

OATLEY JUNIOR RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

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ANNUAL REPORT AND MEMENTO OF 1964 SEASON

The 1964 Rugby Season has been a very busy and eventful one for Oatley Club, and even judged on competition results alone, has been very satisfactory. Seven of our teams qualified for the semi-finals and this must be considered a respectable effort! However, we have cause for satisfaction quite apart from competition results. Firstly, our membership increased to the impressive total of 176 registered players, among them 66 new recruits, including 19 new boys for our most important team - the Under 9's. Secondly, we gained considerable prestige and many friends in the many memorable social games in which all our teams took some part. The most notable was the pioneering visit to Brisbane by our enterprising Under 12 Team and the subsequent return trip by combined Brisbane's Under 12's and Under 14's, together with their enthusiastic officials. This was a signal honour for our Club and it is to be hoped that we can perpetuate the series annually in the way Brisbane has planned.

This Report is the 5th I have submitted to the players and parents of Oatley Club, and is a suitable occasion to review the progress made by us in the past few seasons. If I appear to stress past events overmuch, it is because this will be my last report as Secretary. I will not be available to accept nomination for the position next year as I must devote more time to my business at this stage of the financial year. I am aware that it is not easy to find a suitable official to fill this important position, and am giving timely notice so that arrangements may be made to have a replacement ready to take the job at the next Annual Meeting. I feel that I have

been in the "driver's seat" long enough, and it is necessary for the vitality of the Club that this key position be filled by a person with enthusiasm and new ideas! I have tried all my ideas and theories that I considered suitable to make the Club respected and successful and the time has come for me to be replaced by someone with the fresh ideas necessary to consolidate our position as an influential Rugby Club.

At the beginning of the 1960 Season, the Club had a membership of only 28 players for 2 teams and it is a matter of gratification that this has increased by more than 600% in 5 seasons, and that from being a very weak Club in the St. George Union, we have won a place of prestige throughout N.S.W., Queensland and even into Victoria through our boys who have played and visited that State. During these five seasons, I have taken a personal interest in every boy to play for Oatley and it has been my pleasure and privilege to watch and enjoy the development of so many boys, both in football ability and character. I have also gained many friends among the parents as a result of their interest in the activities of the Club. Naturally enough, I have a special affection for the lads who played for Oatley in 1960 and the following boys are still active members of the Club: JOHN ARMSTRONG, PAUL BARKER, KEN DOBLE, JOHN DENNY, PETER ELPHICK, KEV HACKETT, GREG and LEE JACKSON, TONY MANNERING, STEVE MARTIN, TONY MINEHAN, BILL NIELSON, MATT ORTON, RANDELL PEDLEY, BOB PETERS, ROSS ROBERTSON, PAUL SANDERS, BRIAN SMITH and of course, LAWRENCE and MARTYN YEOMANS. Many of these boys will have the honour of having played 100 games for Oatley during the next season. In our 1960 season, we took more than our share of 'lickings' - in fact we lost 18, drew 3 and won only 6 games. However, we came back for more and in the season just ended (disregarding pre season trials) the Club won 90, drew 8 and lost 39 games!

Highlights of the past 5 years which come easily to mind are the St. George Premiership in 1961 (Under 13's) Oatley's four teams in the 1962 Grand Finals from which the Under 10's and Under 14's emerged as Premiers, the grand game played by our Under 10's in the City of Sydney Final that year and our Under 12 and Under 16 Premierships this season. Other bright spots were the Canberra visits in 1962 and 1964, the Brisbane visit and on the social side, few players or supporters will forget our Presentation and Hypnotism nights at the Penshurst Girls' High School in 1961 and Sydney Tech. High in 1962 and the Car Trial last year with our guest of honour, Terry Casey.

In five seasons, I have seen the standard of play and understanding of the Rugby game improve in this Club, in the St. George District and also I believe in Australia generally, as shown by last year's South African tour and the impressive win by the Wallabies in the final test in New Zealand this year.

