

OATLEY JUNIOR RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

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ANNUAL REPORT AND MEMENTO OF 1965 SEASON

With all competition matches completed, we again look back on a season that has been most enjoyable and most successful. Officials are especially grateful that we should be able to maintain our previous rate for enrolment of new players, provide Saturday recreation for 200 lads in our locality and at the same time lend assistance in the formation of a neighbouring club at Peakhurst. With our new players we were happy to welcome new parents and supporters also new officials. We feel that during 1965 we have further consolidated our position as one of the leading St. George J.R.U. clubs. With 9 teams in the semi-finals, 7 in the finals and 4 in the grand-finals, the playing records of Oatley teams this season have been exceptionally good and players, coaches and managers merit special commendation. In the St. George Club Championship winner South Hurstville with 69.7% narrowly headed Oatley with 61.8%. We extend hearty congratulations to South Hurstville Club for again taking out the Club Championship.

Once again Oatley Club made a feature of social matches for the sub-junior (morning) players. Highlights were the Under-12 and Under-14 teams' exchange of visits with Brisbane teams, the Under-13 team's exchange of visits with the Melbourne team and a social day for all morning grades at Goulburn.

On Grand Final day the 9B's, 9A's, 13's and 15's excelled themselves winning 3 out of 4 possible premierships,

a feat we have never previously achieved and one that has not been bettered by any St. George club this season. Probably our finest achievement for 1965 was to field two under-9 teams and see both teams play in the grand finals. Prize winners from all teams will be announced at the annual presentation functions. It is expected that personnel of most teams will change to some extent next season due to the change in qualifying date from April 1st to January 1st.

There have been many other pleasing aspects associated with club operations during the 1965 season. Firstly I wish to express sincere thanks to all officials for their unstinted support and assistance throughout the season. These officials do a wonderful job for our boys sparing time, energy, sympathy and money for their coaching and welfare. Once again we saw an increasing number of our older players coaching junior and sub-junior teams and refereeing matches in all grades. We feel that this speaks volumes for their club spirit and sense of responsibility. Our good friend, St. George Captain and former Australian Captain ALAN CAMERON, again honoured us by accepting nomination as our club Patron. We thank Alan for the keen interest he has shown in the club and congratulate him on establishing a new record for first grade matches played. For the first time we have seen one of our old boys playing in the St. George first grade team - congratulations to BRUCE BATTISHALL who played with Oatley in 1959 and coached our Under-10's in 1963. Bruce has consented to present trophies to Sub-juniors at our annual presentation car trial. Earlier in the season St. George and Club officials had expressed concern at the abuse to which Referees were being subjected by some club supporters - we are happy to report that towards the end of the season this situation had improved considerably. It was good to see GEOFF TYE back with the club again this year. Geoff was a member of our first team in 1958. Club officials have turned up in force to committee meetings held this season and at the most recent it was resolved that further meetings would be called when necessary.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:

In recent seasons we have been operating the club at a small financial loss and it is very gratifying to report

that this season the situation has changed as the Treasurer's Report indicates. This change for the better is mainly due to the enthusiasm and energy of our Social Secretary Mrs. RITA DAVIS and her helpers. Though all functions proved to be most enjoyable they were not always well attended by club supporters. On each occasion however, club finances benefited considerably. The highest compliment you can pay your officials is to attend the functions they organize!

CREDITS:

At the start of this season we were all startled to learn that JIM YEOMANS was not seeking re-election as Club Secretary. At that time I accepted nomination to the office of Secretary with some apprehension as I could not then see how anyone could do as much for this club as Jim had done in his years as Secretary. I regret to announce that I am now no closer to finding an answer to this problem. Rather craftily, we arranged for a number of people to do many of the things Jim used to do on his own. Not only have we all been kept fairly busy, but Jim seems to be doing just as much as he ever did. Please accept our thanks Jim for your unselfish devotion to our club and your outstanding efforts on behalf of our players. I wish to record my thanks to Assistant Secretary RAY BENJAMIN for his help during the season, to his conscientious attendance at St. George meetings as a Delegate, to Publicity Officer RON HOLT who has handled an awkward job most capably (have you ever tried to get written information out of a team coach or manager?), also Gear Steward DICK ADAMS who has guarded club equipment jealously. RAY MULRONEY and DON BAIGENT lent considerable assistance during the manufacture of our new goal post guards - I also lent some assistance in that I arranged for the straps to be too short! Our Hon. Treasurer NOEL ECCLESTON has performed an excellent job and has provided us with a statement of income and expenditure to date. We thank Senior Vice-President MIKE MICHEL for his efforts on behalf of our Club in his capacity as Secretary of St. George J.R.U. Once again Officials of Hurstville Council have given this club considerable help in the matter of providing playing fields for competition and social games, also for training. We offer them our thanks and the expectation that next season our need for grounds, especially for afternoon players, will be even more acute than it was this season.

