

OATLEY RUGBY CLUB

Annual Report



1994



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Oatley Rugby Club 1994

Patron:

Graham Williamson

President:

Lawrie Yeomans

Secretary:

Shane Dunn

Treasurer:

Bill Bell

Club Captain:

Rod Dunn

Club Coach:

Manu Sutherland

Additional Members of the Management Committee:

Mick Waudby (Social Committee), Bruce Smart (Social Committee),
Richard Sheahan (Minis/Juniors), Gil Viciulis (Minis/Juniors), Bob Forbes (1st Grade),
Keith Bennett (2nd Grade), Michael Heal (3rd Grade), Glen Derwent (4th Grade),
Peter Sciberras (Colts)

Coaching Staff

Manu Sutherland, Bob Forbes, Warren Humphries, Keith Bennett, Gil Viciulis,
Michael Heal, Angelo Kanlopoulos, Glen Derwent, Peter Sciberras, Dave Beckett,
David Cotterell, Wayne Lanham, Chris Jeffs, Brian Norris, Mike Lazarus, Richard Sheahan
Ross Horne, Helen Green, Deborah Wheatley

Social Committee

Mick Waudby, Rod Dunn, Bruce Smart

Delegates to the Southern Districts Junior Rugby Union

Richard Sheahan, David Cotterell

Honorary Life Members

Paul Bennett, Laurie McMartin, Bruce Smart, Graham Williamson, Jim Yeomans

President's Report

To follow Laurie McMartin as President of Oatley Rugby Club was always going to be a somewhat daunting prospect after his record breaking term of 20 years, especially as I had been primarily involved only with the junior section of the Club since 1985.

Nevertheless, I was both pleased and honoured to be elected as President of a club I had joined as a player in its inaugural year in 1958 and to follow in the footsteps of my father who was Secretary and then President from 1960 to 1969.

Probably the highlight of the year for me has been the terrific way that the senior and junior sections of the Club have worked co-operatively together to further the Club's development and success. Many of the senior players have taken a strong interest in the juniors teams and provided strong support in many ways to the juniors' parents - the Minis Gala Day being a prime example. Similarly, many of the juniors' parents and especially the players from the under 14's, attended many of the seniors' home games to support the players. This cross support between the two sections of the Club certainly augurs well for the future.

My year as President has certainly been made easy by the tremendous support I have received from many people and in particular, by the hard work put in by all of the Club's executive. It would be remiss of me not to make special mention of two officials who certainly are the backbone of the club - the Secretary, Shane Dunn and the Treasurer, Bill Bell. These two player-officials have devoted many hours of time and effort to the Club's welfare and organisation in 1994 and on behalf of all club members I thank them for their great contribution this year.

A number of other club members and officials also deserve special mention for the time and commitment this season. Manu Sutherland, the Club and under 14 coach made a significant contribution this season - the first year that we have had a club coach - and his efforts were certainly much appreciated. Keith Bennett, Rod Dunn and Mick Waudby of the seniors and Richard Sheahan with the minis also deserve our collective thanks for their tireless work on behalf of the club in 1994. These people are the real workers of the club, always willing to get in and help when it is needed. Finally, all of the other senior and junior coaches and managers gave many hours of time and commitment to make the club run smoothly in 1994. A special mention to Peter Sciberras, the Colts coach for his untiring efforts in not only getting the team going at the start of the season but in achieving some excellent results in our first year of fielding a Colts team. A word of thanks goes to all the players and parents who helped out during the season, especially those who helped on the Minis Gala Day. My Thanks to all these people for a job well done.

Although 1994 was not one of our best in terms of success at the business-end of the season, it was a successful year of consolidation and growth such that Oatley is now the biggest rugby club in the former St George area. This season we fielded 4 senior and 1 colts teams in the Sydney Suburban Competition and 6 junior teams. We came 10th out of 19 clubs in the Suburban competition, thus maintaining our place in what will be a revamped 10 team competition in 1995. It was especially heartening to see the continued growth among our mini teams which will be the backbone of our junior section in the future. Helen Green and Deborah Wheatley did a tremendous job teaching our 5-7 year olds the rudiments of Walla rugby in what must be the hardest age group to coach! It was also great to see our first ever colts team take the field and I hope those players will return in 1995 either for another year in colts or with our senior teams. This is also an excellent recruiting ground for our senior teams.

Our only winning team in 1994 was the mighty under 8's which duly overpowered all their rivals on Gala Day and finish the season as worthy undefeated winners. This team was coached in his inimitable way by Richard Sheahan who was most dismayed that the team actually conceded a try or two towards the end of the season. The team contained many fine players who are surely destined for higher honours in the years ahead. Those fortunate enough to see Willie O's cousin, Pauliasi, play on Gala

Day will certainly feel they have seen a future international. The under 14's again won the prestigious Canberra 7's in September and did well in their competition to finish equal 4th out of 12 teams and just miss the semis on points for and against.

In the seniors, the seconds and thirds were unlucky to both miss the final five on percentages. The seconds won their last 4 games convincingly and were most dismayed to see Newport win their final game by 10-9 against Minor (and eventual) Premiers, Barker OB and thus tip Oatley out on percentages. The thirds were in the five all season and faltered in the last few rounds to just miss out. The Club's firsts had many fine wins and a number of unlucky narrow losses and never stopped trying. The early season win against Hawkesbury Valley when they scored 2 tries in the last 2 minutes to just win after trailing by 12 points with 2 minutes to go typified their attitude and spirit. Fourths enjoyed their year while colts came 5th and played an amazing number of very close games especially at home.

The other junior teams all performed well which augurs well for next year although Wayne Lanham and his parents and players will have to work hard to recruit some new players for the under 11's in 1995 to ensure a full team. They have the makings of a good side and certainly need to ensure that they always have 15 players.

Finally, I thought some extracts from old Annual Reports from the late sixties and early seventies which I was browsing when preparing this report, might prove of some interest to club members.

