

Lawrence Yeomans

OATLEY RUGBY CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 1972 SEASON



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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Once again we have reached the end of a Rugby year. It has not been a successful year for the Oatley Club in the actual competition field, but the main objective has been achieved, and that is, providing healthy team sport to about 150 boys.

Oatley this year were successful with three teams reaching the semi-finals - the Under 11's, Under 14's and Under 18's. The Under 11's and Under 18's made the finals, but unfortunately neither were good enough to progress to the Grand Final, although the Under 18's were only narrowly beaten 9 - 6 by Waratahs.

The Under 15's could be counted the unluckiest team in the St. George R.U., for having beaten Peakhurst-Lugarno in a thrilling game at Oatley Park in the final round, it was thought that they had made the semi-finals. However, it was not to be, for another team, viz. Coogee, had finished with the same points and on a countback they were able to force their way into the final four. Significantly, this team went on to win the competition. The form of Oatley Under 15's at the end of the season was so impressive that I feel they could have attained the ultimate had they featured in the semi-finals. Better luck next year to John and the boys.

Congratulations to Garry Gainsford who topped Lawrence Yeomans' record of 152 games played for the Oatley Club.

This year the Oatley Club were unable to field teams in the U7 and U8 Competitions, and as a consequence our U9 team was composed of about 50 per cent of boys eligible to play in the younger teams. However, they performed quite creditably in the circumstances, often leading at half time, only to be worn down by the persistence of larger and older boys in the second half. Their enthusiasm did not flag at any time, and I believe that if the boys could entice their young friends to join our Club in the following year, they could go on to greater things. I earnestly ask the parents to help in this regard.

Visits from Nelson's Bay Under 11's and Brisbane Under 12's (Eastern Dist.) were made, and old friendships renewed. I tender

thanks to the parents who came to the aid of the party, accommodating the 'surplus' players who come with these teams.

At this point I wish to thank the Coaches and Managers for their time and effort in teaching Rugby to our boys. I would also like to thank the parents and supporters who have assisted the Club in the past year. A special "thank you" to Betty Ryan for her preparation of the weekly newsletter, and to Tommy Ryan and Mal Quartermain for their efforts in running the Games Night. Thanks to Ivan Jackson again for his valuable assistance, and to Don Baigent, Senior Vice President, for all the many and varied tasks he performs for the Club; to Noel Eccleston, our Treasurer, and his able assistant, Avis, for their loyal support and their effort in running the Candlelight Dinner, and finally to Lawrie Yeomans for his preparation of the Annual Report.

Our Presentation Day is the 17th September, 1972, on which Mr. Owen Stephens, St. George First Grade Player and former New Zealander, will be at Oatley Park to make the presentations. I trust that the Oatley Club will roll up in large numbers to honour our guest. Parents please note that pennants will be presented to all players in the Under 9 and 10 age groups this year.

R.G. ADAMS
President.

UNDER 9 TEAM

Coach - L. Hughes Manager - N. Peverall

WON 1 LOST 13

Although half the members were eligible for younger grades, the team performed creditably during the season. Invariably they were holding their own, and on a number of occasions leading at half time, the advantages their opponents had in size and weight were telling factors in the second half. It is to the boys' credit too, that even though victory came their way but once, they maintained their enthusiasm right up to the last match.

Warwick Jefferys, Nicky Westerman, Mark Peverall, Andrew Strong and Chris Brancourt were selected to trial for the St. George representative team - Warwick and Nicky gained final selection.

Many thanks to Coach Len Hughes and Gary Hughes for their time and patience and to David Jefferys for providing first-aid and refreshments, and encouragement when needed most.

We hope every member of the Club will assist in finding new members so that next year we can field full teams in Under 7, 8, 9 and 10 years competitions.

UNDER 10 TEAM Coach - G. Yeomans Manager - J. Mason

WON 6 DREW 1 LOST 7 POINTS 232-170

Although this year was not as successful in terms of games won, as previous years, it was still enjoyable and quite fruitful insofar as we gained several new players including Keith Bennett, Andrew Smith, Ross Williamson, Roger Bacon and Anthony Sobb.

