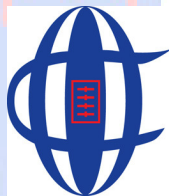




WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES

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**THE WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES
RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB**

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Trophy Winners 2011

Team Captains

Halligan Cup	Harry O'Donnell & Ben Radclyffe
Barbour Cup	Will Kingston
Sutherland Cup	Mitch Leach & Chris Munro
Judd Cup	Will Millward
Whiddon Cup	Daniel Quinn
Burke Cup	Sean Hubert
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Team Coaches

Halligan Cup	Ben Radclyffe & Harry O'Donnell
Barbour Cup	Dan Morahan & Boaz Meron
Sutherland Cup	James Robertson
Judd Cup	Laurence Campbell
Whiddon Cup	Jono Hughes, Sam Moles & Mitchell Tourle
Burke Cup	Pete Minucos & Will Martin
Kentwell Cup	Ben Waters & David Croft
Club Coach	Ben Waters

Best & Fairest

Halligan Cup	tba
Barbour Cup	Luke Berkelmans
Sutherland Cup	Andy James
Judd Cup	Will Millward
Whiddon Cup	James Stirzaker
Burke Cup	Tim Allison
Kentwell Cup	John Volckman
Club	Michael Woodward

Club Awards

Colleagues Honour Cap	Ben Woods
The Pappas & General Award	Daniel Quinn
Player's Player	Sean Hubert & Dan Kelly
Rookie of the year	Rob Kelly
Most Improved Player	Nick Watt
Leading Try Scorer	Thomas Gillespie
Leading Point Scorer	Scott Phillips
Oldest and Boldest	Angus Graham
100 games	James Robertson
	Daniel Quinn
	Will Davies
	Tom Johnston
200 games	Cameron Ireland

President's Report

Colleagues has had an extraordinary year.

I will always remember Grand Final day of 2011 as being a special day. But there are many other special days going back over a couple of years that lead to our success that day. The commitment the club has shown in improving coaching, fitness, mental attitude, structure, finances, administration and partying has been duly rewarded.

Our Club Captain and Secretary were new to their positions this season and handled the demanding weather conditions very well. It was one of the most difficult years for switches of venues, washouts and mid week games. Jonsey and particularly Will managed the logistics to get games played. While it is always tough in the first year of an executive position to get up to speed they handled the pressures well and I know they enjoyed the year. It should be mentioned that they were given a tremendous platform and while not taking anything away from Jonsey and Will the club owes a huge debt of gratitude to TJ and Jono.

Colleagues sees itself in an improved financial position which has also been a continuation trend of the last couple of seasons. Faceless men and backroom boys may seem a derogatory term but at Colleagues it is a badge of honour. Paul Howard may not be known by all the players but his influence over their club is enormous. Howie has a gentle way of ensuring that every cent is accounted for and if it was spent for a good reason. On match days we rely heavily on the good nature and good management of David Gooch who shows enormous patience.

Ben Waters as club coach can be tremendously proud of a record season. His good humour and ability to always put things in perspective are admirable traits. In Kentwell he was ably assisted by senior players Dan Kelly, David Burnett and captain Frank Coorey. Welcome to David Croft who brought a lot of experience that was invaluable. It is not easy taking five grades to grand finals and a lot of decisions are made that do not suit everyone. To everyone's credit they had their say then got down to the job in hand. Congratulations to Pete and Will, Jono, Mitch and Sam, Laurie for back to back and Robbo. Halligan are important in making sure everyone gets a run and they were lead by Ben and Harry and the Convict edition by Tommy Bourne.

Our Colts faced difficult year but Dan and Boaz rallied the troops when we needed the points for the Club Championship and delivered. This is obviously an area where we have excelled in the past as evidenced by the number of ex-colts playing up the grades and the success they enjoyed. Colts is an area we can improve significantly.

Many people will be thanked in the pages that follow and all are worthy including our sponsors and award winners. But pat yourself on the back boys. Celebrate it and cherish it and let's get stuck into 2012.

Richard McGrath – President



Club Captain's Report

How do you even begin to paint the picture that has been season 2011 for the Blue Giants; let alone analyse it and do it any justice?

When the chants of 'five from five' and the memories of glorious victories and a nail biting end to this year's Club Championship settled down, it became clear that the history made this year is something that we should all be proud of and privileged to be part of something so great. To create history in any form is tremendous, but to do it with 200 mates is unbeatable.

This year started as one with great promise, great enthusiasm and a real sense of belief amongst a playing body that just seemed to grow in number with every training session we met. It was looking as if cattle wasn't going to be an issue for us this year with many able and willing athletes champing at the bit to get a run in the early weeks. This large group of men slowly sorted itself, through countless hours of debate between the coaches, and a memorable season was born.

It would be remiss of me to go any further without outlining the invaluable and immeasurable support from a very loyal group of Colleagues supporters. Amateur sport is becoming increasingly difficult to administrate with growing costs, both in time and money that produce many an obstacle for a club rich in tradition that plays in the true spirit of the game. We are incredibly fortunate to have dedicated and committed sponsors who have supported us this year when the runs were being posted on the board but equally in the past when we've been a harder club to love.

To our unwavering major sponsors BBraun, Hill Rogers, Plant & Equipment Solutions, Ryan's Bar, Compound Capital, Gray's Online, The Royal Oak Hotel who probably felt the brunt of their sponsorship more than most, Poole's Rock Wines and Jan Logan who made our ladies days spectacular, Phillip's Foote Restaurant, Bar 333, Guillame at Bennelong and all our other supporters; put simply, without you there is no club. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to the journey that 2012 will bring. One of the great joys of my year occurred in late November at the sponsors lunch when Dave Crawford held the floor and spoke about the strength of our club and the phenomenal way in which we, as Colleagues, look out for one another; a truly great summary of a truly great club.

This year we were shown the reward of hard work. Whether it was the extended Kentwell squad training from January, the dedicated extra sessions late in the Whiddo's season, the road runs on flooded Thursdays, the 'strategy meetings' at The Oak or the extra kettle bell swing; this year was full of commitment and extra miles. We developed our winning culture to the next level and this is something we should strive to continue moving forward.

Nobody put in more hours, phone calls and emails than our coaching group this year. Headed up by Benny Waters, a man who was described as "more than a coach", these seemingly ordinary blokes coaxed extraordinary performances out of an enthusiastic and often highly opinionated group... a task none would envy but also one few could emulate.

To Benny, Crofty, Minu, Marto, Hugheso, Molesy, Tourley, Lawrie, Robbo, Dan and Boz; you guys were the linchpin in an incredibly successful Colleagues machine this year and I know each player is grateful for your time and effort.

Getting close to 200 players onto the field each year is a tough task for any club. When it rains every second weekend, it becomes a nightmare. The work that the club executive put in this year was amazing. To the Pres, Howie and especially Willy Mac, a great deal of gratitude is owed to you gentlemen in running the club as professionally as you do, whilst still maintaining 'life' outside rugby.

This year has been an amazing rollercoaster ride. The uncertainty of beginning a new season, the excruciating angst on the rainy Friday afternoon, The surreal joy, disbelief and elation on grand final day. However, when I look back over the season, my fondest memories don't come from the obvious. I think back to three marvellous, mid-week nights at Beecroft where I saw the true meaning of club spirit. I look at two of the most successful ladies days and the sea of happy faces that flooded the club on those occasions. I think of a repetitive rendition of tutti-fruity from Johnny Pappas on a bus.

These are the things that make me so proud to be associated with every Blue Giant. These are the moments that I believe made 2012 a year to remember. At the end of the day, without the silverware this year, we would have spoken of a great season in a great club and I think that is important to remember. On the flip side of this; the trophies are ours, we achieved our goals and this can never be taken away from us. A job well done.

At the end of my first season as club captain, I am truly grateful to everyone who has been involved in the running of the club in any way, shape or form. It has been an honour to represent such a strong playing body and I thank you greatly for the opportunity. We have proven ourselves on the field. We have produced a brand of rugby that is entertaining and effective week in and week out. My challenge to the club moving forward is to go the next step. Don't listen to those who say it can't be beaten. Next year it all starts again, the challenges of this season will present once more. The true sign of the strength of our club will be how well we defend our titles. Let's go out and do it again.

Nick Jones
Club Captain



Secretary's Report

This was a year of extraordinary achievement and a culmination of several years of hard work and dedication on the part of many people.