- 1968** ☞ 10 years after the clubs formation, player numbers reach a peak which has never been attained since - 240 registered junior players in teams from under 7 to under 20. In those days mini teams (under 7 to under 9) all played 15 per side on a full field under standard rugby laws! (imagine the poor referee trying to pack an 8-man scrum in under 7's)
- ☞ Wayne Lanham joined the club as an under 10 player.
- 1969** ☞ Oatley wins its first and only junior club championship. 227 registered players in 12 teams.
- ☞ The club colours are changed to the present strip worn by senior players from the previous all bottle green.
- ☞ The Club's name is changed to Oatley Rugby Club (the word 'junior' being deleted) to facilitate the formation of senior teams. (In fact, the Club did not enter its first senior team until 1973)
- ☞ Bruce Smart and Gary (Rags) Gainsford play their 100th game for the club. (Bruce Smart subsequently reached 300 before his retirement)
- 1970** ☞ Dick Adams, grandfather of current colts players, Andrew and Robert Adams, becomes the Clubs President. (His 3 sons never played for Oatley but his grandsons have)
- ☞ Jim Yeomans (grandfather of mini players Jonathan and Robert Sheahan) is elected the Club's first life-member.
- 1971** ☞ Gary Gainsford takes over the record for the most number of games played for Oatley from your current President.
- ☞ The under 10 team report notes that they were pleased to welcome a quiet, new player, Keith Bennett - little was the coach to know that Keith would be a tower of strength to the Club, both as a player and Official, 23 years later!

Finally, I would urge all players, supporters and junior parents to attend our AGM at Oatley Hotel on Sunday 6 November commencing at 10:30am (family BBQ in beer garden at 12pm). It is important that all positions are filled before the start of the 1995 season.

Lawrie Yeomans

Secretary's Report

An annual report is generally a document of reflection, centring on the events of the past year. I would like to break with tradition and talk a little about the future of the Oatley Rugby Club.

I can not break fully from tradition, as there are some noteworthy events and people to thank. Firstly I would like to thank the committee members, coaching staff and those players, parents and supporters who gave up their time to make the year the success it was. Congratulations to the players for their efforts during the season. Our minis and juniors have shown us what talent the seniors can look forward to in future seasons and the seniors put us into a higher level competition by maintaining our position in the revamped second division of NSWSRU.

Confused by that last sentence? Let me explain! In 1992 Oatley was in the 2nd Div of NSWSRU, which was the 4th highest level competition in Sydney - District/Grade being the first level. In 1993 the metropolitan sides (the 2nd Div of the district/grade comp) were merged with the NSWSRU. The end result of this, and after the two years of "Super" comps, is that the 1st division of NSWSRU is the second highest level of competition in Sydney, thus putting the NSWSRU 2nd division and Oatley in the 3rd highest level of rugby competition in the Sydney area. Thus by maintaining our position in the NSWSRU 2nd division we have gone up one level in the rugby competitions in Sydney. (Stilled confused??)

With this in mind the 1995 season could turn out to be much harder than the one just past. The level of competition is harder and relatively even - there are no easy beats. I feel that we have the capacity to improve on this years performance (how many games did we just loose this year) with a little more commitment on the field and more support of other teams off the field - especially at away games.

To enable us to grow and meet the challenges that await us, we need to look at our current management structure within the club. Over the years we have grown from a Juniors Club to a complete rugby club, with both junior and senior teams taking the field. The current constitution was written when the club was smaller and needed all the help it could get to manage and run the club. I feel that now the club has grown in size and strength that it maybe time to look at the management structure the constitution currently bestows on the club, and revamp it to be more closely aligned with the way the club is now managed. To this end the management committee will be putting forward a proposed change to the constitution at the AGM.

Looking to the future of the club has been the theme of several get togethers that have taken place since the season ended. The ideas have flowed as freely as the wine and beer, most of which look like being implemented next season. It was hoped to have a "Business Plan", giving an idea of the direction the club ready for the AGM, but time constraints have not made this possible. We hope to have it ready in the new year. In the mean time any suggestions and offers of assistance will be welcomed and greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all in 1995.

Shane Dunn



Vs. Forest

Club Captain's Report

Taking on this job for the first time I didn't know what to expect.

The season was always going to be a tough one which I presumed would reflect on the Club Captaincy, but situation was quite the contrary.

The enthusiasm and comradeship between the players from juniors and through all open age teams made my task a pleasurable one.

With the amalgamation of Subbies and Metro Cup in '93, 9 1st division sides joined us for a sudden death comp, 19 teams playing each other once only - no second chances and only the top 10 clubs stayed. Hence this year would have to be one of the most successful seasons the club has seen. No teams made the semis or finals (2nd and 3rd grade just missing out), but even though it came to the last round against Leo's, we achieved our objective of staying in 2nd Division - which was our main goal from day one of the 1994 season. Much of this years success can be attributed to Manu Sutherland who took on the task of bringing the club together as one unit and prepared us for the hardest season we will have to face for a long time.

On a lighter note, it was a year of laughter, cheer and beer; after match functions.

Many a sore head came out of our local drinking hole (the Oatley Hotel), some equally successful bus trips were made, not to mention the annual trip to Port Macquarie. Without breaking the touring code of silence, a few instances can be noted:

- A rumble with a local bike gang in the pub car park
- Doggy bowl beer races in the beer garden had to be seen to be believed and that was just the tip of the iceberg.

Anyway - Thanks to all the players, wives, girlfriends, families, friends etc for making this year pleasurable one.

See ya next year

Dunny



Yes it can be contagious!!
Rod, Sharon and the under dunn Emma
(Rod and Alex are expecting one in May)

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 1994 AGM of the Oatley Rugby Club will be held at the Oatley Hotel, 8 Oatley Ave., Oatley, on Sunday the 6th of November, commencing at 10:30 am.

First order of business will be a resolution to alter the constitution to change the management structure contained in the current constitution to better reflect the current management structure.

Second order of business will be to declare all positions vacant and elect members to the positions as specified in the constitution.

I hereby call for nominations for the following positions:

- Patron
- President, Secretary, Treasurer
- Club Captain, Club Coach
- Social Committee Members (5) [Two to be elected to the ORC Management Committee]
- Senior Grade Coaches (5)
- Juniors Delegates [to the ORC Management Committee] (2)
- Cricket Club Delegate (1)

and expressions of interest for the following positions;

Junior Age Coaches, Team Managers (Senior and Junior), Assistant Coaches (Senior and Junior)
Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Honorary Physiotherapist, Honorary Medical Officer

- All nominees must be financial members of the club as at the 5th of November 1994.
- Only financial members as at the 5th of November 1994 are eligible to vote.
- All nominations and expressions of interest are to be with the secretary by 12 Noon on the 5th of November 1994. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary.

Shane Dunn
Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Well another year has come to an end! This year would have to be one with mixed fortunes for the Oatley Rugby Club. Yes, we stayed amongst the high fliers in 2nd Division. Yes, we fielded our first ever colts team and we supplied teams with the most new jerseys this season since I've been associated with Oatley Rugby. But we did this at an expense.

This year has been a very disappointing one in regards to players not paying their fees. At the close of accounts the sum of \$2750.00 was still outstanding for fees. This was very concerning as this money could be used in a number of areas to help the club function. All members who have outstanding fees will not be able to vote at the up coming A.G.M. and will not be eligible to play or hold official positions in the club for the 1995 season until they become financial.

