

OATLEY JUNIOR RUGBY UNION FOOT BALL CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT AND MEMENTO OF 1968 SEASON



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## PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD:

We have now concluded our eleventh Rugby season and once again it has been eventful, memorable and enjoyable to players, officials and last, but not least, our growing band of enthusiastic supporters. Once again, we had to concede the title of "Champion Club" to our South Hurstville neighbours, with Oatley a close second. However, there have been many satisfactory features to this particular season from our point of view, not the least of which was a record enrolment of no less than 240 registered players. This compares with a mere 28 players at the beginning of the 1960 season! We had thirteen teams playing in competitions - a record, nine teams in semi-finals - a record, two teams (11's and 13's) won their way to the Finals and four teams (12's, 14's, 16's and 18's) to the Grand Finals, so surely we "got our money's worth"!

Congratulations to our Premiership teams and their officials, the 14's (St. George comp.) and 18's in the "A" section of the highly competitive Southern zone. Both teams rose splendidly to the occasion in the Grand Finals and in particular, each member of the Under 18 team is to be complimented for excellent tackling and resolute defence in their 12 to 6 victory - the six points against them came from goals.

In addition to the more successful teams, I feel that special mention should be made of four teams - two in the top age bracket (Under 20's) and two in the youngest section (Under 7's and Under 8's). I feel that these are the vital sections of a Rugby Club's strength. At a time when many Rugby Clubs are finding it difficult to retain the older players, Oatley had 38 players registered in Under 20 teams and although they failed to make the semis, both teams played Rugby of a high standard, trained hard and conscientiously and enjoyed the mateship of players of their own age. At the other end of the scale, we had difficulty in early season recruiting sufficient players for the Under 7's and Under 8's but both finished the season with full teams performing very capably. This is in contrast to some of the other older clubs, notably Bexley and Rockdale, who have been unable to field teams in these important younger age groups in the past couple of years and are now suffering a weakness at the intermediate level. Blakehurst Club realised the importance of fostering young players some years ago and reaped a considerable reward this year with no



fewer than 5 Premierships in the 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 ages. Congratulations Blakehurst! Our congratulations also to Port Hacking who won their first Premiership this season when Eddie Stapleton coached their Under 7's to victory, and I believe this is the start of Port Hacking emerging as one of the District's strong clubs.

Most of our players and all of our supporters realise how dependent we are upon dedicated and responsible officials and I want to thank all our coaches, managers and other officials who are all in this category and held in such high esteem by the parents who are glad to know their boys are in such good hands. In particular our thanks are due to a number of people whose contribution to the Club this season has been more than mere "line of duty" required. Firstly, to Wilma and Ted Gainsford for organizing our "Soft Drinks Stall" and working untiringly at it, sometimes through the whole of Saturday at the Oval. The financial result of this "one family effort" will be much appreciated by our Treasurer. Don't forget to ask them if they want a volunteer to help for an hour or so next season!

Last season I mentioned the lack of communications within the Club and Bill Merriel responded handsomely with his series of "Newsletters". I know he has fresh ideas for bigger and better "Newsletters" next season and asks only that coaches and managers supply him with items of interest. In addition, Bill served the Club well as delegate to the St. George J.R.U. meetings.

Our compliments to Ron Ashton who attended a series of referee's lectures with his son, and then took up whistle blowing to replace his son when Paul was forced to withdraw due to injury early in the season.

Ivan Jackson, our former Secretary, carried out the very necessary work of Assistant Registrar of the St. George J.R.U. with his usual efficiency. (St. George Registrar this year was Mr. Ken Burden of the Bexley-Kingsgrove Club).

Our senior Vice President, "Mike" Michel, volunteered for the very important role of St. George delegate to the N.S.W. Junior Junior Rugby Union.



To Harry Ward, our sincere thanks for six years coaching, culminating with this year's Under 13 team. Harry will be prevented from going into the seventh year by requirements of National Service training.

From our Statistics section in the latter part of this Report you will see that six of our players reached the 100th competition game mark for Oatley this season and will receive medallions as mementos of the occasion at our Presentation. This is an award the Club is most happy to make as it acknowledges the loyalty of the particular player through many seasons and gives us an opportunity to express our appreciation. An examination of the records will show that in seasons to come, many of these medallions will be won.

It goes without saying that scoring points is not the only measurement of a player's worth, but nevertheless we cannot win games without consistent point scorers. Especially interesting at the close of the season are the performances of the following players -

- U/7 team- Brian Cannan - club's leading try scorer - 26 tries in competition games
- U/8 team- Michael Johnston - has already played 37 competition games for Oatley
- U/12 team- John Mullins - 19 tries this season, making a total of 31 tries in 28 games for the Club
- U/13 team- Glen Eccleston - 14 tries for season, making a remarkable total of 108 tries in 96 games.
- U/14 team- Bob Cassidy - 12 tries and 30 goals - a valuable total of 106 points in 14 matches this season
- U/16 team- Alex Kepping - 2 tries and 34 goals for the season. He had the unique distinction of scoring in every match he played
- U/18 team- Rod Butterfield - 8 tries and 35 goals, making his total 38 tries and 104 goals in 56 matches.
- U/20 team- Bob Straus - 3 tries and 15 goals, bring his total to 23 tries and 132 goals in 99 games.

