

# A HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS

It's more than a game ...

Written By Peter Meares, John O'Hare and James Meaney Edited By Vincent J. Creagh  $\mathbf{T}$ he Club was founded in 1911 as an unincorporated association - known then as University of Queensland Football Club. In December 1987, the Club became an incorporated association under the "Associations Incorporation Act 1981" with the name UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED. On 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010, the Club changed its name to UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INC..

Since it was founded, the Club has seen many thousands of young men and women enjoy the game of Rugby, make many friendships, and develop as individuals in an environment where the tradition of *Scientia ac Labore* (by means of knowledge and hard work) is encouraged and extolled. Over the years the Club has established a fine Rugby tradition of great camaraderie, mateship, and enjoyment that has resulted in many successes on the playing field.

Many of the Club's players have been rewarded with representative honours and many have contributed further to the game of Rugby as Coaches, managers and administrators. Known affectionately as "Uni", "Varsity", "the Students", and later "The Red Heavies", we are the most successful Brisbane Club with twenty-four First Grade Premierships. At least two hundred and ten players have represented Queensland, and sixty-five have represented Australia (nine as Captain).

This book tells the remarkable story of the Club's first one hundred years in a chronological account of the Club's history. It captures the pride and spirit of this remarkable Club and highlights and reveals a labyrinth of pioneers, administrators, good and generous characters, modern heroes, and current champions.

It is a celebration of the Club and its contribution to the code in Queensland and Australia. It delves into the past and brings from the fog of reminiscence memories of great games, great players, and notable and humorous deeds. There is no doubt that for its members who have toured or played at home, there will be much pride and pleasure in recalling the achievements of this great Club over the past one hundred years.

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### FOREWORD TO THE CENTENARY HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

by Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce, AC Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

It is indeed a very good thing for Rugby Union that in all my decades of cheering from the sidelines the ball has eluded me in this great and gruelling contest for possession. Its spirit and force in Australian life, however, have not.

As a student at The University of Queensland in the early 1960s, the UQ Rugby Club competition calendar held considerable sway in the social diary of my regular cohort. The weekend matches at (old) Ballymore, and the Balls and parties that inevitably followed, have left me with a store of fond memories of my early courting days with Michael, warm and generous friendships among young men and women alike, and altogether carefree, happy times.

It wasn't much later that with three sons came more Rugby: at school, at university, and still they and their father remain, shall I say, 'executive pundits' of this tremendous sport. I know that they feel a national responsibility to ensure that I am properly informed in my role as patron of the Australian Rugby Union and thus a worthy ambassador for a game so well played and enjoyed by Australians and teams of our global friends.

In the Sixties and early Seventies, when I returned to The University of Queensland to teach at the Law School, UQ Rugby featured once more, albeit through a different prism. Monday morning classes during the football season were a brave and somewhat bruised parade of weekend match injuries and a reliable sign of the strength of the competition. I recall the calibre of some of those young players, on the field and in the lecture halls. I admired them for their dedication to their sport, their camaraderie and impeccable sportmanship, and how they carried these qualities into their personal and professional lives. Together, they went on with a sport they had loved as boys; they followed and represented a fine university tradition; and they were the proud face of the UQ Rugby Club.

I have felt honoured and touched this year to be invited by The University of Queensland to take part in so many aspects of its centennial celebrations. The one hundred year milestone is an extraordinary achievement for an academic institution that has in that time sustained its standards of excellence, and continually renewed its influence and reach. It is also a mark of the distinction and endurance of all of its integral and special parts. The UQ Rugby Club is very much one of these.

The Club has not only stewarded and mentored generations of talented Rugby players, whom I am delighted now include both genders; it has supported and complemented an outstanding culture of learning and professionalism at The University of Queensland.

This engaging and important history is a wonderful affirmation of the Club's past and future.

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## FOREWORD TO THE CENTENARY HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC Governor of Queensland

As Governor of the State of Queensland, as a proud Alumnus of the University of Queensland, as the sister and daughter of rugby

playing men, I am thrice delighted to be invited to contribute a foreword to this history of the University of Queensland Rugby Union Club.

The venerable game of Rugby Union is deeply embedded in the life of the University of Queensland, and for many young men, the easy camaraderie and skills forged at Club are as valuable a part of their University memories as the qualifications for which they laboured in lectures and tutorials. The culture of friendly competition, bounded by ethics of good sportsmanship and the pursuit of excellence has characterised the Club both on and off the field, and has complemented the University's own motto of *Scientia ac Labore*, "by means of knowledge and hard work". The Club has proudly cultivated an atmosphere where excellence, both on the field and in academic pursuits, is both encouraged and extolled, resulting in a mutually beneficial relationship between the Club and the University for a century.

As Patron of Queensland Rugby Union, I acknowledge with pride and admiration the Club's record as the most successful Brisbane Club, having won 24 First Grade Premierships. More than 210 Club players have represented Queensland and 65 have represented Australia – 9 as Captain; a remarkable record, and one which has made an incalculable contribution to the strength of the game in our State. Many more have contributed further to the game of Rugby as Coaches, managers and administrators. The growth in player numbers in recent years – including the wonderful admission of women players – is reassuring evidence of the Club's promise to continue its record of strong support for the development of the game in Queensland.

