

No Annual report was produced in 1980,

however playing statistics were included in the
1981 Report

and a number of original submissions exist which
will provide researchers with information about
the 1980 year.

These follow

This report would not be complete without the recording of the outstanding contribution made towards the running of the social aspect of the Club by a number of ladies. Mrs Elly Roberts, Mrs Ann Nerichow and child, and Ann's mother Mrs. Joan Ost were again to the fore. The assistance given by many other ladies, to numerous to mention, is very much appreciated.

THANKS

The Club expresses its appreciation to the following people and groups for their greatly valued assistance during the year:

Our Patron, Mr. David Lacy-Jones, for his advice and support.

The Coaches and Selectors - Tony Roberts, Tony Creagh, Doug Stevenson, John Garde, David Withers, ~~Ron~~ Whittle, Richard Ryne, ~~David~~ Graham and Ross ~~Dumas~~. ^{DOUG} ^{IAN} ^{LEO}

Ron Park for being just Ron and helpful in so many ways. The place would not be same without him.

Roy Nerichow, the Club Captain.

The Team Captains, and the Team Managers.

Robin Thomson and Ian Fraser, in their very competent repective capacities as Honorary Club Solicitor and Honorary Club Auditor.

Drs. Cam Osborne, Keith Woodhead and Julieen Vallery as Honorary Doctors.

John Madden for the Annual Report.

The donors of the trophies and funds for our Annual Presentation and Celebrations.

The members and supporters who so generously held functions at their homes.

Les Dodwell for his work in support of the juniors, and his excellent running of the Club raffle.

Jim Toohey and Doug Forbes for their valued practical work in the fields of electricity and general maintenance.

The Club Registrar, David Park, for his painstaking accuracy in recording and compiling the Club's seasonal records

Athol Flynn and Mark Williams for transportation problems solved.

Max Roberts, Allan, Kim and Brian Weller and Stewarts Hamilton Hotel, for the use of their well-known hotels in our fund raising activities.

The G.P.S. Luncheon Club.

Brian Loel for his fine generosity in regard to laundering the Club's jerseys and his general all round help.

Robin Thompson for the great volume and variety of work for the Club.

Castlemaine Perkins for their support for the King of the Mountain.

George Doniger for his efforts to gain publicity for the King of the Mountain.

Tony Roberts for organising the King of the Mountain.

Bunny Burrows for looking after the juniors and being a State Under 18 Selector.

Dick Farquhar for being such a great Treasurer.

To the Management of Ashgrove Bowls Club for their good neighbours attitude and generosity.

Our local alderman John Andrews for all his assistance, help and advice during the season.

Dennis Boucher for being such a competent Secretary.

The B.C.C. groundsman at Ashgrove.

"Four Car Frank" Parkes for being such a great supporter.

RUGBY ADMINISTRATION

The Club again recognises the strong part played by our Members in the administration of Rugby of Australia:

J. R. Gibson O.B.E.	President of the Queensland Rugby Union Member of the Management Committee Aust. Rugby Football Union.
W. Bligh, D. Boucher, D. Squires	Club Delegates to Q.R.U. Council
D. Lacy-Jones	Patron, Queensland Juniors Rugby Union.
L. H. Dodwell	Patron, Ascot/Clayfield Junior Rugby Union Vice-President, Qld. Junior Rugby Union
David Clark	State Director of Coaching.
Mark Williams	Chairman of Ballymore Development Committee.
Noel Burrows	Club Delegate to Q.J.R.U. Council and State Under 18 selector.
D Boucher	Club Delegate to Grades Committee

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Presuming it was our 50th year of being called G.P.S. we conducted a number of functions during the season. All were well attended. However, it has now been proven beyond any shadow of doubt, that 1983 is our 50th year. We will have to go again in that year with more functions.

Peter Phillips is to be congratulated on running a number of excellent functions, which included the Ball at the Courtyard Restaurant.

To the committee who assisted in staging the "Black Tie" dinner at Ballymore, we offer our sincere thanks.

