

OATLEY RUGBY CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT AND MEMENTO OF 1969 SEASON



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## PRESIDENT'S FORWARD:

"OATLEY - CHAMPION CLUB" . . . this must bring a deal of satisfaction to the older hands who have been with us during the past five seasons when we have been "runner-up" for this title. I believe that every team, every player and each supporter and official can claim some credit for our distinction, because it really was a "Club effort", which is as it should be. If you think about it, we are a most remarkable phenomenon - a very large organisation comprising 227 registered players in 12 teams ranging from 5 year old boys to players aged 20, plus parents and officials, with very little of a tangible nature in our assets, but bound together by friendship and a love of the game. Viewed in the light of a community project, our officials are providing a real service to the district.

Whilst all else is overshadowed by our Club Championship win, there have been other highlights. We created a new Club record by getting no less than 11 teams in the semis, although at that stage it was unfortunate that some of our more fancied teams were unable to carry on with the good work and only three teams contested the Grand Finals, with the reliable Under 15's taking out their 3rd Premiership with a solid 8 to 3 victory. In particular, I was sorry that our Under 12's were just unable to crown Les Mort's coaching career with us with a victory as they were unfortunate to lose narrowly by 0 to 3. Having two key players sick on Grand Final day did not help the team!

Whilst I would like to mention individually every official or supporter who assisted us in our "Championship Season", I must content myself with reference to a few. Firstly, there was the return to our Executive of Ivan Jackson, a former Secretary, who took over his old position when Ken Staples left the office vacant by reason of his trip overseas. Ivan is a superb organizer and the hardest worked official in this Club. Credit for our great showing this year must be largely attributed to his efforts. Not only did he carry out the normal secretarial duties in a A.1 fashion, but he attended every meeting of the St. George J.R.U. Council as an observer (having no official status), organised the Finals and Grand Final, acted as St. George Secretary when Mike Michel was ill, and among many other things supervised the marking of Oatley Oval every Friday night. I feel that this is no part of a Secretary's duties and would like to see a small Committee of about six parents with no other official obligations take over this chore on a roster basis in future seasons. Can we hope for the necessary volunteers at our next Annual General Meeting?

Once again I was pleased to find our own players coming forward to play a part in the operation of the Club. Without the efforts of Geoff Harland early in the season, our Under 20's would have folded, and he was helped later in the season by his father as team manager and in coaching by Tony New, already busy with St. George Senior Club activities and refereeing. Doug Schwebel, member of our 18A team, undertook the coaching of the Under 10 side - not any easy task because we did not have an Under 9 team last season. However, Doug moulded a worthwhile team of players and loyal supporters before the end of the season, and they were able to give a good account of themselves and assist us in winning our Championship. Guy Yeomans, member of our Under 15's, combined with Robbie Flood to coach the Under 7 team, and with the help of a new official, John Viviers, as Manager, achieved the Minor Premiership with their tiny players, only to have them founder in the Final. Another source of gratification to me personally, was the formation and great performance by our Under 18B team, coached by Kevin Brown. It is one of the facts of life that when there are two teams in the same age group, the "B" team inevitably suffers to provide the "A" team with the better players. However, our 18 "A" team finished first and the "B" team second in their competition and the B's in particular were unfortunate to be eliminated in the Final. A special compliment must be paid to three players who would have been eligible to play as Under 16's and yet played a great part in the team's success. They were - Gary Beath (five eighth), Paul Ashton (full back) and Bill Dickson (front row).

One more milestone in our Club's brief history, was the change in jersey style from plain green to green with wide gold and narrow black bands. The result on the three youngest teams was highly satisfactory from point of view of brightening our uniform and also for colour fastness which has been a problem in the past. We expect to equip all teams to Under 15's with new style jerseys next season.

Another alteration this year was the name of the Club from Oatley Junior Rugby Union Football Club to "Oatley Rugby Club". This has opened the door to formation of open age teams to compete in Sub-District Rugby should this be the wish of Oatley players no longer eligible to play as Under 20's and their friends. The teams would need to be self sufficient in most respects, but would operate loosely from within our Club organisation. For those players interested, right now would be a good time to begin groundwork for such a team or teams.

My congratulations to our neighbouring Club, Peakhurst-Lugarno, who won their first Premiership this season (Under 7's) and also to the Sylvania Club, which showed the strength of their organisation in the manner they helped conduct this year's Grand Final Day in spite of the fact that they were unable to get a team into the Semi Finals. With such good officials, I'm sure it won't be long before their Club will also become a power in the St. George area. Everybody is reminded that there is only one meeting per year to which all parents, supporters and players aged 15 and over are requested to attend. This is usually held in the first half of February and is the opportunity for anyone to make suggestions, voice opinions or merely give us confidence with silent support. Please try to have at least one representative (male or female) from each family!

I thank each and every one of you for your loyal support this season.

(Sgd). JIM YEOMANS

President.

#### CLUB HISTORY

In the year of our first District Championship, it would not be inappropriate to glance back at events and people who have helped shape our Club since its formation.

1958 - Junior competition commenced in St. George District with Under 12 competition. Foundation clubs - Oatley, Bexley-Kingsgrove, Rockdale, South Hurstville, Sutherland and Blakehurst (then known as Sylvania). Officials guiding Oatley were Mick Fleming and Frank Alderton (former Combined Country player, who had a few spare pairs of country socks, which is the reason for our black and gold socks today).