Jerseys have not all come back to their coaches or managers yet. If any player has a jersey laying about at their homes, could you please return them or contact me to arrange picking them up.

These problems could have a big effect on reducing your fees in the future. So come on fellers, come and support your club and pay your fees, and try and not loose any more jerseys.

Well, now that I have spat the dummy lets get on to some more interesting news.

This year, as you are all aware of, we printed a weekly newsletter (care of Shane Dunn) and it was great to see sponsors jump aboard to take full advantage in advertising with us. It is with the support of businesses such as these that is helping Oatley Rugby survive, and grow to become a more successful club.

Our Sponsors this year were:

- ☛ **Oatley Hotel** - once again our number one sponsor - CONGRATULATIONS!!
- ☛ **Mr Graham Williamson** from **Oatley Insurance** in association with **Warren Saunders Insurance Brokers**, who has been a sponsor for many years now.
- ☛ **Video Maze** of Oatley - for their man of the match awards given after every game for each grade.
- ☛ **Les's Quality Meats** at Mulga Road Oatley
- ☛ **Williams Car Upholstery** at Forest Road Penshurst
- ☛ **Oatley Village Coffee Shop** - specialising in home made pies and sausage rolls.
- ☛ **Blairs Tyre Service** - hugh selection of all known brands, retreads, mechanical repairs, wheel alignment, shock absorbers and brakes.
- ☛ **Grid Con (NSW) Pty Ltd** - specialists in suspended ceilings, plasterboard lining, demountable partitions, fire rated ceilings and wall systems.
- ☛ **McMartin Associates** - Design Consultants
- ☛ **R.J. Dunn Contracting** - specialising in all types of building and maintenance services.
- ☛ **Denham Data & Communication Systems** - for all your electrical and security needs.
- ☛ **R.D. Bruce Pty Ltd** - all suburbs rubbish removals, general carrying contractors, recyclers and waste disposal.
- ☛ **Mr Lindsay R. Collins** from **Penshurst Chiropractic Centre** who has continued to support Oatley Rugby.
- ☛ Our anonymous sponsor for our after training BBQ's.

To all our sponsors I'd like to thank you on behalf of the Oatley Rugby Club for your continued support throughout the year. It was also very pleasing to see a number of new sponsors. I would like to welcome you all and hope to see you all again next year.

Members, as you all can see our sales in the caravan rose greatly during this year. This came about due to 2 girls that we had look after the caravan all year. Patricia Fitzgibbon and Kate Dunn CONGRATULATIONS, a job well done.

Last of all I'd like to thank all the committee members for your help throughout the year.

Bill Bell

Supplementary Information on the Accounts

For the period ending 30th September 1994

Statement of Operation Profit

Income	1993	1994	1993	1994
Administration Refund	0.00	590.00		
Sales from Caravan	7,754.00	9,541.00		
Sales from Clothing	2,149.00	648.00		
Income from Meat Raffles	6,157.00	3,304.00		
Income from Social Events	7,503.00	4,376.00		
Hosting of Semi Finals	2,115.00	1,578.00		
Interest	25.65	13.04		
Club Fees	9,293.00	7,062.00		
Sponsorship	0.00	2,850.00		
Income from Game Raffles	0.00	807.00		
Income from NSWSRU Raffle	725.00	699.00		
Petty Cash	0.00	716.51		
Expenses				
Operation and Administrative			15,448.81	11,265.06
Caravan Purchases			5,702.06	6,718.97
Clothing Purchases			1,400.30	2,228.00
Meat Raffle Purchases			4,574.00	1,962.00
Social Functions Outlays			6,691.34	4,303.12
Bank Charges			173.80	310.80
Equipment Purchases			0.00	4,618.12
Advertising			0.00	363.70
Totals	35,721.65	32,185.05	33,990.31	31,769.77
Net Balance		415.28		
Cash on hand		3,145.50		
		3,808.53		
		6,954.03		

Members, the figures herein are true and correct and offer a detailed account of our income and expenditure to date. Full details are available for your perusal on request from the treasurer.

Bill Bell
Treasurer
Oatley Rugby Club

Club Coach's Report

What a season! It had highs, it had lows, sometimes exhilarating, sometimes frustrating, each week fulfilling or destroying our expectations. Certainly not a season for the 'By Pass' candidates.

Our goal of the Seniors and eventually for the whole club was set at the very first training session way back in early February. The challenge was there. Second Division.

It was to some a fantasy, to others a possibility and to others still, a distinct reality. Some questioned the reasoning whilst the majority (thankfully) envisaged a more positive attitude towards expanding our club. The fact that it came down to the very last game of the competition for 1994 to finally achieve our goal emphasises the extremes of the season just gone. This one was for the 'Believers'.

To those players, coaches and managers, administrators and supporters who participated this year I offer my congratulations. This year, my first at the Senior level, made me appreciate the potential this club has to expand and provide a lighthouse that every one should feel attracted to.

Of course there were many stumbling blocks along the way. But this is not the time or place to list these. Far better we table them for next seasons administrators and players to ensure we don't make those mistakes again.

I submit these observations as seen through the eyes of an unashamedly biased Club Coach, on the rugby season for 1994.

Best Games

- ☛ Vs. St Leo's. The last game of the season. Our 1st Grade, with the Clubs future as a second division candidate hanging in the balance, fighting it out to the finish. The support on the sideline, the tears of relief at the final whistle, the sheer exhilaration of it all, the bus trip home!
- ☛ The 14's final game (what is it about final games?) Vs. Norths. It had everything. Our captain sinbinned, beautiful mauling, exquisite rucking, tries galore, would be tacklers bouncing off our rampaging Fijian winger, a lesson on how to lift in lineouts without conceding penalties and the beauty of having 15 totally dedicated players on the field.
..... Aaaahhh - a coaches dream !!

Most Supported Games

- ☛ Vs. St Leo's. Even the girls helped form the tunnel for each team. Enough said.
- ☛ Vs. Fairvale. Return to the Hill. It was the day Paul Smithson kicked 10 out of 10 in his 1st grade debut. He potted them from everywhere. The crowd on the hill rose as one to acknowledge this extraordinary athlete! At 4:50pm that afternoon I turned to an ashen faced David Barnes and uttered the only words of consolation I could think of. "The King is dead. Long live the King!"

Best Social Events

- ☛ Any Thursday night after training.
- ☛ Any one of Mark and Ros Allens parties.
- ☛ The Canberra Sevens (so I've heard)
- ☛ The coming presentation night.

