

OATLEY RUGBY CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 1970 SEASON



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## PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD:

The season 1970 has not been memorable for Oatley in respect of premierships won or records set. However, I do feel that it has been a most successful season for friendships within the club itself, for our image with the other clubs vying for supremacy within the St. George District and also with the clubs making up the Southern Zone Rugby Union. I am very proud to report that the Oatley Under 16 team, in support of this contention, has built up a reputation for good sportsmanship and clean play among the junior clubs of the Southern Zone. It was very pleasing for Ray Benjamin and I to hear the parents of a lad playing with the Boy's Under 16's say "It is a pleasure to play the Oatley Boys. They play the game hard but without viciousness and as sportsmen". This is more gratifying when it is realised that the remark was made immediately after we had beaten that team 5-3 in the first semi-final. These same people also made some very complimentary remarks regarding the sportsmanship and qualities of our Captain, Greg. Miller.

I know that what I have said about the Under 16's applies equally to the other eight teams we were able to field this season. Oatley has never had a reputation for rough play and the 'win at all costs' attitude that we read and hear so much about. Let us therefore go into the 1971 season with the same sportsman's approach to this fine game and remember after all that the 'game is the thing'.

Whilst, as I have said before, we did not win any premierships, Oatley was successful in making the semi-finals with seven out of nine teams. Two of them played in the Grand Finals - the Under 16's and the Under 15's. The Under 16's after a scoreless first half went down to Maroubra 3-0 at Woollahra Oval on August 15. It was only the stout defence of our boys that kept the score down to one try and I applaud their valiant efforts to hold out the much bigger Maroubra team for most of the game. It has often been said that the game cannot be won without the ball and I am afraid that was the story for Oatley. With the taller Maroubra boys dominating the lineouts, Oatley got little possession although I have the feeling that with just a little more possession we may have turned the tables. My congratulations to Maroubra for a fine effort.

The Under 15's were beaten 11-3 by South Hurstville at the Brighton-le-Sands ground on the 22 August but they were far from disgraced. Although playing a bigger and more expert team they never gave up and we must give them full marks for a game effort.

These teams met on several occasions during the season but Oatley has never been the victor. However, on each occasion, Oatley, by grit and determination, has fully extended this very good South Hurstville combination. Whilst on the subject of 'grit' I feel that I must make particular mention of the scrum half Gary Gainsford. His tackling has to be seen to be believed. I have never seen him shirk his responsibilities on the field even though he receives a lot of 'attention' from time to time.

Oatley Under 10 team, I think, can count themselves unlucky not to have made the semi-finals. In a very close semi-final race there were only three points separating five teams but unluckily for Oatley they were the fifth. However, next year, I am sure they will fare better.

During the current season the Under 9's visited Shoal Bay and played the locals, the Under 12's exchanged visits with Eastern Suburbs (Brisbane), the Under 13's exchanged visits with Nunawading (Melbourne) and the Under 16's played hosts to the Nunawading Under 16's. On the 29 August the Newcastle Waratah Club visited Oatley with a number of junior teams and spent an enjoyable day at Oatley Park. These latter arrangements were made with some haste and perhaps did not reach expectations but Waratah have signified their intention of making early negotiations next year for reciprocal visits between the clubs.

Congratulations must go to Bradley Murray of the Under 16's on his selection in the Under 16 Sydney Team to play in Brisbane and also to new record holder Terry 'Tiger' Ryan of the Under 8's who scored a total of 157 points for the season including 47 tries.

I would like to thank every supporter and official for the service rendered to our club but there are some who I feel should be referred to in this foreword by name. Firstly our very energetic and enterprising secretary, Ivan Jackson. He is no doubt the hardest working official in the club and I thank him for all of the help he has given me and for his very valuable counsel when I had matters to discuss. Ivan has informed me that this year he has been given a great deal of assistance with the marking of Oatley Oval and he has asked me to proffer his thanks to the seven or eight helpers he has had throughout the season. Special thanks must go to Ted and Wilma Gainsford for their splendid effort with the canteen; to Lawrie Yeomans, the Club Registrar, for his preparation of this annual report; to Bill Merriel for his newsletters; to Pam. Young for conducting the 100 club; to Don Baigent for his help throughout the year with the goal posts and other.

matters and last but not least to Noel Eccleston, our Treasurer, for the magic he weaves in keeping us solvent and his loyal support in all club activities.