I recall back to some post match speeches towards the end of 2009, when Colleagues sat dangerously close to the bottom of the Club Championship ladder and our Kentwell team had once again fallen to a close defeat, despite their valiant efforts. John Noice took the opportunity to address the playing group, as always the group listened intently to the wisdom Noicey offered. He spoke of the proud tradition of the Woollahra Colleagues, of the special place the club lives in the heart of its many members. He made the point that never have Colleagues been relegated below the first Division, and he passionately implored us to ensure that record was not broken.

I remember that moment very well and often reflect on it. To me, that day was a turning point. It was a day when a group of men collectively decided, without speaking or acknowledging each other's realization, to restore Colleagues to its rightful glory.

2011 was a busy and challenging year. Tom Johnston and Jono Linn stepped aside from their respective positions as Club Captain and Secretary in 2010 and Nick Jones and I were elected in their place. I will admit that I was initially intimidated at the prospect of filling such shoes. The roles that those two men filled in the development of Woollahra Colleagues over their tenor cannot be understated, Nick and I – and indeed the rest of the club – are extremely fortunate for the work they did and I know we as a broader group are eternally thankful.

The preseason commenced with a strong influx of players, many very talented and eager to contribute. Registrations commenced in a rather unstructured way and while we eventually got there and succeeded in getting everyone on the park, my feeling is that this can be an area of improvement for 2012; and by extension receipt of subscriptions.

The social side of the club continued to flourish and in this regard I believe Cam McIntosh can take a lot of credit for the structures that were put in to place in 2010. The two Ladies Day's were phenomenally enjoyable, I had several new members of the club approach me throughout each day and offer their disbelief at what was on offer. Thank you to the members of the social committee for their efforts over these days and for anyone else who contributed to their success. Thank you also to Jean-Pierre Chaina for his organization of the Ball which is always a challenging task.

And now to the rain. Ah, the rain. 2011 allowed me to develop a special kind of relationship with the Bureau of Meteorology website, I have a little space reserved for it in the corner of my computer screen and we have become very familiar with each other over the past year. I don't believe there was a single weekend during the season



where weather wasn't a consideration at some point or another in the preceding week. Managing games and venues across the year was the single greatest challenge I experienced. At times we had to play on Sundays having already played on the Saturday, we played in freezing temperatures midweek in Mosman, there was even a week when we had to venture out to Beecroft across three separate nights. But we got it done. A big thank you must go out to all the playing group and coaches for your patience and willingness to accommodate. Your continued acceptance of the situation and dedication to push on no matter what certainly made it easier. A special thanks should be extended to the Judd and Sutherland Cup groups who were continually put under pressure but came up with the goods regardless.

The club's discipline dictated that very few trips to the judiciary were required, I ask that the playing group continue their respect for the referees in 2012 so that this feature can remain insignificant.

And then Grand Final Day. In the week leading up to that moment in history I often allowed myself to dream. "What if" I would ask, "What if we could actually win all five games?" Someone noticing my excitement and anticipation on the day suggested to me that if we managed to come away with three from five it could be considered an enormous achievement... I recall throwing beer in his face from one of 5 Cups later in the evening.

Congratulations to everyone involved on that day, it will be something that I will retell with pride time and time again. The effort everyone involved with the club put in across the year was enormous, it was an extremely enjoyable time to be involved with such an extraordinary organization and I thank you all for the memories. Thank you also to our sponsors for their support and to the travelling supporter group who would follow us to the moon on a rainy day to make sure there was someone there to clap us on. And a particular thank you to the executive group for your guidance and support throughout the year. The work that Rich McGrath, Paul Howard, Nick Jones and Ben Waters put in week after week make this all possible.

I was reading Jono Linn's 2010 Secretary Report earlier and something caught my eye:

"If 2009 was a wakeup call, 2010 was a year of learning and 2011 will hopefully see us put it all in to practice"

Long may we as a club continue to develop and long may we sit where a Colleague belongs. I can't wait for 2012! What if, what if we could actually win all 6 Grades? What if we could win all 6 Grades, the Halligan Cup and the Bingham Cup?

It's in our hands. 5 from 5.

William MacDiarmid
Honorary Secretary



Club Coach's Report

Club Champions 2011

It is difficult to know where to start with writing a report for such a momentous year. It is hard to put into words what the club has achieved this year and I am not sure, although I will give it a red hot go, that mine or any other report will be able to capture the enormity it.

The 2010 season saw a real shift in our club and pleasingly 2011 saw us pick up from where we left off. Preseason was strong and we had a great showing throughout the trials and rolled into the season in good shape with plenty of quality players who were doing the hard work. From the opening round we showed across the club that we had depth of players and also a keen desire to play a good brand of rugby and quickly the Blue Giants moved into dominate positions in each respective competition. 2011 also saw the return of the blue rinse, a tradition sadly missing in the last couple of seasons and one that is key to club momentum.

Before briefly commenting on each team, it is worth noting a few key stats about the season. The 5 senior grades played in 90 regular games during the season. During that time between the 5 teams we lost only 15 games for the season. As part of a renewed focus on attacking football, those same 5 teams scored a massive 2,554 points or about 30 points per game. The Giants certainly showed they can throw the ball around. What I think is most impressive is that those same 5 teams had only 851 points scored against them. For those into numbers that is less than 10 points per game. To me that is the difference, sure throw the ball around score heaps of points, but a club that defends like that must be made of blokes with big hearts, with pride in their club and pride in themselves. They must be tough blokes because they often give away a lot of size and they all must take responsibility for each of their roles in each team. I doubt you would find a better record anywhere.

Sutherland Cup – This team has been threatening greatness for some time. The way they play the game is to be commended and of the 10 top tries scored this year across the club, these blokes probably scored 5 of them (no reference to 5 from 5 intended). It was an absolute pleasure to watch them start each Saturday off, and whilst they had a few tough times during the year, the way the blokes pulled together was a testament to them and the coach. Not only did they play a good brand of footy, they uncovered some great young talent and fostered the introduction of some rising stars to the club. Their grand final performance will be long remembered. Against a stacked Knox team that had beaten all comers they came back in extra time to take the final. Any talk of guts, determination and heart should include reference to the 2011 Suthos team. Well done Robbo and players, a memorable Colleagues season and an appropriate reward for dedication and desire shown.

Judd Cup – Winning a grand final is brilliant, winning two in a row shows there was no luck involved. The Juddies boys again showed how strong they were and how well they worked together as a team. Consistent performances week in and week out set them up well for their shot at making it two in a row and on the big day they didn't let the club down. As the first team to play on grand final day against a very strong Campbelltown side they got the Giants off to a great start. Well done Laurie assistants and players. A great effort and one that could have slipped away on you if you hadn't done the hard work and turned up ready to go. 3 in a row will be interesting...

Whiddon Cup – The numbers keep stacking up on this team and it will be interesting to see how the recent domination of this competition will compare over history. Again some great running rugby, some huge scores and the only team at Colleagues to go straight through to the GF (no mean feat up against a very able Campbelltown team). Jono Hughes' success in coaching winning teams in this competition is amazing and he was ably assisted by Mitch and Sam to bring through what was a well oiled and clinical team to yet another successful GF. The domination in the GF pretty much sums up the Whiddon cup 2011 season, no one else was even close.

Burke Cup – it is wonderful to see the Burke Cup back at Blue Giant stadium. The Burke cup team this year showed a huge amount of potential and as usual brought through a wealth of young and up and coming talent. The Burke Cup comp this year was very close and a number of teams could have gone on to win it, but it was the Colleagues boys who got there in the end. At times you may have said it wasn't pretty, but the way they went about their business was impressive and it was that brilliant application to their footy that got them home on the day. Pete and Will should be commended for the way they brought together this group of blokes and for the footy the team played. Great effort and great result, beating a much fancied Drummoyne was something to remember.

Kentwell Cup – it has been a long time coming, 1996 was the last time the Kentwell Cup had been to Colleagues, but this year it was brought back by a team that did the hard work and showed a tremendous amount of leadership on the field and around the club. This group came back together in late 2010 and dedicated the time and effort required to win this prestigious competition. They played great rugby and set the standard week in and week out to grind out a wonderful result on grand final day. The senior leadership group is to be commended for what they did for this team and the way they did, the players for what they have achieved this year and the rest of the club for the support they showed the Kentwell team. Crofty was a huge asset to the team, he brought an extra element of guidance. He is truly a gentleman of the game and we were lucky to have him. Well done gents, the Colleagues Kentwell jumper is in wonderful shape and long may that continue.

Whilst a lot of the focus has been on these 5 teams, there are also several other teams that make up important parts of the Colleagues family. The Colties had a tough year and we as a club need to make sure that this important breeding ground for senior players is better nurtured. Whilst it was a hard year for them, they still managed to



play some great footy and again introduced another good bunch of colleagues to the club. Their win against Beecroft at Blue Giant stadium to sew up the Club championship was something I will remember for a long time.