I pay particular tribute to those who have volunteered their time as Committee members and in other ways to the life of the Club, both on and off the field, over the past 100 years. Whilst ably supported by professional staff and coaches, the special spirit of the Club has emanated from the passion of its players and supporters, their commitment and dedication, and their willingness to 'pitch in' and support the Club throughout the season. As one who has cheered the Club from the sidelines, I know that passionate support has made a difference at crucial moments of the game, and in this Centenary year, I hope for many such thrilling victories, and that the Club will continue to honour its traditions as it builds the foundations for another successful century of Rugby at the University of Queensland.

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Governor of Queensland



### CHANCELLOR JOHN STORY – FOREWORD

There is no such thing as a great University without great alumni, and many of the almost 200,000 UQ graduates are nothing short of brilliant. Their contributions cross almost every imaginable field of endeavour. Indeed, some have reached the summit of their calling by winning a Nobel Prize, receiving an Academy Award, leading a Government – or even captaining the Wallabies.

The University of Queensland Rugby Football Club is one of UQ's most venerable Clubs, having produced many Australian and State representative players since its inception in 1911. A century on, it upholds this tradition of excellence, and in 2010 provided the Reds with seven players and the Wallabies with five.

Rugby players who represent UQ develop more than fitness and sportsmanship. Whether competing in Intervarsity contests, tours or Club Rugby, undergraduates and graduates engage with a variety of cultures, broaden their education, and expand their world view.

The University welcomes a diverse community of scholars, but will never lose sight of its roots as The University of Queensland, and is proud that many highly-decorated alumni hailed from rural and regional areas.

One of our great country-bred players is Jules Guerassimoff, who was born on 28th June 1940, ten days after his family arrived in Australia.

Jules' grandfather, Ivan, was a White Russian who served in the Czar's army before shifting to Siberia in the 1920s. The family later fled to China, then Canada, Japan and finally Australia. Settling in Queensland, they grew cotton at Thangool and pawpaws and tomatoes at Yarwun. After boarding at Rockhampton Grammar, Jules studied Agricultural Science (at Bachelor and Master's levels) at UQ, while living at St John's College. Here he found Rugby Union – and a legend was born. In 1962 Jules commenced a then-record run of 74 games for Queensland; from 1963 to '67 he represented the Wallabies; and during a 20-year First Grade career he notched up more than 300 Club games.

Jules will forever be revered as one of the many UQ "Red Heavies" who bring honour to our institution. Moreover, he was a classic all-rounder who won an Athletics Blue for being the Queensland Javelin Champion in 1958, 1959 and 1960. He became President of the UQ Sports Union in 1968 and was later made a Life Member.

No Club can be expected to produce more than one Jules Guerassimoff per millennium, but the UQ Rugby Club has a pantheon of greats – and today, it is bound to be sculpting more legends.

Congratulations to the UQ Rugby Football Club, as you take inspiration from the champions of your first 100 years to launch into another century-long season of success.

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Chancellor – The University of Queensland



### FOREWORD - MARK LOANE

(1979 Bledisloe Cup Winning Captain, Former Wallaby Captain 1979 and 1982, Queensland Captain 1976-79 and 1981-82, and 1979 University A Grade Premiership Captain)

Since 1845 when students first wrote down the laws, Rugby has been a game for students.

The Universities of the world have been the wellspring for the survival and propagation of the game.

The oldest Rugby Club in the world and arguably the oldest surviving football Club in any code is the Dublin Football Club founded in1854.

Sydney University Rugby Club is the oldest in Australia, beginning in 1863 and Queensland University Rugby Club is one of the oldest in this State, celebrating its centenary in 2011.

There has always been a special affinity between students and the physical game of Rugby. Why this is so and remains so is a matter for conjecture.

Perhaps the exponents of Muscular Christianity were correct in that physical education, particularly through Rugby, was important for the development of moral character in intelligent young men.

Many young men from the University of Queensland Rugby Club have gone on to mould and shape the world around them in a beneficial way after having learned to mould and shape the nearest thing to them - their body.

Perhaps Plato was correct with his Greek ideal of the perfect mind in the perfect body - "Mens sane in corpore sano."

Perhaps also it has been the wholesome influence of older men upon younger men. I have certainly benefitted from the example and influence of such men as Eric Anning, Bruce Brown, Bob Templeton and Ken Donald. And perhaps it has been the chivalrous attitude shown to wives, sisters and girlfriends, who have always felt secure and welcome at St Lucia. It is no surprise that Women's Rugby has found a home at the University of Queensland, a place for daughters as well as sons.

The friendships started at Uni Rugby seem to be closely held on the journey through life. This may have something to do with finding who you can trust to back you when you are at the bottom of a ruck or under the high ball.

In the end to clearly define what makes student Rugby special is chimerical. You simply have to do it. What follows is a comprehensive record of the last 100 years - particularly of those who did it and those who allowed it to happen.

To all of them - thank you.

Mark Loane

# PREFACE

Initially, sporting journalist Peter Meares was engaged to produce a book that would celebrate the centenary of this Club. His brief required his development of material supplied to him by many of the Club's past and present members and supporters, including archival information and other records in the possession of the Club, of those members and supporters, and from other sources such as the Queensland Rugby Union. In doing so, Peter began with the following remarks:

"Writing the history of one hundred years of a Club is a daunting task. A history has to be right; you can't just approximate. So it was with some trepidation that I set out to chronicle how the people and the events of the past century have shaped this great Club, which has produced nine Australian Captains, sixty-five Wallabies, over two hundred Queensland players, twenty-four A Grade Rugby Premierships, and two A Grade Rugby League Premierships.

What makes the University of Queensland Rugby Club so special? How does an amateur sporting Club attract twelve hundred people to a pre-Test luncheon? Why have so many given service to the Club as players, Coaches, administrators and fundraisers?

