

2005

Annual Report
& audited financial statements

GPS RUGBY



*The GPS Club exists to promote and foster excellence and enjoyment in the
"running game" of Rugby football*

*And, in so doing, assist the progress of members
along the broader pathway of life.*

*In pursuit of the mission, we will actively promote the following values:
developing the whole person, respecting individual and group responsibilities,
upholding the standards of a responsible community organisation and catering
for the needs of players at all levels.*

GPS Mission Statement

Honour Board

**GPS Club Presidents
(post 1931)**

Sir Kenneth Fraser
A. Falk
C. McCarthy
W. Scott
R.A. Nicol 1950-57
H. Edwards
W. Boyd 1964-70
A. Flynn 1970-72
D. Lacy-Jones 1973-78
W. Bligh 1979-81
R.S. Roberts 1982-83
L.G. Jones 1984-86
A.R. Taylor 1987-89
R.J. Thomson 1990-98
P.J. McGahan 1999-2002
P.L. Reid 2003-5

**Australian
Representatives**

L.S. Lewis 1931/34/36
J.B.T. Doneley 1934
W.P.J. Ide 1938
B.D. Oxlade 1938
W.J. McLean 1939/46-48
J.R. McLean 1946
E.G. Broad 1947-49
K.C. Winning 1947-48/51
A. Ware 1949
D.I. McMillan 1950
P.D. Thompson 1950
C.J. Primmer 1951
G.G. Jones 1952-56
G.R. Horsley 1953-54
B.A. Wright 1955
A.F.M. Boyd 1958
O. F. Edwards 1961
P.D. Perrin 1962
D.S. Rathie 1971-72
C.M. Carberry 1973-76/81-82
D.W. Hillhouse 1975-76/83
G. G. Shambrook 1976
D. Codey 1984-86
A.G. Herbert 1987/89-93
R. Constable 1993-94
D. Herbert 1994-2002
B. Tune 1996-2002
M.J. Cockbain 1997-2003
D. Heenan 2003

**Queensland
Representatives
1930-1949**

J.O. East 1931/33/34
F.M. Nicholson
1931/33/35/36
L.S. Lewis 1932-37
J. Williams 1932
R. Gregory 1932
J.B. Doneley 1932-34
L.J. East 1933
J. Callaghan 1933
M.D. Cullen 1933
C.H. Smith 1933
M. Muller 1934
P.L. Dixon 1934-36
W.N. Douglas 1937
R.H. Bently 1937

C.R. Hockings 1937
W.J. Ide 1938/39
G. Denman 1938
W.M. McLean 1939/46/47
A. Ware 1945-47
R. Fay 1945
A.K. Winning 1945-47/50
J. Kirk 1946-47
J. McLean 1946-47
R. Proctor 1946
E.G. Broad 1947-49
J. Irwin 1947
P. Thompson 1948-50
I. McMillan 1949-50

1950-69

I. Nichol 1950
R. Colbert 1950-51
P. Robinson 1950-51/55
G.G. Jones 1951
J. Raff 1951
G. Marles 1951-52
B. Menkens 1952
B.R. Mills 1952-53
G.R. Horsley 1952-55
R. Freudenberg 1953
J. Greene 1953
B. Wright 1954-56/59-61
G. Newton 1955
F. Thompson 1955-56
R.M. Shaw 1956-57
K. Brasch 1956-57
J. Paskins 1956-57
J. R. Harris 1957
R. Swann 1957-58
J. Gilbert 1957
A. Boyd 1958-60
B.W. Boyd 1959
D. Rylance 1960
T. Carew 1960-64/66
J. Carson 1961
O. Edwards 1961-63/67
D.B. Clark 1961-64/66-69/71
P. Perrin 1962
B. Egan 1962
W. Gunn 1963-64
J.A. Dalgleish 1960/63/65
J. Duff 1963
G. Golding 1963-64
D. Latter 1964-65
D. Whittle 1964
D. Taylor 1964
W. Reilly 1964
B.J. Munro 1964
E.A. Kann 1966-68
L.M. Nutt 1967
A. White 1969

1970-90

P. McBaron 1970
L.J. Graham 1970-74
I.D. Clark 1971-73/80
D. Rathie 1971-2/77
D. Withers 1971-73
M. Jack 1972-73
C.K. Smith 1972
P. Bissett 1973
G. Shambrook 1974-77
D. Hillhouse 1975-78/83

G. Brand 1975-80
J. Johanssen 1975
D. Regeling 1975-78
R. Hayes 1977
A. Austin 1981
C. Carberry 1981
M. Arnold 1982
T. Coker 1983-84
M. Phillips 1983-85
A. Dick 1984
D. Codey 1984-86
A. Herbert 1986-94
D. Phillips 1986-87
D. Reidy 1987
I. Siganiyavi 1989-90

1990-2005

D. Herbert 1993-2003
M. Murray 1993-2000
M. Ware 1994
R. Constable 1994-96
J. Reilly 1994-95
B. Tune 1995-2003, 05
C. Knapp 1995-98
M. Cockbain 1995-2003
M. Flanagan 1996
A. Coombe 1996
B. Cockbain 1996-98
T. McVerry 2000-5
D. Heenan 2000, 03-4
A. Mathison 2001-5
P. Warwick 2001-2
B. Wakely 2002-3
M. Tabrett 2002-3
A. Farley 2002
T. Atkinson 2003-4
J. Pelesasa 2004-5
A. Scott 2004
B. James 2005

**ACT Brumbies
Representatives**

T. Atkinson 2002

**Women's
Queensland**
W. Coe 2000

500 Club Games

R.J. Thomson (723)

200 First Grade Games

D.B. Clark 1966
E.A. Kann 1970
I.D. Clark 1975
R.J. Thomson 1975
R. Nerichow 1977

200 Club Games

I.R. Colquhoun
D.J. Park
R. Mortimer
T. Jesser
D. Stevenson
J. Garde
L.G. Jones
R.S. Roberts
L.J. Graham
M. Arnold
K. Bolton

P. Biddulph 2005

100 First Grade Games

T. Carew 1964
O.F. Edwards 1966
J.A. Dalgleish 1967
D. Latter 1969
P. McBaron 1973
G. Brand 1979
A. Austin 1982
K. Bolton 1985
D. Phillips 1989
L. Tuqiri 1989
J. Taylor 1992
M. Jensen 1993
A. Herbert 1994
J. Reilly 1996
J. Moss 2001

GPS Club Captains

J. Duff 1964
G.G. Whittle 1965-66
D.B. Clark 1967-69
E. Kann 1970-73
L.J. Graham 1974-75
R.J. Thomson 1976
G. Shambrook 1977
D. Burrows 1978
R. Nerichow 1979-80
B. Barnhill 1981
M. Oberhardt 1982
R.J. Thomson 1983
M. Phillips 1984
K. Bolton 1985-86
D. Phillips 1987
M. Frisby 1988
L. DiClemente 1989
A. Herbert 1990-92
G. Harris 1993-94
J. Reilly 1995-96
M. Murray 1997-98
T. Forno 1999
J. Steel 2000
P. Farmer 2001
A. Smith 2002
J. Moss 2003
C. Wright 2004-5

2005 OFFICE BEARERS

Patron:	Dudley Dick
President:	Paul Reid
Honorary Treasurer:	Rob Ferguson
Honorary Secretary:	Paul McGahan
Management Committee:	President, Treasurer, Secretary, John Sexton, Tim Ferguson, Peter Garbett, Phil Perkins, David Park, Greg Geraghty
General Manager:	Rod Torkington
Development Officer:	Chris Lane
Club Coaches:	Premier Team: Michael Heenan/ Marcus Riley Grades Squad: Steve Calder 1st Grade: Mick Arnold / Mark Easton 2nd Grade: Nick Fogarty / Paul Blinkhoff 3rd Grade: Trevor Jesser / Rohan Fuller 4th Grade: Scott Lavaring / Tony Mahoney Colts Squad: Alex Pope Colts I: Chris Lane / Stephen Phillipotts / Shane Arnold Colts II: Terry Donovan / Lachlan Zangari Colts III: Steve Smith / Al Beauchamp / Darren Kayrooz Colts IV: Alex Pope
Club Selectors:	George Bickerstaff / Steve Calder
Colts Captain:	Damian O'Connor
Club Captain:	Chris Wright
Life Members:	C.J. Kaus, R.A. Nicol, K. Percy, M.R. Williams, G.C. Jones, G.R. Horsley, I.R. Colquhoun, A. Flynn, R.J. Park, R.S. Roberts, D.J.A. Clark, R.J. Thomson, B. Loel, N.A. Burrows, W. Bligh, G. Bickerstaff, R. Torkington, A. Taylor, G. Rylance, W. James
Ground Life Members:	G. Walker, I.H. Fraser, R.A. Duus, D. Rylance, R.J. Thomson, A. Edwards, B. Loel, A.R. Roberts, R.W. Bligh, K.G. Aaron, R. Farquhar, L.G. Jones, I. Robertson, Dr K. Woodhead, B. Coombes, N.A. Burrows, D. O'Reilly, D. Stevenson, B.G.S. Schooley, R.A. Anderson, P.J. Short, R.S. Roberts, J. Madden, Judge B.M. McLoughlin, G.G. Shambrook, D. Withers, D.J. Boucher, G. Rylance, R.A. Bernays, Dr C.J. Osborne R. Mortimer, E.A. Kann, D. Squires, J.B. Young, A. Carew, G. Ferguson, B. Sakzewski, O. Maynes, I.D. Clark, C. Carberry, L.J. Graham, D. Dick, M. Arnold
ARU Office Bearers:	ARU Board: R. J. Thomson
QRU Office Bearers:	QRU Board: R. J. Thomson (Chairman) QRU Vice President: P. McGahan Delegates: W. Bligh, P. Reid QRU Judiciary: W Bligh QRU Judicial Appeals Committee: A R Taylor QRU Premier Rugby Committee: P Reid BRU Steering Committee: P Garbett
Auditor:	J. Amos

New Life Member - Bill James

The 2004 AGM voted unanimously to bestow Life Membership on **Bill James**, in recognition of his past playing career (Bill played a key role in the 1972 Premiership winning side) and many years of support for the club.

A generous benefactor, Bill was instrumental in helping the club acquire the lease of the former Aussie Rules field which is now our Number 3 oval.

President's Report

Players, Life Members, Supporting Members,

This has been arguably the club's most successful year since the mid-70s. Two teams won grand finals, but more importantly, we were competitive throughout the club and with a bit of luck could have won the club championship, finishing second on 674 points, just 15 points behind Easts. Considering we finished seventh in the club championship last year, that's an effort of which everyone connected with the club can and should be proud.

Our talented coaching staff and team management have worked hard to get us into this position and to ensure that every player has an opportunity to participate at the level that is appropriate to them and to enjoy the experience. This philosophy has contributed in no small way to our ability to attract players, especially in colts. The word has clearly got around that Jeeps is an enjoyable place to play rugby.

Off the field, the club also made great strides, continuing to reduce our debts, scrutinise costs and work hard to increase revenue.

That the club is in better shape than some of its Brisbane peers is due in no small way to the hard work of your management committee, the support of club sponsors and, importantly, the great spirit among the players when it comes to contributing their support and efforts.

The club this year has made two significant investments in computer technology: a new membership database and the hardware and software necessary to run the Fairplay match analysis software, the same sophisticated program used by the Reds and Wallabies. Fairplay enables the Premier coaching staff to analyse performances and play in great detail, and also the creation of "highlights packages" for individual players being considered for higher honours or professional contracts. It's not that we want our players to go elsewhere: but we do understand that it is part of our role to develop them to be the best they are able to be, and if that involves winning a contract elsewhere, then so be it.

In fact we probably need to take another look at our Honour Board, to recognise those players who achieve professional recognition outside of Queensland, while playing from Jeeps.

In the professional era when players are guns for hire on extended contracts the ability to win a chance at state representation is reduced. In the past, players might be selected on form for one or two games if they catch the Queensland selectors eyes, but these days there are fewer opportunities because of contracting constraints.

On the other hand they can now be playing for Jeeps and be recognised by the Waratahs, Brumbies or Force as worthy of a contract while Queensland might not have space in a particular position to accommodate them. Just because the Queensland selectors don't recognise their talent, or can't find room for them, doesn't mean we shouldn't honour their achievement.

