



# Oatley Rugby Club

End of Year Report **2008**

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## 2008 Club President's Report

This annual Report concludes the 51st season of the Oatley Rugby Club. If I had a crystal ball this time last season I wouldn't have believed how much a club could change over a 12 month period. With a number of people moving on after our successful 50th season it was always going to be a period of re-growth for the club with positions of Club President, Juniors Vice President, Seniors Vice Presidents, Minis co-coordinator, Seniors Club coach, and Canteen coordinator being taken over by fresh faces. Although there were many first time position appointments the majority of elected members have served numerous years at all levels of management in the club ensuring there was enough experience and balance between both juniors and seniors to have a good look at the club, continue good club practices that has served the club well and set our club up with short and long term goals to ensure a successful and prosperous club both on and off the field in 2008.

Your 2008 Club Management committee voted by members at our 2008 AGM were

Club President: Ross Williamson

Club Secretary: Tony Zammit

Club Treasurer: Mick Bradley

Juniors Vice President: Arthur Brown

Seniors Vice President: Mike Heal

4 General Members: Rod Dunn, Bruce Smart, Ross Bernays and Mick Waudby

The first task of the 2008 management committee was to maintain our home base with our major sponsor St George Maso's. With previous sponsorship agreements expiring in 2007, I am pleased to say that Maso's were more than willing to continue their association with the Oatley club with an agreement to continue as major sponsor up to the end of the 2010 season. May I pass on thanks to CEO Paul O Connor, Kerry Mather who looks after our functions and to Tonys Brasserie for their assistance and co-operation in working with our club. In return I hope all Oatley Club members have assisted Maso's by becoming members of Maso's and using the great facilities and member discounts the club has to offer.

With sponsorship locked in our next task was to refresh the "look" of the club for both the juniors and seniors. With a financially successful 50th season behind us, it was agreed to pass on some reward to the players of the club by introducing premium "Kukri" training shirts, combining the look of both seniors and juniors without the need to increase player fees.

With juniors and our first grade team needing New jerseys it was also an opportunity to replace our existing player strip with a more updated version made from higher quality material. Again Kukri assisted with a strip that has pleased everyone with the key element of the Oatley band maintained to continue club tradition. These jerseys are second to none for quality and style and should serve the club well into the future. It must be noted that given the successful fundraising of the juniors throughout 2008, juniors have been able to replace all their sets in 1 season (originally a 3 year plan) and take advantage of some good pricing (No this is not an ad for KUKRI).



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## LUGARNO CELLARS

The first person I would like to acknowledge and thank in our junior club is Arthur Brown for his tireless work as juniors VP in 2008. It takes great drive for someone to finish the season with as much enthusiasm as the start and I remain amazed at how Arthur maintains his momentum – all I can say is – don't stop, you might like the break!. In addition thank you to Sandy Palmer in her first season as Minis Coordinator, and Greg Ryan who with Sandy organised one of the most successful Trivia nights in years. To those junior coaches, thank you for your help in guiding the clubs players throughout their I hope your found it as rewarding as the players did. Arthur will expand further with details in his juniors report.

2008 once again saw Mike Heal stepped back into the role of managing the Senior/Colts arm of the club. All clubs need members like Mike who has given at least 25 years service to the senior club and is showing no signs of moving on. Seniors and colts also had a year of major change with their promotion to second division. Along with Mike may I thank Justin Baratta in his role of club coach, Chris Norris in his second season as club captain, all coaches and in particular Ryan Cameron in his debut season as first grade coach with the Oatley Rugby Club. To finish a credible fifth in the Barraclough Cup is a fantastic result for the clubs top team, given the number of retiring players from last season. Let's hope 2009 sees the enormous potential in this team realised.

One of the clubs hardest roles is managing the clubs Evatt Park Canteen and I am sure that all would agree that Sheridan Baratta has done an outstanding job in her first year as the clubs canteen coordinator. Many thanks to Sheridan and Jeff Evans from the seniors who assisted Sheridan at seniors home games. Sheridan has indicated her willingness to continue in the role next year and is already looking at ways to improve the canteen in 2009. To those parents and players who worked rosters in manning the canteen, thank you for your efforts as well.

The clubs website also took underwent some changes in 2008. Mick Waudbys' efforts were much appreciated in designing a more user friendly site that can be as valuable for first time rugby parents as it is to the clubs rugby tragics. We hope all members will be directed to it in 2009 with links to all things Rugby. Our newsletter also took on a different format in 2008. With increased costs to print as well as the majority of members having access to email it was decided to move the newsletter to a monthly electronic format. This has been well received by both members and sponsors and many thanks to Jodie Lander from Outlandish Designs for her work in putting the editions together.

Despite all the positives of 2008 it is important to acknowledge the demise of the Under 18 Oatley Opens team in 2008. Without going too deeply into complex circumstances the club and the team/parent group were unable to reach a compromise mid season over coaching issues resulting in this team leaving Oatley and forming the "Southern Barbarians" for the later part of the season. Nobody wins in disputes like this, especially the boys and my indication is that with lessons learnt, both club and team will be looking to re-establish again under the Oatley Banner in 2009.



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To all members on the 2008 management committee may I thank you for the time you have given as volunteers to help the Oatley Rugby Club in 2008. Our monthly meetings were long, some say too long but nonetheless every issue raised was given due process and responsibly debated as you would expect of the clubs management committee. Majority voting doesn't always agree with everyone but thanks to those members who left the debate at the table at the conclusion of meetings.

Tony Zammit and Bruce Smart have indicated that they will not be standing for club positions in 2009. May I take this time to thank both men for their experience and council in their roles on the 2008 management committee. Tony was a key figure in the resurrection of the senior club to its sound financial position and instrumental in amending our club constitution to reflect the clubs present format and Bruce, well what can you say to a Life member of Oatley Rugby who again put his hand up to help the club. Thank you both.

In summing up the 2008 season, it would be naïve to say we got the best possible outcome for everything we did. Our best move as one would expect is to assess our season, address and repair shortfalls and more importantly emphasise the many good things we achieved throughout this season into 2009. As a group of volunteers running a volunteer community club I cannot fault the commitment shown by those who put their hand up to help the club throughout the season. Once again the club has completed the season in a sound financial position with a slight increase overall in registered numbers when combining minis, juniors and seniors.

With our 2009 AGM taking place on 26 October it would be presumptuous to do too much forward planning until we have a newly elected committee. However, a major upgrade of resurfacing to Evatt park Field 1 is in progress with as well as juniors running Try Rugby in November and various advertising and promotions in waiting to be followed up by the newly elected 2009 committee.

To all players and parents may I say thank you for choosing to play rugby with the Oatley club this season. As with all volunteer club we are only as good as we make it and with that in mind I can assure you we are all part of a great club. On a personal note I would like to thank those club members who elected, encourage, advised and assisted me in my first season as club president in a role I must say has been a privilege and will definitely be putting my hand up again next season - Bring on 2009!