1959 - Competition extended to Under 10's and Under 12's. Bruce Battishall (now St. George 1st Grade) commenced his Rugby with Oatley as a winger. Main team officials - Mick Fleming and Ken Green. Delegates to St. George J.R.U. - M. Fleming and J. Yeomans.

1960 - Under 10 and Under 12 teams - both coached by Jim Yeomans. These teams won 6 games, drew 3 and lost 18. In order to inspire players, Oatley's "Honour Badges" were instituted and trophies awarded for the first time. (Presentation at Oatley Swimming Club Hall. Guest of honour, Ray Glasson (St. George 1st grade)).

1961 - Teams - 10's, 12's, 13's. First year Oatley team into Semi Finals. Under 13's won Grand Final at Wills Ground. Presentation at Penshurst Girls' High School - guest of honour, Alan Cameron (St. George captain and former Wallaby). First "Best Clubman" award to Peter Michel. (First year Oatly oval used as our home ground).

1962 - Teams - 10's, 11's, 12's, 13's, 14's. Bob Arps coach of Under 12's, Ken Staples coach Under 10's, Ivan Jackson manager of that team. Four Oatley teams in Grand Final - Under 10's St. George Premiers, narrowly beaten in City of Sydney Final, Under 14's St. George Premiers and two Oatley Under 14's teams met each other in Final of St. George Seven-a-side comp. First trip away - 12's and 14's to Canberra. Presentation Sydney Tech. High - guest of honour Ham. Stevens (Randwick 1st grade coach) "Best Clubman" award to Phil Pomfret.

1963 - Seven teams (130 players) 10B's to 15's. 10B's coached by Harry Ward and Ian Fleming 10A's coached by Lawrie Yeomans and Bruce Battishall. No Premierships, but 4 teams in Grand Finals. Trip to Wellington by Under 12 team. Picnic Presentation at Hazelbrook - guest of honour, Terry Casey (St. George & Wallaby full back).

1964 - 176 players - teams 9's to 16's (2 Under 12's). Under 12A team and Under 16's won Premierships - Under 16's captained by John Coleman (now St. George 1st grade) and team managed by Ray Benjamin. Under 12's made first Interstate trip to Brisbane. Alan Cameron became Club Patron. No trophies awarded this year.

1965 - 190 players - 10 teams - 9B's to 18's. 9 teams in semis - 9A's, 13's and 15's won Premierships. Ivan Jackson became Secretary and Noel Eccleston Treasurer. Under 12's and 14's visited Brisbane, Under 13's to Melbourne Lawrie Yeomans and Mathew Orton became the first Oatley players to complete 100 comp. games. Presentation to morning teams at Picnic function at Cattai by Bruce Battishall and to afternoon teams at Dance by Alan Cameron. Peakhurst-Lugarno Club formed this season.

1966 - 206 players - 11 teams - 8's to 18's (2 Under 11's) 8 teams in semis, 4 teams in Grand Finals - 1 Premiership to Under 18's, later beaten in City of Sydney Final by Mosman. Visit to Brisbane (Under 12's) and Tasmania by Under 14's. Alderman 'Mick' Curlisa became our Patron. Trophies presented by Eddie Stapleton (St. George Captain & Wallaby winger) at Menai picnic. (Reg'n birth date changed from 1 April, to 1 January).

1967 - 235 players - 12 teams - 8's to 20's (2 Under 8's)  
8 teams in semis - 5 in Grand Finals - 2 Premiers (Under 13 and Under 16). Our Under 10's drew in Grand Final 3 all. This Under 10 team (now our Under 12's) conceded only 18 points against throughout the season). Visits to Brisbane (12's) Melbourne (13's) Young (15's). Ken Staples became Secretary. Trophies presented at Menai picnic by Tony Miller (Manly 1st Grade). "Best Clubman" award to Dick Adams. Formation of new Sylvania Club.

1968 - 240 players - 13 teams - 7's to 20 (included 2 Under 10 teams - no Under 9) - 9 teams in Semis - 4 in Grand Finals - 2 Premierships (Under 14's and Under 18's) Visits to Canberra (16's), Brisbane (12's and 14's) and Melbourne (13's). Club "Newsletter" instituted by Bill Merriel. Trophies presented at National Park picnic by John Thornett (Wallaby captain) "Best Clubman" award to Harry Ward.

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The thanks of everyone must go to the St. George Junior Referees and the St. George Junior Officials without whose efforts there would be no competition. Our particular thanks to Don Budd, the referees' hard working secretary.

A special word of praise too on a job well done to St. George Registrar, Ken Burden and Mr. Cec. Mapledoram, St. George President who has expressed his intention of retiring at the end of this season. Oatley members who were prominent in the St. George J.R.U. were Mike Michel (Secretary) and Bob Hunter (Draws Committee).