DUGULD CLARK

To help Dugald finance his trip, a "Tribute to Dugald Clark" night was held in the Club House. It was very well attended by many members, including alot of old faces that we have not seen for quite a while.

Dugalds fine club record was explained to all, and an excellent night was had by all *who attended*.

Dugald was very appreciative of the gesture made by all members.

It has been reported that Dugald had a fine trip, both playing wise and otherwise.

GENERAL

The Club had a good year both socially and on the field. This can be contributed to many people who worked very hard to continue the excellence of the Club.

We were very happy to continue our excellent association with both Ascot/Clayfield and Ashgrove Junior Rugby Union Clubs. It is vital to the continuing prosperity and playing strength of our Club that we continue to foster these teams.

An application is with the Brisbane City Council to partly fence the grounds enabling us to charge admission to home games. This will assist with the parking problems and of course, help us financially. The Ashgrove ground members list is increasing but it is hoped that with the fence, eventually this number will further increase.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everybody who gave us any assistance during the season, and I look forward to an even better year in 1981.

R. W. BLIGH
PRESIDENT

TREASURERS REPORT

R.B. FARQUHAR

AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF :

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

I have examined the Balance Sheet of G.P.S. Old Boys' Rugby Union Club as at 31st October 1980 and the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended.

I draw attention to Note 2 to the accounts.

Subject to the above, in my opinion, the Balance Sheet as at 31st October 1980 and the Income and Expenditure Statement related thereto give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the club as at 31st October 1980 and of the results of its operations for the year then ended.

BRISBANE

11th November, 1980

I.H. FRASER

Honorary Auditor

I present for your consideration and adoption the clubs audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended October 31, 1980.

The report shows a loss for the year amounting to \$3234 compared to a surplus of \$2483 in 1979.

Total Income dropped from \$20244 in 1979 to \$11044 this year. This disappointing result is brought about by a severe reduction in income from the club's regular fundraising activities, primarily due to lack of support for the few members prepared to give their time to these activities.

In particular, I make the following comments:

- a) Bar
Fewer home games were held during the year and it can therefore, be expected that turnover would be reduced. However, this does not explain the reduction in profit to \$1250 on 11% of turnover. It will be necessary for the incoming committee to introduce much tighter controls if the bar is to continue as an important revenue earner for the club.
 - b) Hotel Raffles
Revenue from raffles at the Embassy, National and Hamilton was down at all hotels.
 - c) Functions
The Black tie dinner contributed \$2100 of this \$2397 and our thanks go to the organizing committee for their fine efforts.
 - d) Clothing and Equipment
This loss arose from giving away T-shirts to school boys and providing free socks and shorts to junior players. I feel that more discretion should be used before clothing is given away in future years.
 - e) Subscriptions
Senior Subscriptions were increased from \$16 to \$20 and Juniors from \$8 to \$10 for the 1980 season. Senior membership increased from 66 in 1979 to 84 this year. Four Ashgrove Ground Memberships were also sold.
 - f) Other Income
Significant features here are a drop in income from doubles from \$3347 in 1979 to \$2191 this year, again through lack of support. Included under raffles in \$1819 from the car raffle and our thanks go to Les Dodwell for his efforts in organizing this.
- The Clubs contribution to the running of the club-house by Valleys/GPS joint committee amounted to \$2710 and details of the committee's results for the year are set out in the Balance Sheet and Income Statement attached to this report. Our commitments to the Valley District Cricket Club have been met during the year.

The GPS Junior's results which are consolidated in the club report, showed a surplus of \$18 for the year as shown in the attached Income Statement.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the few members who contributed to fundraising activities during the year and urge all members to offer their support in this area in order that the club may meet its running expenses and commitment to Valleys in 1981.

VALLEY DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB
G.P.S. OLD BOYS RUGBY UNION CLUB
BALANCE SHEET - OCTOBER 31, 1980

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NOTE 1. Leasehold Building and improvements are being depreciated over their estimated useful life. While the present lease over the property expires in 12 years, it is expected that under conditions presently prevailing the lease will be renewed.

