

Grey
GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OLD BOYS' RUGBY UNION

FOOTBALL CLUB

24TH ANNUAL REPORT

AND

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BALANCE SHEET

To be presented at the Annual Meeting to be held on
Tuesday, 22nd February, 1955, at 7.30 p.m. at the
Board Room, Builders' Exchange, Wharf St., Brisbane.

OFFICE BEARERS - 1954

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Mr. R. Nicol

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G. Duckworth, J. Irwin, E. Broad, K. Percy,
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Mr. T. Simson

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Mr. K. Percy

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CLUB EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE:

The President - Mr. R. Nicol, Messrs.
C. Kaus, H. Bere, J. Williams, J. Herbert,
M. Williams, R. Schiefelbein with ex
officio Hon. Treas. Hon. Secretaries,
Hon. Registrar, Hon. Q.R.U. Executive Member.

CLUB NOMINEE AS
METROPOLITAN &
STATE SELECTOR:

Mr. R.J. McLean

HON. DOCTORS:

Drs. K.B. Fraser and T. Biggs

LIFE MEMBERS:

Messrs. R.J. Willcocks, J.A. Bell, C. Kaus,
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.

Gentlemen,

In presenting this the 24th Annual Report of the G.P.S. Club, your Executive Committee desires to express thanks to all who assisted to make the past season one of the best the Club has enjoyed on the playing field in the post war period.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the second visit to Australia of a team from Fiji and although the football shown by the visitors was not up to the standard set by the original tourists, a feature apparently of all games played by the Fijians, good football was seen and appreciated. The financial result was excellent and as a consequence the finances of the Union in Queensland are now very healthy.

Our two Internationals, Garth Jones and Gavan Horsley acquitted themselves very well and lost nothing in comparison with their contemporaries.

THE CLUB RECORD

"A" Grade Grand Finalists, Reserve Grade Grand Finalists and Premiers, "B" Grade Finalists is indicative of the Club's all round strength and with a little luck the results could have been even better.

Financially the season has not been successful, and your Executive sincerely hopes that Club Members will rally more earnestly to financial efforts during the coming year.

COMPETITION TEAMS

Teams were entered in three Grades - "A" Grade, "B" Reserve and "B" Grade.

"A" GRADE

The "A" Grade Team performed quite well during the season and at the end of the Premiership Rounds finished in third position.

In a very close Semi Final the Team managed to defeat Souths by a single point and earn the right to meet the Christian Brothers

Team who had lost the major Semi Final to Varsity. The boys rose nicely to the occasion and defeated the Brothers Team for the second time during the year to gain the coveted chance to win the Premiership. However, the Varsity Team proved too good and after an even first half we were eventually soundly defeated in a rather poor and rough game.

During the year we had our usual crop of injuries and of the "A" Grade, John Greene and Brian Loel were absent after being injured, for the greater part of the season. Bruce Mills too, after two head injuries requiring medical attention decided to retire from "A" Grade football and concentrate upon coaching at which he proved most successful.

Garth Jones too, sustained a very painful injury in the Second Test against Fiji in Sydney but resumed for the Semi Finals and Grand Final.

Other players too, sustained injuries which kept them from play for varying periods.

The "A" Grade Team was ably led by Club Captain, Peter Robinson.

"A" RESERVE GRADE

The Club's most successful team who under the coaching of Dr. Con Primmer, the leadership of John Herbert, and the management of Mark Williams succeeded in winning the Club its second Premiership since the War.

The two games v. Varsity, the major Semi Final and the Grand Final were both great games. The Grand Final proved very exciting as Varsity fought back from being down 21 - 3 to square the game at full-time. G.P.S. however, came right back during Extra Time and ran out good winners 34 - 21. Injuries in this Grade also affected the Team's strength. A. Flynn being out for the last round and finals and others for varying short periods.

Nick Horsley and Ken Hooper were absentees at the season's end due to educational and examination commitments.

"B" GRADE

This team suffered more than others of the Club in so far as loss of player strength was concerned and were ably led by Bill Simson.

Rod Pegus became an early casualty with a broken leg (not a football injury). Bill Meurant, centre, was lost with a knee injury. P. Irwin broke his nose.

At vital times absentees, Ian Calquhoun to the Tongan Team, Don Gray to New Guinea and Alan Gilpin lost to the "A" Grade at the season's end materially weakened the side.

This team had it been able to maintain its strength all the season could easily have won a second Club Premiership.

They had the proud distinction of being the only team to defeat Teachers Training College, a very good team, during the season.

They easily earned a Semi Final place, but could not, with a weakened team succeed in the Finals.