To maintain interest in club activities we find it is essential that we have a home ground in our own locality. Club Officials wish to record their thanks to ALDERMAN M. CURLISA for the valuable assistance he has afforded our club during the season. We thank Mrs. CREEER for again supplying us with Honour Badges also Mrs. HOSEY and Mr. MULLANE for displaying Club Notices. Various statistics for teams and players are recorded below and we expect and hope that players will find them of interest. Congratulations to LAWRENCE YEOMANS and MATHEW ORTON who have both played more than 100 official matches for Oatley Club and will be awarded mementoes at the Presentation Dance.

DONORS:

We express sincere thanks to those generous people who have again helped us with a cash donation; we thank; Mr. J. Allen (Allen Bros. Mercers Pty. Ltd.), Dr. W. Muir, Mr. A. Cameron, Mr. D.R. Hedberg, Mortdale Bowling & Recreation Club, Mortdale-Oatley West R.S.L. Sub-Branch Club, Oatley R.S.L. Sub-Branch Club. We especially thank Mr. JIM WILSON for his help in arranging considerable support for the Club.

THE PLAYERS:

Players in all grades, by their appearance and demeanour have represented this club in the best possible way. We are proud of our lads and we hope that in making arrangements for their recreation they feel we have adequately represented them. We offer special thanks to our Reserves for their sportsmanship and the cheerful manner in which they have stood down for a match or half a match from time to time. It is obvious that we must try to enrol more than the bare 15 players in each team and one of the greatest difficulties our coaches face is to ask a player to miss the occasional game. If they have not already done so, players are asked to return their jersey to their team manager immediately. Managers are asked to attach one of the labels supplied to each jersey indicating thereon the player's name and team.

UNDER 9B's:

Coached and Managed by RAY MULRONEY early in the season, this team was transformed by Ray from a bunch of raw recruits into quite a talented little side. He was aided and abetted later in the season by coach ARTHUR GUNNING and the team almost toppled Blakehurst on Grand Final day. The team won 7 matches, drew 2 and lost 7. Points for/against were 75/62.

UNDER 9A's:

The team amassed quite an impressive record during the season culminating in a fine win to take out the Premiership on Grand Final day - a feature of this match was the remarkable calm and composure of coach LEN HUGHES. Len and manager CLIFF SCOTT have a batch of young stars in this group who will make their presence felt in junior Rugby circles for many years. The team won 12 matches, drew 1, and lost 2. Points for/against were 185/29.

UNDER 10's:

Although hampered by a shortage of players in this age group, coach HARRY WARD and manager DON BAIGENT achieved wonders with this team which specialised in drawn games. These hard working officials must have been very pleased to see their charges reach the finals in which they were narrowly defeated by 6 points to 3. The team won 6 matches, drew 5 and lost 5. Points for/against were 95/60.

UNDER 11's:

This talented group, mostly veterans of 3 seasons, coached by LAWRENCE YEOMANS and managed by Mrs. LORNA YEOMANS, strung together an amazing collection of wins and points for a team that was to be edged out of the Grand Finals by the barest margin. The team won 12 matches, drew 1 and lost 3. Points for/against were 246/41.

UNDER 12's:

Starting the season with several setbacks in that they were short of players and they lost their elected coach (ARTHUR GUNNING) the team settled down well later when

WAL SCOTT came to our rescue to coach the team. Wal and manager DICK ADAMS, combining very well, recruited an excellent group of new players, most of whom were new to Rugby Union. It is felt that this team should quickly develop into a very strong combination. The team won 7 matches, drew 1 and lost 6. Points for/against were 121/57.

UNDER 13's:

This side is composed largely of experienced players who have been expertly coached for some years by KEN STAPLES. Several newcomers fitted into the team well and contributed to a good Premiership win. We hope for another fine effort from this team next season in a bid for the Under-14 City of Sydney representation. The team was managed by IVAN JACKSON; it won 12 matches, drew 1 and lost 1. Points for/against were 211/31.

