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FOOTBALL
CLUB**



**ANNUAL REPORT
1998**

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1998 TROPHY WINNERS

Club Captain 1998; Justin Crawford

Team Captains

Bourne Cup Colts Captain 1998; Peter Manucos

Sutherland Cup Captain 1998; Sam May

Judd Cup Captain 1998; Dougal Lamont

Whiddon Cup Captain 1998; Mark Holden, Will Coker

Burke Cup Captain 1998; James Layard

Kentwell Cup Captain 1998; Grant Tracey

Team Coaches

Colts Coach 1998; Brian Wood

Sutherland Cup Coach 1998; Richard McGrath & Michael O'Sullivan

Judd Cup Coach 1998; Mark Gray-Spencer

Whiddon Cup Coach 1998; Denis Orrock & Ben Einfeld

Burke Cup Coach 1998; Peter Colquhoun

Kentwell Cup Coach 1998; Scott Gray-Spencer

Club Coach 1998; Scott Gray-Spencer

Best & Fairest

Colts 1998; Matt Ross

Sutherland Cup 1998; Charles O'Hanlon

Judd Cup 1998; Gethin Thomas

Whiddon Cup 1998; Mick Turner

Burke Cup 1998; Luke Kobiolke

Kentwell Cup 1998; Adam Upton

Club Best & Fairest 1998; Mick Turner

Special Awards

The Pappas & The General Colleagues Battler; Derek Stiasy

Team scoring the most tries; Judd Cup

Leading Try Scorer 1998; Matt Collett

Leading Points Scorer 1998; Jaso Watson

Most Improved player 1998; Paul Henningham

Oldest & Boldest 1998; Glyn Breeze

Rookie of the year 1998; Steve Bourne

Carr Bros Players Player 1998; Grant Tracey

100 Games 1998; Matt Collett, Michael Nelson,

Lawrance Campbell, Dougal Lamont

The Colleagues Honour Cap 1998

Richard McGrath

The John Anderson Trophy 1998

Not awarded

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Committee, I provide the following annual report for the 1998 season.

Football

The club's success during 1998, although not outstanding, certainly provided some personal satisfaction to me as President and I know to others in the club simply for the way that, despite a problematic year for Kentwell Cup, that Kentwell never stopped trying and the lower grades and Colts certainly rallied in the latter half of the season to ensure that the club avoided any threat of relegation and, in the case of Bourke Cup, Whiddon Cup, and certainly Judd Cup, were either semi finalists or close to semi finalists at the end of the season.

First Grade certainly had the potential to beat any team in the competition as was exhibited by its second round display against the University of New South Wales who became the eventual premiers. Unfortunately, at crucial times, a lack of focus and discipline certainly cost them dearly. I feel if the nucleus of the team can stay together, and with a couple of new recruits, the 1999 season should prove very successful. Thanks to Scott Gray-Spencer in his final year of coaching for the Colleagues. Certainly his record at the club speaks for itself.

Bourkies were probably the most consistent team throughout all the grades in a competition which is always highly competitive. Unfortunately they fell at the last hurdle and did not compete in the semi finals but certainly they were at that standard. Congratulations must go to Peter Colquhoun for getting the most out of his players and moulding a team into what became a very competitive force.

Whiddon Cup unfortunately had a very slow start to the season, no doubt due to a lack of direction through the changing of their coaching personnel. However, once Dennis Orrock took the reins their charge towards an almost semi final berth was spectacular. In his first season as coach Dennis certainly showed some tremendous ability and I am happy to say that he has decided to continue on with his coaching and be involved with the Kentwell Cup team in 1999. This augurs well for the new season.

In relation to Judd Cup, they were the only team to make the semi finals which I believe speaks volumes for their coach (modesty precludes me from telling you who that was!).

All in all and given Kentwell Cup's disappointing run, the club came together well and performed with great spirit.

Trading and Financial

At the commencement of 1998 the main focus which I stressed upon the Committee was for us to turn around the very poor financial trading position that had occurred during the 1997 season. I can say with great pride that the Committee in 1998 achieved that goal and, save for three weekends towards the end of the season when it rained, the trading figures I believe would have been the best the club has ever experienced.

The turnaround in trading performance had a number of factors, mainly being tighter control of the bar, tighter control of what occurred at home games and also the particularly good level of sponsorship that we achieved in 1998. I would like to thank all the sponsors for their support and hope that it can continue into 1999.