To the Halligan and Convicts teams, whilst recognition may not be as forthcoming as it should be, your contribution to the club is very important and does not go unnoticed, especially as you have been some of our most successful teams in recent history. The competition you play in is a tough one and it takes a huge amount of organisation, however, you guys get the job done and the way you support the club as well as provide talent into the senior grades means we have the strongest club in this competition. Thank you and well done.

In closing I would like to thank the Club for the honour of being Club Coach. What happened on Saturday 10 September 2011 will be something that I never forget and I still think the enormity is yet to fully sink in. 5 teams who all finished second on the ladder, 4 lost week one of the finals (Whiddos through), 4 turned around the next week and earned their place in the GF. Then 5 teams turned up on grand final day and did something that no other club that I can find has done. We were part of that, we all contributed to the greatest day in the Club's history thus far. What happens next, let's do it again. Show the competition it wasn't a fluke and step up like we will need to. Good challenge boys and I reckon you blokes are up to it.

Finally thanks to all those guys who work in the background and off the field to make this club what it is. Rich, Howie, Will and Jonesy, well done on leading us to where we are.

Thanks again and well done.

Benny

Benny Waters
Club Coach



Kentwell Cup Report

Champions 2011

What a year and what a result. The Kentwell team showed that hard work and dedication will get you rugby rewards. The team started training in late 2010 for this season and the group put in plenty of effort in their own time to be ready. There was much anticipation after the 2010 season and with a very strong showing in the trials, the boys didn't disappoint. The Kentwell 2011 account was opened in emphatic style with a 93-20 drubbing of Barker and the intentions were very clear from that point on if they had not be at the time. The first round was completed with stats of 9 games and 1 loss to Campbelltown with all other teams accounted for. Beating Drummoyne at home was a great effort and one that stands out from the first nine games.

Round 2 got off to a similarly strong start with another good score against Barker and saw us with 7 wins from the 9 games and finished in second position to Drummoyne by a single point. There are a few highlights, beating Campbelltown at Campbelltown was great but the 25 point head start we gave Mosman at Mosman on their Lady's day was a win that will be hard to forget. The patience and faith shown by the team was amazing. There was no panic, there was no silly mistakes, there was simply a belief that if we stuck to our systems and played our footy we could do it. At this stage I had thought this was a pretty good team but after this win I knew that the Kentwell team of 2011 could do anything it set its mind to.

That brought us to the finals against Drummoyne in week 1 and they rolled us by a point. The game was one that we learnt a huge amount from and set us up well to know what we had to do for the grand final, but first we had to get through a rejuvenated Mosman who had real momentum coming into the finals. This game was never really in doubt and the Giants controlled all aspects of the game. The score was close at half time but it always felt like we had the game under control. On to the Grand Final against Drummoyne who had beaten us twice previously in this big game and twice during the season. It is hard to explain the feeling just before the team ran out. You could hear the Club song from the Burke Cup victory which meant the mighty Blue Giants had achieved 4 from 4, so there was real pressure to perform but as I looked around I could see a bunch of blokes ready to play, calm and confident.

The actual game itself was testament to what the team stands for and is reflective of the blokes who played in it. There was no panic but just a belief that it could be and will be done. The score line did not reflect the arm wrestle that the game was but in the end we shut them out. It would be interesting to look back over recent history to find a team that was able to keep Drummoyne try-less during a game, I dare say it would be rare, but we did it. It looked like they were in trouble when they had to revert to field goals for points and eventually their lack of discipline cost them and Robbie Kelly's try at the end was the icing on the cake. That full time whistle was something that I will never forget and can't say how pleased I am for the team and what they achieved for themselves and the club.



A season like this means the list of thank you's is a long and important one. I won't try and include them all here but will mention a few. Franky the captain, you will battle to find a bloke who is more team focused than this man. Heart on sleeve (lucky it is a big sleeve) he lead from the front all year. He treated this season and team with the respect it deserved and always gave his all. Well done and thanks. Dan Kelly and Dave Burnett, the effort you guys put in to make the team better rugby players is to be commended. Committed and focussed, you were two of our best and thank you. The senior player group was such an important part of the team. Bringing the team together and setting the standards for our year was crucial and your leadership was felt in all aspects of the club. Crofty, as I have said many times we were very lucky to have you. You are a gentleman of the game and you helped the boys and me to improve what we were doing. Thanks again mate.

To the rest of the club, thank you for your support. I know there were crucial times throughout the year in key games that your support was often a big part of the difference in the teams on the field. Thank you.

And finally to the players, both the regulars and those blokes who stepped up when we needed you. You showed that the rugby gods shine on those who want it the most, who work the hardest and who trust their team mates. Every grand final is special, it is the reason we play the sport. To put you and your mates against the best someone else can offer for the major prize is something special. To win one is great, to win a Kentwell is something that few can claim. Well done gents, you didn't win this from luck, you didn't rely on superstars, you didn't get a break on the day. You did the work, you played the game and you won and you provided one of the proudest moments in this great club's history. I haven't been a coach for a long time, but I have been lucky enough to be involved in a few really good teams, however, I have never been involved in a team that I have not have to defend at some stage during the season. Usually at some point someone wants to knock you or question your resolve. What is most pleasing is that not once did anyone question this team, not its resolve, not its pride and not its ability. I think that is the mark of a great team and you gentlemen are part of that great team. Congratulations.

Thanks for the season..... 2 in a row???

Benny Waters

Benny Waters
Kentwell Coach



Burke Cup Report

Champions 2011

What a season experienced by the club, and every team. It was great to win a premiership but to share it with every other grade team in the club was something very memorable.

Burke cup campaign started early in pre-season with larger numbers than previously recorded turning up too gruelling fitness and skill session in the month leading up to round one. Like every other team the Burke squad was delighted and at times overwhelmed with carrying an average squad of 22-25 players, and to coaches and players credit the team worked hard to give everyone an opportunity whilst maintaining a tight squad mantra.

The mix of young and old was great for the team; the experience of veterans such as Graham, Aubrey and Ireland was accompanied by the flare and youth of the likes of Roddy, Moses and Alison. And in between was the engine, the hard working men who turned up week-in, week-out and performed.

A strong first half of the season saw Burke cup win seven from nine plus one draw; the highlight mysteriously coincided with Ladies Day, where Aubrey mysteriously played like a man possessed, in a 27-10 shellacking of reigning premiers (and last year's conquerors), St Pats. This aided in the teams belief that if we can carry good momentum into the finals we were a big chance at lifting the Cup.

The back end of the season saw a similar score line with 6 wins and another draw from 9 games and major-final spot secured. While most other grades had been whittled down to a couple of realistic premiership contenders, Burke had the privilege and challenge of a competitive game each week – the fact a quality side like Mosman finished 2nd last on 28 points showed the depth of this grade. So while many other grades were serving up victory laps at half time, Burke went through a run of 11 weeks where 7 games were decided by a combined 12 points. While we “only” put away 13 of the 18 regular season games, Burke were outscored by just 10 points in the other five games. We knew if anyone was to beat us, they would have to earn it.

Having lost to Drummoyne twice during the season, by a combined 3 points, our major-final against the Dirty Reds was going to be a tough ask. With a slow start and trailing by 22 at one stage, the team showed courage beyond belief and was in the game attacking the line only five points behind at the hooter. Playing multiple phases after the siren the crowd as well as the opposition waited with baited breath unfortunately it was not be that day.

This put us up against a formidable Pats side in the prelim final, who had ominously been knocked out of the Kentwell Cup in round 18. Pats similar genetic make-up to



Drummoyne would also prove a test for our smaller but more willing side. The game was what every semi-final should be, a battle. With fly-half Aubrey away on wedding duties, Roddy slid one pass wider, only to be hit by a car on the way to the game. This combined with Pats surging ahead 14-0 after 10min to leave most Colleagues supporters short of breath. However the blokes wearing the jerseys had other thoughts and an inspired 20min before half time was followed through in the second half, with Colleagues scoring 30 unanswered points to run away 16 point victors.

Story of the day ended up being general club legend TJ, who rocked up on his birthday after a morning of bacon and eggs, only to be sent home to get his boots after Roddy's injury; then the further loss of Red Dog during the game saw TJ deliver a perfect display of semi final football. A huge credit must go to Red aka Tim Alison, who succumbed to an injury in this game and missed the GF, Tim was an absolute hero for the team all season and was rewarded for his efforts with the Burke best and fairest award.

