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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen, Fellow Members:

It is my pleasure to submit for your consideration the 1993 Annual Report of the GPS Old Boys' Rugby Union Club.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Sincere thanks to all those involved with the club who gave of their time, effort and support during the 1993 season. I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their various contributions during the year. The three other executive members of the committee, Senior Vice President Rod Torkington, Secretary Paul Reid and Treasurer Will Colwell, have given unstintingly and generously of their time. Without their efforts at administration, innovation and plain hard work many of the benefits now enjoyed by members would not exist. This year for the first time in the Club's history we have had three ladies on the Management Committee, namely Margaret Taylor, Maureen Flanagan and Ann Louise Jeffery. Their contribution, in addition to plenty of hard work, has been to provide a different view of many matters. For this every member of the Club should be thankful, particularly for the better quality food, the greater degree of Club cleanliness and a certain better standard of conduct. Thanks go also to their fellow committee members Wally Hammond, Tony Mollison and Aaron Heinrich.

Tony D'Arcy has completed his second year as Club Development Officer. In that position, assisted by Gavin Head and Barry Honan, he has taken A grade to the semi-finals, an immense improvement over two years ago when A grade did not win one competition game and even last year when we narrowly missed out on being wooden spooners. Directing A grade is, of course, not Tony's only task. As Development Officer he is in charge of the overall playing development of the Club from Colts through to Senior Grades. In this regard his efforts have been outstanding. Whilst we look at the investments, reportedly of a monetary nature, other clubs are making in players, our clearly monetary investment in Tony D'Arcy is, I would suggest, delivering to Jeeps Rugby Club a far more handsome dividend than these others could provide. I am pleased to be able to inform all members that Tony will be with us again in 1994 and personally I would hope for a number of years to come.

Thanks also to Mick Taylor who coached Fourths this year. Whilst they only recorded one win in their last game, against University, the team was at all times competitive but suffered greatly through predation by higher grades. Second Grade with Mick Arnold had a greatly improved year, thanks to greater depth of players and also the improving coaching technique of Mr Arnold, who we will be glad to see back next year. When not being Treasurer, Will Colwell coached Third Grade and in his debut year as coach of what is a very difficult grade, took them to the preliminary final. All three top grades seemed a little overawed by finals on Ballymore No. 1 and lost concentration for some 10-15 minutes. This crucial loss of focus quite possibly cost each of those teams a shot at the grand final. The Senior club's absence from finals for some years clearly cost us at this crucial time. Next year will be far more successful due in part to this continuing learning experience.

The Colts did not experience the same success this year as they did last. This is an area where development must be concentrated. No club can have successful senior grades without successful colts grades. The incoming and continuing coaches in colts grades must take on as part of their duties, recruitment and development through all our traditional areas and also open up new ones. It is pointless to recruit for colts grades at the end of the season. Recruitment must commence, at the latest, as soon as prospective school boy players return to school for their final year. It is also not sufficient to simply write a letter; personal contact and ongoing contact must be maintained.

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The Colts lack of success this year can, in part, be attributed to the committee's indecision in finalising the Colts I coaching position. In this regard our thanks to Richard Graham for starting the year and to Brad Butten for taking over when Richard resumed playing. Also thanks to Denis Griffith in Colts 2 and Ross Oakhill in Colts 3.

Whilst bearing in mind the efforts of coaches and teams we must remember much of this would not have been possible without the assistance of various managers, including Russell Geldard and Andrew Potts, and our fitness trainers, including Sean Quinn who continued his many years of involvement with the Club.

Our good friends from the Red Hill Physiotherapy Centre once again made a very valuable contribution to the Club through their treatment helping players to continue through the season. One thing players should realise is that if they do not extend normal courtesy to the physiotherapists and other helpers they cannot expect it in return. Appointments should be made to see the physio at the Club and the nominal payment should be made on the spot. Simply receiving a treatment from the physio is not going to work if the player does not follow through on all the exercise and instructions given by the physio. Dr Greg Smith has, in spite of the demands of his own practice, made an outstanding contribution towards ensuring the safety of players injured on game days.

Without people such as these we would not have been in the position we were to field successful teams.

All players should also be aware there is a compulsory Australian Rugby Football insurance levy placed on all clubs and charged in accordance with the number of teams fielded by the club. The insurance cover does not extend to minor "repairable" injuries and medical bills associated with these. Nor does it cover, in the case of minor injuries, any loss of income. At present the club cannot afford to further insure players against these eventualities. Therefore players are strongly urged to take out private medical benefits cover and also consider income protection insurance (in this regard please note one of our major sponsors is Future Guard - Owen Edwards).

ASHGROVE-GPS JUNIORS

1993 saw the continuation of our positive relationship with the Ashgrove-GPS club, lead by Eric Muir. The Juniors continued their excellent playing record. The Junior and Senior clubs together have now completed much of the lighting of the number 2 oval, thanks also to state and federal government support. Again in a joint effort, also assisted by Valleys District Cricket Club, the lights have been joined by a sprinkler system on the top oval. Had this not been installed this year it would have been impossible to maintain the playing surface. Those who have attended home games will also have noticed the paving outside the smaller clubhouse, with thanks to John Taylor and Naturform, and the plants and landscaping around the playground equipment, thanks to the generosity of Mick Frisby. With the support of local Alderman Brian Halinan, we also hope to see further children's play equipment installed in this area.

ROGER DENT

Roger, who is known to all who have ever bought a beer over the past few years at the Club, is going into semi- bar retirement. That seems to suggest we will see him on the outside rather than on the inside. The Club thanks Roger sincerely for his efforts over so many years and we are happy to know we will see him at the Club from time to time, particularly at home games.

OTHER FRIENDS OF JEEPS

Someone else who has been of great assistance to the Club over many years, Gerry Herbert, will also be taking it easier in the coming season. Gerry and Roger together with Frank "Jolly" Jensen have been fixtures behind the bar for many years. The Club will undoubtedly find the former two hard to replace but notes Jolly Jensen is far too young to retire at this stage.

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Frank once again successfully ran the King of the Mountain this year and if the Club perseveres with this event it can only become bigger and better, great fun and also a good fund raiser In this regard our thanks to the local athletics club, Ashgrove Rangers, for their assistance.

This year we had two selectors, George Bickerstaff and a relaxed Alan Taylor. There have been some suggestions that independent selectors are not required and perhaps the Coach and Captain or all the team coaches should between themselves make the selections. The committee does not agree with that position and whilst coaches will doubtless continue to have arguments with selectors it seems to the writer those arguments generally assist in focusing a coach's mind more clearly on his options and, in reality, it is seldom that coaches are rolled insofar as their selections are concerned. At any rate what coach wants to be in the position of saying to the dropped player. "Yes, I dropped you", when with two independent selectors he can have the luxury of saying, "it was a 2-1 decision and you know what I think of you"!

SPONSORSHIP

This year, thanks in large part to the efforts of Frank Jensen, we have been fortunate to have The Gap Tavern as a major sponsor and we anticipate this support will continue into 1994. Our thanks to The Gap Tavern for their support and we hope members reciprocate it.

David Phillips once again organised sponsors for the Best and Fairest Night and our thanks to David, to whom we also extend commiserations on a premature end to his playing career.

As mentioned Owen Edwards, through Future Guard, continued a major sponsorship, as did Naturform, CIG and the Mees from Brisbane Ice Sales. All of the advertisers in this report have also assisted in sponsorship and deserve our support in return.

VALLEYS DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

Numerous meetings have been held with VDCC during the season with a view to keeping in touch with day to day matters and advancing proposals for development of the existing facilities. People who have attended at the field recently will have noticed the dumping of soil at the north-western end. In due course this will be spread to enlarge the playing area at that end of the ground to eventually give us a third full sized field. To this end the Council has approved the relocation of certain small trees and an application has been made to the state government for funds for floodlighting and irrigation. The only obstacles we now face relate to funding.