Congratulations boys! - these achievements are worth recording!



Congratulations to the many boys from this Club who were selected to represent St. George and other representative teams this year and also to former Oatley players now taking their places in St. George and other District senior teams. St. George is now looking to Oatley as a nursery for future grade players, and it will be our pleasure to see Oatley boys help lift the district Club from its present lowly position on the competition ladder. St. George juniors once again proved that we have a high standard by this year winning the State Under-12 Championship following our great effort in winning the Under 14 and Under 16 championships last year.

Once again, Oatley played host to a number of interstate touring teams, retaining our reputation for hospitality and good social Rugby. This should ensure that our younger players will be enabled to enjoy such tours in seasons to come. Our thanks to the parents who billeted and entertained visitors on these occasions.

Insurance - The extensive claims made by our players last season resulted in a big increase in premiums this year and the Club did not renew this scheme. However, it is pointed out that parents may insure sons on a very satisfactory basis with the G.U.O.O.F. and suggest that this be done individually in the new year (as from January 1969) or ask team managers for details at the start of the next Rugby season.

Presentation - Details of our Presentation Picnic will appear later in the report. This year we anticipate that our guest of honour will be the former great Australian Rugby captain, John Thornett, M.B.E., and we trust that there will be 100% attendance on this final day to wind up the 1968 season.

Changes - The Club is always in a state of flux and constantly changing to meet new demands caused by increased membership and changing conditions. One important need for next season will be a new Secretary to replace our invaluable senior administrator, Ken Staples, who will not be available for office next year.

Another change to be decided at the Annual General Meeting in February will be the Committee's recommendation to be submitted to the Meeting that our name be changed from Oatley Junior Rugby Union Football Club to "Oatley Rugby Club".



A further recommendation is that we register new colours in order to brighten up our playing gear. It has been suggested that we adopt a jersey of bottle green with a wide gold and two narrow black bands, together with black (instead of navy) shorts. We are trying to obtain a sample jersey before ordering in quantity. These jerseys will be more expensive but the change-over will be fairly gradual with two or three teams per season changing to the new style.

One discordant note to the season, from my point of view, was the very poor attendance at our one and only General Meeting. Apart from coaches and officials, there would not have been a dozen parents and players. You are reminded that players of Under 16 and upwards are entitled to vote and ask that parents give moral support by their attendance even if they do not seek to assist in any other capacity.

Apropos of the social side of Rugby, some of our players and supporters may not be aware that I was fortunate enough to be invited to join the Petersham Rugby touring team last Xmas, which toured the world, playing 14 games in nine different countries as far away as U.S.A., Wales, England, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium, Italy & Singapore. It was a most interesting experience and is a sample of what our Rugby players may look forward to during their careers. For example, the St. George Club is sending a team to North Queensland, Papua and New Guinea, the Wallabies are touring Ireland and Scotland this year, and next year will play 26 matches in South Africa. Eastern Suburbs Club toured Japan last year. New Zealand this season and plan to go to the Argentine, whilst Randwick and University are going to play in America and Petersham Club is making another World Tour at Xmas 1969, which will be longer than the last trip and take in Ireland, Scotland, Rumania and Hong Kong in addition to some of the places previously visited. So you see that Rugby friends can be made throughout the world and trips like these are within the reach of many players.

Keep this in mind boys and best of luck for your future in Rugby.

(sgd) JIM YEOMANS

P r e s i d e n t .



CREDITS -

MR & MRS. GAINSFORD - for organizing and running the drink stall every Saturday, often all day

MRS. BETTY SANDERS - '100' Club organization.

RAY BENJAMIN - Oatley delegate to the Southern Zone

BOB HUNTER - St. George J.R.U. Draws Committee

DICK ADAMS - Gear steward and chief Oatley supporter

MIKE MICHEL - St. George Delegate to the N.S.W. Junior Rugby Union.

BILL MERRIEL - Publicity Officer - also editor of the Club  
"Newsletter"

TED GREEN - First Aid man

PAT MULLANE - displaying Club notices

A hearty thanks is also extended to all those people who took billets at one time or another during the season.

DONATIONS -

Club finances have benefited from donations by L. Kingsley \$10.00 - Dr. W. Muir \$10.00 - R. Forbes \$2.00 - J. Hearne \$2.00 - Oatley Bowling Club \$3.00 - Oatley R.S.L. Club \$20.00 - Penshurst Hotel \$21.00 - and Mrs. Riley (dress material for raffle at Picnic)

VISITING TEAMS -

During the year OATLEY were invited to exchange visits with a number of clubs and were pleased to be hosts to the following teams -

U/12 - EASTERN DISTRICTS, BRISBANE

U/13 - BOX HILL, MELBOURNE

U/14 - EASTERN DISTRICTS, BRISBANE

Also early in the season a very successful picnic day was held at Oatley Oval with matches arranged against the Manly Vikings.