Special Mentions

- ☛ The juniors Coaches - Helen Green, Richard Sheahan, Brian Norris, Wayne Lanham and their respective managers all deserve credit for their efforts.
I'd recommend the Seniors go to any of the Kids games and observe the dedication and patience(?) these coaches have. It was not unusual to have parents complementing the refreshing attitudes of our minis/juniors coaching staff.

- ☞ Graham Bruce's organisation of the End of Season trip to Port Macquarie. How could anyone organise that?
- ☞ Paul Batmans invaluable assistance with general fitness (they still talk about THAT training night Paul).
- ☞ Shane Dunn, Bill Bell and Rod Dunn's second to none dedication to promoting and fostering the future of this club.
- ☞ Angelo Kanllopoulos backline coaching of the 14's.
- ☞ The 14's winning the Canberra 7's comp for the second consecutive year. They absolutely blitzed every side they came up against. The coach of the much respected rugby school Daramarlan rang to say it was the best display of 7's rugby he'd seen of any age group. Just as big a buzz was seeing the support of those boys who didn't make the selected side. They ran the water, helped the guys warm up, packed scrums and even stretched with the team before the game. Their smiles after the final were just as big as those who took the field.
- ☞ And last but not least, a bunch of blokes who supplied the light relief and humour sometimes needed after Thursday night training sessions. Barnsie (no Maori has the name Sutherland!), Walshy (its your shout!), Mick Hutera (I think my grandfather was Maori) and Hollywood (is Kristin home?).

Till next year
 Kia Ora Koutou Katoa
 Manu Sutherland



The under 14's running the water for 1st grade

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Hi Rugby enthusiast, Welcome to the 1994 Social Report.

What a long season this was, even so, there wasn't enough time to fit in all the functions we planned for the season.

The festivities all started with a Gambling Night (see the Treasurers Report). Next year we're renaming it Boxing night (see Rod Dunn and Oysters - they will explain). A special thanks must go to Alex, Rebecca, Kate and Sharon for all their help on the night, and at other functions as well.

While we are on the subject, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people who helped throughout the year - Rod Dunn, K.B., Bill Bell, Shane Dunn, Manu and Goose 'I need some more money off everyone' for organising the rugby trip. And to anyone we've forgotten - Thanks.

The Oatley Hotel was the venue for some great nights, the No Talent night (and that was an overstatement) being just one. The others we can't mention, because no one can remember what was celebrated at the time.

The Oatley Party bus had some great trips to Kings, Chatswood and St Ives. Also the B.B.Q.'s after training were a big hit, especially with those big hungry forwards.

The Rugby Widows luncheon was a great idea. This will be an Annual Function on the Rugby Calender and will get bigger and better every year. Unfortunately the Wool Shed dance was cancelled this year due to the tight schedule of games, but it will be on next year, time permitting.

Another success was the Juniors Trivia night. This now annual event showed that the referees are smarter than we players are lead to believe. The winning table had more than a few who seemed to know a lot of the answers.

The Annual Rugby Tour took a detour for a day this year to Crescent Head to play a one off game against some team that everyone has forgotten the name of and, well who cares? A

note of warning: Watch the floors in busses, they can be very slippery. I know every one had a marvellous time up at Port Macquarie, including a few of the Gladiators Bikie Gang.

The last event of the year is the 1994 Rugby Ball and Presentation night, thing, drink. So until we have to pull those boots on again, have a great night, and good summer.

If any one is interested in a good game of lawn bowls next season, see either myself, Rod or K.B..

Mick Waudby and Bruce Smart



Some of our Loyal supporters

Minis/Juniors Reports

Under 7's

1994 was an enjoyable and rewarding season with several players carrying over from the previous Under 7's. The season started with an Under 7's coach's biggest problem - getting the boys to run in the right direction. On Gala Day in August we had two teams, 7A and 7B, mainly based on age. Both teams were winners and so much improved from the start of the season.

7A's

Notable try scorers for the season were Ben Horne, Timothy Green, Matthew Egan, Brendan Lanham and Brendan Byers. Great defensive effort from the whole team, however, some great tags were evident from Brett Gainsford, Joel Harty, Thomas Vantol, James Wheatley and James Crowe. Brett Gainsford also collected the U/7 "Goal Kicking" Award on Gala Day.

Our greatest rivals were definitely the "Doggies", with every game excitement plus! Overall, we had draws and wins with this team! Great opponents, and well deserving "Premiers" for U/7's.

7B's

These little guys played well throughout the season. It was as if it all finally clicked on Gala Day, as to how to play this game of Walla Rugby. Notable try scorers were Robert Temaipi, Aiden Roberts and Robert Sheahan. While this 'try machine' scored, players such as Elliott Boston, Tom Hellier, Jonathon Lazarus, William Ryder, Luke Smart, Mitchell Temaipi and Conrad Wainwright were tagging their little hearts out !!

We have thoroughly enjoyed our season as Coach/Manager and were really rewarded on Gala Day to see how each player had improved! Even though neither team reached the finals they were all winners to us! Disappointment was not evident with these boys as the sheer pleasure of playing the game of Rugby as a team was all that mattered! That's how the Wallabies play, fella's! Well Done!

Many thanks to parents for your support and encouragement, however, you could have been there more often to "OPEN THE _____ SHED"! (HA! HA!)

Special thanks to Shane and the Seniors for your words of wisdom (?) showing us scrum techniques at meetings and for generally bagging us!! Congrats to Richard and Lawrie for putting up with us all season!!

To the under 8's and Rod Harty, Good Luck for the 1995 Season, and to the Under 6/7's and their coach, Good Luck to you guys as well.

Helen Green and Debborah Wheatley



Fitzy moving the ball out to the backs

Under 8's

What can one say about the achievements of a team who finished the season as undefeated premiers, scoring 816 points to 38. Their Record speaks for it self, and the players all deserve hearty congratulations.

At this stage last year, we had only 5 players moving up from the 7's to the 8's, and I was quiet concerned about the future of the team, however some desperate recruitment over the summer months saw our numbers grow to far healthier levels.

Our new recruits included the following;

- ☛ Moises Henriquez - For someone who had never played rugby before, he took to it like a duck to water. Barging running, strong defence and the best palmer in the team.
- ☛ Joel Bruce - By the end of the season Joel was everywhere. Like a terrier he was always in pursuit of the ball and was one of the most improved players in the team.
- ☛ Adam Taylor - Another complete newcomer who never stoped trying. Towards the end of the season his confidence had skyrocketed and he displayed some tenacious running with they ball.
- ☛ Bryce McAlister - Joined mid season and after two top games shocked everybody by telling us he'd never played rugby before! I can't wait to see him play next year (for Oatley, not Newington).
- ☛ Nicholas Ling - Blakehurst's loss was Oatley's gain. What luck that he set his sights on Oatley. A superb attacking weapon who scored some fantastic length of the field tries.