I am confident, given early indications that the sponsorship level in 1999 will be the same if not greater than in 1998 and given that most of the Committee from 1998 is returning in 1999, that the continued strength of the financial position of the club will continue.

New Clubhouse

I can confirm that the Australian Sports Foundation has now officially registered the new grandstand project. This allows the Club to raise money (which must be donated to the Australian Sports Foundation) on a tax deductible basis. I am sure the Building Committee will be announcing a number of fundraising activities for the 1999 year.

Present indications are that over and above those funds which the club presently holds, that

the fundraising will have to be in the vicinity of \$200,000. I feel confident that if all Colleagues contribute towards this goal it will be easily met. Certainly, as the Club goes into the next millennium, I believe that the new clubhouse is an essential part of the club's growth and future and would look to all Colleagues for their continued support in relation to this project.

Acknowledgment and Thanks

I must sincerely thank all the Committee during 1998 for their support and I would make particular mention of the Club Secretary, Richard McGrath (who was acknowledged by receiving the Honour Cap award for 1998), and Justin Crawford, the Club Captain, both of whom contributed enormously to the club's administration and financial success in the 1998 season. I am happy to say that both Richard and Justin will continue on the Committee in 1999. With those two individuals actively participating at Colleagues, the future certainly will be well organised and administered.

Finally, I would like to thank all Colleagues for their support, both those presently participating at the football club and also the old Colleagues. This has made my position a very pleasurable experience and one that I feel greatly honoured to hold.

I look forward to your continued support.

Mark Gray-Spencer

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The 1998 rugby season at Colleagues was one that illustrated the true determination and spirit of the Blue Giants. Faced with do or die challenges on the field, in order to gain necessary Club Championship points, every player rose to the occasion for the pride of the club. Two such occasions include beating our old rival Waverley in all grades to force them to be relegated. Another highlight for everyone was undoubtedly Old Colleagues Day. With the overwhelming support from the Old Colleagues, the spirit was lifted to win all grades against Chatswood on a very wet Saturday afternoon.

Having overcome the challenges on the field, the Blue Giants, off the field, did what they know best.....drink beer, charm all the ladies, and have a good time!!!

We were fortunate enough this year to have Derek join us, who not only was a great asset around the club, but helped Colleagues go to new levels on our Mystery nights.

Ladies Days, THE social occasion for every girl in the Eastern Suburbs, yet again lived up to it's big reputation, where the girls can drink as much as they like, eat good food, watch fine running rugby, and meet a nice Blue Giant at the end of the night. What more could you ask for?

As mentioned earlier, Old Colleagues Day, was another great day. We were given much support, and showed our appreciation via the score board. Next season, we would like just as much support, not only on Old Colleagues day, but every game in order to lift the spirit, and help us bring back the glory days.

The annual bus trip out to Hawkesbury, was yet again another great tour. The boys were not discouraged by the shortened return trip due to the new motorway, as everyone still managed to drink more than their quota, entertain each other with recently composed songs, and convict those badly behaved in the infamous Kangaroo Court.

The committee ran very well this year, and I would to especially thank Mark and Richard for their continued support. Glynn Breeze was again fantastic in his role as gear steward, and Sammy Sproats organised fantastic social functions. Thanks must also go to Darbs and Pru, for keeping all the boys strapped, stretched and fit on the field. Finally to all our sponsors, B.

Braun, The Bellevue Hotel, Ryan's Bar, The Brooklyn, SOHO Bar, D and D Tollhurst, and BMW Sydney, thank you very much for your support and enabling us to operate efficiently.

With much depth in the club, illustrated by the successes of Burke, Whiddon, Judd and Sutherland Cups, along with the ever improving colts (Barbor Cup), the Blue Giants will rebuild and be back next season to bring some silverware back to Woollahra!!!

Justin Crawford

SECRETARIES REPORT

The 1998 season again saw an increase in the number of players to pull on the Sky Blue jersey. This year we had 164 registered players plus a number of guest appearances from former stars, interlopers and some just pulled out of the pub on a Friday night.

A new system of insurance was introduced through the union at the start of the season. Previously each team was insured by the one premium, regardless of who played, of about \$800. This provided cover for death, some disability and the club was also insured for public liability.