**Ross Williamson**  
2008 Club President

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## 2008 Minis Report

Well, my first year as mini's co-ordinator was great fun and challenging at times. On a personal level it has been rewarding to meet so many parents and enjoy new friendships.

We started the season with the under 6's 'Meet and Greet BBQ' which saw many of the parents and players get together and meet for the first time before the season got under way.

The March Past held at the Sydney Football Stadium was a great and it was great to see so many players in their 'new' jerseys and shorts and march onto the stadium. All the players who participated were so well behaved. The boys got out there and did Oatley Rugby proud! WELL DONE !! For those of us who did make the night, we mingled and enjoyed the game. But the highlight was the Bus trip home it was H I L A R I O U S.....you all should try to make next year's March.

The Gala Day was another fantastic day held at Evatt Park and was predominantly organised by Arthur Brown. I'd like to thank Arthur (and Elizabeth) for all his guidance and assistance to me throughout the season.

The mini's teams had lots of skillful and successful games thanks to their coaches who volunteered their time week after week. The managers are the backbone to the teams so well done to all of you who volunteered your time on and off the field.

The mini's presentation day was sensational – The jumping castle was a great success and the day was full of fun and relaxing. Most of the feedback has been positive and we can look forward to something similar for next year. I hope to see all of you back again next year for another successful year.

Lastly, to all of the parent's thank you for volunteering your time to get your kids to training, games and assisting in making Oatley Rugby a successful and fun club to be proud of, without your involvement the Club would not exist with the strength and reputation it holds. If you know of anyone who is interested in playing in 2009 please pass on my details or ask them to visit our website.

Cheers and see you next year!  
**Sandy Palmer**

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## Oatley Junior Rugby Club - 2008 Minis Awards

Walla rugby player of the year    Harrison Knapton

Mini Rugby Player of the year    Andrew Clark

### TEAM AWARDS

#### Under 6 Gold

Most Improved	Thomas Mihaljevic
Best Attacker	Kane Baratta
Best Defender	Jayden Ayoub
Kyle Bay Best and Fairest	Ethan Briscoe

#### Under 6 Green

Most Improved	Steven Roberts
Best Attacker	Robert Benjamin
Best Defender	Curtis Palmer
Kyle Bay Best and Fairest	Jackson Keightley

#### Under 7 Gold

Best Attacker	Elisha Rameka
Best Defender	Morgan Knapton
Coaches Award	Lucas Purser
Kyle Bay Best and Fairest	Darcy Mullins

#### Under 7 Green

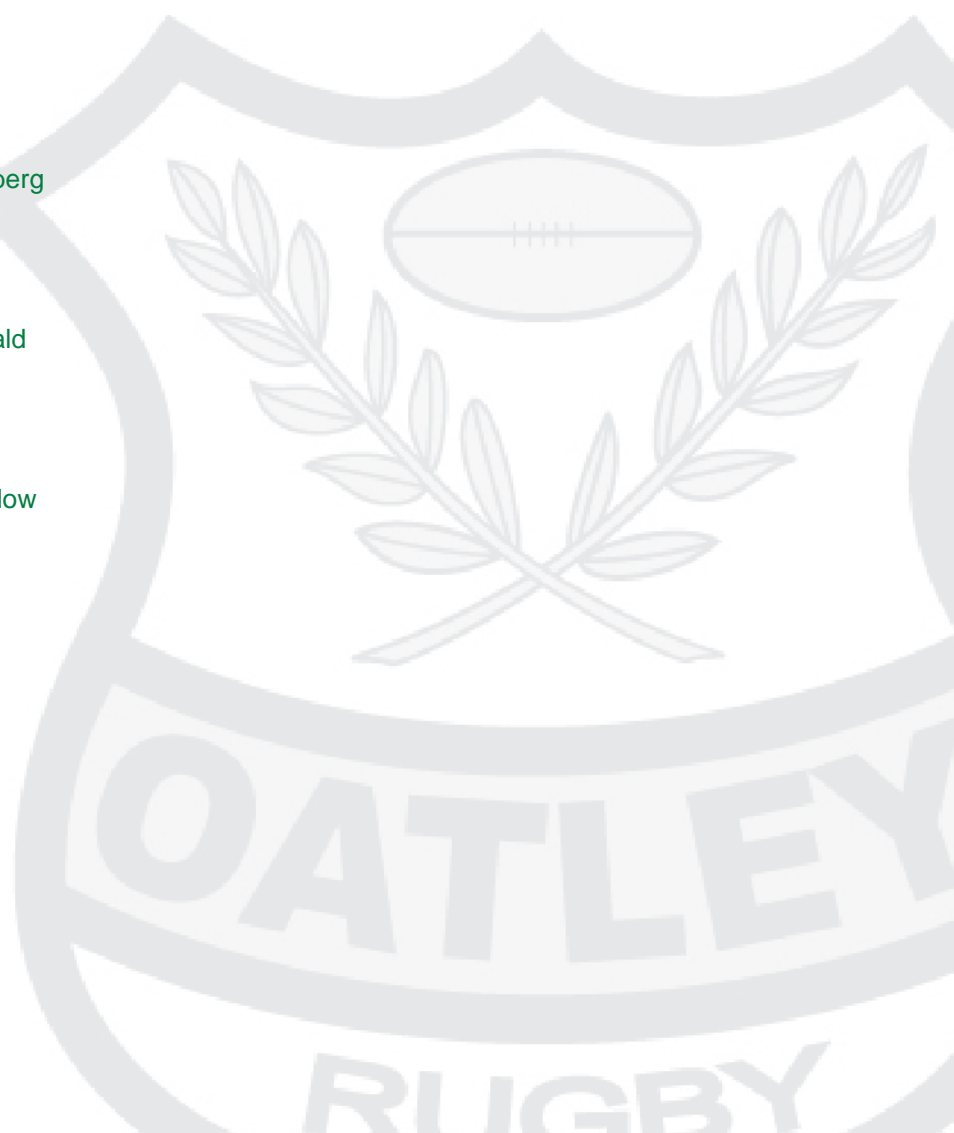
Best Attacker	Connor Molloy
Best Defender	Daniel Mullins
Coaches Award	Patrick Kossenber
Kyle Bay Best and Fairest	Justin Cordi

#### Under 9 Green

Best Forward	Samuel Tuni
Best Back	Nathan McDonald
Coaches Award	Daniel Morris
Kyle Bay Best and Fairest	Lachlan Fitch

#### Under 9 Gold

Best Forward	Phoenix Mankelow
Best Back	Hunter Apatu
Coaches Award	Mitchell Maude
Kyle Bay Best and Fairest	Adam Somboli





## Oatley Under 6's Green Report

2008 was a fantastic year with all of the boys showing tremendous improvement throughout the year and really enjoying the experience. It was great to see so many of the parents getting involved and giving up their time to help at trainings as well. For many of the boys it was their first year and they all learnt so much which was great to see. We hope to see everyone back next year and welcome any of their friends to come down and join the Oatley club as well.