Grand Final week playing a team who we had beaten us all three times, all week the team trained with belief and courage. Damo again answered the emergency call from Canberra to ensure we had some more size to battle the mammoth of the Drummoyne front row. With Alison out, Roddy had moved a further pass out to second five-eighth, with Gilbo retaining his place at scrum half after a sterling finals campaign and TJ on the bench to cover the play makers. Puss and Foal were returning towards 100 per cent, with their experience vital to match with Roddy in the midfield, and adding depth to the backs with Hubes, Changa, Patten and Carey.

The grand final came and our team were confident, the boys played with a level of confidence and determination that had not been experienced all season. Whilst the crowd and the referee termed our 17-12 win as an upset, to our team it was the fair and right result. Losing the previous occasion by the smallest of margins we knew we had Drummoyne's number. Credit to the opposition they attacked our line for the last 20 minutes of the final and gave it everything they had, fortunately everything they had was not a match for the heart Colleagues displayed on the day. Roddy was a standout as consensus man of the match by scoring one and setting up the other, as well as some key plays in defence. But performances all round were outstanding, with each to a man doing his job down to the final hooter when Carey calmly defused a last ditch bomb and booted the ball over the side line to close the game. When Noicey cries and says that's the gutsiest win I've seen by Colleagues you know you've done something right. (And Noice is certainly not prone to hyperbole. Especially regarding Burke GF wins.)

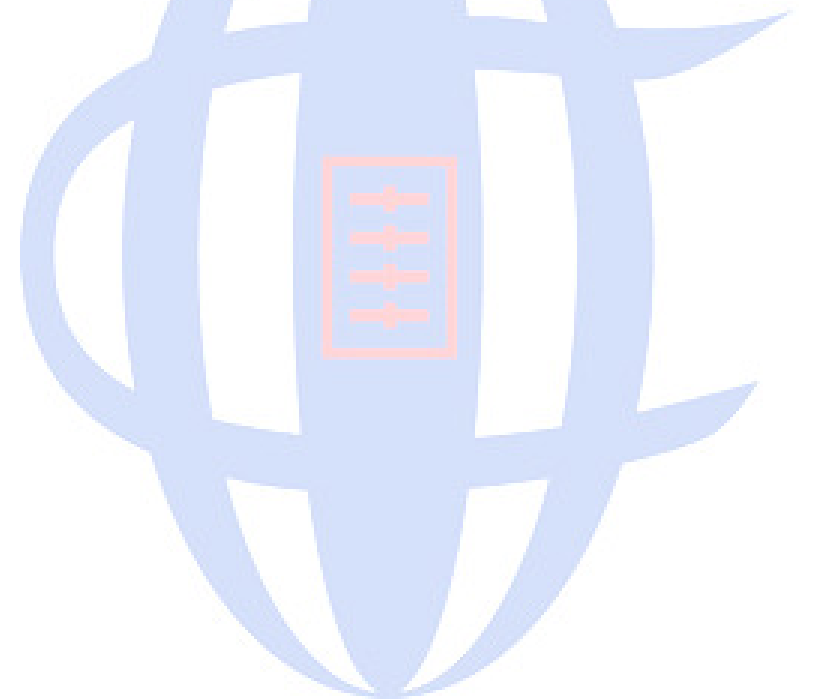
Special thanks to Sean Hubert for a sensational performance as captain. Nobody could step onto a Burke Cup field and give less than 100 per cent knowing he was out there giving just that. It was also great having regular inclusion of the Club Captain and Club Secretary, as well as ex-club Captain Cam Ireland and 100-gamers Pete Hubert and Unit, which gave the team a deep Colleagues passion. The youth brigade of Roddy, Tilse, Moses, Red, Changa, Buis were young in age but had been working for



3-4 years each for their first Blue Giant premiership, a feat they surprisingly shared with Will Davies (who did a great job auditioning as a full time #8 in the GF). Meanwhile new Colleagues such as Patten, Perko and Blackie reminded everyone why they're down here and why this club achieves such success.

A great season and a deserved premiership the team rejoiced through the night and the weekend. New friendships were formed that only sharing premiership can do, and as with the rest of the club the winning feeling has assured that all the boys will be back next year to go back to back.

**Pete Minucos & Will Martin
Burke Coaches**



Whiddon Cup Report

Champions 2011

Well what a year for the WCRUFC. It could not be more successful, better run, better feel and better results right through the club than in 2011.

I write his report as a privileged coach who is surrounded by a great coaching team and a strong and talented pool of players. I know Sam and Mitch share this humility.

On Mitch and Sam I want to congratulate them for their fantastic input into the team. You are both legends and quite simply it could not have been done without you. Mosey had a knack of politically superb coaching, introducing 'up front' drills and developing players skill. Tourley was instantly liked by the boys with his 80's Des Hasler locks and determined attitude. Gents you are both terrific coaches in your own right.

To the team overall - the main challenge this year from a coaching perspective was the removal of complacency from a confident and able team who knew it was possible. Most had been there before and knew what it took but in a way that provides a different kind of motivational challenge. We also again had a great blend of new faces and youth who enjoyed the camaraderie, direct footy and controlled game that's been Whiddon Cup for some time. Boys thanks for believing in the plan that believed in the team.

Before we step through the season its worth touching on the successes of Whiddon Cup over the last half a decade. Since 2004 Colleagues has won the title in 6 of seven years. A fantastic achievement which highlights the culture of success in this grade and now right across the club. It is worth reflecting that when some of us were players in 02/03/04 Colleagues was recognising a totally different problem at the coaching level - that teams were good enough to make the finals but were consistently coming away with a loss. Slowly but surely as a club we are great at finals and great at winning. This to me is a greatest testament ... the development of the winning culture that is a reflection of the administrators, leadership and leaders at the club who have learnt and strived for success. The great thing is of course despite this success Colleagues remains a dignified, friendly and supportive club which accepts this success with grace and sportsmanship. Well done to Benny, Pres, Will, Howey, Jonesy, Boothie, Noicey, Crawf, Gooch and all the contributors to a club of great men and development of a fantastic culture.

The challenge now is the retention of this and striving for improvement .. but that can wait until next year!

This year the Whiddon Cup side had success. So many highlights ...



Stirzaka .. Stirzaka!!

A welcome addition to the team this year was a hard running outside back James Stirzaka. Stirzy made an impact from word go, and following a few weeks off mid season to get engaged (congrats mate) came back even more hungry. A well deserved try under the sticks in the GF topped of a cracker season where he was crowned best player. For me he epitomised the determination and character of the side.

The control of Beecroft on a Wednesday night under lights..

An away game under lights in the termite ridden north west of Sydney (serving leftover cold steaks on mouldy bread) was a crucial character building step for Whiddos in season 2011. Despite the freezing cold, poor lighting and a Beecroft backline that strongly resembled the Kentwell team the Whiddos boys were able to control grind and in the end annihilate a confident opposition. It was the signal of things to come and symbolised the team's ability to lift to the challenge... a spirited victory. The initial 45 mins were spent grinding down the oppositions will, and then disco and his team of crowd pleasers spun it wide to show some magic.

Finals Series..

Heading into the finals series Whiddos knew they had some work to do. Campbelltown were looking hot and had only lost one game all season (ambush on W3). The first game at a new look UNSW ground proved to be very very tough (especially with a stupid kiwi 2rower calling from Parramatta road 10 mins before kickoff asking for directions to Sydney uni... seriously mate). Campbelltown had a solid pack, a sharp 9 and a 10 with a good boot. Preparation into the match was ok, but the Giants were feeling pressure like they hadn't felt all season. Time to step it up. The game panned out just as we had expected. Cowtown came out strong and hard, but around the 40th minute started to slow a little, and the penalties started to come. Sure enough the caterpillars and 400s that the whiddos boys had taken down thru the season started to pay off, and the pack continued to roll forward. Lead up front by Dave Adams (v Drummoyne: Tourley: "U wanna go for a run dave, we'll put u on in a sec" Dave in reply "u don't have to warm up a Rolls Royce mate") the pack kept chugging along and eventually the Campbelltown boys cracked. Whiddos won it on the bell.

With a week off the Whiddos boys hit the beach in their sluggos as only the giants know how to do. Tommy Gillespie won the iron man comp, with Monty getting arrested for wearing fluoro yellow budgy smugglers.

