



**WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES**

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**THE WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES  
RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB**

(Established 1933)

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## Trophy Winners 2008

<b>Club Captain</b>	Cam Ireland
<b>Team Captains</b>	
Halligan Cup	Luke Gardiner
Barbour Cup	Jeremy Rose
Sutherland Cup	James Robertson
Judd Cup	Geraint Hudson
Whiddon Cup	Michael Edwards
Burke Cup	Luke McCann
Kentwell Cup	Tim Mundy
<b>Team Coaches</b>	
Halligan Cup	Andrew Harrington
Barbour Cup	Ben Wood & Pete Minucos
Sutherland Cup	Laurence Campbell & Sean Corbett
Judd Cup	Jonathan Clydesdale & Jon Irwin
Whiddon Cup	Adam Harley & Jack Mesley
Burke Cup	Nick Love & Jono Hughes
Kentwell Cup	Ben Waters, Jock Whittle & Hugh Williams
Club Coach	Ben Waters
<b>Best &amp; Fairest</b>	
Halligan Cup	Tim Shrimpton
Barbour Cup	Tim Ingate
Sutherland Cup	Duncan Campbell-Avenell
Judd Cup	Matt Durrant
Whiddon Cup	Will Saunders
Burke Cup	Luke McCann
Kentwell Cup	Tim Mundy
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<b>Club Awards</b>	
Colleagues Honour Cap	Ben Waters
The Pappas & General Award	Richard Hodson
Player's Player	James Robertson
Rookie of the year	Henry King
Most Improved Player	Will MacDiarmid
Leading Try Scorer	Luke McCann
Leading Point Scorer	Scott Phillips
Oldest and Boldest	Angus Graham
100 games	Geraint Hudson Chris Denny Stuart Hughes Jonathon Linn John Kelly



## President's Report

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2008 report for The Woollahra Colleagues.

Like all seasons 2008 had its share of success and disappointments. On the field we were able to secure Premiership wins in Whiddon Cup and, the first past the post competition, Halligan Cup. Whiddon along with Sutherland Cup were also able to secure the Minor Premiership and our Barbour Cup Colt's team fought valiantly but were just beaten in the Grand Final. Off the field we were again able to post a positive cash result.

Much credit is due to the coaches in all grades who manage to present competitive teams each week with all the vagaries that is Subbies rugby. Ben Waters as club coach gained great respect throughout the club and we look forward to his continuing in that position. As Kentwell Coach he was supported by Jock Whittle and, from time to time, Hugh Williams. In 2009 it will be strange not to have Nick Love as a coach or a player. Nick, along with Jono Hughes, almost pulled off one of the great come backs, looking down and out after 6 rounds and unlucky not to have been playing in the GF.

Adam Harley used all his guile in preparing his Whiddon Premiership and we look forward to his contribution up the grades next year. In the difficult Judd Cup where almost 130 different names appear in the playing list over the year Jonny Irwin and Jonathon Clydesdale could not quite pinch that final 4 spot. Laurence Campbell and Sean Corbett could not quite find that extra gear in the finals but can be well pleased with the player efforts throughout the year. Pete Minucos and Ben Wood always have every confidence in their charges and up to a couple of minutes in the GF looked like they may have pinched an unlikely victory from their mid table position. Congratulations to Andrew Harrington who had an emphatic win in the Halligan Cup, a competition that The Colleagues have come to dominate in recent years.

Special mention should be made of the Convicts who have become an important part of The Colleagues. In June they successfully defended their Bingham Cup title and went within a whisker of also winning the Bingham Bowl in Dublin.

There are many who contribute to the success of The Colleagues and without them things would just not be same. Jerry Murphy has just completed his 15 season as our Physio. He has kept many a player on the field and his dedication has been unwavering over the years. In contrast Artie Sanchez has been our club masseur for only 1 year and everyone is happy to see his smiling face. The work of Richard Thomas has been greatly appreciated over the pre-season and home & away fixtures. And what can one say about Jonny Pappas who has become such an integral part of The Colleagues. David and Amanda Gooch make a formidable team keeping the club house in good nick and keeping refreshments up to those who frequent the bar.