To borrow a quote from Peter Fenton's marvellous poem, 'The Running Game':

'But it isn't just the winning Nor the scoring, nor the cheers It's the friendship and the memories That last you through the years.'

There is a tangible spirit among the Red Heavies. Perhaps it's because, in the old days at least, you had to be studying at the University to play for the Club. Students worked hard at obtaining their Degrees, played hard on the Rugby field, played even harder after the game, and lifelong friendships were forged.

Times have changed. The game has turned professional and Wallabies and Reds players turn out for their Club less frequently. As more students have part-time jobs and other commitments outside Rugby, the Club ceases to be such a hub of their existence, certainly as far as entertainment goes. Yet somehow it continues to attract young men and women who want to play the game, make friends, and experience that special feeling of being a 'Red Heavy.'

This book is more than a just an archive of results and statistics, it's a testimony to the wonderful spirit of the Club and the people, on and off the field, who have made it into a world-renowned institution. It tells of the glory days, like the Golden Era of the Fifties and Sixties with eleven straight Club Championships, the epic Grand Final matches of '79 and the hat-trick of Premierships from 1988 to 1990. It records how it took another 20 years to recapture the Hospitals Cup and Club Championship to return to the top. It also details when Rugby went into hibernation for a decade after World War 1 and the Forties, when the Club had to battle for a training venue, let alone dressing-rooms. The toughest steel comes through the hottest fire and the tradition of University Rugby has survived."

Peter's draft for the book was completed and accepted, with Peter acknowledging the significant assistance he received from Frank Mc Loughlin, who provided records and statistics from his extensive personal records. However, during its production the popularity of the project grew

beyond all expectations, and it became apparent that significant numbers of surviving Club members and the families of past and forgotten players wished to make their contributions to the completed history. Peter's draft thus was to become the framework for an expanded version of the book.

Accordingly, the Club Committee appointed John O'Hare and James Meaney as additional authors. These former distinguished players and Club stalwarts, with wonderful support from their family members, have devoted most of their time over the past three years to the project. In doing so they have made very significant contributions to the expanded book.

Their untiring efforts were assisted by many of the Club's past and present players, Coaches and administrators. This combined effort has produced a chronicle of richness and depth as it records the Club's remarkable first hundred years.

Vincent J Creagh Editor



John O'Hare

Peter Meares

James Meaney

# **CHAPTER 1**

### THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND HISTORY



Motto: Scientia ac Labore (Latin) "By means of knowledge and hard work."

#### **HISTORY**

The University of Queensland was established by an Act of the State Parliament on 10th December 1909 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Queensland's separation from the colony of New South Wales. On 16th April 1910 the Governor, Sir William MacGregor, in becoming the first Chancellor of the University announced the members of the Senate, and it is from this date that the University of Queensland is regarded as being founded. In 1911, eighty-three students commenced classes in three faculties – Arts, Engineering, and Science. The former Governor's residence, Old Government House, at the end of George Street alongside the Queensland Parliament, became the administration and teaching facility of the fledgling University. As the only University in Queensland, its growth mirrored the tertiary educational demands of the State Government, State industry and commerce.

In 1927, the land on which the St Lucia campus now stands was resumed by the Brisbane City Council using money donated by James O'Neil Mayne and his sister Mary Mayne



Old Government House became The University of Queensland in December 1910 (UQ Archives)



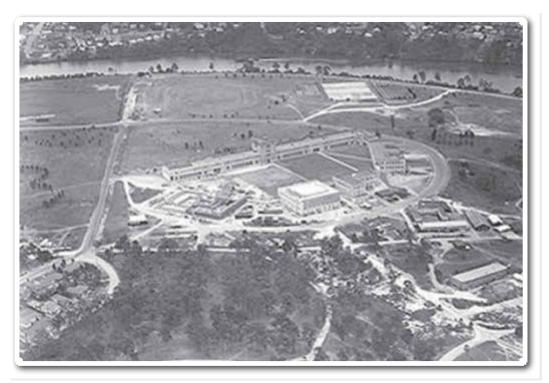
The University of Queensland at George Street - 1930 (UQ Archives)



The University of Queensland from West End – under construction in 1939 (UQ Archives)

to replace the less spacious city campus. The former city campus is now the Gardens Point campus of the Queensland University of Technology. Construction of the new University began at St Lucia in 1937. In 1939, fewer than two thousand students were enrolled, but by 1960 almost ten thousand students were enrolled and studying at a number of campuses.

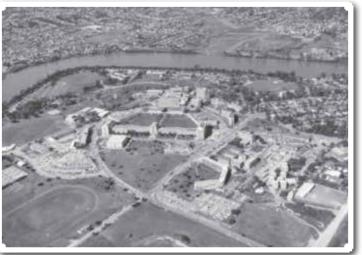
The principal campus at St Lucia became operational in 1948 when the Forgan Smith Building was formally opened. Classes began in 1949. With the expansion in its teaching role the University also grew its research capabilities and in 1981 celebrated the award of its one thousandth Doctorate of Philosophy. In 1982, to further develop its research funding capacity, the University established the University Foundation. Its primary function is to grow a capital fund and to channel its earnings towards worthy researchers.