The main field between the two cricket wickets has been fully irrigated -- again with the assistance of VDCC and the Junior Club. Part of that field was turfed this year and the area between the club and the field ploughed and aerated and top dressed. All these improvements will provide additional player comfort and facilties. It should be noted the Yoku Road field is a sportsground and designated as such. We feel that ourselves and Valleys, together with our respective Junior clubs, have contributed and will continue to do so significantly to the improvement, maintenance and development of these grounds leased from the Brisbane City Council.

It is worth noting that the Council, in laying the new bike track around the perimeter of the sports ground, fully consulted with both sports clubs and in fact realigned the bicycle track to that it would not impinge on development of the third field.

Rod Torkington has been instrumental in all of the above developments and maintaining harmonious relations between the clubs. Without his hard work I doubt that any of the projects would have got off the ground.

CLUB FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

In conjunction with VDCC we have contined our discussions with Club architect, John Dimitriou, and approved initial plans largely in line with those discussed at the beginning of last season. We have obtained cost estimates and our Treasurer has prepared overall income and expenditure projections for a two storey complex where the existing main Club House presently stands. Subject to finalisation of costing, which we believe will be in the region of \$800,000, the architect is to be given the final go-ahead to prepare plans. From there the matter will go to the relevant authorities, including the Brisbane City Council, for approval. More detailed explanations of this ambitious but achievable and necessary project will be given in further newsletters to members. Suffice to say when completed the project will be the best Rugby/Cricket/Allsports facility run by A Grade cricket or rugby clubs in Brisbane.

CLUB AUDITOR

John Amos has, for many years, been the Club Auditor and I would like to take this opportunity to thank John and his firm. Eric Butler and Co., for the many years of work they have put into the sometimes (but not presently) less than meticulous financial records of the club.

RUGBY FEST

The report would not be complete without mentioning our extremely successful Rugby Fest and thanking Geoff and Paula Wilkes and their team for their assistance. Brisbane Rugby clubs have often lamented the fact that their better players are taken for representative games and therefore their drawing power is severely limited. However with our Rugby Fest we showed that it is possible, given the right promotion, to get good crowds and excellent financial results from home games. We cannot let this initiative lapse and hopefully in 1994 we will see a number of other initiatives for home games designed to bring old supporters back and, equally importantly, to develop local support for our Club.

1994

As you can see from this report many projects have been completed or commenced and completed in 1993. Considerable expenditure has been incurred by the Club with these projects and ongoing running of the Club. Nevertheless, through the efforts of your committee and those who work for the Club the funds have been raised. 1994 will see a requirement to raise even more funds. To this end and for simple enjoyment I commend involvement in the Club to you. 1994 will be an even more successful year for the Club on the field. This success will not come without hard work and input and this by more than simply the elected committee and coaches. I urge you to make a commitment now to your football club for the 1994 season. I take this opportunity to wish you all well for the Christmas, New Year and every health and benefit for 1994.

Yours in Rugby

Robin Thomson President

EDITOR'S NOTE

Modesty forbade the President mentioning one milestone for 1993; his alleged retirement from playing after making his 643rd GPS grade appearance, in a 4th grade match against University. Coincidentally it was that grade's only victory in 1993 and was notable for the try- and match-saving tackle carried off by Robin in the dying minutes. At the annual dinner, old boys of the club presented Robin with a commemorative plaque, to be displayed at the club, and the club presented him with a framed GPS jersey to mark his achievement and years of service.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Two years ago I made the best decision of my life: to take on the role of Development Officer at the GPS club. In that time I have become firmly attached to the GPS family. My family come to watch the games and enjoy the outing and my eldest son in his first year of Rugby won a premiership with Ashgrove GPS. I have appreciated the warmth and support that has been extended to the D'Arcy family by the GPS community. I look forward to working with you to make GPS the Premier Brisbane club. To those who ask "what is GPS all about", I can reply that it is a "players' Rugby club" built on a tremendous spirit of camaraderie.

Evidence of the spirit which permeates Jeeps is:

* Firstly, the fact there are currently four players in the A grade pack and three in the backs who were part of the horror season of 1991. In lesser clubs these guys would not have stuck by their mates and accepted the challenge that lay ahead of them. They would have sought greener pastures.

* Secondly, by clubmen like Tim Conroy, who had to retire prematurely due to injury but was already considering a coaching position even before he was out of

hospital.

* Thirdly, by the way Wallabies Anthony Herbert and Ryan Constable interact with everyone in the club from Colts III, to fifth grade, to the Under 7s.

GPS is a family.

The role of Development Officer is continually changing as the club grows. By definition it involves duties that facilitate the growth of the club. My role involves the following prioritised categories:

1. Retention and Recruitment

2. Director of Coaching

3. Development of the Game in the District.

1. Retention and Recruitment.

After a competitive 1992 season it was pleasing to find that potential grade players were willing to talk to me about joining Jeeps and, what's more, having a number of good players just come off the street and sign up. Past recruiting was fairly widespread: now we need to be more selective, such as finding a seven foot, goalkicking, mobile second rower with ball skills!

In Colts, recruitment was hampered by the late nomination of a Colts I coach. This will not happen in 1994 because we have already appointed the coaching staff: Colts I - Jim Hanson and Des Swepson, Colts II - Denis Griffith and Tim Conroy, Colts III - Ross Oakhill. In the grades Mick Arnold and Will Colwell have agreed to nominate for 1994 and Barry Honan and I will seek the first grade position, if this is ratified by the incoming committee.

2. Director of Coaching

My major goal in 1992 was to re-establish pride in the GPS jersey. I believe this was achieved. At the beginning of the 1993 season (in October 1992!), we set the following performance goals:

a) grades -- 3 from 4 in semis b) colts -- 3 from 3 in semis

In grades first, second, third and fifth grades made the semis with Will Colwell's third grade playing off for a grand final berth. The colts had a disappointing season on paper but when the loss of the entire Colts I backline is considered, it was a fair performance. Colts II only just missed out on the semis by half a win and they in fact had won more games than fourth placed Wests.

Goals are often written and put away in a desk so that no-one can see them or judge you by them. I would like to go on record and publish our goals for 1994, to put pressure on ourselves:

6.

Club Championship - Go from 6th place to 4th Grades - form a competitive U21 team

- 5 from 6 teams in semis

- 2 from 6 teams in grand finals

Colts - form a competitive Colts IV team

- 3 from 4 teams in the semis

Congratulations go to our Jeeps Junior club for a very successful Jubilee (25th) year which saw them contest five grand finals and win three. I have personally appreciated the help and support of President Eric Muir's merry band of men and women.

3. Development of the Game in the District

I have conducted coaching sessions for The Gap High School, Ashgrove Marist Brothers, Brisbane Grammar School, Metropolitan West schoolboys and Queensland state secondary schoolboys. GPS hosted a 7-aside competition for 8 local high schools on Tuesday afternoons for 10 weeks. In June a skills day was conducted for our junior club and more are planned for 1994. During October and November, we ran a Walla Rugby competition on a Thursday afternoon for girls from six local high schools. Over the past two years most emphasis has been on recruitment and retention. I believe we are fast approaching the time when we will need to put more emphasis into the development of Rugby within our district.

1993 has been a great year for the Galloping Greens both on and off the field. Our

theme for 1994 says it all:

"WE'RE BACK AND WE'RE GOING TO GET BETTER"

In conclusion, I would ask you to consider the rewards that can be gained from taking risks.

"To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.

To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.

To reach out for another is to risk involvement.

To expose feeling is to risk exposing your true self.

To place your ideas, your dreams, before the crowd is to risk their loss.

To love is to risk not being loved in return.

To live is to risk dying.

To hope is to risk despair.

To try is to risk failure.

But the risk must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.

The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing, and is nothing.

S/he may avoid suffering and sorrow, but they simply cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love, live...

Chained by certitudes, they are slaves, they have forfeited freedom.

Only a person who risks - is free."

We had good reasons to "celebrate" the 1993 season at the annual dinner, however that has been and gone. Now we need to take more risks and step into the unknown in order to continue to grow, as the only limitations in life are the road blocks we place in our minds.