So well done to Pat O'Connor on his contract with the Force, and best wishes to Brock James, Junior Pelesasa (Force), Dan Heenan (Brumbies), Tim Atkinson, Tom McVerry, Anthony Mathison and Ben Tune (Reds) for next year's Super 14.

On the Field

After our annus horribilis in grades in 2004 the season just past was an absolute joy, while the Colts numbers and performances again showed our future is in good hands.

Jeeps was able to field four colts sides in 2005 when many other clubs could only field two. This was a tribute to the recruiting efforts of Chris Lane, Alex Pope and others, while they and the whole Colts Management Group deserve credit for the spirit engendered within the Under 19 squad. The policy of treating the colts as a squad, from which teams were picked each week, is one that has great merit and which encourages tremendous esprit de corps.

Three of the four colts teams made it into the finals. Had we manipulated the result of the last game - when two of our colts sides played each other - it would have been four. But that would have been a hollow achievement.

Congratulations to Colts 3 on winning their grand final so impressively, and commiserations to Colts 1 and 2 on falling short. If it's any consolation to Colts 1 (and it probably isn't), it was a fabulous game of rugby, and the skills on display were impressive to watch.

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Well done to Aaron Bellamy, Mark Donaldson, Herman Porter and Simon Poole (before his injury) on their selection in the Qld U/19 Team. That was a just recognition of their talents, but also for the performance of the team as a whole.

The important thing from a club point of view is how many colts make the transition into the grades ranks. We've seen in the past that there's a direct correlation between the performance and numbers of colts, and the performance and numbers of grades players a couple of years down the track. So I hope the graduating class of 2005 enjoyed themselves sufficiently to want to continue into grades next year.

Our grades performances this year were a huge improvement on last year, thanks to an influx of more players, more coaches and more team managers. With the arrival of Steve Calder as a coaching mentor in the grades, training sessions were a lot better organised, players enjoyed themselves more and the results showed.

Premier Grade, Reserve Grade and Fifth Grade made it through to finals, but as with the Colts, only one team went all the way. Well done to Scott Lavaring and Tony Mahoney's 5th Grade on lifting the trophy yet again and, more impressively, surviving the celebrations afterwards, when Mad Monday took in the other six days of the week as well.

The performances in Thirds and Fourths were hugely improved this year and the players and coaching staff seemed to have a ball. With an ounce of luck both teams could have been semi-final material.

Mick Arnold and Mark Easton took on one of the hardest coaching jobs at any club, the "Reggie Reserves", and got their team to the Preliminary Final after finishing in second place in the competition. More importantly, they fostered a tremendous pride in being part of the team, so that when players dropped back from Premier they did not feel discarded. They were deserving winners of the Patron's Trophy for coaching excellence.

A special mention also for Paul Biddulph, who this year passed the milestone of 200 grade games for GPS, while also captaining the Australian Deaf side in a win against New Zealand.

Premier Grade played for the first time in a separate competition from every other team in the club, and a competition that is likely to evolve even more in future years. Under Mick Heenan and Marcus Riley the team reached the final four after sweating out the second round of the competition.

It was a season of highs and lows for Premier. We were the first to beat the eventual Premiers Sunnybank - and the first to lose to the wooden spooners, the Sunshine Coast Stingrays. But the style of rugby played by the team helped us attract some of the biggest crowds of the whole competition.

Off the Field

The hard work of the GPS Management Committee and the Players Committee was instrumental in making our home games and club functions such a success in 2005.

Tim and Rob Ferguson were the driving forces behind the move to turn home game days into events, encouraging sponsors to bring their guests along and make a giant party of it. Other clubs were in awe of the crowds we attracted and the new fans realised what club rugby had to offer. Stand by for more big days next year.

Others also worked hard behind the scenes, John Sexton and Phil Perkins on the dawn patrol set up the fields and were still going at the end of the day, Camille Sexton and Jo Perkins preparing the post match food for the Premier teams, the players' committee organising the half time and post match entertainment and the GPS management committee for a hundred different essential tasks.

And of course, our "Mr Reliable", Rod Torkington, the one everyone turns to for help when they need something done.

Sponsors

The club is indebted to its valuable sponsors led by the Norris Motor Group's Metro Nissan and Renault, in association with Fastway Couriers, who will both be back aboard next year. All of our sponsors would value your business if you are in a position to provide it.

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We welcomed new sponsors in AWX Labour Solutions and Career Path, and welcomed back our good friends at Channel 7, Kooga and QRU sponsors Telstra, Bank of Queensland, Bartercard and Fourerx. We were also fortunate to have The Caxton Hotel back supporting the club with Best & Fairest awards. Thanks also to Bowser & Lever, Naturform, Brisbane Ice Sales, Ashgrove Air, Divine Flowers, Ferguson Betts, Hendra Hardware, Southcorp Wines, Stocks Appliances, Ultimate Buildings and Willmah Concreting Service. We thank them and urge you to favour them with your custom if you have the opportunity.

And a special mention to Rapid Copy at Milton, who met all of our substantial printing needs this year at no charge, under their generous sponsorship.

Conclusion

Ten years after rugby turned professional and the game is still grappling with getting it right.

Life at the grass roots in Brisbane Rugby continues to be a struggle, with a fine line between survival and oblivion. We have been advised by the QRU that Premier Rugby funding of \$80,000 per year should be forthcoming for the next couple of years but is problematic beyond that.

There are probably only two Brisbane clubs (plus the Sunshine and Gold Coast district teams) who could currently survive withdrawal of this funding without major surgery, if at all. It is vital that our club continues building towards self-sufficiency by looking for new revenue sources and keeping a tight rein on costs.

The GPS family is a wonderful tribe and I have been honoured to serve it for the past three years as club president. However it is time to hand over the reins and I do so confident that the club is in good shape and in good hands.

I thank the management committee for their friendship, support and hard work and urge all club members to get behind the incoming administration and give them your help to keep the momentum going.

Paul Reid
GPS President

TEAM REPORTS

Premier Grade

Premier's season can be split neatly into two parts. The first round was characterised by inconsistency. There was the good (v Wests & Easts), the bad (v Souths & Sunshine Coast) and the ugly (narrow win over Norths and narrow loss to Uni).

The second round heralded the start of our push toward finals football. Junior Pelesasa scored four tries in a crushing home win against Souths to give the club some real cause for optimism. We went on to win seven of nine games in the second round with the only blips being narrow losses to Gold Coast and Wests. Along the way we defeated Sunnybank and Brothers in consecutive weeks in two of the most exciting games of rugby anyone could hope to see. It is worth noting that during the second round GPS had the best defensive record in the competition and the third best attacking record (behind Gold Coast & Sunnybank).

This good form unfortunately didn't translate into success in the minor semi-final. While the effort was sound, execution let us down and to their credit Brothers were good enough to take advantage of it.

There were a number of tremendous positives to come out of season 2005. Crowd support for home games was the best anyone in the team can remember and credit must go to the committee for their organization of those days. The team loves being able to run out in front of the passionate supporters we had this year.

A number of first year grades players took their first steps toward what we all hope will be long and successful careers as GPS players. Among them Byron Roberts, Jon Anderson and Sean Graham deserve special mention. In a similar vein, many of our players experienced their first taste of finals football in the narrow loss to Brothers. I am certain that all involved in the game will draw from that experience.

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Special mention too to Brendan Sexton, Geoff Ingram, Donovan Slade and Sam Thies, who all passed the 50 game milestone this year.

Reports from Argentina indicate that Anthony Mathison, Tom McVerry and Tim Atkinson were among the best performed players on the Reds tour of Argentina. As most of you will appreciate, all these men require is an opportunity in the Super 14 to show their ability. We also wish Junior Pelesasa, Brock James and Pat O'Connor all the best in their endeavours for the Western Force in 2006. While we are sorry in some ways to see them go, all gave great service to GPS this year and we know that they can all make an impact in the Super 14.

Preseason for 2006 started up on 14 November and the depth through the grades will be further enhanced by another influx of youngsters fresh from Colts. The relative youth of the playing group makes for a vibrant atmosphere and the challenge next year for every grade will be to translate that energy and enthusiasm into results on the field.

Mick Heenan
Head Coach

Round 1 Telstra Premier Rugby - Souths 53 GPS 12

Jeeps campaign for the 2005 Telstra Premier Rugby competition got off to the worst possible start with a convincing 53-12 defeat at the hands of a bigger, stronger and faster Souths side.

The game was only a couple of minutes old when referee Rod Brockett awarded Souths a penalty try for a high tackle by Donovan Slade that had taken the Souths winger into touch short of the line.

It didn't improve much from there, as the Magpies dominated possession and quickly converted turnover ball to an overlap by spreading it wide and stretching the Jeeps defence to breaking point.

Traffic was so one-way that the score blew out to 41-0 before Jeeps got on the board, courtesy of a well deserved try to Slade who had worked hard all evening.

Hooker Seamus Fraser added a second, converted by Andrew Thorpe, but the Gallopers couldn't stop Souths from passing the half century before fulltime.

The injury toll made the scoreline even harder to bear, with blindside flanker Marty Perkins off to hospital with a badly dislocated shoulder, and skipper Steve Miller coming off early with a leg injury.

Round 1 - GPS 22 Norths-QUT 12

With such a long injury list it was always going to be tough for Jeeps against a resurgent Norths-QUT, coming in with their tails up following a couple of wins under new coach Chris Roche and after a lot of off-season recruiting.

Jeeps started well enough but after a bit of arm wrestling Norths were first to score with a converted try. The Gallopers struck back with the forwards driving Seamus Gay over in the corner but Donovan Slade was unable to convert and the teams went to halftime at 7-5.

Norths struck first again in the second half and at 12-5 up were looking the stronger of the two teams. However Slade charged down a kick and successfully regathered to score and convert his own try to level the scores.

A penalty goal by Slade and a try by a determined Mark Bennedick, converted by Slade, settled the issue in favour of the Gallopers.

Scrumhalf Tim Usasz was named the Metro Nissan & Renault GPS Man of the Match for a busy display, and won a weekend loan of a sponsor's vehicle for his efforts.

Round 1 - GPS 31 Wests 15

The Gallopers retained the Hammond-Taylor Shield with a convincing 31-15 victory over Wests at Ashgrove, scoring five tries in their best display of the season so far.

Dominant at scrum and lineout, the Gallopers shrugged off some pre-match backline reshuffles to overcome the Bulldogs with some determined defence, that kept Wests tryless until the game was won.

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Donovan Slade, playing his 50th Premier Game for Jeeps, won the Metro Nissan Man of the Match award for a strong display which included a crucial try, some last gasp defence and some ferocious hits.

Reds prop Anthony Mathison, Tim "Horse" Heenan, captain Steve Miller and fullback Brad Jarro also posted five pointers, while Slade kicked three conversions and a penalty.

Round 1 - Sunnybank 36 GPS 17

Jeeps paid the price for losing two players to the sinbin as competition leaders Sunnybank turned a 12-17 halftime deficit into a 36-17 victory over the Gallopers at Sunnybank.

Flanker Brendan Sexton was first to get a yellow card, although his binning for interfering with the ball after a penalty seemed harsh. His absence when Jeeps were leading 14-0 allowed the Bank to pull back two tries.

Centre Donovan Slade was binned in the second half for a shoulder charge, after earlier being warned for a high tackle. In his absence the Dragons posted another two tries and streaked away for a deserved win.

The Gallopers had shown tremendous commitment to bottle up the dangerous Sunnybank side for three quarters of the game, with the Jeeps forwards claiming the first try with a drive over scored by hooker Seamus Fraser and Chris Wright following up with a well-worked five pointer out wide. Slade added the extras and a penalty for the 17 first half points.

But once Sunnybank got in front they were able to get their wide, fast game going and piled on the tries as they gained confidence.

It was the only low point of the day as the Gallopers won everything else - a rarity against Sunnybank in recent years.

Round 1 - GPS 19 Brothers 19

Jeeps had a chance to win with a fulltime penalty goal but had to settle for a 19-all draw with Brothers in their first round match at Ashgrove.

Donovan Slade's kick just drifted wide and referee Andrew Coles blew fulltime, in a match where a draw was probably the fairest result.

Mark Bennedick opened the scoring for the Gallopers with a well deserved try, converted by Slade, but Brothers struck back with a converted try of their own, followed by a second which enabled them to lead 12-7 at halftime.