MEMBERS FUNDS		INCOME	
	\$		\$
1579		Catering	
300	300	Gross Proceeds	11769
300	300	Less Cost of Sales	10519
3730	3730		1250
26857	26857	Hotel Raffles	6890
		Less Expenses	4511
3451	3451		2379
		Functions - Net	2547
			(1913)
44827	44827	Clothing & Equipment	
2215	2215	Sales	549
600	600	Less Cost of Sales	2462
5812	5812	Subscriptions	
		Senior	1680
		Junior	40
		Ashgrove Ground	600
			2320
6291	6291	Other Income	
2720	2720	Donations	(90)
1323	1323	Doublets	2191
1608	1608	Interest	386
		Ground Rent	-
		Raffles	1955
		Sundry Income	19
			4461
		TOTAL INCOME	11044
		EXPENSES	
		Ashgrove Joint Committee	2710
		Cleaning	419
		Interest	3333
		Electricity	888
		Football Expenses	1242
		Jerseys	556
		Jersey Repairs	160
		Postage Printing & Stationery	195
		Queensland Rugby Union	1060
		Affiliation Fees	975
		Match Fees & Fines	20
		Donations & Honorarium	951
		Trophies (net of donations)	990
		Tour expenses	-
		Juniors Function	548
		Repairs and Maintenance	-
		Disco Music	155
		Players Insurance	76
		Wreaths & Flowers	14278
		TOTAL EXPENSES	(3234)
		SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	7810
		Extraordinary Items	-
		Department of Sport subsidy	-
		QRU-Share of Profits Grand Final	-
		ACCUMULATED FUNDS NOVEMBER 1, 1979	
			(3234)
			30139
			26905
			(18)
			52687
		TRANSFER (TO) FROM TOUR FUND	
		ACCUMULATED FUNDS OCTOBER 31, 1980	

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and are not adjusted to take account of the current costs of specific assets and the effect of those costs on the income and expenditure for the year.

2. It is impracticable for the club to establish full commercial controls over most types of income prior to the initial entries in accounting records. The controls and checks established by the committee ensure that all material items of income are brought to account.

G.P.S. OLD BOYS RUGBY UNION CLUB - JUNIORS

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED

OCTOBER 31, 1980

Income

Meat trays - Gross	3645	
- Cost	<u>2274</u>	1371
Doubles		467
Interest received		<u>273</u>
		<u>2111</u>

Expenditure

Players medical expenses	101	
Functions	470	
Inverell	200	
Coaches expenses	120	
QJRU registration fees	260	
Donation - QJRU Quest	20	
Shorts and socks	<u>922</u>	
		<u>2093</u>
Surplus for the year		18
Balance November 1, 1979		<u>3712</u>
Balance October 31, 1980		<u>\$3730</u>

FIRST GRADE NOTES

In 1980 we lost both the first and the last game after the bell. If improving our defence after the bell is the only thing we have to worry about in 1981, then the premiership should be a push-over.

In fact in 1980 we lost two of our first three competition games, then won eleven out of the next twelve and lost the final game to Souths.

The main things that pleased me as coach were:-

1. The new style of play adopted by the team. We went closer than ever before in my memory to playing eighty minute football, keeping continual pressure on the opposition and yet still retained the good features of our old game, namely the well executed set piece moves and being able to run the ball from second phase when the opportunity presented itself.
2. The fact that we achieved a high level of fitness in the team which allowed us to present the impressive statistics that only 24 players played A grade in 1980. There is no doubt that the weight machine brought at the instigation of Bruce Hatcher and Peter Phillips contributed significantly to that. (It is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from 6.00 to 7.30 p.m. for any people wishing to use it.)
3. That the players enjoyed the Season and hopefully got something out of it.
4. We had a significant number of supporters attending most games which was heartening to the players and certainly of some inspiration to them.