Unfortunately the boys didn't play their best Rugby until the latter part of the season when it was too late to make the finals. Nevertheless, the lads showed great potential and with a probable improvement, especially of new recruits, next year, the team can look forward to more wins. Indeed, the team's ability was shown in the last round of the competition when they held the Burreaneer Premiers to a Nil all draw in the second half.

With this in mind, and with continuing good support from both parents and boys, the team has great prospects next season.

UNDER 11 TEAM Coach - J. Yeomans Manager - G. Simpson

WON 9 DREW 1 LOST 5 POINTS 228-63

The 1972 Under 11 Team was a well-balanced one, which has still not reached its peak. It was well respected by all its opponents for ability and good sportsmanship and on the whole, had a successful and enjoyable season.

Although we welcomed three new players (and their enthusiastic parents) to the side this year, we only had fifteen registered players overall and it is a tribute to the boys and their parents

that we were short-handed only on a couple of occasions. Counting Social Matches and 7-a-side games, most boys played about 19 times and attendance at practice sessions was very satisfactory.

There were many memorable matches during the season which will be remembered happily by players and supporters alike and one or two games we'd prefer to forget. The games in which every player gave of his best were probably the close ones, such as - the 4 point loss to Burraneer, the nil all draw with Blakehurst, two matches against Peakhurst and the last one against "The Royals" whom we beat 18 to nil after a hard game. The Social games were against Nelson's Bay at Oatley and the "fine" week-end at Wellington, where supporters out-numbered players.

A particular tribute to the forwards, who were probably the best pack in the St. George competition, and when they were really firing, made things easy for our attacking backs, as on the day they subdued a strong Rockdale pack and we rattled up a 40 points to nil win without kicking a goal!

I'd like to say a few words about each player, starting with the newcomers, Mark Jones, David Pullen and Stevie Westren. "Jonesy" was the answer to a prayer, fitting in smoothly for the outside centre position. A very determined runner with a good turn of speed, Mark scored 13 tries in his first season of Rugby and I feel will go from strength to strength. Speaking of 'strength' - David Pullen took some time to realize what an asset he has in Rugby in being such a strong, big boy, who can move very fast on occasions. Playing mostly in second row, he took some time to realize what rucking is all about, but predict that he will be a tower of strength to us in future seasons. Stevie Westren played his first game with us without having had any practice sessions and thus was handicapped compared to the other players. However, he proved to have the ability to learn and plenty of courage, and at the end of the season was finding out that being small has its advantages, especially for ducking low under head-high tackles. Stevie played on the wing and on many occasions saved certain tries by doing the right thing and by being on the spot. The team captain, Brian Cannan, could be called "Mr. Reliable". Playing most of his Rugby as inside centre, he also had a few runs in the forwards, which he seemed to like. A determined player in both attack and defence, Brian was a good leader who never gave up trying to

inspire his team-mates. He represented St. George this year for the fifth successive season. Vice-Captain Mike New was also a St. George rep. player for the fifth successive year. Mike is not only a vigorous, bustling forward with considerable stamina, but also a fine kicker who can both kick goals and gain a lot of territory with his line kicking. Another St. George representative was Andrew McCormick who repped for the third successive year. 'Mac' is getting very close to becoming the complete footballer in the five-eighth position, a fast, elusive runner with a good side-step, good hands, and a very good kicker of the ball. The pivot position requires a lot of intelligent concentration, and when Mac overcomes these lapses of concentration, he will be the best player of that position in the comp. He had a very satisfactory season with 16 tries, 3 goals and 4 pen. goals in comp. matches, plus 3 tries and 4 goals in other games. Our other St. George player was Paul Bennett, repping for the second year. 'Benny' filled our lock position very capably, playing vigorous Rugby, having the advantage of a well-built, powerful body and capable of surprising speed at times. If he perseveres, he could be quite a good long range kicker in the future. Neil Ashton had the difficult and sometimes unenviable position of fullback to fill. He still has a way to go to climb to the high standard set by another member of his family, but is making progress in that direction. He has most of the attributes needed for the job - speed, good hands and a reasonable kicker, but has to develop his confidence in himself and his ability to predict the trend of play. Rick Borg is one of our frontrowers, who has not yet learnt how important a good prop. is in Rugby. He often wishes he could play another position, but he is suited to front-row, does a good job there and mostly plays to the fullest extent of his ability. No coach could ask for more! Neil (Billy) Campbell is our 'loose' break-away, for whom I predict a fine future in Rugby. He appears to have all the necessary natural advantages for a great loose forward - plenty of speed, power, fire and seemingly unlimited stamina. He scored 7 tries in comp. matches, plus 6 tries in other games and made a great success of a switch play with the halfback in scrums close to the try line. The next two players, Graham (Butch) Flood and Mark Jefferys, suffer from the same trouble. Apparently neither of them has yet realized that they have the build and speed to do so much more than they do. Compared to Rick and Billy they seem to play at only half pace. At times they show great promise and seem ready