We have been honoured this year by St. George's Captain and former international Alan Cameron, who accepted nomination as our Club Patron, and who, together with our full back friend, Terry Casey, has shown a great deal of interest in our activities and has seen most of our teams play.

In the St. George Junior Union, this year has seen Oatley's most significant contribution to this important organisation with Mr. "Mike" Michel capably filling the post of Hon. Secretary and also playing a big part in junior affairs generally, by acting as St. George delegate to the N.S.W. Junior Union meetings. A most important feature for St. George this season has been the entry of 7 teams from De La Salle College, Kingsgrove and Fatima School to our competitions. We welcome them most sincerely, as we feel that ultimately they will make their contribution to the rising standard of Rugby, and wish them well for their future progress.

A major problem confronting this Club next year will be 3 teams in afternoon competition. There seems to be a slackening of interest by parents after their sons reach the over 14 group and this is to be deplored, because it is at this stage that boys most need the steady influence of regular team sport and this is the period immediately preceding their possible transition to the ranks of senior footballers. I feel that it was unfortunate that at our Annual Meeting, acquiescence was meekly given to the local Soccer club to convert our Rugby goal posts to composite ones for the use of both codes, as this could perpetuate the divided use of Oatley Oval on Saturdays, thus leaving no satisfactory home ground for our senior boys.

Our Under 15 and Under 16 teams this season had no real "home ground" and it is worthy of note that this Club's emergence as a power in St. George stemmed partly from our acquisition of Oatley Oval as a home ground. Until we obtained use of it, no other organisation considered it as suitable for any kind of football! This problem will be a major one to be solved if we have ambitions of providing football for boys up to junior 1st grade (or Under 21) standard.

In conclusion, my thanks to the officials who have made my task lighter during the past 5 years and to the players and parents who have made my term in office so interesting and rewarding. Remember - we were only second in the Club Championship this year! My best wishes for next season!

J.F. YEOMANS,
Hon. Secretary.

OUR TEENAGERS:

It has become the fashion to criticize teenagers generally, but we have many lads of whom we should be proud for the good example they have set the younger boys. Full marks go to HARRY WARD who has done such splendid work in coaching our Under 9's up to the Finals. Only a youngster himself, Harry displayed great maturity in the understanding, tolerance and patience he showed with his young charges, most of whom had never played any organised sport previously. He won the affection of the players and the respect of their parents for his handling of this team.

Another teenaged Coach was Richard Wales, who undertook to train our Under 15's when nobody else was available. Richard was already fully occupied with studies and his own playing commitments and possibly helped us avoid the dissolution of this talented team.

Our Under 10 team was coached by LAWRENCE YEOMANS with considerable assistance from another teenager, RICK SMART. In addition, both Lawrence and Rick gave service to Junior Rugby by refereeing the younger age groups. Lawrence qualified for his St. George Junior referee's badge, as did MIKE JACKSON and BRIAN COOPER. Brian also had the distinction of gaining the N.S.W. Junior Referee's badge. Another teenage referee was PHIL POMFRET who was awarded his badge last season. Each of these boys was a capable referee, whose knowledge of the laws made them more useful players to their own team. It is to be hoped that other players from afternoon teams will offer to act in this valuable, if sometimes thankless capacity. It is obvious that our game cannot progress without dedicated referees.

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS:

Congratulations to the following Oatley boys who had the honour to be selected for St. George Representative teams this season:

- Under 9: Glen Eccleston
Under 10: Graeme Brokman, Wayne Hunt, Mitch Pedley, Robin Pomfret, Guy Yeomans.
Under 11: Peter Dunlop.
Under 12: Simon Bullen, Paul Davis, Norm Hill, Alex Kepping, Warren Staples.
Under 13: Lee Eccleston, Mike Williams, Kev Winney, Martyn Yeomans.
Under 14: Tony Crockett, Peter Riley.
Under 15: John Denny, Stuart French, John Rawlings, Bob Strauss, Gary Wilson.
Under 16: Brad Allen, Don Benjamin, John Coleman, Brian Cooper, Barry Davis, Phil Pomfret, David Knox, Keith Powell, John Veness, Lawrence Yeomans.