The Gallopers struck back in the second half when Steve Miller was driven over and Slade again converted, but Brothers refused to lie down and were soon back in front 19-14.

Each side lost a player sent off in the same incident, when Geoff Ingram was red carded for a careless elbow and his Brothers tormentor followed for retaliating.

Bennedick scored a second try to bring Jeeps level, but the conversion missed and the teams had to settle for an honourable draw.

Ashley Elphinston was voted the Metro Nissan-Renault Man of the Match for Jeeps, winning the loan of a vehicle on the following weekend.

It was AWX sponsors day and Ladies Day, with a combined marquee and plenty of atmosphere on the cricket nets side of the ground.

Round 1 - Easts 14 GPS 31

Jeeps hooker Nick Churven claimed a hat trick of tries in the Gallopers' 31-14 win over Easts at Easts in Round 1.

It was a commanding display by the Gallopers, against a side that made the finals of the pre-season competition but that was never given a opening by Jeeps in this match.

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Jeeps dominated possession and scored five tries to two, with the back three of Peter Stevenson, Byron Roberts and Chris Wright giving Easts plenty of problems out wide, while they also struggled to contain the Gallopers' midfield.

Junior Pelesasa opened the scoring for Jeeps, busting them open in midfield and scoring a long range try, followed up soon after by a forward drive that gave Churven his first five pointer.

Unfortunately Donovan Slade had left his kicking boots at home and the Gallopers had to settle for a 10-0 lead.

Stevenson did one of his Houdini acts to shrug off a number of tackles before slipping a nicely bounced ball backwards to Slade, who snapped it up at fully pace on the half volley and dotted down under the posts to give himself an easier kick.

Jeeps went to the break at 17-0 and went further ahead in the second term with Churven claiming the points from another forward drive. Slade converted and the game looked settled at 24-0.

However a try from a charged down kick gave Easts a sniff, and then a fine individual effort by veteran Haydn Long for Easts brought them up to 24-14.

However Jeeps flyhalf Mark Bennedick put the issue beyond doubt when he darted through a half gap and slipped the ball to Churven who cantered over for his third try.

For Jeeps Reserve grade halfback Gareth Morris acquitted himself well when he got the callup to replace an injured Tim Usasz, while Bennedick had another strong game. In the forwards Tom Couper continued to expand his wide running game from lock and No 8 Ashley Elphinston was again a handful for the defence.

Round 1 - GPS 17 Sunshine Coast 26

The Sunshine Coast Stingrays won their first match of the Premier Rugby competition when they defeated Jeeps 26-17 at Ashgrove in Round 1.

The team, coached by former Jeeps Premiership winning player and coach David Clark, were worthy victors on the day, having played the smarter football and showed determination to win throughout the match.

The Sunshine Coast were 5-8 leaders at the break, but Jeeps added two quick tries to move to 17-8 and were seemingly ready to put the game beyond doubt.

But the Stingrays refused to concede defeat and lifted their intensity when Jeeps looked to be lifting their foot off the pedal.

Where Jeeps should have been the ones to finish the stronger, it was the Sunshine Coast that kicked away, regaining the lead and finishing more strongly than Jeeps.

Each side scored three tries, but the kicking boot of Stingrays fullback Michael Piper made the difference.

For Jeeps, tries were scored by Nick Churven, Donovan Slade and the Metro Nissan & Renault GPS Man of the Match Seamus Gay. Slade kicked one conversion.

Round 1- Gold Coast 38 GPS 12

An injury depleted Jeeps was out-muscled by reigning Premiers Gold Coast 38-12 when the two sides met in a night game on the Coast.

Despite the margin, the Gallopers would be proud of their gallant effort against the odds. It was a complete turnaround in attitude and commitment over the previous week's performance against last placed Sunshine Coast.

Missing many frontline players including Tim Heenan, Nick Churven, Steve Miller, Peter Stevenson and Tom McVery (all injured) and Junior Pelesasa (Australia A), Jeeps also had to contend with losing

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scrumhalf Tim Usasz in the first two minutes with a leg injury, and then his replacement Gareth Morris, who'd earlier played the whole reserve grade game.

Thankfully Reds prop Anthony Mathison backed up from the midweek game against the Junior All Blacks, to face a torrid night in the scrum against the Coast's very big and strong pack.

All of the Coast's points came from wearing down the Jeeps resistance, while Jeeps points were scored by wing Byron Roberts and replacement back Jon Anderson. Mark Bennedick kicked a conversion.

The Jeeps' man of the match probably would have been a tie between flanker Brendan Sexton, who wasn't really match fit but played himself to a standstill until he was replaced two thirds of the way into the game, and centre Donovan Slade who was always trying to create opportunities in the midfield. Mathison would have been close behind them, along with lightweight lock Sean Graham and game hooker Cammie King, playing his first game back in weeks.

Round 1 - GPS 19 University 21

A penalty goal almost on fulltime snatched a 21-19 victory for University in Round 1 clash with The Gallopers at Ashgrove.

With Jeeps leading 19-18 with only minutes to go, University flyhalf Chris Lyons' shot at field goal was heroically charged down by Seamus Gay, only for play to be called back for a scrum penalty in front of the posts. Lyons had kept Uni in the match with penalty goals and made no mistake with this one, shattering The Gallopers hopes of a desperately needed win.

Jeeps scored three tries to two and had enough chances to win the game, but both sides were guilty of fumbling scoring opportunities.

For Jeeps. No 8 and former University player Ashley Elphinston opened the try scoring with a powerful effort early, but Uni struck back with a converted try and a penalty to lead at halftime.

Another penalty stretched the University lead to 13-5 but a fine solo try by club captain Chris Wright, where he beat his man with strength and pace, chip-kicked over the defence and then won the race to the ball in the in-goal lifted the Gallopers, especially when Donovan Slade slotted the difficult conversion.

Jeeps retook the lead when Byron Roberts scored, also converted by Slade, however a University try and the match winning penalty sank the Gallopers at the final bell.

The match marked the 50th Premier Grade appearance for Sam Thies.

Round 2 - GPS 52 Souths 13

Jeeps turned the tables on Souths in round 2 to record a 52-13 win at home, scoring eight tries - three of them to Junior Pelesasa.

It was a complete contrast to the first round match, when Souths steamrolled the Gallopers 53-12. Reserve Grade and Third Grade did the same, turning around their first round defeats by the Magpies to post good wins.

Jeeps got off the mark early in the Premier match when flyhalf Mark Bennedick went through a gap to score the first of his two tries. Souths came back shortly after with a seven pointer to lead briefly, until the Jeeps machine started to roll.

Hooker Nick Churven was driven over, and then Junior got the first of his trio. Tom Couper and Ashley Elphinston also posted five pointers, while fullback Adrian West - the Metro Nissan & Renault GPS Man of the Match - kicked six conversions.

Westy had an excellent game, involving himself in everything and kicking well in general play. The Jeeps pack was also magnificent, led upfront by Churven and props Ryan McDonald and Anthony Mathison. The backrow of Couper, Elphinston and Steve Miller were also strong on attack and in defence.

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Round 2 - GPS 45 Norths-QUT 27

Jeeps turned a halftime deficit into a bonus point win when they defeated Norths-QUT 45-27 at Shaw Sportz, scoring seven tries in the process.

The resurgent Norths gave the Gallopers a hard time in the first half, matching them try for try and getting up quickly to force Jeeps into error.

Hooker Nick Churven scored the Gallopers first try, followed by wing Chris Wright and centre Junior Pelesasa. But fullback Adrian West only managed to convert one of the scores, leaving the home side ahead 19-17 at the break.

Norths began kicking more for field position in the second half while Jeeps began to knuckle down to winning the game by giving the opposition fewer turnover and intercept opportunities.

Another try to Pelesasa followed by a tryline dash down a vacant blindside by prop Anthony Mathison after a break by Pelesasa, both converted by West, put them into a winning position. However Norths refused to concede defeat until Jeeps scrumhalf Tim Usasz, running off an inside ball from No 8 Ashley Elphinston in a clever scrum move, managed to outpace the defence to score the clincher, also converted by West.

Flyhalf Mark Bennedick put the icing on the cake when he darted through some tiring defence to score under the posts and give West his fifth conversion right on fulltime.

Jeeps were well served by Geoff Ingram in the lineouts, while the scrum looked good all game and the forwards drove and defended strongly.

Round 2 - Wests 19 GPS 13

The boot of Julian Huxley enabled Wests to put a serious dent in the Gallopers' semi final aspirations with a 19-13 victory at Sylvan Rd that cemented the Bulldogs' third placing.

Huxley kept Jeeps on the back foot with his kicking for field position and kicked the two penalty goals that was ultimately the margin between the two sides on the scoreboard.

The first half was nothing to strike fear into the competition leaders Sunnybank and Gold Coast, as both Wests and Jeeps struggled to overcome a high mistake rate.

Wests led 9-6 at halftime with Jeeps' goalkicker Adrian West in the sinbin, but they failed to take any further advantage until a converted try midway through the second half took the score to 16-6 and a penalty stretched the lead to 19-6.

Jeeps struck back with a try in the corner by replacement flanker Brendan Sexton, converted from the sideline by West, after a lineout win was kept in the forwards, but couldn't take it any further before time ran out.

Among Jeeps' best was hooker Nick Churven, who was everywhere in defence.

Round 2 - GPS 22 Sunnybank 21

Jeeps ruined Sunnybank's perfect record for the season in Premier Grade with a 22-21 bonus point victory over the previously unbeaten Dragons that completed a clean sweep for the Gallopers on the day.

Jeeps scored four tries to three, but could have gone down in the last minute when the Dragons were awarded a kickable penalty with only minutes to go. Their kicker Ben Gollings had kicked three from three on the day and is the competition's leading points scorer.

However the Dragons' decision to opt for the lineout in the hope of winning the game and scoring a bonus point try - as they have in every other Premier game this year - proved misguided and the Gallopers successfully defended their slim lead to full time.

The match was won in the forwards, where Jeeps disrupted the opposition scrum all day and the Gallopers eight frequently hustled the Dragons into error.

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Hooker Nick Churven scored two tries for The Gallopers, to claim the Metro Nissan & Renault/Caxton Hotel Jeeps Player of the Day awards, with another non-stop effort.

Donovan Slade grabbed a five pointer with an intercept try that took the Gallopers out to a 22-14 lead, while Junior Pelesasa used his strength to score the opening Jeeps try.

Tim Atkinson made a welcome return to The Gallopers off the bench in the second half, which gave them the boost they needed in the run home.

Fullback Adrian West scored the decisive conversion that meant the difference.

The day was declared "Super Secco Saturday" in honour of Jeeps flanker Brendan Sexton, who celebrated 50 Premier Grade games by leading the Gallopers onto the field through a tunnel of Ashgrove-GPS Juniors, where he'd played over 200 games before joining the senior ranks.

Round 2 - Brothers 20 GPS 27

The speed of Tim Atkinson and the boot of Brock James created a crucial bonus point 27-20 win for Jeeps over Brothers at Crosby Park in Round 2.

The return of those two from injury along with Reds flanker Tom McVerry and exciting young fullback Peter Stevenson, who came off the bench to also play their first matches for Jeeps for some time, augurs well for the Gallopers as they press for a place in the final four in a tight battle with Wests and Brothers for 3rd and 4th place.

Jeeps had galloped away to a 17-0 lead midway through the first half thanks to excellent ball control and the power of Junior Pelesasa combined with the silky skills of fellow centre Atkinson.

Pelesasa, who hadn't been expected to play, crossed for Jeeps' first try after 10 minutes spent battering the Brothers' line and three several spurned opportunities to kick for goal.

The Gallopers were in again soon after when Atkinson slipped a sweetly timed pass to Pelesasa that even he couldn't believe, judging by his hesitation in putting the ball down for the try. Donovan Slade converted to take the score out to 12-0.

Feisty Jeeps half Tim Usasz was in for Jeeps' third try soon after, darting from the base of a ruck, but Slade's conversion attempt was a shocker.

The tide of the game then finally turned in Brothers' favour when Pelesasa was sin-binned for a high tackle and at the same time the Brethren finally began to win more ball. They fought back to be 10-17 with a converted try and a penalty by halftime.