A very pleasing feature of the year's activities is the fact that three St. George grade players found the time and interest to help the club in teaching Rugby to our boys. I refer to Bruce Battishall, David Knox and Brett Parsons. It seems to me that these young men should be a source of inspiration to the players. Speaking of young men, I must also thank Ray Benjamin for his assistance with the Under 16's. Much of their success is attributable to the energy and dedication of this young man.

We must not forget the "men in white" from the St. George Junior Referees. In spite of our rude comments at times we must admit they did a good job for our boys and we are proud that at least five of the referees are associated with Oatley Club.

Finally, thanks again to all officials and supporters for your loyal support this season.

(Sgd). R. ADAMS

President.

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

As the first club secretary, our immediate Past President, JIM YEOMANS, guided our club through a rather shaky start to set it on a firm foundation in the early 1960's. Following his election as President of St. George Junior Rugby Union in 1970, an indication of the high regard in which he is held as a Rugby official, Jim's outstanding efforts on behalf of Oatley Club over a period of more than ten years were acknowledged when he was unanimously elected FIRST LIFE MEMBER of our club. We congratulate Jim on his election to both offices and thank him for his long and devoted service to Oatley Rugby Club.

#### MESSAGE FROM ST. GEORGE J.R.U.

It is an obvious and well-known axiom that a strong club remains strong only as long as it has capable and enthusiastic officials and the Oatley Rugby Club is fortunate in this respect. However, parents and supporters should ponder the proposition that at some time they may help in some administrative capacity. In exactly the same way, the St. George Junior Rugby Union needs

efficient and willing administrators. In 1970 the Oatley Club has been well represented on this Union by myself (as President), 'Mike' Michel (Secretary) and Ivan Jackson as an ex-officio jack-of-all-trades. However, I believe there will be a great need for new blood in St. George J.R.U. next season and if any parent or supporter believes he can assist us in any way, I will be very happy to have an indication from him.

In many respects, it has been a mixed season for us in St. George. Firstly, the number of teams and players dropped for the first time in years and on the championship angle, we were not quite good enough to gain supremacy in any age group, although the Under 12's acquitted themselves very well and Rockdale Under 18's were unlucky to be beaten in the final of the city of Sydney Premiership after winning the Southern Zone title. I believe we have players in St. George who can make our representative teams "Number 1", but to do this we must have the enthusiastic support on all levels from clubs, teams, coaches, players and last but not least, from parents. Not only do I ask parents to encourage their sons to aspire to represent St. George as juniors, but also to continue on to the logical conclusion of becoming a member of the St. George senior teams as many Oatley players are now doing.

The 1970 season has been a great one for the Blakehurst Club which won no less than six premierships. This has been a reward for their policy, adopted after a number of lean years, in which they began to concentrate their attention onto the very young teams. There is a lesson in this for Oatley Club, which must see that it is worthily represented next year in the Under 7 and Under 8 age groups.

This year is the first for 10 seasons that no Oatley team has been a recipient of St. George Premiership pockets. Nevertheless, the 1970 Oatley teams were good and it is not outside the realms of possibility that next year could be the "Premiership Year" if they work hard. Happy Rugby and good luck for 1971.

J. F. Yeomans

President - St. George J.R.U.

#### VISITING TEAMS

During the season a number of Oatley teams made country and interstate tours:

- Under 9 - Fingals Beach, Nelsons Bay.
- Under 12 - Eastern Suburbs, Brisbane.
- Under 13 - Nunawading, Melbourne.
- Under 16 - Nunawading, Melbourne.

Social matches were arranged during the season with teams from Newington and Waratah, Newcastle.

#### RUSS LAZARUS TROPHY FOR GOAL KICKING

This trophy, restricted to players Under 11, was won this season by Under 9 five eighth, Andrew McCormick, who kicked a total of 18 goals during the 1970 season. This was a marked improvement on last year's winning total and it is certainly pleasing to see the coaches of the younger teams giving more attention to this very important aspect of the game. In all, five players bettered last year's winning total and it is to be hoped that this standard is maintained and improved on again next season.

#### 100 COMPETITION GAMES FOR OATELY

The following players played their 100th competition game for Oatley during the 1970 season:

- Under 13 Bruce Dickson, Gary Hughes, Michael Lazarus, Paul Woodfield and Ian Staples (youngest ever to play 100 games with Oatley).
- Under 14 John Beath, David Freeland, Barry Mannering and Peter Scott.
- Under 15 Graeme Brokman, Russell Jackson, Tom Ryan and Graham Holt.