In addition, Barry Davis, Keith Powell, John Veness and Lawrence Yeomans represented South Harbour Under 16's in the 4 day Carnival at Newcastle.

THE BACKBONE OF OUR CLUB - COACHES AND MANAGERS:

These officials deserve the highest praise and thanks from players and parents for the essential role they unselfishly undertake to see that the boys get properly organised football, and that Oatley is worthily represented in each age group. They have given freely of their time and often of their money to see that the team in which they took pride lacked nothing. In the following tribute to these officials, the address of managers will be given, so that club jerseys may be returned if you do not expect to take part in the Car Trial which is the final date for return of these jumpers.

UNDER 9 TEAM:

Coach - HARRY WARD: Manager and Assistant Coach - LEN HUGHES, 39 Ada Street, Oatley. Assistant to Assistant Coach - BOB HILL. To mould our raw recruits, some only aged 6, into a capable and knowledgeable team was the difficult but exciting task they undertook and achieve Harry was having his second season with us as Coach and considering his lack of years, remained remarkably calm in handling his somewhat unpredictable champions. Len had his first season as an official and must have enjoyed it, because he has already volunteered to coach next season's Under 9's. In addition to his invaluable assistance with

this team, he carried out the useful office of "Exchange Officer" for handed-down boots, etc., at the beginning of the season.

UNDER 10's:

Coached by LAWRENCE YEOMANS, Assistant Coach RICK SMART, Manager RAY MULRONEY - 6 Macken Street, Oatley. Lawrence did well with these youngsters, many of whom were new to Rugby. Perhaps his hardest chore was to designate the reserves for each game, knowing how eager each boy was to play. He relied for help on Ray Mulroney who assisted unobtrusively throughout the season and was always on hand with First Aid and sympathy when required. Ray also did duty as Manager of the St. George Under 10 Rep. Team.

UNDER 11's:

Coached by DON DICKSON, Manager DAVE ORTON, 23 Bay Road, Oatley. Don spent a lot of time coaching this team with the assistance early in the season of DARYL COCKERILL. He was unlucky in seeing the team narrowly beaten in its first games and this had the effect of upsetting the assurance and balance of the boys. Dave Orton, in addition to being a conscientious manager, also rendered great service as the club's official photographer.

UNDER 12's:

Incomparable is the only way to describe the combination of KEN STAPLES (Coach) and IVAN JACKSON (Manager). Ken trained the team like a sergeant-major and had the complete confidence of all the boys. Ivan was the perfect manager, and his method of assessing the play of each individual boy must have been of great value to the team and the coach as it was to the Publicity Officer, and could well be used as a model by other managers. It is now a matter of history the way these two dedicated officials organised our first visit to Brisbane and the details of the return trip by the Brisbane teams. Ivan's address - 1 Raymond Street, Oatley.

UNDER 12B's:

EWEN MARTIN carried out the duties of both coach and Manager for this team, with assistance of some of the parents, especially JACK BROKMAN. Ewen's reward for this most difficult task was the knowledge

that he had made it possible for a dozen or more lads to have a weekly game of Rugby, and in many cases to learn the fundamentals of the game which are sure to be applied by them with more success next season. Ewen's address - 13 Raymond Street, Oatley.

UNDER 13's:

Coached by JIM YEOMANS and supported by Manager MIKE MICHEL. The regular attendance at training by most of the players made it possible to teach the boys to function as a team and made it possible to impart almost all phases of the game by the coach. Mike Michel was always on hand to ensure that arrangements went smoothly. His address is - 10 Coleborne Avenue, Mortdale.