Our club would suffer immensely without the support of our many sponsors. We look forward to their continued support and would encourage anyone who has a business to promote to get in contact with us and benefit from The Colleagues network.

The Colleagues committee is ably led by an executive that includes Jono Linn as Secretary and Paul Howard (ably shadowed by Andrew Moses) as treasurer. Both take on a lot outside of their real job at The Colleagues and we look forward to their continued commitment.

Cameron Ireland is stepping down after 4 years as club captain and will be able to look back with tremendous pride on the club's achievements. I am sure Cam will not be lost to The Colleagues and one suspects that there are quite a few games left in those legs yet.

Finally I would like to thank the players. I often say that we are a big church that accepts a wide range of worshippers. The people mentioned above will try and move heaven and earth to get you all a game and their payment is that you give your best and enjoy your rugby.

Richard McGrath  
President



## Club Captain's Report

After winning the Club Championship in 2005, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2006 and winning again in 2007, this year was always going to be a challenge. However, Colleagues has never been a Club to rest on its laurels and 2008 was no different.

Credit must go to all our players, coaches and supporters for their commitment this season. Our Kentwell Cup team of 2008 showed us the level of on field commitment required to be a Colleague. Some of their performances against opposition, placed much higher on the table, was an absolute credit to each and every individual involved. At the turning point in the season, you would have backed Burke Cup to finish in the bottom four but after a gutsy turn around, managed to secure a place in the final series and narrowly missing out on a Grand Final appearance. Whiddon Cup dominated throughout the season culminating in a victory in the Grand Final. Judd Cup were unlucky in 08 and probably felt the effects of the injuries and constant team changes the most out of all the grades. Sutherland Cup had an exceptional season only to go down to an enhanced opposition in the finals. Our Barbour Cup Colts survived Uni holidays, B&S balls and 21<sup>st</sup> birthday parties to secure a spot in the Grand Final to narrowly miss out on victory in what was a very entertaining and nerve racking game of rugby.

A lot of the less favourable results from 2008 can be put down to a significant number of retiree's and long term injuries sustained late last year or in the early stages of this season. However, what this does do is remind us of the need for constant recruitment, encouraging new faces and nurturing the Colt's system we have in place. These young players are the future of the Club. Colleagues has always been built on a base of very loyal, committed Club men with a solid contribution by a very transient group, whether they be travellers, retired grade players or mates of mates looking for one more season. We need to be aware of this and develop ideas for player retention.

The new committee in 2008 performed very well under sometimes trying circumstances. With a lot of fresh faces volunteering their time and ideas, the Club performed exceptionally well from an off field perspective as well as on field. Our two Ladies Days, Old Colleagues Day and end of season ball were enjoyed by many and will continue to be important dates on the social calendar of all Colleagues past and present and their respective families. Thankyou to all those who helped out in some way. It is important to remember that many hands make light work, a concept we need to build on for the future.

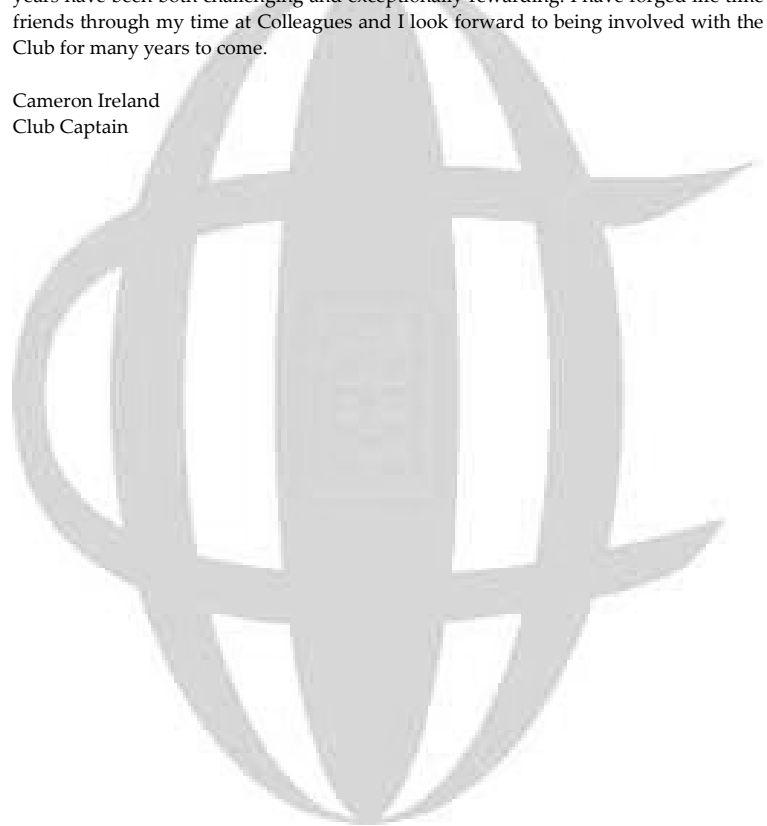
A Club like Colleagues cannot function with out the ongoing support by a number of loyal sponsors: B Braun, The Four in Hand Hotel, Paddington Arms Hotel, Scope Lending, New Edge, CB Richard Ellis, Pimco, Karabiner Access, Ryans Bar, Bresic Whitney, Hill Rogers and Jan Logan. Thankyou to all those who contributed time and money, your support is greatly appreciated.