GUEST COACHES - During the season a number of our teams were fortunate in having some grade and ex-internationals come to their training sessions to help coach them and pass on valuable hints and techniques. In this regard our thanks are due to:

Tony Wen - (U/20's)

Alan Morton and Ted MacGrath - both ex-wallaby wingers (U/15's)

Brett Parsons (U/14's)

John Mahoney (U/14's)

David Knox (U/12's)

#### CREDITS

The Club's particular thanks are due to the following people:-  
Mr. & Mrs. Gainsford - who once again did an excellent job in organising and running the stall every Saturday.  
Mrs. Pam Young - 100 Club organisation.

Bill Merriel - Again Bill did a very efficient job as Publicity Officer and editor of the Club's "Newsletter".  
Ray Benjamin - Oatley delegate to the Southern Zone.

Also those people who took billets during the season.

#### DONATIONS:

Lou Kingsley \$20.00, Oatley R.S.L. \$20.00, Alan Cassidy \$3, Dr. F. Ruut \$4.00, Dr. W. Muir \$10.00, Russ Lazarus \$10.00 (for trophy), R. Forbes \$4.00, Mick Fleming \$5.00, Oatley Bowling Club \$5.00, Bill Campbell \$1.50, Mr. Nicholson \$2.00.

#### TOURING AND VISITING TEAMS

U/11 - Grenfell and Fingal's Beach, Nelson's Bay.  
U/12 - Easts, Brisbane.  
U/13 - Nunawading, Melbourne.

A very enjoyable picnic day was also held during the season at Oatley with games played against teams from Newington and Warrawee.

#### ST. GEORGE REPRESENTATIVES

U/7 Steve Jacobs, Terry Ryan, Paul Lyon  
U/8 Brian Cannan, Michael New  
U/9 Andrew Merriel, Michael Ryan  
U/11 John Michel  
U/12 Bruce Dickson, Chris Mort  
U/13 John Beath, Gavin Butler, Greg Hunter, John Mullins.  
U/14 Graeme Brokman, David Brooks, Glen Eccleston, Gary Gainsford, Tom Ryan  
U/15 Greg Miller  
U/16 Gary Beath  
U/18 David Dowsett, David Gaunt, Dick Hopkinson, Peter Rose, Warren Staples, Michael Williams, Jon Wolfe, Ross Woodfield  
U/20 Tony Crockett, Noel Dyer, Mick Offord, Tony Parker, Peter Riley, Ken Stidwill, Ross Toovey.

Congratulations are extended to the following players:

#### 100 COMPETITION GAMES FOR OATLEY.

U/14 Glen Eccleston  
Gary Gainsford  
Phil Hughes  
Bruce Smart

## 100 COMPETITION GAMES FOR OATLEY - (Cont'd)

U/15	Mark Fleming, Mitch Pedley, Lawrence Parker, Peter Simpson
U/18B	Paul Ashton, Lee Eccleston
U/18A	Bill Neilson, Alan Powell
U/20	Tony Crockett, Bob Strauss

## 100 POINTS FOR THE SEASON

U/13	Gavin Butler	110
U/15	Bob Cassidy	107
U/18A	David Dowsett	105

Glen Eccleston (U/14) with 98 points just missed out.

## LEADING TRY SCORERS FOR THE SEASON

U/7	Terry Ryan	24
U/7	Paul Lyon	21
U/13	John Mullins	21
U/9	Michael Ryan	20
U/8	Brian Cannan	19

Congratulations also to David Dowsett (U/18A) on his winning of the St. George Sportsman of the Week after scoring 6 tries and 1 goal in a match against Rockdale. Although this was a tremendous performance it was not quite up to the Oatley try-scoring record for 1 match which is 8 tries established by John Rawlings as an Under 14 in 1963. During that season John also set the record for the most tries scored in 1 season - 38.

Other Oatley records are:-

Highest score in a match - 97 - 0 by Oatley U/16 v Canterbury in 1966. In the same game Rod Butterfield created the record for the most points scored by an individual in 1 match when he scored 4 tries and kicked 17 goals for 46 points. Leading Oatley try scorer Glen Eccleston (U/14) - 124. Leading Oatley goal kicker - Bob Strauss (U/20) - 138.

## EX. OATLEY PLAYERS - now playing Sydney Grade Rugby.

John Coleman	-	1st Grade	-	St. George
Geoff Tye	-	2nd Grade	-	St. George
John Derry	-	2 & 3rd Grade	-	St. George
Keith Powell	-	3 & 4th Grade	-	St. George
Rod Butterfield	-	1 & 2nd Grade	-	St. George
David Knox	-	3rd Grade	-	St. George
Neil Strugnell	-	4th Grade	-	St. George
Phil Caldwell	-	3rd Grade	-	Norths



RUSS LAZARUS TROPHY FOR GOAL KICKING - for players Under 11.

The winner this year was Michael Ryan (U/9) with 4 goals. 3 boys Andrew Cureton (U/10), Andrew McCormick (U/8) and Kevin Hudson (U/11) finished equal second with 3 goals. These low figures only emphasize that the coaches of the younger teams need to spend more time on goal-kicking. Goals are an important part of Rugby and many games are won with good goal-kicking. It is recalled that in the past 2 Oatley players kicked more than 20 goals in a season as Under 10's (Paul Daws, and Mitch Pedley) and hence it can be seen that these younger boys should be capable of better performances next season with perhaps a little more coaching and practice.