UNDER 14's:

Coach - GEOFF TIMMINS, Manager and Assistant Manager - Mr. ROGER RILEY and Mrs. STELLA RILEY, 64 Lloyd Street, Oatley. When it comes to matters pertaining to Rugby, nobody can top Geoff's enthusiasm. In addition to coaching this team and imparting a further "polish" to a talented team, he carried out the duties of Junior and Senior Referee, Secretary of St. George Junior Referees and Registrar of N.S.W. Referees. When it comes to the management of this fine team, it is not possible to leave out Roger's wife Stella when awarding credit for the fact that they held the team together during some critical times, especially early in the season. They also went beyond the call of duty in each driving a car to Canberra when it seemed that the team would be deprived of this trip through lack of transport. This is Roger's first year as an official and we hope he enjoyed the activity enough to continue in the same capacity when the team launches into the important afternoon football sphere next season.

UNDER 15's:

RICHARD WALES took over the task of coaching this team early in the season and after other activities restricted his attendance, our most reliable worker, FRANK SMITH once again took over the reins and looked as if he would at last see them finish as Premiers. Unfortunately, on a difficult windy day in the semis, luck was not with them, and they lost the wrong game. Frank has the confidence of this team and we hope he will again "saddle up" with them next year in the important Under 16 grade. When this team's future looked a little doubtful,

especially in the early stages, their cornerstone was the Manager, ALF STRAUSS of 8 Blanche Street, Oatley, in his first year in office, who held them together. He also, was assisted tremendously by his wife, who would be proud to acknowledge the title of "Assistant Manager".

UNDER 16's:

Once again, a team having a slightly shaky start to the season and this time brought to strength and unity by a new and very effective combination. The enthusiastic coach was BOB SUGARS and the very capable young manager, RAY BENJAMIN of 54 Westminster Street, Bexley. This team narrowly lost its first two games, but then under Bob's guidance strung together 11 victories before its next narrow loss. In addition to their duties with Oatley, Bob and Ray were Coach and Manager for the St. George rep. team. Ray and Bob both learned quickly from experience and went to considerable trouble to look after the team's interests in all respects. The team's premiership was a justifiable triumph for this great combination.

CLUB HELPERS AND SUPPORTERS:

In addition to the officials already named, many people gave valuable service to our Club and we want to acknowledge with thanks the assistance of:

BOB HILL - our Hon. Treasurer, who with the Secretary made virtually all the executive decisions, helped with the Under 9's, did a massive amount of work with the Under 12's, especially in connection with the Brisbane project and also managed the St. George Under 12 Team.

JIM POMFRET who helped train the Under 16's early in the season and "organised" Bob Sugars to carry on the good work.

JACK BROKMAN for his help with the 12B's and his ready assistance in any capacity which could help the Club.

Messrs. NEVILLE, RANKIN and WAGHORN for their services as "chefs" when barbecues were arranged.

MRS. HOSEY of the Oatley West Health Food Store for her co-operation in giving us use of her display case to publicise our club activities and to MRS. CREEER for again making our "Honour Badges" at a very nominal price, and for her gift of a handsome Club Banner.

To MR. and MRS. JONES of Oatley Park Road for storing our ropes and stakes.

To ALL PARENTS who provided transport to matches and especially to those who went along to Canberra, Goulburn, and Wollongong. If I've overlooked anyone, my apologies!

THE TEAMS:

It is proposed to record the name of every player in each team so that every boy and parent can know the names of all our members. Statistics are usually of interest to the players and I have tried to keep a complete record of scorers in all games except pre-season trials and matches against Goulburn which were played by "mixed" teams. Although we stress that there is no actual virtue in the scoring of a try, the boys like to see who scored, so tries and goals will be shown in brackets after the players' names. To avoid repetition in the comment on each team, I would at this stage draw attention to a phenomenon of Oatley's teams this season. I refer to the extraordinary talent each team had in centre combinations. The capabilities and understanding developed through the season by all Oatley's centres considerably helped to make the play very attractive for the onlooker.

