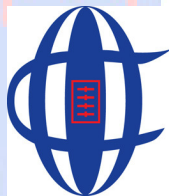




WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES

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**THE WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES
RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB**

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Trophy Winners 2010

Team Captains

Halligan Cup	Harry O'Donnell
Barbour Cup	Will Gilbert
Sutherland Cup	Sean Paul McGoldrick
Judd Cup	Matt Aubrey
Whiddon Cup	Simon Gardiner
Burke Cup	Leo Coates
Kentwell Cup	Frank Coorey

Team Coaches

Halligan Cup	Dale Quartey & Diarmuid Ryan
Barbour Cup	Will Martin & Sam Crouch
Sutherland Cup	Cam Macintosh & James Robertson
Judd Cup	Laurence Campbell & Sean Corbett
Whiddon Cup	Kent Anderson & Jono Hughes
Burke Cup	Pete Minucos & Sam Moles
Kentwell Cup	Ben Waters & Adam Harley
Club Coach	Ben Waters

Best & Fairest

Halligan Cup	James Hall
Barbour Cup	Mark Roddy
Sutherland Cup	Sean Paul McGoldrick
Judd Cup	Andrew Ross
Whiddon Cup	Peter Frazis
Burke Cup	Carl O'Sullivan
Kentwell Cup	Sean Hubert
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Club Awards

Colleagues Honour Cap	Tom Johnston
The Pappas & General Award	Nick Jones
Player's Player	Mark Colless
Rookie of the year	Hugh Campbell
Most Improved Player	Bob Bennett
Leading Try Scorer	Mark Roddy
Leading Point Scorer	Scott Phillips
Oldest and Boldest	Timion Rosso
100 games	Lachlan Roach
	Andrew Ross
	Timion Rosso
	Christopher Schleibs
	Simon Monteath
	Rohan Beale
	Justin Voller

President's Report

The 2010 season has been a successful year. All teams playing in finals, 3 premierships, a Bingham Cup Bowl, continuing to balance the books in a tough economic environment and a number of very successful social events. I think everyone in the club can look back and say it was a job well done.

Despite that I think there are a couple of teams that might think of what could have been. So while it is healthy to acknowledge our achievements no one should lose sight of why we are here. To win every Grand Final. It is an ambitious target, but why not. So what if it is impossible. No one runs out expecting to lose and nor should they. If we keep striving then who knows what can happen but you have to believe it can happen before you can make it happen.

This success has many fathers but none more than our coaches. It is a difficult job when as club we straddle winning every game with balanced lives that involve family and work. Things get testy at times but humility normally sorts out the issues in the end. On behalf of the club we thank you all for the many hours that players will never realise you put in to the job or the time thinking about how to get the best out of your teams.

Off the field the club runs like a Swiss watch. This is largely due to the excellent executive team of Tom Johnston, Jono Linn and Paul Howard. The effort of these men put in is extraordinary and all is done without a complaint, or nearly anyway (they do have to deal with other clubs). They have been ably helped by a dynamic committee that has run one of the all time great Ladies Days and just managed the club well that is a credit to them all.

Our sponsors are vitally important and the Royal Oak in Double Bay has been a delight to partner with and the players love to support them. BBraun again has been a rock and the continued support of Hill Rogers Financial Services, Compound Capital, Ryan's Bar, RMG Partners and our new comers Grays Online, Pooles Rock Wines and MJ Bale. Other supporters include Jan Logan, John Noice, Wine Works Well, Orient Hotel, Guillaume at Bennelong, Republic and Bar 333.

And finally to the players. I often run into an old Colleague in the street they will usually tell me the results of the weekend and then they will ask how the club is 'going'. I answer them by saying that they may have different faces, some of the names are the same and some are new, but essentially they are the same blokes as when they were playing. There are the quiet ones, the rowdy ones, the ones that just fit in straight away and the ones that take a while to work it out. I generally leave the conversation proud to be a Colleague. They leave the conversation confident the club is in good hands – the players.



So congratulations to the trophy winners and premiers of 2010. Let's not forget the hard work that has gotten us to this point and build on it in 2011.

Have a fit and safe summer.

Richard McGrath
President



Club Captain's Report

Season 2010 saw Colleagues return to their well deserved place at the top of the NSW Suburban Rugby tree. It was a wonderful, often exciting season which saw the club rocket to runner-up in the Club Championships, with every team making the finals and three teams securing premierships. From the top, congratulations to those teams and their coaches; Halligan coached by Diarmuid Ryan and Dale Quartey, Judd coached by Laurie Campbell and Sean Corbett and Whiddon coached by Kent Anderson and Jono Hughes.

Whilst 2009 was not the annus horribilus it could have been, there were some anxious faces come season's end. With this in mind, the powers that be set about ensuring that 2010 would be a much stronger year at Colleagues. By March 2010, we had in place an experienced unified executive committee, a large enthusiastic social committee, some new sponsors, a new playing kit and, crucially, a wide range of great blokes, intent on making Colleagues a better club on and off the field. By September 2010, we had three premierships in the bag, happy sponsors and a hugely talented batch of young players raring for 2011.