5. ~~And finally,~~ That we knew we had a cheeky talented bunch of under 19's, not only threatening what they were going to do next year but having the ability to back up what they said with top class performances week in week out.
6. That the club is now established at Ashgrove. Pundits said that it would take at least three years to re-establish ourselves after leaving Finsbury at the conclusion of the 1976 season. History has proven them to be correct.

The season was one that was in my opinion so successful that it would be wrong to single out any players for special comments and more correct to make a special mention of every player:-

1. Ken Bolton. Loose head prop is perhaps the most difficult position on the field. Ken couldn't have a better teacher in Chris Carberry and apart from one major lapse of a dancing injury the night before a game he did not put a foot wrong through the season. In my opinion, his final game against University was his best and I'm hopeful that he'll start from there next year.
2. Chris Carberry. Chris had a very heavy role to play in doing a lot of the work with the forwards, getting the scrum working as well as it did and I know the forwards are grateful for his contribution. He worked hard in pre-season to overcome his neck injury and to get back to a good state of fitness which he did. It was a shame that he had the leg injury just before we played Wests the second time. He got over that to play against Easts on the Saturday when he was selected as

a reserve for the All Blacks only to have his knee very badly injured in that game. He had diagnosed torn medial and cruciate ligaments and for most people that's out for the season, if not for good, but not for Chris he applied himself even harder than he had before to get himself fit and did so. Chris' leadership was missed when out through injury and hopefully 1981 will be an injury free season for him.

3. Roy Nerichow. It was my intention not to pick Roy this season with a view to having a new look pack and get rid of a few of the 'oldies' who had been playing the previous years mainly to give us a starting point as a build-up for a team that could in due course take the premiership. Roy got a break in the last trial game and played a 'Blinder' and continued to maintain that standard for the rest of the season. I congratulate him because he was under pressure and in my opinion, had his best season ever.
4. Graham Brand. To have "Buzzard" in the team is an inspiration in itself as we saw in those twenty minutes against Brothers in the first semi-final. He's a great footballer, it was tremendous to see him play the All Blacks, I only hope his shoulder and hands allow him to have one more season as 1981 will perhaps be my last, it would make a big difference if Buzzard was there too.
5. Steve Smith. Steve was the most improved First Grader and received the Trophy for that and for being the best Colt and a lot of compliments from me through the season. I do think he is one of the next G.P.S. players to play for Australia, he is dedicated enough and will train hard but he has still got a lot to learn and I

know he appreciates that.

6. Blair Schooley. Blair was probably one of the most conscientious off-season trainers and his dedication in that regard was rewarded in that he had a relatively injury free season, one of the number of players who played every game which is no mean feat for a 20 year old in A Grade.
7. Blair Barnhill. Switched from centre to back-row by Bruce Hatcher in 1979, and in 1980 we saw the wisdom of Bruce's judgement. It was unfortunate that Blair got a shoulder injury in the first competition game and he missed four or five games then, and obviously the shoulder concerned him for a little while after that also. He has fantastic potential, he is the sort of forward that really makes a difference to the pack. I'm sure he's more confident in the back-row now and I think 1981 will really see him perfor.
8. Peter Roberts. "Robbo" got the best forward award and I don't think there would be anybody in the team or anybody who saw any or all G.P.S.'s games would deny that. He played the last four or five games with a broken nose and he said that it only worried him for the first five minutes until he broke it again and then he would settle down, and then to cap things off, he broke a bone in his hand in the Souths game.
9. Mick Arnold. The great thing about Mick was you could give him any job you liked, whether it was a front rows job or a fullbacks job or a wingers job and he does it, and does it well. The wrong thing to do in cricket is compare any batsmen with Don Bradman, but with Mick Arnold I think we have another Peter McBaron on our

hands. He's had his two seasons A Grade, he's settled down and I think 1981 will be a big year for him.