### Callan Swain

This was Callan's first year, and he showed some natural ability with ball in hand and scored some great tries. His defence was also outstanding which was a great asset to the team. Callan ended the season with 6 tries and 5 conversions.

### Jackson Keightley

This was Jackson's second year in under 6's and the improvement he showed throughout the year was great to see. He was always hungry for the ball and ended up with the highest number of conversions with 25 successful attempts along with 15 tries.

### Curtis Palmer

It was also the second year for Curtis in under 6's and he showed his all round ability scoring 51 tries and kicking 21 conversions. There were some brilliant tries throughout the season and his incredible defense saved many tries. Look out for Curtis to be a dominant figure in the under 7's next year.

### Lauchlan Myhill

This was Lauchlan's first year of rugby and he showed he has a great turn of pace which will stand him in good stead for next year. Lauchlan was one of the youngest in the team and is eligible again next year for the under 6's. With the solid grounding this year, and the improvement shown, he will be a force to reckon with in the 6's next year.

### Robbie Benjamin

With 65 tries and 15 conversions, Robbie was the standout attacker this year. Blistering speed saw him almost score every time he got the ball. His defense was also great and saved an enormous number of tries throughout the season.

### Cameron Angel

This was Cameron's first year at rugby, and he showed great improvement. He was one of the few players to pick up the player of the week trophy twice with some great defense in a number of the games. With another season under his belt next year, Cameron will develop into another great player of the future.

### Stephen Roberts

Stephen was also one of the youngest boys in the team, but showed that he has the natural instincts on the rugby field. Always a good listener at trainings and at the games, Stephen finished the year with 4 tries which is a great achievement for the first year. Watch out for Stephen next year in the under 6's as if this year was anything to go by, he will be a stand out player next year.

### Tainui McFadden

This was Tainui's first year and he showed some great speed to score 12 tries throughout the season. His improvement was amazing to watch, and he was always hungry to get his hands on the ball. Look out for Tainui again next year in the under 7's.

### Dylan Heal

One of the most improved players of the year was Dylan. It was great to see him develop throughout the year and he finished the year with 1 try and 1 conversion. Looking forward to seeing Dylan back again next year in the under 7's where we expect great things.

### Reuben Palmer

Reuben was by far the youngest in the team and only turned 4 this year, so still has 2 more years in under 6's. It was remarkable to see him score 2 tries during the season at such a young age. I am looking forward to seeing him develop even further in the 6's next year.

### **Matthew Keightley**

Manager



## Oatley Under 6's Gold Report

This year Oatley was blessed with enough boys to fill two under 6 sides. In Oatley Gold we had a new coaching team in Justin Colbert and myself, and we were well supported by our superb management team of Hayden & Theresa Briscoe.

At the start of the year we often found it challenging to keep a group of young boisterous and energetic boys focused about rugby training on Wednesday evenings. After a bumpy start Justin took control of the training sessions and they subsequently ran a lot smoother I think the boys gained a lot more out of them. Special thanks also to Hayden Briscoe and Ivan Mihaljevic for their assistance at training.

We started the year with some great individual attackers though our defence was not very well organised or understood. After we focused some more of their energies in this direction big gains were in our defensive abilities. Suffice to say the boys tried very hard to do what they were asked to do and braved the early morning starts with their parents happily.

I hope the boys have many happy memories from the year. Highlights included the march past at the SFS (I believe there is a photo on wall of the Waratahs office of us from that night), the family oriented Gala day and the presentation day. A big round of thanks has to go to all the parents who came to support their boys and kept the sideline entertaining as well!

Rugby is best enjoyed when you're with family and friends, and you're competitive. This year I feel we ticked all those boxes and our families certainly got a lot bigger!

### Stats

The boys played 13 games and won 6

We attended 3 gala days during the year and were very close to participating in the finals on all occasions.

The best defender of the year was Jayden Ayoub

The best attacker of the year was Kane Baratta

The coaches' award went to Tom Mihaljevic

Top try scorer was Kane Baratta

Most games was Kane Baratta

As my first year coaching in the juniors I personally had a great year and look forward to more rugby next year and I hope the boys do too.

Regards,  
**Matt Perreau**







## Oatley Under 7's Green Report – The Invincibles



### 2008 Season Statistics:

- Played 26 halves during the normal 13 rounds of the season, won 24 and drew two (both draws were with Oatley Gold!)
- Oatley Gala Day Premiers 2008
- Southern Districts Gala Day Premiers 2008 (combined U7 Green + Gold team)
- Lost one game out of eight across both Gala Day events – in that one game against Menai they lost by just one point
- The team scored 142 tries and kicked 108 conversions in 2008

Needless to say 2008 was a remarkable year for the Oatley Green U7 team. All eight boys put in huge efforts every week, they meshed extremely well as a team, but it was their passion for the game that gave them the winning edge.

A big thank you to the mums and dads who made sure that we had enough boys each week to field a team of seven and thank you to the U7 Gold team for lending us a player or two in round 13. And of course we need to thank coach Vince Cordi for bringing out the best in our boys, nurturing their competitive spirit while instilling a sense of fair play.

Congratulations 2008 U7 Green Invincibles!

- Blake Queenan
- Conor Molloy
- Daniel Mullen
- Justin Cordi
- Patrick Kossenbergh
- Quinn O'Connor
- Sebastian Mottershead
- Trevor Taufa

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## Oatley Under 9's Report - Oatley Ogres

Once again another rugby season comes to an end, and once again our boys have done very well. Special thanks to Gale for all her diligent efforts, to the committee for giving the boys the opportunity to participate, to Mick for doubling up his club duties with coaching while I was away and to all the parents for their sustained efforts.

When I look at the boys team photo and compare it to last year, I cannot believe how much the boys have grown up. They are a good bunch of boys and I do get great satisfaction being able to coach them. I can see the boys progressing on a personal and athletic level. As a team, they are bonding and enjoying each other's company; I don't think we could ask for much more really.



It was great to see so many new faces come to the club this year.

This did lead to some challenges with organisation (for Gale mostly), but I am confident that this has put us in a strong position for maintaining good numbers and the boys' interest in the coming years.

There have been many highlights for us this year; mud footy, Marists 7's, surviving the hail and sleet in Canberra, "Rocket ship" just to name a few. The most outstanding highlight for me was seeing that deep seated determination and competitiveness in the boys. Further to this and what is more pleasing, these traits were always expressed in conjunction with great sportsmanship.

I am looking forward to next year when we have one team, using 2008's experience as a platform for the juniors. I am sure if the boys continue to listen and try hard they will flourish when they take on the contested scrums, lineouts and larger field.

### Team:

**Angus Mullins:** Scrum half. Busy halfback who is an effective talker on the field. Angus has a great ability to unsettle and disrupt the opposition by stealing the ball or not allowing the opposing halfback to get clean ball. Angus helped the 10's in their semi final and grand final. A determined enthusiastic player.