#### ST. GEORGE REPRESENTATIVES

- Under 8 Trevor Baigent, Darren Brown, Geoff Dunne, Alan Pennington, Terry Ryan.
- Under 9 Brian Cannan, Andrew McCormick, Michael New.
- Under 10 Michael Ryan, John Freeland, Andrew Merriell.
- Under 12 Alan Cassidy, John Michel.
- Under 13 Bruce Dickson.
- Under 14 Gavin Butler, Greg Hunter.
- Under 15 Gary Gainsford, Craig Wedesweiler, Bruce Smart.
- Under 16 John Caffery, Barry Carr, Bob Cassidy, Brian Host, Brad Murray, Greg Miller, Lawrence Parker, Mitchell Pedley.

Congratulations in particular to Brad Murray (Under 16) who was selected in the Sydney team to take part in the Australian Under 16 Rugby Carnival in Brisbane.

LEADING POINT SCORERS

T. Ryan	(Under 8)	-	157 points (Oatley Record)
M. Ryan	(Under 10)	-	102 points
G. Eccleston	(Under 15)	-	85 points
P. Lyon	(Under 9)	-	76 points
G. Butler	(Under 14)	-	67 points

LEADING TRY SCORERS

T. Ryan	(Under 8)	-	47 (Oatley Record)
M. Ryan	(Under 10)	-	28
P. Lyon	(Under 8)	-	20
B. Cannan	(Under 9)	-	20
G. Eccleston	(Under 15)	-	18

EX. OATLEY PLAYERS - now playing Sydney Grade Rugby.

John Coleman	-	St. George
Geoff Tye	-	"
John Denny	-	"
Rod Butterfield	-	"
David Knox	-	"
Neil Strugnell	-	"
Alan Powell	-	"
Peter Rose	-	"
Ross Toovey	-	"
Tony Crockett	-	"
John Veness	-	"
Geoff Harland	-	"
David Dowsett	-	"
Gary Wilson	-	"
Mike Williams	-	"
Phil Caldwell	-	Norths

UNDER 8 TEAM Coaches: R. Flood & G. Yeomans, Manager: J. Vivers.

WON 13, LOST 8, DREW 1, POINTS: 379-92

A most successful season of Rugby finished with the Under 8's being narrowly edged out of the competition by old rivals Peakhurst-Lugarno 9-6 in the second semi.

Unfortunately a few players from the previous season did not turn out again this year but the greatest loss was when the boys said farewell to that fine team man and talented player, Paul Lyon, who left Oatley to live in Darwin. In the seven games in which he played Paul scored 76 points. On the other hand new players to join were, Andrew Lind, Peter McMillan, Alan Pennington and Steve Tudjman, all of whom performed with great credit in their first season with the Club.

As the team only had the bare minimum of players they were indeed grateful to the younger boys such as Andrew New, who is only five, and Peter Scully who made it possible to field a full team each week. All lads are to be congratulated for their regular support and attendance at both training and matches.

Captain, Terry Ryan, deserves special mention for the determined displays which he turned in every match during the season and it would be impossible to single out any particular performance as his best. Congratulations also to Terry for breaking the Club record for the greatest number of tries ever scored by any individual Oatley player in a season (47).

The forwards ably led by Vic-Captain and hooker, Steve Jacobs, were successful in winning more than their share of the ball from set scrums and rucks and they proved a very formidable unit during the season. Newcomer, Alan Pennington, showed a great deal of promise in his first season and David McGuinness also turned in some sterling performances.

There were outstanding performances by the backs with Trevor Baigent, Peter McMillan and Geoff Dunne deserving special mention.

The team was never disgraced and the worst defeat inflicted was by a margin of six points in one match. In all other games in which they were beaten the margin was only two or three points. Finally, all boys are urged to recruit new players for next season so that the team will have sufficient reserves.



The 1970 Under 9 team was a very happy one and had a satisfactory season without setting the world on fire. However, they enjoyed their games which is the main object of Junior Rugby and must be considered to have had their money's worth from their jerseys, having played 24 matches in all, including trials and special matches such as the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary knock-out.

Once again, the team gets full marks for all aspects of play with the exception of TACKLING! Nevertheless, they improved on previous showings, and this year got as far as the Finals at Hurstville Oval before losing 0 - 6 to Blakehurst. The total tally for competition games was 213 for to 107 against compared to last years result of 141 to 114. The main improvement this year was shown in matches against Peakhurst. Last year, this team was a Grand Finalist and beat us 18 to nil and 8 to nil. This year we narrowed the gap to 0 - 3 in the first match, a thrilling nil all draw on the morning of our trip to Shoal Bay and a heart-thumping victory to us by 6 to 3 in the semi final.