There were a number of highlights in 2010, most notably for me:

- THAT day at Drummoyne, where 5 teams on show beat their dirty red opponents. Kentwell stormed back to score in the final play of the game to be within one point and with no time left. With his teammates linked in a line in the late afternoon sun, Dan Kelly calmly slotted the conversion to win the game. Add to this that Burke had just secured their place in the final. I recall saying at the Ball that night that I had never been prouder of the Club...and the boys celebrated long and hard.
- Ladies Day II – where the club rocked long into the dark of night after four separate extra grog orders. It was a day that summed up the best of being a Colleague: good rugby wins, great girls, irreverence and mateship.
- Kentwell remaining undefeated against both Drummoyne and Knox, who finished first and second at the end of the season.
- The return of a genuinely loved sponsor pub in the Royal Oak at Double Bay. The boys couldn't get enough of it on a cold Saturday night. If they weren't making horrible bets on the horses, dogs or league, they were smoking their heads off in the garden or stealing each other's food at the bar. It's a great pub and a relationship I hope Colleagues maintains.
- New kit, new coaches and new attitude – with the inclusion of new blokes such as Kent Anderson and Stu Lundie, a completely new modern kit and more structure, the club took a slightly more professional approach to game day.
- A greater sense of club inclusiveness. Whilst Colleagues will always have its strong team bonds, there was better interaction, from Kentwell to Halligan, between players this season. A Thursday night after training would see a few blokes from most teams sitting around the one conversation for a quick beer.



The success that Colleagues enjoyed in 2010 was a direct product of a number of factors. Firstly, there were more blokes ready to lend a hand. From the bbq to the cleanup, selling raffle tickets to running water, more players helped out and took responsibility for the running of Colleagues. Not all rugby clubs are the same, some are driven by old timers on the tongs; some are run by paid staff. Colleagues however, will always be run predominantly by the players and as such, it is imperative that the players do the work. With such a young roster of players, it will be more important than ever for the players to pull their weight in 2011.

Secondly, the sponsors returned to the fold. Each team ran out in new jerseys thanks to their respective team sponsors – BBraun, Hill Rogers, Ryan's Bar, Property Planning Australia, Grays Online, Compound Capital and The Royal Oak Hotel. I would also like to thank additional sponsors, who assisted with our big social events like the Ball, Long Lunch and Ladies Day – Jan Logan, RMG Partners, Pooles Rock Wine, Ancardi Diamonds. With such a large player base, and a relatively expensive council, Colleagues depends on the goodwill and generosity of these sponsors. We look forward to them all returning and giving them more bangs for their buck in 2011.

Behind the recruitment of players and the management of sponsors is Colleagues' executive committee, the social committee and a few key administrative players. In no particular order, I would like to thank them individually.

Our President Richard McGrath was again invaluable. Rich was instrumental with the more serious facets of club life (liaising with Council, NSW Subbies and the referees) and was almost singlehandedly responsible for securing Colleagues' sponsors. He has continued to provide a vital bridge between the older supporters and sponsors and the younger players and management. In years to come, I am certain Rich will be remembered as one of Colleagues' best Presidents. Thanks Rich for your assistance, sound practical advice and good humour. I should now probably tell you that most late night or NUS complaints were directly linked to me, so well tolerated mate.

I am also certain that, in years to come, our treasurer Paul Howard, will be remembered as one of Colleagues greatest Kiwi tight forward Treasurers too. Howie has made light work of very tough financial times to steer Colleagues though the season in exceptionally good shape. We have managed to pay off a few debts, buy completely new kit, party hard and still have loose change to spare. However it was what Howie did, not as treasurer, which set him apart. Howie took over the ordering and collecting of all bbq stock half way through the season and on most Saturday nights, Howie was well entrenched behind the bar when the rest of us were carelessly drinking. Thanks mate for doing so much more than your job demands, especially with a new addition to the family.

Then there's my little partner in crime, the Club Secretary, Jono Linn. Jono was the deserved winner of the Club Honour Cap in 2009. To be honest, he should have won two of them in 2010. Jono was everywhere, doing everything. He was responsible for the player's registration, ensuring the club complied with all Subbies obligations,



reporting scores, liaising with the other clubs and making sure the bloody jumpers were cleaned. But then, on top of this (not to mention work and study commitments) Jono set about re-typing the Colleagues constitution into a word document and establishing an entire club administration booklet. Then, in his search for further pain, he took it upon himself to help me and the lesser beings with setting up and cleaning the club and ensuring the players were happy. Jono is an absolutely special Colleague and the club will be a little lost without him in 2011. I look forward to yelling abuse from the balcony with him for years to come.

Beyond these three members of the executive committee, a number of other blokes need a big thanks. Our Club Coach Ben Waters was as important to the running of Colleagues as anyone above. Benny was pivotal to our success on Saturdays, organising lead player and coach recruitment and most training sessions with the likes of Dicky Thomas and Stu Lundie. Whilst Ben was crucial to the success of our rugby, it is his desire to make better blokes that sets him apart. He is intent on building good, well-rounded young men and sees the big picture better than most. Cheers Benny for simply looking after the boys and lifting our enthusiasm and passion for Colleagues. On that point, thanks to all coaches and management for putting their hand up to volunteer so much time for the club – Adam Harley (Kentwell), Pete Minucos and Sam Moles (Burke), Kent Anderson and Jono Hughes (Whiddon), Laurie Campbell and Sean Corbett (Judd), Cam Macintosh and James Robertson (Sutherland), Dale Quartey and Diarmuid Ryan (Halligan) and Will Martin and Sam Crouch (Barbour). Coaching is a tireless task with little reward, especially at Subbies level. You have all lead (relatively) cohesive teams and made your young blokes' seasons at Colleagues one to remember. Thanks also to my old mate from Wollongbar, Stu Lundie, for joining our ranks as Colleagues Technical Director in 2010. Stu lead many a session of tight-forward play and introduced a more professional, detailed approach to coaching that we hope to carry through to 2011.

Off the field, and well beyond his playing years, David Gooch again did an immeasurable amount of work in and around the clubhouse. For every home game, Goochy made sure the place was clean, stocked and organised. He was often back there again the following day to tidy up. His assistance on game days, largely behind the bar, has provided wonderful support to me over the past few years.