Games: 21 Tries: 2 Goals: 8

**Andrew Clark:** Fly half/ centre. Andrew is one of the fastest boys in the competition. He continues to be a prolific try scorer, scoring 84 tries this year. Andrew continues to develop as a rugby player. I am very proud of how hard you try Andrew. He also helped out the 10's in the finals.

Games: 23 Tries: 84 Goals: 9

**Lachlan Fitch:** Fly half/ centre. Without doubt, Lachlan is the best one-on-one defender in the competition. The time is coming when Lachlan may move into the back row. His solid build and strength in defence will allow him to play in either the backs or forwards with great effectiveness. Lachlan is also a fast and elusive runner.

Games: 19 Tries: 26 Goals: 6

**Jacob Zietoun:** Front rower. Jacob has been developing his skills this year. Contested scrums call for good strength, correct technique and determination. If a team is to be successful it is imperative that they can compete in the front row. I am confident that Jacobs's strength, size and demeanour will be a real asset to us next year.

Games: 16



**Nathan McDonald:** Inside back. Nathan has all the core skills to develop into an outstanding rugby player; excellent hands, elusive runner and our main goal kicker. I am confident that if he wishes too, he will play in many representative teams in the future. Nathan is a gifted rugby player and I look forward to seeing him develop over the coming years.

Games: 18 Tries: 16 Goals: 26

**Ethan Waudby:** Outside back come hooker (sorry Ethan), hard straight runner, and determined defender. Ethan became a lot more involved in the games this year, in particular in our sevens victories. He seemed to thrive on greater involvement and I am sure he will shine next year also.

Games: 19 Tries: 5 Goals: 3

**Daniel Morris:** Second rower. This year was Daniel's first year at rugby. Due to his ability to listen and his determination, he found his way very quickly. Daniel is a strong runner and a solid defender. If his learning curve is similar next year then I have no doubt Daniel will develop very quickly into a very good an all-round back rower.

Games: 20 Tries: 11 Goals: 8

**Sam Tunj:** Front row. At times Sam has the ability to be devastating in defence. His effectiveness at the break down is well above his age. Sam also has developed a strong fend and always thinks of his teammates. Sam is another player who I expect will thrive in the contested scrums next season.

Games: 18 Tries: 8

**Riley "Bulldog" Williamson:** Hooker. Determination personified. Riley is a busy defender. His success is based around his huge heart. Riley is a non-stop team man, whose presence is integral in the success of the side. Riley has a very good fitness level and this coupled with his understanding of the game should see him develop very well as a hooker next season. One of the highlights of the year was watching Riley run 30m to score his first try in Rugby. Well done Riley, a very good year.

Games: 17 Tries: 1

**Riley "The Axe" O'Connor:** Second row, Mr perpetual motion. Riley is the guy you would want in the trenches with you. He never gives up. Riley's strengths are his effectiveness in the break down and his ability to tackle all day. He is a tall boy and I am sure this will be a real asset to the side next year when we contest lineouts. In the years to come I can see Riley ending up as a very good open side flanker.

Games: 18 Tries: 6

For all who are not aware "Rocket ship" was the call the boys used when they were tired and defending and wanted to encourage their teammates to keep going. For me as a coach it was a reassuring and heart warming call.

I look forward to seeing you back next year.

Thanks again boys.

**Danny**

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## End of Season Juniors Report

Well, the season is finally over, and the boys can hang up their boots until next February, when it all starts again. It has been an interesting experience as the Vice President Juniors this year, and I have learnt a lot and realise how much more there is to learn. I feel as though we are pointed in the right direction, however there is still much to do in preparation for the 2009 season. Let's start by going through the teams quickly and then onto more serious stuff. The 16's finished in 4th place in their first year playing in the Western zone competition. Some very dubious tactics from the Rooty Hill team management saw our boys go down in the semi. The team pulled together and played good, hard semi final rugby, really sticking it to the opposition, in the true spirit of our club. They should all be as proud of themselves as I am of them.

The 15's also finished 4th, losing in their semi final. From all accounts they played hard but with their best player in camp with the NSW 15's, their captain out injured and a few other players not there, they did it tough. The semi's is not the time to be short of players. I am sure that with the major rep season for junior rugby next year, they will come out firing and ready to play good consistent rugby.

The 14's went through their first season in Western Zone undefeated until the Grand Final. They boys have improved tremendously this year and have played some outstanding and mature rugby during the season. They will improve even more next year and I think this will impact on the Rep side as they move into the serious rugby age. They are more than ready.

The 13's finished 4th in their season proper and went into their semi full of confidence. They defended like lions with very little possession, eventually succumbing to the onslaught. This team has been short of players during the year, which made it a difficult proposition for them. To achieve what they did is a credit to their skill and determination. I am sure that with a little more consistency they can also improve on this result.

The 11's have, what should be a very strong team. This team suffered the most of any team from a lack of training. This lack is the team not turning up. If all the boys in this team made it to training each week, they would have finished much further up the table than 8th. The talent and the determination is there, but without the teamwork that comes from training together, they will struggle.

The 10's, finished 3rd, by point's difference after the season proper, and won their way into the B division Grand final. South Coogee had been undefeated all year, and the boys stuck it to them. They lost 15 – 5 in one of the hardest finals played in the southern zone competition. They showed great character and determination to silence the South Coogee parents who had not seen this all year. Well done boys!



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Within the Mini's we had a mixed bag, with the 7 Green team winning the competition, at one stage it looked like they may have had to play the gold team. The 6's played well getting third and the 9's were left short of players in the first week and so both teams wound up playing in the plate series. These teams all show miles of promise, I know the 9's will perform much better next season when the points are awarded each week. I certainly look forward to watching the 7's go into the 8's and start tackling.

I now look to the 2009 season to see how it can be improved upon from this year. I am willing to look at all suggestions in this regard, so if you have anything that you think may be done differently or just done, feel free to give me a call or send me an email, both are below. From my perspective, I can see a need for improvement in the techniques being coached in some of the teams and also in the commitment of some of the players in attending training.


Rugby is a team sport. In all teams, the members have to rely on their teammates to do their job. If the players don't go to training they can't know what their job is, let alone how to do it. The only 2 teams who made Grand finals this year both have nearly 100% attendance at training. So whether your boy is playing to become the next Waratah or just to get fit, he needs to be at training each week. From this, they will learn more about teamwork, learn more about self discipline and increase their confidence on the field. This backed with some positive encouragement from you, their parents, should see them grow as rugby players and as men. Isn't that what we all want for our children?

Moving on, we are running try rugby over 5 weeks, Nov 7th to Dec 5th, which is open to all ages. Friday evenings at 6pm until 8pm. Any Oatley registered player who brings along an unregistered player will receive a \$10 voucher at Rebel sport. The cost for the 5 nights is \$15 per player. There will be handouts and the odd BBQ. I would like to see you all therewith some friends.