UNDER 14's:

Coached by JIM YEOMANS, Managed by "MIKE" MICHEL. The playing record of this team is misleading in terms of matches won and lost or points for and against. They played in a close competition where their ability was respected and their sportsmanship appreciated. Substantially the same team as last season, 12 of the players have been with the club since the 1962 season. A notable gain however, was likeable Jon Page who joined the team in mid-season after an unfortunate accident (not at football) had ended Peter Michel's football for the year. Jon is one of the rare players who can be used effectively as a back or a forward, and it is felt that he has a future in Rugby both as a junior and later as a senior rep. player. The most important thing about the Under-14's is that under the captaincy of Kev. Winney they enjoyed their football and had a happy, if not a very successful season.

UNDER 15's:

The team, coached by MIKE JACKSON and managed by Mrs. STELLA RILEY, achieved excellent results although starting off the season with few reserves. At this early stage a club record was established when they won one game 95-nil.

Later in the season a number of talented recruits were gained and a magnificent team effort was produced on Grand Final day in winning the Premiership by the narrow margin of 6-5. This match was a severe test of stamina for players and spectators. The team won 12 matches and lost 4. Points for/against were 342/91.

UNDER 16's:

The Under-16 team coached by FRANK SMITH and managed by ALF STRAUSS had a happy season. It is pleasing to see these lads sticking together and enjoying their football despite the demands made on their time by studies and other interests. Their teamwork and standard of play improved as the season progressed right up to the Final when they were beaten by Birrong who ultimately won the Premiership. The team won 9 matches (including 2 forfeits), and lost 4. Points for/against were 157/128.

UNDER 18's:

The Under-18 team was coached by BOB SUGARS and managed by RAY BENJAMIN. Although narrowly defeated in the Simi-final, results achieved by this group in 1965 reflect great credit on Bob, Ray and the boys. It will be recalled that nearly all this team will again be Under-18 for the 1966 season and it is hoped that results next season will be even more spectacular. The team won 6 matches (including 1 forfeit), and lost 7. Points for/against were 119/116.

HONOUR BADGES:

Once again a large number of Honour Badges were awarded during the season for football skill and it is hoped that boys named below who have not actually received the badge will be given them at the Presentation function.

John Backhouse, Leigh Forbes, Stephen Jones, John Michel, Bruce McKenzie, Mark Mulrone, Greg Ryan, Mark Saunders, Paul Woodfield.

Greg Davison, Stephen Fallon, Peter Higgins, Gary Hughes, Michael Lazarus, John Meagher, Chris Mort, Roger Smit, Ian Staples.

Peter Reed, Tom Ryan, Jon Scott, Richard Smith, David Trauberg.

Vaughan Morrison, Alan Young.

Mark Bateman, Dallas Cuthbertson, Anthony Hayes,
Noel Keller, Gregory Mullane.
Ian Clarke, David Hunter, Norm Plowright, Ian Younger.

Jon Page.

Rodney Butterfield, Chris. Lloyd, Douglas Schwebel.

Michael Wallace, Andrew Rosser, Gary Cook.

Charles Foster, Geoff Tye.

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS:

We extend congratulations to the following boys who played for St. George representative teams in 1965:-

Under-9 John Beath, Bruce Dickson, David Freeland,
Greg Hunter.

Under-10 Glen Eccleston.

Under-11 Peter Freeland, Paul Mulroney, Mitchell Pedley,
Guy Yeomans.

Under-12 Peter Garn, Anthony Hayes.

Under-13 Garry Beath, Paul Davis, David Hunter, Alex Kepping,
Warren Staples.

Under-14 Kev. Winney, Ross Woodfield, Martyn Yeomans.

Under-15 Randall Pedley, Michael Williams, Peter Riley,
Anthony Crockett, Murray Milgate.

Under-16 John Denny, Gary Wilson.

PLAYING RECORDS: (Competition matches only)

In the following lists we have presented some vital statistics in the form NAME M/T/G, where M, T and G do not have the generally accepted meaning but refer to:-

M...Number of official matches played for Oatley Club.

T...Total number of tries scored for Oatley Club.

G...Total number of goals (all types) scored for Oatley.

