

GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OLD BOYS' RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET

To be presented at the Annual Meeting to be held

on Monday 16th February 1953 at 7.30 p.m.

at the Board Room, Builders' Exchange

Wharf Street, Brisbane.

OFFICE BEARERS - 1952

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Mr. R. Nicol

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Mr. C. Coates

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CLUB EXECUTIVE
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Registrar.

CLUB NOMINEE AS
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SELECTOR:

Mr. E. Broad

HON. DOCTORS:

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LIFE MEMBERS:

Messrs. R.J. Willcocks, J.A. Bell,
R. Stephenson, J. East, H.C. Lavery,
Dr. K.B. Fraser, Dr. B.M. Beith, J. McMaster,
J. Williams, H. Bere and J.A. McIntyre.

The Season of 1952 was like the "Curate's Egg" good "only in parts."

We had our grand successes and our dismal failures. Teams were again fielded in "A" "A" Reserve and "B" Grades, and also for a short period in "C" Grade. The Club Championship was surrendered to Southern Districts, but was in doubt right up to the Final Round - Souths were worthy champions.

The Highlight of the year was the very happy visit from the Fijian Team. They played delightful football and proved very popular with the Queensland and Australian public. It was a great pity that no Test Game was played here in Brisbane as such a game following that against Queensland would have packed the Exhibition Ground.

The selection of the Australian Touring Team for New Zealand later held the interest of players and public alike, and a very successful tour eventuated with the Test Matches shared one each.

Club membership was good and finances showed some slight improvement. As your Club Executive has emphasised during the past years the Club is becoming more and more expensive to maintain and without the full support and encouragement of all members and supporters the finances are hard to raise. As always the major problem confronting your incoming officers will be that of finance. In presenting this, the 22nd Annual Report of the G.P.S. Old Boys Rugby Union Football Club, your retiring officers express their appreciation of the members' support during 1952 and are confident that your continuation of such will result in a very happy and successful season during 1953.

COMPETITION TEAMS

A. GRADE.

The Club's first team had a patchy season and a number of Games were lost by narrow margins. Had these games been won the A Graders would have easily won the minor Championship.

The chief lack in our A side during the year was that of a really successful five-eight and although everyone tried in the position performed capably it could not be said that the position was adequately filled and almost always the movement of a player to five-eight meant a weakening of his own natural position. The team had no real difficulty in reaching the semi-finals and performed quite ably in the game against Brothers.

Arch Winning, our Club Captain was injured in the second State Game v. N.S.W. in Brisbane and did not play again during the season. This loss was a severe blow to G.P.S. and to Queensland for Arch. apart from his grand play is a very fine leader and his inspiration was sadly missed.

Gordon Marles, who took over the Club Captaincy following Arch. Winning's forced relinquishment was a very able substitute in leadership and performed very soundly for the balance of the year.

The Q.R.U. in its wisdom decided to continue some Sunday games and your Club as an attraction was called upon quite frequently both "A" Grade and "A" Reserve, particularly in the finals.

Injuries were not so prevalent during this year, in comparison with those of 1952, but even so we were without players who required rest and treatment at vital times in the progress of the Club Premiership.

"A" RESERVE GRADE.

This side varied from its immediate predecessor in that in the team of 1952 the strength lay in its grand forward pack. Whereas the 1951 backs were the match winners of the team.

The Reserve Graders were easily the most effective team wearing the G.P.S. colours and succeeded in defeating the United Services Team by 11 pts. to 9 in the Cup round final. They were well beaten in the Grade Final at the season's end for Premiership honours, but the Services Team in that game would have given a hiding to a number of "A" grade teams and would have extended the best of them.

Several members of the team during the Season were called upon to play in the "A" and all performed very ably. In the coming season they may well become the leading players of the G.P.S.Club.

The "A" Reserves were undoubtedly the best truly "Reserve Team" playing and only United Services proved better, they having no other team.

"B" GRADE.

As is usual the "B" Graders were frequently robbed of players to strengthen the higher grade teams, and as a consequence the teams' performances were patchy. In fact they, upon occasions, played so well that it is difficult to understand why they did not win at least the first round Cup Final. Later in the year they lost a number of players to National Service Training and many changes eventuated.

Taking performances during the whole season at times they played extremely well and at others extremely badly.

They did not strike the best of refereeing and this proved at times very upsetting to youngsters who mostly straight from school teams had previously been used to the best Refs that the Referees Association could provide. The change is sometimes hard to take and has been the subject of adverse comment by young players.

"C" GRADE.

A surplus of players, which was, unfortunately, only of a temporary nature, caused the formation of a "C" Grade team. Only two games were played, one win, one loss. Reg. Scheifelbein who had charge of these boys during the brief period of the team's existence, is firmly of the opinion that had he been able to

assemble the players early and retain them, they could easily have won the "C" Grade Premiership. Why not get together again lads, and make a job of it.

TRAINING. Training was once again undertaken at New Farm Oval and was handicapped by Electric power restrictions which prevented staggered training times. The rental remained as the previous year, but costs of power showed still further increase.

Attendances were at times disappointing and some members did not become really fit all season.