The outstanding event of the season was undoubtedly the trip to Shoal Bay which was enjoyed as much by the parents as by the boys, who reflected great credit on the Oatley Club both on and off the Rugby field. The team enjoyed good parent support during the season and it is hoped that all will renew friendships at the Presentation Picnic and at the Picnic Dance to be held at the Oatley R.S.L. Club in October.

Special thanks to Geoff Simpson who filled in as Team Manager on the occasions that Bill Campbell had to leave early in order to play with St. George 4th grade and also to Geoff for again providing the boys with souvenirs of the season in the form of a team photograph.

Our team line-up was much the same as last year, but we welcomed three new players to our ranks in Tim Lassig, Alan Casserly and David Morley. Although having only 17 registered players, we were short-handed in only one match and that was the one we beat Blakehurst (White) by 55 to nil. Just the same, it would be good policy to look around for suitable recruits for next year so that's a task for the boys and parents in the off season.

Three players gained representative honours with St. George this year and brought credit on our team. They were :-

Captain Brian Cannan, who was again an inspiration to his team scoring 20 tries in comp. matches, Vice-Captain Mike New who has the distinction of having played 56 comp. matches for Oatley before the season ended and five eighth Andrew McCormick whose goal kicking was a great help to the team this year. Andrew kicked 18 goals in comp. matches and was only 3 short of the most goals kicked by any member of the Oatley Club.

WON: 11      DREW: 2      LOST: 7      POINTS: 213 - 107

UNDER 10 TEAM      Coach: T. Ryan,      Manager: W. Merriel.

"Unpredictables" to the very end the Under 10's began the season with a good win over Sylvania and on their day were almost unbeatable but unfortunately went through a mid-season slump caused mainly by injuries and illness to a number of key players such as Geoff Watts, Peter Lanham and Andrew Merriel.

With four games remaining the team beat South Hurstville twice, drew with Peakhurst and recorded a big 40 - 0 win over Sylvania. However, defeats of the two leading teams in the final round and a missed penalty goal in the drawn game against Peakhurst meant that Oatley missed out on a semi-final place by only 1 point. The under 10's competition was extremely close this season with only 3 points separating the first five teams.

The find of the season was undoubtedly Stephen Quartermain who, in his first season of Rugby, found his natural spot in the second row and turned on many powerhouse performances. The "mighty Midgets" Robin Foster and Gary Blackburn never stopped trying and as usual Michael Ryan played outstandingly all season at five eighth. He was strong both in defence and attack and scored many fine tries often at vital times. Congratulations also to Michael for scoring 102 points during the season. The Forwards were always on the ball paring the way for the backs with Michael Johnston, Andrew Merriel, Stephen Quartermain and Andrew Osman being prominent in this regard. Michael Young, Paul Lazarus and Mark Turner all showed solid improvement during the season while John Freeland had many fine games at inside centre particularly against South Hurstville and Peakhurst. Kevin Duce showed a good turn of speed on a number of occasions and half Robin Foster was nippy around the scrumbase providing good service to his backline.

WON: 9      DREW: 2      LOST: 7      POINTS: 192 - 101

UNDER 11 TEAM      Coach: B. Battishall,    Manager: B Swinbourne

Under the very able coaching and guidance of Bruce Battishall the 11's showed great improvement during the 1970 season to eventually finish 5th in the competition (The highest this team has ever achieved).

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the season was the magnificent 8 - 5 win over Peakhurst in the second round at Oatley Park. Behind 0 - 5 at half time and running uphill into the wind in the second half even the staunchest Oatley supporters were not too optimistic about the team's chances but with the forwards giving their finest display of the season and winning plenty of possession and the backs, playing steadily the boys gradually got on top of Peakhurst in a very exciting game. This match proved just what the team is capable of and next season should see them contesting the finals.

New recruits to the team this season were Craig Wood, Graham Davies and Peter Sterling all of whom showed great improvement in their first season of Rugby. Mark Preston also returned to the team after a few years absence and proved a tower of strength on the wing where he scored many fine tries. He was one of the most dangerous wingers in the Under 11 competition and his winning try in the epic 8 - 5 victory over Peakhurst was a 'beauty'. The backs generally played soundly throughout the season with five eighth Michael Watson in particular showing great promise. The forwards were a very solid pack, equal to any in the competition, and with a few rough edges smoothed out should prove a very formidable unit in the '71 season.

