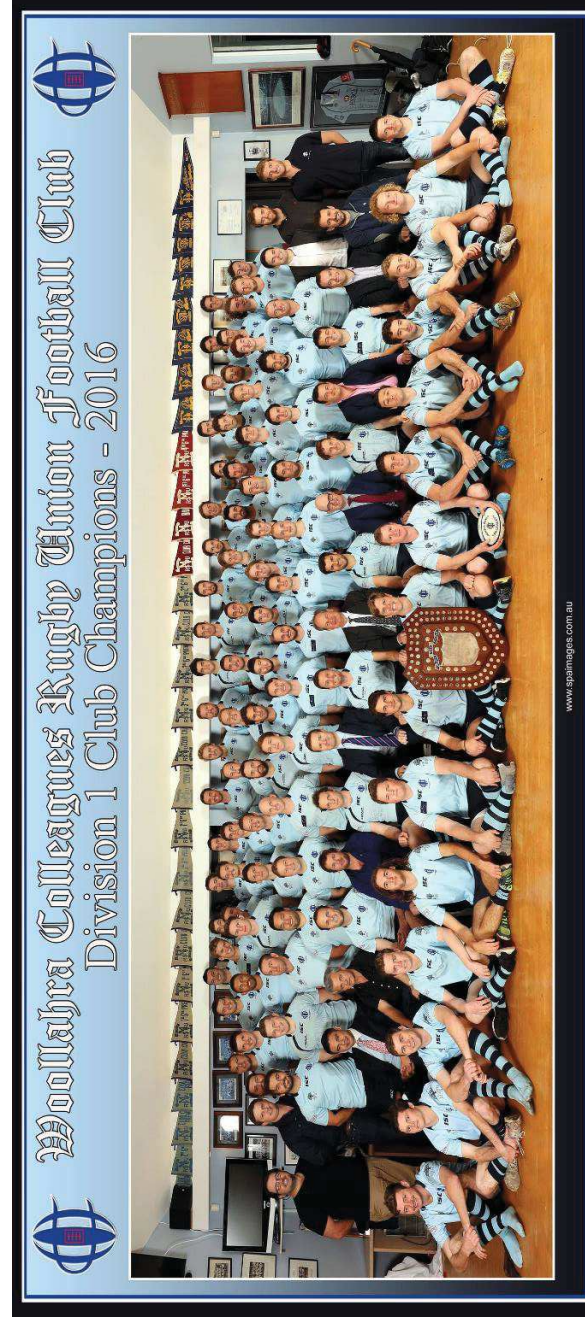
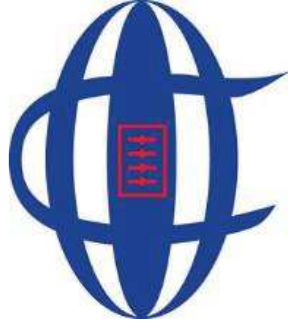


Woollahra Colleagues Rugby Union Football Club

Annual Report 2016



**THE WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES
RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB**

(Established 1933)
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PATRON: Her Worship the Mayor of Woollahra

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John Anderson, Tim Booth, Michael Caspers, John Corlis
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CLUB CAPTAIN: Mark Blackmore

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TREASURER: Paul Howard

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John Barraclough* (1963), John Herman (1963), David Higgins (1963), Ken Mclean* (1963)
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Andrew Purchas (2014), John Ryan (2014), Cam Ireland (2016)

HONORARY AUDITOR: Michael Clifford

Trophy Winners 2016

Team Captains

Halligan Cup	James Davies
Sutherland Cup	Tom Weston
Judd Cup	Winston Bradley
Whiddon Cup	Ed Bradley
Barbour Cup	Jack Williams
Burke Cup	Jono Willis
Kentwell Cup	Dan Kelly

Team Coaches

Halligan Cup	Ben Abrahams & Robert Rush
Sutherland Cup	Ben Abrahams
Judd Cup	Laurence Campbell & Nic Sproats
Whiddon Cup	Carl O'Sullivan & Jason Monteath
Barbour Cup	Andrew McKillop, Richard Buttenshaw & William Arnott
Burke Cup	Pete Minucos & Cam Ireland
Kentwell Cup	Ben Waters & Ash Riley
Club Coach	Ben Waters

Best & Fairest

Halligan Cup	Guillaume Dupin
Sutherland Cup	Chris Schliebs
Judd Cup	Winston Bradley
Whiddon Cup	William Yeo
Barbour Cup	Ollie Martin
Burke Cup	Joey Sangster
Kentwell Cup	Robbie Pickering
Club	Joey Sangster

Club Awards

Colleagues Honour Cap	Dave Burnett
The Pappas Award	Shawn Talbot
Player's Player	Tom Mullany
Rookie of the Year	Joey Sangster
Most Improved Player	Charlie Henley
Leading Try Scorer	Charlie Henley & Cameron Patten
Leading Point Scorer	Scott Phillips
Oldest and Boldest	Rob Rush

100 games

Angus McGregor, Alex Cheng, Cameron Patten, Mark Poole and Nick Watson

200 games

Robert Rush



Presidents Report

By any measure 2016 was a great year for the Colleagues. Outstanding on field performance nearly equalling our greatest year ever is something we can all take a lot of pride in. Off the field the club posted a positive cash result which is always pleasing for a community based club. 4 premierships, back to back Club Championships and cash in the bank is a great year.

The second year of amateurism has not been without its challenges for the Subbies competition. The Shute Shield is a great competition for those that have ability to play at that level and be paid. However the state of Australian Rugby does not have the rivers of money that flow to other codes. It has been over 100 years since rugby was the dominant code in NSW and I cannot see it making it any higher than it is now unless there is dramatic change within. Our competition should be providing a game for those that want to play the game for the games sake. It must be a level playing field for all to survive.