Aerial view of the Campus at St. Lucia - 1950 (Fryer Library)



The Great Court at St Lucia - 1952



Aerial view of the Campus at St Lucia - 1970 (Fryer Library)



The Great Court and Steele Building - 1970 (Fryer Library)

#### Today

The University of Queensland (UQ) is one of Australia's premier learning and research institutions. It is the oldest university in Queensland and has produced almost 197,000 graduates since opening in 1911. Its graduates have become leaders in all areas of society and industry. The State of Queensland is truly proud of its principal university, in its role as a centre of learning, as a major research institution, and its national and international recognition. UQ has its main campus in the suburb of St Lucia in Brisbane. Its other campuses include Ipswich, Gatton, Herston, South Brisbane, Turbot Street and Moggill.

UQ is one of the three Australian members of the global Universitas 21 alliance. This group aims to enhance the quality of university outcomes through international benchmarking and a joint venture e-learning project with The Thomson Corporation. UQ is a founding member of the national Group of Eight (Go8) a coalition of leading Australian universities, intensive in research and comprehensive in general and professional education. Collectively, Group of Eight members account for 70 percent of all research income in Australia's university system, enroll more than half of all higher Degree by research students, hold over 90 percent of US patents for inventions, and generate 80 percent of spin-off companies created by Australian universities. UQ Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Paul Greenfield AO is Chairman of the Group of Eight.

UQ is a pacesetter in discovery and translational research across a broad spectrum of exciting disciplines, ranging from bioscience and nanotechnology to mining, engineering, social science and humanities. Its eight internationally significant research institutes are drawcards for an ever-expanding community of scientists, researchers and commercialisation experts. UQ is noted for supporting early- and mid-career researchers, as seen in its commitment to research training; in 2010, UQ celebrated its 9000th PhD graduation. UQ currently has 4039 Research Higher Degree students, including 3593 PhD students. In 2010, 534 Research Higher Degrees were awarded. UQ offers undergraduate and postgraduate programs that are informed by the latest research and delivered in state-of-the-art learning spaces. Its teachers have won more Australian Awards for University Teaching than any other Australian university. Today, UQ has almost 44,000 students who study across its four main campuses in southeast Queensland: St Lucia, Ipswich, Gatton and Herston. Staff and students from more than 134 nations are valued in its multicultural community, which celebrates excellence in all aspects of scholarship.

To further assist the research processes, the University has also established its commercial arm, Uniquest Ltd, which actively develops applied research projects. Additionally, in conjunction with its Alumni Association, the University provides further funds for its researchers.

### The Senate

UQ is governed by a Senate which is representative of its stakeholders. Its composition in 2011 was:

*Chancellor:* Mr. John D Story; *Vice-Chancellor:* Professor Paul F Greenfield, AO; *President of the Academic Board*: Professor Susan E Hamilton; *Eight Members appointed by the Governor-In-Council:* Mrs. Judith Bell, Mr. Timothy B Crommelin, The Hon Justice Martin Daubney, Mr. Philip Hennessy, Adjunct Professor Mary D Mahoney, AO (Deputy Chancellor), Mr. Charlie Sartain, Mr. Kenneth J Smith and Mrs. Isabel Tarrago; *Three people appointed by the Senate:* Dr Jane Wilson, Mrs. Margaret Brown and Mr. Grant Murdoch; *Elected* 

Members- One Member of the Academic Board: Professor Fred D'Agostino; One Member of the Academic staff of the University: Dr Andrew Bonnell; One Member of the General staff of the University: Mr. Mark D Starkey; One postgraduate student: Mrs. Catherine Lawrence; One undergraduate student: Mr. Brandon Carter; Three graduates of the University: Mr. Denis J Brosnan, The Hon Dr David Hamill AM, Ms Katherine Hirschfeld.

*Executive Director (Operations) and University Secretary:* Mr Maurie McNarn, AO; *Senate Executive Officer:* Dr John Montgomery.

#### The St. Lucia Campus

At its centre is the heritage-listed Great Court — a 2.5 hectares (6.2 acres) open area surrounded by sandstone buildings. The 274 acres (111 ha) of the entire campus also includes sporting fields, gardens, ornamental ponds, and cycling tracks. The Athletics Centre features 21 floodlit tennis courts, an Olympic-standard swimming pool, a three-level gymnasium and a multi-purpose indoor centre.

Academic activities, while central to university life, are supplemented by a wide range of sporting and cultural activities offered by more than one hundred and fifty Clubs and societies, including thirty-three sporting groups. Students need go no further than the St. Lucia campus for these activities, as the University has extensive playing fields and indoor sporting facilities situated within its boundaries.

The University's main building complex dominates the high ground in the centre of its site bounded by a bend of the Brisbane River and the suburb of St.Lucia. The river flats mostly comprise green playing fields set amid various landscapes including the Lakes, the rain forest of the Woods, spreading trees, other clumps of bushland and gardens, latticed with tree-lined roads and footpaths.

The hub of the campus, the University's Great Court, is enclosed by distinctive Helidon sandstone buildings, linked by an arched cloister in the monastic style of the older European universities. Sculpture adorns the sandstone, enriching the old world atmosphere. Notable amongst the carvings are the Grotesques depicting both real and imagined characters, and there are carvings of great scholars and thinkers of historical and cultural significance. Other embellishments include the Coats of Arms of many of the world's universities.

Clustered around the classically influenced Great Court precinct are more modern buildings providing a contrast of old and new, reflecting the broad spectrum of academic disciplines they house, ranging from languages and philosophies of the ancient world to space age technologies. Public access to many of the University's facilities is encouraged. For example, the Anthropology, Antiquities, and Art museums receive many visitors each year.