Our existing players were;

- ☛ Mitchell Smart - After a quiet start to the season Mitchell really hit his strap and has become an integral part of the forward pack. Both his tackling and running with the ball is first rate and he will be primed for another year.
- ☛ Ryan Bowring - Although able to play 7's, Ryan wanted to tackle and stick with the 8's, showing us halfback skills that would impress Nick Farr-Jones.
- ☛ Charlie Temaipa - Here is a player who really matured playing tackle football. An extremely strong defender who crunched many an opposing player, he will certainly develop into a successful forward.
- ☛ Tom Sangster - Tom is a delight to have in the team. Always thinking, planning and directing from fly half. Extremely efficient in both attack and defence, We really missed him when he went offshore.
- ☛ Jonathan Sheahan - Most spectators were very impressed with his grass cutting tackles and strong rampaging running. He never gives up trying and will always give 110%.
- ☛ James Horne - Followed on from his record breaking efforts of last year with some superb tries which left opposition defenders and coaches speechless. His try-saving tackles were a highlight and certainly contributed to opposition frustration.
- ☛ Pauliasi Taumoepeau - Another outstanding year from an outstanding footballer. Pauliasi continues to be the most feared attacker and defender in the competition. His bulldozing tackles and power packed running were a sight to behold.

Many thanks to all the parents for supporting us throughout the year, especially at the Merrylands and Easts-Randwick Gala days. Special thanks go to our manager Ross Horne, for all his help and exceptional organisational skills throughout the season.

Thanks guys for another fantastic year. We've had a great time together and I look forward to seeing you all as Under 9's in 1995.

Richard Sheahan

Under 9's

The boys commenced the season with some massive loses in the trial games.

Since then the improvement in all the boys and the team has been dramatic. With the team beginning to practice for the first time the coaching staff and parents had the goal of improving the Rugby skills of each boy and by the seasons end all participating will agree that this was achieved.

During the season the team consistently had the measure of Blakehurst and on two occasions were most unlucky to lose to Burraneer and Sylvania.

However most importantly all the boys obviously enjoyed their Rugby and many have cemented lasting friendships.

The team participated in the Merrylands and Canberra seven-a-side tournaments and competed successfully winning nearly fifty percent of their games.

All the boys and the parents had a great time on the Canberra Weekend trip with the team playing some great running rugby making the trip a must for next year.

Before I briefly comment on each of the boys I would like to thank all the parents for their support during the year especially Judy for organising the Canberra trip and Brian for being such a great junior Rugby coach.

Chris Watson - Fullback

Chris became a fullback with the ability to turn defence into attack and on many a occasions his crunching defence saved tries. He never gave up. His ability was recognised with representative selection.

Kent Chambers - Centre/Wing

Kent's defence improved dramatically as the year progressed and during the seven a side games he showed that he has the speed to beat a man and score great tries. Always a team man he threw the final pass creating a try described by Richard Sheahan as a great junior rugby try. Great work , Kent.

Jeremy Ginns - Centre/Wing

It was Jeremy's first year of rugby and what a player! He was the equal top try scorer in the backs and who can forget his three 60 metre efforts against Blakehurst. Pound for pound he is the best tackler in the team and his guts and determination is an inspiration to the whole team. Great year Jem.

Mitchell Keats - Centre/Wing

Mitchell is the fastest boy in the team. It was only a matter of time before he realised his potential. As the season progressed his attack and defence steadily improved until his sensational games during the Canberra sevens. Who can forget his 70 metre try scoring effort or his dad's, Bill, to dive for the esky. Mitch keep it up in 1995, sensational stuff.

Vincent Hellier - Centre/Wing

This was also Vincents first year of rugby and as the season progressed growing confidence was illustrated in some great runs and crunching defence. Against Sylvania he made 8 great tackles and when used as half back he showed great skills. The best goal kicker in the team. Well done Vince.

Alexander Boston - Five Eighth

Alexander is a very naturally gifted player and this year as the season progressed, especially in Canberra, he realised the importance of being a team man. He is a great tackler, technically the best in the team. He scored some excellent tries and began to set up outside men. He is a natural No8 and next year will become the premierships best backrower. Well done Alexander.

Andrew Green - Halfback

In his first year as halfback Andrew showed excellent passing skills. As he begins to use his speed and agility he has the potential to be a very good attacking player. Never gives up in defence and is a very focused and committed player. Andrew is a great team man. Keep it up Andrew.

Russell Louden - Second Row

Russell was the most improved forward with his commitment and determination a feature of the later part of the year. His running became dynamic, his defence fierce and his mauling outstanding. Russ has the size and strength to be an excellent second rower next year. Keep going Russ, its great work.

Andrew Nakhla - Back Row

Andrew has finally realised his potential with a very impressive year. All aspects of his play improved dramatically with his mauling and running a feature. Against Burraneer He scored a great try and kept the tries coming by backing up the man. Shows surprising speed. Well done Andrew.

Joshua Curtis - Back Row

Also Josh's first year and from the very beginning he showed all the natural skills required in Rugby. Pulled off some of the best tackles of the year always going low and hard. Is a very fast forward and next year will make up the best backrow in the premiership. It's all in front of you, keep it up Josh.

Adam Copper - Front Row

Adam was another to have a great year scoring some great determined tries, tackling fiercely and always being the first to the breakdown. Adam is a natural second row forward and next year will be his year and with continued improvement representative selection is again assured. Great year, Adam.

James Lazarus - Hooker

James is not the biggest forward but he makes up for it with guts and determination. Has a great fend and is becoming a great straight running forward. His defence is excellent and he mauls well. Proved himself to be the competitions premier hooker playing every game for the rep side and winning many tight heads. Great work, son.

Andrew Norris - Prop

The competitions best forward illustrated in his captaincy of the rep side. Great runner scoring 18 tries, crunching defence and the best mauler in the team and competition. He has become a team man unselfishly off-loading to supports creating many tries. Andrew has the potential to become a great rugby player and with an increasingly focused attitude will realise his undoubted potential. Great work Andrew.

Mike Lazarus and Brian Norris



Under 10's

This was a transition year for the Oatley U10's, having played in a local competition for the last three years in which they won all three mini gala days. We now had to merge in with the eastern Suburb's competition and play on a full sized field with fifteen players. This was later reduced to twelve players per side which was a great assistance to the southern district's teams as we were all feeling the pinch in regards to increased numbers. I know this is one area in which I thought we would not have a lot of trouble with, but all the work that was put in came to a zero result, which was very disappointing. But there was good news and with a positive attitude by seasons end we recruited a number of new players and we managed to field a good competitive team by the end. (Out of the last five games we won three, drew one and lost one).