ST. GEORGE REPRESENTATIVES -

U/7 Brian Cannan Stuart Hall, Michael New, Graham Flood

U/8 Andrew Merriell, Brad. Scott, Michael Ryan

U/10 Kevin Hudson, Alan Cassidy



- U/11 Chris Mort, Ian Staples,
- U/12 Greg. Hunter
- U/13 Graeme Brokman, Glen Eccleston, Tom Ryan
- U/14 Robert Cassidy, Paul Mulronev
- U/16 Warren Staples, Ray Davis, Alex Kepping, Gary Beath, Peter Stone, Lee Eccleston.

SOUTHERN ZONE REPRESENTATIVES -

- U/18 Michael Williams, Peter Riley, Jon Page

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to the following players -

100 COMPETITION GAMES FOR OATLEY

- U/14 Guy Yeomans,
- U/16 Gary Beath, Peter Michel
- U/18 Peter Riley, Ross Woodfield
- U/20 Keith Powell

100 TRIES IN COMPETITION MATCHES

Glen Eccleston (U/13) who became the first boy in the Oatley Club to achieve this feat

100 GOALS IN COMPETITION MATCHES

Rod Butterfield (U/18)

100 POINTS FOR THE SEASON

- U/14 Bob Cassidy - 106 points
- U/18 Rod Butterfield - 113 points

MOST TRIES FOR THE SEASON

U/7 Brian Cannan - 26

PETER RILEY & MIKE WILLIAMS - U/18 - played for the Sydney U/18 v. Country U/18 in Newcastle as a curtain raiser to the New Zealand v. N.S.W. Country game in June

GREG. HUNTER - member of the St. George U/12 side that won the N.S.W. State Championship

EX OATLEY PLAYERS -

It is good to see these former Oatley players now doing well in the Senior Grade Competition this year. It is to be hoped that this list



increases every year as more of our older players go down and try out with the District Club -

John Coleman - 1964-65 - 1st and 2nd grade - St. George

Geoff Tye - 1958, 1965, 1967 - 3rd grade - St. George

John Denny - 1961-67 - 3rd grade - St. George

Phil Caldwell 1960-63 - 3rd grade - Northern Suburbs

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Do not have anything to say if called upon.

If you do attend a meeting, find fault with proceedings and work done by others.

Hold back your dues or don't pay them at all.

Don't do any more than you have to do to further the club's interest.

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U/20B	G. Murphy	1
	G. Hodge	1
U20A	J. Stubbs	1

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UNDER 7 TEAM - Coach J. YEOMANS - Manager G. SIMPSON

When the St. George Juniors first approved the proposal that Under 7 teams be formed to play in competition, I thought it was a mistake to attempt to teach such young boys the rather complicated game of Rugby. My second thought was that I pitied the poor coaches who would endeavour to carry out this near-impossible task. Just one season later, I have been proved wrong on both counts. On Hurstville Oval on Grand Final Day, two Under 7 teams (without their coaches running behind them) were able to show that they have grasped the fundamentals of Rugby and gave the crowd one of the most exciting games of the day. Oatley's Under 7 team also learned how to play the game and more importantly learned the value of teamwork.

Naturally most of the players were new to our Club and brought with them many new supporters among their parents and relatives; I believe players and supporters enjoyed their first season and learned a lot about our sport. Some very interesting personalities emerged among these very young players and it is remarkable to note that no less than nine of this season's players will be eligible to play next season as Under 7's again. This should give next year's team a magnificent start. Among players able to play again as Under 7's, two outstanding personalities are Terrence ('Tiger') Ryan, who is the most remarkable 5 years old footballer I've seen, who scored 2 tries in his second game, and the fleet footed Paul Lyon who is a remarkable kicker for his age, and will undoubtedly be kicking many goals for his Under 8 team in 1970. It would be impossible to avoid mentioning our brilliant half-back Brian Cannan, who scored no less than 29 tries in all games (including socials) and as our undoubted best defender must be compared with the great Ken Catchpole as a great natural talent with terrific potential. The team went out on a high note when it was a trifle unlucky to lose by 3 to 6 in the semi-final to Blakehurst only one week after the same team had thrashed them by 21 to nil. In that game, every player tackled the way he should have throughout the season and lifted his game in every other respect. I sincerely thank our Manager, Geoff Simpson, and all the boys for a very interesting season and ask them to get busy in the off season and recruit sufficient suitable boys for next year's Under 7 and Under 8 teams.