Playing finals and winning premierships is our goal at the start of the season and much credit should go to all our coaches for the 2016 results. Often it may seem like a thankless task and many have told me that the overwhelming emotion at the end of the season is relief. It is not always easy for people to appreciate the balance that has to be struck between winning and making sure that everyone gets a fair go where training is not compulsory. It is not a perfect art or science but I feel confident that the best endeavours are being made. Maybe we need to look at making some

training compulsory to support the enormous effort of the coaches and those that do turn up for every session.

The drive of the club comes from a committed group of individuals with Blackie and DB leading the charge and are very ably supported by Goochy, Leigh, Jonny Ryan, Howie and Hitcho who provide the black ink at the end of the year. On the Bondi 10's side man helped but thanks to Byrno, Will MacDiarmid and Tim Waddell. There are many who pitch in when needed as it should be with a community based club and to all we are thankful. Goochy will be stepping back next season and it was fitting that the Bruce Graham Shield win was dedicated to his long and trusted service to the club.

Our sponsors are incredibly important and help to defray the cost of running such a large club. We are very grateful for the support of Woollahra Hotel, MCS, Kemosabe Capital, Grays Online, Jan Logan, MJ Bale, Rose Bay Drive Through Liquor, Republic Hotel, Manta and Ryan's Bar.

All of this happens so that a group of blokes get to test themselves on the field, enjoy a drink, camaraderie and often just talk plain enjoyable rubbish on any subject. For me it is a great pleasure to be involved with so many good people. Some days are tough, but ultimately a club is about people so tough days don't matter because for us another great day is just around the corner.

Richard McGrath

President



Club Captain Report

What a year for the blue giants! With over 200 registrations at the start of the year it was always going to be a strong year for the club, the talent and depth showed with 4 out of 5 premierships and back to back club championships. A fantastic effort by everyone involved in the club this year!!

This would not have been possible without the effort of a number of key people at the club. Dave Burnett has done an exceptional job again this year with not only keeping the club on track with the week to week administration but also with his tireless efforts in assisting with training and game day set up. This coupled with playing Kentwell on Saturday's just shows his commitment to the club and the honour cap is a just reward for his outstanding work this year. The financial success would also not have been possible without Howie and Jonny Ryan. Jonny in particular has given up most training nights over the season to ensure subs are collected from the playing group, a hard task for anyone to do. Howie as treasurer has been behind the scenes ensuring the cash collected and invoices paid are on time and running like clockwork. Goochie and Leigh are another big part of the success of the club and will leave big shoes to fill heading into 2017. Finally a special thanks to Richard McGrath for his guidance throughout the season, the extra meetings and support has been invaluable and his support for the club is nothing short of exceptional. I would like to personally thank everyone for their hard work and dedication throughout the season.

In terms of sponsorship I would also like to thank the Woollahra Hotel again agreed to support the club. Ryan Haynes and team have been welcoming to the club right from the start of the year through to the grand final weekend! Now to the 2016 season... We started the year following the departure of key players in Kentwell and Burke which put added pressure on both the size and depth of the club. However, the few first rounds were hard to believe! Blue rinses to St Pats and Drummoyne (both away rounds) were unheard of in recent years. The stand out game being the colties at Hudson Park... the St Pats winger threw the ball into touch in the last few seconds of the match resulting in a Colleagues penalty. A quick tap and Colleagues win the game! I reckon the St Pats winger is still having nightmares about that!! The wet weather games during the middle of the year is always tough for all clubs, losing continuity and key players to injury means that results are often up and down. Despite this we managed to stay on top throughout the grades resulting in some close finals footy. The rest they say is history!

It was great to see the return of silverware from across the grades after a close loss in 2015, I am sure Laurie can finally sleep well for the rest of the year... until he starts the usual pre-season player hunt in an effort to claim back to back cups in 2017.

For Kentwell it was an agonising loss in the GF and would have capped off a huge year for the club. But as DK said during the presentation after the game "there is always next year". The amateurism rules this year were noticeable with a more level playing field in terms of talent across the competition and it will be interesting to see how they go next year.

As we close off for 2016 I would like to thank the boys for all the help and support in my first year as club captain (except Jono Willis). There is such a good bunch of guys across the grades (except Jono Willis) and it is what makes this club the best in the competition and I cannot wait until we kick it off again in 2017!

Cheers,

Blackie

(Mark Blackmore)



Club Secretary Report

Another year down and another successful year for the Blue Giants, on and off the field. I'll leave the Club Captain, Club and team coaches to talk about the success on the field which led to four grand final appearances and three premierships.

Off the field there was a reduced amount of sponsorship income in 2016 which led to an operating loss detailed in the Treasurer's report. The upside was the increase in revenue coming from the 97% capture of player registration subs and the increase in cash sales over the bar, which in a year with less home games than ever before is a great result. We'll done to Cameron Ireland and his Thursday night pre-paid beer cards idea.



A big thanks goes Jon Ryan for his persistent efforts in collecting the subs from our ever growing player roster. The club and myself are very thankful for his hard work with this unglamorous task.

Goochy, Leigh, Hitcho and Erica put in another stellar effort running the clubhouse, bar and BBQ this year. The clubhouse will be a slightly lonelier place next year without Goochy and Leigh running the show. The entire club committee and playing group are absolutely indebted to these two individuals who have put so much time and love into our club, making it the professional outfit it is today.

Club Captain Mark Blackmore and the social committee did a great job this year as they took over the operations of Ladies Day. Mike and John Kelly have ensured the Colleagues Ladies Day event is now a permanent fixture on the annual eastern suburbs social calendar. They have also removed a huge part of the financial risk of running these events with the introduction of online pre-paid tickets, which at the last event contributed to 80% of attendees.

Big thanks to Club Pres Richard McGrath and Paul Howard for his years of service as Club Treasurer. Howie, who is stepping down at the end of 2016, has been a tremendous asset to the club and the club committee. His professionalism and partnership with Pres has ensured the club remains one of the most financially stable, amateur rugby clubs in the country.