Tony D'Arcy

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A GRADE REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen of the GPS Rugby Club. Last year I concluded my A grade report by challenging the men of GPS to not be satisfied with the great turnaround witnessed in 1992, but to "do mighty things" and pursue excellence. This year the A grade side took up the challenge issued in last year's annual report and ran with it, ending up third on the premiership table. Unfortunately, after beating Sunnybank seven in a row they turned the tables in the first semi-final. Although disappointed at being dismissed prematurely, I am extremely proud at how the A grade has come from winning 6 games to 14 and in making their first semi-final appearance in six years. We beat every side in the competition and took pride in having played attacking Rugby and proving capable of scoring from any position on the field. Jeeps Rugby was both attractive to watch and enjoyable to play.

A comparison of points for and against and tries scored for the 1991, 1992 and

1993 seasons shows how far this side has come:

TRIES FOR	AGAINST	POINTS FOR	AGAINST	GAMES WON
1991 27	103	172	637	0
1992 23	65	237	491	6
1993 61	42	448	305	14

A number of people have suggested to me that I would have to have been happy with contesting the Crosby Cup, Horsley Cup and finishing third on the premiership table. The answer is a qualified yes. The qualification is that we can do better. If we are happy with third then our future is mediocre. The challenge we face is to produce not just a competitive forward pack but one which is ruthless in dominating the opposition and unleashing our exciting backline.

In preparation for the upcoming semi-finals, Mark Loane was invited to address the players one Thursday night after training late in July. Mark gave an emotive talk on desire and the pursuit of excellence. He concluded by pointing out how easy it was to play for Australia: "All you have to do is beat the seven other players in your position from the other first grade clubs and you will play for Queensland. The Australian team is made up of players from Queensland and NSW. Therefore, a

Queensland jersey is a licence to play for Australia."

As Mark spoke I looked around and identified eight players with the raw ingredients to join Anthony Herbert on the Honour Board. The only thing required is the determination to do it. One of the eight, Ryan Constable, has since become a Wallaby. Unfortunately, Mark Loane did not take the Bob Dwyer factor into account and Anthony Herbert was omitted from the touring party after being a Test reserve for the All Black and South African Tests and Daniel Herbert was left wondering what he has to do to make the next step.

I was extremely lucky to have had the support of a fantastic coaching staff in 1993. While I worked with the boys in "tu-tus" (backs), Gavin Head coached the forwards. Gavin put a tremendous amount of time and energy into coaching at GPS. It was nothing for us to spend an hour on the phone talking two or three times a week planning the demise of our opposition. Unfortunately, Gavin is only able to act as a consultant coach next year due to increased work pressures. I will miss Gavin's friendship and professionalism next year, but hopefully we may get him a little more involved than he currently anticipates.

As well as being a great second grade coach, Michael Arnold was also a fantastic assistant first grade coach. Given that throughout the season first and second grade operated as a squad, I could not have asked for any more support or commitment. I am pleased to announce that Mick will again coach second grade in 1994.

After coaching our Sevens team during the pre-season and getting a taste of the quality of back play that GPS could produce, Barry Honan made a valuable contribution as a consultant backs coach. Next year Barry is coming on board to coach the Sevens team again and take on the backs coaching full time. The players and I enjoyed and appreciated Barry's depth and breadth of back and general skill development that he was happy to share with us. This year we were also lucky to engage the expertise of a qualified trainer in Bill McKean who added a metre onto everyone's speed and enhanced their endurance capacity. Next year Bill has some special treats in store for the players. The A grade manager Russell Geldard was a very committed and dedicated Jeeps man. Last year I didn't really have a manager and this year Russ was a shining light that gave me more time to put into coaching. I know the players echo my sentiments about the very important role that Russell played.

My personal thanks go to:

Selectors Alan Taylor and George Bickerstaff who offered another perspective and continuously challenged Gavin and I to think and re-think selections; Dr Greg Smith who was always available and very accessible to the players over the past two seasons. The players have come to respect his professional medical judgment and appreciate his commitment to the club; Sean Quinn (strapper) who would spend from 10.00am to 5.30pm looking after the players: The Red Hill Physiotherapy Centre, led by Roger Fitzgerald and his merry men Dave MacDonald and Tim Brown; Maureen Flanagan, the Margarets Herbert and Taylor, and the ever helpful "Goldie" organised the after match home game suppers and were always avalable to look after any special catering needs; Frank, Gerry and Roger who opened the dressing room and club every training session: And to the GPS Committee....... thank you all

This year the A grade was captained by Damien Hearne who switched from back row to hooker. Damien, a Queensland B player, added a tremendous amount of experience to our very inexperienced young pack. His ability to settle his young charges down and make the right decisions was instrumental in securing a semi-final position. The vice captain of the side was Anthony Herbert - a seasoned centurion who does not know what it is to lie down. (Early) this year I was forced to work in the mystical world of backs because we could not engage a backs coach. I was very lucky to have the opportunity to work with such a talented backline and to enjoy the fantastic support and help that Herby extended to me. Anthony, as well as being an outstanding Rugby player, is a great ambassador for the club and his

contribution will be celebrated at a testimonial dinner early next year.

Congratulations go to:

* Roger Leeson, who won the A Grade best and fairest award and came third (17 points) in the Rothmans despite missing the first round, and who played against the Springboks for the Queensland country origin side. Roger lost a little momentum towards the end of the season, however I expect he will put a lot of pressure on the state selectors next season.

* Douglas MacGibbon our 6'5" second rower who played every A Grade game bar one this year and was awarded the "best forward". Dougy's confidence climbed throughout the season and he finished as a very talented specialist No 2 jumper who

was our trump card in the lineout.

* The best back was an extremely difficult decision to make with any one of five backs in the running. The eventual recipient was Ryan Constable, who also represented Australia at Sevens, played against South Africa in the Queensland Country Origin side and polled 14 votes (5th) in the Rothmans.

Ryan is one of the most exciting runners of the ball in Australia and is now paying extra attention to the defensive side of his game which he needs to make another of

* The "most improved" A grade player at the start of the season had three very good halfbacks breathing down his neck. However, Dougal Maynes took up the challenge and trained the house down to improve dramatically on his 1992 grade debut as well as play for Queensland U21. Unfortunately for Dougal and fortunately for the club he will have his shadows back to pressure him even further in 1994. Word is that Dougal can already hear the footsteps of younger brother Campbell, the Colts I halfback who will enter grades in 1995.

* Daniel Herbert made his Queensland debut in South Africa this year and beat New Zealand U21 in a Test.

* John Moss, Christian Knapp, Blake Gold and Richard Graham all played for Queensland U21s.

* Michael Flanagan elected to join grades this year. Michael broke his arm at the beginning of the second round in his first outing as A grade captain after being selected as the Queensland U19 captain and being by far our most consistent forward.

* Mark Jensen played over three consecutive seasons in A grade without missing a

game and notched up 100 A grade games for the club this season.

The GPS front row of Jason Reilly, Blake Gold, Damien Hearne/ Michael Ware/Christian Knapp in a couple of years could well be the best in the country. Unfortunately, Steve Atkins and Clinton Busteed broke ankles during the season. Had it not been for Richard Fahey and the travelling gypsy Aaron Shorthouse we would have been very short of second row partners for leaping Douglas MacGibbon The back row of Andrew Coombe, Mark Jensen and Mark Salmond is yet to reach its full potential. It should be acknowledged that these backrowers played some very courageous games during the season that enabled us to win a couple of very tight games. Raoul Pohio was promoted from Colts during the last round and played six A grade games. With a substantial offseason bulking program Raoul would be a valuable player next year. The Dougal Maynes/Greg Harris halves combination will only get better in 1994, with both players having enormous potential which they are yet to develop. Centres Anthony and Daniel Herbert, Ryan Constable and fullback Roger Leeson were our strike weapons, while Rohan Lawrence was a valuable member of the first grade side, as a utility back. Rohan demonstrated a lot of maturity playing this role when others spat the dummy. Finally, Joe Savage who was the second highest points scorer in the Brisbane premiership, amassing eight tries, 27 conversions and 22 penalties for a total of 160 points.

Tony D'Arcy Coach

RESERVE GRADE REPORT

Second grade finished in the top four for the first time in some eight years. As the average age of players was around 23, this has to be a promising sign for the club.