Special thanks to the under 9's who helped us out throughout the year; Andrew Norris, Alexander Boston and Andrew Green. I would also like to thank the under 9's parents for their support. All in all I felt that we had a good year, missing out on the semi finals by only five points. This could have been a different result had the ball bounced our way a little more.

The Eastern Suburbs sides were as a whole very competitive. As I stated, last year if we made the semis I would have been a very happy coach, as it was we only just missed out, but I was still a very happy coach. I've already started to work on next year's game plans and ideas. If any parents have any good ideas, please come forward with them.

Our new players Michael Taylor, Jarrod and Travis Gardiner, showed great improvement over the season and played very well. All the other forwards; Sam Wood, David Jeffs, Andrew Norris, Ryan Trench and Peter Christopher played very well and are forming into a very good forward pack, who I see next year, with extra experience, will dominate the oppositions forward in most of their games.

Our backs ran the ball very well throughout the year and scored some very good try's. Their hands and ball skills are very good also, so good even the referees pass comment. Our Captain Andrew Low played well, ending the year as out leading try scorer. Rhys Readman and Steve Lucas performed strongly as our half and five-eighth. Alex Leighton played strongly and consistently at inside centre, with some heavy tackling and strong running, our wingers Alexander Boston and Andrew Green played well. Our hard luck award would go to Wade (the axe) Lanham who after starting the year like a flash, had an accident while go-karting and missed all but the last four games. His tackling was missed.

To all of the Under 10 players, I thank you very much for your good behaviour at training and for playing so well throughout the year - Thanks fella's. To all parents, thank you for your support after a difficult start - thanks again. To Chris Jeffs, thanks for the great managers job, and to John Wood, Graeme Lucas and David Gardiner who filled in when Chris was away with work commitments.

Due to increased work commitments, Chris will be unable to continue as manager next year. This position is available to any willing volunteers. A new position of assistant coach will be made available (you can take the forwards or backs) for next year. We have already recruited two new players. So U10 players and parents, if you have friends or friends children who would like to play rugby please bring them along. I know Steve Lucas and Andrew Low already have friends that are interested in playing.

To parents, players and supporters, thanks again and have a safe and happy Xmas

Kindest Regards
Wayne Lanham



Under 14's

The under 14 age group is often a difficult time for club sides and it proved true again this year. Player numbers were down in a number of clubs, and as expected the Northern and Southern Zone competitions were merged together under the Northern Zone control. Oatley was in particularly bad shape with a number of last years players choosing not to play this year. New signing's Brad Inglis, Sean Roberts and Nathan Jacobson increased the numbers but after cancelling their trial game Oatley took the field for the first round of the competition with only 13 players. Their opposition, St Ives, had 20 and so it was no surprise that after a valiant struggle the team lost.

Not a good start, but things soon improved with the arrival of four players, Joel Calvert, Richard Gibara and Andrew Theocharous, from a defunct under 13 Blakehurst side and the irrepressible Ben Wood who was found on the sidelines of a first grade game. When approached Ben's father was adamant his son couldn't play for Oatley but three days later Ben appeared at training on his bike with photographs and money for fees!

With such a young and new side it was no surprise to lose the second round to the old foe Saints, but this was followed by three impressive wins against Norths, Wakehurst and Easts. The side was starting to show some form especially with the welcome return to the club of Matt Viciulis whose power and experience in the front row gave the scrum stability. It was at this point of the season that Chris Norris unfortunately broke his arm in an accident at school and was out for the remainder of the year.

James Jordon was a welcome new signing to replace Chris for round seven and although new to the game he soon started to show confidence on the field. Andrew Rosier, another new signing the next week was just what the side needed, a big strong second row forward. The middle of the season was a mixed bag of wins and losses, with new players trying to settle in and some of the normally reliable players down on form.

Things started to improve by round nine. Round ten was a memorable day with the side beating Narrabeen by 83 points to nil. Daniel Batman played his first of two games of the season for Oatley and showed his amazing skill, speed and strength with four of the 13 tries scored that day. Chris Wing kicked an incredible nine goals in what was an outstanding performance by the side.

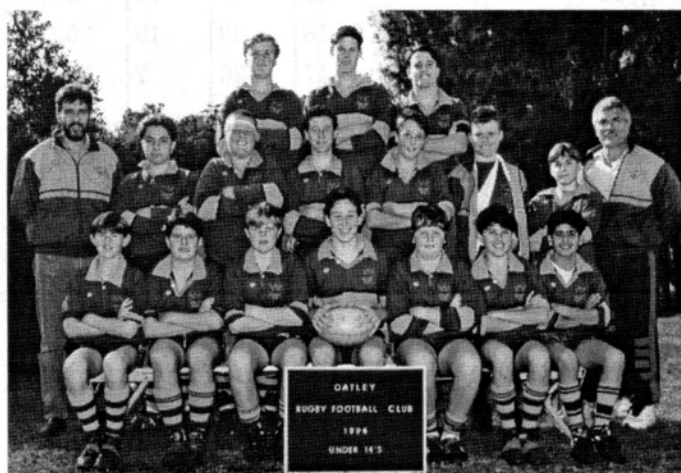
The last four games of the season were very tense with the side always in contention for a semi-final place. Despite missing players of the calibre of Martin Allen and Ross Leighton due to school sport commitments the side pulled together and finished the season with a very creditable nine wins and five losses. Unfortunately this was not quite enough and the prized fourth semi final spot was lost because of an inferior points difference!

The last game of the season against Norths at picturesque Tunks Park dramatically showed the improvement in the side throughout the season. In a classy display of power rugby new players Joel Calvert, Andrew Theocharous and Andrew Rosier were every bit as good as the more experienced Adam Cotterell, Andre Levrault, Chris Wing, Ryan Coats and Nathan Jacobson when the side crushed Norths 43 points to 7.

There were many notable achievements throughout the season not the least by Cade Sutherland, Aaron Currie and Sam Ramulu who played in every game. James Yeomans was on target for this but unfortunately was injured and missed the last three games. Sam Ramulu and Matt Viciulis reached the important milestone of 100 games played for Oatley during the season, a great achievement for Junior Players.

In a superb postscript to the season 10 players, including 1993 team member Phil McLean (thankfully recovered from illness), travelled to the ACT in september to take part in the annual Canberra sevens tournament. At the end of a tough day and five outstanding games they finished as champions for the second year running.