Under the new system each player is covered individually for death and disability, up to \$2,000 per injury, \$250 a week income protection and the club for \$10,000,000 public liability. The premium for each player is \$50 and the club becomes liable for that amount when a player has played 4 games, this year we covered 100 players.

Those players that were injured found the system satisfactory. Players with serious injuries and had private health insurance benefited the most as the union insurance covered the gap between private health insurance payments and actual medical bills.

Meetings throughout the year were well attended and run very constructively by Mark Gray-Spencer. Our club is the only club in Kentwell Cup that is run exclusively by the players, a long Colleagues tradition I understand from past players.

Our financial success through this season came from many sources. The fantastic support from sponsors organized by club captain Justin Crawford and Kentwell coach Scott Gray-Spencer. The bar was extremely well organized by Martin Lanauze, John Purbrick and Paul Henningham. Always a difficult job but not a problem for this team.

Support from past players by way of non-playing subscription (only \$50), and attending home games was appreciated from a financial perspective. More importantly it is invaluable to the moral and culture of the club. The entire club lifts on 'Old Colleagues Day', and Kentwell Cup players in particular tell me how much they enjoy playing in front of a large crowd with so many past greats and current characters.

Subscriptions were up this year and needed to be under the new insurance scheme outlined above. It is disappointing to report that some players neglect to pay their dues. As a way of emphasizing the importance of each individual being responsible for being 'financial' I propose that we should simply roll the debt forward to the next season rather than clean the slate as we have in the past.

To our retiring treasurer Martin Roberts we owe an enormous debt of thanks in steering the ship around from 1997. Marty was always on the job and I wish him well with his UK posting.

This was my 7th year on the committee. Each year the pressure on us to do more from the union is enormous. Given the increased work load I am pleased to report that the club received very favorable reports from the union and did not incur any fines despite the appalling conditions on many match days.

Congratulations to all those involved in the 1998 season and I look forward to 1999.

Richard McGrath

COACHES REPORT FOR COLLEAGUES KENTWELL CUP

It is safe to say that 1998 would not be remembered as one of our strongest performances on the field. However, if you look behind what started off as a very tough year, a group of talented footballers did enough to maintain the Colleagues Club, under very difficult conditions, in the Kentwell Cup division.

As per normal, the pre-season training started late with a number of veteran footballers from the Kentwell team deciding that they might not play 1998, this contributed to a disruptive start to the season. The season did unearth a wide variety of talent in different areas, with players called upon from all different grades to fill the ranks in the Kentwell Cup side.

I might just go through the games briefly to endeavour to show the closeness of a lot of games that we played throughout the year and the untiring commitment some players showed.

The first round was against Mosman at Rawson Park. Unfortunately we were under-prepared and needed a bit more experience at the higher level before we could genuinely claim to be a Kentwell Cup side.

Our second match was at home against Old Ignatians and due to some awkward bounces and concentration lapses we lost by one point and on reflection I think Iggies was a team we should have defeated and in the second round we proved on their home ground that we were the better side.

The third match of the season involved an encounter with St Pats in which Toby Barbour had an outstanding game but unfortunately two early tries and one late try sealed our fate on a very difficult and sticky pitch at Hudson Oval.

It was round five when Grant Lodge was introduced to the Kentwell Cup side and this proved to be a good influence over many other players in the Club. Grant had a strong game against Chatswood unfortunately he missed a couple of late penalty goals and we lost 9-8 but Colleagues were at that stage on the way back.

The next round saw us at home on Ladies Day at Woollahra against the eventual premiers New South Wales. The performance showed that we could match it with any side. On that day we scored more points against the premiers New South Wales than any other team throughout the whole season and my hat goes off to the backs especially, marking some of the more difficult and very slippery customers out wide.

Hunters Hill at Boronia Park probably the most topsy turvy game of the year. At times we looked brilliant and at other times we looked shameful. I commend Will iscrum doctori Cummins and the rest of the front row in their demolition of the Hunters Hill pack. Unfortunately some bad options and poor defence saw us lose that match quite convincingly.

Round 8 against Waverley at Waverley Oval was a game of two halves with Captain Pete Calligerous leading the side to a 20-3 lead, only to see us lose 24-23 in a cliffhanger which really did dent a lot of the players confidence and also, I'm sad to say, mine.