Under 9's:

It would be impossible to stress the importance of this "nursery team", nor would it have been possible at the beginning of the season to guess at the competence they would achieve after such a brief introduction to Rugby. Most of the boys were newcomers to the Club and to any sport, although many had a slight acquaintance with football through elder brothers already in the Club. Their supporters got their greatest thrill when they won their semi-final after extra time. Their record for the season was 9 wins, 1 draw and 6 losses. Players were: John Beath (3), Phil Baigent, Bruce Dickson, Glen Eccleston (25), David Freeland, Raymond Gunning, Alan Hill (1), Graham Holt, Gary Hughes, Phillip Hughes (2), Greg Hunter (1), Russ Jackson (5), Chris Kwong, Mike Lazarus, Barry Mannering, Dermot Maxwell, Greg Sainty, Peter Scott, Wayne Sherman (3T, 9G), Roger Smit, Ian Staples, Ron Wardrop (4T), Paul Woodfield. The team scored 150 points to 78 against. Highlight was a one day trip to Goulburn.

Under 10's: There were some particularly talented newcomers to this team, who settled in well with last year's "veterans" and had the impressive record of no defeats until the last competition round. Then followed two "hard luck stories" with defeat in the very last moment of extra time in the Final against Sylvania. There was virtually nothing between them and the eventual Premiers, and no doubt they will

give a very good account of themselves if they work hard next year to finish No. 1 in their age group. Their record was 12 wins, 3 losses and 2 draws, scoring 237 points to 46. They also had a one day trip to Goulburn. Players were: Graeme Brokman (5), Martin Brown, Steven Denneade, Mark Felming (8), Peter Freeland (1), Gary Gainsford (8), Ian Gannell, Chris Hobbs, Wayne Hunt (7), David Michel, Paul Mulroney (8), Les Nielson, Larry Parker, Mitch Pedley (21T,18G,1PG), Robin Pomfret, Peter Simpson(4), Bruce Smart(1), Warren Soderholm, Guy Yeomans (2).

Under 11's: This team started the season with a weekend camp at Narrabeen as guests of Chatswood Rugby Club and also took part in the matches played at Goulburn. There were quite a few new players in the team with considerable potential and with added experience they should settle down into a match winning combination in the important Under 12 division next season. Their record was 77 points scored to 77 against; they won 4 games, drew 2 and lost 8. Players were: Clive Amos (1), Ray Armstrong, Paul Ashton (2T,3G,1PG), Ian Battishall (3), David Carson, Robert Cockerill (1), Neil Davidson, Bill Dickson (2), Peter Dunlop (5T,1G), Reginal Dutch, Douglas Fewings, Stephen Geaney (3), Geoff Hearne, David McCann (2), Chris Orton, Chris Plowright (2), Gary Slade, Rod Swinbourne, Jim Waghorn (1).

Under 12 "B": This team was formed with the object of giving reserves for the 12's and 13's a competition game each week. Unfortunately, some of the boys did not appreciate this fact and a number dropped out, leaving this team short every week towards the end of the season. However, most of the lads stuck loyally to their team, despite regular defeats, as did a small but staunch band of supporters who were on hand each week. Many of the players were new to Rugby, and with the fundamentals and knowledge of rules they acquired, will be an asset to the Club next year. This team had a day trip to Goulburn and unfortunately a weekend visit to Molong we hoped to give them fell through due to a set of unforeseen circumstances. It would not be fair to this grand team of sportsmen to show points for and against, as this does not indicate the true worth of these boys: Players in various games for this team were: Doug Barnes, Alan Battishall (2), Tony Barker, Steve Bradshaw, David Brokman, Ian Clarke, Wayne Dean, Warwick Haslam, Alan Hickson, Ron Knott, Jim McAuliffe (1), Don McDonald, David Martin, Richard Ross (1G), Jeff Muir, Larry McCann (1T1PG), Jeff U'Brien, Gary White.