DB



Club Coach Report

2016 was another outstanding year for the Blue Giants across the club. With back to back club championships and welcoming the Burke, Whiddon, and Judd trophies back to Woollahra is something everyone should be very proud of. Further with all teams making the finals shows we were very competitive at all levels in what was a disjointed and short season given Division 1 being whittled down to 8 teams. It felt strange with nothing to do in late September.....



The mighty Colleagues were very strong across the park and the results certainly showed that. With a similar story of brilliant attacking football backed up with a defence attitude that usually left teams wondering how they would get through. If you look across the senior grades for the regular season, there were a total of 7 games lost between kick off and the finals starting. 5 in Kentwell, and two in Burke. Whilst Juddies and Whiddos had a draw or two during the year, to have not lost a game in the regular season is something to be proud of. With those type of stats you can imagine the points for were significant and to show we are a well-rounded club, the points against were pretty low. In fact across the grades the Blue Giants allowed the other team a miserably 12 points a game each time that they crossed the chalk. Pretty good and I think very much the metric we need to measure ourselves by. I think we should be aiming for less than 10 in the 2017 year.

Sutherland/Halligan Cup

Colleagues featured strongly in this competition with between 3-4 teams entered each week. It is a real shame that Subbies have allowed this great competition to become what it is and I really hope to see the cups played for separately in the near future.

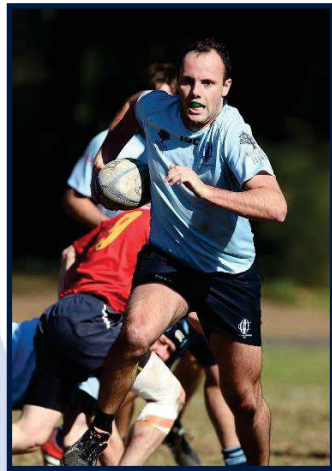
Regardless 2 of the Colleagues teams made the finals (Suthos and Convict 1s). There was a chance that it could have been an all Blue Giant final but unfortunately it was not to be with Convicts dusting Mosman in the final.



The fellas that play in this comp are what true rugby is all about. With Subbies paying little attention and pretty much leaving it up to the various clubs, the organisation and effort that goes into turning up each week is fantastic and shows that rugby is alive in well, if only our administrators could pull there fingers out. For all the fellas who turned out for this comp well done and for Convicts 1s, congratulation. I hope the Blue Giants can continue to dominate this competition for many years to come.

Judd Cup

There are few words to describe how well the Judd Cup team went this year. Off the back of a few unlucky seasons where they fell at the last hurdle, Laurie, Sproater and the boys left nothing to chance. Having completely dominated the regular season, they didn't even flinch during the finals and absolutely romped it in. As usual they came up against a very experienced Pats team in the GF (there was probably 10,000 games between the pack alone), also as usual there were some questions over whether the opposition had managed to bring a few in for the finals. They often say that old age and treachery will overcome youth and skill but not this time. A strong forward pack that played tough and well above their weight and a flashy young back line that were superb and never looked rattled against some very big humans. The grandfinal was a pleasure to watch and thoroughly deserved. Well done to all.



Whiddon Cup

Also back to avenge an unjust loss in 2015, the Whiddon cup team looked virtually unstoppable until the major semi, with that game being the only slip up of a stellar year. Carl, Monty, The Rat and a wonderful group of players did a wonderful job of bringing the cup home. From memory they went 4 or 5 games at the start of the season without a try scored against them which is very impressive.

They ground out a great win in the GF against a Mosman team that had hopes of causing an upset post a surprise result in the major semi. Fortunately the boys were back on song after a reality check and nailed it. A great result for a great team. Well done.

Barbour Cup

Unfortunately the colties couldn't go back to back in 2016 but put up a valiant effort. Having made the finals they were unable to get past week one but were inspirational in how they handled much bigger teams and managed to get players together to keep the season on track. The contribution to Club champs by the colties is so important and the boys didn't let the team down. Often having to play with less than 15, but desperate to avoid the forfeit, they boys played very well given the circumstances. There is also a couple of players who did whatever was needed, played whatever position required to get the team home. Macca, Butto and Will well done, and to your boys – top effort fellas, we are all very proud.

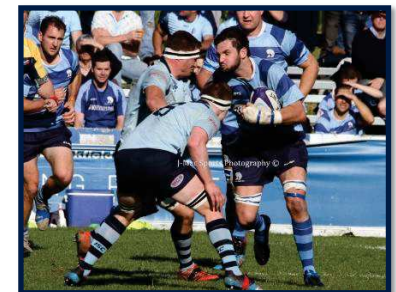


Burke Cup

Another one of our senior teams smarting from an unlucky GF loss in 2015 who were back with a vengeance and left nothing to chance. As always playing a very enterprising style of rugby the boys looked great from the early rounds all the way through to the GF where they dusted Mosman in great style to take back what they arguably should have won in 2015. Week on week they were a very consistent side well managed and directed by Pete and Cam and scored some outstanding tries. Their defence was excellent and only dropped 2 games in the regular season which is a very big effort. They were a team that was able to build huge amounts of pressure and were able to convert regularly into points. They were also a great mix of experience and youth. They boys supported Kentwell well this year and many stepped up and helped out during the year and many of those will be pushing hard for spots in the top grade next year. Well done gents, a great effort and a well deserved result.

Kentwell Cup

It was an extremely talented Kentwell cup team this year and made it all the way to the GF only to be pipped at the post with a Mosman penalty after the bell to win. It would have been a major upset if the boys had pulled it off but to be there and nearly snatch it was a great result, especially considering the turn around from a good old fashioned dusting in the major semi. The team was definitely too inconsistent during the regular season and let a few games slip unnecessarily. But when the boys turned up to play they showed they could do anything. Again we had a great representation in the Subbies team and it was great to see the young blokes take their opportunities when they came up from the lower grades to fill in. A really good season and thanks to Ash for all his hard work not only in Kentwell but his scrum work across the club. Next year fellas.