In the second half James made his first appearance for Jeeps, coming on at flyhalf for the fast improving Jon Anderson. James immediately made his presence felt with a nicely struck penalty goal and some powerful kicking in general play, both of which Jeeps has been lacking this season.

But Brothers were not to be denied and came back with another converted try and a penalty to tie the scores at 20-all.

They had a chance to win the game with a penalty kick and then a three on one overlap attacking the Jeeps line. But a combination of Brothers' over-enthusiasm and gallant Jeeps defence denied them.

Instead it was Jeeps who broke the deadlock right on fulltime when Atkinson made another of his lightning breaks to unload to Pelesasa, who made valuable ground before slipping the final pass to Slade, a jubilant try scorer under the posts to make the kick easier for James.

Round 2 - GPS 48 Easts 12

Another much needed bonus point win for The Gallopers built on the foundation of a dominant forward pack, which gave Jeeps the possession needed to overcome a troublesome Easts.

Centre Junior Pelesasa crossed for two tries of the seven Jeeps tries, and was instrumental in others, including the opener by winger Donovan Slade after just five minutes. Fly half and Jeeps man of the match Brock James converted to put Jeeps 7-0 up, but Easts struck back quickly with a try of their own.

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However it was all Jeeps from then on, as the class in the Gallopers backline and the strength of the forward pack shone through.

Try happy hooker Nick Churven scored his ninth try of the year, while the forward domination was further demonstrated by a classic pushover try by No 8 Ashley Elphinson. Fullback Peter Stevenson scored a slick try off a deft pass from Tim Atkinson, who scored a clever try of his own.

James added five conversions and a penalty in a controlled performance at fly half that earned him the Nissan Metro & Renault Jeeps Man of the Match award.

Round 2 - Sunshine Coast 5 GPS 78

Jeeps gained sweet revenge for the first round loss at the hands of the Sunshine Coast Stingrays with a 12 try 78-5 romp at Caloundra to keep their semi-finals hopes alive.

However the win came at a price: Junior Pelesasa off to hospital with a possibly season-threatening shoulder dislocation.

The Stingrays were worthy victors in the first round, but this time around they were severely depleted by injury and Jeeps was on a mission and focused on the job at hand.

The match was played at night in a driving wind, which Jeeps had at their backs in the first half and used well, with Tim Atkinson putting in some long kicks to keep the Stingrays pinned down in their own territory.

The demolition started early when the forwards drove the Stingrays eight backwards for the first of two tries to hooker Nick Churven, making him the leading try scorer (11) for Premier Grade this year.

Winger Byron Roberts scored almost half that many in the one game with his five tries against the Stingrays, while Peter Stevenson was close behind with three. Tom Couper and Jon Anderson grabbed one each while Donovan Slade stepped up to the plate in the goalkicking department, slotting nine conversions.

Round 2 - GPS 20 Gold Coast 22

A courageous effort by the Gallopers secured them a valuable bonus point and clear fourth placing with one game to go in Telstra Premier Rugby.

The Gallopers dug deep to come within two points of toppling the Premiers, in a game that could have gone either way.

It was nip and tuck for the first 20 minutes as both sides grappled for advantage, the Gallopers managing to hold their own up front against the monster Breakers' pack. However a charged-down kick, one of several in the first half, led to the first Breakers' try, and another five pointer soon after had them 10-0 up, running with a strong breeze.

A Donovan Slade penalty on halftime gave the Gallopers the encouragement they needed to turn with the wind at their backs, but it was the Breakers who scored first to jump to a commanding 17-3 lead. To their credit, the Gallopers consolidated and a try to Nick Churven, followed by a sharp run by Tim Atkinson that led to a Steve Miller try, converted by Slade, and the Breakers' lead had been pared back to 17-15.

The Breakers hit back with a second try to Josh Fuimaono down an unprotected blindside and the game looked to be as good as over. But the Gallopers stuck to their last and defended doggedly, repelling raid after raid by the Gold Coast's huge forward pack. And the persistence was rewarded when an Atkinson kick through led to a spectacular try by Slade. Unfortunately his conversion attempt was wide and a draw went begging.

The bonus point for losing by seven or less lifted the Gallopers a point clear of Wests, who slipped to fifth on the day, with only next week's game against eighth placed University remaining.

A positive for Jeeps was again the performance of the forwards, who tackled magnificently and held their own at scrum and lineout. Ryan McDonald was the Nissan Metro & Renault Jeeps Man of the Match.

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Round 2 University 12 GPS 46

Jeeps qualified for the semi-finals with a dominant display over University in the round 2 match at St Lucia, scoring seven tries to two to win 46-12.

Wallaby sensation Drew Mitchell had put University into the lead early, using his pace for a nicely worked try. However that was the only thing the students had to cheer about, as Jeeps set about demolishing their scrum, dominating the lineout and racking up the tries to lead 29-5 by halftime.

Donovan Slade scored the first five pointer for the Gallopers, powering through three tacklers to score his try. Brock James converted, the first of four conversions and a penalty that he kicked during the day.

Jason Hynes was next to score, after a clever Tim Atkinson tapped a loose ball with his foot and it bounced off a Uni player and into the arms of Hynes. Atkinson scored for himself shortly after, pulling in an intercept then outpacing Mitchell, who left the field with a hamstring strain.

Quick hands across the backline to Chris Wright led to Jeeps' bonus point fourth try, converted by James, and a commanding 29-5 halftime score.

University called for uncontested scrums at the start of the second half, so Jeeps took the opportunity to rest props Ryan McDonald and Anthony Mathison as the match fell away as a real contest.

Ashley Elphinston scored the first try of the second half for Jeeps, while Peter Stevenson added two more spectacular efforts to wrap up the scoring after Uni had posted a second consolation try.

Minor Semi-Final - Brothers 37 GPS 32

An intercept try by Brothers only minutes from fulltime with Jeeps on all out attack ended the Gallopers season for 2005 in the minor semi-final at Ballymore.

With Jeeps attacking the Brothers line, trying to bridge a five point deficit, Brothers' Kane Allen took a chance and rather than try to defend a three man overlap, went for the intercept and turned possible defeat into victory.

Brothers' fifth try put them 10 points clear and, although Tim Usasz capped a typically dogged display by scoring a try on the bell, it was not enough as Brothers ran out 37-32 winners, qualifying to meet the Gold Coast in the following week's Preliminary Final.

Jeeps started brightly enough, with Brock James slipping a sweet pass to Donovan Slade for him to score in the corner in the 11th minute. James converted the try, the first of his three conversions and two penalties that helped keep Jeeps in the match.

Brothers struck back with the equaliser six minutes later, but Jeeps regained the lead in an attacking raid when James fed Tim Atkinson, who made enough of a break to create the opening for Usasz to take the inside ball and score under the posts.

Penalty goal exchanges made up the rest of the half, which finished with Jeeps 17-13 in front.

Jeeps had been well served by James, who directed play well in the midfield and used his strong right boot to advantage. However Reds' flanker David Croft was making life difficult for the Gallopers, creating a number of turnovers, slowing Jeeps ruck ball and getting to the breakdown early enough to win several penalties.

The Jeeps forwards also proved a stronger unit at the set pieces, causing the Brothers eight to ponder how they'll fare when they meet the Gold Coast's monster pack next weekend.

The second half went badly wrong for the Gallopers. A try to Brothers speedster Ant Sauer put Brothers in front until James equalised, but two more tries by the Brethren had Jeeps in deep trouble at 20-32 behind with time running out.

A wayward pass in the Brothers in-goal gave a five pointer to the alert Byron Roberts and new hope to Jeeps with the lead cut back to 27-32.

However the intercept try put the match out of their reach, leaving the Gallopers to lament a disappointing end to their season.

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Reserve Grade

Under the direction of Mick Arnold and Mark Easton, Reserve Grade had an excellent season, finishing second on the ladder at the end of Round 18 with 13 wins, 1 draw and 4 losses.

After a tough start to the season the boys had one win from four games, before finding their feet and stringing together 12 wins on the trot. The success was built on strong performances in the pack, making yards up the middle with strong ruck and maul work, and good picking-and-driving, together excellent commitment by the whole team in scrambling defence.

With a second place finish, Reserve Grade played the major semi-final against Brothers. GPS played the entire second half a man down after an unjustified red card was handed out. The boys dug very deep and with a man down the opposition were still not able to cross our line. GPS led 6-3 with four minutes to go. But Brothers got themselves into good field position and converted two penalty attempts in the dying minutes, the second being posted after the final siren to win 9-6.

The Preliminary final was played the following Sunday night against an unpredictable Souths team. Unfortunately the ball did not bounce our way that night, and our error rate was too high for finals rugby. Souths won 13-6 to finish our season.

With around 50 players running on for Reserve Grade the success was due to far too many players to mention. Their ability to work together as a team each week with consistent changes was a major contributor to their success.

Sean Graham was named Best and Fairest following the weekly points allocation. Adrian West, who played numerous games in Premier Grade was named best back for his consistently solid performances at fullback. Our halfback, Gareth Morris deserves a mention for his work-rate around the park, and we lost count of the number of try-saving tackles he pulled off during the season. Club stalwart Paul Biddulph played his 200th grade game during the season, and has now decided to hang up the boots after a long career at GPS out-performing his opposing front rowers.

There was a great injection of skills and enthusiasm from the colts ranks this year, and all of the young players also showed significant development during the season.

The success was built on a team spirit that was clearly apparent this year, largely helped by the involvement of large support team involved.

Paul Cramsie provided invaluable assistance as team manager and Steve Calder as Coaching Coordinator made a real difference, together with the support and teamwork amongst the whole coaching staff. John Richards and John Wiltshire provided sponsorship assistance, and John Richards also gave general management assistance and help running water on game day along with Rod Spark and Craig Carter which was much appreciated, as was the continued assistance of Madonna and her team from Allsports Physio.

Mick Arnold & Mark Easton Co-Coaches

Footnote: For their exceptional efforts during the season, Mick and Mark were awarded the Patron's Trophy for excellence in coaching.

Third Grade

After a disappointing 2004 season GPS 3rd grade were determined to improve in all areas of play and have a real dig at making the finals for the first time in a number of years.

With the majority of the team comprising last season's colts sides things were looking very promising after round 1 when the 3's defeated 2004 Premiers Logan 17-5. Round 2 saw another strong victory against Redlands 12-10, however the team fell into a mini form slump (mainly due to injury) and were comprehensively beaten by both University and Souths.

Round 4 saw the 3's turn around their poor form in the previous 2 weeks to run out winners 60-7 against the hapless Norths-QUT. However all the good work achieved against Norths was left at Shaw road and the team was well and truly thumped the following week when playing Wests at home. Unfortunately this game was like many others to come with Jeeps leading for the majority of the match only to let it slide in the final stages due to poor discipline and control. The following week saw a very

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ugly win against Sunnybank at the 'Bank, however the emergence of Rowan Sedgewick and Gus Porteous as potential game winners became obvious with very strong performances against a large Dragons pack.

The next two games versus Easts and Brothers were very similar affairs with the Jeeps 3s dominating for the majority of the matches only to see simple unforced errors handing the opponents the win on both occasions.

At the end of the first round 3's were four wins from nine games, while potentially the stats could have easily read seven from nine. Simple mistakes had cost the side dearly and a more committed and discipline team was required if they were going to stay in touch with the top four.

The first game of the second round saw Jeeps once again put in a punishing display against last year's premiers, running out winners 57-7. Ben Tennant score a personal high and a club 3rd grade record with his 32 point haul which included three tries, one penalty and 7/8 conversions.

The following week saw the 3's travel to the Gold Coast to play Redlands. After a solid start to the game Redlands proved to be too strong and ran out winners 19-12. This game saw the return from suspension of James Connolly and his impact was almost immediate with some strong defence and running.

Dave Howard was named captain for the remainder for the season and his leadership was inspirational. Brendan Bergin and Tom L'Estrange both improved with each outing, while Luke Campbell has looked to have found a home at 5/8 with some very solid performances after a brief stint on the sidelines with a knee injury.

The next two games saw the changing of the guard as far as second half performances goes with a gritty draw against Uni 7- all and a hard fought win over Souths 11-10. The Souths match saw Liam Ferguson return from a knee reconstruction and his contributions around the park were enormous while brother Brendan was solid in every encounter.