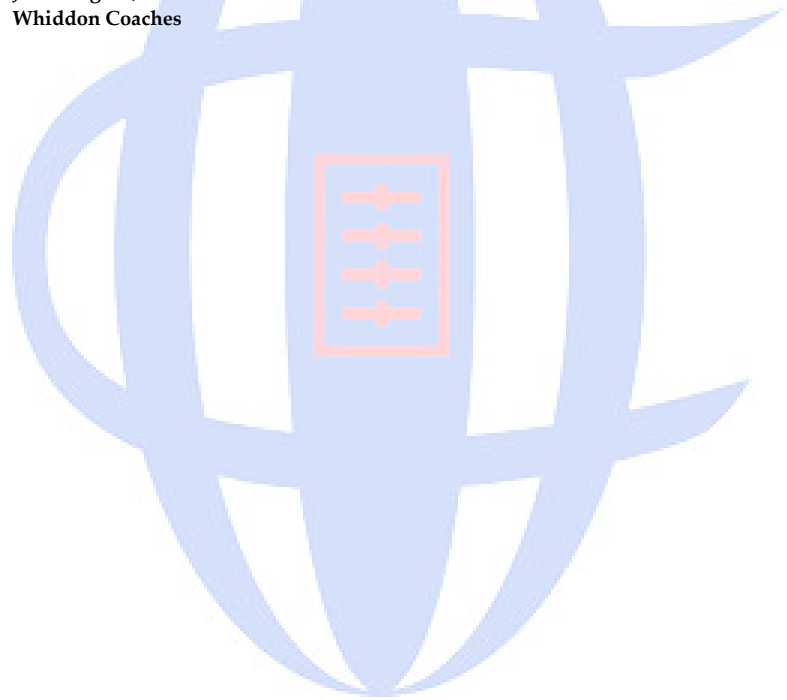
Into the final there was a quiet confidence in the team. A repeat of the major semi the Campbelltown team would be angry, and they knew how we played. A few changes to the run on team for the GF were dealt with early on - a downside of having every team in the GF. To their credit the boys trained well through the week, and the preparation was there. It was just a matter of holding our cool and executing the plan that we knew would work. Initially things looked to be going awry, with cowtown once again walking all over the Colleagues pack (literally walking, kicking, gouging etc) and kicking well on a wide and fast TG Milner. It was a waiting game for Whiddos, and once again the time came in the second half. With a huge hole opening



up for stirzy to steam through from 30 out, and then topped off with an intercept under the sticks from Kiwi (like he needed an excuse to get loose!). Some special mentions in the finals series must go to Brian Varley who was unable to get a run in the GF. We wouldn't have even been there without a cracker season from you BV – you're a huge part of the team mate.

Finally a congratulations to Dan Quinn for his fine season and great leadership. Disco started his Captain speeches in R1 v Barker with something like “you have a licence to smash their **** faces in ..” but come the end of the season Disco was as an astute, strategic leader as he is a fullback. A referee even asked if he wants to grab a beer after a game! Disco deservedly received the Papas award this year and stands as one of the great Colleagues of 2004-2011. 100 games well done!

**Jono Hughes, Sam Moles & Mitch Tourle
Whiddon Coaches**



Judd Cup Report

Champions 2011

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Colleagues	18	15	0	3	72

Well after the grand final win the year before, the Judd Cup boys had a big job ahead of them to go back to back. Every team you play wants to knock you off, as you have set the benchmark for other teams.

After a solid pre season, with the ranks looking good, and with a side picked, the real thing got under way. We started out with 2 very big wins racking up plenty of points and proving we had a good defence with no points against us, the weather then turned against us with no training and cancelled games. Under this cloud we approached our biggest challenge of the season early, Campbelltown, who was off to as good a start as us.

We sent out at home what I considered to be the biggest forward pack in Judd Cup history at Colleagues, only to find Campbelltown was bigger. In what proved to be one of the best games of year we went down 7 nil. We had our chances but were not able to convert them. We would play Campbelltown four times in the year including the Grand Final and finish 2 a piece.

The Judd Cup side again proved to be a feeder to other sides in the club with boys going into Whiddon and Burke cups sides, and acquitting themselves well when needed. Some 54 players played for Judd Cup this year and every one of them gave the best they could, and without them we could not have had the year we did.

We had some tough games that weren't expected against Beecroft, Mosman both Wednesday nights after wash outs during the regular season. And then there was the game where we had our biggest loss of the year against St Pat at Pats 33-25 a game that we had in hand in the first half. We were to get our revenge later during the finals.

So to the pointy end of the year having finished second we played Campbelltown at one game apiece in the major semi. This was fought down to the line with the boys in blue going down 10-6. We had had a close game away in round 14 where we got up 28-27. But we put the disappointment behind us, and the boys focused on the job in hand for the next week against St Pats.

We had beaten Pats in the first round 40-0 and had the loss to them in round two. The boys after a hard weeks training, put in what I consider to be the game of the year for them not just because of the score line 26-0, but due the complete implementation of the game plan. Right from the start the boys tackled hard fought at the breakdown, played the field and ran hard with the ball in hand. Again it is testament to the fact it



does not matter how big your opposition is if you get in the faces of them and don't give them an opportunity to do anything you will win.

And at last the big one the GF. A 7 am start is not the best at any time but the boys all turned up to catch the bus to TJ Milner, and a date with destiny, quietly confident, that we had the measure of Campbelltown. With the kick off at 9am the game was fought from end to end with Colleagues going in at the break with the lead. As was the case throughout the year the forwards laid on the platform from which the backs benefited with strong finishing. Neither side was giving up as is the case with close games, but when we went out to 16-7 the game was looking safe. However you just don't know with Campbelltown back in it at 16-10 and then with less than a minute to go 16-15 they missed from the corner the conversion and we were home with back-to-back GFs.

I must thank Will Millward the captain at the back end of the year, he did not say much but lead by example. To Jason Monteath and John Kelly when injuries kicked in a finished the season for them continued to help with training of the backs and forwards. To the rest of the team at Colleagues, the coaches, support teams and the Pres, thank you for a great year. Congratulations to my fellow coaches for your wins in your respective GFs, well done.

I look forward to doing it all again next year.

5 from 5

Laurence Campbell-Avenell
Judd Coach

A note from the captain:

A successful year for the Blue Giants Judd's bringing home the silverware for consecutive years. The team saw many new faces and many changes throughout the season in a number of key positions, however such is the strength of the club that each substitute player was able to slot in where needed without a disturbance to the team.

The 2011 campaign kicked off with comfortable victories over both Barker old boys and Lindfield which saw some key combinations develop and a willingness to play an expansive open style of rugby. It wasn't until the 4th round and a dreary Wednesday night Mosman fixture that the opposition was able to cross the chalk, leading to our first defeat. Looking to bounce back after the early loss, the boys faced an undefeated Campbelltown, a team determined to stamp their authority on the comp as the team to beat, and after a game dominated by goal line defence and few opportunities to attack we had to settle for a 7-nil loss. However, the team displayed their willingness to put their body on the line against much bigger opposition, and would set a benchmark for the remainder of the season.

The team cantered through the next 7 games notching up 259 points and conceding just 26, a trend that continued throughout the season and the worthy title of best



defensive side with only 129 points conceded. Unfortunately, we suffered a number of season ending injuries during these matches, forcing re-shuffles and new combinations over the following weeks. Most memorable was the game ending head clash between colleagues wing and full back, both players refusing to take their eye off the high ball but unfortunately resulted in Hally being given a lift to the car park via ambulance.

The run into the finals saw us dispense a few of the lower ranked teams and eventually crack the half ton with a satisfying 54 – Zip score against Drummoyne. The dream run came to an end with a late loss to St Pats, this proved a useful reality check for the team and would ensure the hard yards were put in a training in the weeks to come.

After finishing second in the minor premiership the boys fronted Campbelltown in the major semi-final. A frustrating game to both watch and play, we were unable to convert on many opportunities and were eventually beaten 10-6. With the season on the line and playing an in form St Pat's side, the team put together their best game of the year for a 26-Zip victory highlighted by some excellent individual tries from the outside backs. After a memorable victory in the minor semi, the team displayed their superior defence to scrap to a 16-15 victory and ensure the Judd cup was locked in the cabinet for another year.

Overall a great year on and off the field for the team, a big thank you to Laurie for his tireless efforts in bringing the team together each week. Absolute pleasure to be part of such a memorable year for the club, look forward to doing it all again in 2012.

Will Millward
Judd Captain



Sutherland Cup Report

Champions 2011

Jobs Done. The perennial bridesmaids for countless seasons went one better this season and did their bit to get what they earned and also ensure the 5 from 5 wasn't an awkward 4 from 5. Never more a deserving bunch of men that certainly didn't have it on a platter at any point in the season.

The Season started off with some good momentum, with a clean sheet through 3 rounds and 3 wins for the good guys. Round 4 subtly reminded us we were human. A classic dropped ball whilst in the process of grounding it (in Colleagues corner, at full time) saw us go down to Campbelltown by 3. Was the first of several oh shit coach killers through the season, but it was also the first time we heard the name Andy James in headlines.