Thanks to the social Committee for seeing us through one of the better party seasons in recent years. Cam Macintosh led an enthusiastic group of blokes, which included the likes of the Kelly brothers, Will McDiarmid, Nick Jones, Andrew Gilby Turner, Gus Cooper, Henry King, Nick Watt, Daniel Disco Quinn, Fanta Pants. The boys put on two great Ladies Days, with the second one being one of the best nights I've seen at the club. The word around town is that Colleagues Ladies Day is now the premier event of its type. Will McDiarmid did a brilliant job organising the Ball, which was again successful. And I've been assured that John Kelly organised a sensible, educational end of season tour to Mudgee again. Beyond the formal social events, I would like to thank Jonesy for stocking, running and drinking the bar in 2010.



So, my tenure as Club Captain comes to an end. It has been a truly enjoyable two years. I remember cleaning up and rushing to speeches after my first home game in 2009, thinking "this will either kill me or my relationship" but thankfully, both have grown stronger for the experience. I have relished helping Colleagues through a largely transitional period, in terms of the player base. And I am now absolutely thrilled to see the club on the precipice of a very promising few years, which will hopefully see us reclaim the Club Championships and a Kentwell premiership. From now on though, I will always be at my happiest down at the ground on a winter's Saturday, cheering on our boys and laughing as the Club Captain skulls through his speech.

Cheers

Tom Johnston (TJ)
Club Captain



Secretary's Report

It is always interesting to reflect on the season that has been. Thankfully the most prominent memories are those of celebration and ecstasy after 40 odd Blue Giants left TG Milner with Horace and Harold in our arms.

2010 was more a realization of our potential than a resurrection of Colleagues' prowess for my mind. With a bit more focus and determination we turned an average 2009 (by our lofty standards) into a great 2010 – but still leaving plenty to aspire to.

2010 was a relatively testing year for the administration of the club. There were a number of judiciary appearances, swiftly rectified by effective internal disciplinary action. There were a number of unfortunate injuries side-lining Colleagues for most of the season, with some having longer lasting impacts. We also witnessed perhaps the wettest season on record for at least 10 or 12 years, which resulted in some mid-week fixtures at Mosman. In addition to this we tightened the purse strings to ensure we could have enough cash to deal with the impending light installation and increased costs of operation.

Nevertheless Colleagues was able to thrive with a healthier coaching roster than we had in 2009, the ability to accommodate all types of player with 10 games per weekend early in the season, all Division 1 teams reaching the finals and, much to the amusement of our President, the title of Division 1 Club of the Year. We also ran highly successful social functions and have witnessed a growing interest in the player base to take charge and seek out roles of responsibility.

If 2009 was a wakeup call, 2010 was a year of learning and 2011 will hopefully see us put it all into practice. With such momentum building on and off the field, we stand in a good position to lift the bar even higher. Let's not rest on our laurels and let complacency squander a perfect opportunity to dominate in 2011. A collective effort throughout the off and early season will see this success continue and evolve.

I will sadly miss the realization of this potential next year as I depart my role and this country for the cloudy shores of the UK. 3 years ago I felt an immense amount of pride to be asked by Richard McGrath to assist as Club Secretary. I love this club and have loved every moment of the role. It has taught me so much and I feel privileged to have been given such an honour to help operate this great organization.

The Colleagues Committee is a combination of great strengths in individual areas, enabling a cohesive and efficient operation. I am thankful to Rich, Howie, TJ and Cam for all of the hard work over the years. I learnt a great deal from you directly and in witnessing the way you go about your tasks. Thanks alone is not enough for the amount of work these great people do.



I would also like to thank Benny and the coaches. The players appreciate the work you do, but they only see the tip of the iceberg. The hours spent preparing sessions and analyzing opposition goes mostly unnoticed due to the professionalism of the outfit. It is hard to attract any long term volunteer support for an organization such as Colleagues, so it is essential to recognize these efforts for the enormity of their contribution.

The sponsors also allow us to survive as a club under growing financial pressure from council fees to uniform replacement and catering to large crowds. It is a symptom of our success that are also in a somewhat risky position every off season, wondering if we will have the numbers in players and support from our sponsors to meet these demands. Thankfully we have a fantastic support network and such loyal sponsors.

In my final sign off as Club Sec I would like to thank the players and people that comprise the Colleagues community. When I reflect on our mission statement on the club website, I feel proud to be part of this immense family of Blue Giants. We accommodate all players of all levels and backgrounds, we compete for the right reasons and we enjoy every minute of involvement in this great game.

I look forward to spreading the word even further afield, as I recount stories of those days spent with those Magnificent Men from Colleagues.

Jonathon Linn
Honorary Secretary



Club Coach's Report

A great year and potentially the start of something big.

The 2010 season saw a fantastic shift in the momentum of the Club. There are lots of reasons why: good young blokes coming through the ranks, seasoned campaigners leading from the front, a great executive steering the ship and a newfound, or maybe better described, rediscovered passion for what it means to be a Blue Giant. The result was some fantastic rugby played the right way and saw all teams into the finals, 2 minor premierships, second in club champs and most impressively, 3 resounding premierships.

Club	Pts
Knox	3002
Colleagues	2713
Drummoyne	2529
Campbelltown	2350
St Patricks	2213
Mosman	2161
Old Ignatians	2100
Beecroft	2006
Lindfield	1884
Forest	1227

Each of the teams had a very successful year in its own right. Halligan was again very strong and a great premiership win to pip the Convicts at the post. This is the game played in its purest grassroots form and they way the team came together this year is a testament to the guys who are running that show. Well done gents.

Another good year for the colts and was unfortunate to not see them go on to grand final day. Special mention needs to go to the coaches, Marto and Crouch, for bringing it together for the boys and giving them much needed direction. As always the colts played some of the best rugby seen at the club this year, fast, free flowing and some really strong wins. How these guys manage to fit rugby in between smashing beers, chasing chicks and study is a testament to their character and love of the club and as always the colts team continues to unearth some real talent and some real characters.

