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RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

*1961 Season*

31ST ANNUAL REPORT

AND BALANCE SHEET

31ST ANNUAL REPORT - SEASON 1961

OFFICE BEARERS

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CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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CLUB NOMINEE FOR METROP. & STATE SELECTOR:

Mr. R.I. Templeton.

CLUB SELECTORS:

Messrs. R.I. Templeton, R. Roberts,  
A.H. Ross Dell (Part Season),  
I. Nicol (Part Season).

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

Your Executive submits for your consideration the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for 1961.

The past season has been the most successful, both financially and numerically, the club has had for many years. This was due mainly, as you will see by the Balance Sheet, to the record payment of club fees and also a record number of donations received from club supporters. Our numerical strength has increased due to the Senior Club fostering an under 19 team, which finished the season with twenty-six players attending practices every Tuesday and Thursday nights. Fifty players played for the Senior Club during the season.

A trip to play Northern Suburbs Rugby Club in Sydney was to be arranged at the beginning of the season. However, these arrangements fell through as Norths and all other Sydney clubs did not have a vacant weekend. Plans are in hand for a trip away in 1962, for either the "A" grade or the Reserve Grade.

Again your President, Mr. W.H. Boyd, has done a fine job as Chairman of the Q.R.U. Executive and Mr. R.I. Templeton has brought further recognition to the Club on being elected to the State Board of Selectors.

COMPETITION GAMES: Three teams were nominated at the General Meeting. One each for "A", "Reserve" and "B" Grades, but the shortage of players caused the forfeiture of the "B" grade without having played one game. The forfeiture of the "B" grade could partly be due to the introduction of the Junior competition which will, in approximately two or three years, benefit greatly all teams in the Senior competition.

The season commenced with a seven-a-side competition organised by Eastern Suburbs Rugby Club. Two teams were entered by G.P.S., our No. 1 Team taking the honours by winning the Gloucester Shield.

The "A" Grade commenced the season by winning three games drew one and losing two games in the first round. From a possible six matches in the second round the "A" Grade won four matches and lost two. The third and final round terminated in the team winning the premiership. The team won five of the six matches going on to win their semi-final and grand final.

The "Reserve" Grade were unfortunate in not winning more than eight games from a possible twenty during the season. This could be due to the "A" grade drawing on their players to replace those injured in the senior team.

TRAINING & COACHING: Training commenced on Tuesday 7th February and consisted of touch football and a solid workout in callisthenics before the individual coaches took charge. Bob Templeton did a wonderful job with the "A" Grade and was amply rewarded with a premiership win. The Reserve Grade commenced the season with Bob McEwan as coach, but unfortunately Bob had to resign, his place being taken by John Hartigan and Danny Nutter, who must be thanked for the great effort they put into their team.

1961 STATISTICS:

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		<u>"A" GRADE</u>					Total No. of Games (20)	Try	Pen	Con	F.G.	Total Pts.
<u>PREMIERSHIP SIDE</u>												
Full Back	D.J. Clark	19	6	18	16	-	104					
Right Wing	H. Blue	13	5	-	-	-	15					
Left Wing	J.A. Hartigan	7	-	-	-	-	-					
Out. Centre	B. Boyd	16	1	-	-	2	9					
In. Centre	W. Corbett	14	5	-	-	-	15					
Five Eighth	B. Egan	15	5	-	-	-	15					
Scrum Half	O. Edwards	12	4	-	-	-	12					
Wing Forwards	R.J. Duff	13	3	-	-	-	9					
	T. Carew	16	6	-	-	-	18					
Lock	J. McAuley	19	3	-	-	-	9					
Second Row	G. Hughes	18	3	-	-	-	9					
	P. Perrin	15	5	-	-	-	15					
Front Row	K. McAdam	7	-	-	-	-	-					
	W. Gunn	15	-	-	-	-	-					
	J. Brew	8	-	-	-	-	-					
J. Hikaka	Transferred	3	-	6	2	-	22					
S. Clarke	"	7	7	-	-	-	21					
R. Mack		11	1	2	2	-	13					
M. Cullinan	Injured	2	1	-	-	-	3					
R. Kerr		11	1	-	-	-	3					
T. Levander		4	2	-	-	-	6					
N. Cotton		1	2	-	-	-	6					
F. East		1	1	-	-	-	3					
D. Rylance	Injured	4	-	-	-	-	-					
K. Waller	Transferred	2	1	-	-	-	3					
M. Howes	Injured	11	3	-	-	-	9					
G. Chadwick		4	1	-	-	-	3					
J. Carson	Transferred	10	1	-	-	-	3					
R. Ireland		7	1	-	1	-	3					
J. Harris	Retired	1	-	-	-	-	-					
P. Crumlin		2	-	-	-	-	-					
C. Abotomey		2	-	-	-	-	-					
L. Bright		6	-	-	-	-	-					
D. Ross		2	-	-	-	-	-					
D. Jackson		4	-	-	-	-	-					