10. Dugald Clark. It's all been said about Dugald, after winning the Rothman's Medal in 1979, you'd wonder what he could do to top that in 1980 and he's done it. It would be very fitting that if 1981 was his last year, that he could really turn it on and sneak into that Australian team for their overseas tour.
11. Peter Garbett. "Garbo" unbeknown to most of you is the second strongest person in his division in the weight training, that's Division 8 (Garbo and Dugald). He has won the highest try scorer for the Club award with the highest number of tries in a season - 34 and he has also won the same award with the lowest number of tries - 11 (this year). His two against Souths at Yeronga won't be forgotten for sometime.
12. Trevor Jesser. In my opinion, at the end of the season Trevor Jesser was one of the best three-quarters playing in the competition. He did absolutely everything that you asked of him, he was the key point in many of our moves, he was the strong point of our three-quarter defence, one of the fittest most reliable members in the team and certainly one of the aspects of the season that gave me great pleasure was having fellows of the calibre of T.J. in the side.
13. Bill Fletcher. Nobody knows much about this fellow, there's some suggestion that he comes from Burleigh. 1980 was his first outing in A Grade, shows promise in attack and defence from a good stable and should improve. If any of you are wondering why he and Steve Smith were five minutes late getting on the field when we played

Easts at Bottomley, they were waiting to listen to the Doomben Ten Thousand. A good bet for 1981.

14. Max Williams. Max had the dubious distinction of playing twice as many A Grade games as attending A Grade training sessions. Max is a tremendously talented footballer, really started to fit in with the side towards the end of the season, he needs to have a solid season of training and games to get his confidence and once he does that there will be no stopping him.
15. Andrew Austin. The unfortunate thing about Andrew Austin is that he elected to play his A Grade football at the same time as Roger Gould, I honestly believe that there is not a great deal of difference in the talents of the two footballers and you often have one player getting the breaks and the other not. He is too good a player not to play at least for Queensland, and I trust that this will be the case sometime in 1981.

In addition to the players mentioned, there are some other players who require comment:-

1. Cam Tait. Filled in for Chris Carberry for approximately half the season. He did a great job in fact we only lost one of the seven games he played.
2. Peter Baldwin. Peter was selected as tight-head prop for the first game against Wests and at a training run on the Friday night badly injured his shoulder. He elected to play and played heroically but suffered the consequences and could not play again for six weeks.
3. David Blackford. David Blackford seems to end up in any team I'm associated with and that's the thing I'm grateful

for. For two reasons:-

- (1) He is the most talented utility back G.P.S. has produced for years, and:
 - (2) Julie, his wife, makes great Pavlovas and has finally got the message that the Coach likes them.
4. Mick Day. Mick was badly injured half way through the season which was a great loss to the side and the club. He featured on the wing in two of our memorable victories, the first one against Uni at University and the great one against Souths.
5. Brad Fox. I haven't seen Tony Creagh's report at the time of writing this, but I've got a feeling that he might have something to say about Brad's ability. I think Brad Fox is one of the most natural looking backrow forwards I've seen around for years.
6. The Farquhar Brothers. Ross overcame his shoulder injury from 1979 halfway through the season and ended up getting into A Grade and no doubt using the off season to advantage, coming down fit and confident, we'll see a new Ross Farquhar next year. His brother, Ian, had a fleeting visit from Sydney and managed to play third, second and first grade. He's a talented prop, he's only 20 and will be back here for the 1982 season.
7. Robin Thompson. After 292 games straight for the club more than half of them in A Grade, a game of football for "Buff" on the weekend requires the same exertion as you or I walking out to get the paper in the morning. He certainly needs special motivation and for that reason, he was kept back for only special games throughout the season.

Buff was picked for the Uni game for a special purpose; we were not getting the second phase ball that we needed and the other side was getting too much of it and Buff was the answer to that and he did it most successfully. In fact, the try that Peter Garbett scored came directly from a ball that Buff secured in what may be described as dubious circumstances.

My notes would not be complete without thanking the President and the Committee for their support, for Bruce Hatcher's support throughout. Dr. Cam Osborn, Peter Phillips with the weights. Beef McAfee, the Team Manager and Lloyd Graham and Ross Duus, the selectors who stuck by the team and tolerated some fairly silly ideas throughout the season.