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LOST . 9

POINTS 123-150



UNDER 8 TEAM - Coach T. RYAN - Manager B. MERRIEL

The season was a good one for the U/8 team. The newcomers, some playing their first year of Rugby, combined well with the veterans of last year to reach the semi-finals, where they were narrowly beaten 9-6 in a very tense struggle.

All boys showed improvement in the latter part of the season and our new boys, Jeff Watts, Andrew Osman, Peter Jacobs, Paul Lazarus, Peter Lahham, John Baxter, teamed well with our old boys, Robin Foster, Andres Merriel, Gary Blackburn, Bradley Scott, Phillip Kokic, Michael Johnson, Mark Turne, Michael Ryan, John Freeland and Michael Young, and look certain to be a top combination in 1969. It is no exaggeration to say that our Under 8's are now as capable as Under 10's were five years ago.

We were very fortunate in having a keen band of supporters throughout the season, whose encouragement was a big help to the players.

WON 5 LOST 8 DREW 1 POINTS 68-99

UNDER 10 GOLD - Coach R. FOSTER - Manager B. SWINBOURNE

This team was formed because there were not enough boys to form an Under 9 team, while there were more than enough for one Under 10 team.

Although they did not have much success as far as victories were concerned, they were a keen enthusiastic bunch of boys and gained a wealth of experience from this season.

About 40% of the team were under 9 and will form the nucleus for a solid Under 10 side next year. Considering the age, weight and experience, they were conceding, they played very well during the season and in one memorable match only went down 0-5 to the strong Peakhurst team, which eventually finished 3rd. Playing positions were changed around a lot to try and find suitable combinations and the boys are to be complimented on their co-operation both in this and at training. The team was unfortunate to lose one key player, Stuart Hudson, with an appendix operation at a critical time during the season, and this did hamper the team to a certain extent.

However the boys enjoyed their games and we are now looking forward to the 1969 season with high hopes.

WON 0 LOST 13 DREW 1 POINTS  
- 10 -



UNDER 10 GREEN - Coach T. HALL - Manager V. DAVISON

The 1968 season saw some bright performances from the Under 10 Green's with probably the best effort being the draw with the Premiers, South Hurstville. This result was due to every member of the team playing his part to the utmost and was very gratifying to both team officials and parents alike. It was unfortunate, however, that this form and spirit could not have been carried on into the semi-final against Peakhurst, when the team gave a disappointing performance to go down 3 - 6. Despite this, the boys generally played very well and showed that they have the potential and talent to take out the Under 11 Premiership in 1969. Their defence was sound and at their top they were capable of some fine attacking Rugby equal to any seen in the competition.

Newcomers, Mark Hoffman, Paul Robertson, Peter O'Connell, Wayne Lanham, Ian Heath and Eddie Cannan were all welcomed to the ranks this season with a number of these boys proving most valuable acquisitions to the team.

The team picnic at Oatley Park was a great success and was a fitting climax to a most enjoyable season.

Parent support throughout the year was excellent and was greatly appreciated by the boys and team officials alike. It is amazing how much better the boys seem to play when their Mums and Dads are alone watching them.

The coach and manager are looking forward to renewing their acquaintance with the boys and their parents again next year, and hold out high hopes for the team's success.

WON 10                      LOST 4                      DREW 1                      POINTS 208-49

UNDER 11 TEAM - Coach L. MORT - Manager G. HIGGINS

Most of our well-experienced players rejoined our ranks this year, plus two notable newcomers in Mark Douglas and Brad. Corkery. Both were welcome acquisitions and new to Rugby.

Our '68 season provided much enjoyment for both the players and the parents on the sideline. However, the natural football brilliance



of the team was not always apparent and at times their play left some doubt in the minds of the many "keen judges" who loyally followed each game. These doubts were dispelled however, by a remarkable fighting performance to win the semi-final against a team who had beaten our under 11's on three occasions this year.

Whilst defeat came in the Final we were more than satisfied with the boys' Rugby in this vital match. It was the luck of the game that spelt doom for the Under11's in 68 - downed 3 to nil, the only score coming from a penalty goal awarded against us and in front of our posts. A fighting finish to a great Season!

WON 9

LOST 7

POINTS 132-61

UNDER 12 TEAM - Coach L. HUGHES - Manager C. SCOTT

The team began the season badly losing its first three competition games, but with hard work, pulled up to win its way through to the grand final, in which it was defeated by the strong Blakehurst side.

In both its semi-final and the final the team was behind in the second half and went on to level the scores by full-time and then take out the match in extra time. A pleasing feature of the boys' display was their ability to finish matches strongly, a thing that has been lacking in previous seasons.

John Porter, starting the season as a stand-in full back, filled the position so well that he became the permanent full back. Wingers, Tony Clapshaw and Peter Scott, both ran with determination but Tony unfortunately will not be with the team next year, as he is moving. The boys send you their best wishes, Tony.