Under 12 "A": This team remained undefeated until the quarter final of the City of Sydney Championships, when they went down 9 to 14 to a very good, and very big, Easts-Randwick team. It was unfortunate that

on that particular day they suffered a certain amount of disorganisation due to sickness, etc., or it may have been a different story. This team showed the benefit of having had the majority of the boys playing together for 3 seasons, and if there was one other big factor in their successes, it would be the splendid backing-up which was a feature of their style of play. Although they did drop into the doldrums with an occasional dull display, on the whole they were exciting to watch, with the high points of the season being their wins against Brisbane in Brisbane, Balgowlah at Carss Park and over Sylvania in the Grand Final. They were fortunate in having strong reserves to call upon, and their parent support was exceptionally good. The visit to Brisbane marks the first of their planned trips out of the State and the return visit by the Brisbane team was a memorable occasion. Some of the team who were chosen to represent St. George also made the trip to play a combined Canberra team. Their excellent record was 306 points to 40, with 19 wins and 1 loss. Players were: Own Arps, Gary Beath (7), David Brokman, Simon Bullen (6), Paul Davis (25T,13G), Ray Davis (14), Peter Garn (9), Norm Hill (1), Lee Jackson (13), Alex Kepping (7), Richard Ross, Richard Rose (1), Paul Sanders, Brian Smith (1T,5G), Warren Staples (T), Rick Sutton (3), Howard Talbot (1), Ian Woodfield (1). Peter Dunlop trained with the team as a reserve during the finals.

Under 13's were a happy team, who have shown steady improvement during the past three seasons, and although not "world beaters" developed into a formidable combination with the addition of two new talented players this season. They were able to lift their game and have happy memories of a 3 all draw with Rockdale, a 9 to 8 win over Bexley in the Final and they had many admirers when they went down in the Grand Final. They had a busy year with a weekend camp with Chatswood at Narrabeen, trips to Canberra and Wollongong and a number of social matches. Their record shows a happy balance with 9 wins, 9 losses and 2 draws, scoring 201 points to 158. Players were: Paul Brown, Howard Clarke (3), Ken Doble (1), Lee Eccleston (10), David Flevill, Mark Ireland (1), Jim McAuliffe (4G), Tony Mannering, Steve Martin (1), Peter Michel (1), Jeff Muir (1), Kev Newton, Bill Nielson (1), Phil Smart (2), Geoff Tattersall (2T4G2PG), Kevin Winney (19), Ross Woodfield (3), Mike Williams (6), Martyn Yeomans (2T7G2PG).

Under 14's: This team played such attractive football that it drew supporters not directly connected with the Club. To say it was unlucky would be an understatement, as they lost their rightful place in the Finals on a technicality and showed with a previous win over the eventual premiers that they would be hard to beat. However, that is

now in the past! Memorable games they played were - a 6 to nil win at Wollongong in teaming rain, 37 to 3 and 36 to 6 wins over Canberra and Brisbane, both at Oatley, in which their combination and handling were a joy to watch. They had a number of useful recruits this season and should be the team to watch next year. Their record was 14 wins, 1 draw, 3 losses and they scored 291 points to 97. Players were: John Armstrong (4T9G1PG), Paul Barker (2), Ken Benjamin (1), David Christie (1G), Tony Crockett (24T2G), Graham Fisher (1G), Arthur Foster (1), Bruce Hooper, John Keller (1), Robert Mayor (8T10G), Murray Milgate (3), Tony Minahan, Randell Pedley (1), Alan Powell (1), Peter Riley (25T1G), Ross Robertson, Mike Stead (3G), Colin Ward, Keith West (2), Daryl Wellington, Mike Williams (5).