Tony Roberts

RESERVE GRADE REPORT

The season was a mixed one for the reserves. We had our good and bad moments, and the fifth position that we ended the season belied some of the talent which we had in the side.

Our victories included some of the top teams, Brothers and University as well as a great draw with Wests at Ballymore with a player short.

It was during these games that we started to develop some character as a side, but, unfortunately injuries took their toll and this combined with a lack of concentration saw us lose some key games.

I would pay special tribute to the three captains we had during the season, Buff Thomson gave us tremendous support during the year and his experience was a great help to some of the younger players. Mark Oberhardt was not only a good captain but a great back row who led by example and was certainly a winner. Brad Fox I feel is a great player and captain of big potential and I think we will see big things from him in the years to come.

Our forward pack was as good as any in the competition. We had forwards like the Farquars, Tait, Reynolds and McLean to name but a few and it would be great to see them down early and fit next season.

Ross Davies was our best back for the season. His form was more than consistent and was a key part of the attack. Likewise David Blackford (when he wasn't playing first grade) was a great organiser and key man.

One of the disappointments of the season was the lack of training attendance by certain players, which made it very difficult for their team mates. There is very little three backs out, seven can do at training. I appreciate we all have our jobs, university or whatever to do, however, in all sincerity the attitude wasn't there. If you read last year's reserve grade report, I think you will see somewhere in it where Lyn Jones quotes the great Vince Lombardi "Winning isn't everything - it's the only thing". Think about it in the off season and maybe we will see you all down here next year with the right attitude - It's not what the club can do for you, it's what you can do for the club.

Regards,

Tony Creagh.

THIRD GRADE NOTES

1980 was certainly a season of improvement for the Club generally and for Third Grade particularly. We could have (and probably should have) finished second on the ladder after the two competition rounds, but as it turned out we finished fourth and were knocked out early by the eventual premiers, University. However, success must be measured in more than competition results and it was in these other areas that the team had its greatest success.

For the first time in a few years, the Third Grade became a "team" and not just a group of fifteen (more or less, and often less) players. It is very difficult to explain the factors behind this phenomenon, but I feel that a lot had to do with the preparedness of many quality players to play Third Grade. People such as Steve Lonie, Ross Farquhar, Andrew MacLean, Michael Burrows, Peter Baldwin, Peter Evans, Allan Upson and Bruce Huxley (the best Third Grade half-back I have seen) provided a great lead for the rest of the team. These players together with special guests Ken Bolton and Ian Farquhar were then magnificently supported by the backbone of the team in players like Bill Brookes (the only player to play every game for the Thirds), Chris Purvis, Glen Parkes, Mark Vincent, Rob McAfee, Roar Lyne, Steve Allen, Mark Asprey and Ian Hillhouse.

We would also like to think that we made the find of the year in Scott Taylor, although John Garde and Peter Marshall may want to take some credit. Scott has the talent to go a long way and we all hope he continues on with it next season.

And to finish on a high point, it should be pointed out that the Thirds notched up the most points for the Third Grade competition by scoring 308 points. All of these factors point towards an even more successful 1981 season when we hope to win the premiership that many thought we were capable of this year.

I would like to say that we didn't lose our third successive Grand Final this year - we just ran out of time! I think Fourth Grade did very well to come from fifth position at the end of the season to reach ~~that~~^{the} Grand Final. In getting to ~~the~~ Grand Final we had two really memorable games - thrashing Brothers 23-6 and defeating Souths, minor premiers again, 7-6.

I wouldn't deny we had our fair share of luck. For example, during the first weekend of the finals, Third grades defeat by the eventual premiers University gave us a number of players eligible to play and increased the number of reserves we could call on.

However it takes more than just luck to get into a Grand Final. Why then were Fourth grade the only side to make it there? We certainly didn't have the name players of the past few years. Our track record through the year, as players came and went, testifies to that. Our ability as a team to accept the discipline of at least one nights training especially during the finals, was little short of pathetic, and if fact, probably cost us the Grand Final. Not once throughout 1980 did the team that ran ~~out~~^{over} the field at the weekend train together.