Gavin Butler and John Mullins were as strong a pair of centres as any in the competition both having the speed to take advantage of any opening that appeared while halves, Captain Greg. Hunter and David Freeland, were the most consistent players, never stopping either in attack or defence.

In the forwards Vice-Captain Peter Conway stood out with rugged displays and was ably supported by breakaway John Beach and lock Barry Mannering. Second-rowers Steve Hall and Craig Singe turned in some sterling performances and Keith Cassidy was not only a very useful hooker, but a good forward in the open. Jeff. Merriell capably



filled several positions in the forwards and Ross Bowen, in his first year of Rugby and big forward Jim Millar showed a lot of improvement.

During the season social games were played against teams from the Parramatta, Manly, Penrith, Drummoyne and Western Suburbs districts. Also, the team played Brisbane in the annual matches, winning the game in Sydney 15-0, and going down in Brisbane by 6-3. The trip to Brisbane was greatly enjoyed by the boys and all in all it was a good season.

WON 8

LOST 6

DREW 2

POINTS 143-118

UNDER 13 TEAM - Coach H. WARD - Manager D. BAIGENT

The Under 13 team had a good season, finishing 3rd in the competition, scoring 23 points from a maximum of 30. This competition was closely fought there being only 1 point separating each of the first three teams.

The team toured to Melbourne this year and had a most enjoyable five days playing against teams from Box Hill High School. A return visit was arranged and the boys enjoyed renewing old friendships. The team would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Gainsford for taking them to Melbourne, an experience one has to have to remember.

Congratulations to Glen Eccelston for scoring his 100th try in competition matches during this season, the first boy in the Club to do so.

Unfortunately this season is the last that coach Harry Ward will be with the team, because he commences his National Service training early next year. Harry has spent many hours with the boys and has coached most of them since they were Under 9.

The Under 13 boys and their parents would like to sincerely thank Harry for all his time and effort during the past years and wish him all the best for the future.

WON 12

LOST 4

DREW 1

POINTS 244-81

UNDER 14 TEAM - Coach L. YEOMANS - Manager K. POWELL

Undefeated Premiers for two years in succession. This proud record speaks for itself and has helped make this team one of Oatley's most successful ever.



They played many fine games during the season, but probably none better than the Grand Final against Port Hacking when they came from behind in the second half to win well.

The team did not go away this year, but were happy to be hosts to Brisbane team, Eastern Districts, over the Grand Final weekend. In the only game played on the Sunday morning after a highly enjoyable victory Bar-B-Q, Oatley won 9-3.

In a team such as this, there are many fine players and although it is difficult to single out individuals, there are a number of boys worthy of mention. In the backs, Captain Greg. Mullane, played splendidly at five-eighth, and proved a great inspiration to his side: hard tackling outside-centre, Bob Cassidy, once again had a fine season to finish the year with 106 points from only 14 games; while newcomer Jimmie Cloumassis, was a real find at half-back.

In the forwards, front-rower Lawrance (Tank) Parker, proved a most formidable forward in the tight stuff; breakaway Stephen Page, showed great improvement in only his second year of Rugby to finish the season as one of the team's best defenders as well as being a fine loose forward; and vice-captain Peter Simpson led the forwards very well, apart from being probably the best hooker in the competition.

Other newcomers, Mark Turnham, Gus Wolfe and Greg. Miller, were also most welcome assets to the team, and showed great improvement in their first season of Rugby.

Team spirit was once again commendably high and this coupled with the fine support and interest of the boys' parents is certainly one of the reasons for this team's great success.

WON 13                      LOST -                      DREW 1                      POINTS 267-32

UNDER 15 TEAM - Coach B. RANKIN - Manager L. NEVILLE

Although this team's record is not impressive on paper, they are to be highly commended for the spirit and keenness, which they displayed both on the field and at training. They were most unfortunate in losing their valuable full-back, Paul Ashton, in the first game of the year with a leg injury, which kept him out for the rest of the season. It must be remembered too, that the standard in this competition was very high and our boys were at a great disadvantage as far as height and weight were concerned.

The team, unhappily, lost the services of their manager, Lawrie Neville, who was forced to resign midway through the season because



of reasons of matrimony.

Special thanks must go to Bob Rankin for his tremendous interest in coaching this team for the last two seasons. Bob is well liked by his boys and deservedly so, for he has coached them enthusiastically despite the limited success achieved on the field and despite the disappointing support he has received from the boys' parents.

It was good to see Mr. Ron Ashton and his son Paul, take up refereeing this season, and although Paul was unable to continue after his leg injury, his father proved an acquisition to the referees' ranks, eventually officiating in a Grand Final.

The team's leading point scorer was Jim Waghorn, who scored 26 points during the season.

WON 2

LOST 9

POINTS 44-315

UNDER 16 TEAM - Coach K. BROWN - Manager A. BEATH

This team again played very very good football, to finish minor premiers, only to go down to South Coogee in the Grand Final.