This year I would like to thank Mick Bradley, who has been a rock at some of the more trying times and a wealth of knowledge and an inspiration to me to keep moving forward. I would also like to thank a few other people as well. All the coaches and managers this year, some of whom are experienced and some of whom are new to the job and have been learning with me. The Palmer's - Sandy has done a fantastic job keeping the Mini's organised and Charlie has been coaching the 6's and is always helping on the BBQ. The Baratta's, Sheridan has been a godsend in taking over the running of the club canteen and Justin has been ever present at Evatt, setting up, packing away, looking after the BBQ and just about anything else he was asked to do or saw that needed to be done. The Junior's secretary, Mick Waudby, who has helped, at the meeting with the minutes and the agendas and finally Ross Williamson, our club President. Ross has done a mountain of work this year for both the Juniors and the Seniors.

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## Oatley Junior Rugby Club - 2008 Juniors Awards

Junior Rugby Player of the year	Waldo Wessels
Junior Clubman of the Yea	Jakov Mihaljevic
Junior Goalkicker of the year	Albert Khouri
Coach of the year	Alex Suter

### **100 Matches for the club**

Zachary Brown	Under 10's	100 Games
Jared McLachlan	Under 11's	100 Games
Karaitiana Sa'u	Under 11's	100 Games
Tim Dunn	Under 13's	100 Games
Kyle McLachlan	Under 13's	100 Games
Luke Garaty	Under 13's	100 Games
Tuti Haimona	Under 14's	100 Games

### **Team Awards**

#### **Under 10's**

Players Player	Joachim Tu'itavaki
Most Improved	Zachary Brown
Coach's Award	Luka Mihaljevic
Mazda Best and Fairest	Mataele Taufa

#### **Under 11's**

Best Back	Dane Stephens
Best Forward	Nicholas Bennett
Coaches Award	Benet James
Mazda Best and Fairest	Karaitiana Sa'u

#### **Under 13's**

Best Back	Wattson Taufa
Best Forward	Tim Dunn
Coaches Award	Jakov Mihaljevic
Mazda Best and Fairest	Junior Satiu

#### **Under 14's**

Rookies Award	Kevin Weekes
Best Back	Jonathan Brown
Most Improved	Aaron James
Mazda Best and Fairest	Jermaine Leach

#### **Under 15's**

Best Back	Theo Karantzias
Best Forward	Adam Thompson
Managers and Coaches	Waldo Wessels
Mazda Best and Fairest	James Caterson

#### **Under 16's**

Most Improved Back	Declan Walpole
Most Improved Forward	Ryan Copper
Coach's Award	Tim Murray
Mazda Best and Fairest	Jake Kefford





## Oatley Under 11's Report

I believe that the boys had a rewarding season this year. We had a number of new boys to the team and four boys returning to the club and we successfully introduced three new positions into our play.

The boys played stronger and stronger as the weeks progressed and they worked better as a team unit. This was apparent to me as they dominated many of their games in the second half of the season, although they may have lost some of those games, they looked the stronger side. It is the skills and tactics of team play that they have built on this year that will make them all better players each season going forward.

In the games we lost, generally it was the individual skills or brilliance of one or two players from our oppositions that proved the difference, which will happen at this age. However, teams can't always rely on the individual talents of one or two of the players and need to develop a successful team formula. While we have talented boys in our squad, we are well down the path of developed team characteristics which will stand each of the boys in good stead as they continue to grow in size and strength and gain more experience.

Regarding each of our boy's performance throughout the season:

**Cameron Butt** was new to Oatley Rugby this year. Played as our regular halfback throughout the season and displayed very good skill and judgment in each game. Provided quick ball to the backline and knew when to take the ball up himself.

**Karaitiana Sa'u** is the heart of the forward pack and gives the rest of the team the go forward and motivation each week. Uses his size, strength and more importantly his unbending determination, to wear down defending players, breaking their confidence and spirit. Score 2 tries and represented Oatley in the Southern Districts rep team. Another player to chalk up 100 games with Oatley Rugby. Congratulations Karaitiana.

**Darcy Whitfeld** as our number one hooker showed good determination in the forward pack - not just in the scrums. Displayed super enthusiasm at the rucks and mauls and took the ball forward with many characteristic solo runs. Nabbed 3 great tries for the season.

**Sydney Malifa** as tight prop played a good support role in the forwards and made a real difference when he injected his size, strength and determination into the rucks and mauls and in support of the ball carrier. Scored 1 try this season.

**Anthony Saker** played his games in the front and second rows. Anthony gained more confidence throughout the season and improved his skills each game. Showed an eagerness to get on the field each week and give it a go. One of the few boys that didn't miss a training session or game all season.

**Jackson Ford** made a successful return to Oatley Rugby after a couple of years break. Improved in confidence and skills as the season progressed and showed to have good potential in the front and second rows. Jackson will be a real danger to opposition sides next year with more experience.



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**David Jeavons** always very busy around the rucks and mauls every game. Developed more versatility in various positions in the scrum in the back row and flank positions and showed good all-round skills at the breakdown. David also showed a good turn of speed which may see him spend some time in the backs in the future.

**Tony Rumore** is another player who has developed very good rugby skills, only surpassed by his determination and love for the game. Played mostly in the second row with his never say die attitude, always goes forward and drives hard in tackles and at the breakdown. An inspiration for the rest of the team.

**Benet James** was a newcomer to rugby at the beginning of the season. Ben made every training session, played every club game, (bar one through injury) played in both 7s tournaments and representative in the Southern Districts side. Played most games in the back row positions and each game he maintained a high level of involvement in all facets of play, did the important basic things right, grew in skill and confidence every game, and was a key "team player". By season's end he was playing as well and intense, as our seasoned veterans and finished with 2 tries.

**Owen Sivertsen** is not just a big boy but has a huge heart. As lock he played an excellent season tackling, rucking and mauling solidly against boys usually much bigger than him. He never took a backward step and showed good aggression at the breakdown. Owen is also our regular kicker and converted 10 of the teams tries and nailed 1 try himself through good support play.

**Matthew McDonald** was given the opportunity to get more involved in both attack and defense this year playing in the lock and blindside flanker positions which were new to him. He probably played his best football this season with the switch in position. Well done Matty.

**Nicholas Benett** is another one of our boys who is not one of our biggest however he played very well all season on the open-side flank. He performed the positional role with expertise and maintained a high level of involvement in all other aspects of each game setting up many tries for his team mates and scoring a couple for himself. Very much a team player and his overall skills and confidence grew much further this season.

**Gabriel Suter** rejoined the boys after a one season lay-off. He showed that he still has all the skill and determination required to be a successful player. Played most games in various positions in the forwards and also revealed lots of versatility and promise when asked to play in the halfback role when required.