COACHING. The Club was fortunate in having the same Club Coaches as for the Season of 1951.

Jack McMaster, Charlie Taylor and Norm. Morris, with Reg. Schiefelbein lending a hand when needed all did a really grand job and it was in no way any fault of theirs that no team collected a Premiership.

Premierships will come the Club's way with full co-operation and an ounce of luck.

FINANCE:

The Bulimba Quiz Show once again gave us very little return and it is hoped that if the Queensland Brewery continue the show that our boys have better luck this year. Some slight improvement is evident in the attached Balance Sheet.

The chief source of revenue came from the very successful Barbecue Party held at the residence of your Vice-President Mr. Harry Edwards and his charming wife.

The show enjoyed the best possible weather conditions and the result was very gratifying to your Club Executive.

The club is very much indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards for allowing the party at their home, and they and their family got wholeheartedly behind the show and made it the great success it was.

As usual the outlay for gear, i.e. jerseys and socks, exceeded the money received from players in payment, and steps must be taken to remedy this discrepancy.

INJURED PLAYERS FUND.

Collections from players in all Grades were maintained reasonably well, but as usual members have to be reminded of their obligations each week when they should seek to pay the 1/- per week required.

Members will note that the credit standing to the Injured Players Fund is shown in the Balance Sheet as a separate item for the Season 1952.

Calls have not been unduly large. A definite Club policy in allocation of this fund is a necessity to avoid any drain upon finance.

SOCIALS

The end of Season Social and Presentation of Club Trophies took place at the Anzac Club and was voted a huge success. Members attended well. All enjoyed themselves. Guests from kindred Clubs attended.

Trophies were awarded as follows:-

A GRADE	- John Raff	Back
	Trevor Jones	Forward

RESERVE	K. Bostock	Back
GRADE.	K. Hooper	Forward

B. GRADE	Ron Lehane	Back
	Lloyd Price	Forward

BEST UTILITY
PLAYER Bill Claxton

ALL ROUND Reg Schiefelbein
CLUB MAN

Presentations to Club Coaches were made by Team Members, and your Club's Honorary Secretary, Tom Simson was presented with an inscribed wallet of notes to mark 5 years of service in office.

Another very enjoyable Club Social was held in August at the Anzac Club. Members from other Clubs attending.

THANKS.

Your Club Executive offers its sincere thanks to the following Club Members who gave so generously of time and money to foster the Club and materially assist in smooth working to -
Messrs. R. Nicol and H. Edwards - who made possible the presentation of Trophies.

Messrs. W. McLean, H. Hope, N. Baldwin, E.G. Broad, H. Roberts, L. Charters, C. Kaus, J. Fadden, G. Duckworth, H. Bere, K. Percy, J. Hall, F.W.A. Ferguson, J. McMaster, C. Taylor, I. Morris, R. Schiefelbein, S. Lewis, L.S. Lewis, J. Kirk, D. McLean, R. McLean and C.J. McCarthy for assistance with finance and for valuable advice and time spent in fostering the Rugby Game.

To Mr. L. Charters for use of his Showroom for Club Executive Meetings.

To your very able and hardworking Treasurer for his consistently keen work over this and past seasons.

To Mr. J. Flynn and the Q'land Brewery Ltd. for continuance of the "Bulimba Show" thereby assisting all football.

To Messrs. Reg. Goss and Tom Foley for ably presenting the Show.

To Keith Percy for his able representation of your Club upon the Q.R. Union Executive Committee.

To our Club Honorary Doctors - Doctors K.B. Fraser and T. Biggs who provided advice and treatment to injured players during the season without cost either to player or Club.

To Mr. Colin Coates for his once again performing the duty of Club Auditor.

To Cliff Lawrence your Club Masseuse without whose cheery presence Rugby Union and G.P.S. would be very much the poorer.

To the members of the Executive Committee of the Q.R.U. and to Mr. Ron Hayward in particular for a job well done in this as in many past seasons.

To Mr. J.G.Tucker upon his excellent job as your Club Registrar.

To the Press, generally, and to Messrs. Max Hawkins, Neville Davidson and John Herbert, in particular, for kindly criticism and helpful advice.

To Radio Stations generally for excellent publicity given during the year.

To the members of the Referees Association for their services to the game, sometimes subject to our criticism, but at all times impartial. A thankless and often much abused job was very well done by all.

VALE.

Your Club suffered a sad loss in club member and Vice President Mr. Lionel Bliss. Lionel's sudden death was a matter of great sadness to the older members of your Club, and we have lost a very staunch supporter.

CONGRATULATIONS.

To Eddie Broad upon election as a Metropolitan and State Selector, together with Messrs. E. Bonis and E. Meredith.

To Bill McLean upon election as State Coach and the very excellent job he did in moulding a really good Queensland Team.

To Arch Winning upon leading Queensland to Victory in the first State game and at the same time our sincere regrets upon the injury which robbed him of still greater honours.

To our Club member Garth Jones, who represented his country against the Fijians and toured New Zealand with the Wallabies of 1952.