<u>Under-9B</u>			<u>Under-9A</u>			<u>Under-10</u>				
M	T	G	M	T	G	M	T	G		
J. Backhouse	27	-	J. Beath	31	23	1	P. Baigent	29	-	-
B. Bateman	1	-	G. Davison	15	19	1	R. Battishall	16	1	-
J. Best	15	-	B. Dickson	29	1	-	G. Eccleston	48	49	-
M. Davison	15	2	S. Fallon	15	1	-	G. Felton	13	-	-
L. Forbes	15	-	D. Freeland	30	8	-	A. Hill	47	1	-
R. Gunning	30	-	P. Higgins	20	-	-	G. Holt	47	-	-
P. Hobbs	12	-	G. Hughes	31	-	-	P. Hughes	48	3	-
R. Hobbs	10	1	G. Hunter	24	11	-	R. Jackson	46	7	1
A. Johnston	16	-	R. Keller	12	-	-	C. Kwong	42	-	-
P. Jones	15	-	M. Lazarus	31	-	-	T. Monks	5	-	-
S. Jones	15	1	B. Mannering	31	4	-	P. Reed	15	1	-
B. McKenzie	13	2	D. Maxwell	26	5	-	T. Ryan	17	1	-
J. Michel	15	1	J. Meagher	15	1	6	G. Sainty	29	-	-
M. Mulroney	16	-	C. Mort	15	-	-	J. Scott	16	-	-
O. O'Neill	3	-	R. Reed	4	-	-	R. Smith	13	1	-
G. Ryan	13	2	P. Scott	30	1	-	D. Trauberg	14	2	-
R. Reed	9	-	R. Smit	29	-	-	R. Wardrop	47	5	-
M. Saunders	14	1	I. Staples	31	-	-				
P. Woodfield	31	-								

<u>Under-11</u>			<u>Under-12</u>			<u>Under-13</u>			
G. Brokman	32	9	D. Allen	32	-	A. Barker	66	-	-
M. Brown	40	2	C. Amos	44	3	G. Beath	62	29	-
S. Denmeade	26	1	P. Ashton	62	8	D. Brokman	29	2	-
M. Fleming	46	15	M. Bateman	8	1	S. Bullen	62	20	-
P. Freeland	29	13	I. Battishall	43	7	I. Clarke	26	-	-
G. Gainsford	47	15	R. Brown	13	-	P. Davis	66	74	46
I. Gannell	29	-	E. Burrige	5	-	R. Davis	44	12	-
C. Hobbs	11	-	R. Cassidy	7	2	N. Hill	77	7	-
W. Hunt	45	16	D. Cuthbertson	10	-	D. Hunter	13	10	-
D. Michel	45	-	B. Dickson	43	8	L. Jackson	96	48	3
V. Morrison	13	9	P. Dunlop	43	11	A. Kepping	43	18	1
P. Mullroney	46	14	P. Garn	77	37	P. Kerr	-	-	-
L. Neilson	38	-	S. Geaney	19	5	P. Sanders	94	-	-
L. Parker	44	1	A. Hayes	12	1	B. Smith	92	18	8
M. Pedley	46	40	G. Hearne	18	-	W. Staples	77	3	-
R. Pomfret	42	-	N. Keller	13	-	R. Sutton	44	3	-
P. Simpson	46	6	G. Mullane	14	10	N. Plowright	4	-	-
B. Smart	46	2	C. Orton	44	2	H. Talbot	77	-	-
W. Soderholm	26	-	R. Swinbourne	42	3	I. Woodfield	76	5	-
G. Yeomans	60	3	J. Waghorn	42	4	I. Younger	8	2	-
A. Young	9	-							

<u>Under-14</u>	M	T	G
D. Barnes	49	-	-
A. Battishall	31	-	-
P. Brown	40	1	-
H. Clarke	28	3	-
L. Eccleston	53	18	-
J. Feeney	10	-	-
M. Ireland	53	3	-
J. McAuliffe	41	1	5
A. Mannering	68	1	-
S. Martin	70	5	-
P. Michel	58	1	-
K. Newton	58	2	-
W. Neilson	69	4	-
J. Page	7	2	-
P. Smart	55	17	3
G. Tattersall	53	9	6
K. Winney	28	27	7
R. Woodfield	71	9	-
M. Yeomans	99	15	12

<u>Under-18</u>	M	T	G
D. Benjamin	28	6	-
B. Allen	38	8	-
J. Coleman	22	4	1
J. Craig	11	1	-
B. Davis	52	14	-
J. Ferguson	2	1	-
K. Fleming	12	-	5
C. Foster	12	6	-
K. Hackett	71	6	13
J. Hill	6	-	-
B. Cooper	48	9	55
F. Moss	1	-	-
T. Plowright	36	9	-
P. Pomfret	55	2	-
K. Powell	65	31	52
R. Tait	10	2	-
B. Rankin	59	5	-
I. Stewart	23	1	-
K. Stidwill	26	1	-
G. Tye	19	-	-
P. Wakefield	6	2	-
L. Yeomans	109	13	3