Next 3 grounds saw 3 more wins including dispatching Iggies away in Ryde and smashing the reigning Premiers Drummoyne.

The first of the Wet Weather weekends set us up against one of the early front runners Knox. Game didn't disappoint. Old fashioned mud festival arm wrestling in which the Colleagues Pigs lead from the front against a Knox side geared for 2nd and 3rd Grade. Boys thrived in the contest and it was always going to be a near thing. Sadly a full time penalty in front of the sticks went begging and Colleagues went down 8-10. (Coach Killer, but we do still love you SP.) 3 weeks later we defeated Knox at home 20-5 so we got one back.

By mid July the crew rounded the mid season and things were going ok moving into the pointy end. Talk about a Kiss Of Death. In a single week saw our squad decimated. Through both promotion and injuries we lost our Captain / Five Eight / Goal Kicker / #8 / Tighthead Prop and Winger. We also had an away game at Campbelltown on Sat. It was a tough week. We fronted Campbelltown with only 14 players, an uncontested scrum and the coach playing hooker. We got touched up 21-7 and it was awful.

It proved to be a critical week. We weren't sure we'd see our guys back from the grades above, so we found the nearest drawing board and went back to it. Just as we were looking ahead to a solid finish in the top 4 we had to reset our season. We got by, and guys stepped up and covered positions as best as we could.

The following week we fumbled unconvincingly through Beecroft and had the chance to put Iggies away at home. A fantastic JP full time try down the sting behind sticks to square it up. But a not so fantastic JP moment didn't get the conversion off the dirt in front. So a draw it remained. (coach killer)

With 3 rounds till Semi's and we had some wobbles. Drummoyne forfeited the next game, so we had 2 Rounds till Semi's and we hadn't set the world on fire for a good 4-5 weeks.

Another one of 'those' weeks rolled around. Mid week selection discussions were depressing, the guys were anxious, chins a bit down. Then... 2 things happened. Literally out of the fog and mist on a brisk Thursday night walked in a genuine 10, a big 8, and a solid centre. They simply walked over to me, and said "Robbo we want to play code". Welcome Jordan, Barber and Duffman. On that very same night the second thing happened. I refer to it as the "we aren't dropping this ball on my shift, we are balls deep in this and I'll be fucked if we aren't winning a frecking Cup this season" moment. The chins were back up at training, the boys were back on the job. The fight was on.

The 2 rounds against St Pats and Beecroft served as an opportunity to get back to basics and some well needed calibrating done. Sadly we showed we still weren't 100% and went down in a piss poor effort against Beecroft at home, to see the Minor Premiership go down the toilet.

Thankfully this was like pouring petrol on a fire. The response from the guys again was dramatic. The guys committed to training each Tuesday and Thursday nights from here on in. Sutho's seemed always to be the last to leave, the Sutho's turned off the lights for each training session for the next 6 weeks. The hard work was being put in. Semi's Rolled around. Semi 1. Colleagues v minor prems Knox. Our preparation and attitude couldn't have been better through the week, but during the game our core business just didn't click for us. A frustrating defeat. Certainly not down and out, we now had a clear cut blueprint of areas to get working.

In the repurchase Semi all that was spoken about was taken on board, all that was practised was preached. We rolled out a complete performance against Campbelltown to reach the Grand Final. For me it was our game of the season. We knew we were back, and we knew what was waiting for us. The hard work needed to continue for one more week and one more game. The guys committed everything.

That Day in September. That Grand Final Day could take up 17 pages on its own. Boys were pumped as we had the prime time slot on the back field mid afternoon. We had the entire Club there on the sidelines. It was special and the Sutho's men delivered the epic. What it took was a great 'C' channel play in the dying seconds of second extra time and that name Andy James popped up again. It looked like he was walking on water. No one was going to stop this try. Scores level, 50sec on the clock. He got close as he could to the sticks, but the conversion would take some kicking. Step up the guy who walked in from the mist only a matter of weeks earlier. Henry Jordan to kick the conversion for the Cup. Slotted it. The Sutho's had the Sutherland Cup! Rather Memorable stuff.



To finish up, the biggest praise needs to be heaped on all the players. We had an extended squad of about 28. At no stage during the season did the guys consider themselves the 5th Grade, or the 5th team in the Club. Simply put the Sutherland Cup was the Goal, and how we went about it was up to us. Thankfully they chose to prepare, think, train, play Rugby well beyond the expectation of a 5th Grade. As a result they earned a memorable Championship and 10 tonnes of respect.



James Robertson
Sutherland Coach



Barbour Cup Report

A big season from the Colleagues Colts lads and a big congratulations must go to the core group of colts who turned up and put in week in, week out and ended up achieving some great wins.

Key forwards who performed well included; Jack Scoles, Jack Sampson , David Liston and our captain Will Kingston.

Dave Southwood lead from the front in the centers, halfback Samuel Priddis had a great season. Rounding out the backs was John Ingate and flying Ned Long.

Injury hampered Chris Fenton and Jack O'Donnell's seasons, however they continued to support the team and ended up playing some games at the tail end of the year.

While it was a long tough season at some stages, regardless of result on the ladder, it was very pleasing to see the team stick together and improve throughout the year.

Most improved – Tom Hudson

Best and fairest – Luke Berkelmans

Dan Morahan
Barbour Coach



Halligan Cup Report

The Halligan Cup got off to a slow and late start in 2011 so finding a way to the top of the table was always going to be a challenge. Quite simply, weather and difficult timetables dictated that not enough games would be played.

The boys never gave up however and repeatedly put in strong performances across the year, they rightfully felt as though they deserved the Premiership as well beating the eventual champions several times.

A big thanks must go to Ben Radclyffe, Harry O'Donnell and Ben Abrahams who did the heavy lifting to ensure a game continued to be played. Ben Abrahams particularly was the model of a Colleagues member with his fantastic attitude and willingness to contribute. Ben often played for Halligans at the start of the day and afterwards found his way to the remainder of the club to help carry the drinks and support his mates.

Well done everyone, I look forward to another strong year in 2012 where Halligans can hopefully contribute to a rinse of NSW Suburban Rugby.

William MacDiarmid



Convicts Report

We started out with two Halligan teams but a few games into 2011 got the chance to enter the Walker Cup - Division 4, third grade. The Subbies organisers asked the Convicts to stand in for Rockdale's third grade, which seemed to be an interesting cultural fit.

As it turned out the Rockdale home ground, CA Redmond, was a decent pitch for rugby and the locals welcomed us as the Convicts made yet another big leap into unchartered territory for Australia's first gay rugby club. Rockdale has its own very unique culture with a close-knit group; in this respect their experience is not that different to our own.

In Walker we set out to quickly establish our credentials and enjoyed a couple of early wins. But with finals berths on offer, all teams stepped-up in the second half of the season and we lost a little focus. We realised that we were going to have to fight for the silverware and lifted our game to finish in third place behind St George and Merrylands.

Our regular competition, the Halligan Cup, which we have won twice, doesn't have finals. Our first Subbies final series was therefore always going to be tough against two and three-team clubs. Indeed the teams we met in the finals seemed markedly improved compared to those we played in the regular season.

In the finals we beat Brothers in one of our better games of the year but the season ended when we lost by just one point the following week to a resurgent Merrylands. Merrylands went on to win the grand final 8-0, defeating the team that led the comp all year, St George.

We came pretty close to winning the Walker Cup in our first effort; an extra couple of points in the semi-final might have significantly altered the way we remember season 2011. Given the magnitude of change in the playing ranks our performance in the Walker Cup was a great success.

Having two strong teams has been crucial to our success and player development but in Halligan in 2011, along with every other club in Sydney, we were frustrated by the weather. At times we had to rely on Walker Cup players but their thirst for rugby gave us the chance to run lots of new guys.

Halligan Cup has always provided an environment for new guys and veterans to really enjoy their rugby. Led brilliantly by Halligan Players' Player and Best and Fairest, Levi Kalepo, we showed we could compete well with the stronger sides in the comp from Mosman and Colleagues.

We finished 6th in Halligan - a commendable effort. Had it not been for the weather and Walker Cup finals, we would have played more enough games to finish in the top four.



Our coaches Tommy, Breezy, Smurf, Dave Foster and Matt, should be very proud of their efforts to bring the new guys into the fold. Tommy made an important contribution to setting the playing agenda despite juggling major work commitments throughout the season. Notwithstanding these challenges, we maintained our rugby at a high standard across both teams.

Around ten new blokes played Walker Cup almost every weekend, either starting or coming off the bench. It's impressive that no less than six of the Walker Cup regulars played their first ever game of rugby union with us in 2011. We introduced at least 15 guys to the game this season. As these players hone their skills and improve their knowledge of the game, their contribution will multiply.