To all the coaches, thank you. We have a great group and everyone is working well and for the good of the club. The time and dedication you put into your teams is unreal and very much appreciated.



To the old boys – gents, the fact your care so much makes it easy for the boys to dig in each week. Your pride and passion give us something to aim for and your support helps enormously.

To the executive, Pres, DB, Howie and Blacky, (as well as all the sub-committee support), thank you for all that you have done this year. The club ran well and that allowed the boys and coaches to get on and play some footy.

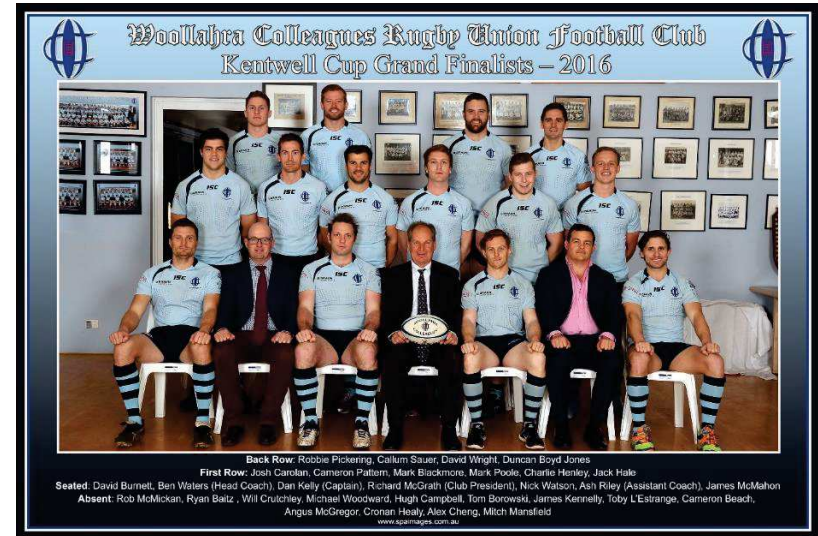
To the players, thank you for your efforts throughout the year. We ask a lot of you and you have once again delivered. Well done and will be a good challenge to see if we can keep all the cups, and add a few, next year.

Thank you for the honour of being club coach, it is a pleasure and something I hold very dear.

Finally to Goochie, mate none of us have words enough to thank you for all you do. We are in the position we are in as a result of great men like you putting in every week. Every Blue Giant wishes you the best and thank you for everything.

Bring on 2017 boys.

Benny



Kentwell Cup Report

The end result couldn't have been much closer and the team nearly pulled off one of the great rugby comeback stories in recent years. With many of the team back and working hard to make up for an ordinary 2015. We welcomed some great new talent and a good number of fellas who knew what it meant to pull on the Kentwell jumper. During the regular season it was very much a tale of two teams. When the boys turned up to play it was unreal, great footy, played for each other and nearly always ended up with the right result. At the other end of the spectrum, when we were off we were really off and let a couple of key games slip in ordinary fashion. However, the boys got the job done when it was needed to be done and we went all the way to the GF. There were a couple of very memorable moments but the win in the final against Balmain and then to nearly steal the GF were two of the best. In those games, there were many tremendous efforts, none more so than Mitch Mansfield's playing 65 mins of the GF with a shattered finger. Both games showed that when we stuck to the plan and backed each other it was going to take a bloody good team to roll us.

Well done to the fellas who made the rep team and to DK for captaining it once again.



To the senior leadership group, thank you for your passion and your tireless efforts to get the team going forward. To all the blokes in the lower grades who jumped in and took their chances, well done. There is no doubt we have some great players coming through and Kentwell looks like it will benefit from that for years to come

To all the players, it was a pleasure to coach you fellas. I have not dealt with a more



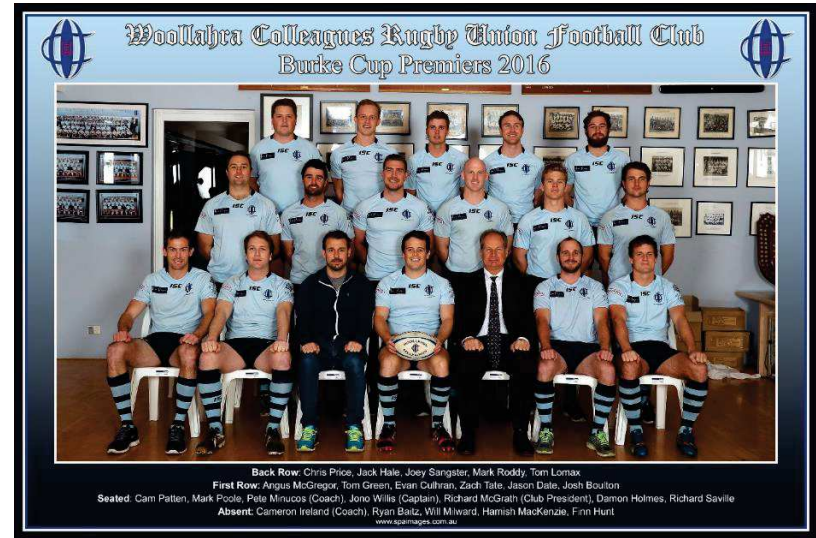
talented group of players. There is no doubt that Kentwell is a tough comp and week after week we ask you to go out and do your thing against teams that are often much bigger and busting to take your head off. The way you back each other and looked out for each other is what a Kentwell team should do.

To Ash, thank for all your work mate. You can take a heap of credit for where we ended up and your contribution to our tight five across the club is unreal.

Thanks for the honour of being Kentwell coach and thank you to all the other coaches for supporting the Kentwell team. It is much appreciated.

Thanks again fellas and looking forward to 2017.

Benny



Burke Cup Report – Minor Premiers & Premiers

The 2016 Burkie's season, more than any other of recent times, felt a part of an era. Six straight Grand Finals will probably do that but it was the personnel involved that especially made it so.