There are a number of people who contribute a lot to the success of our rugby Club so thankyou to all those who chip in and do their bit. Jono Linn in his first year as secretary has done an outstanding job and I am grateful for all the work he has done this year. Rich McGrath works constantly for the greater good of the Club and has been a valuable asset for many years, thankyou Rich for your support.

2008 marks my 4<sup>th</sup> and last year as Club Captain and 10<sup>th</sup> year at the Club. The past 4 years have been both challenging and exceptionally rewarding. I have forged life time friends through my time at Colleagues and I look forward to being involved with the Club for many years to come.

Cameron Ireland  
Club Captain



## Secretary's Report

I was honoured to be asked by the Pres to take the post of Club Secretary this time last year. Perhaps my blind enthusiasm was tempered briefly by the thought of balding in my late twenties and heading to Queensland at the end of the year, in the footsteps of my two predecessors. Nevertheless I thought I could make a fist of the task(s) at hand.

It goes without saying that there is a lot that goes in behind the scenes in the operation of any sporting organization and Colleagues is no different. I soon found that best made plans weren't executed to perfection and that everything takes a bit longer when managing such a large club. Yet the reward of doing any extra work for Colleagues is that we are providing something which most other clubs or sports cannot – an opportunity for players of all abilities to have a run, enjoy a beer, make some great mates and meet some quality ladies.

I have learnt a lot in my first year as Club Sec and have to thank Rich McGrath, Cam Ireland, Paul Howard, Andrew Moses, Rich Hodson and Goochie for their hard work to keep the club running off the paddock. With the experience of managing wet weather weekends, player registrations and meeting the third parties involved in running Colleagues, amongst other things, I can now see a few areas in which we can improve our administration to make it easier on players, coaches and the committee alike.

We always have a large number of players pass through our club over a season and it is no surprise that this year we had 270 registered players, coaches and administrators participating at some stage in the season. We fielded 9 teams (including 2 Convicts teams), played 137 competition games and 9 finals matches, won 2 premierships and had 4 players selected in the NSW Subbies Rep team. Overall it was a relatively successful season.

These achievements are due to the hard work by players, the inspiration of our team captains and Cam Ireland and to the hard work put in by the coaches, Ben Waters, Rich Thomas and Jerry to get everyone prepared for match day. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and dedication.

Off the field we had a great Long Lunch and Colleagues Ball, thanks to Rich McGrath and Rich Hodson respectively. We also enjoyed some entertaining club nights and presentation dinner thanks to the Nuts and Bolts and to Sully's mankini, indelibly etched on the memory of many a new player.

What is most remarkable, though, is to assess 2008 in light of our position at the end of April. We were without a Blue Rinse (having had 9 the year before), the once reliably victorious Burke Cup team were down (but not out) and people started to question the chances of Colleagues being relegated to 2<sup>nd</sup> Division on our 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



Despite these harsh facts no-one at Colleagues slumped into negativity, no-one gave up and no-one complained. Rather, we rallied, we grew resilient and we battled our way to 4 finals berths and 2 Cup victories. All the while we had fun in the process, especially Shrimpo (possibly the only Colleague to use the scrum machine during the season).