To Club members A. Winning, G. Horsley, G. Jones, B. Mills I. MacMillan, B. Menken and G. Marles upon gaining selection for Queensland 1952. May they all carry on to even greater spheres.

To old Club Captain Peter Robinson upon continued success in the Rugby League Code. What a pity that circumstances prevented his playing with G.P.S. during 1952. Peter will, we hope, be with us again in 1954.

To Grand Sportsman all who gained deserved Representation for Australia and Queensland.

To Southern Districts upon winning Club Championship.

To University upon winning the "A" Grade Premiership.

To United Services upon their winning the Reserve Grade.

To Northern Districts upon their win in "B" Grade.

To Western Districts in "C" Grade.

In once again expressing confidence in the G.P.S. Club over the future years your Club Executive desires to thank all Club Members, both active players and laymen for their continued support and trust that the entertaining football provided by G.P.S. players will continue to please the public as it has.

Yours sincerely, on behalf of the Executive,

R. Nicol - President
J. Radford Hon. Treasurer
T. Simson Hon. Secretary

G. P. S. OLD BOYS RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB.

STATEMENT FOR 1952 SEASON

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance C/F 1951	£83.	11.	9
Subscriptions	29.	-	-
Donations	28.	10.	6
Profit on photo sales	1.	3.	6
Jersey & Gear Repayments	113.	5.	-
Bulimba Quiz	4.	-	-
House Party profit	123.	18.	1

Expenditure

Rentals	59.	14.	9
Premier Typing	82.	2.	-
Loss on R.S.L.Smokos	4.	19.	2
Petty Cash	14.	9.	3
Jersey & Gear Costs -	20.	3.	5
T.C.Beirne Ltd.	11.	1.	3
Bill Brown Sports	1.	-	-
Masseys Sports Store	12.	-	-
Queensland Rugby Union	1.	2.	6
Cliff Lawrence (Masseur)	13.	3.	5
Cost of Trophies (less Don.)	15.	-	-
Loss on Players Ticket Sales	35.	17.	-
Presentation (T. Simson)	88.	15.	4
Floral Tributes			
Electricity (N.F.Park)			
Cheque Book and Bank Fee			
Transfer to Injured Players Fund			
Balance in Bank			

£383. 8.10

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INJURED PLAYERS FUND

Collections 1952
Transfer from General Funds
1950/51 Season

£22. 13. -
Dr. C. C. Walker
Balance in Bank

2. 2. -
56. 8. -

35. 17. -
£58. 10. -

£58. 10. -

Audited - C. Coates

J. D. Radford Hon.Treasurer.

CLUB RESULTS SEASON 1952

A Grade

G.P.S.	v Easts	won	11 - 3	
"	v Varsity	lost	8 - 16	
"	v Easts	won	26 - 15	
"	v Norths	won	15 - 6	
"	v Brothers	lost	9 - 11	
"	v Norths	won	47 - 8	
"	v New Farm	won	35 - 12	
"	v Souths	won	15 - 8	
"	v Varsity	lost	16 - 26	
"	v Easts	won	19 - 9	
"	v Brothers	lost	6 - 9	
"	v Norths	won	15 - 3	
"	v New Farm	won	24 - 0	
"	v Souths	lost	16 - 17	
"	v Varsity	lost	3 - 19	
"	v Brothers	lost	11 - 19	Semi Final
"	v Souths	draw	17 - 17	Scratch Game

58.10. -

J. D. Radford Hon. Treasurer.

58.10. -

Audited - C. Coates

RESERVE GRADE

G.P.S.	v	Easts	won	20	-	3	
"	v	Varsity	lost	11	-	14	
"	v	Brothers	"	6	-	13	
"	v	Easts	won	33	-	0	
"	v	Brothers	"	16	-	9	
"	v	West	"	8	-	0	
"	v	Varsity	"	9	-	6	
"	v	Services	lost	11	-	16	
"	v	Easts	won	16	-	0	
"	v	Services	"	16	-	14	
"	v	West	"	17	-	0	
"	v	Brothers	"	16	-	3	
"	v	Varsity	draw	6	-	6	
"	v	Easts	won	37	-	6	
"	v	Brothers	"	19	-	3	
"	v	Services	lost	3	-	14	
"	v	West	won	14	-	6	
"	v	Varsity	lost	6	-	8	
"	v	Brothers	won	9	-	0	Semi-
							final
"	v	Services	lost	3	-	29	Final

Winners F.C. Lea Cup v Services

B GRADE

G.P.S.	v	Varsity	lost	6 - 14
"	v	Norths	draw	6 - 6
"	v	Brothers	won	17 - 9
"	v	Teachers	won	20 - 0
"	v	West's	won	30 - 3
"	v	Norths	lost	6 - 13
"	v	Com.Bank	lost	9 - 14
"	v	Varsity	won	9 - 0
"	v	Souths	lost	9 - 14
"	v	Wellington	won	16 - 8
		N.S.W.		
"	v	Varsity	won	19 - 8
"	v	Teachers	won	26 - 8
"	v	Brothers	lost	6 - 9
"	v	Norths	lost	8 - 11
"	v	Souths	lost	8 - 14
"	v	Com Bank	lost	11 - 13