to fire, but then relapse back to the half effort! Mark has a lot of pace and stamina, but seldom seems determined to beat tacklers and yet has been seen to do some really good tackles himself. 'Butch' had a grand day in the 7 a side match when he scored 3 tries and kicked a goal, and has been responsible for some really good kicks in other matches. These two boys are ones we depend on to lift us above the other teams next year!

Tim Lassig was quite reluctant to rejoin us this season, thinking he was not up to standard. The truth is that we could not have done without him. As hooker he has done a good job for us in the scrums, and as he gained confidence, became better and better in the open play and even began to blossom as a fair kicker.

Craig Roberts is like all good halves - fiery and courageous. Undoubtedly our best low tackler, he shamed some of our bigger fellows by the way he used to literally fly into tackles that brought the biggest and fastest of our opponents crashing to the ground. His nippiness brought 4 tries in comp. games, plus 2 in other matches, and if he has a fault, it is that he tries to do too much of the work that should be done by heavy forwards. Surprisingly strong for his size, he is one of the best 'ball-stealers' in the business! Andrew Simpson is our tough, loose head prop. Probably nobody appreciates what good work he does for the side until the day he is missing from the team. Crashes over for his fair quota of tries - this season getting 3½ - one being shared with Rick.

As usual, Geoff Simpson did his capable, unobtrusive job as Team Manager, and on the couple of occasions he was unable to attend, Bob Bennett did a good job for the team.

A heartening feature of this year's effort was the improved defence of the team, which in the past has been so much our weakness. In spite of the increase to 4 points for a try this year, we had only 63 points scored against us compared to 104 last season and 107 in the 1970 series.

UNDER 12 TEAM

Coach - T. Ryan Manager - M. Quartermain

WON 6 DREW 1 LOST 8 POINTS 78-144

The 1972 season was a disappointment for the Under 12's, after being joint competition premiers with South Hurstville the

previous year.

Whilst the main aim of Rugby is to teach the boys team participation and enjoyment in playing, winning of games and premier-ships is always in the minds of those involved.

Throughout the season we were successful in winning six games and drawing another. Our total points were insufficient to gain a semi-final berth.

Many of our losses can be attributed to the fact that on several occasions during the season we were forced to take the field with depleted numbers. Despite a vigorous recruiting campaign, requirements of secondary schools and scout camps proved too great an obstacle to overcome.

Newcomers to the team included Scott Fallon, Grant Morris, Ian Spencer and Craig Williamson, whilst Peter Jacobs returned after missing the previous season. To these boys we wish a long and happy association in Rugby with the Oatley Club.

The oldstagers from last and previous years included Gary Blackburn, Chris Clark, Kevin Duce, Robin Foster, Michael Johnston, David Holloway, Phillip Kokic, Robert Kelly, Paul Lazarus, Stephen Morgan, Stephen Quartermain, Michael Ryan, Mark Turner and Michael Young.

All the boys showed continued improvement throughout the season and we look forward to a more successful 1973.

During the year Michael Young left the Club, his parents Pam and Jim have entered the motel business in Bundaberg, Queensland.

Congratulations to Michael Johnston on playing his 100th game with the Club against Blakehurst in the final game of the season.

Also, congratulations to Gary Blackburn, Stephen Quartermain and Michael Ryan who gained representative honours with St. George.

To South Hurstville, undefeated premiers of 1972, we extend our congratulations on a wonderful achievement.

Finally to our loyal supporters, the parents, we thank you for your assistance in making the year such a wonderful success.