Welcomed to the team for their first season with Oatley, were John Lewis, Peter Stone, Roger Jones, Tony Leto and Peter Beckett, and these boys trained admirably with the old stagers to blend into a very good combination.

Both Tony Leto and Peter Beckett deserve special mention, as it was their first season in Rugby and both improved their football knowledge and techniques throughout the season.

The team was fortunate to have very good support, not only from parents, but also from other Oatley members and this was much appreciated.

This Season's trip will be to Canberra, in conjunction with a "John Thornett Team" on the weekend of the 14th and 15th September.

WON 13

LOST 5

DREW 1

POINTS 211-158



UNDER 18 TEAM - Coach R. BENJAMIN - Manager J. MAHONEY

All in all it was a great season for the Under 18's, with everyone doing their share, with their great team spirit being more than reflected in the Grand Final when a number of players carried on with injuries which normally would have had them off the field. However, it is extremely comforting for team officials at times like these to have players of the calibre of John Armstrong, Geoff. Derricott, John Wolfe and Greg. Jackson, available on the sideline to fill the breach if necessary.

A big feature of the season was the improved displays of Martyn "Knuckles" Yeomans, Ross Woodfield, Kevin Winney, Keith Woodward, John Wolfe and Bob Murray.

After a mid-season slump the whole team, led and inspired by captain Dave Smith, and vice-captain Tony "Field Goals" Crockett, lifted their game and finished the season by being undefeated in six games in a row, including the Grand Final. One of the strong points of the team was the back row trio of Doug. Schwebel, Peter Rose and the very confused John Keller, whose crash tackles made opposition players sorry they had met him, particularly in the Grand Final.

A special mention must go to Rod Butterfield, who scored 113 points from 8 tries, 19 penalty goals and 16 goals.

Great hopes are held out for the Under 18's again in 1969, especially when it is remembered that of the pack that played in the Grand Final, all but one can play Under 18 again next season.

WON 11                      LOST 7                      DREW 1                      POINTS 197-160

UNDER 20A TEAM - Coach M. WILLIAMS

Although neither of the Under 20 teams made the semi-finals this season, many of the boys will still be eligible for the Under 20 side next year and high hopes are held for this team in 1969.

The team started off well in the early trial games and it looked as if it would be a most successful season, but injuries and the loss of a number of key players early in the competition weakened the side and they eventually finished fifth, just missing out on the final four. A number of good wins were recorded but probably the best game was the first one against eventual Grand Finalists Easts when Oatley fielded one of its strongest teams of the year, and only



narrowly went down, after a close exciting game when an easy conversion attempt in the last two minutes, which would have drawn the game, was missed.

Especially worthy of mention are John Stubbs, who once again played extremely well during the season at inside centre, and newcomer Kevin Weatherby, from New Zealand, who proved a more than useful backrow forward and led the forwards very ably after vice-captain, David Knox, was forced to retire with a recurring injury.

WON 6                      LOST 9                      DREW 2                      POINTS 163-236

#### UNDER 20B TEAM - Coach

This team was formed after more than 30 Under 20 players joined the club this year, many for the first time.

They started the year slowly, hampered by a shortage of players, but finished very strongly, beating every team in the competition with the exception of Easts.

Probably the best games were the 14-3 win over the strong Randwick side, and a 17-11 win over eventual Grand Finalists, Bexley.

The team had many different players during the season, but worthy of special mention is Graham Murphy who, although only 16, played very well in this age group during the season, and scored six tries as well as a magnificent field goal from about 40 yards out and near the sideline, at Hurstville Oval, which left him the most surprised player on the field.

Last year's captain and popular clubman, Keith Powell, after a series operation in March, which threatened to keep him out of Rugby for the whole season, made a welcome return to football for the last couple of games and finished the season by having a run with the St. George lower grades.

WON 6                      LOST 9                      POINTS 121-170

#### PLAYING RECORDS - (Competition matches only)

In the following lists we have presented some statistics in the form "NAME, M/T/G", where "M", "T" and "G" refer to -

- M - Number of official matches played for Oatley Club.
- T - Total number of tries scored for Oatley Club.
- G - Total number of goals (all types) scored for Oatley Club.