Suthos, Juddies and Whiddos all had great years and each team was very dominant in its respective competition. Suthos were unfortunate not to take out their competition, and narrowly bowed out in the final. It was a real pleasure to watch the Suthos team go around this year, some great footy and plenty of passion shown. Well done gents, bit unlucky, but definitely there next year.

Juddies got there this year and took out the silverware. A very consistent team that looked like it had the competition under control from round 1. As usual the team was brought together well by Laurie and the boys performed well each and every week. Well done gents, the Judd Cup is finally home after a long absence.

Whiddos, there isn't much left to be said about this grade and its domination of the competition in the recent years. They team made the competition their own and delivered yet again in what is fast becoming a bit of a dynasty. Well done Kent and Hughso for the way the team came together and for yet again bringing Horace home.



Burkies had a very good season and went one better than 2009 to make the 4, however, it wasn't meant to be and they were beaten after the bell in the minor semi. Burkies was a very encouraging mix of young guys coming through the Club from colts mixed with a couple of older heads and saw them take it to every team in the comp. Pete and Sam are to be congratulated for the way the team performed and for the talent that was discovered in the playing group. Well done gents and we are well placed for next year.

Kentwell showed a massive turnaround from both last year and the early part of their season. Wooden spoon to top 4 is a monumental effort and there are a few key highlights that are worth noting. Wins over Drummoyne both home and away, beating Knox at Knox and the never say die attitude saw them get a shot at the finals. Unfortunately, like Burkies, the minor semi proved to be the undoing of them but a great season. Pride has been restored to the Kentwell jumper and you blokes have every reason to believe you can go all the way next year. Well done.

As a Club we are in a great position, and what happens next depends very much on how we attack the 2011 season. This year, in my opinion, saw the start of something special. It was a real shift from recent years and the momentum was brilliant. However, what happens next is up to us. We either go on with it or not and I think it would be a real shame if we didn't go on with it. We have talent and numbers and if we match that with the spirit and heart we showed this year then we can dominate Division 1 for years to come.

In closing, I would like to thank all the coaches for all their time this year. It is a very big commitment and we are lucky to have you guys turn up every week. Thanks to the executive and the committee, the work you guys put in makes everything run very smoothly and finally, thank you to the players. You guys turned our Club around this year and I look forward to seeing what you are going to do in 2011.

Go the Giants

Benny Waters
Club Coach



Kentwell Cup Report

As they say, what a difference a year makes. The Kentwell results this year were excellent, it was unfortunate not to go on with it and take out the competition, but the end result was something the players and the Club should be very proud of.

The season got off to a rocky start, the boys couldn't buy a win in the first round but were playing good footy and were going very close, then something changed. It was a little bit of luck, a little bit of self belief, a bit of momentum and all of a sudden we were playing some great football and beating everyone. Some of the wins in the second round of this year's Kentwell competition were some of the best I have seen and, always a great measure, so said the old boy colleagues support crew. A few wins of note include the win against Mosman under lights at Mosman, beating Knox at Knox and beating Drummoyne both home and away were some great games. These wins were the games that set us up and made it possible for the Kentwell boys to get into finals. Unfortunately the Kentwell run ended there at the hands of Campbelltown.

This year's Kentwell team have certainly started something and would be great to see them finish it off in the years to come. Over the last couple of years, our Kentwell team has struggled and the results have been such that it was at times difficult to get the momentum required to be the force that Colleagues is known for in the Kentwell Cup. But thanks to you guys, the pride has been restored to the Kentwell jumper and as a direct result of your efforts, people want to play first grade. I can't explain to you how important that is for the Club and how grateful, Harls, the Club and myself are for that. What you guys have done this year sets us up to be a very powerful club over the next couple of years as long as we keep doing the work. It has been a very long time since the Blue Giants have won a Kentwell Cup, and whilst we have done a lot to moving toward that goal, it will not simply happen. It will take some luck and self belief, but most importantly it will take a lot of dedication and a truckload of hard work. The only way to win Kentwell is to be the toughest, the strongest, the most disciplined and the hungriest 15 blokes running around week in week out. I am pretty sure you guys can do it but it is now up to you, best of luck and 2011 will be a great year.

There are a couple of people who are certainly worthy of note:

- The Kentwell captain and vice captain – Frank Coorey and Dave Burnett. Your passion and dedication was very important to what we achieved this year.
- Harls – the big man is a tower of strength for the team and his wise words and experience were a big part of where we ended up.
- Stu Lundie – your time and effort were much appreciated this year and your expertise was very influential.



To the rest of the group, thank you for all you did for the team this year. To the regular guys who were there all year, to the guys who made their Kentwell debuts, to the guys who stepped up when Kentwell needed help, to all those who supported the team and watched the games, thank you. Without each and every one of you this season would not have been as successful as it was.

Bring on 2011, it might be something big.....

Cheers

Benny Waters
Kentwell Coach



Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Knox	18	14	1	3	516	294	222	1	9	10	68
Drummoyne	18	13	0	5	463	366	97	3	11	14	66
Campbelltown	18	13	0	5	553	349	204	3	9	12	64
Colleagues	18	9	0	9	410	344	66	6	6	12	48
Beecroft	18	9	0	9	435	367	68	4	7	11	47
St Patricks	18	7	2	9	423	450	-27	4	6	10	42
Mosman	18	8	0	10	385	456	-71	3	6	9	41
Old Ignatians	18	6	0	12	414	466	-52	4	6	10	34
Lindfield	18	5	0	13	350	493	143	3	4	7	27
Forest	18	4	1	13	275	639	364	2	3	5	23



Burke Cup Report

Colleagues Burke Cup 2010

It seems the toughest days of 2010 for the Burkie were the bookends of the season. From the March trial against Pats in 35 degree heat, until 2min after the bell against Pats in September rain. But that summation hides the ups and downs in between.