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On the 18th - 20th August week-end we had the pleasure of being hosts to Eastern Districts Junior Rugby Union, Under 12 Team. A most memorable week-end was had by all. We regained the trophy with a fine 12 - 8 victory against the visitors: Scorers, Stephen Morgan, Stephen Quartermain and Michael Ryan, mentioned only for the records, as this was a great team effort with all the boys giving of their utmost throughout this most entertaining match.

We hope to retain the trophy on our return visit of the 25th - 27th August week-end.

UNDER 13 TEAM

Coach - L. Yeomans Manager - B. Swinbourne

WON 7 DREW 1 LOST 6 POINTS 85-103

Although they did not reach the semi-finals, the Under 13's can consider themselves unlucky this season as they defeated and drew with Blakehurst, the fourth semi-finalist, and were only beaten 4 - 0 and 14 - 0 by Burraneer, the eventual Premiers.

Throughout the season the team was very strong in defence but their ability to attack was limited and this meant that on many occasions they were unable to capitalise on opposition mistakes. The forwards generally played well and won a good deal of possession, while the backs defended soundly. In this regard, inside centre, Stuart Hudson was outstanding. He tackled well in every game and was an inspiration to his team-mates by the way he consistently moved up and stopped his opposing number. Breakaway John Waghorn also had a fine season - he tackled hard and low and proved a very good cover defender. On many occasions he saved certain tries with great diving tackles.

Lock and Captain, Ian McKenzie, led the team very well and was a tower of strength in the forwards. He won many clean line-outs with some good jumping, was always prominent in the rucks and made many strong bursts in open play. Vice-Captain Gary Nicholson

was a good utility player and showed himself to be a very good team man by his willingness to play in a number of different positions throughout the season. Special mention must also be made of diminutive hooker, Stephen Smith. Although he was always the smallest player on the field, he never let it worry him and was often right in the middle of the rucks, taking on half the opposition pack by himself. His hooking left nothing to be desired and he was also one of the few boys who never hesitated in picking up the loose ball.

New players Craig Nightingale and Rod Smith settled in well in their first season, while Peter Sterling returned after a year's absence. The rest of the team all tried hard during the season and played some good Rugby.

In conclusion, this team shows great promise and although they did not reach the semi-finals, are sure to be a force to be reckoned with next season.

The first game against Burraneer, where they were very unlucky to be defeated 4 - 0 showed just what they can do and it is to be hoped that next season this promise is realized. As Under 14's next year, the team will probably exchange visits with Melbourne Club, Box Hill, in May as it was not possible to organize these trips this year.

UNDER 14 TEAM

Coach - K. Brown Manager - A. Heath

WON 6 LOST 7 POINTS 179-189

This team concluded the season by making the semi-finals and losing to Rockdale.

During the season we suffered mixed fortunes but overall there was an enormous improvement on the previous season. This improvement grew from the influx of new players strengthening positions of former weaknesses.

Highlights of the season were the games against the competition leaders, Peakhurst and Blakehurst together with the semi-final against Rockdale.

We defeated Peakhurst 9 to nil in what probably was our best performance. Every boy worked hard both in defence and attack and I feel sure that if we had been able to hold the form displayed in that game we would have given the Grand Final a shake.

Prior to this we played all over Blakehurst only to go down in the last minute of play after leading for the most part. Here again was a performance of football spirit which portends well for this team in the future.

The semi-final was a highlight in as much as we put up a fight with a depleted team. The score was 4 - 0 to Rockdale at half time and with 10 minutes to go Oatley scored a very good try, running from just short of half-way, to equal the scores at 4 all. We looked to be getting on top at this stage, then the wheel fell off. Silly mistakes allowed Rockdale to score and we had finished the season.

Next year the football becomes a little harder - no less enjoyable; but requires attention to detail, particularly at training. We hope the team will return as a whole next season when we should be able to advance on the improved performances of this now past season.

We thank the parents for their support and assistance with transport, and look forward to seeing everybody at the picnic.