While we added a few new faces, not least of which our dominant little rookie Joey "Squirt" Sangster (Club rookie of the year, Burke MVP, Club B&F - he went alright), we were abundant with old faces. One random stat I pulled out before the decider (see: atypical) was this made 11 players who had played a combined 39 Grand Finals together. Beyond all else, I think that sort of camaraderie is why blokes front up to play rugby, so to be able to be part of a team that is providing players with that experience is greatly rewarding.

The old firm of Issy and Cammy lead the way on that front with five Burke GFs each. Roddy and Pooley have now knocked out four apiece. Cam Patten, Gus McGregor, Jono Willis, Will Milward and Richard Saville all joined Angus Graham and Mark Blackmore as three time Burke Grand Finalists.

A quick recap of those names shows why it's been pretty easy keeping the band together. Blokes that love and enjoy their footy, blokes that want to play for the team and just love winning. And I would think it makes it so much easier to take on new blokes and fold them into the squad. Conceded, we still arguably have too many Kiwis and it's hard to see a light at the end of that tunnel.

The season itself always felt somewhat a *fait accompli*. From the moment subbies ruled out blokes getting some pocket money for their troubles, the elite few were bound to rise to



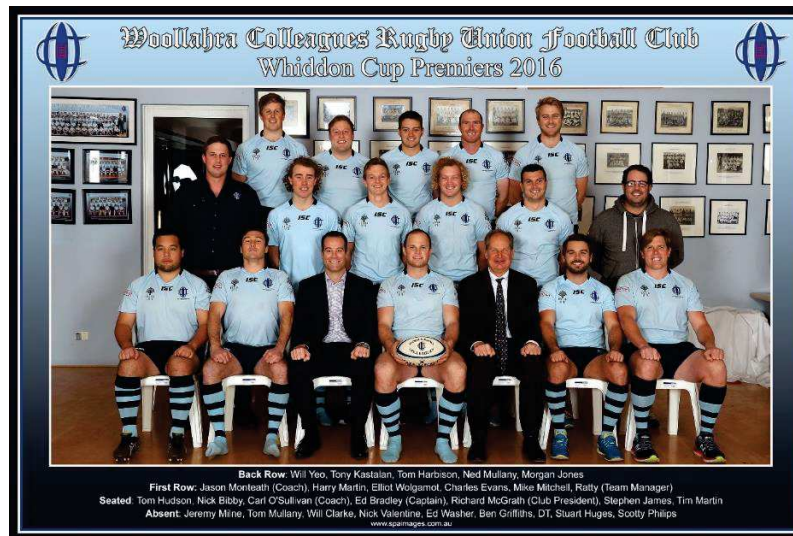


the top. And so it was, with Colleagues vs Mosman playing in 'The Privileged Bowl' as became Grand Final Day. As our astute skipper Jono noted with amusement, if someone dropped into Sydney Subbies GF Day they would be blissfully unaware that Polynesians love rugby.

It was great to see Juddies and Whiddos join us in revenging the respective heartbreaks from 2015. Thoroughly dominant seasons capped off with dominant performances in Grand Finals - and well deserved premierships. Commiserations for the individual Kentwell boys are matched by commiserations for the club in not getting the major prize. One that got away, and it will be interesting to see what the comp throws up this season and whether many of the sub-performing clubs find a way to bounce back and give them same depth to the comp that it had before. Hopefully so, for competitive sporting contests throughout the day as much as anything else.

Another great season for the Blue Giants. Well done all.

Pete



Back Row: Will Yeo, Tony Kastalan, Tom Harbinson, Ned Mullany, Morgan Jones
 First Row: Jason Monteath (Coach), Harry Martin, Elliot Wolgamot, Charles Evans, Mike Mitchell, Ratty (Team Manager)
 Seated: Tom Hudson, Nick Bibby, Carl O'Sullivan (Coach), Ed Bradley (Captain), Richard McGrath (Club President), Stephen James, Tim Martin
 Absent: Jeremy Milne, Tom Mullany, Will Clarke, Nick Valentine, Ed Washer, Ben Griffiths, DT, Stuart Hughes, Scotty Phillips
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Whiddon Cup Report – Minor Premiers & Premiers

After losing the 2015 GF to Drummoyne on the buzzer (15-14), the 2016 season was always going to be about unfinished business for the magnificent men of the Whiddon Cup. The Coaching ranks welcomed back "Big Rat" to hopefully provide that extra influence to go one better in 2016. New recruits in the playing ranks were reason for optimism with the likes of Tom Harbinson, Charlie Evans and Will Yeo partnering well with the more established players such as Ed Bradley, Nick Valentine, Will Kingston, Tom Mullany and Scott Phillips.

The season started well with 5 straight wins against Knox (26-0), Drummoyne (31-0), St Pats (38-0), Balmain (46-0) and Mosman (17-3). With the "for and against" looking healthy at 158-3 the boys were cruising, playing expansive rugby and looking sensational with even big Rat giving them the "thumbs up!"



Round 6 provided a pivotal moment against a Petersham side being hosted at Blue Giant Stadium. Perhaps the majestic lure of the east was too much to handle for the inner-wherevers with the very physical game seeing missed opportunities, a red card for the Shammies for stomping and a scrum penalty try on the buzzer allowing Petershamables to convert from in front leaving the final score a 14-all draw.

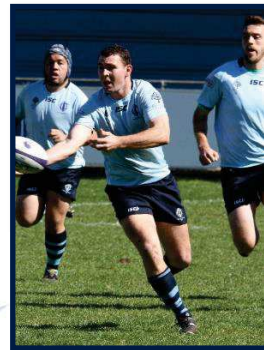
Normality resumed shortly afterwards with the boys going the next 8 round without loss against Lindfield (21-6), Knox (41-7), Drummoyne (38-0), Balmain (26-17), Petersham (15-12), St



Pats (27-5), Mosman (23-20) and Lindfield (28-0 forfeit) to finish the season undefeated and with a for and against of 391-84.