With three rounds remaining 3's were still a slim chance of making the finals, however our fate relied on other teams losing. Jeeps met Wests at Sylvan Rd and from the outset were the more dominant team.

Once again "Dead Eye" Jimmy Graham was on fire and his pinpoint throws laid the platform for another solid victory winning 25-0. Jeeps met Sunnybank in the third last game of the season at home and had a very good win 36-19. The front row of Howard, Graham and Wilshire were once again strong against a larger pack while half Tom Sully, winger Ben Sexton and Cam King all made valuable contributions during the game.

The final two games ended in a bit of an anti-climax when it was apparent that the side would not be able to make the finals even if they won their two remaining games. This and injury took the edge off the side's winning run and although the side tried hard on the day were beaten on both occasions by the better team.

Although the side achieved more than was probably anticipated at the start of the season it's hard not to feel a touch of disappointment for those matches which were there to be taken, but due to poor discipline and some bad luck these games were lost and as a result of these early losses it was very hard to get back into the top four.

In all it was a very positive year with many players putting their hands up for higher honours in the future and I hope this success continues into the next few years to come.

Nick Fogarty
Coach

Fourth Grade

This year 4th Grade started the season with a large squad of players. Having so many players was a little difficult to manage – getting everyone enough game time etc.

An agreement between the players and coaches decided to attempt to give everyone some game time. We did achieve this with most players who came to the games getting at least half a game. In the end this probably did hurt the team; losing some games we should have won and players not being able to develop and maintain match fitness.

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The season started very well for the team with strong wins against Logan City and Redlands. However we came back to earth with losses to more experienced opposition in Uni, Souths and Brothers. A big win against Sunnybank followed but we finished round 1 with losses to Wests and Easts.

The second round produced the same results as the first round which left us in sixth place, short of a semi final berth.

Whilst we would have liked better results it was evident in every game we played that for periods in a game we could match it with the better teams. A more consistent performance would have seen us winning the games we lost narrowly.

Overall the team performed well considering we had many personnel changes on top of a relatively inexperienced side and even though we finished 6th we were still in contention with 3 games to play.

From the start of preseason training Grades 2nd to 4th trained in a group situation and we would like to thank other Grade coaches, Mick Arnold, Mark Easton and Nick Fogarty for their invaluable help in organising training sessions for all the lower grades. This made our job a lot easier.

Thanks also to Steve Calder for his input into skills training and his enthusiasm and advice to try to improve our team's performance.

We could not have operated without our management team of George Bickerstaff and Scott Richards and we thank them for their efforts, especially George, who put in countless hours selecting and supporting the team.

Finally thank you to all players for their efforts in 4th Grade. The signs are there for a very strong team for next season and hopefully everyone will be back to enjoy a successful 2006.

Trevor Jesser & Rohan Fuller
Co-Coaches

Fifth Grade

GPS 5th grade had another successful year in '05, culminating in yet another premiership. Since 1998, the 5ths have managed 4 finals appearances in 98, 02, 04 and 05, taking out 3 and being knocked out in the preliminary final in 04, and I'm proud to say I've been involved in all of them.

This year the team was led from the front by skipper David Bergin who showed leadership beyond his years and put in week in week out, leading to a deserved place in the GPS annual team of the year.

Others who stood up and led the way were Trent Bennett, David Valentine, Mick Gleeson and Jody Fauth, who between them shared with the younger guys an abundance of much needed experience. Valentine was named best and fairest and Fauth took out MVP and was also named in the GPS team of the year. Well done lads!

It was a new look backline this year with the addition of Gleeson, Ryan Strelow, Alec and Zoro Loli, Andy McCullough and the surprise packet Si McKiever, who was unearthed on a pre-season trip to Hervey Bay. Sheppo had another solid year and Action Jackson was always there to do the job for his mates, narrowly missing out on a team man of the year award.

The forwards saw some old heads return to the fold, and the pressure for positions was always hot. Hanson, Hobday, Karanicolas, Barden, Chow, Stirling, Atkins and Garvey all had solid seasons and the pigs laid the platform for the backs to rack up some good scorelines.

Finally, a big thanks to manager and team sponsor Tony Mahoney for all his input on and off the field. And to Jim Hanson for his time with the forwards during the finals, and Benny Rokoburra, Gus, Gordo and anyone else who ran the water or touch throughout the season. And last but not least the girls from Ozsports for all their assistance (hey Bergs!)

Congratulations once again to all involved and let's go back to back in 06....

Scott Lavaring
Coach

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GPS Colts 2005

Any Club which can satisfy (generally) the needs of 90 registered players of Colts age – including a few A.N.Others playing in the 4's - is doing extremely well. I believe that we achieved that goal this year.

As a result of having good players, competent and caring coaches and managers and a positive organisational framework within which to work, the result was a series of positive outcomes.

Our flagship this year was Colts 3's which may well be Brisbane's best-performed Rugby side in all grades by winning the minor premiership, the Grand Final, sustaining only 1 loss all season and with the proud record of 415 during the season and only 45 points against (14 of these were against our 4's!) This is an average of 45 points for and only 2.8 against for each game. Take a well-deserved bow Al Beauchamp (lineout and scrum tactical specialist) and Stephen Smith (outside backs dexterity and skills coach).

Our 1's were desperately unfortunate not to get to the Grand Final – and win it! However we all know that they were an extremely talented team probably the most talented across all positions that I have seen in Colts for many years. There are many players from this side which I believe have yet to make their best mark and who we will hear about for many years to come.

2's came close. It was not to be on the day and full credit to a team which in the main performed very well - and importantly finally developed as a real team under the watchful tutelage of the peripatetic Terrence Donovan and his apprentice Lachlan Zangari.

4's took the paddock every week – not always with 15 players (certainly never the same 15 players) but often close to this number. This in itself was no small feat and the existence of our 4's performed two important tasks:

- 1) it offered a game every week for all players and ensured that they were part of the Colts squad and culture;
- 2) having this side ensured that the 3's were solid as it allowed an underbelly of players coming and going whilst the regulars could meld into a creditable team in the 3's.

I would like to thank the Colts Management Group, managers Georgie Moulos, Phillipa Perkins, Jonathan Hollamby and Andrew McNeill for ably performing all those tasks which nobody knows about until they are not done and the rest of the Group Chris Lane, Steve Phillpotts (Zanda Strofield and Micky Taylor when we could get them) and Terry Burkett.

It was an extremely successful year on all fronts, and you will be pleased to hear that we achieved all our 10 Performance Indicators put into place in March. One premiership, 3 teams in the finals and 4 Queensland U19 representative players is a proud record – one that the Club can build on for 2006.

Thank you for the opportunity of working with such a fine bunch of young men and an almost finer bunch of older men (plus Terry).

Alex Pope
Colts Director

Colts 1

A very successful season deserved a better end!

Colts 1 of 2005 finished the regular season as Minor Premiers, however the premiership trophy remained out of our reach as we were beaten in extremely unlucky circumstances by University in the preliminary final. Uni went on to defeat Brothers in the final.

31 players represented Colts 1 throughout the season with 25 of these players managing to have their names recorded in the scorebook. 635 points were scored in total, consisting of 91 tries, 60 conversions & 20 penalty goals. Aaron Bellamy was not only the team's but also the whole club's top scorer with 195 points in competition games, while Ses Slade's 10 tries made him the team's top try scorer.

Throughout the season memorable wins were recorded against the strong Gold Coast, Sunnybank, and University sides while the 116 points scored against Logan also deserves mention.

The selection of Aaron Bellamy, Mark Donaldson, Herman Porter and Simon Poole (before injury) in the Qld U/19 Team is just reward not only for their efforts but also that of their team mates.

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I really believe this current squad all improved as rugby players and grew into young men together. This was particularly evident in the way they shared their successes throughout the year and also their disappointment at the season's unfortunate end.

To the Colts Management Group, headed by Alex Pope, we thank you for your never ending support, advice and encouragement. To co-coaches Steven Phillpotts and Shane Arnold, I thank you for your time, patience and expertise, and finally to our manager George Moulos, whose non-stop efforts were a huge contribution to our success.

A final thank you to everyone at JEEPS for the introduction to club rugby afforded to all colts during the 2005 season.

The difference between a rugby club and a great rugby club is that one has great people within and the other does not. Jeeps is a GREAT RUGBY CLUB!!

Chris Lane
Coach

Colts 2

GPS Colts 2 finished in third place on the points table after the home and away fixtures and were poised for an assault on the silverware after defeating Easts by 25-3 in the minor semi final.

For the third consecutive year, however, the season came to an end at the hands of University in the Preliminary Final. The final scoreline of 10-3 emphasised the team's defensive qualities but also its lack of real attacking bite.

During the season, some big scores were racked up against mediocre opposition but an inability to overcome the two top teams (Redlands/Gold Coast and University) was an ongoing matter of concern.

Including the two finals, Colts 2 played 18 matches for 12 wins and 6 losses, scoring 463 points for and 171 against.....altogether a very successful year.

Team captain Lew Torkington and Peter Gleeson played the most number of games (17) closely followed by George Dingle and Lachlan Rogers (both 16).

Top point scorers were Tom Rynders (90) and Bevan Galloway (64) both of whom played a significant number of games with other Colts teams. The leading try scorer was winger Reid Thornton (8).

During the year a total of 53 players were used in Colts 2 with many commencing in the two Colts 3 teams and earning promotion through their diligence and persistence at training and in matches. All the players who were brought up through the ranks proved worthy of Colts 2 selection and I thank all of them for their efforts on behalf of the team.

The team was fortunate to have first year coach Lachlan Zangari to mentor the backs this season. Lachie was meticulous in his preparation and his ideas were innovative and well received by the players. His skills and personality make him an ideal fit for taking on a more senior role next year.

Manager John Hollamby was ever present and well organised. Nothing was too much trouble for him and the boys appreciated not having to worry about anything when they were preparing for training and matches.

Leadership of the Colts 2 team fell to a group of second year Colts who were outstanding for the whole year. I congratulate Lew Torkington, Ben Carrigan, James Thomson, Denis Beattie, Jamie Greben and, before his promotion to Colts 1, then-captain Daniel Moynihan, for instilling in the first year players the meaning of playing for our club.

The Colts Management Group led by Alex Pope worked like a well oiled machine all year which made it easy for the coaches to do their respective jobs. I believe our structure is the envy of other clubs.

Thank you to the parents and friends who traversed Brisbane to support their young men in doing something they enjoy in company with their mates. Your presence and efforts are much appreciated by the boys and by the coaching and management staff.

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To all who were a part of Colts 2 this season, I thank you for your hard work and hope that you, whether players or management, will return to the club in 2006 and make it an even bigger year as GPS strive to take that final step.

Terry Donovan
Co-Coach

Colts 3

This year saw new talent arriving in the colts ranks on both the playing and coaching side. The indomitable Al Beauchamp was teamed with ex grade player Stephen Smith to guide the Colts 3 unit and club stalwart Phil Perkins chipped in to take on managing the side.

Right from the opening trial games at Brothers it was evident that this team had both potential and attitude to burn. It was always going to be a case of getting them to deliver on the field.

In the opening round we took on Brothers, last year's premiers and they proved to be our main rival for the remainder of the year. But the lads walked away victors, keeping their opposition scoreless. This wouldn't be the first team to find the defences of the 3's rock solid.

The captaincy issue was resolved when a young kid with a passion for winning stepped up on the field to drive the colts 3's round the paddock. Tom Gleeson proved to be a naturally gifted footballer and leader. The coaching and management staff were unanimous in their support of Tom.

The wealth of talent in the squad brought its own difficulties for team selections. However this is the kind of headaches coaches don't mind suffering and meant that players had to become more flexible as they were exposed to new roles, new positions and other playing opportunities. Some revelled in the challenge with blokes like Ken Beanland taking on the most important and difficult job of tighthead and doing it with style.

The team's ranks were also bolstered early in the season with the arrival of 2nd year colt Pat Taylor. The forwards laid the platform and Pat drove the boys around the park, taking on all comers as they made their way to the top of the table and stayed there, leaving other teams in their wake.

The team stumbled only once during the season, losing to Brothers at the end of the season as injuries took their toll. However, after 15 rounds the team had amassed a massive 415 points for and only 45 against. Conceding, on average, only 2.8 points per game but scoring on average over 27 points per game.