It is terribly clichéd to repeat the maxim that you can only judge one's character by conduct during tough times. Yet it would also be an oversight not to acknowledge the spirit shining through the Blue Giants in 2008. If nothing else is redeemable from this season, the desire to do better next year is stronger than ever and I believe '09 will be a ripper.

Let's bring back Bruce and his mates: Herb, George, Horace, Harold, Manu and Barbara.

You're my boy Blue!

Jonathon Linn  
Honorary Secretary

## Club Coach's Report

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Ben Waters  
Club Coach

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Drummoyne	888
Knox Old Boys	800
Mosman	784
Beecroft	611
Campbelltown	604
Old Ignatians	586
<b>Colleagues</b>	<b>576</b>
Forest	496
St Patricks	412
UNSW	363



## Kentwell Cup Report

To Be Completed.

Ben Waters  
Kentwell Coach



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Drummoyne	18	17	1	0	643	262	381	84
Beecroft	18	12	1	5	550	289	261	64
Mosman	18	12	1	5	612	453	159	62
Campbelltown	18	9	0	9	520	431	89	53
Knox Old Boys	18	10	1	7	419	471	-52	50
Forest	18	8	1	9	389	401	-12	43
St Patricks	18	5	2	11	387	536	-149	33
<b>Colleagues</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>-120</b>	<b>30</b>
UNSW	18	4	0	14	332	655	-323	27
Old Ignatians	18	4	1	13	396	630	-234	25

## Burke Cup Report

After three successful years of coaching together, Jono Hughes and I had a year of hurdles and a different type of player roster, which, amongst other things, lead to us having a shocking start to the year. After sneaking across the line in our first game against Forest we were thumped by 40+ points by Knox the next week. The signs were ominous.

The ensuing weeks saw another four losses on the trot, some close, some terrible. Then after some promising glimpses of progress including a great win away at Beecroft we'd coming crashing back to earth with an ordinary display. At the half way point of the season we had lost 6, won 3 and were in the unaccustomed position of fighting it out with the bottom feeders for the wooden spoon. Having only ever known the top end of the table in 7 seasons at Colleagues things were looking as bleak as the wintery training nights in season 2008. Many players would have (and some did) dropped their bundle and booked beach holidays for the first week of September, but not the core of the 2008 Burkies.

Whilst the results hadn't gone our way the changes in attitude and the emergence of a playing group and style of play we'd been working hard on to suit them started to look promising. Coming last with half a season to play turned every game into a must win challenge to make the finals. And win the boys started to do, cleaning up 6 of their next 9 games, many convincingly with bonus points, and only 3 tight losses.

Results in other games went our way and we had miraculously secured 4<sup>th</sup> spot and a semi final spot a couple of games before the finals and were undeniably the form team of the competition. Some players stepped up and others dropped by the wayside en route - what we did have though by the first semi against Drummoyne was a solid group of experienced players and enthusiastic youngsters punching above their weight who didn't believe for a second that they couldn't win the competition.

An epic 21-15 victory against Drummoyne in the knock out semi-final saw us face defending premiers and arch rivals Knox Old Boys in the final. Knox had somehow lost to Iggies in major semi, setting up a massive game with us the following weekend. Unfortunately the Knox final was not to be, with our boys going down 13-8 in atrocious weather conditions that we didn't quite master. A last minute try to steal the game was disallowed by the man in the middle, some say mistakenly, and our season was over one game short of the big dance.

For me the team highlights of the season were the:

1. Semi final victory against Drummoyne, which was the best example I've ever seen of a Colleagues muscling up and punching above its weight. Drummoyne



fielded the biggest team anyone has ever seen in Subbies and our boys bashed them into submission, dominating scrums, lineouts and the breakdown.