Coaching was in the hands of Bruce Mills following his retirement from "A" Grade football.

TRAINING

Teams trained on Mondays and Wednesdays at New Farm and lighting restrictions did not apply this season.

Attendances were better than in 1953 but Monday continues to be a bugbear to Coaches no doubt due to the continued Sunday play.

Greater supervision over the lighting was exercised during the training season.

COACHING

Jack McMaster and B. Mills, G. Marles and Dr. Con Primmer with assistance from other Club Members particularly Club Captain Peter Robinson and John Herbert ensured a high standard of physical fitness and most of Club players quickly reached top form. However, still greater effort is needed.

FINANCE

The Club Finance this year has slipped and it is imperative that Club Members realise that they have obligations in regard to Club maintenance which all must share equally. Attendance at Club finance raising efforts is a must and prompt sale and return of tickets for such shows, raffles, etc. as your Executive or Social Committee may organise is also most desirable.

Finance Committee once again controlled by John Greene as Chairman, Miss Stephanie Straughan as Hon. Secretary and Miss Barbara Hooper as Treasurer, tried hard to continue their good work of 1953 but their efforts did not gain the required support early and as a consequence their interest waned at the latter end of the season.

The Mount Cootha Kiosk Show was really good and had it been attended by about ten more couples from the Club Members, would have been a good financial, as well as a social success.

The Concert organised by Bruce Binser and his company was very enjoyable and more effort by Club Members would have started off the Social Committee in great heart and good finance. Thanks Bruce and company for a good show and to those who organised and supervised the arrangements.

GEAR

In this regard your Executive Committee desires to quote the comment from 1953.

"The payment by players for Gear, Jerseys, Socks, etc., issued, was as usual away behind the amount expended and each and every year it is resolved that something must be done about

the gap. There is, frankly only one way to cover the discrepancy and that is for every Member to pay his dues in the shortest possible time and that is when he receives the gear required. It is hoped that Members will be considerate of the Club Finances during 1954."

The only further comment is that the position did not improve.

TROPHIES

The Club Smoke Social and Presentation of Trophies took place in the South Brisbane R.S.L. Club Rooms and the event was voted an outstanding success.

Trophies were awarded as follows:-

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| "A" GRADE | Back | Garth Jones |
| "A" GRADE | Forward | Howard Keiseker |
| "A" RESERVE GRADE | Back | Kev. Brasch |
| "A" RESERVE GRADE | Forward | Cec. Abotomy |
| "B" GRADE | Back | Ian Colquhoun |
| "B" GRADE | Forward | Leigh Bright |
| J.L. WILLIAMS TROPHY | | Alistair Boyd |
| C. KAUS TROPHY | | Don Fox |
| C. FOX TROPHY | | Bill Simson |
| T. SIMSON TROPHY | | Dick Edmonds |
| RESERVE GRADE PLAYERS TROPHY | | Alwyn Godfrey |

In addition small Trophies were given to all regular Members of the Reserve Grade Premiership Team, together with a Premiership Pennant from the Q.R.U.

INVERELL TRIP

As in 1953, a visit was made to Inverell this season to take part in a four team Carnival - the Christian Brothers Club from Brisbane, Mayfield East from Newcastle, Inverell Club and ourselves taking part.

G.P.S. were drawn against Mayfield East and we had a somewhat easy victory. The Star was Garth Jones who scored a number of excellent tries.

The trip generally was not as pleasant as that of 1953 due to the greater number of teams and the less personal contact that was so evident in the early visit.

Our best thanks to the Inverell Rugby Union Club and our opponents Mayfield East not forgetting "WASS".

INJURED PLAYERS FUND

Collections from players of the usual 1/- per game proved just as difficult to collect but were maintained reasonably well. Little call has been made upon the fund fortunately and it continues to flourish.

THANKS

1. To Mr. R. Nicol and Mr. K. Percy who made the issue of Trophies possible by substantial donations.
2. To Mr. K. Percy for his generous gift of cost of Annual Report 1953 and for his unselfish gift of valuable time in the service of the Club as Q.R.U. Executive Member. Also for his able assistance in matters of correspondence without which your Secretary would have been in some difficulty.
3. To the following Club Members for generous gifts of time and/or monies to further the Club interests:-

Messrs. C. Kaus, J.L. Williams, J. Irwin, J. Herbert, J. Hamlyn, D. McLean, R. McLean, L.S. Lewis, C. Fox, M. Lawrence, G. Walsh, H. Edwards, W. Nash, H. Hope, A.I. Jones, J. Higgins, R.M. Baxter, A.C. Dibdin, N. Baldwin, E. Broad, H. Bere, A. Ware, H. Roberts, F. Gilshenan, S. Tickle and Colin Thompson.