**Dane Stephens** is our Vice-captain and fly-half. Demonstrated great capability and judgment in the role making the calls, organizing the backline and providing effective clearing kicks. Solid in defense, directing the play, serving the ball up for his outside backs and finished with 3 tries to his name. Dane also represented Southern Districts this season.

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**Thomas Clark** moved between the halves and centre throughout the season demonstrating his wonderful versatility and teamship. Thomas provides inspiration to the other boys by pulling off awesome tackles against boys much bigger than himself and showing excellent judgment in pressure situations. Made great yardage with the ball and racked up 4 tries against his name.

**Jared McLachlan** showed this season that he plays his best football in the centres. He was very solid in defense pulling off many excellent tackles and in attack created many line breaks and scoring opportunities for his wingers and fullback with good ball-handling and evasion skills. Jared racked up his 100th game for Oatley. Congratulations Jared.

**Jonathon Bootle** played for Oatley Rugby several years earlier and returned this year. Fitted in well with the boys and displayed great all-round ability in the backline. A bit difficult juggling all his school commitments with Oatley rugby, so we hope Jonathon can come back next year and get more games in.

**Luke Gaymor** converted from league to rugby with Oatley this year. Showed lots of promise in the backline playing in the centres and with persistence has potential to be a very good rugby player. We look forward to seeing Luke return next.

**Etienne Couret** made his rugby debut this year and blended in well with the team. Exhibited a lot of natural ability for the game and good anticipation of the play. Tackled like he had been tackling all of his life. Very speedy on the wing and finished off some good tries with a final tally of 2 tries for the team.

**Alex Sherman** gets faster every year. His primary job as our winger is to look for the ball and use his speed to scores tries. With the help of his inside backs he managed to finish off 7 tries for the team in the regular comp and 6 more in the Seven-a-side tournaments. He also further improved his tackling capabilities by executing some strong defense to save some inevitable opposition tries.

**James Finney** made a welcome return to Oatley this year after a break and rekindled his rugby skills by starting the season in the forwards. He soon showed great speed and tackling ability and was quickly promoted to the wing where he improved his one-on-one tackling skill and was able to score 3 tries for he team.

**Jonathon Ryan** is our Captain and regular fullback. Played his usual consistent game each week making many try-saving tackles for the team. Effectively chimed into the backline in attack to finish with 2 tries for the regular season and 5 more in the Seven-a-side tournaments. Jono also represented Oatley in the Southern Districts.

Award Winners for the year:

Nichols Bennett - Best Forward  
Dane Stephens - Best Back  
Benet James – Coach's and Manager's Award  
Karaitiana Sa'u. – Mazda Best and Fairest (Players' Player) Award

I wish to pass on my thanks to all of the boys and parents. I thoroughly enjoy coaching the boys and personally I get a tremendous amount of satisfaction seeing the boys grow and mature, develop new skills and gain self belief throughout each season. Winning is a bonus!

Many thanks for the parent help by getting the boys to training and game days and the assistance from Mark Bennett as our Manager, Paul Rumore as our Medic and the other dads for assisting at training and setting up/down the fields on game day. Extra thanks to the mums for looking after the canteen when required.

I sincerely appreciate the gifts presented to me by the boys at the presentation day. Thanks.

I hope all of the boys are able to return next year, bigger and better than ever, and the season is another successful one.

**Coach Jim**

## Oatley Under 13's Report

At the beginning of the season it looked as though the 13's would be struggling to put a side together with some nine players from the previous years squad of 22 not returning for 2008, however each week at training saw the player ranks bolstered as new players arrived and the squad quickly grew. Unfortunately injuries were a major issue during the year and at times we struggled to get the full compliment of 15 on the field. To the boys credit though they always pushed themselves whenever the challenge arose and at times remained on the field injured, when we had no replacements, to help out their team mates.



After a slow start to the season the boys finally gained some momentum and started putting some good wins on the board at the business end of the season, which saw them finish in 4th place on the table with 7 wins and 7 losses. This could have been improved upon following losses to lower placed teams, where their concentration and game plan were forgotten and they fell into the trap of not being able to counter niggling tactics employed by opposition players.

Personal high points for the boys during the season saw Tim Dunn, Kyle McLachlan and Luke Garaty pass the 100 match mark for the club. Southern district representative honours went to Daniel Butt, Tim Dunn, Thomas Egan, Thomas Hohepa, Ryan MacKay, Sam Puckett and Junior Satiu. Congratulations to all those boys.

To the coaches Rod Dunn and Tim Whiteman, a big thank you for your commitment, dedication and patience during the year for once again giving your time to pass on the finer points of rugby to the boys and guiding their rugby development in a very positive manner.

A special thanks also goes to the following parents who helped out on game days and transporting the boys during the season – Clive Puckett, Ivan Mihalijevic, Michael Grove and Paul Egan. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

We hope that the boys had an enjoyable year we and look forward to seeing them again in 2009.

**Peter Garaty**  
Manager

### PLAYER PROFILES 2008

**Daniel Butt** – Daniel was a new member to the team this year and slotted in well with the boys, playing at either half or flyhalf. Always looking to take advantage in attack he provided good ball to the outside backs and enjoyed taking on the opposition defence whenever the opportunity arose.

**Daniel Duffy** – In his second season with the club, Daniel showed considerable improvement and commitment in all phases of the game. A pleasing feature of his game was his effective jumping in the line outs where he continually pilfered opposition ball to set up many attacking raids for the team.

**Tim Dunn** – Playing in his favoured position of flanker this season, Tim provided an uncanny ability to consistently stripe the ball and produce turnovers in close plays. His damaging running with the ball and punishing defence, were a feature of his play during the season, where he passed a milestone 100 games for the club.

**Thomas Egan** – Thomas continued his development as a very competent back rower, especially in set plays and his intense work rate in defence saw him continually in the thick of the action, where he led by example. He was very effective in his defence, pick and drives and recycling of possession.

**Gus Fidow** – Gus started the season strongly especially in attack, but unfortunately succumbed to a knee injury which saw him miss the majority of the season. A competent rugby player, we look forward to Gus making a full recovery and having a successful and injury free 2009.

**Luke Garaty** – Luke played the majority of the season on the wing where his improvement in defence was a real feature of his game. He always made the most of his opportunities when he got his hands on the ball and was one of the veterans of the side who celebrated 100 games for the club this season.



**Jake Grove** – An enthusiastic convert to rugby and a new member of the side who played up in his age group, Jake showed continual improvement and determination as he came to terms with the fundamentals of the game. He was always keen to take the physical contest up to the opposition and enjoyed his chances in attack.

**Thomas Hohepa** – Tom's size and speed were a great asset to the team, where he launched many attacking raids from the centre position and left many defenders in his wake. A punishing defender who never took a backward step, Tom unfortunately had an ankle injury which saw him miss the final games of the season.

**Ryan MacKay** – Ryan was a new addition to the side this season and immediately found a home in the front row where he showed plenty of commitment in attack and consistency in defence as he got more matches under his belt. His determined approach to the game meant he always delivered a consistent effort.