Our first round was one of mixed fortunes, with a 3-7 record. Our biggest disappointment was against Sunnybank at home, when we spent 75 per cent of the game in their territory and still lost 12-7. Games like this proved to the side that pressure has to be converted into points and that these losses can make all the difference come semi-final time.

The second round was probably the making of second grade, not only for '93 but hopefully for 94 and beyond. Again we posted a 3-7 win record, but this time our performances against the top teams proved we could make something out of the year. We posted our best, but also our worst performances -- losses to Sunnybank and University -- that could have seen us washed up halfway through the second round.

After the loss to Uni the team decided to sit out a training session and discuss where we were heading and what our goals for the remainder of the season should be.

From there the team went from strength to strength, with better results against heavyweights Souths and Brothers, sometimes against the odds. The 14-10 loss to Brothers was the best performance by the team for the year, as we had lost players to injury etc and had to face Brothers at full strength and confidence after their 97-0 win over Norths the week before. The Jeeps performance on the day convinced all who saw it that Jeeps had the spirit and the ability required.

Round 3 proved to be one of the most successful by a graded Jeeps side for some time, with the team winning 6-7 and playing themselves into the semis as a result.

After beating Uni in the final round we faced them again in the semi-final. Uni came out with a different team for the semi and we lost 12-6, all goals, even though we had our chances to score and didn't.

Overall we won 12 and lost 9. Our biggest win was 55-17 against Norths in round 3

and our biggest defeat 30-7 to Sunnybank in round 2.

Congratulations to Christian Knapp, our hooker and sometime No.8 for winning Best and Fairest. Christian's first year out of Colts was a successful one, making his A grade debut and the Queensland U21 side. There were a lot of outstanding performances, but our best forward was Bill Hammond, best back Peter Nielsen and most improved Mark Easton. Captain Peter Nielsen did a great job leading the team. His experience and right boot kept the team going forward. I would also like to thank those 3rd grade players who performed so well when called upon. Thanks also to Peter and Tony D'Arcy and Gavin Head for all the work they put in during the season. Thanks also to Andrew "Pottsy" Potts for the time spent as manager and jersey washer for the year.

Finally, if we get serious with our attitude to training and playing early in '94 I'm

sure with our player depth we can be an even greater force come final time.

Michael Arnold, Coach

THIRD GRADE REPORT

After seeing the numbers at early training swell to about 80 and the appearance of many quality Colts from 1991 and 1992, most of whom ended up in Third Grade, the initial caution I had about becoming coach disappeared. It certainly turned out well, with the GPS 3rds finishing third, having been beaten by eventual premiers, Brothers, 16-12 in the preliminary final. The season started slowly, losing our first two games against Souths and Easts as well as our outstanding captain, Hamish Dunbar, for the season with a serious knee injury. Hopefully Hamish will be right to press for higher honours next year. We won 3-5 in the balance of the first round, registering strong wins over Norths, Sunnybank and Wests. Despite a mid-season injury and departure toll in the higher grades, we managed to grind away, winning 11 games for the year and finishing 4th on the table. Significantly, six of our losses were by six points or less, so a top two spot would not have been unobtainable.

Highlights were consistent wins over Wests, our main threat to a final four spot, a great win over Brothers at Crosby and two wins over Easts when we were particularly depleted. It was pleasing to see many third graders play higher during the year. It was not so pleasing to see the attitude of some players when dropped from, or to third grade. Some of these prima donnas simply decided they were too good to play 3rd or 4th grade and did not even bother to turn up. Players must realise that being part of a now successful Rugby club means there will be intense competition for places and that competition breeds excellence. We need players who understand that if they do get dropped, they should accept the challenge, put in the work and compete even harder to be reinstated. Players with that sort of club spirit and character this year included Pat Manahan, Joe Anderson, Paul Innes, Jason King and Aaron Gold, who were all strong contributors to 3rd grade.

The knockout semi-final saw our heart-stopping 12-10 win over Uni, courtesy of a Chad Vincenzi field goal from half way in the last 30 seconds. I still see, and probably will for quite some time to come. Uni 3rd graders talking about "that field goal". We got out of jail with that one, after blowing a reasonably comfortable lead by conceding a late try. We had not beaten Uni all year, but did so when it counted. Unfortunately, the lesson that you have to remain focused for 80 minutes was forgotten a week later when two early lapses - one a 15 second "nap" which allowed in a soft try from a quick tap - - saw Brothers get away to a 16-3 lead in the prelim final. To our great credit we fought back to 16-12 but time was against us. Both finals were played against older, bigger and more experienced sides laced with former first graders and even an international.

By contrast ours was a young side, in which eight of the players only turned 20 during the year. It was great to see them play without fear but with aggression and

confidence, throwing themselves into the opposition.

The front row of Harry Renfree. Chris Conroy and Paul Innes improved throughout the year and easily held their own on the big occasions. Aaron Thorne was a revelation during the final round and was easily our player of the finals. His second row partner, James Mollison, had an excellent year and won our best forward award. His added mobility provided great support to the backrow. At number eight, Peter Mollison overcame glandular fever to play a crucial role in our finals campaign, while the crazy Canuck. Andrew Hoffman, impressed us all with his toughness. At breakaway Mark Harris and Scott Murphy were outstanding and are simply marvellous athletes. Justin Steele and Joe Anderson also played strongly when called upon. Scott, our best and fairest, made an impressive switch to halfback during the last round and semi-finals and showed he can succeed in this position.

John Moss and Aaron Gold also played brilliantly at halfback when turning out with us. At five eighth, Chad Vincenzi displayed his great natural ability and is clearly capable of playing at a higher level if he wants to. Andrew Gee at outside centre was at times devastating, while Trevor Folsom did well to come back at inside centre after incurring a shoulder injury, while playing first grade in the first round. The contribution of our back three of Scot Adlington, Jason King and Andrew Eckert should not go unmentioned. The last, our other Canuck, showed that playing style is no indication of ability and amazed us all with his goal kicking prowess.

There are many to thank for contributing to the side's exploits this year:

* Paul Innes and Mark Harris as captains; * Hamish Dunbar for videoing our games;

* Tom Harrys and Rob Deane for being managers;

* Tony D'Arcy, Gavin Head and Mick Arnold for providing specialist coaching for the year and for including third grade in the top grades squad. Special mention must be made of our three forwards coaches Michael Ware, Luigi DiClemente and Tim Conroy. I could think of no better introduction to grades Rugby for colts, than to hear Warey's pre-game pep talk. His aggression, enthusiasm and drive to succeed certainly rubbed off on some of our younger players. Luigi made a special effort to assist halfway through the year and his experience proved invauable, particularly for our front row. After Warey and Luigi returned to playing 1st and 2nd grades. Tim Conroy stepped into the role after prematurely retiring due to injury. His efforts were excellent and had our scrum right on target for the finals. Colts II are lucky to have him next year. In summary, not only were we successful on the field but off it as well. The way we played the game was directly attributable to our strong team unity. The camaraderie and the friendships formed certainly made it an enjoyable year.

Will Colwell, 3rd Grade Coach

FOURTH GRADE REPORT

1993 was a tough year for the side although we finished the year on a high with our only win against University, robbing them of the minor premiership. The side this year was one of the youngest the club has fielded for many seasons. Although we only won the one game we drew three and lost quite a few by only a couple of points. At all stages during the season the players gave everything and never stopped trying. I would like to thank them for that. I would also like to encourage the players to stick at it next year as I believe the experience they have gained this season can only benefit them for the next season. We have seen this with A grade! I would like to thank the following:

Andrew Potts for his great work as the team's manager throughout the season. Pottsie is a great club man and is probably not recognised enough. Chris Wake for his assistance with the backs during the last round. The fifth grade for supplying reserves and, in some cases, those who had to play two games. The mainstays of the team for the year: Forwards: Joe Anderson, Eric Crooke, Tim Wilson, Justin Clarke, David Sawyer, Peter Davis and John Goodman. Backs: John Meadmore, Hans Pearson, Jason Searle, Bill Donnelly, Jim Brown and Jeff Weate. To all the other players just too numerous to mention here....thanks!