Given Colleagues missed the semis in both Kentwell and Burke for the first time in recent memory in 2009, the challenge was there for the top grades in 2010. A key source of assistance was the best single-season influx of colts Colleagues have seen, with top grade quality kids all over the place. (Note on that: losing Crouchie in the tens, Marto in the trials, and Tilse in round 2 was a huge blow to the club.) The young brigade came to the fore early in the season with huge wins against older, bigger teams, and going undefeated through the first eight rounds. The highlights were definitely the wins over eventual grand finalists Pats and Knox, with both games featuring a XV as young as you would see in Burke Cup. In the win over Knox, the starting team featured 7 x 21yos. The starting back row averaged about 78kg in the win over Pats. Both games proved what team work and structure can do on a rugby field.

Unfortunately the middle part of the season saw some real challenges for the squad, and losses quickly mounted against Drummoyne, Iggies and Campbelltown. With the depth of the comp quite strong, we'd gone from undefeated benchmark to battling for a semi spot – in under a month.

The boys dug in to try to recapture the form, and strong wins against Mosman and Lindfield seemed to say things were heading right. But a close loss to Pats and a hiding by Knox said the opposite. The season came down to the last round at Drummoyne, and a very gutsy performance saw the boys prevail and through to September. That game was a reflection of some good points to take from the season. Lukie Adams getting 3 points for a number of defensive plays that turned the game. Red and Tonks outplaying their bigger opposition centres on both sides of the ball, something they've done every time they've been put next to each other – they reflect the sort of top flight depth that was added to the club in 2010, including guys like Mose, Buis, Cam Douglas, Arnott, Morty, etc.

The semi final, well it reflected a few more things. As he'd done through the back end of the season, Coates was inspirational in driving the boys. And when Lukie McCann nailed the penalty with 2min to go we looked like progressing. But a mental mistake saw us kick the restarted ball into play, and Pats put on their best footy to steamroll down the field, get over the line, and end it for us.



The rejuvenation of the top grades can be seen as a success in 2010. Sure neither team would look back at their season and say they achieved all that they wanted, but the platform for 2011 is set. Burke beat every team in the comp, but lost or drew against three of the bottom four teams. Similarly, the Kentwell boys lost more than they won, but beat Knox and Drummoyne three out of four. The playing talent is there and there's real reason to believe next season will be a top one.

Looking forward to it!

Pete Minucos
Burke Coach

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Knox	18	15	0	3	524	258	266	2	9	11	71
Lindfield	18	12	0	6	421	294	127	4	6	10	58
St Patricks	18	12	0	6	403	241	162	1	8	9	57
Colleagues	18	11	2	5	355	307	48	1	5	6	54
Drummoyne	18	11	0	7	356	244	112	4	5	9	53
Old Ignatians	18	10	0	8	414	304	110	4	5	9	49
Mosman	18	6	1	11	277	357	-80	6	3	9	35
Beecroft	18	6	1	11	255	412	157	1	3	4	30
Campbelltown	18	3	0	15	307	532	225	4	4	8	20
Forest	18	2	0	16	203	566	363	3	0	3	11

Whiddon Cup Report

Champions 2010

The 2010 season was another cracking one for the Whiddon Cup team.

With inspired leadership up front Simon 'Boris' Gardiner the players fought for great wins and dominant performances when it mattered. The team's success is due to the strong core of players that are now part of Whiddows folk law, many now with repeat titles: Boris (3), Rohan Beale (3), Dan Quinn (3), John Clarkeson (2), Drew Burns (2), Dave Adams (2), Dave Raymond (2), John Kelly (3).

Another achievement of the team was the bleeding of young and new players into the



mix of experience which created a fantastic energy. Henry Mortlock, Mick Lanemaa, Peter Frazis, Bart Oswald, Mark Poole, Al Logan and the English Swordsman Nick Chapman all embraced the culture and success of the team and provided critical input throughout the year. Although not young or new Will MacDiarmid, Blair Peterkin, Gus Cooper, Lachy Roach, Simon Monteath and the great Tom

Johnston were power houses and the team benefitted from their guile and passion.

The coaches thank the team for embracing the direct, controlled game plan and the combative culture we sought to take onto the field. We said we were here to win and we did. We also enjoyed building the camaraderie and friendships in the group that we recognise are a critical ingredient to 'going to the next level' as a team. We played for each other.

A special mention has to go to the man who always puts his body and will into every game. After tying the knot this year we are not sure that Rohan Beale will be around much more but he will be remembered for the absolute commitment he has on the field and the terrorising he inflicts on his opposition. Although they are now ruined, so much success has been on Beale's shoulders.



A different player, but as fine, is the soaring Dan 'Disco' Quinn who has been impenetrable at fullback for 3 seasons. His seething runs are coupled with his mastery of the social festivities and his superb reinforcement of the bonds of the team. In the third half - Disco was best on ground for the last 3 seasons.

We are all legends - Long live direct footy - Long live Horus III

Regards,

Jono Hughes
Whiddon Coach

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Colleagues	18	14	0	4	364	154	210	3	5	8	64
Forest	18	12	1	5	251	156	95	4	3	7	57
Knox	18	12	0	6	345	227	118	4	5	9	57
Lindfield	18	10	2	6	328	215	113	4	2	6	50
Mosman	18	10	2	6	241	229	12	3	3	6	50
Old Ignatians	18	7	2	9	244	266	-22	2	2	4	36
Campbelltown	18	6	1	11	261	326	-65	5	5	10	36
Beecroft	18	6	0	12	251	262	-11	7	1	8	32
St Patricks	18	5	0	13	165	410	245	2	1	3	23
Drummoyne	18	4	0	14	183	388	205	5	1	6	22



Judd Cup Report

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Minor Premiers won 15 drawn 1 lost 2
Premiers Won 15-8 vs Mosman.