However on the credit side we were rich in team spirit. Many factors contributed to this. The winning tradition in 4th grade, (we have won 6 or the 12 Grand Finals since this grade was restarted in 1969), a hard core of players committed to the Club, a number of social function both after the game and at private homes helped foster this camaraderie. It's interesting to note that selling raffles at the National and Embassy during the finals helped us build this spirit enormously - by contributing to ~~the~~ club in this way the players unconsciously helped themselves.

While talking of team spirit it's important that some players be singled out. Warren Edwards, Greg Beaves, Clive Rascoe, and Paddy Mayes contributed more than most throughout the year. Unfortunately as the finals approach the coach and selectors are faced with more players than available positions. There are no apologies for the choices made, but it is to the credit of people such as these and others that they accepted those decisions and continued to train and contribute in every possible way.

Without Peter Marshall, as my manager I feel fourth grade wouldn't have been nearly as much fun and for that Peter, your team mates and I thank you! My personal thanks to Mick ~~Thais~~ for all his help in the finals, also David Clark and Bruce Hatcher.

To anybody who is thinking of playing next year, in any grade, - get fit early and make the next 50 years at Jeeps as good as the last 50 years.

A.
A.J. Garde.

G.P.S. UNDER 18 REPORT 1980

In years to come when people review the results of the 1980 G.P.S. under 18 A side they could not be blamed for thinking we had a bad year. The fact that we won 4 out of 14 games should not, and does not, reflect the true ability of many of the players nor the closeness of the more important matches. Luck always seems to play a big role in the game of Rugby and this year we seemed to have had more than our fair share of bad luck. We were at a disadvantage from the start of the season as, unlike so many sides such as Brothers, Easts, Souths and University who had complete backlines and forward packs from G.P.S. or T.A.S. Schools, we had a conglomerate of players from many and varied schools. We then had to knit a combination early in the season and only rarely through the season did we show our true ability. We, unfortunately, had a number of hard Pre-season games and I'm afraid we lapsed into a habit of losing. This, coupled with the fact that the Q.J.R.U. elected to postpone early season matches resulted in our playing one match in five weeks. It is interesting to note that in all bar two matches we played during the season we scored first and held the upper hand for most of the first half.

We saw, in 1980, the emergence of some particularly talented footballers whose future in the game will be limited only by their dedication. I am confident such players as Brett Spork, Bill Cuneo and David Hay will wear the morone jersey again. Other players who were very close to State selection were Myles Horn, Rowan Halfpenny, Bruce Battersby and Andrew Wilson. The Club can look forward with anticipation to having such players come through the ranks strengthening the senior grades in years to come as these fellows have real ability. Mention should also be made of the efforts and dedication of Scott McClennan, Brian Vandeleur, Dominick O'Sullivan, Paul Smeaton and others. All these players proved to be not only capable footballers but great Club men and will engender valuable Club spirit in the years to come.

1980 saw an excellent year for junior recruitment, though it was a result of some hard work by a few individuals. If we are to continue to foster juniors at this healthy rate we need to organise and use the contacts the Club has made over the years with the leading rugby schools. I believe we should co-ordinate an annual drive in conjunction with senior members and players of our Club to encourage current schoolboy players to join our Club. We can no longer rely on schools such as Brisbane Grammar School and Church of England Grammar School to feed us their more promising players. An effort needs to be made each and every year and sustained through the school boy rugby season. It should be remembered that our future senior club is only as strong as our juniors.

Without the support of Noel Burrows, the 1980 season would have been a disaster. His support and assistance with the under 18's was marvellous. Our Club owes "Bunny" Burrows many thanks for the tireless and often thankless work he has done behind the scenes encouraging, guiding and at times cajoling support for the junior Club and its players.

I am confident that many players who played in the Under 18 competition in 1980 will continue their football with G.P.S. With the juniors of such ability now moving through to the senior grades, coupled with the ability of current senior players, G.P.S. can look forward confidently to many more vintage years. *IAN WHITTLE COACH*