The highs and lows of season 2011 showed us how difficult our game is to play. The challenges reminded us that rugby is a team sport in which everyone has to work hard together. The season demanded we lift our effort, adjust our expectations and not take anything for granted. It reminded us that our opposition will always test our hunger, passion and commitment.

A timely insight as we prepare for Bingham Cup.

Dave Whittaker
Sydney Convicts President



End of Season Tour: Mudjee 2011

The Rat Island Pirate's pillaging of the Mudjee 7's was a resounding success off and off the field. It was a long journey with 3 buses, 2 planes and a canoe to get from 50km West of Geraldton to Mudjee.

The future of the Club (FOC) was a popular addition to the squad almost being handed the captain's jersey. Thankfully Praxidike's old age and wisdom came through not allow a fresher on tour to be handed the sought after

It was a dubious start to the tour with the first night with Cadel breaking the "no gay s*%t" on tour early in the piece. His aggressive yet passionate advances on Condom were too well received. Other highlights from the night included Jockey carrying on the angry tradition of the name and punching Care Bear, Passion getting passionate and Waldorf actually being allowed into the pub.

Game day proved to be a tough affair. It started out rough with the theory being tested that 4 kels on the field is too many. Seriously Waldorf you should have learnt from last year's experience. Perhaps Statler should be promoted to head coach next year?

The Pirates came away with a number of wins in the round games winning against teams such as the bunch of drunk teenagers, the battlers from the central coast and those old codgers. With the formidable victory song "yo ho ho and a bottle of rum" it was no wonder there was success on the field by scaring the opposition. Yargh! can also take some credit for keeping the games flowing, continually expressing his dismay at the slightly more ruck-orientated pirates desire to find contact as quickly as possible. In fact the only loss in the round stage was against deadwood who ended up taking out the overall honours.

Cadel nearly redeemed himself from his previous night's infringements by coming third in the sprint for an esky of beer. Perhaps more time on the bike will get you there next year buddy.

Unfortunately a last minute loss in the semi final saw the Pirates bow out of contention for the sought after mullet shield. And the fact that Waldorf turned the jersey from a map into a globe saw the team go down in the best dressed stakes as well. On a high note the team carried off the Pirate outfits well with Praxidike opting for pirate cut pants instead of footy shorts and the mandatory head gear rule with the local party shop being stripped of the shelves with 3 year old pirate bandanas.

Hamstring, Cocktail and Power all made the local paper for their outstanding contribution at the end of the tournament. It's a pity you couldn't contribute to the point scoring during it!



Kangaroo court saw Oscar's rubbish chat get him into trouble by inviting wench's to the Pirate table. Good hack from Hamstring and terrible chat from Meg saw the women leave with hatred in their eyes.

After this, the Mudgee Sheaf was hit up with the hen's party had no chance against Power and Cocktails infamous silky accents. Oscar did well to rebound with the wenches and the The General's actions spoke louder than words by showing the team his plunder through "sack's out" at the Waratah. Seriously the party was nuts!

Apart from the fact that he's not that bright and was carried by the rest of the team, a special mention goes to Lantern for keeping Pappy safe for another year. Well done buddy, maybe it will also teach you to recruit early for next year. A terrible performance from Jockey saw his mascot scalped with no arms and legs by the end of tour. Oscar's performance with the local cougars was something to be proud of. Well done to Timone... I don't know why, however I needed to give you a mention somewhere.

Boys, great way to finish the season!

2011 Squad

1	Cadel
2	Cocktail
3	F.O.C.
4	Hamstring
5	Jockey
6	Lantern
7	Meg
8	Oscar
9	Power
10	Passion
11	Praxidike
12	Pumba
13	Timone
14	Yargh!
15	Waldorf
15	Statler
15	General

P.S. Shuddup Meg... f*% I hate Meg.



Bondi Tens Report

Woollahra Colleagues hosted another very successful Bondi Tens competition on 4/5th February with Fi-Ta Sports Apparel Providers as major sponsor. Thirty two teams in the Open competition and five teams in the Over 35's made for a very busy schedule in extremely hot conditions.

On Day 1, the eight pools of four teams contested a round robin. In Pool A, Country Barbarians, winners for the last two tournaments, again headed their pool after disposing of Creepy Pigs, and newcomers Penny Roos and The Nag's Head Barbarians. In Pool B, last two years' finalists Brothers gained maximum points, beating Fire Brigade, Toucans and newcomers Deadwood. In Pool C, a young Muselers were too strong for Colleagues, Balmoral Hellfish and newcomers Delta Demons. In Pool D, old faithfuls Ignatius OB's did well to collect maximum points against Wagga Waratahs, Gregorians and 81Jets. In Pool E, Tattersalls looked strong by beating Silver Bullets, Hilton Racing and everyone's favourite, Bali Legends. Newcomers Crofty Cuts from Beecroft took the Pool F against Hunters Hill on point's difference, beating UTBNB from Cowra and an ageing BOBS team from the Gold Coast. In Pool G Kokoda Brothers were almost disappointed to get the nod over Knox OB on goal difference, in a pool of diversity that included the British Lions and Tabubil Cats from Papua New Guinea. And in Pool H, Randwickbased Hammerheads took full points against Scots OB, Team Ramrod from Quirindi and neighbours Bronte Bros.

Day 2 was the knockout competition that for the first time included a Shield, as well as Cup, Plate and Bowl. Pool winners Country Barbarians, Brothers, Muselers, Iggies, Tattersalls, Crofty Cuts, KB's and Hammerheads competed for the Cup.

After a tough game against the Hammerheads, Country BaBa's cruised through to the final against Tattersalls, who comfortably beat Brothers in the semi final. In the Final, where halves were reduced to 7 minutes because of the 41 degrees, a 0-0 score line at full time forced a sudden death finish, in which Country BaBa's No 10 scored with a big side-step against a desperate Tattersalls defence. So, congratulations to the Country Barbarians who won the Bondi Tens Cup for the third consecutive year.

In the Plate, Deadwood beat Creepy Pigs in sudden death and went on to meet great supporters of Bondi Tens, UTBNB, in the final. Deadwood, who made a big contribution on their first appearance, beat UTBNB comfortably, 19-7 in the Plate Final.

In the Bowl, Scots OB beat Toucans and Bali Legends to get to the final against the British Lions, who must have been pleased to be up a couple of notches from the Biggest Losers tag of last year. Scots OB took out the Bowl Final 12-0 against the Lions.



The Shield was introduced because we had 32 entrants, a record. The Shield final was won by inaugural members Silver Bullets who finally won a trophy, beating an enthusiastic Tabubil Cats by the odd conversion. Congratulations to both teams for contributing so much to the Tournament.

The Challenge competition was again popular, giving losers in round one of the knockout on Day 2 at least one more game in a competition that is a mirror of the Cup, Plate, Bowl and Shield of the main competition. 81Jets beat the Penny Roos in the Challenge Shield (as one Jet said, after losing 3 games on Friday and the first on Saturday, it was nice to win a trophy!). In the Challenge Bowl, Toucans were too good for an enthusiastic Bronte Bros (nice to have you on board, boys); in the Challenge Plate, Creepy Pigs finally showed their class by beating a Colleagues team which, with so many players poached to other social teams, did exceptionally well; and Hammerheads were gracious winners of the Challenge Cup.

The Over -35's tournament, played in 40 degrees plus turned out to be an exhausting competition for some, but not for the eventual winners, Zenith. Manly Savers came down for the day but did not perform to their standards of last year, when they won. BOBS were eliminated after the first couple of rounds, leaving Zenith to play Fire Brigade and UTBNB vs Manly in the semi-finals. Fire Brigade graciously departed, Manly Savers less so, leaving Zenith to take on a UTBNB team that had been stretched by their commitments in the open competition. And so it proved with Zenith running out worthy winners in a tight, 5-0, win. Thanks, Zenith, for doing everything to make the over-35's a success.

Everyone had a great time despite the heat wave conditions on Day 2. We had a couple of scheduling problems but organisers and teams alike worked smoothly to keep the games rolling and finish on schedule.

A big "thank you" to David Vaughan and the NSW Referees, who were down on numbers and, more than any, were subject to the extreme heat. Despite all, they didn't miss a (heart) beat, set a wonderful example, and without them none of this would have been possible.

Thanks to our sponsors, particularly Fi-ta, Foxtel, Lion Nathan, Agrow Australia, Woollahra City Council (who look after our grounds), Woollahra Colleagues; and to Mark Green and his team at NSW Rugby were supportive in all aspects of administration.