UNDER 15 TEAM

Coach - J. Coleman Manager - N. Strugnell

WON 8 LOST 4 POINTS 157-95

The Under 15 Years Team was one which most definitely had the ability and potential to win the competition, but due to some bad luck, a poor draw, and a couple of costly defensive lapses the team finished equal fourth with Coogee in the competition and missed the semi-finals on a points for and against average. As we defeated Coogee during the season we were confident we could have gone on to greater things. The team finished the competition playing fine Rugby and playing in a very determined manner. Our last two matches against Blakehurst and Peakhurst, both top sides, saw Oatley notch two close but convincing wins. Blakehurst were

defeated 6 - 4 by 13 gallant Oatley players, and Peakhurst went down 6 - 9 to Oatley in one of the best matches ever seen at Oatley Park.

We lost a vital match to Burraneer who were well down the list, solely I feel because the boys, due to forfeits, byes and a poor draw, had not played for 4 weeks. This loss to Burraneer definitely cost us a place in the semis and possibly the Premiership. Oatley also lost a game to Peakhurst in the first round after they had a convincing 9 - 0 lead. They allowed Peakhurst forwards to run at will on three occasions and on these three occasions Peakhurst scored tries and so won the game, although Oatley over the whole game played much better football.

Our game with the eventual minor Premiers, Central Randwick, was another close one (Oatley 15's always liked to give coaches and supporters alike a nerve-tingling finish to nearly every game). With the score at 12 - 12 thanks to a fine game by Greg Davison at fullback, we allowed Randwick to pile on 2 tries in the last 5 minutes to go down 12 - 20 after basic errors. There were also some good efforts in the earlier part of the season when we accounted for Petersham, Bexley Kingsgrove, Rockdale, Blakehurst and Coogee.

There were many very capable players in the side. None better, however, than Captain and prop. forward, Bruce Dickson, who led the side intelligently, kicked some good goals, showed toughness in the tight play and was outstanding in the loose. Gary Hughes and Greg Ryan in the front row are both very fine players with a big future. Mark Dewar, a new recruit this year, improved tremendously in the second row throughout the season and his partner, Ray Gunning, was one of the strongest tight play forwards in the whole competition and won the team a great share of ball from rucks and set play. Geoff Brisby at breakaway, was one of the finds of the season; a tremendous loose breakaway, always on the ball, learnt quickly. David Millar at lock was his usual solid and reliable self, always there when things were desperate, doing his job in a cool efficient manner. Stephen Jones was another find; a winger turned halfback this year when we didn't have a scrum half at the beginning, Steve showed great keenness to learn, and was playing outstanding Rugby until he broke a rib late in the year. Incidentally, he played 2 matches

with a broken rib, without telling anyone that it was broken, because he knew we were short. This type of spirit kept the side going throughout the year.

Greg Cannan at five eighth was another central figure in the team. His astute tactical kicking, his knowledge of when to run, when to pass, and his generally sound play, made sure the team functioned well as a unit. If Greg can tighten up his defence he has the ability to become a really fine player. Our centres, Geoff Ware and Rob. Mullan, were by far the best defending centres in the competition. Geoff has also become a fine attacking player with a huge side-step and incredible speed off the mark. Rob. in his first year showed he has all the makings of a good three-quarter. Paul Woodfield on the wing played some very good games and continued his improvement from the year before. Trevor Franks on the wing, another new player, showed pace and determination and he promises to be even better next year. Greg Davison at fullback saved the team time and time again with last ditch tackles, scored some beautiful tries, kicked some match-winning goals and at all times was calm under pressure. Greg has the ability to score from almost anywhere. You never know where he will "bob" up.

We would also like to thank Greg McInnes, Mike Lazarus, Alan Spencer, Scott Campbell, Mike Davison, Steve Cassidy and Jim Karras for helping the team out on many occasions and making sure we had a full side on the field. These boys all played well on the occasions they played for us and they can get a game at Oatley anytime. We were unfortunate to lose Ian Staples, one of our stalwarts for many years, for the greater part of the season through illness. The whole team was glad to see Ian up and about and on the road to recovery at our last game of the season.

Finally, a thank-you to all those parents who supported the team during the season. We could have done nothing without your support and help in so many ways, and I really feel that a team like ours is only as strong as the parents and supporters who follow and encourage the team.

UNDER 18 TEAM

Coach - R. Benjamin

Manager - R. Adams

WON 8

DREW 1

LOST 6

POINTS 288-104

The Under 18 Team reached the final this year and was once again a composite of "genuine" under 18's in their second season in the age group and under 17 year olds coming up. It is worth mentioning that there were 7 players in the team who had played more than 100 games for the Club, and it is pleasing to see these stalwarts retaining their enthusiasm and interest in the game and continuing to develop their quite considerable football talents.