Well this year saw the mighty Juddernaught deliver the goods. It had been a long time between drinks for the Judd cup.

The season started out, as you would expect with some new faces to the club keen to make their mark. And even a few who had been absent for quite some years.

The newbies settled in well for the first game and contributed to a great first up win over Campbelltown 21-0, and so the campaign had begun to return the Judd Cup to Blue Giant Stadium. We then lost our next game against Iggies in a close fought encounter where gaol kinking proved to be the difference, and would be something to look out for going ahead.

The Judd Cup proved to be one of those competitions where although we managed to get a very good lead on the table, no one was really able to steam roll any of the other sides. And any side, no matter where they were on the table, was going to give you a good game.

So the boys rolled on wining the next 9 games with some tough encounter. I think by this stage we had 2 broken noses, 1 broken leg and 1 ankle to testify how tough the comp was. The team was now starting to settle down into a unit that was displaying self belief. No matter what the scoreboard was showing that they would always win. And as such, this proved to be the case. During this 9 game streak we did have some very close games typified by a 9-5 win over Knox, who were bottom of the table, in what should have seen a 100m freestyle swim race played out, not rugby. Although the Irish connection felt quite at home and indeed felt a little home sick. The other against Campbelltown in a 10-7 win that came in the last minutes of the game.

We then hit a speed bump with a loss to Mosman on a cold a windy and damp Wednesday night on the north shore where we got ambushed, to the tune of 25-10 our biggest loss of the year. This was followed by a draw against St Pats 10-10. This engendered some sole searching and what we wanted to get out of the rest of the year.

The boys got it together and won the next 5 games although no game was won with a margin of more than 10 points, proving how competitive the comp was.

With the semis on us we looked at playing Drummoyne a possible 3 times. Having beaten them the week prior 17-7, we had the confidence to beat them again in the major semi. This can often lead to a loss as would have happened to many a team in



the past, but as a unit everyone was prepared to give it their all. A brilliant game plan of playing field positions in the wet condition saw the boys come out on top 15-0 and earn the right to have the week off. Strong performance by our lineout and scrum saw retention of possession and dominance of the game.

And so to the GF played at the ungodly hour of 9am when one should still be in bed. The boys gathered at 7am for the bus trip out and the mood relaxed. It showed the capability of the team when to step up, when we had an injury during the warm up. This did not lead to any panic at all and the substitute slotted in without any problems. The game was a good one and again we controlled the game through possession and field position and came out on top with a 15-8 win, with Mosman going over in the last minutes for a try. The rest of the day's memories became very fuzzy, as the beer was broken out and the song rang out.

To all the boys, thanks for your efforts this year. It makes it easy when you get such a team as this one together. I hope that you enjoyed it as much as I did. Thanks for all the great one-liners on and off the field, good stuff. Thanks to Matt, Andrew and Charlie for being captains and vice captains this year, you lead the boys well. Thanks to Sean for your efforts this year again, I still don't know what you do but it works. Thanks to the Prez, Benny, Harls, Stu, TJ, Jono, Jerry and the rest of the committee and coaches for your hard work and help in making it a good year for the club and the Judd Cup side.

See you all next year

Laurence Campbell-Avenell
Judd Coach

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Colleagues	18	15	1	2	328	168	160	1	5	6	68
Drummoyne	18	13	1	4	300	204	96	1	1	2	56
Mosman	18	11	0	7	317	206	111	5	4	9	53
Beecroft	18	11	1	6	236	218	18	1	3	4	50
Campbelltown	18	8	1	9	249	222	27	7	3	10	44
Forest	18	7	1	10	187	248	-61	3	1	4	34
Old Ignatians	18	7	0	11	184	252	-68	4	1	5	33
St Patricks	18	6	1	11	234	303	-69	4	2	6	32
Lindfield	18	6	0	12	237	270	-33	7	1	8	32
Knox	18	2	2	14	123	304	181	4	0	4	16



Sutherland Cup Report

After being the team to beat for the 18 rounds, 'The Filth' fell agonisingly short of Silverware as the season reached the pointy end.

Rugby is a funny game, but 4 Rugby Semi-Finals moments provided tangible evidence that lady luck was not on the side of 'Filth' in 2010, bowing out to last minute defeats in both Minor Premiership and Semi Final deciders.

An ominous roll call pre season provided a list of personalities that would go on to create one of the more enjoyable/competitive team environments! Everyone contributed, Game Day, Trainings, Pre-game, Post game, reply to all bollocks Emails! The team culture became contagious, everyone had buy in and it was evident to all who watched the team hit the park that the crew was in it for each other.

The team was aptly led at all times on the Park by Capt SP - Sean Paul McGoldrick, whilst off the field the debut coaching team in Cam Macintosh and James Robertson attempted to kerb the enthusiasm and retain some order in the ranks.

In what turned out a bumper year for the Colleagues Culture around the Club, the team liked nothing better than contributing to the mix, and fingers crossed next year we can go one better and bring home the Silverware.