Today the University's resource needs are complex and far reaching, so it has an extensive range of support skills and services to meet academic requirements. The University Library, the second-largest Library in Queensland, has - as well as its central library - sixteen branch libraries serving specific disciplines such as law, architecture, music, engineering, and geology. University support services also include a large computer centre, a language laboratory, and a tertiary education institute (which conducts programs to improve the quality of teaching and learning at the University).



St. Lucia Campus and city view (UQ Archives)



Great Court Cloisters (UQ Archives)

On the western and southern boundaries of the Campus are the ten residential Colleges which house about 2000 students, a significant proportion of the Campus population during semester. While this Campus is situated only seven kilometres from the Brisbane CBD, the city's growing traffic congestion continues to require innovative solutions to permit the daily flow of life to and from the UQ. The University is served by a CityCat wharf, two bus stations, and is also served by the Eleanor Schonell Bridge providing pedestrian and bus access across the river to Dutton Park on the South Brisbane side.



St Lucia Campus – 1988 (Fryer Library)

# **CHAPTER 2**

## THE UQRFC CLUBHOUSE

The Club is based at the University of Queensland St Lucia Campus and located on Sir William Macgregor Drive.

The Club has a large two level Clubhouse overlooking the main field and athletics track. The top floor features an entrance, a large function room adjoined by a covered viewing deck overlooking the oval, and staff offices. The ground floor includes a players' room, a medical room, storage area, and exterior canteen.

The Club utilises three fields, all of which are flood-lit and located near the Clubhouse and dressing rooms. Field 6 - corner of Sir Fred Schonell Drive and Sir William Macgregor Drive), Field 5B - (Sir William Macgregor Drive next to the tennis Courts) and Field 5, which is the main field (corner of Sir William Macgregor Drive and Campbell Road, inside the UQ Athletics Track).

The Club also has the use of the 600 capacity grandstand and its four modern changing rooms, located next to the Clubhouse. The grandstand also contains a medical room equipped to stadium standards, as well as separate change rooms for Referees and touch judges.



Aerial View – Rugby Oval No 5 with surrounding Athletics Track



Grandstand and Clubhouse from No 5 Oval

Rugby Clubhouse and No 5 Oval - 2011 Flood



### **CHAPTER 3**

### 1911-1919 THE UQ FOOTBALL CLUB'S FORMATIVE YEARS

The University of Queensland was established by Act of Parliament in 1909 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Queensland's separation from NSW, but did not open until 1911. At that time the future St Lucia campus, situated about seven kilometres from the centre of Brisbane, only supported cattle and native wildlife. It would be quite some time before academics and their students graced the picturesque site. As the State Governor, Sir William MacGregor was relocating to his new residence, "Fernberg" at Rosalie, it was in the old Government House at the eastern end of George Street that the University opened its doors in 1911. Eighty-three students enrolled in three faculties - Arts, Engineering and Science. The Sports Union was formed, the first and best organised of the undergraduate associations, with Rugby Union one of the major sports to be played by the University, along with tennis, cricket, athletics and rowing.

The game had officially begun in Australia in 1863, with the formation of the first Rugby Union Club at Sydney University. Rugby reached Queensland in 1880 when three matches were played between the Brisbane FC and the Wallaroos, both teams having played Victorian or Melbourne Rules prior to that. Following the formation of the Northern Rugby Football Union in 1883 (prior to change of name to the Queensland Rugby Union in 1893) the Greater Public Schools'

#### Sport at the University.

A meeting of the undergraduates of the Queensland University was held last night in the Common Room to initiate a movement for the formation of a Sports Union. Professor Gibson, and about 50 undergraduates were present. Mr. R. Cassidy was elected as chairman. Mr. R. Mellor as secretary, and the following committees were appointed : Organization Committee Mrs. Dakin. Mesers. Thompson. Lloyd, and Wilson : Grounds Committee. Miss Plant, Mesers. Hobson, Powe, and Eobson. The sub-committees were instructed to report to a general meeting to be called at a near date. Votes of thanks to Professor Gibs n and the chairman terminated the meeting.

The First Sports Union Meeting The Brisbane Courier, Wednesday 5th April 1911, page 4

#### UNIVERSITY SPORTS UNION.

The second general meeting of the Queensiand University Sports Union was held in the University Common Room on Saturviay night. About 50 under-graduates were present, and Mr. R. Cassidy occupied the chair. The secretary (Mr. R. Mellor) read a list of recommendations, which had been propared by the Organisation Committee, and all the proposals, with a few amendments, were adopted. The following officebearers were appointed:--Patron, his Excellency the Governor; president, Mr. R. H. Roe, M.A.; vice-presidents, Professors Steele, Gilson, Priestly, and Michie, and Messrs. J. Walsh, M.A., and A. M. Hertzberg; secretary, Mr. R. Melior; treasurer, Mr. R. Cassidy; auditors, Mes rs. O'Hagan and Fielding; chairman of general committee, Mr. N. Lloyd; general committee, Mrs. Dakin, Miss Bevington, Messrs. Elliott, Thompson, Powe, Millar, Lewis, and Meyer. At the termination of the meeting a meeting of footballers was held to elect officials for the first 15. Mr. N. Lloyd was elected captain, Mr. R. Mellor vice-captain, and Messrs, Elliott and Lewis selection committee. A match will be played on Wednesday with the Boys' Grammar Schoel, to enable the selection committee to judge the standard of the players, and to decids as to the grade the University team will enter. A tennis four will compete in the B grade fize tures at Auchenflower.