As the finals approached the team set their sights on the premiership title and defeated Brothers in the return encounter in the major semi final on Ballymore 1, putting them into the grand final.

The grand final was arguably the best game the 3's played all year, carrying out the game plan with skill and determined efficiency. The instructions at the start of the game from Colts Overlord Alex Pope was "play with passion" and that's exactly what they did. They dominated rucks, mauls and set pieces to thoroughly defeat Brothers for the final time and fulfil their goal of bringing the silverware home to Ashgrove.

Stephen Smith
Co-Coach

Colts 4

The good news is that the Club put a Colts 4's team on the field every week. Not once did we forfeit a game. This enabled us to offer an opportunity for every player to play each week.

This was the biggest year for the Colts in terms of numbers, as well as results, and the gratifying part of the year is that the players hung in with the Colts for the whole year.

Putting four teams on the paddock is not easy but it is certainly easier when the players stay with us as they did this year.

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It is quite amazing to think that we came within a whisker of being in the finals of the Colts 3 competition! Had there been fewer forfeits we might have found ourselves playing at Ballymore in the finals. I think that the 3's would definitely have been in trouble then!

There was a good solid nucleus of players who turned up for training on a regular basis and for the games as well. Without these players there would not have been this opportunity to play and we thank you as an integral part of the overall Colts squad. These regulars include Liam Donald, Tim Gallagher, Nick Styman, Josh McNeill, Jules Gorey, Josh Middleton and James Burton in particular. I hate to say it but I think that we struggled a bit when we lost Patty Muir and then Josh Paviour and Jeremy Ward to the 3's.

We thank the rest of the Colts Group who assisted when needed and I hope that the Club takes on the challenge of running a Cols 4 again next year. It will require one designated person to take on the responsibility for coordinating the effort. I hope that we can nominate someone to this job as the benefits far outweigh the effort required for the Colts as a whole.

In fact I would be optimistic enough to suggest that there is no reason that we could not aim for 5 teams in 2006 – there is certainly the interest in playing with the Club being expressed from prospective players and we should try to harness these players for the Club.

Thank you boys, I hope that you can hang in for another year or two of Rugby. Well done.

Alex Pope
Coach

2005 GPS "Team of the Year"

As they did in 2004, the coaching staff again sat down to select a GPS "Team of the Year", consisting of players from across the grades who were not necessarily the best in the club in their various positions, but were those who (in their own playing context) displayed:

- value to the team in that position
- consistent performance in that position
- skills development over the season
- the potential to develop further in that position

The 2005 team was:

1. Ryan McDonald (Premier)
2. Nick Churven (Premier)
3. Paul Biddulph (2nd Grade)
4. Pat Muir (Colts 4)
5. Sean Graham (2nd Grade)
6. Mark Donaldson (Colts 1)
7. David Bergin (5th Grade)
8. Ashley Elphinstone (Premier)
9. Gareth Morris (2nd Grade)
10. Jody Fauth (5th Grade)
11. Aaron Bellamy (Colts 1)
12. Simon Poole (Colts 1)
13. Moggy Wei (Colts 3)
14. Ben Tennant (3rd Grade)
15. Adrian West (2nd Grade)

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GPS Trophies 2005

Top Try Scorer - 2005	Donovan Slade (12)	Peter McBaron
100 Points for Season - 2005	Aaron Bellamy (195)	Bradley Button
	Bevan Galloway (152)	
	Donovan Slade (135)	
	Tom Rynders (119)	
	Ben Tennant (118)	
	Ryan Strelow (113)	
200 Grade Games	Paul Biddulph	Paul Reid
Best & Fairest (Premier Grade)	Ashley Elphinston	Wren Bligh
Premier Grade - Players Player	Nick Churven	George Bickerstaff
Best & Fairest (2nd Grade)	Sean Graham	Ken Aaron
2nd Grade - Best Back	Adrian West	Ken Bolton
Best & Fairest (3rd Grade)	Brendan Bergin	Bob Armstrong
3rd Grade - Most Consistent Player	Tom L'Estrange	AllSports Physiotherapy
Best & Fairest (4th Grade)	Kell Cronin	
4th Grade - Most Improved Player	James Nelson	Lloyd Graham
Best & Fairest (5th Grade)	Dave Valentine	Robin Thomson
5th Grade - Most Valuable Player	Jody Fauth	Cr Geraldine Knapp
Best & Fairest (Colts One)	Mark Donaldson	Alan Taylor
Colts One - Most Consistent Player	Aaron Bellamy	David Abernethy
Best & Fairest (Colts Two)	George Dingle	Frank Jensen
Colts Two - Most Consistent Player	Nick Cervetto	Tony Roberts
Best & Fairest (Colts Three)	Tom Gleeson	Phil Perkins
Colts Three - Most Valuable Player	Paul Coulin	The Oakhill Brothers
Best & Fairest (Colts Four)	Pat Muir	The McGahan Family
Colts Four - Most Consistent Player	Nick Styman	Mike Thies
Best Junior Clubman - David Burrows Memorial Trophy	Cris (Dizzy) Gillespie	
Best & Fairest Colt - Robert Burrows Memorial Trophy	Pat Muir (19 points)	
"Spirit of the Colts" Award - BB Loel Trophy	Ryan Solomons	Brian Loel
Golden Gallopers "Spirit of Club Rugby" Award	Michelle Bennie	The Golden Gallopers
Best Club Man - Walter Boyd Memorial Trophy	Tim Ferguson	
John Harris Memorial Trophy - Presented by his friends	Angus Porteous	
Club Captain - Humphrey Bere Memorial Trophy	Chris Wright	
Patron's Award - Outstanding Achievement in Coaching	Mick Arnold & Mark Easton	

Player Representative Appearances 2005

Australia A: Junior Pelesasa
Australia Under 21: Pat O'Connor
Queensland: Ben Tune, Anthony Mathison, Tom McVerry, Junior Pelesasa, Brock James
Queensland A: Peter Stevenson
Queensland XV: Donovan Slade
Queensland U19: Mark Donaldson, Herman Porter, Aaron Bellamy
Brisbane Premier North: Steve Miller, Ashley Elphinston, Mark Bennedick, Donovan Slade, Ryan McDonald
Australian Universities: Geoff Ingram
Australian Services: Andrew Thorpe
Australian Deaf Squad: Paul Biddulph (captain)

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GPS Player Statistics 2005 (note: financial players only)

Grades		Premier	G2	G3	G4	G5	Career Total Premier/All Grades	T	C	P	FG	Season Pts
Conor	Anderson			1	1		0/2					
Jon	Anderson	13	11				13/24	4				20
Jeremy	Archer				7		0/7					
Peter	Atkins				1	7	0/8	1				5
David	Atkinson	8	9				20/51	3				15
Timothy	Atkinson	7					83/83	2				10
Daniel	Barden					11	0/28	7				35
Charlie	Begg				7		0/7	2	2			14
Trent	Benett					7	0/95	1				5
Mark	Benedick	13					33/42	7	2			39
Shaun	Bennie			1	2		0/3	2				10
Brendan	Bergin			10	5		0/15	3				15
David	Bergin				1	12	0/47	3	1			17
Paul	Biddulph	4	12	4			25/207					
Matt	Blinkhoff	1	12	1			1/38					
Anton	Blow			4	13		0/45	6	9	1		51
Luke	Bolster		1				10/16					
James	Bourne				3		0/3					
Ben	Bowen				5		0/5					
Luke	Cahill			9	4		0/13	6				30
Luke	Campbell		1	9			0/10	6		2		36
Samson	Chow					10	0/10					
Nicholas	Churven	13	1				27/36	12				60
Peter	Collins					1	0/37					
James	Connolly			6	2		0/8					
Alistair	Cook				10		0/10					
Thomas	Couper	20	3				32/35	3				15
Kell	Cronin				15		0/15	3	22	7		80
Tom	Davies		1				0/1					
Jonathan	Duke		1	1	13		0/15	3				15
Scott	Eising			1	12		0/13					
Ashley	Elphinston	17					17/17	4				20
Paul	Erickson			4	1		0/5					
Alexander	Farquhar				12		0/12					
Henry	Fata			2	9		0/11	5				25
Jody	Fauth					7	0/26	1				5
Brendan	Ferguson			13			0/13	2				10
Liam	Ferguson		1	6			2/9					
Brendan	Foster			3	5	2	0/34					
Seamus	Fraser	10	11				10/21	5				25
Peter	Garvey					6	0/6	1				5
Seamus	Gay	16	12				43/70	2				10
Mitchell	Geraghty	3	13	1			4/18	8	5			50
Michael	Gleeson		1			9	10/33	4				20
James	Graham		3	2	2		8/38	2				10
Sean	Graham	6	13				6/19	4				20
Tim	Green					3	0/3	1				5
Carlos	Guerrero			1	9		0/10					
Alexander	Hall				13		0/20					

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Paul	Hanly				2		0/2			
Lucas	Hanson					9	0/29	1		5
Timothy	Heenan	20	1				99/102	1		5
John	Hefferan		5	14			0/19			
Patrick	Hobday					6	0/6	1	1	7
Charles	Holland	5	8	4		1	46/91	1		5
David	Howard		6	10			0/16	3		15
Timothy	Hoysted		9	5			0/14	2	16	2
Jason	Hynes	9	13				13/26	5		25
Geoffrey	Ingram	21					60/68			
James	Jackson				1	12	0/123	2		10
Brock	James	4					4/4		13	5
Brad	Jarro	4	6	1	2		23/56	5		25
Julian	Jefferis		8				0/8	2		10
Lucas	Jesser					13	0/13	2		10
Ryan	Jesser			7	3		0/10	3		15
Stuart	Kamp		5	10	3		0/18	5		25
Christopher	Karanicolas					12	0/32	1		5
Kazuki	Kimiya					9	0/9	1		5
Cameron	King	4	8	9	1		4/22	3		15
John	Kirkman	2					6/17			
Kolia	Konelio					1	0/1	1		5
Nick	Laming			1	5		0/6	1		5
Mark	Lenfant					2	0/2			
Thomas	L'Estrange		2	12	7		0/21	4		20
Patrick	Leyden			10			0/10	1		5
Joe	Lister			1			0/8	3		15
Samuel	Litster	7	11		2		7/20	1		5
Alec	Loli					6	0/6	6		30
Zorro	Loli					10	0/10	6		30
Marcus	Maat					3	0/3			
Ryan	MacLeod				5	2	1/38			
Anthony	Mahoney					8	0/43			
Pita	Manu		4				0/4			
Ross	Marshall	1	9	5			1/42			
Anthony	Mathison	19					79/80	2		10
Andrew	McCulloch					12	0/13		3	1
Ryan	McDonald	14	3				28/44			
Daniel	McKeiver					2	0/18			
Simon	McKeiver					10	0/10	4		20
Tom	McVerry	3					65/65			
Brent	Merrilees				10		0/37	1		5
Steven	Miller	19					73/76	5		25
Alan	Mills		6	4	2		0/12			
Peter	Morehan		8	2			0/10	2		10
Samuel	Morgan		1		3		0/18			
Gareth	Morris	4	16				4/20	5		25
Stevie	Nalatu		1	3			0/4	3		15
James	Nelson			2	12		0/14	3		15
Alefay	Ninkama			1	8		0/9	2	2	14
Patrick	O'Connor	10	9				16/25			
Joshua	Owens			1	8		0/9	3		15
Matthew	Pallse					8	0/8			
James	Park		16	1	1		0/18	2		10
Junior	Pelesasa	8					17/17	11		55
Sebastian	Pelly				1		0/1			