2. An inspirational comeback from 14-5 down at halftime against Mosman in early July to win 29-21 with a bonus point which effectively ended their season and kept ours on track.
3. The 32-25 loss at home against Knox on Old Colleagues day. Ironically despite the disappointment at the time this was the day that the team realised that they had the style of play and the ability to beat anyone on their day and that we would, not could, make the finals even if only having a mathematical chance at the time. The following 7 or so weeks of must win footy were the most enjoyable of my coaching life.
4. It wasn't just the more experienced players who lead the way. It was also the guys who may not have had much of a run in 2s or above in the past, or the young guys new to grade or the club, who really stepped up and proved their worth, becoming better rugby players and respected by fellow players as a result.

I didn't want to single anyone out but these blokes in particular deserve special mention:

1. Luke McCann for leading the team around in general play and captaining the team so well during the run into the finals.
2. Alex Edwards for captaining the team so well, albeit reluctantly, before injury ruled him out for final the part of the year.
3. Will Jeffreys for his weekly hit-a-thon which made me doubly glad that I'd retired from playing rugby against blokes like him and that I bought a video camera to record the tackles!
4. Lachlan Benson for finally retiring and no longer giving me a reason to keep picking him despite my better judgement! You've been a great Colleague Lachy – enjoy retirement ... that is until Laurie calls you next year around semi finals time for Suthos!
5. Hugheso for bringing the commitment and intensity on the training paddock and driving the new ball in hand style of play that served us so well. It's been great fun coaching with you mate and I wish you well for next season.

Boys thanks again for a really rewarding season. The loss in the knockout final against Knox was disappointing but the effort was first class. We were millimetres from qualifying for a grand final. To come from where you did during the season and grow



your game individually and as a squad made this year more rewarding for me than previous seasons where we belted the opposition and won premierships in a canter. I'm really proud of the belief you all showed. You will remember season 2008 for a long time.

I hope you all (except Benson!) play at Blue Giant Stadium again next year as Colleagues truly is the best rugby club in the world. I'll be down there to watch your home games with my new son Archie in tow next year, slowly introducing him to the intricacies of rush defence, counter rucking and "breaking the glass".

Cheers  
Nick Love  
Burke Coach

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Knox Old Boys	18	15	1	2	438	241	197	73
Old Ignatians	18	12	0	6	343	199	144	57
Drummoyne	18	10	0	8	402	283	119	51
<b>Colleagues</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>45</b>
Mosman	18	8	1	9	407	418	-11	42
St Patricks	18	9	0	9	289	361	-72	41
Beecroft	18	7	1	10	268	381	-113	34
Campbelltown	18	7	0	11	253	363	-110	32
UNSW	18	6	0	12	292	362	-70	32
Forest	18	5	1	12	209	325	-116	29



## Whiddon Cup Report

### Horace has come Home

Another season undefeated at home and the return of the Horace Whiddon Trophy to it's rightful home after a close fought battle with Knox in the Grand Final, capped of another successful year for the Woollahra Colleagues Whiddos team.

Coached by the formidable Adam Harley and assisted by Richard Hodson the Whiddon Cup team formed a close bond that saw them win their last 11 games of the regular season. "Harls" short sharp team sessions on a Thursday night found favour with many of the players, many who had previous experience of training in the dark long after the lights had gone out. That coupled with great attendance at the Tuesday night "fitness" sessions especially amongst the forwards forged the side into a great unit. Indeed having run the blockers, sliders and other phases so often every player could manage them in their sleep, even having nightmares of being out of position and getting a verbal bashing from Matt Aubrey.

The season was not all about hard work and determination though, as Sully proved on new player's night turning up in a lime green man-kini which even had the entertainment dumb struck for a while. It must be said though that certain players threw themselves enthusiastically at the speed work, especially Paul Warren-Tape, when after he showed the outside to the openside flanker was then beaten to the try line.

With many players often getting pulled at the last minute the Whiddon Cup Team did very well adapting their plans and playing what was in front of them. At one stage the regular second rows of Will Saunders and Geoff Pearce had been pulled up to Kentwell duty. The team showed great resilience and up to the plate stepped Dan McGrath fresh from playing in the backs straight into the engine room of the scrum. Likewise Matt Durrant had a season that resembled a yoyo often being called back into the back row late on a Thursday night from Burke cup. Indeed thanks must be given to Clydie, Jon Irwin and all in Judd Cup team for giving up their players so often when the higher grade had pulled up our players.