Monies in excess of costs will go to three charities; Charlie Teo's "Cure for Life"; Skat Kats' Brain Tumour Rehabilitation at Sydney Children's Hospital; and Royal North Shore Burns Unit, who are a constant from our Bali bombing origins and provide the wonderful medical services for the two days.

2011 Bondi Tens Committee



Competition Tables

Kentwell Cup:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Drummoyne	18	15	1	2	501	245	256	1	11	12	74
Colleagues	18	15	0	3	690	335	355	1	12	13	73
Mosman	18	12	1	5	558	387	171	1	9	10	60
Campbelltown	18	11	1	6	512	385	127	2	9	11	57
St Patricks	18	11	1	6	531	308	223	1	9	10	56
Barker Old Boys	18	7	0	11	422	605	-183	3	7	10	38
Knox	18	6	0	12	383	470	-87	5	6	11	35
Beecroft	18	7	0	11	337	508	-171	3	1	4	32
Old Ignatians	18	3	0	15	324	632	-308	3	5	8	20
Lindfield	18	1	0	17	232	615	-383	3	1	4	8

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Burke Cup:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Drummoyne	18	13	1	4	395	217	178	3	6	9	63
Colleagues	18	13	2	3	373	198	175	3	3	6	62
St Patricks	18	13	0	5	411	230	181	2	8	10	62
Knox	18	12	0	6	311	205	106	5	5	10	58
Old Ignatians	18	11	2	5	376	275	101	2	6	8	56
Barker Old Boys	18	6	1	11	270	451	-181	3	5	8	34
Lindfield	18	6	1	11	216	344	-128	2	1	3	29
Beecroft	18	5	2	11	198	325	-127	4	1	5	29
Mosman	18	5	0	13	281	329	-48	5	3	8	28
Campbelltown	18	1	1	16	176	433	-257	5	0	5	11

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Whiddon Cup:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Campbelltown	18	17	0	1	506	207	299	0	11	11	79
Colleagues	18	16	0	2	572	103	469	1	11	12	76



Knox	18	12	1	5	414	192	222	2	9	11	61
Mosman	18	11	0	7	327	185	142	3	6	9	53
Drummoyne	18	10	0	8	347	351	-4	1	7	8	48
Old Ignatians	18	10	0	8	248	300	-52	2	0	2	42
St Patricks	18	6	1	11	237	335	-98	3	3	6	32
Barker Old Boys	18	4	0	14	197	382	-185	5	2	7	23
Lindfield	18	2	0	16	182	531	-349	2	2	4	12
Beecroft	18	1	0	17	113	557	-444	1	0	1	5

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Judd Cup:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Campbelltown	18	15	0	3	658	140	518	3	15	18	78
Colleagues	18	15	0	3	515	128	387	2	10	12	72
Mosman	18	13	1	4	403	160	243	2	7	9	61
St Patricks	18	13	1	4	363	249	114	1	7	8	60
Lindfield	18	8	0	10	262	313	-51	4	5	9	41
Old Ignatians	18	8	0	10	255	319	-64	2	5	7	39
Knox	18	6	0	12	181	386	-205	3	1	4	28
Beecroft	18	6	0	12	165	429	-264	2	1	3	27
Barker Old Boys	18	3	1	14	158	462	-304	4	2	6	16
Drummoyne	18	1	1	16	144	518	-374	5	1	6	12

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Sutherland Cup:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Knox	18	15	0	3	354	154	200	2	7	9	69
Colleagues	18	13	1	4	404	87	317	3	9	12	66
Beecroft	18	13	0	5	357	112	245	5	6	11	63
Campbelltown	18	13	0	5	350	174	176	2	7	9	61
Old Ignatians	18	11	1	6	292	219	73	1	7	8	54
Mosman	18	8	1	9	342	224	118	5	7	12	46
St Patricks	18	6	2	10	212	305	-93	1	4	5	33
Drummoyne	18	5	1	12	223	311	-88	5	3	8	24
Lindfield	18	3	0	15	126	570	-444	1	3	4	14
Barker Old Boys	18	0	0	18	0	504	-504	0	0	0	0



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Barbour Cup:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
St Patricks	18	18	0	0	541	155	386	0	12	12	84
Mosman	18	13	0	5	433	205	228	3	7	10	62
Old Ignatians	18	12	0	6	464	286	178	5	8	13	61
Drummoyne	18	10	0	8	423	249	174	5	7	12	52
Knox	18	10	0	8	315	309	6	3	4	7	47
Campbelltown	18	9	0	9	344	244	100	3	6	9	45
Barker Old Boys	18	7	1	10	232	424	-192	3	3	6	36
Lindfield	18	6	1	11	290	379	-89	3	6	9	35
Colleagues	18	4	0	14	183	452	-269	2	2	4	16
Beecroft	18	0	0	18	104	626	-522	2	1	3	3

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Halligan Cup:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Mosman	16	14	0	2	371	141	230	2	8	10	66
Colleagues	9	7	1	1	225	79	146	1	6	7	37
Mosman II	10	5	1	4	197	140	57	1	3	4	26
Petersham	12	5	0	7	162	157	5	2	2	4	24
Blue Mountains	14	5	0	9	150	249	-99	1	3	4	24
Colleagues Convicts II	9	3	1	5	163	214	-51	2	4	6	20
Redfield	5	3	0	2	116	68	48	0	3	3	15
Hawkesbury Valley	3	3	0	0	56	5	51	0	2	2	14
Balmain	3	3	0	0	75	34	41	0	1	1	13
UNSW	2	2	0	0	67	0	67	0	2	2	10
Colleagues Convicts I	4	1	1	2	41	46	-5	1	0	1	7
Epping	12	1	1	10	119	323	-204	0	0	0	6
UWSH	1	1	0	0	31	0	31	0	1	1	5
Beecroft	1	1	0	0	38	12	26	0	1	1	5
Knox	1	1	0	0	25	5	20	0	1	1	5
Petersham II	2	1	0	1	26	65	-39	0	1	1	5
Blue Mountains II	1	1	0	0	12	7	5	0	0	0	4



Roseville	1	1	0	0	14	10	4	0	0	0	4
Brothers	2	1	0	1	15	19	-4	0	0	0	4
Epping II	1	0	1	0	17	17	0	0	0	0	2
Maccabi	2	0	0	2	34	50	-16	1	1	2	2
Briars	3	0	0	3	33	105	-72	0	1	1	1
Hunters Hill	7	0	0	7	64	230	-166	1	0	1	1
Barker	1	0	0	1	5	25	-20	0	0	0	0
St Patricks	1	0	0	1	12	38	-26	0	0	0	0
Macquarie University	1	0	0	1	5	34	-29	0	0	0	0

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Div 4 Walker Cup:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
St George	14	11	2	1	316	116	200	1	4	5	53
Merrylands	14	9	0	5	299	155	144	2	6	8	44
Colleagues Convicts	10	6	2	2	176	92	84	0	3	3	38
Brothers	14	6	1	7	215	201	14	1	4	5	31
Macquarie University	14	5	1	8	199	228	-29	2	4	6	28
Rouse Hill	14	2	0	12	77	353	-276	1	3	4	12
Rockdale	4	0	0	4	7	144	-137	0	0	0	0

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Giants' five of the best

ALEX CAUCHI

FOR the first time in the club's history, all five grades of the Woollahra Colleagues Rugby club will be contesting grand finals this Saturday.

Only Old Ignatians have had more grades in grand finals, when they fielded six teams in 2002. Kentwell Cup (1st grade) captain Frank Coorey believes that the Colleagues' fitness levels will

get them over the line against old rivals Drummoynes.

"We've won one and they've won one, but they tend to fall off a bit in the second half so hopefully that's where we can capitalise," Coorey said.

Whiddon Cup (3rd grade) captain Daniel Quinn said the fact that all five grades made grand finals reflects the positive culture of the club.

"The club has gone through a rebuilding phase. We train a lot harder, and there's a great social aspect to the club," Quinn said.



Colleagues and Captains (l-r): Frank Coorey, Sean Hubert, Daniel Quinn, Will Milward and Chris Munro.

GAME ON

NSW Suburban Rugby Union Grand Finals

Saturday September 10, TG Milner Rugby Ground, Vimiera Rd, Eastwood. Kentwell Cup (1st Grade) v Drummoynes. Field 1, 3pm. Burke Cup (2nd Grade) v Drummoynes. Field 1, 1.2pm. Whiddon Cup (3rd Grade) v Campbelltown. Field 1, 10.15am. Judd Cup (4th Grade) v Campbelltown. Field 1, 9am. Sutherland Cup (5th Grade) v Knox. Field 2, TBC.