Under 15's: This team had an amazing array of football talent, but had the extreme bad luck in never getting all its best players on the field at the one time. On its day, the team looked unbeatable and we look forward to great things next season. They had excellent parent support and this was just as well, because playing in the afternoon competition had the effect of drifting them away from the rest of the Club. (This is a problem to be met with 3 afternoon teams next year). Their trip to Canberra was a high spot of the season and in addition, some of the boys from this team who represented St. George made the trip to Victoria. Their season's record was 9 wins, 5 losses, 1 draw for a total of 233 points to 151. Players were: Warren Carson, John Denny (6T,3G), Noel Dyer (3), Peter Elphick, Stuart French (5), George Gittoes, Greg Jackson (1), Geoff Harland (1), John Lundy (3), Lawrie Neville (3), Mathew Orton, Grant Parsons (1), Tony Parker, Phillip Price (3), John Rawlings (21), Andrew Rosser, Bob Strauss (2T,16G,6PG), John Stubbs (8), Gary Wilson (1).

Under 16's were our most widely travelled team in their competition, as they played teams from the Manly, Northern suburbs and Easts-Randwick. That particular comp. was on a "first past the post" basis, which Oatley won fairly comfortably in spite of losing the first two games of the season. In all they lost 4 games, 1 by a point, 2 by 2 points and 1 by 3 points. They won 14 games and scored 310 points to 95. They travelled to Canberra to play Eastern Suburbs and had comfortable wins in Canberra and in the return match at Oatley. Their game against St. Mathews (Manly) saw them at their best in attack and in the Grand Final against Bexley their defence was tested and found perfect. They were beaten by 6 to 8 in the quarter final of the City of Sydney by the eventual winners, but scored 2 tries to 1. Players were: Brad Allen (3), Ken Arnold, Don Benjamin (4), Ron Bowden (2),

John Coleman (4T,1G), Brian Cooper (5T,20G,12PG) and 1 goal from a mark), Barry Davis (9), Kev Hackett (1), Mike Jackson (19), David Knox (1); Bob Peters, Terry Plowright (2), Phil Pomfret (1), Keith Powell (5T, 5G,3PG), Bob Rankin, Ross Sellens, Ian Stewart (1), Ken Stidwill (1), John Veness (9), Lawrence Yeomans (2).

FINANCIAL:

Your Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Bob Hill, has handled his duties very capably and has submitted the following Statement of Income and Expenditure for the 1964 Season. The result is not quite as bad as it looks, because obviously we have not yet brought into account the proceeds of our CAR TRIAL-PRESENTATION-PICNIC to be held on 27th September and which we hope you will support strongly enough to substantially lower the deficit for the season. The Club still has £40.15. 7 on hand, thanks to a substantial balance brought forward from the previous two seasons by virtue of good collections from Presentation functions.

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
Club jerseys	118. 8. 0	Players subscriptions	125.10. 0
Plastic numbers	17. 6. 0	Donations	27. 9. 0
Affiliation, comp. fees and levy	28.13. 0	Income from Socials &c.	20. 0. 0
Official photographs (estimated)	18. 0. 0	Sundries	4.16. 5
Printing, postage &c.	16. 9. 3	Bank Interest	3.15.10
Footballs & repairs	10.16.10	Deficiency for season	72.12. 3
Hurstville Council (Ground Fee)	10. 0. 0		
Expenses Brisbane visit	14. 8. 6		
Honour Badges	12. 5. 0		
Hire of Picnic Ground (1964 Car Trial)	5. 0. 0		
Sundries	2.16.11		
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For those people who were not present at the Annual Meeting, it was resolved at that meeting that players' fees be £1 for boys over 10 years, 10/- for boys under 10, or £1 for any number from the one

family. These are cheap sports fees, or as the cynical say - "cheap baby-minding fees"! However, a few parents failed to meet their obligation for even such a small amount!

DONORS:

We are very grateful to kind folk and organisations who have materially helped our financial position. There have not been quite as many as in previous years when some donations were given specifically for the purposes of providing trophies, or when trophies were actually donated. We thank - Mr. L. Kingsley, Dr. W. Muir, Dr. F. Raut; Oatley R.S.L., Mortdale-Oatley West R.S.L., Oatley Bowling Club, and Mortdale Bowling Club for their cash donations and also Mr. Gordon Dunlop who was kind enough to present an electric clock which was first prize in our Car Trial last year.