Finally, a word of thanks to those dedicated followers who gave great assistance to the coach and manager and helped make this a most enjoyable season.

WON:        8            DREW:        0            LOST:        10            POINTS:    177-174

UNDER 12 TEAM      Coach: K. Brown,    Manager: V. Davison

The Under 12's started off the 1970 season in good style with wins against Burraneer and South Hurstville in the pre-season trials and continued in this vein for the first competition round.

The second round saw the team lose to Rockdale, South H'ville and the ultimate premiers Blakehurst. However, they had accumulated enough points to finish the competition in second place due

mainly to solid displays by the forwards spearheaded by Allan Cassidy and John Michel both of whom won representative honours.

The backline was not so consistent, although some brilliant tries were scored by our centres Ian Heath and Craig Brown before the pair were separated due to an unfortunate injury to Craig late in the season.

Mike Blackburn took over the important position of five-eighth about half way through the season and showed he will be a force to be reckoned with next season. Unfortunately Mike took a bad knock against the Brisbane visitors and was forced to miss the return match in Queensland.

Much credit for the team's efforts must be given to fullback and Captain Rob Merriell who improved with every game and capped the season with a very fine display in the last encounter with Blakehurst.

Unfortunately, the final was a let down when the team well beaten by Rockdale; on this occasion they never got into the match and the result was a true indication of the game. Rockdale fully deserved their win and went on to fully extend Blakehurst in the grand final in a match which Blakehurst was lucky to win with a penalty goal in extra time.

The team had an enjoyable exchange of visits with Brisbane team, Easts, the boys fully enjoying this most important aspect of Rugby.

In conclusion a big thanks to those parents who provided transport to the games and encouragement from the side lines.

WON: 9      LOST: 7      DREW: 0      POINTS: 110-149

UNDER 13 TEAM      Coach: K. Staples,      Manager: D. Knox

It was unfortunate that the Under 13's lost their semi-final to finish fourth in their competition because some weeks previously they had defeated Blakehurst, last years premiers and this year's eventual winners 11-3 and had shown what appeared to be "premier-ship" form.

Early season difficulties of having only 14 regular players were resolved when Andy Kowald rejoined the club in May. Thanks should go here to Chris Mort, Mike Lazarus, Peter Higgins and Alan Spencer who helped us by "doubling up" on their school commitments on many occasions throughout the season.

Losses to Bexley, Blakehurst and Peakhurst at the start of the season were not promising. However, as old players became used to new positions and new players learnt the game, the team developed into a determined combination. They countered their initial defeats, drawing with Peakhurst and defeating Blakehurst and then Bexley 3 - 0. These games were exhibitions of the fine spirit and determined rucking and tackling that the side developed.

The strength and consistency of Prop Bruce Dickson, the team's captain and our St. George Representative, played a large part in the teams improvement. Greg McGuiness and Greg Cannon, new to their half and five-eight positions respectively, developed an intelligent combination while Breakaway Greg Davison, Prop Gary Hughes and Centre David Mallett were dependable throughout the season.

Newcomers Jim Karras, David Miller and Graeme Samuels proved assets to the team and together with Alan Spencer and veteran Ray Crunning showed marked improvement, all playing good rugby at the season's close.

Ian Staples, Greg Ryan, Paul Woodfield and Stephen Jones were players who settled down throughout the season to be "leaders in the fray" in our most successful games.

An exchange of visits with Melbourne Club, Nunawading was enjoyed by the boys, manager and coach alike. Oatley won 5 of the 6 games played.

Thanks are due to a diligent group of parents who followed the progress of the 13's with enthusiasm.

The ability to learn was an important facet of this team's character, a fact that augurs well for greater success next year. However, when a player travels to Melbourne to play Rugby, and doesn't bother to take a pair of boots with him, it makes you wonder, doesn't it?

WON: 9 LOST: 5 DREW: 2 POINTS: 157-107

UNDER 14 TEAM Coach: C. Scott, Manager: A Beath

Although well beaten in the final by Blakehurst, the eventual premiers, the season was nevertheless not without some fine displays by the team. In one period of three weeks the team, depleted by injuries to 12 men, made a trip to Wollongong where it played tight football to defeat a strong Nowra team by 9 - 3, played Peakhurst,

which to that date was undefeated and displaying its best football ever, recorded an 11 - 5 win, and then lost to Blakehurst by 9 - 12. Also, we must applaud the effort of the boys against Newington, where outweighed to a man not by pounds but by stones, they did not shirk for one minute of the whole game.