The Second Sports Union Meeting, including the Formation Of The UQ Football Club The Brisbane Courier Tuesday 25th April 1911, page 2 Association of Queensland (GPS) switched in 1887 from the Melbourne Rules Game to Rugby. Nudgee College, Brisbane Grammar, Ipswich Grammar, and Toowoomba Grammar played against each other in the 1890s.

Nevertheless, Melbourne or Victorian Rules continues to be played, although it was losing ground to Rugby at a steady rate. It was revived somewhat when the Queensland Football League was formed in 1903. In April 1911, the Sports Union received a letter from the Queensland Football League asking the University to play Australian Rules football. "Thank you for the offer," came the reply from the Secretary of the Sports Union "but we have decided to play Rugby Union."

The University team played in the QRU Secondary Schools or College Grade competition and their first winning match was a pre-season practice game on 6th May 1911 against Nudgee College. They won 19-9 with Norman Lloyd and Jack Cassidy each scoring two tries, R. W. Mellor 1 try and 2 goals. A fortnight earlier on 26th April, they had drawn a match with the Brisbane Grammar School eight all, with R. W. H. Mellor and C. A. Fogan scoring tries and Mellor a conversion.

A little over a month later, the opportunity for players to participate in representative football was presented. The King's School from Sydney was touring Queensland and had defeated Brisbane Grammar School in its first match. A Combined College Grade team was selected to confront the tourists on Monday 26th June 1911 at the Queensland Rugby Union's Bowen Bridge grounds.

The grounds however were not in good condition. The No. 1 field chosen for the match was practically under water, owing to the close proximity and eccentricity of the tidal Breakfast Creek. The players also had to contend with the sun descending. The newspaper reported that the Brisbane pack kicked off with the sun behind them. Many University students and schoolboys were present in large numbers.

The team chosen was: Fullback, J. Cleeve (Past Grammars); three-quarters, F. H. Bridgman (BGS), W. Fraser (BGS), R. W. H. Mellor (University), B. Whiteford (Past Brothers); five-eighth, J. Lalor (Past Brothers); half, S. Perkins (Past Grammars); forwards, A. Wallace (University), W. Gillespie (Past Brothers), J. Masterson (University), R. Murray (Past Brothers), W. Wilson (University), N. A. Lloyd (University), R. P. W. Francis (BGS), and C. Scott.

The team contained five University of Queensland players in Mellor, Wallace, Masterson, Wilson and Lloyd. The team used the University jerseys of maroon and blue. The home side won the game easily 24-3, but it was only in the final 20 minutes that the combined side displayed any combination.

University's first College Grade competition match was on 20th May 1911 against Ipswich Grammar at West End, won easily by 20-3. The side reached the semi-finals, but was knocked out by Past Brothers (Gregory Terrace) 6-18.

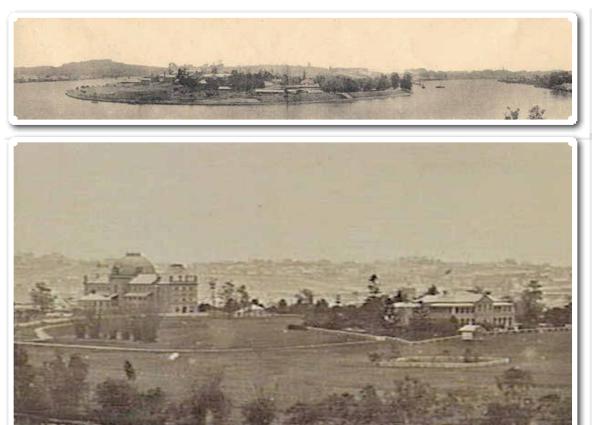
The team played on a site known as "The Domain" at the end of George Street, where the Botanical Gardens are now situated. The players changed into their gear in an old pigeon loft covered with hessian – their jerseys being maroon with a royal blue stripe. There were no showers in that first season, and the playing field was really just a paddock, with a rough surface and large tussocks of grass. Harry Windsor, one of the University players, recorded in his memoirs that:

"We had no proper change rooms, using a shed in the Domain on the bank of the Brisbane River, the practice area an expanse of green grass without goal posts, and lighting non-existent. After practice we dived into the river and had a cleansing swim, and I am sure this is where I contracted the Hepatitis which plagued me in the second term."

After their first season the Club moved into the Brisbane Rugby Union First Grade competition, where the opposition teams included Past Grammars and Past Christian Brothers – nowadays known simply as GPS and Brothers – and Easts, Toowong, Wests and Valleys.



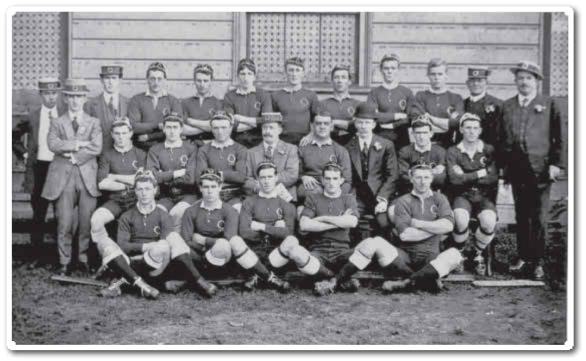
The Domain in 1915 (now the City Botanical Gardens) from Kangaroo Point



The Domain From South Brisbane - 1915 Note Parliament House on left of picture

The first team in that 1912 season was:

Fullback: L. Foran, Three-quarters: T. Francis, F. Fletcher, H. Rahmann, D. Willurray. Flyhalf: J. Robinson, Halfback: A. McIntyre, Forwards: J. Masterson, N. Lloyd (c), C. Fogan, W. Meyer, G. Elliott, J. Baxter, J. Wallace and W. Diamond.