GAMES:

<u>Wests-Toowong</u>		<u>Souths</u>		<u>Teachers</u>	
Won	25 - 15	Drew	6 - 6	Lost	21 - 24
"	14 - 3	Lost	3 - 32	"	19 - 22
"	18 - 3	Won	8 - 6	Won	33 - 16
	<u>57 - 21</u>	Won	<u>9 - 6</u>		<u>73 - 62</u>
			<u>26 - 50</u>		
<u>Brothers</u>		<u>University</u>		<u>East's</u>	
Won	11 - 3	Lost	9 - 12	Won	25 - 3
"	21 - 8	Won	8 - 6	"	20 - 3
"	26 - 6	Lost	18 - 25	"	15 - 11
	<u>58 - 17</u>	Won	<u>19 - 11</u>		<u>60 - 17</u>
			<u>54 - 54</u>		

POINTS OF INTEREST:

We won the semi-final against Souths with three penalties.

We won the grand final against University with five tries and two conversions.

From a total of 68 tries scored only 20 were converted.

The team scored 328 points and had 221 scored against them.

35 players played "A" grade.

"A" GRADE

When training opened at the start of the 1961 season it did appear as though the senior side would be the youngest and most inexperienced fielded by the Club. Early trial games were played against Easts who, out to justify their reinstatement to "A" Grade football, convincingly defeated us, as did also the powerful 'Varsity XV.

Our boys gave notice of things to come when our No. 1 seven-a-side team easily won the Gloucester Shield with poise and confidence.

Our main object from the beginning was to aim at winning the Grand Final and consequently we determined to use the early stages as one for team building. I must stress here that the team work cannot be stressed too highly as without it no side, however many class players it has, will beat one which is essentially a team from full back to front row.

We had a mixture of success in these early rounds and provided some wonderful games for followers of the code against Teachers.

Injuries once again took their toll, and we lost such class players as Don Rylance, Mort Howes, John Hartigan and Mick Cullinan. Transfers also affected our Maori friend Joe Hikaka, Jim Carson, Ken Waller and Steven Clark. I must also mention John Harris, who retired early in the season, for he was a good experienced forward and a great Club man who I personally, as coach, was sorry to see stop playing. However, these setbacks, while weakening us considerably at the team, spurred the boys into greater efforts and gradually we overcame our many problems.

The team trained admirably all season and were unflinching in their efforts to pull off the Grand Final for the Club. The many extra training nights which were always so well attended certainly paid dividends, and if one may reflect here for a moment you might recall in my report of the 1959 Season I stated that there is no easy way to success.

It was pleasing to see the young players of that particular season settling down to the task in hand and working on their weaknesses themselves - some have risen to Interstate level and have good chances of going further.

I must congratulate Owen Edwards on his great rise to International honours. He is one who so aptly typifies the hard work story.

Garth Hughes, Paul Perrin, Terry Carew and David Clark brought further honour to themselves and the Club by gaining their State caps.

Ross Dell was of great assistance to me early in the season until pressure of work curtailed his training appearances.

The selectors, Dick Roberts and Ian Nicol, who gave us so much of their precious time, must also be mentioned and this from the team and myself.

To the team, and by that I include the reserves who were a most important cog in the wheel, I congratulate them for a wonderfully successful season. I have never had the pleasure of mixing with a happier or finer bunch of young men who gave of their most and in the end were justly rewarded.

I know it is easy to say that we were a happy team but I am sure that these boys would have taken defeat just as graciously as they did their fine win at Normanby.

To you all, I say thank you for a most memorable and happy season. Before concluding I must venture a word of warning - once you reach the top everyone will try to topple you. So for the coming season in 1962, let us not rest on our past performances to carry us through, but instead redouble our efforts to maintain our position at the head of the competition table.

#### TEAM COMMENTS:

- D. Clark:** Is developing into a really good player but must learn to use his right foot just as effectively as his left. Defence has improved considerably but must pay more attention to positional play. His game for the State against France was a great debut.
- H. Blue:** A solid winger who improved with every game. Good in defence and scored some determined tries, particularly his memorable 65 yarder in the Grand Final.
- J. Hartigan:** A heady player who has the right attitude to the game. Not as fast as he was but what he lacks in pace is made up for in determination.
- D. Boyd:** A beautiful mover who is now maturing and should go from strength to strength. Passing is a weakness but his catching of a ball is delightful. Tackling improved considerably.