Congratulations to Hans Pearson, the best and fairest player and best back and to

Joe Anderson the best forward.

I wish fourth grade all the best for the 1994 season.

Mick Taylor

FIFTH GRADE REPORT

The 1993 season turned out to be a reasonably successful one overall. We made the semi-finals only to be knocked out by eventual premiers Souths (13-3) in a game we had the better of by far, but for the first 20 minutes when we condeded two easy tries. During the fixtures our efforts were marred by inconsistent performances, being unable to string more than two wins together. We were only beaten badly once, by Wests, and showed great spirit to beat Redlands with only 13 men. A lack of numbers at training and lack of effort didn't help our cause at various times.

Nevertheless some good performances by experienced stayers Buff Thomson, Tevita Serevatu, Elia Tuqiri and Damian Saint mixed with the youthful enthusiasm of the likes of Bryce Ferguson, Wade Jenner, Jake Heinrich and Terry Saunders helped develop a good team spirit which I hope we can carry through for more success next season.

A special thanks to our manager Pottsy and to Mrs Saint for keeping the jerseys on our backs.

Doug Trotter

COLTS I REPORT

In 1993 the GPS Colts I side struggled with many adversities, some of which have been recognised at an administrative level and are being rectified; the main being the early appointment of a qualified, if not experienced, coach. Players at a Colts I level require a lot of attention and challenges from a coach. I was drafted in to coach the side three weeks before the competition started. By that stage a valuable backline player had already been lost to injury in a pointless round robin competition that should have been played as the first round instead of wasting everyone's time. Any reader who can offer assistance in changing this absurd situation, please contact the committee.

The highlight of the year was, of course, Luke Hammond playing for the Australian Under 19 side that beat the Kiwis at Ballymore. Although the win-loss record was very poor, the Colts performances turned up quite a few players with potential. Bensley, Forno, Cervetto, Maynes, Brown, Brass, Godfrey and Breen are definitely

young men with future in Rugby -- IF they can put in the work. Colts toured twice this year, the first since 1988 apparently. Lismore and Bundaberg enjoyed the galloping greens at their best, with a 62-0 victory capping off a hard year for the GPS Colts.

Bradley Butten, Coach.

COLTS II REPORT

The 1993 Colts II team had a mixed, but overall disappointing season, blending some good wins with many close -- and some not so close -- losses to eventually finish in sixth position. The season was characterised by a high number of absences due to injury in all Colts teams, exacerbated by the inability or unwillingness of many players to attend training on both scheduled nights. This was especially frustrating for me as coach and for the regular attendees.

Congratulations to Andrew Lemon, the team's best and fairest award recipient. Commendation also to team captain Brad Holland who did not miss a training session and who played with total commitment in all games. I would like to thank Peter Fleming for his work as manager; all contributors who assisted with specialised coaching and Wally Hammond for his input as Colts co-ordinator and selector. With the many quality players who are eligible for Colts next year I look forward confidently to a more successful 1994.

Denis Griffith, Coach.

COLTS III REPORT

The year started well with us winning the pre-season challenge by beating Brothers 18-3 in the final -- the team that went on to beat Souths in the Grand Final.

We also started the season well with a convincing win over University. Through the first round we had our share of wins and losses, finishing in third place behind Souths and Wests. This round saw a lot of good performances by all players.

particularly our captain Matt McCahon, Ben James and Justin Bond.

The second round was a lot tougher, with Colts Land II being hit wi

The second round was a lot tougher, with Colts I and II being hit with some serious injuries and having to seek replacements from key positions in our team. We, in turn, were forced to call on several players still attending school at Kelvin Grove and The Gap State High. Having to blend in these new players affected our cohesion and we lost touch with the top three, being forced to fight for fourth spot and a chance in the semis.

In the end it came down to other matches determining our fate in the final game of the year. Unfortunately luck was against us and we missed the semis by one point.

This disappointment aside the season did have some positive aspects.

Firstly, all the team rallied together in the face of injuries in the higher teams to still stay in the semi-final hunt right until the last. Secondly, it gave all the players who were still at school valuable experience in the Colts, which will benefit GPS Colts in 1994.

I look forward to coaching Colts III in 1994 and hope that, with a little more luck, we can go all the way.

Ross Oakhill Colts III Coach

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P. Innes		1	15	5	1	22	1				5
M. Jensen M. James W. Jeno W. Jenner C. James J. Jenner	18 2	1 10		1 1 1	13 1 2	19 13 1 14 1 2	2				10
C. Knapp S. Knapp	1	18		3	,	19	4				20



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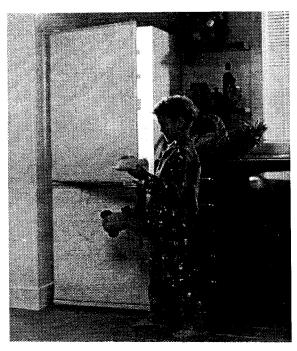
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P. Neilsen S. Nadruka	6	16		3		22 3		23	4	21	123
S. Oakhill C. Ott P. O'Connor				1 6 3	11	12 6 4				2	4
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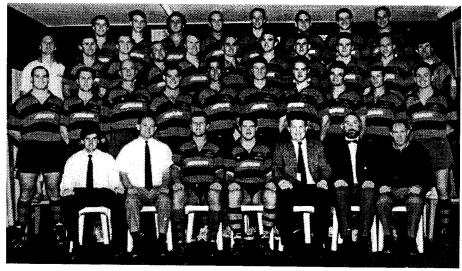
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E. Tuquiri R. Thomson M. Taylor A. Thorn J. Taylor N. Thornton D. Trotter B. Ullinger			10	4 8 4 3 1	8 13 1 2 3 2	12 21 5 15 1 3 2	2				10
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C. Wake M. Ware C. Waddell M. Wishart J. Wilson	8	3 10	2 3	5 1 2	6 11 1	11 14 15 11 1	3 1				15 5

LEADING POINTS SCORERS LEADING TRY SCORERS

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158	J. Savage	9
123	P. Neilsen	Ŕ
80	A. Gold	7
66	C. Vincenzi	7
59	D. Herbert	6
43	A. Eckert	6
40	A. Coombes	5

TRIES	PLAYER
13	A. Gold
9	J. Savage
8	A. Coombe
7	R. Constable
7	A. Herbert
6	R. Leeson
6	D. Herbert
5	R. Lawrence
5	J. Moss
55	G. Harris



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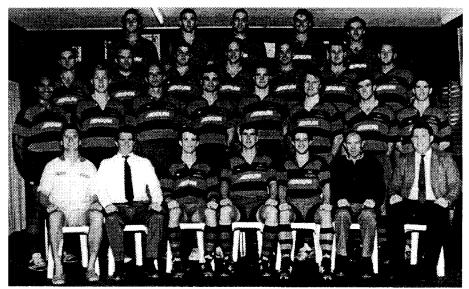
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SECOND ROW: (L to R) Jason Reilly, Rohan Lawrence, Mark Salmond, Michael Flanagan, Raoul Pohio, Doug MacGibbon, Mike James, Clinton Busteed, Roger Leeson, Mark Jensen.

THIRD ROW: (L to R) Sean Quinn (Trainer), Joe Savage, Greg Harris, Blake Gold, Shaun Hemberg, Michael Ware,

Daniel Herbert, Peter Nielsen, Andrew Coombe, Brad Weir, Bill McLean (Trainer).

FOURTH ROW: (L to R) Dougal Maynes, John Moss, Mark Easton, Justin Steel, Ryan Constable, Tim Conroy, Christaan Knapp, Mark Harris.

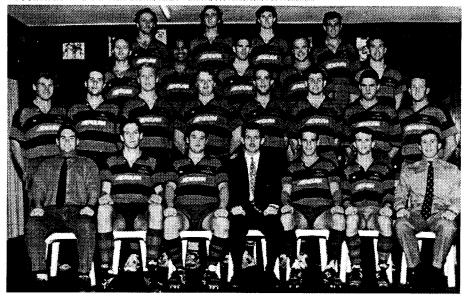


GPS RUGBY UNION 2ND GRADE - SEMI-FINALISTS - 1993

FRONT ROW: (L to R) Sean Quinn (Trainer), Mick Arnold (Coach), John Moss, Peter Nielsen, Christaan Knapp, George Bickerstaff (Selector), Tony D'Arcy.