**Alexander Masima** – Alex was another new recruit to the team who also played a year above his age group in his first year in rugby. At home in the hooker position, Alex really thrived on the forward game and could be relied upon to give a whole hearted effort each time he took the field. A very encouraging first season in rugby.

**Kyle McLachlan** – Kyle passed the 100 match mark for Oatley this year and celebrated with another solid season. Dedication, consistency, reliability and a continual willingness to play in any position when called upon made Kyle a valuable asset and inspiration to the team, who gave a whole hearted effort whenever he took the field.

**Jakov Mihaljevic** – Playing in the second row and always looking to improve his game, Jakov thrived on the work in close, set plays and in the rucks and mauls. Always keen to get involved in the forward drives, Jakov continually looked for every opportunity to consolidate the team's position in defence and attack.

**Matt Murray** – A feature of Matt's play in the centre position was his ability cut down attacking raids out wide and taking on much larger opponents in attack. He was always ready to put his body on the line when called upon and continually looked to support his team mates in attack to get the ball over the line.

**Joshua Noore** – A new player to the side who played up in his age group last year with Oatley, Josh really showed great determination and application to the game this season. Always keen to run the ball and support his inside backs, Josh also displayed his fine defensive skills and anticipation in cover defending.

**Sam Puckett** - Sam was constantly a valuable asset at fullback and possessed considerable pace, which he continually utilized from broken play to trouble many opposition teams. His strength in being able to break tackles and his one on one defence could always be relied on to halt attacking raids.

**Jamal Roberts** – A late recruit to the team, Jamal added some much needed attacking flair to the backline. A natural runner of the ball with considerable pace who enjoyed playing at flyhalf and in the centres, Jamal provided explosive and powerful running when in possession and his punishing defence were trademarks of his game.

**Junior Satiu** – Junior had arguably his most successful season with the club and was inspirational in leading the forward pack. A real powerhouse of a prop with the ball in hand, Junior continually left a trail of defenders in his wake whenever in possession. His value to the side was reflected in him being the top try scorer for the year.

**Mustafa Srour** – Mustafa was another of the new players to have a taste of rugby this year and he proved his versatility by covering both backline and forward positions. He was always keen to run with the ball and support his team mates and proved a valuable asset and we look forward to Mus continuing to develop his rugby skills next year.

**Pakineti Taufa** – Another of the boys who played up a year in his age group, Paki found his niche on the wing where he really enjoyed running with the ball. His speed saw him score one of the tries of the year from a kick chase deep inside his own territory. A welcome addition to the side, who improved with each match.

**Wattson Taufa** – In his first year of rugby, Wattson made an immediate impact by scoring two tries in his first ever game. After starting in the forwards, he finally found a home in the centres where he lifted the team with his many incisive runs. His speed and determination in defence will no doubt see him develop into a fine rugby talent.

**Milan Volavola** - A great asset to the team this year, Milan used his experience and skill to encourage the boys on the field with his uncompromising defence whenever he was in the thick of the action. His confident attitude in attack saw him as a real danger whenever close to the line in the rucks and mauls, which is where he really thrived this year.

**Liam Whiteman** - At home in the half back position Liam continued his development on the rugby field where he provided good service to his backline and kept the attacking momentum ticking over. Liam was always keen to get on the field and continually looked for every opportunity to find holes in the opposition defence.



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## Oatley Rugby Seniors / Colts 2008 Vice President Report

### *It's not the weight of the load, but how you carry it!!*

The 2008 season was a real test of character for both Seniors and Colts.

Newly promoted to 2nd Division, Oatley had a strong pre season and enjoyed some good early form, however both organisations quickly accumulated injuries within their individual rosters. This led to a preseason slump that saw Oatley fall from 3rd in the Club Championship table to last place. To say the middle half of the season was tough was an understatement, with over half of 1st and 2nd Grade out injured and a mounting injury toll in the lower grades as a result of backing up or attempting to box above their weight.

Despite this First Grade showed good form all year to finish 5th place, while Fourth Grade finished 5th and Colts 6th.

Second and Third grade were most affected by the injury toll.

The remaining players showed a lot of grit and determination to get us through this period. An emergency call was sent out to former players "Men of Oatley" plus the return of several injured players resulted in Oatley enjoying a strong finish to the season while retaining our Second Division Status.

This year had many heroes and helpers, Ryan Cameron did a great job as first grade coach, Justin Baratta was the glue that bound the whole seniors organisation together, Jason Myers (Player's Player 2007 and 2008) played his heart out week after week, Ross Bernays consistently brings his colts team home every year irrespective of the hurdles he has to face, David Glanville (Supporter of the Year 2008) and Nigel Seller (Clubman of the Year 2008) along with many others were tireless in the efforts.

So how do we look for 2009, it appears we have retained all our key players, Ryan Cameron will be back as First Grade Coach, the majority of our highly successful colts will be graduating to Seniors next year, our injured players roster have indicated that they will be back. The Oatley Spirit that got us through the hard times remains, plus we will be very active in recruiting new players and coaches. A relatively new Senior's Committee learnt a lot from the experience. We will restructure the organisation to provide greater support for our players irrespective of the grade. While our Sponsors, especially Maso's who's support we cannot do without will be back again in 2009.

The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph!!

Thanks for a memorable year, see you in 2009.

Cheers

**Mike Heal**

Oatley Rugby Seniors / Colts 2008 Vice President



## Oatley Seniors - 2008 Seniors/Colts Awards

Player of the Year	Jamie Percovich
Clubman of the Year	Nigel Seller
Rookie of the Year	Ricardo Waerea
Colt of the Year	Matt "Ossie" Osmond
Player's Player – Michael Bacon Trophy	Jason Myers
Presidents Award	Pat Moran
Supporter of the Year	David Glanville

**100 games** – Matt Perea

### 1st Grade

Back	Ricardo Waerea
Forward	Fraser Leavasa
Coaches	Andrew Norris

### 2nd Grade

Back	Chris Norris
Forward	Ben Goritsas
Coaches	Steve McLean

### 3rd Grade

Back	Dave Morris
Forward	Damien Edwards
Coaches	Andrew Gooley

### 4th Grade

Back	Aaron Nunn
Forward	Danny Carnevale
Coaches	Kevin Addison

### Colts

Back	Tim Green
Forward	Daniel Brightwell
Coaches	Rob Lennard

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## Senior Club Coach's Report

The 2008 season for the seniors was one of change. It saw some key personal changes in the top grade, a new 1st grade coach in Ryan Cameron and a promotion to 2nd division.

The promotion to 2nd division was going to present some challenges for the club's playing roster and depth; however it all so meant that the club was going to compete as one every Saturday from Colts through to 1st grade.

Firstly I would like to acknowledge the effort, passion and skill as a coach of Ryan Cameron. His ability as a coach is outstanding and I'm sure he has only benefited of coaching Oatley in 2008 and would hope he continues in 2009, as this is a club going places and I'm sure the 1st grade side is on the verge of winning the Barraclough Cup.