It is at this point in time in the season that the Kentwell Cup team took on a new resolve and knuckled down to the job at hand. We travelled to Newport to Porters Reserve and in one of the gutsiest performances of any grade throughout the year, the Colleagues Kentwell Cup side snatched a victory away 9-8 which was only one of two losses that Newport suffered at home through 1998 and was due to performances of distinction by James Layard, Josh Hymovich, Sam Sproats, Justin Crawford, Shaun Kelly, Nic Burnam and many other players on that day.

Thinking that we were on a run, we then played Mosman at home and unfortunately we fell short of our expectations on the field, although our pre-match psyche up was outstanding from memory.

We then moved to Old Iggies at Ryde Oval for one of our better and more competent performances of the year. The team was at that stage led by Grant Tracey who had come out of

retirement to play in the front row and his leadership quality lifted the performances of many of the other Kentwell Cup players.

Round 12 was probably one of the most committed performances of the year in terms of believing in your own ability. Although we lost the game 7-0, the game was 0-0 against the eventual premiers. In the 76th minute I recall we attempted a field goal which missed and NSW ran the length of the field to score under the post in the last minute to win the game. NSW described it as a spiteful and uncomfortable encounter and if next year every encounter could be like that for other teams it could be well rewarding.

Round 13 was the highlight of 1998 being Old Colleagues Day at Woollahra Oval with an outstanding and mesmerising performance by Steve Bourne and Sean Kelly, ably assisted by Grant Lodge in the centres. We ran away with the game 41-0 demonstrating to us that when this team fired it really had the capabilities to out-gun anyone.

I don't really need to dwell on the remaining games of the year but would suffice to say that on an individual basis there were some great performances, but on a team basis knowing that we couldn't make the semis we did let our guard slip.

The only game which really deserves mention is that of the Waverley game which was critical in the Club Championship points and the true spirit of the Blue Giants was felt by Waverley Club throughout with my congratulations going to every single member of the Kentwell Cup side, especially Grant Lodge who cut them to shreds in the second half with two tries, and the commitment and leadership of Grant Tracey was well noted.

In summing up there are a number of players obviously that stood out during the 1998 season and I believe they include Justin Crawford, Grant Tracey, Robbo, Grant Lodge, Steve Bourne and last but not least Adam Upton who was and is the most consistent Kentwell Cup player as recognised by his Best & Fairest Award at the annual night. Also to a trio of Captains, Justin Crawford, Peter Calligerous and Grant Tracey, thank you for making my job a little easier.

To the other Kentwell players such as Alex Warner, Paul Henningham, Callum Davies, Ben Chadwick, Shaun Kelly, Josh, Alister iMr Send Offi Killen, Nic Burnam, Sam Sproats, Max Walker, Tim Steel, Hugh Beveridge, Will Cummins, Steve Linker, James Layard, Lenny - thank you for your efforts.

I would also like to thank Richard McGrath for his tireless work in regards to the organisation of this Club, to my brother also for his moral support and his help with coaching, also to Kanga for the fact that he never held anyone back and was through and through a Blue Giant.

Also to Glyn Breeze the gear steward who never failed to produce the goods on every Saturday, thank you very much.

Unfortunately I am not applying for the Kentwell job in 1999 but I wish all the best to the new coach, manager and most importantly to the players.

And finally to Roxanne - baby, I love you!!

Scott Gray-Spencer
Kentwell Club Coach

BURKIES REPORT SEASON 1998

RESULTS: Win9
 Loss8
 Draw1

Best & Fairest

This was a very hard fought battle, Luke Kobiolke nudging out Tim Harris for the 'World's most sought after Pewter..

Commitment or Committed Award

Turtle's tackling.

The Fiance is Watching Award

James obviously told her it was a non contact sport??

The Blue Giants who spent time on the paddock, in Burkies are as follows:

Gregor, Andrew, Warwick, David, Paul, Danny, Nads, Mick, Callum, Gareth, Adam, Simon, Matt, Ben, Steve, Mark, Max, Steve V, Brad, Gibbo, James, Steely, Jim, Tsuyos, Lenny, Graig, Luke, Christian, Toby, Sam, Adam, Ed, Tim, Mick, Tony, Todd, Daniel, Jack, Andrew, Will, John, David, Richard, Graham, John, Marty, Mark, Terence, Glynn and Ben.