4. To Mr. Dave Williams for his services as Club Registrar and Gear Steward.
5. To Messrs. J. McMaster, B. Mills, G. Marles and Dr. Con Primmer for their excellent services in coaching of teams.
6. To your Club Treasurer, Mr. J. Radford for his usual excellent service in caring for Club Funds.

7. To Mr. Leon Charters for the always readily granted use of his Showroom in Regent Building for Club Committee Meetings.
8. To Mr. Cliff Lawrence for his always cheerful service and unfailing good humour and hard work as your Club Massuer.
9. To Messrs. C. Fox, J.L. Williams, C. Kaus and T. Simson for Trophies.
10. To Mr. Col. Coates who once again served the Club as Hon. Auditor.
11. To Drs. K.B. Fraser, T. Biggs, Ian Ferguson and C. Primmer who acted as Hon. Doctors and provided treatment and advice to injured players without cost to player or your Club.
12. To the Members of the Q.R.U. Executive and Mr. Ron Hayward in particular for the continued good services to the Rugby game.
13. To Press and Radio with particular thanks to Messrs. Max Hawkins and Nev. Davidson of the Press and Messrs. Clive Harborg and Jack Clark of the A.B.C., Reg Goss and Tom Foley of 4BK.
14. To the Referees for their continued good service to the Rugby game may their numbers grow.
15. To Bill Simson for his great assistance to the Club as Hon. Minute Secretary and his readiness to undertake duties at all times.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Garth Jones and Gavan Horsley of our Club upon their selection in Australian Team for Test Matches v. Fiji.

To Col. Forbes of Brothers, Neil Betts of Souths and Paul Mooney of Easts who likewise gained selection.

To Club Members, G. Jones, G. Horsley and B. Wright who gained selection in State Teams during the year.

To Club Members, R. Shaw and J. Paskin who gained selection in Brisbane Teams.

To Club Members, K. Brasch, G. Webster, C. Abotomy, G. Dale, B. Wright, who gained selection in the Queensland Under 19 Team for the Interstate Carnival in Sydney won by Queensland.

To Club Members, B. Wright, Ian Colquhoun, who gained selection in the Australian Touring Team to Tonga and Fiji and to Barry Wright in particular who was selected as Captain.

To Varsity Club upon their excellent win in the "A" Grade Premiership.

VALE

John Harkness Boyd, pre-war G.P.S. Club player and ex P.O.W.

Mr. A.I. Jones, Vice President and father of Club Member Garth.

Burnett (Chappie) Schulte - erstwhile Australian and Queensland player and ex P.O.W.

In conclusion your Executive Committee desires to advise that negotiations are still proceeding through the Q.R.U. and its worthy President Mr. Tom McCormack in regard to the lease of Council Ground as a Head Quarters for the Club. Various sites have from time to time been inspected and we are very hopeful that at the conclusion of the coming season definite steps have been taken to establish the Club on its own ground.

Your incoming Officers and Executive will then need all the co-operation of the Members to finance the undertaking. Your retiring Officers sincerely wish the Teams for 1955 every success for the season.

Yours,

R. NICOL, President.

J. RADFORD, Treasurer.

T. SIMSON, Secretary.

G.P.S. OLD BOYS' RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB
STATEMENT FOR SEASON 1954

Receipts

Balance C/fwd.
Donations
Gear Payments & Sales
Bulimba Quiz
Social Profits

94. 1. 8
35. 7. 0
108.17. 6
11. 0. 0
65.19. 3

Expenditure

Petty Cash
Rental
Q.R.U.
Bill Brown Sports
Chas. Whatmore Sports
T.C. Beirne Ltd.
Massey Sports
R.S.L. Costs
Lighting N.F. Park
Cliff Lawrence
Season Tickets
Trophies
Annual Smoko
Printing
Kit Bag
Bank Charges
Balance in Bank

10. 0. 0
4.13. 0
7. 4. 0
82. 5. 3
40. 0. 0
31. 5. 0
17. 8
1.14. 0
8.14. 4
16. 3. 6
1.10. 0
13. 5. 6
9.10. 4
2. 3.11
1. 5. 0
1. 0. 0
83.13.11

£315. 5. 5

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INJURED PLAYERS' FUND

Receipts

Balance C/fwd.
Collections

67.15. 6
14.11. 0

Expenditure

Injury (R. Shaw)
Balance in Bank

2. 2. 0
80. 4. 6

J. RADFORD, Hon. Treasurer.

£82. 6. 6

Audited and found correct. C. COATES, Hon. Auditor, 1954.