James Robertson
Sutherland Coach

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Drummoyne	18	14	3	1	491	91	400	1	12	13	75
Colleagues	18	14	3	1	451	89	362	1	10	11	73
Old Ignatians	18	14	0	4	377	236	141	0	9	9	65
Mosman	18	10	0	8	269	156	113	4	6	10	50
Campbelltown	18	9	0	9	242	302	-60	3	3	6	42
St Patricks	18	9	1	8	280	260	20	1	6	7	41
Lindfield	18	7	0	11	220	306	-86	5	3	8	36
Beecroft	18	4	1	13	194	358	164	5	1	6	24
Forest	18	2	0	16	106	482	376	0	1	1	1
Knox	18	3	0	15	122	472	350	2	2	4	0



Barbour Cup Report

2010 colts saw another strong turnout for the under 21's, starting in March with around 40 boys keen for a run, and therefore the formation of two colts teams. The 2nd colts team who competed in the Radford cup competition enjoyed themselves with one win from ten matches but the team was forced to withdraw from the competition in July due to lack of numbers caused by uni holidays.

1st colts boasted one of the strongest teams seen at this age for many years with an influx of new blood and the experience of old players such as Mark Roddy, who was playing his third year at colts and led the team the whole season with his elusive skills and outstanding footwork.

The boys lost the first three games of the season by no more than 1 point in each game as they were finding their feet and working combinations. Come round 5 it all seemed to click. The next eight games was an example of the team's true potential. The boys won eight straight, thrashing teams such as Iggies and Mosman who would go on to play in the grand final.

The forwards were led by Captain Charlie Bligh until he suffered a season ending injury. His shoes were ably filled by the dynamic forward Will Gilbert. The side experienced aggression up front, intimidating every opponent with the likes of Jack Scoles and Henry 'red card' Miles never taking a backwards step. As the season went on so improved the boys fitness and the front row became revered by the opponents with the skill of Dave Liston, the work rate of James Ferris and the barn storming runs of Tom 'hippie' Mulligan it was apparent why. All season the team and especially the backs have owed great appreciation to the work of some of the finest loose forwards to grace the blue jumper since the fore fathers founded the blue giants. Matt 'never say die' Adams and Will Kingston had the best on ball performance of the season with Gilbert and Tim Harley imposing physical dominance in both attack and defence.

This laid the platform for what many have described as an exciting future for the club "the nut and bolts backs". These boys lead by half back Tom O'Connor and 'watchout' Roddy would ensure forward dominance was paid off with some amazing ball work and tries that would compete with the flair of the Fijian 7's team. Hard centres such as Hugh Cranney and Will 'billies' Hickey ensured no one penetrated the mid field whilst distributing the balls to the outside backs which led to many tries and wins. Finishes from the wingers James Kilmartin, speedster Muz Harvey and the safety of fullback James Stirzaker and big Rob 'man child' Kelly emulated the class of this outstanding backline.

The team went on to play in the major semi finishing the round games 2nd on the ladder. With a close loss to Iggies in the major semis the boys backed up next week to play a fired up Mosman. The boys showed relentless spirit which reflected the whole

season efforts and were unlucky to come away empty handed from what promised to be an exciting year for the colts.

A huge thank you must also be placed on the reserves, many who stayed on after the 2nds colts withdrew, these boys stood on the sidelines supporting their mates week in week out, even if they didn't get a run; whitey, Paulsen, Ingate, Cambo, Miller, Henry Carnney etc made the team what it was.

The season was a success on and off the field with the colts showing an unprecedented interest in the social activities of the club ensuring large and roudy turn outs to game day functions, the Ball and of course silly sunday. Being shown the way by assistant coach Sam Crouch and Skilled technician Henry Mortlock there is no surprise that every player excelled this year and has expressed great interest in returning to the club next year to play grade or colts.

If this is the future of Woollahra Colleagues, then there are very exciting and promising times ahead for all involved and I will be sure to stay turned to this talented bunch.

Will Martin
Barbour Coach

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Old Ignatians	18	14	2	2	292	153	139	1	3	4	64
Colleagues	18	12	0	6	375	257	118	3	7	10	58
Mosman	18	12	0	6	294	191	103	4	3	7	55
St Patricks	18	11	0	7	357	239	118	6	5	11	55
Campbelltown	18	9	2	7	367	209	158	6	6	12	52
Knox	18	8	3	7	282	293	-11	2	4	6	44
Beecroft	18	8	0	10	262	257	5	5	4	9	41
Lindfield	18	5	0	13	174	296	-122	6	1	7	27
Forest	18	4	2	12	219	363	144	3	3	6	24
Drummoyne	18	2	1	15	114	478	364	1	0	1	11



Halligan Cup Report

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To come

Dale Quartey
Halligan Coach

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Colleagues	16	13	1	2	345	125	220	2	6	8	62
Colleagues Convicts I	14	11	0	3	319	52	267	3	8	11	55
Mosman	17	11	1	5	274	149	125	3	4	7	53
Petersham	16	10	1	5	235	122	113	3	3	6	48
Waverley A	16	10	0	6	205	176	29	3	2	5	45
Macquarie University	15	6	1	8	217	200	17	2	4	6	32
Blacktown	15	5	0	10	165	327	162	3	2	5	25
Hills	11	5	0	6	161	193	-32	1	2	3	23
Kings Old Boys	9	4	0	5	93	86	7	2	2	4	20
Hunters Hill I	14	4	0	10	98	303	205	1	1	2	18
Blue Mountains	11	3	0	8	98	221	123	1	1	2	14
Waverley B	2	2	0	0	50	0	50	0	1	1	9
Barker Old Boys	2	2	0	0	52	5	47	0	1	1	9
Hills II	3	2	0	1	51	12	39	1	0	1	9
Balmain	6	2	0	4	44	106	-62	0	0	0	8
Colleagues Convicts II	8	2	0	6	32	159	127	0	0	0	8
UNSW	5	1	0	4	47	92	-45	1	1	2	6
Epping II	1	1	0	0	31	20	11	0	1	1	5
Roseville	2	1	0	1	46	21	25	0	1	1	5
Epping	11	1	0	10	66	243	177	1	0	1	5
Briars	1	0	0	1	0	7	-7	1	0	1	1
Hunters Hill II	1	0	0	1	0	10	-10	0	0	0	0



Convicts Report

To come

End of Season Tour: Mudgee 2010

To come



Bondi Tens Report

Woollahra Colleagues hosted another very successful Bondi Tens competition on 12/13th February 2010. Twenty eight teams in the Open competition and three teams in the Over-35's made for a very busy schedule.