HONOUR BADGES:

A new record number of Honour Badges were well and truly won during the season and the fact that some of these boys are in their second and third season with the Club shows that it is surely an "honour" to have one awarded. Boys named below who have not actually received the Badge will be given them at the Car Trial-Presentation on Sunday, 27th September.

John Beath, Phil Baigent, Bruce Dickson, David Freeland, Alan Hill, Graham Holt, Greg Hunter, Chris Kwong, Greg Sainty, Peter Scott, Wayne Shennan, Roger Smit.

Graeme Brokman, Peter Freeland, Ian Gannell, Robin Pomfret, Warren Soderholm.

David Carson, Robert Cockerill, Reginald Dutch, Stephen Geaney, David McCann, Chris Plowright.

David Brokman, Ian Clarke, Donald McDonald, Richard Ross.

Doug Barnes, Alan Battishall, Steve Bradshaw, Howard Clarke, Jim McAuliffe, Larry McCann, Jeff Muir, Kev Winney.

Ken Benjamin, Arthur Foster, John Keller, Murray Milgate, Keith West, Mike Williams.

George Gittoes, Geoff Harland, John Lundy, Phil Price, Andrew Rosser, John Stubbs, Gary Wilson.

Brad Allen, Don Benjamin, Ron Bowden, John Coleman, Ross Sellens, Ian Stewart, Ken Stidwill.

CLUB JERSEYS:

Although we know that some of the younger lads in particular are very proud to wear the club jersey, parents are again reminded that these sweaters are our main expense and are only to be worn when actually playing for Oatley, not in the streets or around the yard. Jerseys are to be returned to Managers not later than 30th September. They may be taken to the Car Trial, but if they are not returned at the Car Trial or earlier, 10 points will be deducted from the Car Trial Score. Honour badges are your own property and are to be removed, but plastic letters are to be left on Jerseys.

SOCIALS - SOCIAL FOOTBALL AND TOURS:

At the Annual Meeting there were requests for social evenings, dances, etc., but when these were organised the attendance was extremely poor! At the beginning of the season, about a score of fathers had a happy day playing golf at Wentworth Falls and the general opinion was that this outing should be repeated at least once a year. Oatley was very much in demand for social football during the season, and this is very pleasing, as it shows that we have a name for good football and good sportsmanship. Due to lack of time, some invitations had to be declined, but we did join Brisbane, Easts (Canberra), Goulburn, Chatswood, Edmund Rice College (Wollongong), Sydney High School and St. Patrick's (Strathfield) in enjoyable encounters and also gave our own parents a better chance to get to know each other.

OATLEY SWIMMING CLUB:

Begins its season in October, and we recommend that you join the many parents, players and their sisters in this well organised Club. We regard ourselves as an associate Club because of joint membership by so many of our members. Further information can be obtained from Bob Hill, Jim Pomfret or myself.

PRESENTATION - CAR TRIAL - PICNIC - Sunday, 27th September.

I apologise to the people who are unable to attend functions on Sundays, but it is difficult to hire a suitable ground for our purposes.

If you have official photographs, pockets or badges to collect, they can get them from the team manager. This year there will be no individual trophies for "Best and Fairest" or "Most Improved" by reason of a motion passed at the Annual Meeting by those interested enough to attend. Instead each player will receive a 6 x 4" team photograph. My views on this matter are fairly widely known, so I will not comment beyond mentioning that had this resolution been passed prior to election of officers, I would not have been prepared to carry out Secretary's duties for the season.

THE CAR TRIAL CONTROL will be at Oatley Oval from 8.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. It is estimated that the trip to the picnic ground will take about 3 hours, but coming home only $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours! Barbecue facilities and septic toilets are at the ground, which will be suitable for our competitions and games. The "Trial" will be an interesting test of your navigation, observation and general knowledge and will cost 10/- per car. Invite your friends to come!

For those unable to start before 10 a.m., route instructions will be available at Riley's Garage, Oatley West until NOON!

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