Again, this year Gav. Butler was the team's leading point scorer. Special mention must be made too of Greg Hunter, who always seemed to be in the right spot at the right time and hooker Keith Cassidy who continually won a good share of ball. Our "veterans" Peter Scott, John Beath, David Freeland and Barry Mannering (each of whom completed 100 competition games during the season) turned in some solid efforts. Newcomers last year, Brian Samuels and Graeme Yates, showed out well and are two boys to whom we can look next season for big things. The team lost four players from last season but its two gains in John Walsh and Craig Whitehouse proved that they will be strong links in the team next year. Our other players, Ross Bowen, Peter Conway, John Mullins, John Porter, Chris Queenan and Jeff Merriel, each pulled his weight in good team efforts.

The attendance at training was excellent and once the boys come to realise that you must train as hard for a game as you have to play the game, this team will produce first class results.

UNDER 15 TEAM      Coach: B. Parsons      Manager: L. Hughes

In their last season of morning competition, the Under 15's recorded some fine wins to reach the grand final for the first time in 3 seasons. The team had some very close and exciting games against eventual Premiers, South Hurstville during the season but were just not able to overcome their lack of size in the Grand Final going down 3 - 11.

Congratulations to five of the team who played their 100th competition game during the season. Graham Holt, Phillip Baigent, Graeme Brokman, Russ Jackson and Tom Ryan (who played his at the Grand Final) - making a total of nine in the team who have now played 100 games for Oatley.

Newcomers to the team this season were Greg Spencer, Craig Wedesweiler, Ken Loudon, and Peter Tilkook all of whom proved great assets strengthening the team considerably. It was also pleasing to see Graeme Douglas have a couple of games with the team towards the end of the season after being sidelined for a long period following an ankle injury last season.

Generally, the team played good solid Rugby with the forwards and backs combining well and overcoming the handicap of their lack of size.

Finally, a word of thanks to the parents for their support throughout the season. This was greatly appreciated by the coach and manager.

WON: 15      DREW: 0      LOST: 6      POINTS: 275 - 171

UNDER 16 TEAM      Coach: R. Benjamin, Manager: R. Adams

The Under 16 team was founded on the talented Under 15 side from 1969 which was coached for many years by Lawrie Yeomans, but was considerably strengthened this season by six new recruits, divided, as is only fair, into three backs and three forwards.

The backs, John Caffery, Barry Carr and Murray Simes, nicely filled what would have been an embarrassing shortage of specialists in the three-quarter line. In the forwards, Owen Hyde provided some much needed height in the lineouts (as well as proving to be a fairly good goalkicker), while Brad Murray's natural football ability, his keenness and his driving style of play proved invaluable assets and an inspiration to his teammates. Brian Host joined the team soon after it had been unlucky to lose Alan Young with a leg injury and showed that in only his second season of Rugby he has a very good appreciation of the tight forward play which is basic to this game and it wasn't long before he was making his presence felt up front.

The team found out early in the season that the overall standard of competition in the Southern Zone is very tough, but the boys responded well to the challenge and whether they consciously realised it or not, were all forced to improve their techniques and as a result develop into better footballers. Some pleasing examples of this were "Greeny" Nelson's jumping at number two in the lineout, "Tank" Parker's development as a hooker and the increased confidence displayed by Jack Lowe on the wing.

The team perfected a couple of variations of a move from a three-man lineout which were collectively code-named "Bulldog" and which evolved around Captain Greg Miller. This code name was very appropriate in as much as the tenacity of the team led and encouraged by Greg, was a feature of some of the more memorable games of the season such as the first-round draw with Maroubra and the defeat of Bays on the bell in the semi-final. Probably the

best match of the season was the final against Coogee when the team recovered from the shock of having a try scored against them almost straight from the kick-off and came back strongly with good forward work, hard running, and great backing-up to score a convincing 18 - 6 win. Following this win the team played against Maroubra in its fifth successive Grand Final and went down by the narrowest of margins 0 - 3 in a tremendous struggle which was well worthy of a Grand Final. Even so, the team has not reached the limit of its potential by any means, and next season should see them better again.