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Martin	Perkins	5	2			5/7	1		5		
Andrew	Pope				10	0/10	3	1	17		
Angus	Porteous		8	8	1	3	0/88	4	20		
Jade	Rauhihi	3	2				3/5				
Byron	Roberts	23					24/24	8	40		
Phillip	Roberts				6		0/19				
Ben	Rokobaro					6	0/6				
Christopher	Rynders	2	17	2			2/21	1	5		
Samuel	Scott					5	0/5	1	2		
Rowan	Sedgwick		1	13			0/93				
Benjamin	Sexton		1	13			0/38	1	5		
Brendan	Sexton	17	2				59/66	3	15		
Luke	Sexton			15			0/82	2	10		
Ben	Sheppard			1		12	0/47	8	40		
Timothy	Sheppard		14	1			6/35	5	25		
Jordan	Siemon				4		0/4				
Donovan	Slade	21					69/72	13	28	3	130
Roy	Slade		4	9			0/13	4	5	1	33
Martin	Slater				3		0/3				
Alister	Smith					5	0/48				
Adam	Stanfield		2	5			0/42				
Luke	Stanley			4	8		0/12	2			10
Peter	Stevenson	9					14/14	4			20
Gerrard	Stirling					9	0/31				
Ryan	Strelow		1			12	0/13	12	25	1	113
Alexander	Strofield			1	4		0/5				
Thomas	Sully	1	1	9			1/11	2			10
Christopher	Tanzer			1	8		0/9	2			10
Daniel	Tasker			1	1		0/2	1			5
Andrew	Taylor		6	7			0/22	1			5
Benjamin	Tennant	2	6	7			2/15	11	24	5	118
Sam	Thies	15	8				57/98	4			20
Andrew	Thorpe	6	3				6/9		6	2	18
Sheldon	Toto			3	4		0/24				
Tim	Usasz	21					21/21	6			30
David	Valentine					11	0/128				
Trent	Vinson				1		0/1				
Shane	Warren		9	6	2		0/17	5			25
Adrian	West	13	10				19/42	1	22	14	91
Aaron	Whiteman				3		0/3				
Liam	Wiltshire			11	2		0/13				
Christopher	Wright	18	3				85/105	5			25
Matthew	Zaranski				4		0/4				

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Colts

Colts 2005		1	2	3	4	T	C	P	FG	Total Pts
Joseph	Andrews				1					
Nick	Aroney				6					
Andrew	Barton		15	1						
James	Batch				12	2				10
Kenneth	Beanland		8	10	2	2				10
Denis	Beattie	8	12	1						
Brett	Beauchamp	12	5			1				5
Aaron	Bellamy	19				8	52	12		180
Matthew	Bennetts				11	4				20
Dallas	Betson			4						
Chris	Briscoe				1					
James	Burton			7	11	2	1			12
Joao	Caldeira-Santos	19				2				10
Simon	Callaghan			9	4	2				10
Ben	Carrigan	3	9		4	1	2			9
Nicholas	Cervetto	6	13			4				20
David	Chow		14			2				10
Paul	Coulin		1	15						
Nicholas	Dangerfield		5	14		10	2	1		57
Michael	Dash		8	6	5	4				20
Shannon	Dean	19	2			8				40
Matthew	Dillon		1	9	1	1				5
George	Dingle	3	16	1		5	2			29
Liam	Donald			2	11					
Mark	Donaldson	20				8				40
Andrew	Downie	3								
Jonathan	Downing	11	4			10				50
Isaac	Falzon				4					
Kevin	Ferguson	1	8	1						
Michael	Forbes		1	11	2	7				35
Timothy	Gallagher			1	7					
Bevan	Galloway	2	11	10		9	40	9		152
Cristopher	Gillespie		4	16						
Peter	Gleeson		17	1						
Thomas	Gleeson		5	11		3				15
Julian	Gorey				9					
Jamie	Greben	6	11		2	2				10
Matthew	James		10	1		1				5
Thomas	James	17				6				30
Dominic	Jenkin				1					
Lloyd	Jones			13	2	10				50
Adam	Jones		1	7	9	1				5
Joshua	Jukes				8	3				15
Stuart	Longworth	19				4				20
Daniel	Lotyczuk		3	11	2	4	1			22
Nicholas	Manfield		5	1		3				15
James	McGregor	19				2				10
Joshua	Mcneill			2	13					
Cameron	Mead		1	3	7	2				10
Josh	Middleton				11	1				5
Greg	Midgley		5	2	1					
Edward	Milner		2							

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Daniel	Moynihan	10	7			9			45
Patrick	Muir		4	5	8	4			20
Stephen	O'Brien		1	1	9	3			15
Damian	O'Connor	18				2			10
Thomas	O'Donovan			5	3				
Joshua	Paviour		1	7	10	1			5
Matt	Peters	4		3	1	3			15
William	Phillips		1	3	1				
Simon	Poole	6	3			10			50
Herman	Porter	14				5			25
Joel	Potter	17				2			10
Marshall	Preston	4	15						
Lachlan	Rogers	3	16	2		8			40
Thomas	Rynders	7	11			11	20	8	119
David	Sigston			6	9	3	7		29
Sesole	Slade	20	2			10	2	1	57
Ryan	Solomons		1	17		1			5
Liam	Stower	16				1			5
Nicholas	Styman			4	9				
James	Sully		14	3		3	4	2	29
Christopher	Taylor		8	2	1	5			25
Patrick	Taylor		2	11	2		13	4	38
James	Thomson	6	13			1			5
Reid	Thornton	1	14	4		10			50
Jacob	Toole		2	14		2			10
Samuel	Toolis		2	12		2			10
Lewis	Torkington	4	17			1			5
Psalmody	Tupuanai			1					
Alex	Vanderzee	4	5	2	2	2			10
Jeremy	Ward			10	6				
Mogi	Wei		4	7	2	8			40
Samuel	Weier	20				3			15
Gordon	Wilkie	4	4	1		1			5
Rohan	Wilson			7					
Thomas	Zaranski		2	15					

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The “Golden Gallopers”

The inaugural year of the Golden Gallopers rugby club has come to a close and what a fantastic year it was! Over a year running from March to September the Gallopers ran on to the pitch 15 times for 10 wins, 3 draws and 2 losses, however in the true golden oldies tradition all games officially are drawn.

The season included matches against many familiar clubs such as Wests Bullfrogs, Souths, Easts Toothless Tigers, Redlands Mudcrabs, Norths Bustard Eagles and the Travelling Wannabies (Brothers).

As promised at the start of the year, the season was about coming together out of a passion for rugby, mateship and a cold beer and there was plenty of it!

All of our games were played in the true sprit of golden oldies rugby, where the games are “hard but fair”.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the year was the relationships developed with the Jeeps Senior and Junior clubs. We would like to thank both committees in particular Paul Reid (Seniors) and John Stubbings (Juniors) for welcoming us to be part of the Jeeps Rugby Community and allowing us to add that final pathway of rugby for Jeeps “Golden Oldies”.

Special mention to Rod Torkington from the seniors for all of his assistance with the fields, equipment and clothing, Adrian West from the Premier team for his help with cuts, bruises and strapping, and to Helen Medland from the Juniors who works tirelessly in the canteen for both clubs and still found time to help us out with pizzas at every home game and our drinks for the end of year function.

The Golden Gallopers were very pleased to donate a “Spirit of Rugby” perpetual trophy to both the juniors and senior clubs, we would like to congratulate the inaugural winners .

Internally I would just like to thank Mike Glover, Paul Garner, Steve Smith and Dave McConnell for their efforts each week with training and game preparation. Congratulations to everyone involved on a great year and looking forward to next year and a possible end of year tour for the Wellington World Vintage Rugby Tournament!!

Tony “Buck” Rogers
President, Golden Oldies

Ashgrove-GPS Juniors

2005 has been another successful year for the Ashgrove GPS Junior Rugby Club, which had 740 registered players playing in the 52 teams fielded in the various age groups.

Under 6	Six teams	64 players	Under 12	Four teams	69 players
Under 7	Six teams	74 players	Under 13	Two teams	45 players
Under 8	Eight teams	85 players	Under 14	Three teams	60 players
Under 9	Eight teams	99 players	Under 15	Two teams	48 players
Under 10	Four teams	53 players	Under 16	Three teams	50 players
Under 11	Four teams	68 players	Under 17	One team	25 players

Eight teams qualified for the semi-finals, six of these successfully made it through to Grand Final Day and finished with four premierships (including the U16 mid season with Souths).

Ashgrove hosted the BJRU Club Semi-Finals on 21 August; the day was a huge success that ran very smoothly thanks to the many volunteers who participated.

I would like to thank everybody who performed rostered duties at Ashgrove during 2005, also my fellow Committee Members who gave of their time to assist in promoting the objects of the Club; primarily having a huge number of kids actively engaged in sports in a safe and positive environment.

The Committee focus in 2005 was getting our systems established, the move to split training nights (U6 to U10 on Fridays and U11 to U17 on Wednesdays), and improvements to facilities.

One area of focus in 2006 will be to continue with fundraising and facilities improvements; we have funds to commit to building a barbeque and kitchen facilities as soon as our Rights of Tenure have been executed.

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In addition, our Committee will be working in 2006 to:

- Implement a coordinated "CORE SKILLS PATHWAY" with structured uniform training program for the U9 to U11 years as this is identified as a key area for the development of core skills.
- Continue to improve the teenage-year teams and our pathway through the senior years to Colts.
- Ensure that GPS continues to be a family orientated club, where 'fun' and 'Rugby' go hand in hand.

Many thanks to everyone at the BJRU, the Referees, the Presidents and Committee of the other Clubs – I realise how much work goes into doing what you all do so we have this great competition for our kids.

I look forward to working with you again in 2006.

John Stubbings
President
Ashgrove GPS Junior Rugby Club

Albany Creek-GPS Juniors

It was a busy year at "the Creek", which celebrated its 10th anniversary with the completion of the clubhouse and realignment of our main field providing great facilities for our game.

The club continues to grow and this year fielded 2 x U/6, 2 x U/7, 3 x U/8 1 x U/9, 2 x U10, 2 x U11, 1 x U/12, 1 x U/13, 1 x U/14, 1 x U/15 and U/16 - approximately 260 players - a great foundation in lower ages for strong growth in older ages.

Premierships:
U/9, Div N
U/15, Div 4

Finals:
U/13 Semis
U/14 Grand

We also picked up more qualified referees, achieved smart rugby objectives and increased coaching ranks as we aim to pass 300 registered players.

Highlights of the year included the visiting Sanyo teams from Japan and hosting GPS vs Gold Coast in a Telstra premiership match on our club-opening day.

2006 is looking good with growth hopefully to U/17 and 300+ players, and numbers starting to build multiple teams in the lower Sunday ages. We are looking to build on this year's 16's and to build this competition. More teams = more fun for our players.

This is my last report, I thank junior rugby for seven years of support and association. It has been encouraging to not only see our club grow but the game in general.

Thank you to my committee and let's support the new faces coming into the Creek.

Steve Taylor
President
Albany Creek-GPS Junior Rugby Club

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Treasurer's Report

The 2005 year has been financially successful for our club.

Our net profit of \$41,290 is a significant improvement on the 2004 figure of \$6,821 and reflects progress in almost every facet of the club operations.

At the end of the 2004 season, we held a meeting of interested club supporters, where problem areas and possible opportunities were discussed. The biggest single development from that meeting was the obvious willingness of people to volunteer and to provide support and expertise to staff and committee.

As a result last season we had a full complement of coaches and managers, a well organised committee, a hard working and effective general manager and a large number of volunteers, both from the parent body and current players as well as a core of long term supporters.

The efforts of all these people cannot be adequately quantified in financial terms, but our financial success is directly linked.

Player Subscriptions

Of all areas of concern, this has been the most satisfying result. Happy players who recognise the effort and organization of the club and coaching staff are prepared to pay. 2004 was a big improvement on past years but in 2005 we achieved almost 100% success in collecting subs. Consequently fees rose from \$32,167 to \$47,781, helped also by the addition of an extra colts team.

Canteen Arrangement

For 2005 a new canteen arrangement was trialled, where the Junior Committee took responsibility for the canteen on our behalf and paid a monthly licensing fee plus a share of profits at year end.

As a consequence, while gross profit was almost identical to 2004 results, bar sales appear to be some \$10,000 lower.

Thank you to the Junior Committee for exploring this option as a means of solving the problems of running a joint bar operation. We are currently reviewing arrangements for 2006.

Sponsorship

We had a significant improvement in sponsorship this year rising from \$60,000 to \$80,000. This is a vital and much appreciated source of income for the club and reflects the belief of our corporate supporters that there is real value in sponsoring a Brisbane rugby club.

It is important though, that as members and supporters we recognise that our sponsors deserve our support. It is a business arrangement and they are entitled to expect some return for their outlay.

QRU Grant

The QRU again paid \$80,000 towards the cost of running the Premier Competition and this is also a vital source of revenue.