Therefore we can rightfully claim to having supplied the Club with the following:

Kentwell Cup Best & Fairest - Adam Upton

Club's Best & Fairest - Mick Turner

Oldest & Boldest - Glynn Breeze

Whilst it was disappointing finishing 5th on the table and missing the semi's, the Burkies did play entertaining Rugby all year. A couple of half time leads being wilted away resulting in a few losses and a draw, costing us dearly in the race to the semi's (it must have been the motivational half time speech that I gave).

If we can improve on both fitness (train on Tuesday and Thursday regardless of the weather) and composure, next year I am sure the semi finals will beckon again.

I would like to thank all the players who gave such a whole hearted effort throughout the year. I also would like to thank the coaches/managers and all the Blue Giants who assisted me throughout the year.

Regards

Kanga & Shelley

WHIDDON CUP

Coming home with a wet sail, the Whiddon Cup side just missed the semi-finals to finish in outright fifth spot, after a very slow start to the season.

Most pleasing was some outstanding performances by players during the season-

Alex Warner graduating to Kentwell for the second half of the season was a just reward for a player who really improved throughout the season. Our most consistent performer, Mick Turner, was rewarded with the club best and fairest. Mick never had bad game and really was a stand out in the club. The evergreen Matt Collett had his best season for a while proving the old man has still got it by being the clubs leading try scorer. Paul Woods was the starch in the backs whilst looking to belt anyone not in a Blue giants jersey, and with Robbo providing some big hitting defence.

But none bigger than Terrence, the 'T-Man' made the opposition quiver as each week he pulled off the biggest hits seen at 'B. G. P.' in the last 5 years, an inspiration to the team. Simon Collins provided finesse and wordly wisdom to the centres. Will Cocker and Elvis shared the captaincy, Will bringing the technique to the pigs - Elvis delivering intensity and mongrel. Thanks to the skippers for a job well done. John Horner was surely the most improved of the team, and we are set to see what Boonic's love child will deliver in 1999.

Discipline was great through the season with only one trip to the judiciary - the coach - the ref was so sensitive to a bit of well directed and much needed advice - unbelievable - some people!

Well done Whiddon Cup ! Let's go one step further in 1999, and thank you for your patience with a new coach, it was a lot of fun.

Denis Orrock

FOURTH GRADE - JUDD CUP

It was certainly with some apprehension that I consented to coach Judd Cup this year. The main reason for my trepidation was the difficulty that often occasions the coaching of a lower grade team with the ever changing constitution of the team. Of course, by the end of the season my pessimism was totally unwarranted. The Judd Cup team was in fact the only team to make the semi finals and, although beaten in the preliminary knock-out semi final by Waverley by a small margin, that game in itself proved that the team certainly had premiership potential as Waverley went on to win the competition.

Like most lower grade teams, the number of players that played Judd Cup was very large. However, in any team there are those who turn out week in and week out who form the backbone. Best and fairest in Judd Cup went to Gethin Thomas whose back row displays were at a consistently high level each week. Gethin was more than ably supported by Ben Goot, Sean Corbett and Nigel Lotz, who proved yet again what a great line out exponent he can be.

Of course, supporting the back row play were the old heads in the second row and front row, being Michael Nelson, Dougal Lamont, Greg Quinn, Andrew Welsh and Glennie Breeze. Dougal and Michael acted as captains throughout the year and their experience proved crucial in a number of games. It was also my privilege to coach Dougal in his last year as a Colleague after an illustrious career.

Upon the stable base provided by the forwards the backline was able to shine. Starting from Springy at halfback, through Brad Davies at five eighth, the hard running Mick Boyd and Paul Cummins in the centres and the speedmen, Phil Freeman, David Apps, Dave Gillies and Jason Watson, the backline certainly knew how to score some great and entertaining tries. Also Jason's goal kicking was the best in the club which in no small way contributed to the result that the team achieved.

Overall, the season was a very successful and enjoyable one and showed that when people come together as a team they can achieve a lot. I am sure the nucleus of the team will survive into next season and that they will have continued success.

Coach: Mark Gray-Spencer

SUTHERLAND CUP

Like most other sides in the club Sutherland finished in 5th position. Despite the disappointment of not making the finals it was still a very enjoyable season a number of highlights. Many new characters were discovered in this grade were enjoying your football is the primary goal.