SECOND ROW: (L to R) Lewis Hopoate, James Mollison, Mark Salmond, Clinton Busteed, Mike James, Shaun Hamburg, Bill Hammond, Trevor Folson.

THIRD ROW: (L to R) Aaron Gold, Lugi De-Clemente, Chris Conroy, Brad Weir, Mark Harris, Rohan Lawrence, Justin Steel. FOURTH ROW: (L to R) Mark Easton, Andrew Eckert, Joe Anderson, Pat Manahan.



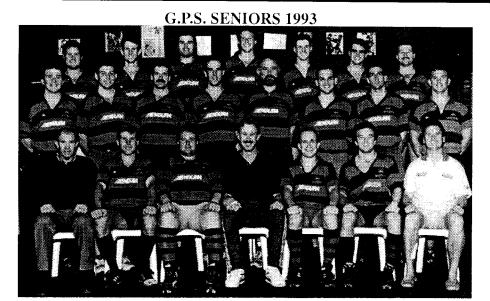
GPS RUGBY UNION 3RD GRADE - SEMI-FINALISTS - 1993

FRONT ROW: (L to R) Tim Conroy (Coach), Aaron Thorn, Chris Conroy, Will Colwell (Coach), Paul Inness (Capt.), John Moss, Rob Deane (Manager).

SECOND ROW: (L to R) Joe Anderson, Andrew Hoffman, James Mollison, Harry Renfree, Chad Vincenzi, Scott Lawrence, Andrew Gee, Justin Stell.

THIRD ROW: (L to R) Scot Adlington, Lewis Hopoate, Trevor Folson, Mark Harris, Andrew Eckert.

FOURTH ROW: Pat Manahan, Mark Easton, Jason King, Scott Murphy.



GPS RUGBY UNION 4TH GRADE - 1993

FRONT ROW: (L to R) George Bickerstaff (Selector), Joe Andersen, Damian Saint, Mick Taylor (Coach), Hans Pearson (Capt.), Tim Wilson, Sean Quinn (Trainer).

SECOND ROW: L to R) Justin Clarke, Scott Lawrence, Doug Trotter, David Miles, Robin Thomson, Geoff Weate, Bill Donnelly, Andrew Ekert.

THIRD ROW: Laurie Cremin, Ian Phillips, John Goodman, Brian Hooper, John Meadmore, Jason Searle, Chris Wake.

ASHGROVE-GPS JUNIOR R.F.C. INC.

Ashgrove-GPS had a most successful year with record sign ons and a total of 322 players in 19 teams. The introduction of Walla Rugby for Under 7s proved a challenge which was met with enthusiasm by the under-educated coaches and managers. The season ended with nine of the 13 eligible teams making finals, five getting through to the grand finals and three of those winning premierships. In addition we had a large representative group from our ranks in the Zone games.

The year was a very busy one with two major improvements to the facilities at our grounds from co-operative projects with the Senior Club, resulting in underground watering being installed on the number 2 oval as well as the lighting of this field being completed. The club hosted the State Championships and its annual Sevens Carnival which were major efforts from our tireless supporters. Both functions were well run and financial successes to help us finance the continued improvements to existing facilities.

The Club is experiencing a rejuvenation with the Senior Club now doing so well and the cooperation between the seniors and the juniors cementing a close relationship for the continued benefit of all GPS players and supporters. The spirit in the club is very high with fantastic support from parents and friends and augurs well for the future of rugby in our area. The year saw the partial introduction of the "big brother" scheme; the idea being junior teams would "adopt" a senior player --someone special to support at GPS games -- and the senior player would attend the odd training session or game to encourage the younger boys. We hope to see this develop further next year, along with more skills sharing by the senior coaches and players in general.

The juniors have committed ourselves to financial projects to further improve the watering facilities and general upgrade of the clubhouse used by the juniors. We are confident of a major presence in 1994 and have a new committee equal to the task.

Eric Muir President

G.P.S. COLTS 1993

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P. Dunne M. Doyle S. Debnam C. Dickie	7	15 8 7 11	9 5	15 17 14 16	1 2 3 1	1		1 5	5 15 15 33	
S. Edge		3	7	10						
T. Forno S. Ford D. Ferret D. Farquarsen	14 12	2 3	2 2	16 5 12 2	2 2				10 10	
M. Godfrey T. Grant	10	7	1 2	18 2						
B. Holland L. Hammond S. Hughes S. Hodgson J. Heinrich	1 13 8	15	2	16 13 8 2 1	2				10 5	
R. Jarro B. James L. Jacobs M. Johnstone R. Jenkins	10	8 1 1	15 4 1	18 16 4 1 1	1 1				5 5 5	

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D. Klinge T. Kerr	6	4 2	16	10 18	5 4			2	29 20
A. Lemmon C. Litfin	5 8	9 11		14 19	3				15
C. Maynes L. Mowen R. McCallum A. Mahoney J. Martin M. McCahon	15 2 1	13 9 11	1 3 18 17	15 16 9 15 18 17	3 3 7 2 5 2			1	15 15 2 35 10 25
C. Meadmore M. Murphy A. McVerry C. Mollison J. Mullins E. Moss	2	1 5 3	6 17 1 6 2 3	6 18 1 11 7 3	2				10 5
D. McFarlane Mokaby		1	4	4 2					
B. Nixon B. Napier	1	17 4	4	18 8	2				10
P. Ovey		2	16	18					
S. Pickering S. Purtill C. Petersen R. Pohio	1 6 13	6	5 7	1 17 7 13	11				55
D. Packer D. Purtill M. Phillips	3		1	3 1 1	1				5
M. Roberston J. Russell		11	8 4	19 4	4	1		3	29
M. Steele G. Shore W. Sheehan M Sutherland D. Slade	14 7	3	2 5 7 2	17 7 5 7 5	1				5
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J. Wright C. White R. Woolley B. Wilkes	1 9 8	10 15 7	3 3	14 18 9 15	3				15
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LEADING TRY SCORERS LEADING POINTS SCORERS

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11	S. Purtill	80	J. Brown
7	A. Mahoney	59	J. Bond
5	M. McCahon	55	D Chippendall
5	D. Klinge	55	S. Purtill
4	S. Barnes	35	A. Mahoney
4	T. Kerr	33	C. Dickie
4	M.Robertson	29	D. Klinge
		- 29	M.Robertson

REPRESENTATIVE SELECTIONS 1993

A number of GPS players achieved representative honours in 1993, including: Anthony Herbert (Queensland and Australia), Ryan Constable (Australia, Queensland Country Origin) Daniel Herbert (Queensland and Australia U21), Jason Reilly (Queensland), Christian Knapp, Richard Graham, Dougald Maynes, John Moss, Blake Gold and Daniel Herbert (Queensland U21), Raoul Pohio, Michael Flanagan and Luke Hammond (Queensland U19), Andrew Coombe (Brisbane), Dan Ferret (Combined States U19). Roger Leeson and Aaron Gold (Queensland Country Origin).

VALE JACK McMASTER and FRANK PARKES

It was with regret that we noted the passing in 1993 of two of the club's greats, Jack McMaster and Frank Parkes.

Jack, who died on the Gold Coast in July, was a pre-war player and former Life Member of the club whose sons were also Jeeps men.

Frank -- known to his mates as "Fourcar" -- was a great patron of the GPS club and a major benefactor. Frank died in Brisbane in April.

PHYSIOTHERAPIST'S REPORT

This was the fourth year that the Red Hill Sports Injury and Physiotherapy Centre has been associated with the GPS Rugby Club. In that time we have seen the club lose its wooden spoon tag of three years ago to become premiership contenders in 1993. The Club and, in particular the coaching staff, must be congratulated for adopting a more professional outlook during this time. The results speak for themselves.