Manu and David



The 1994 Under 14's

Minis/Juniors Statistics

Name	1994			Club Total		
	M	T	G	M	T	G
Under 7's						
Elliott Boston	14			14		
Brendan Byers	19	2		34	24	8
Matthew Egan	21	11		47	20	
Brett Gainsford	14	4		29	5	4
Tim Green	21	22		37	23	5
Joel Harty	17			17		
Tom Hellier	15			15		
Ben Horne	21	22		21	22	
Aiden Roberts	20	4		20	4	
Jonathon Lazarus	15			15		
William Ryder	17			17		
Robert Sheahan	15	6		15	6	
Luke Smart	16	1		16	1	
Mitchell Temaipa	18	1		30	1	
Robert Temaipa	21	12		35	12	
Thomas Vantol	18			32		
James Wheatley	17			31		
James Crowe	15	1		15	1	
Brendan Lanham	20	11		34	16	3
Conrad Wainwright	6			6		

Name	1994			Club Total		
	M	T	G	M	T	G
Under 8's						
Ryan Browring	18	12	11	45	42	26
Joel Bruce	19			19		
Moises Henriquez	19	10	14	19	10	14
James Horne	18	30	10	52	95	28
Nicholas Ling	17	20	7	17	20	7
Bryce McAlister	10	1		10	1	
Peter Nass	9	6	8	9	6	8
Tom Sangster	13	5	6	28	33	19
Jonathan Sheahan	19	20	11	50	41	30
Mitchell Smart	18			35	4	4
Pauliasi Taumoepeau	17	39	6	32	56	12
Adam Taylor	15			15		
Charlie Temaipa	17			31		

Minis/Juniors Statistics Cont.

Name	1994			Club Total		
	M	T	G	M	T	G
Under 9's						
Alexander Boston	18	8	7	57	35	21
Adam Copper	18	6		40	7	
Kent Chambers	17	2	1	56	7	6
Joshus Curtis	16			16		
Jeremy Ginns	17	8	4	17	8	4
Andrew Green	18			70	4	1
Vincent Hellier	17		1	17		1
Mitchell Keats	17		4	39		6
Russell Loudon	18			39		
Andrew Nakhla	17	3		56	3	1
Andrew Norris	18	18	6	70	59	13
James Lazarus	18			58	4	
Chris Watson	17		1	57	22	8

Name	1994			Club Total		
	M	T	G	M	T	G
Under 10's						
Peter Christopher	16	7		72	47	13
David Jeffs	16	1		51	10	5
Wade Lanham	7	3		60	22	8
Alex Leighton	14	6		64	82	15
Andrew Low	16	16		70	113	97
Steve Lucas	15	5		31	7	1
Rhys Redman	14	2		44	13	3
Michael Taylor	14			14		
Ryan Trench	14	2		29	3	
Sam Wood	12			30	1	1
Travis Gardiner	8			8		
Jarrold Gardiner	8			8		
Andrew Norris	14	1		66	42	7
Alexander Boston	12			51	27	14
Andrew Green	12			64	4	1
Rambooker Momo	2			2		

Minis/Juniors Statistics Cont.

Name	1994			Club Total		
	M	T	G	M	T	G
Under 14's						
Martin Allen	9	1		131	112	61
Daniel Batman	2	5		21	25	
Joel Calvert	12			12		
Ryan Coates	12	5		72	122	
<i>Richard Gibera</i> Adam Cotterell	<i>7</i> 13	5	-	<i>7</i> 34	<i>8</i>	-
<i>Adam Currie</i> Nathan Jacobson	<i>11</i> <i>12</i>	17	-	<i>97</i> <i>12</i>	<i>4</i> 17	-
<i>Broad Inglis</i> James Jordan	7			7		
Ross Leighton	6			63	2	
Andre Levrault	13	1	5	57	3	5
Chris Norris	5			82	7	1
Sam Ralumu	14	1		108	29	7
Andrew Rosier	6			6		
Sean Roberts	11	1		11	1	
Cade Sutherland	14	1		84	20	
Andrew Theocharous	12	3		12	3	
Matthew Viciulis	12			100	9	5
Chris Wing	13	12	30	144	157	49
Ben Wood	13	1		13	1	
James Yeomans	11			139	30	10



Vs. Newport

Seniors Reports

First Grade

An interesting and very much a learning year for the club, particularly first grade. The competition draw had us meet most of the more favoured sides during the first half of the season, and this was always going to prove a fairly demanding challenge for us. To our credit we performed reasonably well as a team, with our scrummaging and lineouts being highlights. Strong personal performance from Jimmy Qui, Mick Dolan, Pat Taylor and Allan West in the forwards, together with Mick Waudby and Dave Johanson in the backs.

Unfortunately, the second half of the season proved to be somewhat disappointing due to injury, unavailability and the loss of certain players which resulted in defeats that could quiet easily have been victories. On the brighter side, players emerged from our lower grades and rose to the occasion. These players included Stef, Barta, Fitzzy, John McHugh, Sarge, Brad Denham, Luke Johnson, Buck Rogers and of course Paul Smithson (who could forget the 10 out of 10 at Evatt)

Whilst the second half of the season certainly had some good points we let ourselves down badly in our execution of the basics, namely passing, tackling and retaining possession. Our overall possession from first phase was great and should rightfully be applauded, but our use of the ball otherwise left a lot to be desired.

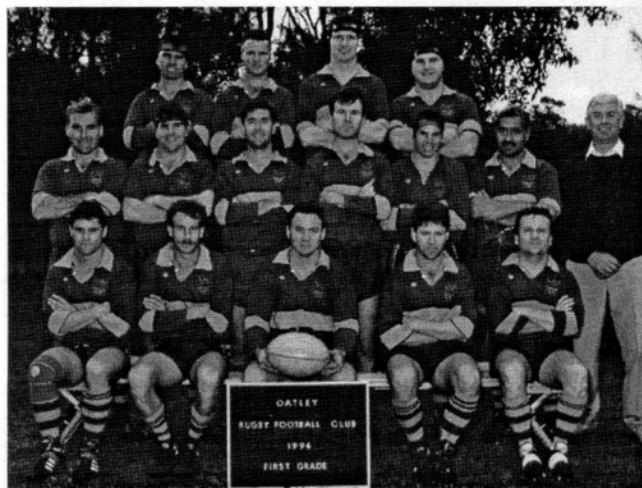
The team had to do well in the latter games to ensure the club remained in the 1995 Second Division Competition. I congratulate Mick Dolan for his inspirational play during these games, as it was one of the major factors in the teams improved performance.

I would like to express my appreciation to the long list of players not already mentioned, who contributed to the first grade efforts this season. Thanks to Bruce Smart and Warren Humphries for their very capable assistance as team managers throughout the year. Also, the first grade join with me in thanking Manu Sutherland for his tremendous input to the overall success of all teams this season.