To list all the players that represented Whiddon Cup this year would take too long. However, special mentions needs to be made of a few; Will Saunders winning "Best and Fairest" his control of the line outs often gave the back line a decent platform to work from. Jack Mesley for his help offered to Harls during the season running training and being available to play whenever he could. Mick Edwards for leading the team from the front, or at least shouting encouragement as he was picking himself of the ground again, after winning 3 premierships Mick is now doing a "Benson" and hanging up his boots. Jon Clarkson also offered valuable assistance when he found himself out of action.

Other special mentions have to go to a Daniel Quinn aka "Disco" who's return towards the end of the season sparked a competition on who could look best in the back line, this managed to hold the credit crunch off for some time in the beauty parlours of Sydney. Matt Aubrey also deserves to be remembered for claiming racial vilification against the largest Tongan on the field at Forest, Mick Dale for the impeccable taping of the "guns" every Saturday and spending more time show boating to the crowd than concentrating on the game, he was taught a lesson though when on the receiving end of a clothesline that almost removed his head from his shoulders. Tim Sullivan for providing the sausages every week at training and Dan Fitzgerald for some of the more interesting websites sent on e-mail over the season.

The key aspect of this team, however, is that they played for each other and enjoyed it, there was a belief that was forged through the hard effort put in at training and the fantastic team spirit that was nurtured that each player would pull their weight and they would win. This was reflected on and off the field, at every opportunity the Whiddon Cup boys would be the centre of the Party, from bus trips back from Campbelltown to No Undie Sunday. This camaraderie ensured that there was only one result that mattered:

### Grand Final: Colleagues 14 – Knox 7

Richard Hodson  
Whiddon Manager

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
<b>Colleagues</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>71</b>
Knox Old Boys	18	13	1	4	257	170	87	59
Drummoyne	18	12	2	4	268	200	68	56
Old Ignatians	18	10	0	8	340	206	134	54
Mosman	18	10	0	8	304	222	82	49
Campbelltown	18	7	1	10	258	283	-25	36
St Patricks	18	7	1	10	217	300	-83	35
Beecroft	18	4	2	12	169	304	-135	26
Forest	18	4	1	13	164	304	-140	25
UNSW	18	3	2	13	161	343	-182	20





## Judd Cup Report

This season was a bit of a mixed bag for Judd Cup grade which started out promising then fell apart during the season and then showed some promise towards the end when there was a chance of a finals spot.

Due to the large numbers of injuries throughout the top grades we found it hard to build a game plan around a couple of key players. Despite the best efforts of G Hudson, Rob Rush and Matt Durrant we lacked the consistency needed to make the top four.

We never gave up and all players did have a go but it was never going to a strong year for Judd cup. Even after making the grand final the year before, we had lost a lot of that team and found it hard to rebuild.

Jonathan Clydesdale  
Judd Coach

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Campbelltown	18	13	0	5	405	214	191	64
Mosman	18	11	2	5	303	150	153	57
Old Ignatians	18	12	1	5	277	191	86	56
Forest	18	10	2	6	257	175	82	51
<b>Colleagues</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>43</b>
Drummoyne	18	9	1	8	179	206	-27	43
St Patricks	18	6	0	12	190	296	-106	30
Knox Old Boys	18	4	5	9	146	268	-122	28
Beecroft	18	4	2	12	168	321	-153	25
UNSW	18	4	1	13	146	270	-124	19



## Sutherland Cup Report

Minor Premiers Won 15 Lost 3 350pts For 107 pts Against

This year saw a few returning old faces and lot of new talent arrive to strengthen Sutherland Cup, wanting to go 1 better than last year's miss of the GF.

Starting the season with a front row! which was a good start compared with last year, laid the foundation for what proved to be a truly great regular season with only 3 loses and winning the minor premierships (well done boys).