Quite rightly the QRU expects professionalism from member clubs in return for this financial support. These funds are utilised to support our retention of a General Manager, Club Development Officer and Premier Grade coach in addition to the usual costs of maintaining the team and grounds.

This figure will not rise in 2006 and perhaps beyond. Our costs will, which means it will be important to increase our other sources of revenue.

Pre Test Function

The success of the sellout Pre Test Function this year gave the entire club a sense of satisfaction.

The event was superbly organised thanks to the efforts of Mike Thies and Rod Torkington, but naturally there were a lot of other praiseworthy participants.

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Mike allowed himself a long lead time and organised our guest speaker and venue very early. From there his persistence and attention to detail ensured a day that was financially rewarding but also importantly, had everyone waiting expectantly for the 2006 event. Mike has again volunteered to assist, so book early!

Golf Day

Committee man Greg Geraghty volunteered to run the 2005 Golf Day which featured the prize of a motor vehicle from our principal sponsor Norris Motors, if a hole in one was achieved.

The day was successful financially and was very enjoyable. Thanks again to Greg for being the driving force and for his good organisation.

Expenses

Overall, expenditure rose from \$247,688 to \$293,068 this year, but 2005 does include a write-down of non-current assets of \$10,491. We intend to continue with this non-cash item in future years to more accurately reflect the financial position of the club.

Some expenditure has risen sharply as a result of increased attendances at home games eg. Cleaning from \$3,818 to \$5,417. Electricity and gas rose to \$7,457 from \$3,478, boosted by the Juniors training Friday nights followed by the Golden Gallopers. Such costs have to be met from the Juniors contribution.

Referee payments were introduced for the first time in 2005 and led to a big improvement in the quality of refereeing.

Balance Sheet

A pleasing aspect of our financial performance is the improved balance sheet.

Comparison with 2004 figures show Current Assets improving from \$17,148 to \$36,685 while Current Liabilities actually fell slightly from \$32,043 to \$31,054. And our total loans outstanding fell from \$13,504 to \$3,454. Both loans will be extinguished during 2006.

Outlook

The 2005 results are pleasing because they reflected the efforts of many. The players took responsibility for their own club to a degree not seen for years. Post match clean-ups, tent pull downs, half time entertainment, Ladies days, BBQ and canteen volunteers meant the Committee could confidently organise bigger home day events in the knowledge that it would not have to be the Club President emptying the bins at midnight (although he still did it).

This pride in their club is attracting players from other clubs and is making Colts recruitment an easier task. Potential players know they will have fun at Jeeps.

Correctly managed this culture will create a long term financial benefit in terms of subscriptions, home game crowds, sponsorship and support of functions.

Summary

In summary I would like to thank Paul Reid for his wise counsel and great support over the past year and to wish him the best for the future. Those of us on the committee are in awe of the tasks he performs behind the scenes with good humour and little fuss. Rod Torkington has guided us through a difficult period financially and uses a great deal of commonsense and experience to ensure the inevitable cashflow crises are successfully navigated.

Ellen Godfrey has assisted me with bookkeeping and accounting tasks and it is comforting to have reliable data provided in a timely fashion.

Finally thank you to the 2005 Committee who have provided great support in abiding by the budget and moving the club into a strong financial position.

Rob Ferguson
Hon. Treasurer

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2005 Audited Accounts of the GPS Rugby Club Inc

Income & Expenditure Statement ended 30th September 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
RETAIL SALES		
Bar	32,354.24	42,875.54
Food	1,851.04	6,872.18
Merchandise	387.28	550.90
Supplements	2,840.32	0.00
	<u>37,432.88</u>	<u>50,298.62</u>
 LESS: COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Opening Stock		
Bar	2,295.81	0.00
Food	0.00	0.00
Merchandise	2,770.00	4,240.00
Purchases		
Bar	10,565.21	24,706.43
Food	485.73	5,685.38
Merchandise	0.00	0.00
Supplements	2,986.45	0.00
Closing Stock		
Bar	0.00	(2,295.81)
Food	0.00	0.00
Merchandise	(2,455.00)	(2,770.00)
TOTAL COST OF GOODS SOLD	<u>16,648.20</u>	<u>29,566.00</u>
GROSS PROFIT FROM RETAIL SALES	<u>\$ 20,784.68</u>	<u>\$ 20,732.62</u>
OTHER INCOME	\$	\$
Subscriptions		
Player	47,781.40	32,167.70
Member	3,900.00	2,090.00
Team Contributions		
Juniors	18,000.00	0.00
Functions & Fundraising		
Advertising & Promotion	454.55	0.00
Auction Proceeds	8,836.37	(368.19)
Raffle Proceeds	6,204.09	3,205.82
Raffles & Doubles	0.00	2,567.96
Annual Dinner	5,478.12	558.63
Ball	0.00	0.00
Corporate Breakfasts & Lunches	34,379.09	29,055.32
Golf Day	13,786.92	0.00
Other Fundraisers	1,242.73	0.00
Donations & Sponsorships		
Donations		
- General	750.00	0.00
Sponsors		
- Bartercard	0.00	19,550.00
- Other	80,421.89	41,287.27
Grants		
- QRU	81,500.00	78,499.99
- Other	500.00	1,500.00
Parking & Admission		0.00
Facility Hire	0.00	400.00
	2005	2004

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Prize Money	7,954.54	7,500.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,985.21	15,763.21
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	313,574.91	233,777.71
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 334,359.59	\$ 254,510.33
EXPENDITURE	\$	\$
Accounting Fees	3,992.25	168.75
Advertising	868.55	827.09
Audit Fees	802.00	750.00
Bad Debts Written Off	507.17	0.00
Bank Charges	1,704.44	1,726.59
Bartercard Fees	1,433.04	1,942.05
Cleaning	5,417.17	3,818.98
Clubhouse Supplies	588.07	1,340.31
Computer Expenses	1,164.55	433.50
Consultants Fees	300.00	0.00
Depreciation	1,289.54	0.00
Donations	100.00	0.00
Electricity & Gas	7,547.85	3,478.68
Fees & Permits	1,983.38	704.30
Freight & Cartage	80.40	0.00
Functions & Events	32,507.79	19,086.33
Fundraising Expenses	384.45	48.40
Facility Hire	4,118.95	64.00
Insurance		
General	2,987.49	1,891.48
Player	17,186.96	15,986.74
Interest paid	734.98	1,527.15
Lease Payments - Operating	0.00	4,016.52
License Fees	0.00	317.70
Motor Vehicle Expenses	1,221.28	2,991.97
Printing, Postage & Stationery	3,356.12	2,907.29
Rates & Taxes	4,545.73	5,287.74
Rent	1,369.00	1,409.27
Maintenance		
Grounds	11,989.53	15,584.18
Building	4,789.89	2,209.18
Other	2,023.60	912.36
Employment Expenses		
Wages		
- Admin	28,843.58	37,306.50
- Rugby Mangt	15,800.00	10,800.00
Referee Payments	3,200.00	0.00
Refreshments & Sausage Sizzles	1,992.69	0.00
Security	530.75	985.27
Subscriptions	0.00	50.91
Sundry Expenses	143.64	781.06
Superannuation		
Admin	2,346.50	0.00
Rugby Management	1,422.00	5,822.00
Telephone & Facsimile	11,359.17	10,892.99
Affiliations - QRU	525.00	2,400.00
Coaching Expenses	200.00	1,980.36
Equipment & Ground Hire	223.86	909.09
Jerseys & Football Clothing	20,265.77	19,079.91
	2005	2004

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Laundry Expenses	3,213.65	2,690.00
Match Day Expenses	10,138.58	8,027.23
Medical Supplies	14,077.23	7,289.57
Photographs & Videos	5,160.00	3,290.00
Physiotherapists Fees	5,708.00	2,000.00
Strappers' Fees	0.00	1,578.45
Subcontractors		
General	193.41	3,751.00
Rugby	35,040.00	32,813.67
Sundry Rugby Expenses	0.00	860.11
Training Courses	245.45	0.00
Training Equipment	2,713.83	2,742.56
Travel & Accommodation	278.00	662.73
Trophy Expenses	2,122.32	1,544.46
Internet Expenses	730.13	0.00
Workers Compensation	1,109.73	0.00
Write-Down of Non-Current Assets	10,491.37	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	293,068.84	247,688.43
NET PROFIT	\$ 41,290.75	\$ 6,821.90

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Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2005

ASSETS	2005	2004
Current Assets	\$	\$
Petty Cash	100.00	100.00
Cash at Bank		
Cash at Bank - Acct # 1	13,786.34	5,785.80
Cash at Bank - Acct # 2	(52.92)	(4,805.80)
Cash at Bank - Ladies Committee	0.00	3.89
Total Cash at Bank	<u>13,733.42</u>	<u>983.89</u>
Burrows Memorial Fund	0.00	1,034.69
Bartercard	22,851.86	15,030.01
Total Current Assets	<u>36,685.28</u>	<u>17,148.59</u>
Debtors		
Ashgrove Junior Debtor	1,121.80	0.00
Valleys Cricket Club Debtor	8,126.41	4,758.88
Total Debtors	<u>9,248.21</u>	<u>4,758.88</u>
Savings Funds		
Accounts Receivable	363.00	0.00
Sponsorship Owing	2,100.00	0.00
Work in Progress		
Bar Builda	0.00	0.00
Weights Room	0.00	0.00
Rates Credit Account		0.00
Stock on Hand		
Drinks	0.00	2,295.81
Merchandise	2,455.00	2,770.00
Total Savings Funds	<u>4,918.00</u>	<u>5,065.81</u>
Other Assets		
Deposits Paid	740.00	740.00
Total Other Assets	<u>740.00</u>	<u>740.00</u>
Property & Equipment		
Buildings	108,069.49	108,069.49
Building Improvements	108,701.73	104,723.67
Ground Equipment	53,493.58	43,873.84
Rugby Equipment	9,864.64	10,044.50
Furniture & Fittings	30,308.97	49,013.03
Computers & Software	10,626.10	0.00
Total Property & Equipment	<u>321,064.51</u>	<u>315,724.53</u>
Other Non-Current Assets		
Trophies - At Cost	1,034.69	0.00
Total Other Non-Current Assets	<u>1,034.69</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>373,690.69</u>	<u>343,437.81</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	20,397.50	27,051.35
Accrued Expenses	3,543.00	0.00
Superannuation Accrual	441.00	0.00
PAYG Withholding Owing	2,415.00	2,124.00
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	10,550.30	8,320.33
GST Paid	(6,291.86)	(5,452.31)
Total Current Liabilities	<u>31,054.94</u>	<u>32,043.37</u>
Non-Current Liabilities		
Bank of QLD 81-396215	2,979.63	9,729.07
Loan - Albany Creek Grounds	475.00	3,775.00

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Total Non-Current Liabilities	3,454.63	13,504.07
TOTAL LIABILITIES	34,509.57	45,547.44
NET ASSETS	\$ 339,181.12	\$ 297,890.37

MEMBERS FUNDS

Members Equity		
A C Dibdin Trophy	300.00	300.00
J R Harris Perpetual Trophy	300.00	300.00
Retained Members Funds	297,290.37	290,468.47
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	41,290.75	6,821.90
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	\$ 339,181.12	\$ 297,890.37

NOTE 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Queensland. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Queensland and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AAS 3 Accounting for Income Tax
AAS 5 Materiality
AAS 8 Events Occurring After Reporting Date
AAS 17 Accounting for Leases

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report is prepared, on a cash basis whereby items are brought into account as money is paid or received, from the records of the association.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Fixed Assets

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out above:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of GPS Old Boys Rugby Union Club Inc. as at 30 September 2005 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that GPS Old Boys Rugby Union Club Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Scope

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of GPS Old Boys Rugby Union Club Inc. for the year ended 30 September 2005 as set out above. The committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to

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the financial statements which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Queensland and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of GPS Old Boys Rugby Union Club Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Queensland. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly subject to the following qualification in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of GPS Old Boys Rugby Union Club Inc. as at 30 September 2005 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Due to the nature of the income of GPS Old Boys Rugby Union Club Inc. and the limited resources available to the association to implement adequate internal controls over areas such as cash income it is impracticable to verify that all funds due to the Association were received however we have no reason to believe that all monies of the Association were not received and banked.

ERIC C. BUTLER & CO.

JOHN L. AMOS
Chartered Accountant

11th November 2005

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