The Queensland Team - 1912

There was a grim reminder that Rugby is a physically demanding, and at times dangerous, sport on May 18th, 1912. University was playing against Easts at the old Bowen Bridge ground and second rower, Noel Elliott, a young Engineering student, went in for a tackle and lay prone afterwards. After treatment he got up, saying to his mates there was "nothing much wrong", but then went to the sideline. He returned to the field but, after a few seconds, slumped to the ground again. He was rushed to hospital but died at 7.30pm that night. He had broken his neck. The QRU, as a mark of respect, cancelled all fixtures the following Saturday.





Norman Lloyd -1913

Australia to NZ - 1913

The first of over two hundred Queensland representatives from University was team Captain Norman Austin Lloyd, who was the first to earn a "Blue" for Rugby in 1912. He pulled on the maroon Queensland jersey for the first time in 1913, two years after Varsity entered the QRU competition. Lloyd was also President of the Sports Union and was awarded another Rugby Blue in 1913, along with L. B. Foote, another member of the State Team.

Rugby was considered the manliest of games at the time. A member of the women's hockey team from the twenties recalls that Rugby was the only sport that many men thought worthwhile. Engineering students, who seemed to assert themselves as leaders in many University activities, were highly regarded by the student body.

One of the most successful eras for Queensland Rugby came around that time. Under the captaincy of Jimmy Flynn the Maroons defeated NSW in 1912, 18-15 and 25-8, and in 1913, 13-3 and 9-6 in Brisbane and then 22-21 in Sydney. The latter match was reported as a thriller, with Flynn kicking a long-range penalty on fulltime that landed on the crossbar and went over. Then in 1914 Queensland continued its streak, defeating NSW 16-14.



Left to Right. Eric Francis -1914 and his brother Stan

Eric Francis, the University and Queensland fullback, was the first Club player to represent Australia, playing on the wing in two Tests against the All Blacks in 1914. His brother Stan also played for the Club and was selected with Eric to play for Queensland against the All Blacks in 1914. (Eric died at the age of 89 in 1983 - his Queensland and Australian caps are proudly displayed in the UQRFC Clubhouse.)

Later in 1914, World War I broke out, and was to continue until November 1918. Tens of thousands of

young Australian men volunteered to join the Army, and many were to die at Gallipoli and on various European battlegrounds. Almost to a man, the Varsity team enlisted. Although the Club was leading the Premiership table at the time, they had no option but to temporarily disband, and Past Grammars went on to win the Premiership. This victory ended Brothers' dominance. During the war, Club football struggled on and, in 1917, a depleted University side was defeated 31-0 by Brisbane Grammar, for whom a seventeen year-old prodigy, Tommy Lawton scored four tries, two goals and a dropped goal. He was the school Football Captain in 1916-17 and Swimming Captain in 1917.

Arriving to study at the University of Queensland, Lawton joined the Rugby team and was to become one of Queensland and Australia's greatest flyhalves. His representative career lasted an amazing thirteen years, from 1919-32. Phil Brazier, a Civil Engineering student, captained the Club in 1918 and '19. The first Varsity match was played in 1919 at the Sydney University Oval and the heavier Sydney team won by 30 points to 10.

In 1919 the Australian Imperial Forces team (as the Army was then known) played three games in Brisbane and attracted a large crowd each time. In the first, although they outclassed a scratch Queensland team 38-7, there were over 6000 in attendance at the Brisbane Cricket Ground, more than the inter-state Rugby League match the same day at Davies Park. This was Lawton's first representative match. He had played in the 1919 Grand Final against Brothers when he kicked three penalties in the Club's 9-20 defeat. In 1920 he had arrived in Sydney to study Medicine and played with Sydney University that year. Queensland won just one of five Interstate games in 1919, winning 25-24 at the Brisbane Cricket Ground, but it was a short-lived revival.



Qld v NSW at the Bowen Bridge Rd. Ground -1885.



1918 Uni v Combined Schools

There was a cross-code challenge match in March 1920 to raise money for Rugby Union, and the League team defeated their Union counterparts 13-0 before a crowd of over 4000 at the Exhibition Ground. As with so many of the Australian volunteers there were young Rugby players who never returned from the war; there were not sufficient numbers for Clubs to pick up where they left off. Rugby Union in Queensland was at an all-time low in 1919 and it was no surprise when the QRU suspended formal competition. In order to play competition football, major Clubs including University, Past Grammars and Brothers decided to join an expanded 10-team Rugby League competition in the 1920 season, playing as amateurs. The nurseries of Rugby, the GPS schools also switched to the thirteen-a-side game from 1920 until 1927.

The Varsity game in 1920 was played at the Sydney Cricket Ground as the curtain-raiser to the Rugby League Test between Australia and Great Britain. It was the first ever Varsity League match and the Club team, whose average weight is recorded as just under eleven and a half stone (73kg), gave a sparkling display, but went down 26-16. Science student, Victor "Chippy" Clarkson scored twice for the Club and made a huge impression on the 60,000 spectators with his pace and sidestep. Other scorers: E. B. Freeman and C. R. McLean tries, A. McCullough 2 goals.

### The Baxter Cup



James Hickson Baxter

Sporting rivalry between the faculties and the residential Colleges had been promoted to arouse the interest of undergraduates and to provide practice for members of the Sports Union Clubs.