The team was reinforced by four new players - Tony Crane, John Hirt, Geoff Scherini and Alan Host, who all contributed their share of ability and who played the same brand of hard, clean and determined football that made the team respected by their opposition and a credit to the Club.

The team's defence was remarkably good, especially as this aspect was rarely coached, and they only conceded 9 tries during the whole season. Probably their best game of the season was against South Hurstville in the semi-final, and the two tries they scored in this match will be remembered as classics of fast, open team Rugby.

Thanks are due to Brett Parsons, Tony New and John Mahoney who helped out with the coaching of the side, and to the band of parents and supporters who provided transport, especially in difficult times like the petrol strike, and whose support helped to make 1972 yet another enjoyable season.

ST. GEORGE J.R.U. REPORT

I am writing this report, wearing my "other cap" as President of St. George.

It has been a reasonably satisfactory season from the broad point of view - not as outstanding as some other years, but we have had our fair share of successes and as we often hear, "You can't win them all!" In the State Championships, our rep. teams, most of them having a sprinkling of Oatley players, went very close in all ages, and though they were highly respected by their opponents, couldn't quite win a championship. However, whilst the N.S.W. championships were in progress, our Under 13 and 15 Teams were playing in Brisbane in the Queensland Championships

and both Teams brought back the winners' pennants. The 'in-between' age teams played in representative matches against other Unions and had enough successes to show that they must come into contention next year and in future years.

The St. George Under 20 Colts Teams, first formed three years ago, made great progress this year, and several players were selected in State and other representative teams. Oatley has contributed greatly to the Colts Teams and it is hoped that they will continue to do so in the future as this is a logical stepping stone to playing in the Senior St. George grade teams.

The "success clubs" in 1972 were undoubtedly Blakehurst and Burraneer. Performing successfully in all age groups, Blakehurst won the title of St. George Champion Club for the first time, displacing South Hurstville Royals who have had such a mortgage on this championship. Blakehurst won 2½ Premierships at the Grand Finals, being successful in the Under 9 and Under 16's and sharing the Premiership with Peakhurst in the Under 15's. Burraneer had a grand Grand Final day, their best ever, winning the Under 8's, 10's, 11's and 13's and being narrowly beaten in extra time by Blakehurst Under 9's. We shared our competition in the Under 15's with Randwick Clubs and this was an extremely strong competition. The Grand Finalists were Central Randwick and Coogee - the latter team having finished equal fourth on competition points with Oatley but getting into the semis on points for and against. Central Randwick were joint-Premiers in the Under 14 Grand Final last year, but this year they had no answer to the speed and determination of the Coogee team which had a very convincing 25 to 10 victory in a most interesting match.

Unfortunately, there were signs of some deterioration in some formerly strong clubs, notably Bexley-Kingsgrove, Rockdale and Oatley. It is a matter for regret that none of these clubs were represented by teams in the important Under 7 and 8 age groups, as it is from them that future growth must come. St. George J.R.U. is viewing this matter with concern and a special sub-committee for the promotion of junior Rugby has been formed and will be pleased to have any help or suggestions that can be given.

It is noticeable that the three clubs mentioned above tend to allow a very small group of their officials to do the bulk of the

work in running the club, and I suggest that every parent and supporter considers ways and means by which some of the duties can be shared by more people. I hope that as many as possible will notify present officials that they will be available to fill positions for the 1973 Season, which I hope will be a more successful one for Oatley.

J.F. Yeomans
President - St. George J.R.U

TOURING TEAMS

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

Under 11 - Nelsons Bay and Wellington
Under 12 - Eastern Suburbs, Brisbane

RUSS LAZARUS TROPHY FOR GOAL KICKING

This Trophy, restricted to players under 11 was won by Under 10 five-eighth, Terry Ryan, who kicked 8 goals.