Under 7

	M	T	G
D. Brown	13	-	-
B. Cannan	14	26	-
G. Flood	14	-	-
S. Wall	23	7	-
A. Hillier	10	-	-
M. Johnson	8	-	-
P. Lyon	12	-	-
M. New	21	1	-
T. New	13	-	-
A. Simpson	13	2	-
T. Ryan	15	4	-
W. King	11	-	-
R. Borg	7	1	-
A. Bennett	6	-	-
P. Vivers	4	-	-
S. Baxter	4	-	-

Under 8

G. Blackburn	21	-	-
R. Foster	26	-	-
J. Freeland	31	5	-
M. Johnston	37	1	-
P. Jacobs	11	-	-
P. Kokic	24	1	-
P. Lanham	14	-	-
A. Merriel	30	1	-
A. Osman	14	-	-
M. Ryan	31	11	-
B. Scott	21	-	-
M. Turner	21	1	-
M. Young	20	3	-
P. Lazarus	13	1	-
G. Watts	13	-	-
A. Baxter	3	-	-

Under 10A Green

	M	T	G
C. Brown	28	6	-
G. Brooks	14	1	-
A. Cassidy	31	16	-
E. Cannan	14	-	-
M. Davison	61	6	-
P. Elphick	42	1	-
P. Gainsford	43	-	-
I. Heath	14	13	-
K. Hudson	46	20	4
W. Lanham	15	1	-
R. Merriel	47	11	8
J. Michel	60	36	-
S. Orange	45	7	-
T. Riley	42	15	-
P. Robertson	5	-	-
G. Turner	21	2	-
N. Gunning	44	1	-
M. Kofman	7	-	-
P. O'Connell	4	-	-

Under 10B Gold

M. Blackburn	22	12	-
M. Butler	9	-	-
S. Chapman	25	-	-
S. Foster	24	-	-
G. Hall	10	-	-
J. Garvie	13	2	-
D. Johnson	12	-	-
A. Johnson	57	2	-
D. Kokic	23	-	-
I. McKenzie	21	1	-
S. Marsden	26	-	-
B. Parr	21	1	-
R. Pulsford	42	2	-
G. Nicholson	31	6	-
S. Smith	27	1	-
C. Swinbourne	45	-	-
P. Swanson	8	-	-
A. Lunby	14	-	-
S. Hudson	10	-	-
G. Gannell	7	-	-
P. Andrews	2	-	-
J. Waghorn	3	-	-



<u>Under 11</u>	M	T	G
R. Broune	28	-	-
G. Davison	66	59	4
A. Koward	43	2	-
R. Gunning	71	-	-
P. Woodfield	77	9	-
L. Forbes	56	6	-
C. Mort	66	9	10
M. Saunders	59	1	-
M. Lazarus	79	9	-
A. Green	20	-	-
B. Dickson	77	12	-
G. Cannan	29	3	-
G. Hughes	79	1	-
B. Corkery	13	2	-
R. Keller	46	-	-
P. Higgins	70	9	-
M. Douglas	16	-	-
I. Staples	76	-	-
M. Muroney	48	1	-
G. Ryan	58	5	-

<u>Under 12</u>	M	T	G
J. Beath	75	39	2
G. Butler	38	17	16
R. Bowen	11	-	-
K. Cassidy	25	-	-
A. Clapshaw	16	-	-
P. Conway	39	-	-
D. Freeland	72	20	-
S. Hall	42	-	-
G. Hunter	69	28	5
B. Mannering	72	5	1
M. McKenzie	39	2	-
G. Merriel	37	-	-
J. Millar	25	1	-
J. Mullins	28	31	-
J. Porter	41	2	-
P. Scott	77	2	-
C. Singe	41	3	-

<u>Under 13</u>	M	T	G
R. Nethery	15	3	-
G. Holt	85	-	-
G. Eccleston	96	108	-
D. Brookes	43	4	-
P. Baigent	74	2	-
G. Gainsford	96	37	10
P. Hughes	95	8	-
R. Smith	63	18	-
G. Douglas	40	8	-
R. Jones	46	16	-
R. Jackson	76	7	4
R. Pomfret	70	1	-
B. Smart	92	4	3
T. Ryan	66	19	-
G. Brokman	76	20	-
R. Battishall	59	13	1
D. Trueberg	55	3	-
T. Blakely	8	3	-

<u>Under 14</u>	M	T	G
R. Cassidy	49	44	34
J. Cloumassis	12	5	-
R. Dunn	7	1	-
D. Carson	43	-	-
M. Fleming	86	35	6
P. Freeland	71	28	-
I. Gannell	61	-	-
G. Miller	13	1	-
G. Mullane	58	55	2
P. Mulroney	78	18	-
S. Page	21	1	-
M. Pedley	89	66	69
P. Simpson	83	12	1
C. Wilton	24	10	-
G. Yeomans	100	5	-
A. Young	41	2	-
M. Turnham	12	-	-
L. Parker	87	5	-
A. Wolfe	5	-	-



<u>Under 15</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
P. Ashton	87	11	16
I. Battishall	76	9	-
R. Brown	46	2	-
D. Cuthbertson	34	-	-
A. Graham	31	3	1
C. Orton	79	2	-
J. Waghorn	68	7	2
C. Sorenson	14	-	-
N. Keller	46	-	-
A. Tillbrook	21	-	1
T. Conway	19	-	-
P. Ibbotson	8	-	-
M. Butler	23	1	-
G. Nelson	9	-	-
M. Aprilovic	10	-	-
T. Jones	11	1	-
J. Willis	9	-	-