The Flower brothers, David and Marty, were the regular second row pairing, with an occasional guest appearance in the back row or even the wing. The 'Kiwi Firecracker' Matt Bury spent a lot of time discussing the game with the ref's and making sure that the opposition knew that they had played a game on Sunday. It was great to see Martin 'Kiwi' Lanauze back from a knee reconstruction, a great asset for our side.

One of the most pleasing aspects of coaching Sutherland is that we end up with a bunch of blokes that are willing to commit for their team mates to make sure everybody gets a run, or make up numbers in other grades.

Julian Milne and Tom Robertson don't look a day over 18. Dave Gillies scored the winning try in his third game of the day having travelled from Newport to play Mosman 6th, and we were a man down. Mac Lydiard, Hugh Campbell, Jon Ryan, Daniel Lichtenstein, Andrew Cameron, Rob Laycock, Mick Sommer, Richard Springhall, Duncan St John, Anthony Touzell and Chris Wray were always willing contributors.

It is difficult to single out individuals but I must make special mention of one Derek Stainsky. Derek scored the try of the year and was constantly trying. His training regime was as rigorous as it was difficult. But Derek was an outstanding Colleague, always willing to lend a hand or supply help in any shape or form. It was great to have Derek as part of the club and the Pappas/Patton Achievement Award proved what an important a contribution he made to the club.

Captain Sam May handled his duties with assuredness as well as the fullback position. Best and Fairest went to Charlie O'Hanlon who had an outstanding year at number 8 and can look forward to playing up the grades next year for certain.

Two games are worthy of mention. The return game at home against Pats after a first round 62-0 drubbing. They eventually won the competition undefeated though their pride was dented that day when they held us to a 0-0 draw. A great game played with a lot of that old fashioned Colleagues pride.

The other game was a Halligan Cup (6th) fixture against Old Iggy's. We made up the 15 by getting some colts to backup as well as some 5th and 4th graders with some guys who came down to spectate, however a injury in the 1st half saw us a man down. Then Brain Wood showed why he is the current John Anderson Trophy holder.

I have been at Colleagues since '91 and though I had not seen Brian play he had told me a lot about it. He poured himself into a sky blue jumper and came on as blindsided breakaway.

He has always told his players as a coach that if they each make 3 tackles they will win the game. Iggy's thought they were a chance down the tram tracks but Woodsy walks the walk effecting 3 bruising tackles and inflicting a 22-17 defeat to the eventual competition winners.

To Michael O'Sullivan my co-coach my thanks. Michael was the football brain of the team and I am indebted to him for his support.

I hope to see all those who came down this year and had some fun in '99.

1998 COLTS ANNUAL REPORT

This was the second year that Colleagues fielded a team in the Colts competition – Barbour Cup. It was the second in a four-year plan, which will culminate in a premiership in the 2000 competition.

For the record: Played 18 games Won 5 on forfeit Won 3 matches Lost 10 matches.

8 clubs fielded sides while Hunters Hill & Newport matches were automatic forfeits. Our victories were over Uni. of Western Sydney in both rounds and Macquarie Uni.

(Representing Waverley colts) in the first round and they forfeited in the second round.

The season was successful for three reasons:

The Colts club championship points contributed to Colleagues remaining in First Division

The expansion of our player base. We had 6 players from original season plus 17 new players through our ranks this season.

Apart from 3 wins and were beaten by less than 7 points in 4 other matches.

The real success for the year was the solid foundation of Colleague Spirit. All players were 'goers'. No matter what the result on the scoreboard the team did not 'turn it up'. The memory of big losses makes the joy of victory even sweeter.

Regular training was not part of this year's formula, but it was a decided improvement over our first year. One can only hope the players will realize training can only fulfill their potential. Special mention to the regular trainers Alex Wade, Sam Brown, Pete Minucos, Matt Ross and James Garvan. Special thanks to Carro for his best efforts to motivate and coach the guys at training.

Injuries robbed us of reaching our full potential this year. In fact we lost almost a full side through serious injuries. Ben Wood (Concussion 4 times), Adrian Miller (Ribs), David White (Broken Arm), Sam Meares (Dislocated knee), Sam Brown (Dislocated Elbow), Adam Stewart (Separated shoulder muscles), Tim Sacker (Concussion), Alex Murray (Neck problems) Brendon Wilson (Concussion) – all of these players were lost for a majority of the season.