UNDER 7 TEAM - Manager: J. VIVERS, Coaches: R. FLOOD & G. YEOMANS

After a very encouraging season, in which the 7's won the minor premiership, they were a little unfortunate to lose both the semi-final and final. In the final, all the boys tried their hardest but the main reason for defeat was the lack of ball from set play - and without the ball, its very hard to win.

Half-back and captain Terry Ryan and five-eighth Paul Lyon, were mainly responsible for the team's position on the competition table, both playing excellent rugby all season. Other players worthy of special mention are: Stevie Jacobs, vice-captain and hooker, a hard working forward who was always on the ball and Geoff Dunne and Trevor Baigent (the team's champion tackler) who both showed a lot of promise in their first season.

Next year with a little more ball, the team has the potential to take out the U/8 Premiership, judging from the talent which enabled them to do so well this season.

Finally, a special thanks to the parents, who gave the team officials maximum support during the whole season.

WON 10,

LOST 4,

POINTS: 138-72

UNDER 8 TEAM Coach: JIM YEOMANS, Manager: G. SIMPSON

Probably because six of last year's team were left behind to form the nucleus of this season's Under 7's and two other players left the district, this Under 8 team was never over-supplied with players. Fifteen players only were registered at any one time to play and it says much for their team spirit that they were seldom short handed except for the period when Stuart Hall had an accident (not football) to his front teeth and was unable to play. Throughout the year, attendance at training was good and although competition in this age was tough, the team was never dispirited. Parent support was always very good and the team gave its supporters some very happy moments, especially on the day of the Seven-a-side comp. when we fielded two teams (with the help of 2 Under 7 players). The boys showed what they were capable of in the last comp. game against Blakehurst, which resulted in a 6-8 loss, but was acknowledged by the opposition as a moral victory to us. Unfortunately, the team reversed its last season match behaviour in the semis by wilting to a 15 to nil loss to Blakehurst after being down only 3 nil right on half time. The main liability of the team was a disinclination to tackle properly, with one or two notable exceptions, and this will have to be rectified next season. As was the case last season when he scored 26 tries in comp. games, Brian Cannan, playing most of the year as five-eighth and captain, was a tower of strength, and after a quiet start in the first three matches, managed to score 19 tries in comp. games and 6 tries in other matches.

Among the newcomers we welcomed this season was Andrew McCormack who I'm sure will have an outstanding future as a Rugby player and who showed that he will be the player to beat for the "Goal Kicking Trophy" next season. He didn't get a lot of chances, but in one game kicked 3 out of 5 attempts. Another potential Rep. player was Neal (Billy) Campbell, who could have an important influence on future teams as either a forward or a back. Generally speaking, Oatley's forwards were very good in the tight play and well respected by opposition teams and it was unfortunate that their worst game co-incided with the semi-final. Oatley had the distinction of being the only team to cross the Premier team's line (Burraneer) and this was done in two games by Brian Cannan. Let's plan for next season now and see if you can recruit some more useful players.

WON 6,            LOST 8,            DREW 1,            POINTS: 141-114

UNDER 9 TEAM - Coach: T. RYAN, Manager: W. MERRIEL

A very successful season for the "unpredictables" with them reaching the final only to go down to Peakhurst 0-6.

The first game against Sylvania raised everyone's hopes with a slashing 22-0 victory, but the next few games proved disappointments as the boys seemed to lose all football sense with no counter to bustling opposition tactics. However, there were exceptions in Michael Ryan and John Freeland who both turned on some excellent individual performances and between them scored 30 of the 33 tries the team scored during the season.

As the season progressed the boys gradually settled down and proved to be a great "second half" team with improved running and tackling. In one memorable game against premiers, Blakehurst, they were unlucky to lose 3-6 although fielding only 12 players.

Boys who showed marked improvement during the season were Michael Young and Gary Blackburn and they were ably supported by Michael Johnston, Andrew Merriel, Robin Foster and Geoff Watts. The "Mighty Midget", Blackburn, was always in the thick of play and was one of the few forwards not reluctant to pick up the loose ball.

The semi-final was the climax of the season with some solid forward play and a great display by Michael Ryan who scored three great tries in a 9-6 victory over South Hurstville.

Finally, many thanks to our loyal supporters.

WON 5,            LOST 10,            DREW 2,            POINTS: 102-135

UNDER 10 TEAM - Coach: D. SCHWEBEL, Manager: B. SWINBOURNE

This team although not making the Semi-Finals, finished the season a very much improved side.

With a few new lads having their first year at Rugby it was very pleasing to see the manner in which they adapted themselves to their new game, noticeably young Michael Watson who was always on the ball, and who is sure to be a tower of strength in the 1970 season.

Now that the forwards are functioning as a tight pack the team could be quite a threat to the leading clubs in the Under 11 division next year.

The team will be sorry to lose their very capable and safe full-back Andrew Cureton who is moving to the Cronulla area and they would like to wish him every success in his rugby over there. All in all, an enjoyable season of football to which we say thanks to the boys and the parents who followed the games.

WON 8,            LOST 10,            DREW -            POINTS: 193-200

UNDER 11 TEAM - Coach: A. HALL, Manager: V. DAVISON

Once again a very enjoyable season with the lads providing us with some very attractive rugby.

Our old "enemy" Peakhurst put paid to our premiership hopes in the semi-final and have now won two out of the last three semis against us - maybe we can even the score next season.