- W. Corbett: A centre who is grand in defence. His tackling in the Grand Final of his opposing number was just devastating. Handling and passing need improvement and if he can develop a little more pace off the mark will be a really top player.
- B. Egan: Great little player who is capable of playing anywhere in the three quarter line. Has natural ability who can turn defence into attack in a twinkling. Cover defence excellent.
- O. Edwards: Has a wonderful long pass. When he can become more accurate will be a top half back. Has brains and is lion-hearted in defence and above all is a great team man.
- R.J. Duff: A young man who is most willing to learn. A beautiful tackler, handles well, extremely fast and is most aggressive. Should go on to greater things, if he keeps up the same rate of development.
- T. Carew: This player is now maturing into a top class footballer. Has everything to reach the top and is a good team man.
- J. McAuley: A lock forward whose covering at times is simply brilliant. Has the ability to become a top class player.
- P. Perrin: A young forward who has developed sensationally this year. Has strength, weight and pace and above all thrives on the hard going in the forward play. Must certainly play for Australia if he keeps up his form.
- G. Hughes: Captain of the side who led by example. Got the best out of his team but must become more tactically minded if to be a good leader. His play always was consistent and he set a high standard for his fellows.
- K. McAdam: Light but fast and became a good rucker. Gave some very good energetic displays.

- J. Brew: A tireless worker in the rucks who never stopped trying. A great team man who has developed into a good forward.
- W. Gunn: A young hooker with ability. Must improve his hands in open play and when he does will be a class forward.

R.I. TEMPLETON

Coach

### RESERVE GRADE

Many new faces were to be seen in our Club this year and it appeared that the "Reserve" Grade would be able to field a team capable of reaching the finals.

The trials showed that the resultant team would have a good solid pack and a young speedy back line. However as the season progressed the team showed that they lacked in condition and team spirit. The latter could possibly be attributed to injuries sustained by the "A" Grade, causing the breaking up of good combinations. This factor has always been of some worry to the "Reserve" Grade team.

At times, when at full strength the team showed good potential, but the failure to "finish on" caused many defeats. During the season we were unfortunate to lose the coaching of Bob McEwan and also at this stage many players seemed to drift away, leaving the team very much depleted.

However from this point on we could say the team reached its peak, winning four of the last six games, for which, thanks must go to the return of the old stalwarts of past seasons. A highlight of these latter games was Adrian Papi's glorious field-goal from the half way.

Players whose form deserve mention are C. Abotomey, L. Bright, G. Ball and B. Garnsey who played and trained consistently throughout the season and were the heart of the forward pack. In the backs J. Adam, F. East and T. Levander

showed promise while C. Bird played some good games in both the forwards and backs. These younger players should no doubt develop in the coming season.

We hope to see, this year, many new faces in addition to the old ones at regular training this year. Remember, it is only through attending practice regularly that you get fit and it is only a fit team that wins games.

We would like to congratulate Bob Templeton and his fine team for their very fine effort in winning the Premiership so brilliantly. We sincerely hope they repeat the performance this year.

We would also like to congratulate Graham Ball on his fine effort in winning the trophy for the most improved "Reserve" Grade player.

J.A. HARTIGAN	) <u>Coaches</u>
D.A. NUTTER	

TROPHIES: The following trophies were presented at the Annual Dinner held on the Friday 22nd September at the Maple Lounge.

Patron's Trophy:	Best & Fairest Player	
	1961	
President's Trophies:	Best "A" Grade Back	G. Hughes ABC
	" " " Forward	D.J. Clark BGS
Bill Brown's Sports	Most improved "A"	T. Carew "
Store Trophy:	Grade Forward	P.D. Perrin TSS
Chas. Whatmore's		
Sports Store	Most improved "A"	
Trophy:	Grade Back	O. Edwards CEGS
H. Edwards Trophy:	Best Club Colt	R.J. Duff CEGS
Roberts Bros. "	Best Club Man	G.D. Ryland TSS
Hardy Bros. "	Highest Points Scorer	D.J. Clark BGS
Club Captains "		G. Hughes ABC
H. Bere Trophy:	Best Reserve Grade Back	F.H. East CEGS
R. Ford-Johnson "	" " " Forward	R.T. Ireland TSS
H. Edwards Trophy:	Most Improved Reserve	
	Grade Player	G.R. Ball. SJA

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H. Bere Trophy:	Best Back	D. Melrose	865
G.D. Rylance Trophy:	Best Forward	D. Carseldine	880
D.D. Rylance Trophy:	Most Improved Back	M. Robinson	2865
D. Nutter Trophy:	" " Forward	R. Bailey	
A. Boyd Trophy:	Best Club Man	P. McCarthy	Don

HONOUR CAPS: Honour Caps this year were awarded to:-

Mr. W.H. Boyd	for Service to the Club
Owen Edwards	for International Representation.