Finally, the thanks of the coach and manager go to the parents and supporters whose assistance with transport and encouragement have helped to make 1970 a most successful and enjoyable season.

WON: 11      LOST: 4      DREW: 1      POINTS: 176 - 77

PLAYING RECORDS (Competition matches only)

In the following lists -

M - Refers to the Total number of official matches played for Oatley.

T - " " " " " " tries scored and  
G - " " " " " " goals.

UNDER 8	M	T	G	UNDER 9	M	T	G
D. Brown	44	1	-	N. Ashton	35	3	-
T. Baigent	29	18	1	P. Beckett	32	2	-
G. Dunne	33	12	-	P. Bennett	41	4	-
S. Jacobs	43	5	-	P. Borg	42	5	-
P. Lyon	33	41	8	B. Cannan	48	65	-
A. Lind	18	-	-	N. Campbell	34	10	-
D. McGuinness	33	2	-	A. Casserley	19	-	-
P. McMillan	14	12	-	G. Flood	49	-	-
J. Mason	32	-	-	J. Garvey	25	-	-
A. New	18	-	-	A. Hillier	42	-	-
T. New	45	-	-	J. Lassig	14	-	-
M. Parnell	29	-	-	A. McCormick	36	9	21
A. Pennington	19	-	-	D. Morley	12	-	-
T. Ryan	50	75	8	M. New	56	7	-
P. Scully	33	-	-	G. Parnell	35	3	-
S. Tudge	19	-	-	C. Roberts	35	11	-
P. Vivers	36	-	-	A. Simpson	46	6	-



<u>UNDER 10</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
J. Barter	32	-	-
G. Blackburn	56	1	-
K. Duce	16	2	-
R. Foster	61	6	-
J. Freeland	67	21	-
P. Jacobs	42	-	-
M. Johnston	71	4	-
P. Kokic	56	1	-
P. Lanham	33	-	-
P. Lazarus	41	3	-
A. Merriel	62	4	-
A. Osman	36	-	-
S. Quartermain	19	3	-
M. Ryan	69	59	14
M. Turner	53	2	-
G. Watts	39	1	-
M. Young	55	8	-

<u>UNDER 12</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
M. Blackburn	50	16	-
G. Brooks	40	1	-
C. Brown	52	13	-
M. Butler	31	-	-
E. Cannan	33	-	-
A. Cassidy	59	24	-
M. Davison	87	7	-
G. Dawes	9	-	-
P. Elphick	59	2	-
S. Foster	42	-	-
J. Garvey	31	3	-
M. Hoffman	30	2	-
I. Heath	42	31	4
A. Johnston	79	2	-
P. Jones	51	-	-
D. Kokic	47	2	-
W. Lanham	34	1	-
R. Merriel	77	12	12
J. Michel	88	39	-
P. O'Connell	12	-	-

<u>UNDER 11</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
S. Chapman	56	-	-
Graham Davies	26	-	-
Garry Davies	12	1	-
G. Gannell	30	-	-
D. Gardiner	31	-	1
N. Gunning	80	8	1
S. Hudson	43	23	2
R. McGuinness	34	1	-
I. McKenzie	54	17	5
G. Nicholson	67	15	-
M. Preston	28	29	2
P. Robertson	35	5	-
B. Scott	56	1	-
S. Smith	58	2	-
P. Sterling	13	1	-
C. Swinbourne	80	14	5
J. Waghorn	30	1	-
M. Watson	25	5	1
C. Wood	13	-	-

<u>UNDER 13</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
G. Cannan	60	4	-
G. Davison	99	82	16
B. Dickson	110	21	8
R. Gunning	98	-	-
P. Higgins	82	22	-
G. Hughes	114	4	-
S. Jones	71	2	-
J. Karras	12	1	1
A. Kowald	52	2	-
M. Lazarus	103	12	-
G. McGuinness	32	1	-
D. Mallett	27	15	3
D. Miller	14	-	-
C. Mort	86	11	11
G. Ryan	91	1	-
A. Spencer	20	1	-
I. Staples	108	3	-
G. Samuels	12	-	-
P. Woodfield	107	1	-

<u>UNDER 14</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
J. Beath	104	46	2
R. Bowen	34	4	-
G. Butler	70	39	68
K. Cassidy	51	1	-
P. Conway	67	3	-
D. Freeland	102	26	-
G. Hunter	98	42	11
B. Mannering	100	5	1
J. Merriel	64	1	-
J. Mullins	57	57	2
J. Porter	69	5	-
C. Queenan	19	1	-
B. Samuels	26	1	-
P. Scott	107	9	-
J. Walsh	13	4	-
C. Whitehouse	12	-	-
G. Yates	23	-	-