The team is very fortunate in having a great deal of parent support which played a strong role in sparking the boys efforts. Special mention must be made of the excellent attendances at training sessions particularly the reserves without whom no team can function properly.

This season saw our first visits to country areas, South-West to Grenfell and North to Nelson's Bay. Both weekends provided good rugby and new friendships and the boys are to be congratulated on the high standard of behaviour which they maintained while at the same time thoroughly enjoying themselves.

WON 8,            LOST 5,            DREW -,            POINTS: 70-66

UNDER 12 TEAM - Coach: L. MORT, Manager: K. STAPLES

Sixty-nine should be a year for this team to remember for the rest of their playing days - when the season started they were short, in fact, several Saturdays some of the "elevens" had to double up with them. The boys battled on, but with little chance of building a regular combination since each Saturday there was a different team. However, the overall results were excellent since they only lost the Grand Final by the narrowest possible margin of 3-0.

This team's defensive record is worth noting - only 32 points scored against them in the whole season of competition games, and finals. This is amazing to their coach, Les Mort, who seemed to be

doing nothing but shouting Tackle! Tackle! Tackle! This record - by the way, is the best of any Oatley team this season.

Two boys helped by playing whenever they possibly could, although committed to school teams, and special thanks in this regard to Peter Higgins and Alan Spencer. Also to Peter Borg, unfortunately injured mid way through the season.

Special mention, too, of the boys having their first season with Oatley - Greg McGuinness, Alan Spencer, David Mallett and Peter Gardiner.

On the social side - we've had the visit of Eastern Districts' (Brisbane) billeted by the boys - this is a yearly event for Under 12 sides and by the time this report is printed our boys will have been to Brisbane in return. In Sydney, Oatley won the annual game 14-3.

Thanks must go, too, to the parents who rallied and gave excellent support during the year and to David Knox (a most promising St. George player and an ex-Oatley man) who filled in as acting manager for eleven weeks while manager Ken Staples was overseas. A small presentation was made to David on behalf of the boys.

The team would also like to say thanks and goodbye to George Higgins and family - George was the very capable manager of this team in the previous three seasons, but the Higgins family are off to Singapore at least for a few years, possibly permanently. A very sincere vote of appreciation to George and his wife for their help with this team and the Oatley Club in general.

WON 10,            LOST 3,            DREW 4,            POINTS: 146-32

UNDER 13 TEAM    Coach: C. SCOTT, Manager: A. BEATH

For the second successive year the team won its way into the Grand Final, only to be beaten by the very strong Blakehurst side. However the team produced its best football in the final and grand final and the boys can be well pleased with their efforts.

The team's success was due in no small measure to the amount of ball which was won from the scrums and for this much credit is due to hooker Keith Cassidy, and his props Jeff Merriel, Steve Hall and Peter Twichin. Second rowers Brian Samuels and Graham Yates, both in their first year with the Club, proved a solid pair and much will be seen of them next season. Lock John Beath lead

the side extremely well and his game in the grand final will long be remembered. Breakaways Peter Conway, Barry Mannering, Craig Singe and Ross Bowen all turned in fine displays.

Halves, David Freeland and Greg Hunter always in the right spot at the right time, were a real force in getting the high scoring back line moving. Centre Gavin Butler capped a fine season by scoring 110 points in competition matches while his partner John Mullins scored 21 tries. Winger Peter Scott showed great improvement in the season and was third in the teams try scores while John Porter on the other wing turned in many solid performances. Steve Challinor joined the team half-way through the season and filled in capably both at full back and on the wing. The team was unfortunate to lose the services of John Cushion, through injury in the latter part of the season.

During the season the team also had an enjoyable exchange of visits with Melbourne club, Nunawading.

All in all a good effort from the boys with team spirit high at all times. We are hopeful that next season the side will take that one extra step to win the premiership for the Club.

WON 10,            Lost 5,            DREW 0,            POINTS: 284-89

UNDER 14 TEAM - Coach: L. HUGHES, Manager: D. BAIGENT

This team again played very good rugby to finish 3rd in the competition going down narrowly 3-5 in the final. On average, they would have been one of the lightest teams in the competition, but with determination and good team work they managed to reduce the weight advantage of the heavier teams.

Newcomers Bruce Stevens, Chris Queenan, Graeme Doble and Andrew Patterson trained hard and proved welcome assets to the team in their first season with Oatley.

The team very much appreciated the coaching assistance given by St. George 4th grade coach John Mahoney during the season. John came along to many training sessions and his advice proved very valuable indeed.

Many thanks also to St. George 1st grader Brett Parsons who came along midway through the season to help with the coaching of the team. It was no co-incidence that the team's performances improved considerably under Brett's guiding hand.

Parent support during the season was excellent and this was greatly appreciated.

WON 10,            LOST 4,            DREW 1,            POINTS: 256-121

UNDER 15 TEAM: - Coach: L. YEOMANS, Manager: R. ADAMS

The Under 15's completed another fine season by taking out their 3rd successive premiership and so becoming the first Oatley team to achieve this distinction.