ATTENDANCE AT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS (25):

President	W.H. Boyd	20	Meetings
Hon. Secretary	G.D. Rylance	23	"
Ass. Hon. Secretary	D. Nutter	23	"
Hon. Treasurer	J.A. Hartigan	14	"
Hon. Registrar	H. Bere	21	"
Members	A. Boyd	19	"
	F. Carew	18	"
	L.J. Charters	11	"
	C. Jones	3	"
	R.I. Templeton	11	out of poss. 25
	D.D. Rylance	9	" " " 12
	J.H. Frew	2	" " " 13

THANKS AND APPRECIATION: On behalf of the Club the Executive wishes to extend a sincere vote of thanks to the following:

For the donation of trophies - Messrs. A.C. Dibdin, W.H. Boyd, G.D. Rylance, H. Bere, D. Nutter, A. Boyd, D.D. Rylance, H.F. Edwards, R. Ford-Johnson, Bill Brown's Sports Store, Chas. Whatmores Sports Store, Hardy Bros. Ltd., Roberts Brothers, I. Colquhoun.

To Mr. W.H. Boyd for the use of his office for Executive Meetings.

To Mr. H.F. Edwards for the loan of his grounds to hold two very enjoyable social functions.

To Mr. L.T. Saunders for his auditing of our books.

To Members of the Q.R.U. Executive for their willing work towards the betterment of Rugby.

To the Referees for the grand way they controlled the games.

To the Press, Radio and T.V.

To Danny Nutter and John Hartigan for their untiring efforts towards the Club and home ground.

To the typing staff of Cannan & Peterson and Rylance Colleries & Brickworks Pty. Ltd. for their assistance with typing during the year.

To our many generous supporters for their substantial donations during the year.

#### SPECIAL APPRECIATION:

To Mr. Brian Loel, of Lowes Dry Cleaners, the executive and members extend their sincere gratitude for the sustained support he has given the Club over the past years. It is partly due to the generosity of supporters, such as Mr. Loel, that we have been able to meet our obligations.

To Mr. H. Bere for his efforts as Honorary Registrar and other services willingly given to the Club and to the game of Rugby.

CONGRATULATIONS: Our heartiest congratulations to our own Owen Edwards and Harry Roberts of Brothers Club for their selection in the 1961 Wallabies and to David Clark, Garth Hughes, Paul Perrin and Terry Carew who won State representation.

CONCLUSION: We wish to record our thanks to the members of the Executive, Coaches, Selectors and all Club members for their loyal support and co-operation during the season, also to wish the incoming executive and office bearers success in the 1962 Season.

President: W.H. BOYD

Hon. Secretary: G.D. RYLANCE

Hon. Treasurer: J.A. HARTIGAN



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PRESIDENT:

Mr. L.J. Charters

HON. SECRETARY:

Mr. A.F. Mc.Boyd

HON. TREASURER:

Mr. W. Lisle

COMMITTEE:

Mr. A. Falk; Mr. H. McMaster; Mr. D. Whittle.

1961 saw the advent of Junior Rugby in Queensland and what a tremendous boost it has given to the Code. High praise indeed is due to those far sighted officials who set about their arduous task and saw it culminate with our Queensland Junior team defeating New South Wales comfortably on two occasions. We are indebted to these rugby stalwarts.

Our club finished the Season with 26 members and newsletters have been forwarded to approximately 40 new members during the off season. We are confident of fielding an under 21 team and two under 19 teams in 1962 and consequently assure the future strength of senior teams.

Our early successes were few due mainly to our late start and lack of trials but despite our many set backs we finished the season as Second Division Premiers by defeating Cavendish Road by 16 points to 6. This effort was brought about by teamwork - something which I feel is not stressed enough amongst young players. For that reason I do not intend to single out any players for any special recognition but I do congratulate each and every member of our Club on their performances during the season. Our policy was to give every member equal participation in matches and this policy will be continued next season. This assures us of strong teams each week as replacements are always on hand when the inevitable injuries occur.

I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Bill Lisle and Mr. Arthur Falk for their help and assistance and the able guidance and support of our President Mr. Leon Charters. These gentlemen have devoted their time and energy unsparingly and I, as well as all team members, do appreciate the work they have done.

May we continue to build in strength.

I look forward with keen anticipation to the forthcoming season.

A. BOYD

Coach.