Solid performances across the park from the forwards laid the platform for what I, and most of the players like to see is, good running rugby. The backs this year had a field day once positions were sorted (which is always hard at the start of a season). Some truly inspirational tries were scored by good teamwork and support play, one being a try from our ten-yard line against Knox in the first round. Started by good work at the breakdown from the forwards, with quick hands through the backs to the wing stepping inside, flick out the back to the fullback, pass inside to breakaway and finally back out to inside centre to score under the post after 20 meter run down the side line. This try typified the effort and the desire to never say die.

Also outstanding was the team's defensive effort this year. With some memorable tackles being made when needed. I must say in all my years at Colleagues I don't think I have seen a better effort, with no weak links anywhere on the paddock.

A number of players had extended stints in the higher grades and some held these positions showing the quality of player running around in Suthos this year. No doubt we will see some of them plying their trade in higher grades next year.

I believe that the guys had a good time this year on and off the rugby field and winning certainly helps, which leads to good team cohesion and guys wanting to turn up on Tuesday and Thursday nights. When players actually want to train it makes it easy for the coaching staff to turn up each week.

I would like to thank Sean for running the forwards again this year the only way he knows how letting the few words he has to say sink in. Sometime less is more. Also thanks to all of the coaches from the other grades and to the committee for making our jobs as easy as possible.

Lastly, big thanks to James Robertson who, as captain of Sutherland Cup, led by example all year. Every now and then if you're lucky you get a guy like this in your team, who brings everyone together on the same page. Well done mate.



I look forward to seeing you all again next year for bigger and better things for Colleagues.

Laurence Campbell  
Sutherland Coach

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
<b>Colleagues</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>71</b>
Old Ignatians	18	12	1	5	335	148	187	59
Campbelltown	18	13	0	5	325	199	126	58
UNSW	18	12	1	5	263	135	128	56
Drummoyne	18	10	1	7	274	173	101	52
Mosman	18	10	1	7	282	180	102	51
Beecroft	18	6	0	12	159	255	-96	29
Knox Old Boys	18	5	1	12	171	275	-104	27
Forest	18	4	1	13	182	374	-192	23
St Patricks	18	0	0	18	0	495	-495	0

## Barbour Cup Report

To Be Completed

Pete Minucos & Ben Wood  
Barbour Coaches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
Mosman	18	15	1	2	399	181	218	69
Old Ignatians	18	13	0	5	307	185	122	61
<b>Colleagues</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>58</b>
Campbelltown	18	10	1	7	401	317	84	53
Knox Old Boys	18	11	1	6	283	209	74	52
UNSW	18	9	0	9	251	281	-30	41
Forest	18	8	0	10	281	351	-70	38
Beecroft	18	5	1	12	267	293	-26	28
Drummoyne	18	5	0	13	225	393	-168	25
St Patricks	18	0	1	17	156	534	-378	4



## Halligan Cup Report

The Halligan boys had another great year in 2008 and we were very happy to lay our hands on some silverware by the end of the season.

While we blitzed the opposition in most cases, it was in fact a season of fluctuation with the team being vastly different by the end of the season. We did start with a group of mainly young players, many new to the club and quickly the team was winning by big margins. However, as the season passed we did lose many of our 'young guns.' Indeed I was very pleased to see the likes of Luke Adams, Scotty Balalas, Toby Duncan, Nick and Jimmy move into the grade teams at the business end of the season. Despite these fluctuations, we continued our winning style, the whole team enjoying every moment. Special thanks go to Andrew Harrington for coaching, managing and sometimes playing for the team throughout the season, he did a great job with a group of guys of varying ability.

I personally would like to thank the club for making a Halligan Cup team available as it's a great opportunity for anyone to get a run. I feel the Halligan team can be valuable as a way for as many players as possible to get involved with Colleagues.

Thanks and regards,

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Halligan Captain

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
<b>Colleagues</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>66</b>
Petersham	12	9	0	3	227	104	123	42
Mosman Blue	15	7	0	8	203	209	-6	33
Waverley I	15	6	1	8	235	257	-22	33
<b>Colleagues Convicts I</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>29</b>
Maccabi	6	4	1	1	93	44	49	20
Beecroft	5	3	0	2	60	56	4	14
<b>Colleagues Convicts II</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>13</b>
Kings Old Boys	6	3	0	3	87	111	-24	13
Epping	8	2	1	5	84	181	-97	12