The boys trained hard and combined well to finish the season very strongly and won the Grand Final 8-3 with a very solid display in atrocious conditions. Probably one of the main reasons for this team's great successes in the past 3 seasons has been their excellent defence. This year their line was crossed only 7 times and in the 3 semi-finals and 3 grand finals they have played during the past 3 seasons they have conceded only 1 try.

The backs again played very capably and were reliable right from half-back through to full back. Inside centre and captain, Greg Mullane had another fine season and was a real inspiration to his side - he was always dangerous in attack and his defence was outstanding. It was no co-incidence that in the 2 games the team lost Greg was absent. Half, Jim Cloumassis played very courageously throughout, his tackling especially being first class, while Bob Cassidy adapted his game well to five-eighth, in particular his tactical kicking. In scoring 107 points during the season he kicked many good goals, though probably none better than his great conversion from the sideline in the grand final with a heavy ball in very wet conditions. Newcomer Jack Lowe at outside centre, although inexperienced, was fast and elusive and was the team's leading try scorer. Wingers Mark Fleming and Guy Nelson played soundly while Mitch Pedley was the 'rock of Gibraltar' at full-back.

The forwards played very strongly and were instrumental in the team's success by always gaining plenty of possession. Lock and vice-captain, Greg Miller had an outstanding season - he lead the forwards well, and was always prominent in rucks and forward rushes and backed up well. Hooker, Peter Simpson had his best-ever season he constantly won a big majority of the scrums and proved very tough in the tight play. Props Lawrence ("Tank") Parker and Ian Garnell and second rowers Mark Turnham, Gus Wolfe and Alan Young all played solidly while breakaways Peter Freeland, Bob Dunn and Stephen Page proved very effective loose forwards with their good cover defence

and harassing game Bob, in particular, played well above his weight and often showed great courage in his all-round play.

Finally, the reserves Charlie Wilton and Guy Yeomans played hard when called upon and always showed good team spirit.

The team now looks forward eagerly to tackling the Easts-Randwick sides in the Under 16 South Harbour competition next season. As always parent support was excellent and this was much appreciated.

WON 14, LOST 2, DREW 1, POINTS: 255-68

UNDER 18B TEAM - Coach: K. BROWN, Manager: R. MICHEL

At the trials prior to the commencement of the competition it seemed we would be fielding only one team of 18's. However, with the aid of several welcome new comers we fielded an 18B side which reached the final. The loss in the final provided us with (if nothing else) a little variety, for in the past it has been the Grand Final that has found us wanting.

It was a relatively relaxing season from a training view point, training on only one occasion a week instead of two. We reached our premature destination with comparative ease, except for one or two games and defeated every team in the competition at least once.

Nearly all the boys are junior 18's, (in fact three could have played in the under 16's) and as such will be able to play in the 18's again next season. Next year should find them a very strong side. The team was fortunate to have a small band of loyal supporters, some more vocal than others, and their presence at games was appreciated.

WON 11, LOST 6, DREW -, POINTS: 235-94

UNDER 18A TEAM - Coach: R. BENJAMIN, Manager: M. KEARNS

At the beginning of the season there were some doubts as to whether we would have enough players to form two under 18 teams. Thanks largely to the interest and enthusiasm of Ken Staples, we not only rounded up enough players to be able to field two teams, but as it turned out, two very good teams.

The under 18A team was built around a forward pack composed mostly of players from the 1968 under 18 team. With the addition of Warren Staples in the second row, they were a pretty formidable



"eight". In the backs, the team was fortunate to obtain the services of three new players; Dave Gaunt, Peter Wilson and, after years of nibbling at the bait, Bob Austin. This, coupled with the re-appearance of a number of former players, gave them a very talented set of backs and completed a well-balanced team of impressive potential. Ably led by captain Doug Schwebel, the team produced some really good rugby and were able to finish as minor premiers. It would be true to say however that the full potential of the team was never quite realised, due to a number of injuries and the fact that towards the end of the season school studies tended to take precedence over training.

Some aspects of the season especially worthy of recall are Dave Dowsett's single-handed defeat of Rockdale in the first round; Howard Clarke's dashing try from half-back against Waratahs; Dave Gaunt's dramatic last minute field goal against Rockdale; John Wolfe's mastery at the front of the lineouts; Bill Neilson's fielding of the ball under pressure against Waratahs at Drummoyne in the second round; the amount of ball the forwards won in scrums throughout the season; the time the "scissors" worked against Easts and the second try against Easts in the same match when five players handled before Peter Rose scored. In conclusion, a generally successful and enjoyable season.

WON 12,            LOST 4,            DREW 1,            POINTS: 208-118

UNDER 20 TEAM - Manager: C. HARLAND

The Under 20 Team had a successful year, going down narrowly in the semi-finals, largely due to 3 key players being absent, after beating the minor premiers the week before. All the games were closely contested, Oatley losing by no more than a point or two on a number of occasions.

The team was a mixture of dedicated footballers, keen, and carefree players.

Special mention must be given to Geoffrey Harland who got the team together in the early weeks of the Season, also Greg Jackson and Ross Toovey who were two of the keenest members in the team.

WON 5,            LOST 10,            DREW 1,            POINTS: 123-156

PLAYING RECORDS (Competition matches only)

In the following lists -

M - Refers to the - Number of official matches played for Oatley  
 T - " " " - Total number of tries scored and  
 G - " " " - Total number of goals (all types) kicked.