1st grade finished the season winning 9 out of there 18 games played and finishing 5 in the premiership race. First grade season was a season of thirds winning 4 out of their 1st six games, which had them placed in the top 4; however a terrible run of injuries saw the team lose it's next 5 in row against teams that should have been victories. Regrouping in the and with a strategy put in place the team attempted to make an assault on the 4 and fell just short winning 5 of their last 7 games. The second half of the year saw the team knock off 2 of the top 4 in Briars and grand finalists Kings. It was a credit to the lads how they turn their fortunes around and thanks must also go to former players who helped out i.e Scooter Brownly and Mossy. Congratulations to the award winners in Fraser, Ricardo and Andrew and well done to Mungo for winning player of the year for the 2nd year running and Ricardo for winning Rookie of the year. With great commitment to the cause and an influx of some emerging talent from the colts, I'm sure this team is semi final bound.

2nd grade was a tough season all round due to injuries and turnover of personal, due to this the depth of the club was tested. It was a year which saw a lot of new players blooded and I am sure they will be better for the experience and next year looks promising. The side was well led by Chris Norris and he must be recognised for the way he led the team and the club as a whole. This year also saw James Lazarus and Ben Goritsas mature as players with only a hair splitting them in the race for forward of the year. Congratulations Ben. Another success story was Steve McLean who really came only in the later part of the year and consistently figured in 1st grade selection. With the influx of colts and with the experience these boys gained in 2008 I am sure this side will be pushing for a place in the top 4 and be a major contributor to the Oatley's assault on the club championship.

3rd grade started the season in impressive fashion losing one of there first 5 and setting up themselves up well for the remainder of the season. It is here you can see the results of the massive injury toll that club faced the team went on to win only 3 of their next 13 games mid way through the team did manage to string together back to back wins away a Newport and at home against St Ives, keeping them in the hunt; however its hard to keep a team in semi finals contention when your resources are being shifted to the higher grades. The team finished on a high with a solid win in the last game against Newport at home. The efforts of Brian Norris and Mike Lazarus in there first year as coaching/managing must be commended and the club looking forward to their continued input. Jase Myers took on the role of player/coach and this is a tough ask, the fact he was award the players player award for the 2nd year in row is an indication of his talents as a player and commitment to the club. Congratulations Jase. Congratulation must also go the ever green Dave Morris for winning best back and for the efforts he put in all year. Andrew Gooley picked up the Coaches Award and emerge as a tough uncompromising forward whom I'm sure will be pushing for higher honours in 2009.

4th grade for the 2nd year in a row where in the mix all year and in fact were leading the comp at the half way point; however only managing to win 2 out of their last 6 saw them tumble to 5th position and miss out on a birth in the semi finals. The team could back up as the clubs golden oldies; however the passion and fun these guys have as a unit is clear to see each time they take field. I encourage all old players to take up the challenge and join this bunch of merry men. It is a great way to catch with old mates and the kids have a ball on the sideline. Well done Steve on your efforts in organising coaching and managing the side this year and we hope to see you next year. To the award winner Danny Aaron and Kevin see you next year where hopefully its 3rd time lucky in the race for a semi final birth.

I would like to thank all the coaching staff for their effort in 2008 and look forward to your contributions in 2009. To the players the effort and commitment you showed in trying circumstance is a credit to you all. With an increase in number through recruitment and succession planning and through the platform the club has had in the 2008 season, 2009 is saw to bring some well deserves silver ware.

Cheers and Beers  
**Bags** - Justin Baratta  
Coaching Coordinator





## Oatley Colts' Report

*'A GOOD DAY AINT GOT NO RAIN, ..... A BAD DAY I LIE IN BED AND THINK OF THINGS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.'*

Oatley Colts have had one of those seasons that sends a coach's hair grey. See, it's not old age after all. Critical injuries and last minutes losses saw one the best teams in the comp. finish the season just one win away from a semi-final berth.

Winning seven out of our last ten matches was not be good enough to secure a semi-final berth. Beating every team in front us, except for Kings Old Boys (who pinched a try to knock us over in the dying minutes at Evatt) is testimony to what might have happened with ounce more luck. Of course, you can't just rely on luck, an ounce more critical application – a few 30 second snippets could also have been the answer. I can identify just 5 or 6 plays/incidents were a reversal of result would have seen us not only make the semis but finish minor premiers.

I only run those plays through head twice a day now, at the end of the season it was once an hour. As they say – I have got to get over it! But the underlying belief that the boys deserve better cuts a bit deep.

Anyway, I am sure that the eventual semi-finalists were more than happy to see us out of contentions.

Enough sad stories. The Colts, although just falling short of a tilt at the premiership, put in some outstanding efforts during the season and impressive wins over St.Ives (twice), Baker Old Boys and Hornsby when each were at the top of the table featured outstanding skills and commitment, as did a come from behind win against another semi-final aspirant, Lindfield, when started with 14 players was exceptional.

Sometimes you need to look past the obvious to judge success and it has been particularly pleasing to see a whole team from the Oatley's u/19 and Colts program play seniors this year. Eleven have taken the field in 1st Grade at different stages. We hope to see another influx come through in 2009. Oatley's Colts program was an integral part of the Club winning a position in 2nd Division this year and will continue as integral part of maintaining that place and hopefully, pushing onto premiership victories. We are certainly capable of that level of success.

We are already recruiting to back-fill our Colts team for 2009, so if you know of any potential players please pass on their details. About half of this year's team are graduating to senior rugby in 2009. We pride ourselves that we keep guys playing the game and are prepared to accommodate work and study conflicts.

This again has been an great bunch blokes to be associated with and I have really appreciated their friendship as much as their rugby. As they say 'you can judge a man by the company he keeps'. I am happy to say with them – I am in good company.

Many thanks to team of Managers, Helen Green, Tony Williams and Mick Holland. You are big part of the success of the Colts program and your efforts are much appreciated.

As I said at Presentation Night, my partnership with Helen is my second longest female relationship and the whole team has a fondest for her that goes well past the rugby environment.

Particular thanks to Mark who coached the Colts during my absence overseas and his 3 from 3 result really got us back on the charge. He did all this while maintaining his commitment to u/16 team which were finalist in the Western Zone.

Congratulations to our 2008 award winners;

Colt of the Year	Matthew Osmond (Club leading try scorer)
Best Back	Tim Green (Club leading point scorer)
Best Forward	Daniel Brightwell
Coach's Award	Rob Lennard

Also, congratulations to Pat Moran who received the Presidents Award for his commitment to the Club during 2008. A much deserved award, it always pleasing to see such commitment duly recognised.

It was also pleasing to see graduates from the Colts program, Ricardo Waerea, Andrew Norris, Steve McLean and Ben Goritsas, win major senior's awards.

'Was mich nicht umbringt, macht mich starker'.

**Ross Bernays**



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