The practice was again involved on both training nights and game days, although

this year coverage was shared by three physiotherapists rather than two.

A system was introduced last year whereby players who presented with injuries from the weekend either came to the practice on Mondays or booked in to be assessed on Tuesday night at training, for which a nominal fee of five dollars was charged. The system works well for those who utilise it properly, but a few problems exist which will have to be ironed out when the system is updated for 1994.

Game day coverage was typically shared by two physiotherapists in morning and afternoon sessions. This allowed coverage of all grades, but unfortunately did not allow for coverage of the Colts games as had happened in the previous years. Again, this is something that is being considered for next year.

In line with the growing professionalism of the Club, we are looking to expand our services in 1994. Moves are underway to begin a profiling service in the off-season to target performance insufficiencies among individual players. Specific programs

will then be supplied to combat problem areas.

As the players become more professional in their outlook it is hoped that they begin to take some more responsibility for their own performance. A major part of this includes taking care of their bodies so that they present as best as they possibly can each weekend.

This is an attitude which we hope to foster in the off season and into the regular season so that the players may make best and proper use of the services available.

Coverage in 1994 will be extended to the Colts teams in the hope of preparing them for the coming season and developing good habits for their years in the senior teams.

Overall we are excited at the future prospects of the Club and are keen to play our part in putting fit Rugby athletes on the field for a premiership assault in 1994.

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CLUB PRESIDENTS

Sir Kenneth Fraser		A. Flynn	1970-72
A. Falk		D. Lacy-Jones	1973-78
C. McCarthy		W. Bligh	1975-78
W. Scott	1950-57	R.S. Roberts	1982-83
R.A. Nicol		L.G. Jones	1984-86
H. Edwards	1964-70	A.R. Taylor	1987-89
W. Boyd		R.J. Thomson	1990-

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

L.S. Lewis J.B.T. Donnelly W.P.J. Ide W.J. McLean J. McLean E.G. Broad K.C. Winning A. Ware D.I. MacMillan D. Thomson C.J. Primmer G.G. Jones B.A. Wright A.F. Boyd	1932/34/36 1934 1938 1939-46/47/48 1946 1947/48/49 1947/48/51 1949 1950 1950 1951 1952/53/54/55/56	O. Edwards P.D. Perrin D.A. Taylor D.S. Rathie C.M. Carberry D.W. Hillhouse G. Shambrook D. Codey A. Herbert R. Constable	1961 1962 1967/68/69 1971/72 1973/74/75/76/81/82 1975/76/83 1976 1984/85/86 1987/89/90/91/92/93

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QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVES			
1930 - 1949		1950 - 1960	
L.S. Lewis	1932-37	I. Nichol	1950
L.J. East	1933	B.R. Mills	1952/53
J.O. East	1931/33/34	J.R. Harris	1957
F.M. Nicholson	1931/33/35/36	G.W. Horsley	1952-55
W.J. Ide	1938/39	G.G. Jones	1951
W.N. Douglas	1937	A. Boyd	1958-60
G. Denman	1938	B. Wright	1954-56/59-61
W.W. McLean	1939/46/47	G. Newton	1955
A. Ware	1945-47	J. Kirk	1946/47
E.G. Broad	1947-49	R.M. Shaw	1956/57
J. McLean	1946-47	J. Raff	1951
R.H. Bently	1937	R. Freudenberg	1953
C.R. Hockings	1937	F. Thompson	1955/56
J. Callaghan	1933	B.W. Boyd	1959
M.D. Cullen	1933	K. Brasch	1956/57
M. Muller	1934	J. Paskins	1956/57
C.H. Smith	1933	R. Colbert	1950/51
J. Williams	1932	J. Gilbert	1957
J.B. Doneley	1932-34	J. Greene	1953
P.L. Dixon	1934-36	G. Marles	1951/52
R. Fay	1945	B. Menkens	1952
R. Gregory	1932	P. Robinson	1950/55
J. Irwin	1947	D. Rylance	1960
I. McMillan	1949-50		
R. Proctor	1946	1970-93	
P. Thompson	1948-50	L.J. Graham	1970-74
A.K. Winning	1945-50	D. Rathie	1971-72/77
		P. McBaron	1970
1961-69		D. Withers	1971-73
O. Edwards	1961-63/67	M. Jack	1972-73
P. Perrin	1962	C.K. Smith	1972
D.B. Clark	1961-64/66-69/71	I.D. Clark	1971-73/80
B. Egan	1962	G. Shambrook	1974-77
T. Carew	1960-64/66	P. Bissett	1973

W. Gunn J.A. Dalgleish D. Whittle J. Duff D. Latter D. Taylor W. Reilly B.J. Munro G. Golding E.A. Kann L.M. Nutt R. Swann J. Carson A. White	1963-64 1964 1963 1964-65 1964 1964 1964 1963-64 1966-68 1967 1957-58 1961 1969	D. Hillhouse G. Brand J. Johanssen D. Regeling R. Hayes A. Austin C. Carberry M. Arnold T. Coker M. Phillips A. Dick D. Codey A. Herbert D. Phillips D. Reidy I. Siganiyavi D. Herbert	1975-78/83 1975-80 1975 1975-78 1977 1981 1981 1982 1983-84 1983-85 1984-86 1986-93 1986-87 1987 1989-90
	CLU	B CAPTAINS	
J. Duff G.G. Whittle D.J.A. Clark E. Kann L.J. Graham R.J. Thomson G. Shambrook D. Burrows R. Nerichow B. Barnhill	1964 1965-66 1967-69 1970-73 1974-75 1976 1977 1978 1979-80 1981	M. Oberhardt R.J. Thomson M. Phillips K. Bolton D. Phillips M. Frisby L. Diclemente A. Herbert G. Harris	1982 1983 1984 1985-86 1987 1988 1989 1990-92 1993
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T. Carew O.F. Edwards J.A. Dalgleish D. Latter P. McBaron A. Austin	E GAMES 1964 1966 1967 1969 1973 1982	K. Bolton D. Phillips M. Arnold L. Tuqiri M. Jensen	1985 1989 1989 1990 1993

TREASURER'S REPORT

INTRODUCTION

I attach for members' consideration the club's financial statements for the 12 months ended 30 September, 1993.

On the strength of perhaps a record income figure of \$103,788.64, the club recorded an operating surplus for the year of \$26,967.51.

From a cashflow perspective, the club effectively continues to operate on a break-even basis only. This is best reflected in working capital where the excess of creditors over debtors is about equal to the cash at bank figure.

An appropriate summary showing the application of the operating surplus is:

	\$
* installation of irrigation	8800
* bar stock on hand	2900
* clothing stock on hand	4900
* increase in misc. fixed assets	1600
* repayment of members loans	5000
* removal of overdraft	4000
	27,200

Details of various items are set out below.

INCOME

Bar Trading

With the establishment of a separate bar bank account the club has been able to, for the first time in a while, record a gross profit exclusively from bar sales, and also bring to account a figure for closing bar stock on hand.

The gross profit from bar trading was calculated as follows:

Op. Stock nil Purchases 36,101.79 Closing Stock 2,852.00 COGS 33,24 Gross profit 25,75	9.79 0.47 (43.7%)

Given the manual systems in place in respect of the bar, this gross profit is considered adequate.

With the introduction of cash registers and more refined procedures next year, then there should be an improvement in this area.

The major contribution to increasing bar sales for this year was the highly successful Rugby Fest, organised by Geoff Wilkes, when over \$14,000 in bar sales was taken on the day. Hopefully this event can become an annual fixture in our social calendar.

Canteen Trading

Canteen trading for this year accounted for all sales made at the club excluding bar and clothing. This includes food income and car parking on match days which represents the bulk of canteen trading income.

This account includes a receipt of \$1900 from the former ladies committee, relating to 1992. This should be taken into account when considering the 1993 results.

Clothing Profit

With the increase in number of clothing items being sold by the club it was considered necessary to account for clothing sales separately and also to bring to account clothing stock on hand at year end, particularly ties.