Matt Ross was a standout as Best & Fairest, he had a major impact in every game with torrid defense and hard straight running through the centres. Peter Minucos was a stirring leader full of passion and enthusiasm no matter what position he played (Ω , 5/8, break-away, hooker or lineout jumper).

Our forwards may have lacked skill factor but were never beaten for toughness or commitment. Adam Stewart added some 'mongrel' when needed, Shem Pearson was powerful when stirred up, Mark Walton kept throwing his body on the line, James Barkell added the class factor with his speed around the paddock. Garvo was the real find of the season, mad as a cut snake (on and off the field) just like all good hookers. Yaniv Ben Nissan, Steve Gaffney and Alan Copeland showed noticeable improvement through the year and will be key players next season. Henri Lance and John Scharer showed their time at Easts Colts had taught them well, very good players both of them.

The backline was limited in its attacking opportunities but was highly committed in defence. Alex Wade was instrumental in all our victories (usually with a dept grubber inside the opponent's 22-meter zone), Matt Ross and Sam Meares added class to the outfit. We had speed to burn out wide with Azri Deen, Duncan McConachie, Ken Hirata and Sam Brown. The only shame was they received so little clear ball in space to show their wares.

The Colts players are grateful to the Colleagues for making them feel part of the club and the constant encouragement from players in all grades. 1999 promises to be a very successful season – we will make the finals. (You read it hear first !)

Brain Wood.

Div 1 Championship Points;

St Patricks	902
UNSW	878
Newport	632
Old Ignatians	584
Mosman	517
Chatswood	474
Hunters Hill	470
Colleagues	412
Waverley	390

1st Grade

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
UNSW	18	16	1	1	529	197	332	66
St Patricks	18	14	0	4	467	206	261	57
Newport	18	10	2	6	258	238	20	47
Hunters Hill	18	11	0	7	274	238	36	46
UWSH	18	8	1	9	330	302	28	37
Mosman	18	8	0	10	346	353	-7	37
Waverley	18	6	2	10	287	462	-175	29
Old Ignatians	18	5	0	13	269	448	-179	26
Chatswood	18	5	0	13	218	406	-188	22
Colleagues	18	4	0	14	244	372	-128	21

2nd Grade

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
Newport	18	14	0	4	311	155	156	59
St Patricks	18	14	0	4	297	133	164	58
UNSW	18	11	0	7	334	212	122	48
Old Ignatians	18	11	0	7	290	210	80	46
Colleagues	18	9	1	8	243	171	72	42
Chatswood	18	10	0	8	204	238	-34	41
Hunters Hill	18	8	0	10	212	215	-3	37
Mosman	18	5	1	12	171	257	-86	24
Waverley	18	5	0	13	234	332	-98	23
UWSH	18	2	0	16	112	485	-373	10

GAME HISTORY

ROUND	OPPOSITION	PPTS	LOCATION	PPTS
1	Mosman	30	Away	10
2	Old Ignatians	33	Home	29
3	St Patricks	24	Away	0
4	UWSH	18	Home	9
5	Chatswood	9	Away	8
6	UNSW	35	Home	20
7	Hunters Hill	31	Away	6
8	Waverley	25	Away	20
9	Newport	6	Away	8
10	Mosman	34	Home	17
11	Old Ignatians	19	Away	21
12	UNSW	7	Away	0
13	Chatswood	0	Home	41
14	UWSH	41	Away	16
15	St Patricks	19	Home	3
16	Hunters Hill	15	Home	3
17	Waverley	15	Home	24
18	Newport	11	Home	9

STATS	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL
NO. WINS	2	2	4
NO. LOSSES	7	7	14
NO. DRAWS	0	0	0
GAMES PLAYED	9	9	18
% WINS	0.2222222	0.2222222	0.2222222
% LOSSES	0.7777778	0.7777778	0.7777778
AV. WIN MGN	25	2	13.5
AV. LOSE MGN	10.71429	15.28571	13
AV. MGN	8.333333	17.88889	13.11111

GAME HISTORY

ROUND	OPPOSITION	PPTS	LOCATION	PPTS
1	Mosman	13	Away	13
2	Old Ignatians	16	Home	15
3	St Patricks	6	Away	8
4	UWSH	0	Home	32
5	Chatswood	8	Away	13
6	UNSW	6	Home	16
7	Hunters Hill	0	Away	11
8	Waverley	19	Away	17
9	Newport	6	Away	5
10	Mosman	24	Home	0
11	Old Ignatians	19	Away	7
12	UNSW	14	Away	0
13	Chatswood	0	Home	13
14	UWSH	8	Away	46
15	St Patricks	7	Home	0
16	Hunters Hill	7	Home	11
17	Waverley	3	Home	30
18	Newport	15	Home	6