<u>Under-15</u>	M	T	G
J. Armstrong	91	8	11
K. Benjamin	19	2	-
D. Christie	45	2	1
A. Crockett	45	56	3
G. Fisher	40	-	33
A. Foster	18	3	-
J. Keller	27	3	-
M. Milgate	28	5	-
R. Pedley	59	1	-
A. Powell	76	4	-
P. Riley	75	69	10
R. Robertson	88	8	-
M. Stead	71	4	32
C. Ward	39	5	-
M. Williams	29	14	-
P. Rosser	3	1	-
R. Kennaugh	9	1	-
D. Schwebel	16	3	-
G. Mercer	1	-	-
C. Lloyd	10	1	-
R. Butterfield	9	8	12
S. Norrish	4	-	-
R. Mayor	-	13	13

<u>Under-16</u>	M	T	G
R. Strauss	73	18	113
N. Dyer	70	9	-
A. Parker	56	1	-
M. Orton	104	1	-
L. Neville	70	8	-
J. Rawlings	72	78	2
J. Denny	72	7	11
J. Stubbs	18	12	-
P. Price	24	11	-
G. Gittoes	22	-	-
G. Harland	26	4	-
G. Wilson	25	5	-
A. Rosser	23	1	-
G. Jackson	84	1	-
S. Barrett	13	-	-
P. Elphick	83	-	-
G. Cook	7	1	-
M. Wallace	9	2	-
G. Sterling	4	-	-

FINANCE:

Our Hon. Treasurer Mr. Noel Eccleston has submitted the following statement of income and expenditure. Proceeds of our two presentation functions for 1965 have not yet been included.

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
Club Jerseys	97.16. 0	Cash on hand, 1964	54.12. 9
Plastic numbers	3. 3. 5	Bank Interest	2.17. 8
Affiliation Fees		Players subscriptions	160. 0. 0
levies St. George	36.13. 0	Donations *	75. 0. 0
Fares Brisbane tour	247.18. 0	Social Evenings	194.19. 4
Footballs & Repairs	12.18.11	Sale of Badges	12. 5. 6
Hurstville Council		Fares Brisbane tour	247. 7. 0
(Ground Fee)	10. 0. 0	Sale of socks	25.12. 0
Swimming Club Hall		Sale practise jerseys	7.12. 0
Hire	5. 3. 0		
Picnic Ground Hire	5. 0. 0		
R.S.L. Hall Hire	8. 0. 0		
Purchase Kitbags	26. 5. 0		
Purchase socks	30.19. 6		
Expenses Interstate	44.19. 6		
Visits *			
Trophies and Prizes	39. 5. 0		
Secretary's Expenses	21. 8. 0		
(Printing & Postage)			
Cost of Annual Report	14. 0. 0		
Honour Badges	11. 5. 0		
Sundries	20. 1. 7		
Excess Income over			
Expenditure	145.10. 4		
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+ Interest.

* These donations include amounts subscribed by parents to offset cost of entertaining visiting teams.

PRESENTATION CAR TRIAL: (19th September)

Trophies awarded to sub-junior (morning) players will be presented at this function. Once again Jim Yeomans has produced some fiendish ideas in preparing clues for our Car Trial to take place on Sunday, 19th September. The trial will start from Oatley Oval between 8.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. and we will be looking forward to checking-in contestants at the pleasant picnic spot selected - if I can find it again. Any player or supporter requiring transport to the picnic is asked to contact their team manager who will assist in this regard. Tickets will cost 10/- per car and will include entry fee to the grounds; barbecue facilities are available.

For those unable to start before 10.00 a.m. route instructions will be available at Riley's Garage, Oatley West, until noon. Total Oil Ltd. are again donating valuable prizes and if any supporters wish to donate additional prizes they are asked to contact the club Secretary or President as soon as possible. It is recommended that contestants leave some room in their petrol tanks for a purchase of TOTAL fuel during the trial, as a receipt from a Total Service Station to be visited will ensure extra points. Although this Presentation is for the sub-juniors all players and parents are encouraged to join in the Car Trial, and enjoy the Picnic.

PRESENTATION DANCE:

Trophies awarded to junior (afternoon) players will be presented at this function to be held on Saturday evening, 25th September, at 8 p.m. in the Oatley R.S.L. youth centre. Attendance of all afternoon players, parents and officials is requested; other interested supporters will be most welcome. Admittance will be 5/- per person.

OATLEY SWIMMING CLUB:

Once again we recommend our associate club, Oatley Amateur Swimming Club to all players and supporters. Details may be obtained from Mr. Jim Yeomans.

I.V. JACKSON.
Hon. Secretary.