UNDER 7				UNDER 8			
	M	T	G		M	T	G
T. Baigent	13	1	-	N. Ashton	15	1	-
D. Brown	27	1	-	P. Beckett	13	-	-
B. Dawson	12	-	-	P. Bennett	21	3	-
K. Clarkson	13	-	-	P. Borg	22	3	-
J. Giles	13	-	-	B. Cannan	28	45	-
G. Dunne	14	-	-	N. Campbell	14	1	-
S. Jacobs	24	-	-	J. Garvey	10	-	-
Ashley Kaar	6	-	-	G. Flood	29	-	-
Andrew Kaar	2	-	-	M. Fuller	7	-	-
W. King	15	-	-	S. Hall	33	14	-
P. Lyon	26	21	-	A. Hillier	24	-	-
R. MacLaren	12	-	-	A. McCormick	15	4	3
D. McGuinness	14	-	-	M. New	36	4	-
J. Mason	13	-	-	G. Parnell	15	1	-
T. New	26	-	-	C. Roberts	15	4	-
M. Parnell	11	-	-	A. Simpson	27	2	-
T. Ryan	31	28	-				
P. Scully	14	-	-				
P. Vivers	18	-	-				
UNDER 9				UNDER 10			
	M	T	G		M	T	G
D. Barker	14	-	-	S. Chapman	41	-	-
J. Barter	15	-	-	A. Cureton	18	4	3
G. Blackburn	38	-	-	G. Davies	12	-	-
S. Brancourt	5	-	-	G. Gannell	19	-	-
K. Duce	8	-	-	D. Gardiner	17	-	1
R. Foster	43	-	-	N. Gunning	62	5	1
J. Freeland	49	15	-	S. Hudson	26	16	2
P. Jacobs	24	-	-	R. McGuinness	17	1	-
M. Johnston	54	2	-	I. McKenzie	37	7	-
P. Kokic	38	1	-	G. Nicholson	49	13	-
P. Lanham	30	-	-	G. Olkola	14	2	-
P. Lazarus	24	1	-	P. Robertson	19	2	-
A. Merriel	47	1	-	S. Smith	43	1	-
A. Osman	19	-	-	B. Scott	38	1	-
M. Ryan	50	31	5	C. Swinbourne	63	11	2
M. Turner	37	1	-	J. Waghorn	16	1	-
G. Watts	29	1	-	M. Watson	8	1	-
M. Young	37	4	-	A. Stewart	7	-	-

<u>UNDER 11</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
M. Blackburn	34	12	-
G. Brooks	26	1	-
C. Brown	41	10	-
M. Butler	20	-	-
A. Cassidy	43	21	-
E. Cannan	22	-	-
M. Davison	72	6	-
G. Dawes	3	-	-
P. Elphick	44	1	-
S. Foster	30	-	-
J. Garvey	26	3	-
G. Hall	13	-	-
I. Heath	25	18	-
M. Hofman	17	-	-
K. Hudson	59	24	7
A. Johnston	67	2	-
D. Kokic	34	-	-
W. Lanham	22	1	-
R. Merriel	61	11	9
J. Michel	72	38	-
P. O'Connell	8	-	-
R. Pulsford	46	2	-
C. Richardson	5	-	-
G. Turner	31	2	-
<u>UNDER 13</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
J. Beath	88	41	2
R. Bowen	21	1	-
G. Butler	53	32	48
K. Cassidy	37	-	-
S. Challanor	9	1	-
P. Conway	52	2	-
J. Cushion	4	-	-
D. Freeland	87	25	-
S. Hall	57	1	-
G. Hunter	83	37	8
B. Mannering	86	5	1
J. Merriel	51	1	-
J. Mullins	42	52	-
J. Porter	56	3	-
B. Samuels	10	-	-
P. Scott	92	9	-
C. Singe	54	5	-
P. Twichin	13	2	-
G. Yates	10	-	-

<u>UNDER 12</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
P. Borg	7	-	-
G. Cannan	45	4	-
M. Douglas	27	-	-
G. Davison	83	74	10
B. Dickson	94	15	-
R. Gunning	83	-	-
P. Gardiner	5	-	-
P. Higgins	78	15	-
G. Hughes	98	1	-
S. Jones	57	1	-
M. Lazarus	96	12	-
D. Mallett	14	9	1
G. McGuinness	16	-	-
C. Mort	81	11	11
J. McClelland	38	3	-
G. Ryan	75	5	-
M. Saunders	70	2	-
A. Spencer	11	-	-
I. Staples	92	1	-
P. Woodfield	94	9	-

<u>UNDER 14</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
P. Baigent	88	5	-
R. Battishall	72	17	4
G. Brokman	91	24	-
D. Brooks	56	5	-
G. Doble	5	4	-
G. Douglas	44	8	-
G. Eccleston	108	124	44
G. Gainsford	111	40	18
P. Hughes	109	8	-
G. Holt	96	-	-
R. Jackson	91	9	-
R. Jones	58	27	-
R. Nethery	29	3	-
A. Patterson	12	-	1
C. Queenan	10	1	-
T. Ryan	81	22	-
B. Smart	104	11	3
B. Stevens	15	1	-