The gross profit therefore from clothing sales was calculated as follows:

Sales Op. stock	nil -	8.232.00
Purchases	11.074.20	
Clos. stock	4,870.55	
COGS Gross profit	-	6,203.65 2,028.35

One of the major problems this year was people not keeping clothing income separate from bar sales. This necessitated making year adjustments to bar sales to reflect correctly what should have been clothing sales.

This problem should be overcome by the appointment of a clothing officer for next year.

Functions and Fundraising

This represents income earned from functions held off the club premises i.e. the pre-test dinner, non-bar sales income from club functions i.e. cover charge, all raffle income, all doubles income, King of the Mountain, Golf Day and other minor fundraising activities.

The most significant portion of income raised this year related to the pre-test dinner, again run successfully by Tony Roberts and Wren Bligh, which raised over \$11,000 for the club.

The dinner will be held again next year prior to the Irish test.

Other functions held during the year included the Beach Ball, Transformers Ball, King of the Mountain and the Golf Day.

Thanks must go to David Phillips for organising the Transformers Ball, which proved to be very popular. Hopefully this will return next year.

Thanks must also go to Frank Jensen for again organising the King of the Mountain, the Beach Ball and countless other club functions.

Income from events held prior to May this year was down compared to 1992. For example, the Golf Day raised approximately \$2300 (\$4000 1992) and King of the Mountain \$2200 (\$4000 1992). Several club post match functions were poorly attended.

The incoming committee needs to ensure these events are properly marketed with sufficient lead times, and that a planned events calendar is in place early.

Government Subsidies

This represents grants received from the Department of Tourism. Sport and Racing in respect of Tony D'Arcy's wages for junior coaching.

Donations and Sponsorship

Our major sponsors this year were The Gap Tavern for \$7000, who we were very happy to have on board. Thankfully, they have agreed to sponsor us next year and we look forward to a continuing, prosperous relationship with them.

Our other major sponsors were Naturform, whose sponsorship of \$3000 in capital works enabled us to put irrigation on the top oval. Further details below.

Additional sponsors were Endura (\$1500). CIG (\$800), XXXX (\$8500), the Professionals (\$500) and BP Ashgrove (\$500).

Our A Grade sponsors raised \$4000 and again thanks must go to David Phillips for organising these sponsors.

Donations were received from Keith Percey for \$1000.

Expenditure

Given the activity at the club this year, a reasonable limit was kept on expenses. The major increase was with Tony D'Arcy, where the accounts reflect a full year's salary. The other major increase was in bar wages which have been recorded for the first time. Player insurance costs also increase from approximately \$20 to \$40 per player. Further increases are expected in 1994.

Balance Sheet

The most significant new item on the balance sheet is the irrigation installed on the No 1 and No 2 ovals during the year.

Thanks must go to Don McGregor at Naturform for taking up the sponsorship package to allow the No 2 oval irrigation to be installed and also in coming to special terms on repayment in respect of the installation of the No 1 oval irrigation.

The club has a 1/3 share in each irrigation system, the other stakeholders being

Ashgrove-GPS JRFC Inc and VDCC.

The other items requiring further explanation are debtors and creditors at 30 September.

Creditors at 30 September 1993 are:

•	\$
* Trade creditors	11.000.97
* VDCC	8,894.59
* Ashgrove-GPS JRFC	2,593.70
* Irrigation No 1	19,691.00
	42,180.26

Debtors at 30 September 1993 are:

* Trade debtors	4,076.10
* VDCC	14,423.61
* Ashgrove-GPS JRFC	11,621.31
	30,121.02

The irrigation creditors have been reduced by \$8933 since balance date. The balance is due to be paid over 18 months to early 1995. Contributions are to be and have been received from VDCC and the Ashgrove juniors for their 1/3 shares. These entire amounts have been reflected in debtors, but some will not fall due for some time.

Also included in debtors/creditors in respect of VDCC and Ashgrove-GPS are invoices for ongoing operating expenses, adjustments for No 2 oval irrigation and other items.

Once some minor items are confirmed, each of these will be set- off, leaving only a residual balance on our books.

Since balance date, \$4456.29 in trade creditors have been paid and \$1124.10 in trade debtors received, as well as \$3255 in irrigation contributions from Valleys.

Members loans totalling \$5000 were also repaid.

Summary

With Rugby now becoming more professional both on and off the field, GPS needs to move along to keep pace with other clubs.

In that regard, the continuing progress being made towards a fully licensed clubhouse is a step in that direction.

We could, however, take a broader approach to the commercial aspects of the club. A lot of individual effort is spent by people organising activities which may only raise \$1500 or so. More collective efforts could be made to obtain larger sponsors so that a solid financial basis

is laid. This is no doubt something that will have to be addressed soon.

I personally would like to thank the club executive. Robin Thomson, Rod Torkington and Paul Reid, as well as Tony D'Arcy for breaking me in gently to the role of Treasurer.

I hope that future years will be as successful both on and off the field as this one.

Will Colwell Treasurer

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1993

INCOME	12 MONTHS 30/9/93 S	12 MONTHS 30/9/92 \$
Bar Trading Profit	25,750.49	Nil
Canteen Trading Profit	9.952.80	351.11
Clothing Profit	2028.35	-
Functions and Fundraising	26.579.93	29,202.40
Government Subsidies	2408.20	-
Donations and Sponsorship	26.012.70	24,365.28
Interest Received	79.01	87.40
Subscriptions	8,795.00	8730.00
Commissions	470.06	825.16
Art Union	1712.10	3,313.00
	103.788.64	66,874.35
EXPENDITURE		
Advertising, Printing, Postage, and Stationery	8.491.04	6.702.62
Affiliations	1.980.00	2,230.00
Ashgrove Grounds and Building Expenses	13.796.75	15.694.74
Bank Charges and Interest	397.39	393.76
Clothing - Jerseys	2,200.00	6.138.12
Development Officer Allowance	1.075.55	-
Development Officer Expenses	6.194.82	6,858.72
Football Expenses	5622.41	4,213.96
General Expenses	2319.24	1,561.64
Insurance	6.970.11	4,988.87
Player Import Expenses	390.00	835.00
Wages - Development Officer	23.233.82	12,226.92
Wages - Bar	4.150.00	-
	76.821.13	61,844.35
Surplus for the Period	26.967.51	5,030.00
Accumulated Funds Brought Forward	112.214.80	107.184.80

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1993

MEMBERS	FUNDS

MEMBERS FUNDS	30/9/93 \$	30/9/92 \$
Accumulated Funds	139,182.31	112,214.80
A.C. Dibdin Perpetual Trophy	300.00	300.00
J.R. Harris Perpetual Trophy	300.00	300.00
	139,782.31	112,814.80
Represented by:		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Fixed assets (at cost)	12,915.95	11,344.05
Main Clubhouse & Facilities (1/2 share)	44,714.00	44,714.00
Small Clubhouse & Facilities	53,808.00	53,808.00
Field Lights No. 1 oval	12.215.00	12,215.00
Field lights No. 2 oval	7,169.38	7,169.38
Ballymore life membership	600.00	600.00
Debenture Stock	600.00	600.00
Deposits	350.00	350.00
Weights apparatus	5,120.00	5,120.00
D. Burrows Memorial Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Irrigation No. 1 oval	6,479.50	-
Irrigation No. 2 oval	2,315.00	
	147,286.83	136,920.43
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bar stock	2,852.00	-
Cash at Bank	12,832.17	467.50
Clothing Stock	4,870.55	-
Debtors	30,121.02	4,900.00
	50,675.74	5,367.50
TOTAL ASSETS	197,962.57	142,287.93
LIABILITIES		
Creditors	42,180.26	4,712.89
Loans No. 2 oval	16,000	21,000.00
Bank overdraft	Nil	3,760.24
	58,180.26	29,473.13
NET ASSETS	139,782.31	112,814.80



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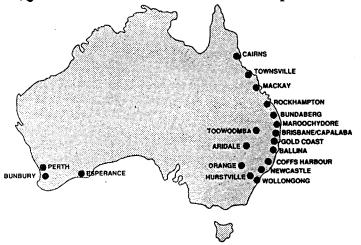
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