<u>UNDER 16</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
J. Caffrey	15	9	-
B. Carr	13	3	-
R. Cassidy	82	51	74
J. Cloumassis	43	11	-
R. Dunn	24	2	-
M. Fleming	114	40	6
P. Freeland	98	30	-
I. Gannell	82	-	-
B. Host	7	-	-
O. Hyde	16	3	21

<u>UNDER 15</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
P. Baigent	103	5	-
R. Battishall	84	17	4
D. Brooks	72	9	-
G. Brokman	110	25	-
G. Doble	18	8	-
G. Douglas	46	8	-
G. Eccleston	128	142	59
G. Gainsford	129	41	18
G. Holt	108	-	-
P. Hughes	127	12	-
R. Jackson	109	12	4
R. Jones	76	41	-
K. Loudon	16	-	-
R. Nethery	41	3	-
J. Ryan	100	23	-
B. Smart	124	11	3
G. Spencer	17	3	-
B. Stevens	32	2	-
P. Tilbrook	15	3	8
C. Wedesweiler	17	10	6

<u>UNDER 16</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
J. Lowe	32	17	-
G. Miller	43	7	-
G. Mullane	76	64	2
B. Murray	15	6	-
G. Nelson	33	4	-
S. Page	45	1	-
M. Pedley	118	71	71
M. Simes	12	2	-
G. Yeomans	122	5	-
A. Young	60	3	-

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Herewith a list of Income and Expenditure for the 1970 season.

It will be noted the expenses for Trophies, The Annual Picnic, The Printing of the Annual Report and the Expenses for Visiting Teams from Brisbane and Melbourne have not yet been accounted for.

Income from Ted Gainsford's Drink Stall (approx. \$200.) and Pam Young's 100 Club (approx. \$90.) have not at this date been credited.

1970 SEASON

<u>INCOME</u>	\$	<u>EXPENSES</u>	\$
Players fees.	470.00	160 New Jerseys	738.10
Donations	95.00	New Footballs	88.81
Proceeds Candlelight Dinners.	49.00	Plastic No's	33.60
Proceeds St. G:J.R.U. Cabaret.	16.00	Affiliation fees St. G.J.R. Union	75.00
Sale of Badges.	22.50	Hire of Hall	
Sale of Socks.	26.40	Annual Meeting	4.00
Sale of Practice Jerseys	15.80	Entertainment U/14 from Nowra.	4.60
Income '100' Club (1st. edition)	79.00	Players' Socks.	45.36
Bank Interest.	12.93	Backing for Plastic No's	8.82
Bank Balance as at Feb. 1970.	497.32	Printing Tickets Social.	8.30
		Sundries.	5.25
		Excess Income over Expenses.	272.11
	<hr/> <u>\$1,283.95</u>		<hr/> <u>\$1,283.95</u>

DONATIONS RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Mr. Lou Kingsley.	\$ 20.00
Dr. Ruut.	5.00
Mr. M.D. Fleming.	20.00
Dr. W. Muir.	10.00
Mr. R. Lazarus.	10.00
Oatley R.S.L. Club.	10.00
Oatley Bowling Club.	10.00
Archer Electric Pty. Ltd.	10.00

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GALA NIGHT AT OATLEY R.S.L. CLUB

ON

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 1970

FROM 6.30 p.m. TILL - ?

Arrive when it suits you, bring your own picnic basket or use the Club Snack Bar, or, Dining Room. A table will be arranged for each team, so book with your Team Manager.

CHARGE 25 CENTS PER PERSON.

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PRESENTATION - PICNIC

It is hoped that all players and parents will make an effort to attend the Annual Presentation.

The presentation will be held at OATLEY PARK on Sunday, 27 September, 1970, commencing at 11 a.m.

There will be races and picnic events in the morning and the presentation will begin at approximately 2 p.m.

Guest of Honour at the presentation this year will be great Wallaby Half-Back, Ken Catchpole.

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REMINDER

All players are requested to return their jerseys to their manager at or before the presentation. Managers are asked to return jerseys, footballs and first aid kits to the Treasurer.

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100 CLUB

As the 1970 100 Club is to be completed on Monday, 21 September, complete lists of 1970 prize winners will be circulated at the presentation.

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