Congratulations to Second and Third grade for their achievements and their significant points contribution to the Club Championship. Finally, the club's objective (to remain in the Second Division Competition) was realised which now presents a wonderful opportunity for continued growth and achievement in 1995.

It was a pleasure to be part of it all.

Bob Forbes.
Coach



1st Grade 1994

Second Grade

The year started for me as a non player coach (sorry Bec) with a team of experienced (not old) and younger up and coming players. This team changed constantly even up to match day.

So firstly I'd like to thank those who travelled up and down grades more often than an elevator. Some of those that I'd like to mention are Ray Knappies who made the journey from 4th to 2nd's easily, and Hose from 3rds, they were always willing to be available to play even if they had had a game. Thanks Walshy, Hutura, Col, Erkin, Buck and the others that stood by - and Sonny who came late.

On the other hand there were those guys that I couldn't keep. Congratulations to Barter, John, Sirro, Alan, Paul (10 out of 10 Paul Smithson), and I cannot forget 'THE BOY'. To Sommo who would always stand by itching to get onto the paddock well done.

The front row Phillip, Nicko and Bull Bell, the ebony and ivory of the club thank you for being there even though I had wished you there a bit earlier Phil! Then we had those that Fizza helped mould into a backline equal to any. (Thanks Fizza) Gibbo, Nappy, Nick, Dobby, Ken who showed that hard work at training pays off. For those that are over 30 it was pleasing to see that we can still run with the boys even though we need a little bit more time to recover. But the beers still taste just as good (don't they Rod).

A coach needs a good manager and I was lucky to find one in Gil. With thanks for keeping the facts and figures and keep me informed. Also thanks to Manu for helping me in my first year of coaching. To those I have forgotten due to my slow decaying mind thanks but 'Tough'.

How sweet it is when a team plays better than any. I cannot forget games like Canterbury, St Ives and especially Blue Mountains (revenge is sweet).

Looking back to games we lost by small margins. I could have kicked myself come to semi-final time. To see faces of those who came to training to find out that we missed out on for and against points it was heartbreaking. All guys deserved to make the semis, but luck was not on our side.

Hope to see you all next season (especially my fed up wife)

Cheers and Beers

KB



2nd Grade 1994

Third Grade

Well I suppose I'd better write a report because I know that Mike Heal won't.

I would like to thank each and every player who ran on the paddock for third grade during 1994. From the likes of Colin and Barnes who played every game, to those 4th graders who played half games or more (thanks to Geoff Buckland, Ray Kneipp, Pav and Faz)

It must be said that we had an amazing season. There were only 19 rounds and for the first 18 we were always in the top five. Our side was decimated in the last four rounds by injuries and deportations (to Fiji) and unfortunately our team suffered. However, every single guy in the team was prepared to sacrifice a win and a spot in the semis if it meant getting 2nd's into the semis or ensuring club championship points so that we remained in second division in 1995. To all you guys who played 3rd grade it was a big sacrifice and I would like to thank you all.

Some notable performances for the year were Colin Ingleton who hadn't touched a football for 10 years and that was only playing that silly game with 13 players too. To Eck or Jonathsn Hamilton-Foster (no wonder they call him Eck) who played his heart out. To Hollywood who never stopped tackling all year and even scored the odd try. To golden boots Barnes whose kicking and last ditch defence helped us have a successful season. To Robbie Loader who quite often got smashed but got up and went again. To Walshy and Mike 'Sludge' Hutera for thankfully coming up to 3rd grade and played like heroes every game even though I didn't give them points (Ha Ha). Also thanks to the big Dave Scullion who had a new injury every week, Canada for being Canada, our two hookers Jamie and Lucky, our props Bonehead and Jonnie Burgess, the Wiz Buck, superior Reid, Joe Ziccardi and of course Ken 'Kamikaze' Ellis.

I'd like to thank Mike Heal for uhm....uhm...uhm turning up and I would especially like to thank Shane Dunn, Manu Sutherland (for an IMMENSE amount of help) and to his Under 14 Ben Wood who taught Sludge Hutera how to feed the ball into a scrum.

Thank you all for your friendship and support during the season and lets do it all again in 1995.

Angelo



3rd Grade 1994

Fourth Grade

4th's what can I say.

Lost the first two - second one coach's error. Won six in a row, things were looking good then went on to lose ten in a row.

Out of the ten we were just beaten in seven, if it wasn't for the odd referee's decision and the odd brain fade we might have won a few more.

Now the positives.

The selection of players after the first eight games into higher grades, the likes of John McHugh, Nick Nathanel and Nat West into firsts and seconds. There was a lot of changes between Thirds and Forths with injuries in higher grades. All the players in this yo-yo cycle played well in each grade trying to cement a permanent position.

It was good to see some players were willing to back up and play two games when we were short, mainly at away games. Thanks go to Erkin Osman, Buck Rogers, Mike Heal, the Colts (a few good finds there), and anyone else who filled in. Faz, Joe Ziccardi, Norm - who a lot of the time played out of position and gave 100%. The find of 4th definitely was Ray 'I'm a winger' Kneipp. Thanks to Shane Dunn who found out he'd make a damned good loose head prop.

Special thanks to Mike Springett, Craig Fear, Andre Cadet and Shane Dunn for their invaluable help through the year

Glen Derwent

PS. Congratulations to Justin 'Me shoulder's alright' Barratta for actually making it through a game, thanks for playing injured.



Colts

I would consider the inaugural season for the Oatley Colts to be a successful one. The team won more games than it lost and represented the club admirably. During the year the Colts had to overcome many adversities. Lack of playing personnel was the biggest hurdle to be overcome. There was only 7 or 8 local players that made up the ranks, the rest of the team travelled from all over Sydney to play each week. The non-local lads were mates of the local players mostly from school days. The fact that the players lived over such a wide area made Wednesday trainings only partly productive. Regardless of the problems there was only one occasion when we were short of players.

The segregation from the seniors was unfortunate but on the 6 occasions that the seniors were present at the Colts games they resulted in Oatley victories. Hopefully the foundation has been laid for a smoother second year and the player base can be strengthened and increased.

I would like to thank especially all the regular players for their efforts on the field and their recruitment before games. A special word of thanks must be passed onto Steven Cox. He missed the whole season through injury but he regularly attended training and was of invaluable assistance to me on match days. I also thank Dave Beckett for his assistance and wish all the award winners hearty congratulations. Unfortunately work commitments overseas prevent me from being involved next year but I will follow the progress of the Colts with interest.

Yours in dedicated Rugby
Peter Sciberas