On Day 1, the seven pools of four teams contested a round robin. In Pool A, NSW Country Barbarians were quietly confident of repeating last year's Cup win after they disposed of the NSW Fire Brigade, Team Ramrod and Wagga Waratahs to gain maximum points.

In Pool B, newcomers Gregorians from Campbelltown claimed maximum points after beating Cairns Trinity Bulls, under the weather from a big night, South Sea Flyers from Fiji, and Mosman Whales.

In Pool C, newcomers Scots OB's were too strong for an ageing KB's, newcomers Jet81 (sporting a strong RL influence from Newtown) and a Colleagues2 team pulled together at the last minute.

It was a mixed bag of results in Pool D, with UTBNB from Cowra finally prevailing by beating Colleagues and Iggies OB's but going down to Bali Legends. A UTBNB player collapsed during a game and was airlifted to hospital; thanks to swift attention by the doctors, paramedics and referee in attendance he has recovered well.

In Pool E, Tattersalls looked strong by beating Leatherhead Hammerheads (who get the prize for being most organised team), Twocans and British Lions.

In Pool F Brothers from Other Mothers, last year's beaten finalists, again looked strong by beating Toucans, Knox OB's and struggling Silver Bullets.

In Pool G, newcomers Creepy Pigs looked good, getting maximum points against Hilton Racing, Cougars and old faithfuls BOBS, Spanners team from QLD.

Day 2 was the knockout competition. Pool winners NSW Country Barbarians, Gregorians, Scots OB, UTBNB, Tattersalls, Brothers, and Creepy Pigs were joined by top- ranking Mosman Whales in the Bondi Tens Cup. In perhaps the match of the tournament, NSW Country met Tattersalls in the opening round. Tatts were 12-0 at half time and looking strong. However, Country fought back to 12-12 at the end of normal time and won with a Golden Point. UTBNB brought Creepy Pigs down to earth, Scots OB were too strong for Mosman and Brothers eliminated Gregorians in a close match.

In the semi finals, NSW Country beat (7-5) a UTBN team who felt that they had been hard done by the ref, while Brothers brought Scots OB's first visit to Bondi Tens to an end with a convincing 19-0 win. The final was a re-run of 2009 and again NSW

Country Barbarians prevailed against Brothers, 12-0, to win the Bondi Tens Championship.



In the Plate, Hammerheads beat NSW Fire Brigade and Iggies beat Hilton Racing, who struggled for players throughout the tournament. Wagga Waratahs progressed further than last year with a win over Kokoda Barbarians, while Knox OB's sent Cougars through to the Challenge Plate. In the semis, Hammerheads perhaps surprisingly lost to Iggies and Knox OB's beat Wagga by the single try. Knox OB beat Iggies OB's in a close final to win the Bondi Tens Plate, for the second year in succession.

In the Bowl, Team Ramrod from Quirindi were too strong for Toucans' first team, but the second stream, Twocans, beat a depleted Colleagues team. Cairns Trinity Bulls started to look good against Colleagues2, but South Sea Flyers continued to disappoint, this time by turning up Fiji time for the match against Bali Legends. In the Bowl semis, Ramrod beat Twocans by a couple of tries and Bali Legends beat fellow travellers Cairns Trinity in a tightly fought game in the best spirit of the Tournament. In the final, Team Ramrod was too strong for Bali Legends and so took out the Bondi Tens Bowl.

The Challenge competition was a popular initiative last year, whereby the losers in round one of the knockout played off in a mirror of the Cup, Plate and Bowl. In the Challenge Bowl final, Toucans were too good for South Sea Flyers; in the Challenge Plate, Cougars beat Hilton Racing, who had rounded up enough players to reach the final. The Bondi Tens Challenge Cup was comprehensively won by Tattersalls, who took out their disappointment at their first round elimination from the Cup with big scores over Creepy Pigs in the semi and Gregorians in the final.

In the Biggest Loser competition, introduced to accommodate the 25th to 28th ranked teams from Day 1, BOBS had little trouble winning this dubious accolade by losing their 5th game of the tournament to Silver Bullets, who won their first, while British Lions recovered a bit of self respect by beating Jets81 to win their Best of the Losers stubby holders.



The Over -35's tournament turned out to be a terrific competition. Manly Savers came down for the day and proved too fresh and strong for NSW Fire Brigade and BOB's over-35's teams. In a round robin, Fire Brigade and Manly both beat BOBS, and in the Over -35's Final, Manly Savers were just too strong for Fire Brigade, winning 12-7. So BOBS ended up without a win in any of the tournaments, but they exemplified the spirit of the two days by having, and providing, the most fun of any team. Well done, BOBS



Everyone had a great time, the weather ranged from heat wave to showers, the timekeepers and referees kept the schedule to time, and then everyone let it all hang out at the spectacular Bondi Disco After-Party.

A big "thank you" to David Vaughan and the NSW Referees, without whom none of this would have been possible.

Thanks to our Sponsors, particularly Agrow who loyally supports us each year; Woollahra City Council who again presented the grounds in immaculate condition; and to Mark Green and his team at NSW Rugby were supportive in all aspects of administration.

We were without a Gold Sponsor this year, presumably because of the GFC. The Bondi Tens has now become such a successful brand on the Rugby calendar that it might be worth your while taking a Gold, or naming rights, position in the 2011 Bondi Tens. Think about it. See you there.

Bondi Tens Committee 2010