The boys were killing it, however due to wet weather and Lindfield being caught trying paying everyone at their club, the Major Semi arrived; we were underdone and ripe for an ambush. It came in the form of Mosman, prevailing 23-15 in the Major Semi, sending us to meet Petersham in the Preliminary Final. To their credit the boys turned it on at training and despite the setback, came up ready to play against a very physical Petersham side. In a close game, the men found a way to win 13-10 to setup a Grand Final showdown with Mosman.

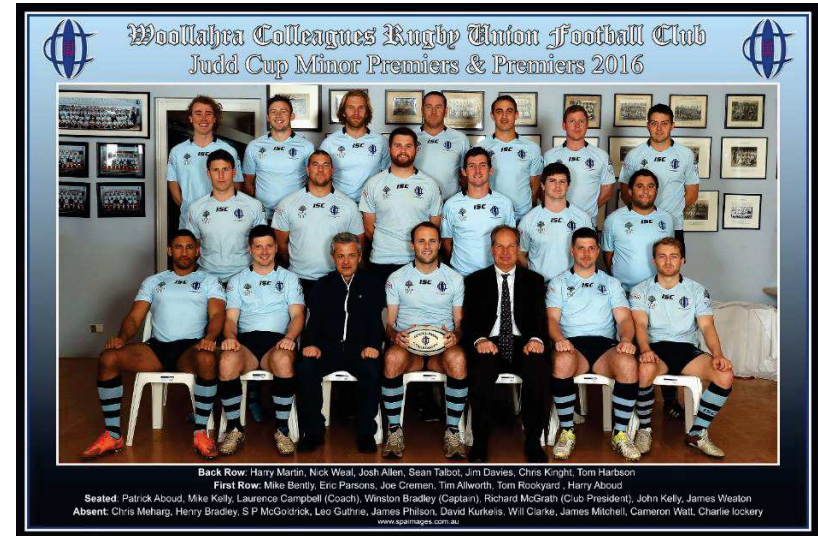
On Sunny day at TG Milner, it seemed only two Clubs were invited, Colleagues and Mosman. Mosman motivated by the possibility of doing something for the first time since the Beatles were together, Colleagues to continue their extraordinary success. The boys produced their best game of the year, bending the defensive line with purpose then quickly sending the ball out wide. The 2016 premiership had been returned to its rightful owners, colleagues, winning 17-10. The Kangaroo Court was something to behold!



2016 farewelled a few stalwarts of the Whiddon Cup, namely Morgan Jones, Tom Hudson and Ed Bradley. These men have been instrumental in the success of the Whiddon cup side over the last few seasons, we will miss the banter, beers, laughs, questionably legal captain suggestions by Ed Bradley (RIP HIS F%&KING HEAD OFF!!!) and general antics of these men and wish them well in the future. Looking forward to catching up at the many "premiers re-unions" in the years to come!

Final thanks to all the players who ran on for the Whiddon Cup side this year. Without your efforts, not only would we not be successful in rugby terms, but we wouldn't have had a year as fun and enjoyable as we did. Well done boys, see you in 2017!

Carlos



Judd Cup 2015 Minor Premiers & Premiers

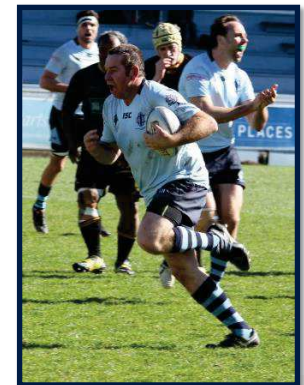
2016 proved to be an auspicious year for the Judd Cup side. The previous 2 years having seen us knocked out in the grand final after having otherwise successful seasons.

The Judd Cup team this year set out with a single purpose in mind – to play a style of football which would see us beat our arch rivals St Patricks. This was achieved with some new blood from last year's Sutherland Cup side and some new faces to the club.

With first time forwards coach Nick Sproats introducing some unique and interesting training drills, the forwards played a ranging supportive game that complimented the style of football we were endeavoring to implement. Size, coupled with speed and handling skills saw our forward pack slot nicely into our backline time and time again, wrecking havoc on our opposition.

With the solid foundation provided by our forwards this enabled a very talented backline to fire on many occasions leaving our opposition startled and coaching staff extremely happy! Our backs were versatile in every instance required throughout the year and able to slot into various positions.

The single highlight for me (after winning the grand final this year after losses in the 2 previous years) was our 2nd round clash against St Pats at home on a makeup weekend when most of the club was away. The boys that filled in from Halligan and Sutherland (and the remaining few Judd Cup players!) typified what Colleagues is all about, narrowly winning the game 12 - 10.



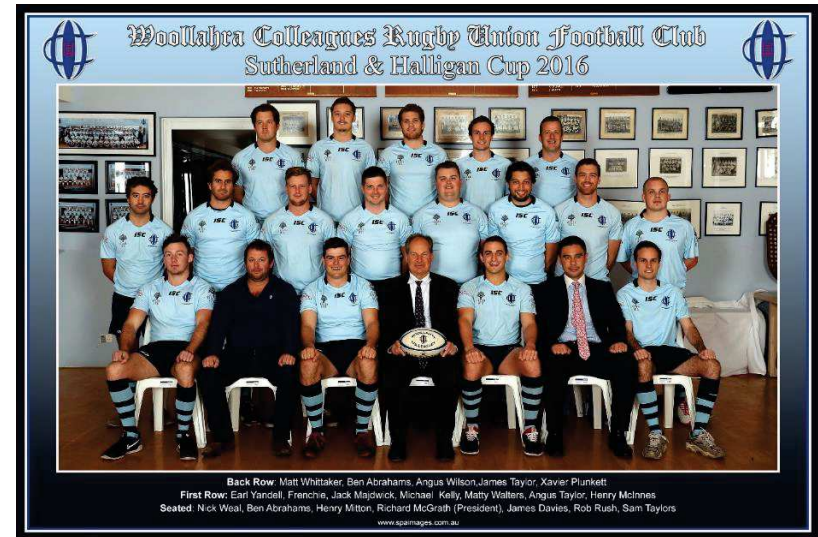
I would personally like to thank all the players who participated in the Judd Cup this year, they all deserve a mention (please insert your name here...!) but there are too many to include in this short report. I look forward to seeing those who should be playing higher grades (you know who you are) giving it your best shot next year. Cheers boys.