100 COMPETITION GAMES FOR OATLEY

The following players completed their 100th competition game for Oatley during the 1972 season:-

Under 12 - Michael Johnston
Under 13 - Neil Gunning, Craig Swinbourne
Under 14 - Alan Johnston

LEADING POINT SCORERS

The leading point scorers for Oatley during 1972 were as follows:-

Under 10 - Terry Ryan 92 points
Under 11 - Andrew McCormick 81 points

RECORDS

John Garvey - 8 tries in one match, equalling record set in 1962.
Gary Gainsford - Most matches played for Oatley Club, 158. Previous best 152 by Lawrence Yeomans.

ST. GEORGE REPRESENTATIVES

The following boys played for St. George Representative Teams during the season:-

Under 9 .. Warwick Jefferys, Nicky Westerman
Under 10 Terry Ryan, Keith Bennett
Under 11 Brian Cannan, Michael New, Andrew McCormick,
Paul Bennett
Under 12 Gary Blackburn, Michael Ryan, Stephen Quartermain
Under 14 Alan Cassidy
Under 15 Gary Hughes, Bruce Dickson
South Harbour Zone and N.S.W. State Player -
Under 18 Greg Miller

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PLAYING RECORDS

(Competition matches only)

In the following lists:-

M - Refers to the total number of official matches played for Oatley
T - " " " " " " " tries scored.
G - " " " " " " " goals kicked.

UNDER 9	M	T	G
A. Brown	23	2	-
B. Green	13	-	-
S. Green	12	-	-
I. Gunning	12	-	-
M. Jefferys	14	-	-
W. Jefferys	25	5	4
A. New	44	1	-
M. Peverall	26	2	-
M. Schofield	21	-	-
J. Sobb	12	-	-
A. Strong	26	7	-
N. Westerman	11	-	-
A. Wilson	5	-	-
D. Woolridge	6	1	-
M. Guilfoyle	11	-	-
S. Clarke	13	-	-
M. Gervasoni	9	-	-
S. Gervasoni	9	-	-
C. Brancourt	12	-	-
M. Butterworth	1	-	-
R. Pullen	2	-	-

UNDER 11	M	T	G
N. Ashton	67	8	-
P. Bennett	73	15	-
P. Borg	74	6	-
N. Campbell	65	27	-
B. Cannan	79	84	-
G. Flood	81	1	-
N. Griggs	4	-	-
M. Jefferys	30	2	-
M. Jones	13	13	-
T. Lassig	45	-	-
A. McCormick	68	37	42
M. New	89	9	9
D. Pullen	15	-	-
C. Roberts	67	21	-
A. Simpson	78	16	-
S. Westren	11	-	-

UNDER 10	M	T	G
R. Bacon	10	-	-
T. Baigent	56	39	7
K. Bennett	14	11	-
C. Bertuch	26	3	-
D. Brown	70	3	-
C. Carter	4	-	-
M. Davidson	14	-	-
G. Dunne	62	19	-
J. Guilfoyle	13	-	-
S. Jacobs	71	12	-
D. McGuinness	52	5	-
P. McMillan	39	34	-
J. Mason	59	1	-
T. New	72	2	-
A. Pennington	45	3	-
C. Powell	27	-	-
T. Ryan	76	106	20
A. Smith	10	3	-
A. Sobb	11	-	-
S. Tadjman	46	-	-
R. Williamson	8	-	-

UNDER 12	M	T	G
G. Blackburn	85	4	-
C. Clark	26	-	-
K. Duce	28	6	-
R. Foster	90	11	-
P. Jacobs	54	-	-
M. Johnston	100	10	-
P. Kopic	84	1	-
P. Lazarus	64	5	-
J. Leate	15	-	-
S. Morgan	6	2	-
G. Morris	13	-	-
S. Quartermain	48	10	4
M. Ryan	98	79	18
M. Turner	82	3	-
C. Williamson	15	-	-
M. Young	73	11	-
D. Holloway	11	1	-
I. Spencer	4	-	-
S. McCarty	3	-	-
S. Fallon	9	-	-
R. Kelly	9	1	1

<u>UNDER 13</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
S. Chapman	81	-	-
Graham Davies	54	1	-
Garry Davies	39	2	-
G. Gannell	54	1	-
N. Gunning	107	11	1
S. Hudson	69	28	2
R. McGuinness	62	3	-
I. McKenzie	81	23	7
G. Nicholson	96	16	-
C. Nightingale	14	-	-
S. Smith	85	3	-
P. Sterling	24	1	-
C. Swinbourne	108	19	5
R. Smith	13	1	-
J. Waghorn	44	4	-
M. Watson	42	10	5