STATS	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL
NO. WINS	5	4	9
NO. LOSSES	4	4	8
NO. DRAWS	0	1	1
GAMES PLAYED	9	9	18
% WINS	0.5555556	0.4444444	0.5
% LOSSES	0.4444444	0.4444444	0.4444444
AV. WIN MGN	17.2	14	15.77778
AV. LOSE MGN	10.25	7.25	8.75
AV. MGN	4.555555	19	11.77778

5th Grade

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
St Patricks	18	17	1	0	400	16	384	70
Mosman	18	15	0	3	271	92	179	61
Old Ignatians	18	14	0	4	311	84	227	60
Newport	18	13	0	5	211	97	114	53
Colleagues	18	8	1	9	201	159	42	39
Waverley	18	7	1	10	231	221	10	34
UNSW	17	6	1	10	142	282	-140	27
Hunters Hill	18	3	1	14	72	326	-254	14
Chatswood	18	1	2	15	55	304	-249	10
UWSH	17	0	3	14	5	318	-313	6

GAME HISTORY

ROUND	OPPOSITION	PTS	LOCATION	PTS
1	Mosman	5	Away	0
2	Old Ignatians	25	Home	7
3	St Patricks	62	Away	0
4	UWSH	0	Home	20
5	Chatswood	0	Away	20
6	UNSW	7	Home	5
7	Hunters Hill	0	Away	45
8	Waverley	27	Away	12
9	Newport	5	Away	0
10	Mosman	7	Home	0
11	Old Ignatians	10	Away	7
12	UNSW	0	Away	19
13	Chatswood	0	Home	20
14	UWSH	0	Away	20
16	Hunters Hill	0	Home	20
17	Waverley	3	Home	6
18	Newport	8	Home	0

STATS	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL
NO. WINS	4	4	8
NO. LOSSES	4	5	9
NO. DRAWS	0	0	0
GAMES PLAYED	8	9	17
% WINS	0.5	0.4444444	0.4705882
% LOSSES	0.5	0.5555556	0.5294118
AV. WIN MGN	15.75	26	20.875
AV. LOSE MGN	8.75	18	13.88889
AV. MGN	4.375	28.55556	17.17647

Colts

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
Chatswood	17	17	0	0	553	62	491	68
St Patricks	17	15	0	2	302	92	210	60
Old Ignatians	17	13	0	4	320	143	177	54
UNSW	17	11	1	5	320	132	188	48
Mosman	17	9	1	7	264	211	53	38
Colleagues	17	7	0	10	171	309	-138	31
Macquarie Uni	17	5	1	11	128	288	-160	24
UWSH	17	5	1	11	131	312	-181	22
Newport	16	0	0	16	0	320	-320	0
Hunters Hill	16	0	0	16	0	320	-320	0

GAME HISTORY

ROUND	OPPOSITION	PTS	LOCATION	PTS
1	Mosman	55	Away	0
2	Old Ignatians	8	Home	3
3	St Patricks	5	Away	0
4	UWSH	10	Home	20
5	Chatswood	28	Away	3
6	UNSW	29	Home	8
7	Hunters Hill	0	Away	20
8	Macquarie Uni	5	Away	7
9	Newport	0	Away	20
10	Mosman	29	Home	0
11	Old Ignatians	24	Away	15
12	Newport	0	Home	20
13	UNSW	9	Away	3
14	Chatswood	67	Home	0
15	UWSH	6	Away	25
16	St Patricks	34	Home	7
17	Hunters Hill	0	Home	20
18	Macquarie Uni	0	Home	20

STATS	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL
NO. WINS	4	4	8
NO. LOSSES	5	5	10
NO. DRAWS	0	0	0
GAMES PLAYED	9	9	18
% WINS	0.4444444	0.4444444	0.4444444
% LOSSES	0.5555556	0.5555556	0.5555556
AV. WIN MGN	17.5	15.25	16.375
AV. LOSE MGN	29.8	20	24.9
AV. MGN	16.55556	25.66667	21.11111