Finally I would like to thank all that help throughout the season including Nick Sproats my forwards coach, Ben Waters when he had the time, the Pres for being the Pres, Dave Burnett, Carl for helping with player selection when it was needed, thanks mate.

I look forward to seeing all of you again next year at blue giant stadium.

Laurence Campbell

Coach



Sutherland & Halligan Cup Report

2016 saw the subbies board fold the Sutherland Cup. So the cup still remains the property of the blue giants.

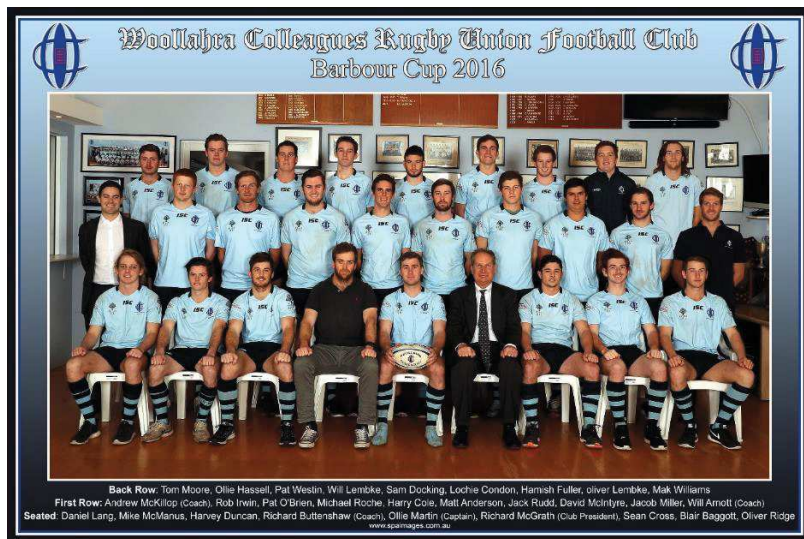
So the year ahead saw us thrown into the Halligan Cup which I think it took us little while to realize that this was going to be very tough competition to be in.

With the team chopping and changing week to week it was hard to get any set structures especially in the backs and also the forwards. In the end the lads got knocked out of the competition in the finals by in house team the convicts who went on to win the halligans cup.

Let's hope that the Sutherland cup is back up and running for the 2017 Rugby Seasons.

Cheers Benny and Robbo





Barbour Cup Report

There were very few returning faces from the triumphant 2015 Colts team, despite the ageless Jack Williams going around again. This roster change is part of what makes Barbour Cup such an enjoyable challenge as every year the slate is wiped clean. For the players it's a whole new set of banter with new friends on and off the field, and for the coaches it's a chance to cast your eye over the pretty fillies that come to watch.

The 2016 season really was composed of two halves. The account book was opened with a string of wins (5 from 6 games). In the opening rounds we relied on flair and fortune as there was a lack of definitive combinations or established structure. Yet as the wins kept coming the confidence grew. In those early weeks Ollie Martin gave the team impressive go-forward through mid-field, while Lochie Condon directed play as the essential link between the backs and forwards.

The two games that stand out in the early period were a 55-24 win against Balmain in round 4 where Lochie McTier and Hamish Fuller both crossing for doubles. Yet the Petersham game under lights in round 6 was the most enthralling contest. Lemmo Jr (Will Lembkie) was instrumental in that contests from the back and the lead sea-sawed all evening until the lights were mysteriously 'disconnected' in an attempt to limit the damage.

Once again the greatest challenge to this Barbour Cup team came during the University holidays. A mixture of injuries to Fuller, Nadine, Harvey Dunkin and others alongside the mandatory absence of those returning to the farms (or visiting fields for the first time to attend country races) meant that combinations and confidence again began to wain. The only positive from the period was that LJ had thankfully booked an overseas trip so was absent for the remaining rounds.

In their absence, other leaders began to emerge such as Sean Cross and Jacob Miller who both had terrific seasons. So too did important cogs of our forward pack Matt Anderson and Paddy O'Brien. Alongside new combinations in the backline (notably additions being Rob 'slippery' Selose and Harry 'heart-throb' Cole the team again began to utilise open space. Clearly though, James Marsh was responsible for many of our wins over the period of LJ's absence.



As a result of the resumption of more regular trainings the team finished the year with 3 consecutive wins, and entered the finals with restored trust in those donning the blue beside them. Comfortably positioned in the top 4 at seasons end was a great result given the patchy form of the middle rounds, however the benefits of finishing inside the top 2 proved costly.

The Colts only finals appearance of the 2016 season saw them fall agonisingly short in a close fought 10-14 loss to Petersham. Sloppy handling errors and faults at the set piece were cause for concern and we were unable to set the tone or rhythm of the day.

Despite this the boys would be pleased with an outstanding season. A team who barely new each other in round 1 forged strong bonds by seasons end. We as coaches were impressed at how the team was able to challenge the individuals to improve and increase their commitment. This was a stark difference to how the year started, where trainings were often met with silence, so to see a player driven culture develop is a credit to the leaders and the players.

With a good portion of the squad returning next year, we cannot wait to see what 2017 holds - and are keen to return the Barbour Cup to Woollahra.

