critical injuries in the higher grades. Colleagues is not in this position and there will be such team in 1996.

Troy Warfield was our captain for the majority of the year, although when he decided a Greek tan was essential during Winter, Simon Hudson filled the breach (literally). Both managed to harness the lack of enthusiasm on cold Saturday mornings, sufficient to lead us to victory on most occasions. Thank guys.

In the front row, age was the issue. Tim Booth at 38 outranked Stephen Roberts by a matter of months, leaving Hugh Urquart and Ant Strachan veritable spring chickens. This was the strength of our team, and many pushover tries resulted. In the second row, veteran Adam Tilley pushed on one or two occasions and secured a feast of lineout ball at 45. He managed to burgle a number of tries, seagulling on the wing, including a match winner against Waverley in the first round. Andrew Purchas joined us late in the season but added the workload we needed. Brian Dallitz was a real toiler and played some memorable games (even when he was sober). There were many backrowers during the year, including the hit man John Ryan, the Doctor

Andrew Mackenzie Wood and the plastic man Dennis Paterson. Dennis gave us a new bend on the joke about why dogs like their balls, and few will forget his stretching techniques.

In the backs, the midfield of Matt Collett, Simon Hudson and Hugh Macfarlan were the cornerstone of both attack and defence. Matt, whose individual brilliance won us some tight games worked well with the rock Simon Hudson, while Hughie's tireless and fearless defence was a real inspiration and it was no surprise when he took out the team's best and fairest award. Congratulations.

At halfback, Eddie Lloyd Jones showed that constant abuse of alcohol and goodness knows what, was the perfect preparation for a game. He had some blinders but ask him and he won't remember. On the wing, David Cobcroft proved that kicking the ball is an attacking option. He scored some great tries and was a constant talker on and off the paddock, which always went down well with the forwards (sure!) Stu McCure, although not lightning fast, was 100% and pulled off some great hits on the opposition. Our main custodian was Mark Eather, who never made mistake. His incursions into the backline were rare but effective. Ronnie Johnstone played wing and fullback and had the unfortunate task of goal kicking during the semis. He did a great job.

There were many other players who laced the boots for Judd and we would like to thank them. We hope that all those who played return in 1996 and give the Colleagues a crack at a few titles.

TOBY LAWSON

SUTHERLAND CUP

Sutherland and Radford Cups again saw over 90 players run on the field to represent the Blue Giants. Though we did not reach last year's dizzy heights 5th and 6th grade was able to provide a game for up to 35 people a weekend. But come the end of the season unfortunately we finished 6th, only falling out of the race in the final couple of weeks. Despite this unfortunate turn of events the season still produced many highlights.

I look forward to watching Steve Linker playing inside centre up the grades after winning the best and fairest, a fierce competitor with a good turn of pace. Outside him was Ben Einfeld who with a bit of luck could have scored many more tries this season. The third of the "Three Amigos" was Dave Bennett who found out that sometimes speed counts for nothing and versatility everything and when asked was more than willing to play either No. 8 or

Pat Munro came on in leaps and bounds after a baptism of fire against Dee Why 2nds AKA Tonga 2nds. In a game where our forwards dominated our backs faced 15 Eric Kush's, 8 tries to nil. Laurence Campbell-Avenell had a good year at 5/8, and his covering tackle at UNSW I will long remember — even if he doesn't. Andrew Burton in his first year of rugby had a great season. At fullback he showed great judgement under the highball, a willingness to take the ball forward (as most of our backs), and his goal kicking secured a number of victories. Andrew Clarke played most of his games on the wing except when he played in the 2nd row and had an outstanding game, everyone should do it. Stuart Masters converted from another great game and seemed to enjoy our running game, he never shirked an issue and coming from Aussie rules was actually able to tackle.

The forwards were just awesome. Jon Gencher is Canadian but plays like a Frenchman. At No.8 he was willing to stop every charge, and with the ball find there biggest player and just take them on. Stephan Killenger took some time adjusting from the German style but found the weather more conducive to the refreshments. James Nash answered the call of the club, many times responding to a early Saturday phone call to fill in up the grades as necessary. His maritime mate Tony Coghlan was always a pleasure to play with, a tough campaigner who could also see the lighter side of the game. The Club wishes Tony all the best in Perth next year.

Edward Theakston decided to call Australia home this year and I'm glad he did. The Theak brought with him that British Bulldog spirit, and several containers of Newcastle Brown Ale (call him on 337 1190). David Booth is another breakaway who gives his all, a great player I hope to see playing a higher grade next year. Andrew Tindal is another fine player who had a good year, and will have a blinder next year when his Uni commitments finish and he can train twice a week, one of the fittest and strongest young men in the club. The front row were tireless all year Glyn Breeze, Andrew Welsh, Mark Toakley and of course the Oldest and Boldest, Jon Ryan. These were the men who would back up each week to make sure we could always have a front row and I owe them a debt of gratitude, as well as Tim Booth and Steve Roberts.

There were many highlights during the year Dr John Vandervord coming on for his 100th game (could have got 117). Or will Coker who played for the Blue Giants as an Outside Centre in Burke Cup weighting 13.5st and 6'4" in 1988 staying at a backpackers in the X. In 1995 he was 18st living on an expense account in the Hilton for 6 weeks. John Pappas did not have many games during the year but did play a full game against UNSW Colts, John's efforts are appreciated by all in the club. But on the paddock for me it was the 24 of 25 minutes we defended against Waverley in the 2nd round to hold out for a draw. A terrific, gutsy effort, where we would not lay down and die.

I must thank Brian Wood for his contributions, his knowledge was invaluable to myself and the players. It was always going to be a tough year to reproduce the championship results of 1994. And though disappointing not to be in the finals we were still able to give all who wanted a run an opportunity, to the extend of changing 13 at half time in one game. I would like to thank all those that had a go and hoped that you benefited from the season in some way.

Cheers

RICHARD McGRATH

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	Club Championship	Kentwell Cup	Burke Cup	Widdfor Cup	Judd Cup	Sutherland Cup
Uni NSW	738	26	26	27	16	14
Hunters Hill	715	29	23	16	16	24
St Patricks	702	24	27	24	15	30
Mosman	616	22	18	24	23	31
Waverley	594	12	32	25	29	24
Colleagues	490	16	15	17	31	15
UWS	469	19	8	14	32	10
Hornsby	354	10	19	12	2	17
Lindfield	335	9	12	21	10	15
Canterbury	207	13	0	0	6	0