<u>UNDER 15</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
G. Brisby	23	-	-
G. Cannan	83	6	-
M. Cawsey	1	-	-
M. Dewar	12	-	-
G. Davison	123	89	28
B. Dickson	134	27	31
T. Franks	9	1	-
R. Gunning	121	-	-
G. Hughes	137	13	1
S. Jones	94	3	-
M. Lazarus			
D. Miller			
R. Mullan			
G. Ryan			
I. Staples			
J. Ware			
P. Woodfield			
J. Carras			
G. McGuinness			
A. Spencer			

<u>UNDER 14</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
G. Brooks	81	8	-
C. Brown	66	15	-
M. Blackburn	77	27	-
A. Cassidy	84	37	-
E. Cannan	56	1	-
M. Davison	113	11	-
P. Elphick	85	3	-
S. Foster	68	-	-
J. Garvey	41	14	-
I. Heath	70	41	24
C. Host	11	6	-
A. Johnston	105	2	-
D. Kokic	70	4	-
G. Muir	13	-	-
K. Risk	13	2	-
R. Teasel	12	3	1
J. Turner	10	-	-
B. Heaton	8	-	3
J. Michel	106	41	-

<u>UNDER 18</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>
G. Brokman	134	28	-
T. Bushell	19	1	3
J. Caffery	26	12	7
J. Cloumassis	69	14	1
T. Crane	8	7	-
P. Freeland	126	36	-
G. Gainsford	158	46	18
J. Hirt	15	6	-
B. Host	28	-	-
R. Jackson	132	12	5
R. Jones	95	49	-
B. Killingly	26	7	-
I. McClenaughan	22	-	-
G. Miller	69	17	7
L. Parker	137	5	-
G. Scherini	10	5	-
B. Smart	151	13	23
B. Stevens	54	4	-
L. Thomson	27	2	-
G. Yeomans	144	5	-
A. Young	63	3	-
B. Carr	18	3	-
A. Host	4	-	-

TREASURER'S REPORT

Herewith a list of Income and Expenditure for the 1972 Season. It will be noted that the expenses for Trophies, Annual Picnic, Printing of Annual Report and the expenses for Visiting Teams from Brisbane, have not yet been accounted for. Income from Games Night and proceeds from Drink Stall have as yet to be credited.

OATLEY RUGBY CLUB - 1972 SEASON

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Players' Fees	\$ 411.00	Hire of Hall	\$ 5.00
Sale of Socks	20.75	Sundries	3.00
Sale of Practice Jerseys	11.00	Secretary's Expenses	15.00
Sale of Metal Badges	8.10	Expenses Candlelight Dinner	225.00
Refund from St. George J.R.U.	33.30	Advertisement "Leader"	13.60
Donations	102.00	New Jerseys	161.21
Income, Candlelight Dinner	220.00	Affiliation Fees	104.00
Bank Interest	11.28	New Footballs and Socks	78.75
Bank Balance as at February, 1972	397.50	Premiership Pockets	33.30
		Entertainment, Visit from Nelsons Bay Team	12.00
		Excess Income over Expenses	564.07
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DONATIONS RECEIVED WITH THANKS:

Mr. R. Lazarus
Mr. D. Jefferys
Mr. E. Curlisa
Mr. M.D. Fleming
Mr. L. Kingsley

Mr. R. Ashton
Dr. W. Muir
Dr. F. Ruut
Mr. W. Campbell
Mortdale Bowling Club
Oatley R.S.L. Club Co-op. Ltd.

PRESENTATION PICNIC

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

The Picnic will be held at OATLEY PARK on SUNDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1972, commencing at 11 a.m. The presentation will begin at approximately 2 p.m.

Guest of honour at the presentation this year will be Owen Stephens, St. George 1st Grade Player and former New Zealander.

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REMINDER

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

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ANNUAL MEETING 1973

The Annual Meeting of the Club will be held on 5th February, 1973. A good roll-up will be welcomed.

Recruiting of players for next season will be on 4th February, 1973.

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