<u>Under 16</u>			
G. Beath	111	41	3
P. Beckett	21	3	-
P. Brown	93	2	-
Peter Canham	17	3	-
Ray Davis	93	28	-
L. Eccleston	97	39	-
R. Jones	16	6	-
A. Kepping	86	25	69
A. Leto	19	4	-
M. Leslie	45	2	3
J. Lewis	18	1	-
P. Michel	106	2	-
W. O'Brien	41	19	10
P. Sanders	119	-	-
W. Staples	125	9	-
P. Stone	19	-	-
I. Woodfield	102	7	-
I. Younger	58	23	-

<u>Under 18</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
J. Armstrong	125	11	11
R. Butterfield	56	38	104
A. Crockett	88	61	6
G. Derricot	25	7	-
J. Keller	61	3	-
J. Page	44	16	-
P. Rose	36	3	-
D. Schwebel	63	7	-
P. Riley	108	88	10
R. Robertson	115	9	-
D. Smith	23	1	-
G. Jackson	111	3	-
R. Murray	36	5	-
K. Winney	70	36	18
R. Woodfield	109	10	-
J. Wolfe	40	3	-
M. Williams	71	27	-
M. Yeomans	142	16	15
K. Woodward	14	-	-
G. Smith	11	2	-

<u>Under 20A</u>			
B. Britton	35	5	-
W. Carson	24	-	-
R. Campbell	29	2	-
B. Davis	67	15	-
S. Flett	25	1	-
R. Gorman	11	1	17
G. Foster	56	18	-
K. Hackett	93	7	14
G. Harland	74	4	-
M. Jackson	59	36	-
D. Knox	42	2	-
C. Ovadia	12	-	-
R. Peters	72	12	-
R. Strauss	99	23	132
J. Stubbs	67	28	2
S. Taylor	14	1	-
K. Weatherley	14	3	-
I. Stewart	69	14	-



<u>Under 20B</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
B. Campbell	20	-	-
S. Barrett	41	8	-
P. Blight	11	-	-
I. Chapman	2	-	-
W. Gray	9	2	1
W. Harper	26	4	8
P. Jackson	6	-	-
J. Lawler	17	1	-
W. Moore	12	1	-
G. Murphy	10	6	1
D. McLean	12	-	-
M. Orton	127	1	-
K. Powell	104	43	85
A. Parker	81	1	-
D. Simpson	10	2	-
A. Slater	2	-	-
K. Stidwill	60	5	-
G. Seymour	11	3	-
R. Tolhurst	5	-	-
L. Yeomans	152	16	24

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### FINANCE

Our Hon. Treasurer has submitted the following statement of income and expenditure to date.

Proceeds from the '100' Club and Soft Drink Stall are approximately only and expenditure for trophies and our Annual Picnic have not yet been debited.

The complete yearly balance sheet will be presented at our Annual General Meeting.



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<u>Expenditure</u>	\$	<u>Income</u>	\$
First Aid Supplies	7.00	Subscriptions	426.80
Cement, Lime, Fertilizer	15.77	Donations	69.00
Honour Badges	18.00	Sale of Socks	34.60
Plastic Numbers	14.40	Sale of Badges	9.50
Expenses St. George JRU Ball	1.40	Fares Melb. U/13 visit	152.80
Cesarine Gree, Gold	10.26	J. Yeomans Film Night	8.40
12 Corner Posts	2.70	Proceeds Gainsford	
Footballs	75.33	Soft Drink Stall	100.00
Jerseys & Socks	290.09	Proceeds Sanders	
Hall Rental Annual Mtg.		100 Club	105.00
1967-1968	10.00	Cash on Hand	
Adjustment Insurance		Feb. 1968	316.39
1967 Season	8.40		
Advertising in Leader			
St. George JRU	19.60		
Affiliation Fees			
St. George JRU	121.00		
Coach Booking (Melb.) U/13	152.80		
Soft Drinks donated for			
Brisbane teams	12.00		
Soft Drinks donated for			
Melbourne teams	8.00		
Excess Income over			
Expenditure	455.74		
	<u>455.74</u>		
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PRESENTATION

It is hoped that every player and his parents will make an effort to attend the Annual Presentation Picnic which will be held at -

PLACE - NATIONAL PARK - Willow Tree Ground - (past main Picnic Ground, opposite Boat Shed, and at the end of one-way Traffic on Lady Carrington Drive.)

DATE - 29th September, 1968.

REMINDER - Would all boys who have not returned their jerseys to their coach or manager, please do so on or before the Presentation.

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SOCIAL NIGHT

A Candlelight Dinner is being organised at Oatley R.S.L., Letha Street, Oatley, on Saturday night, October 12th, to begin at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

Admission \$2.00 per head and a cordial invitation is extended to all club officials and supporters.

However, numbers are limited to 80 and so those interested would be advised to book early. Arrangements can be made by phoning Mr. Noel Eccleston at 57-6909.

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