<u>UNDER 15</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>UNDER 18B</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
R. Cassidy	66	48	72	P. Ashton	104	12	17
J. Cloumassis	27	7	-	G. Beath	126	48	3
R. Dunn	17	2	-	P. Beckett	37	5	29
M. Fleming	102	38	6	W. Dickson	73	9	-
P. Freeland	87	30	-	L. Eccleston	110	51	-
I. Gannell	74	-	-	R. Jones	19	8	-
J. Lowe	19	11	-	T. Leto	35	15	-
G. Miller	30	5	-	R. James	13	4	-
G. Mullane	70	64	2	L. Jackson	132	51	3
G. Nelson	24	3	-	J. Lewis	34	3	1
S. Page	35	1	-	A. Mannering	92	-	-
L. Parker	101	5	-	P. Michel	122	4	-
M. Pedley	105	70	71	D. New	8	-	-
P. Simpson	100	16	1	R. McPherson	11	-	-
M. Turnham	27	2	-	W. O'Brien	53	20	10
C. Wilton	32	12	-	P. Stone	32	1	-
A. Wolfe	17	-	-	J. Todd	15	1	-
G. Yeomans	108	5	-	M. Ward	13	1	1
A. Young	54	3	-	I. Younger	75	24	-

<u>UNDER 18A</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>UNDER 20</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
B. Austin	11	1	1	J. Armstrong	133	11	11
B. Campbell	29	-	-	R. Campbell	44	2	1
H. Clarke	69	6	-	A. Crockett	103	62	6
D. Dowsett	30	22	30	S. Barrett	54	12	-
D. Gaunt	14	11	1	N. Dyer	92	9	-
R. Hopkinson	30	1	-	G. Harland	88	4	-
J. Page	49	17	-	G. Jackson	120	4	-
A. Powell	102	5	3	W. Moore	24	2	-
P. Rose	53	8	-	G. Murphy	21	7	10
D. Schwebel	78	9	11	M. Orton	142	1	-
W. Staples	141	9	-	A. Parker	97	1	-
G. Tattersal	94	13	6	P. Riley	121	93	10
M. Williams	87	28	-	G. Sterling	12	-	-
P. Wilson	7	1	-	K. Stidwill	76	5	-
K. Winney	87	37	18	G. Smith	25	5	10
R. Woodfield	126	11	-	K. Woodward	25	-	-
J. Wolfe	57	4	-	R. Strauss	110	25	138
M. Yeomans	150	16	15	M. Offord	15	-	-
W. Neilson	108	7	-	R. Toovey	15	-	-

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Herewith a list of Income and Expenditure for the 1969 Season.

It will be noted the expenses for Trophies, the Annual Picnic or the cost of printing the Annual Report have not been accounted for and income from the "100 Club" and the "Soft Drink Stall" have not at this date been credited.

### OATLEY RUGBY CLUB

SEPTEMBER, 1969

<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
New Jerseys (54)	\$208.10	Donations	\$100.50
Hall Hire	6.00	Players Fees	388.00
Rope - 300 yds.	8.80	Sale of Badges	10.80
Rope Reel	9.32	Sale of Socks	40.85
3dz. pairs of Socks	39.84	Sale of Training Jerseys	4.70
Application Fees St. George J.R.U.	105.50	Sale of Training Jerseys @ \$1.00	13.00
Footballs	29.91	Proceeds, Luncheon & Bamboo Demonstration	84.00
Entry Fees 7/side (10 teams)	10.00	Proceeds Candlelight Dinner	40.00
Add. in Leader St. George J.R.U.	18.40	Proceeds Penshurst R.S.L. night	17.00
St. G. J.R.U. 1968 Banners	8.74	Proceeds '100' Club Balance 1968 A/c	4.80
First Aid Supplies	11.20	Proceeds Film Night	11.10
Cement Pipes and Steel Pegs	10.90	Bank Interest	4.84
Plastic Numbers	5.83	Bank Balance as at Feb. 1969	306.94
Green Fabric Backing for No's.	4.43		
Expenses entertainment visiting teams from Bris. & Melbourne U/12 & 13	36.18		
Sundries	12.00		
Postage & Duty Stamp	.80		
Excess income over expenses	500.58		
	<u>\$1,026.53</u>		<u>\$1,026.53</u>

Balance as at Sep. 1969 \$500.58

PRESENTATION - PICNIC

It is hoped that all players and parents will make an effort to attend the Annual Presentation which will be held at -

OATLEY PARK on Sunday, 28 September, 1969. Guest of Honour will be Peter Johnson (ex-Wallaby Hooker).

Program of sports and races will begin at 11.00 a.m.

The actual presentation of trophies will begin at 2.30 p.m.

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REMINDER

All jerseys must be returned to coaches or managers on or before the Presentation.

However, players from U/10's - U/15's may purchase their jersey for \$1.00 if they wish.

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100 CLUB

To help finance our new jerseys next season all parents and supporters are asked to support the club's fund raising activities especially the 100 club. Mrs Young is now taking names and money for 100 club No. 2 and hopes to finalise everything by the Presentation. Those who wish to be in it can ring Mrs Young on 57.4228.

The popular winner of the \$100 jackpot on 100 Club No. 1 was Bruce Swinbourne.

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