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Club Championship	Pts
Colleagues	2589
Mosman	2395
Petersham	1959
Drummoyne	1796
St Patrick's	1479
Knox	1462
Balmain	1436
Lindfield	1134

Kentwell Cup	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Mosman	14	13	0	1	495	297	198	0	10	10	62
Colleagues	14	9	0	5	400	299	101	1	9	10	46
Balmain	14	9	0	5	392	333	59	1	7	8	44
Drummoyne	14	8	0	6	368	293	75	3	6	9	41
Petersham	14	7	1	6	400	326	74	1	9	10	40
St Patrick's	14	4	0	10	294	447	-153	4	4	8	24
Knox	14	3	1	10	344	518	-174	1	7	8	22
Lindfield	14	2	0	12	267	447	-180	5	3	8	0

Burke Cup	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Colleagues	14	12	0	2	360	142	218	0	6	6	54
Mosman	14	10	0	4	319	242	77	2	3	5	45
Petersham	14	7	0	7	260	234	26	5	2	7	35
Drummoyne	14	7	0	7	238	257	-19	4	2	6	34
St Patrick's	14	5	0	9	261	285	-24	4	3	7	27
Balmain	14	5	0	9	219	396	-177	3	3	6	26
Knox	14	3	0	11	254	354	-100	2	4	6	18
Lindfield	14	7	0	7	303	304	-1	2	5	7	0

Whiddon Cup	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Colleagues	14	13	1	0	393	84	309	0	9	9	63
Mosman	14	10	0	4	305	161	144	2	5	7	47
Petersham	14	8	1	5	294	152	142	3	5	8	40
Balmain	14	6	0	8	253	267	-14	2	4	6	30
St Patrick's	14	6	0	8	181	291	-110	1	3	4	28
Knox	14	4	0	10	174	333	-159	2	3	5	21
Drummoyne	14	0	0	14	90	499	-409	1	0	1	1
Lindfield	14	8	0	6	305	208	97	3	6	9	0

Judd Cup	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Colleagues	14	12	2	0	383	71	312	0	9	9	61
St Patrick's	14	12	0	2	343	154	189	2	7	9	57
Knox	14	9	2	3	260	141	119	1	3	4	44
Petersham	14	7	2	5	203	227	-24	1	2	3	33
Drummoyne	14	5	0	9	146	224	-78	3	1	4	24
Mosman	14	4	0	10	135	300	-165	3	0	3	19
Balmain	14	1	0	13	79	269	-190	4	0	4	8
Lindfield	14	3	0	11	117	280	-163	4	0	4	0

Barbour Cup	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Knox	14	14	0	0	411	127	284	0	7	7	63
Drummoyne	14	10	0	4	381	141	240	3	8	11	51
Colleagues	14	9	0	5	355	215	140	3	7	10	46
Petersham	14	8	0	6	295	250	45	3	5	8	40
St Patrick's	14	7	1	6	258	260	-2	1	5	6	36
Mosman	14	3	1	10	236	371	-135	2	3	5	19
Lindfield	14	4	0	10	261	332	-71	5	4	9	0
Balmain	14	0	0	14	97	598	-501	0	0	0	0



Halligan Cup	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP <7p	BP 4t	BP	Pts
Mosman 6ths	14	12	0	2	298	138	160	0	6	6	54
Colleagues 5ths	14	11	0	3	373	86	287	2	6	8	52
Convicts I	12	10	0	2	317	53	264	2	7	9	49
Waverley I	10	9	0	1	247	63	184	0	7	7	43
Colleagues 6ths	13	8	0	5	166	122	44	2	2	4	36
Beecroft I	10	6	0	4	169	162	7	1	3	4	28
Hawkesbury Ag I	8	5	0	3	152	79	73	0	3	3	23
Epping I	11	4	0	7	109	225	-116	2	2	4	20
Petersham 5ths	11	4	0	7	142	262	-120	0	2	2	18
Mosman 5ths	12	2	1	9	98	215	-117	3	1	4	14
Hills I	7	2	1	4	87	113	-26	1	2	3	13
Roseville	3	2	0	1	66	20	46	1	2	3	11
Convicts II	9	2	0	7	64	192	-128	1	1	2	10
Blacktown	2	2	0	0	55	22	33	0	1	1	9
Balmain 5ths	3	1	1	1	60	20	40	1	1	2	8
Maccabi	8	1	0	7	75	146	-71	2	1	3	7
Sydney Harlequins	7	1	0	6	61	196	-135	1	1	2	6
Redfield Old Boys	1	1	0	0	64	5	59	0	1	1	5
Hills II	1	1	0	0	58	0	58	0	1	1	5
Lane Cove II	1	1	0	0	36	5	31	0	1	1	5
Lane Cove I	1	1	0	0	32	7	25	0	1	1	5
Hawkesbury Ag III	1	1	0	0	27	10	17	0	1	1	5
Brothers I	1	1	0	0	22	5	17	0	1	1	5
Lindfield 5ths	7	1	0	6	61	205	-144	0	1	1	5
Hawkesbury Ag II	1	1	0	0	12	7	5	0	0	0	4
Canterbury II	1	1	0	0	10	5	5	0	0	0	4
UNSW	1	1	0	0	19	17	2	0	0	0	4
Hunters Hill	4	1	0	3	44	108	-64	0	0	0	4
Beecroft II	3	0	1	2	5	89	-84	0	0	0	2
St Ives	1	0	0	1	10	12	-2	1	0	1	1
Epping III	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawkesbury Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burraneer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brothers II	1	0	0	1	10	22	-12	0	0	0	0
Canterbury I	1	0	0	1	7	25	-18	0	0	0	0
Alexandria Dukes	1	0	0	1	0	19	-19	0	0	0	0
Waverley II	1	0	0	1	7	28	-21	0	0	0	0
Colleagues 7ths	1	0	0	1	0	28	-28	0	0	0	0
Lindfield 6ths	1	0	0	1	5	36	-31	0	0	0	0
Epping II	1	0	0	1	0	31	-31	0	0	0	0
Rouse Hill	1	0	0	1	0	58	-58	0	0	0	0
Blue Mountains	2	0	0	2	15	56	-41	0	0	0	0
Petersham 6ths	2	0	0	2	5	96	-91	0	0	0	0

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