Regular Inter-college contests commenced in 1913, with King's College being successful in Rugby, athletics and rifle shooting. During this pre-war time the Sports Union was active in organising all aspects of University sport.

James Hickson Baxter was born on 13th March 1894 and was educated at Nudgee College until 1907. At University, he was a prominent member of the First Rugby team, played in the University Cricket team and excelled in his studies, being granted the Rhodes Scholarship in 1916.

He had been the President of the Sports Union in 1914. He resided at the Catholic boarding house known then as St. Alban's in Manning Street, South Brisbane, the forerunner of St. Leo's College.

It is believed that he was unable to take up his position at Oxford due to the Great War, and he died at twenty-six years of age on 3rd December 1920 in Brisbane. He is buried at the South Brisbane Cemetery. In his memory, a dedicated stone tablet is displayed over the entrance of the Indoor Sports Pavilion.

The Baxter Cup, named in his honour, was later donated by Mr. O. E. Hirschfeld for competition between undergraduate Sports Union members of the colleges in Football and Cricket. The rules for the competition dictated that a 100-yard dash be the deciding event if the honours were equal after the first two events.

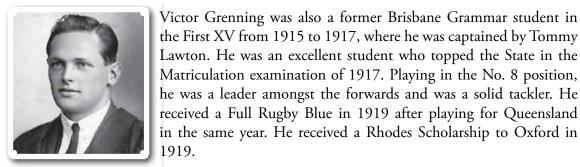
There were other outstanding personalities and characters who gravitated to the Club during those early troubled years.

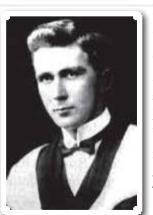
George Duncan Brown was Captain of the Nudgee College First XV in 1912. He gained a scholarship to study Engineering at the University which was a long way from his home town of Charters Towers. He captained the Club side in 1914 from five-eighth, where he controlled the game with pinpoint accurate kicking, as well as being capable of long range and difficult goal kicks. He gained Queensland representative honours in 1915.



Frederick Woolnough Paterson was an excellent and speedy winger who played for the Club from 1916 until he received a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford in 1918. Educated at Brisbane Grammar School, he played as a centre in the First XV sides of 1914 and 1915. At Oxford, he graduated in Theology and he returned to Queensland where he studied Law and later became a Barrister. He is probably better known for his political career. A member of the Communist Party, he had the distinction of being the only elected and re-elected communist parliamentarian in Australia when he sat as the Member

for Bowen from 1944 to 1950 as a member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly. He lost his seat in 1950 when the Queensland Labor Premier of the time, Ned Hanlon, adjusted the zoned electoral boundaries in Queensland's first significant gerrymander.





Bernard A. Herzig hailed from Pittsworth on the Darling Downs. Bernie had attended Nudgee College and then resided at St Leo's College. He played for Queensland in 1919 and he was well known in the Club for the day that he failed to score a much needed try. In a tight game, Bernie broke through the defence of the Valley team, hurtling for the tryline before his knee collapsed and he spilled the ball over the line. It was an incident that Bernie was never able to forget, and one of his teammates would never let him forget! In his successful career that followed, Bernie was a lecturer at the Teachers' Training College and later became the Chief of the Adult Education Department.



Bill Ahern came from Longreach and also attended Nudgee College, where he was a member of the First XV in 1916 and 1918 and became the five-eighth and Captain from 1919 to 1921. He won a scholarship to study Arts at the University of Queensland after topping his senior year in 1921. He joined the Club in 1922 and played First Grade for three seasons, captaining the side in 1924. He received a Full Blue in 1923 and again in 1924. He was also awarded a Full Australian University Blue from the Australian University Sports Association, after the tour of New Zealand with Australian Universities in 1924. He normally played five-eighth but was switched to fullback in a rather curious way. Suffering from

a bout of flu, he told the other players he was not well enough to play, but would if they really needed him. As always seems to be the case in matters like this, he accepted a lift from St Leo's College to the ground, where he was told he was playing fullback because he wouldn't need to run as much from that position. On a wet and windy afternoon he gave a superb display, catching every kick that came his way and kicking brilliantly. From that day forth he was a fullback. One of the biggest players ever to don the Club guernsey was "Big Bill" Edwards, a pharmacy student in the 1920s. Born at tiny Devereaux Creek outside Marian, 28 kilometres west of Mackay on 11th August 1905, he completed his schooling at Mackay before embarking on a three-year apprenticeship in Pharmacy in the town. The fourth and final year of his apprenticeship meant moving to Brisbane where he attended the University of Queensland as a 19 year-old in 1924. The tag of "Big Bill" was easy to fathom as he was taller than six feet (183cm) and tipped the scales at more than 22 stones (140kg). He naturally enjoyed the rough and tumble of Rugby, and his ample size gave him some advantages over his smaller opponents. However, he was prone to injury, and this resulted in his switch of sports to tennis because he did not want injuries affecting his studies.

Before abandoning his Rugby career Big Bill had managed to score a try in the Varsity match at the Sydney Sports Ground on 27th August 1924. One of two scored for the Club on the day, it wasn't enough to alter an 8-37 Sydney triumph.

He had been christened Charles Augustus but preferred that his University colleagues call him "Bill." He excelled in his studies, and was awarded a University Medal for his final year in Pharmacy.

Although successful at Rugby, he was to receive wider acclaim for his involvement in tennis. After his playing days he gained a reputation in the administration of tennis, becoming something of an Australian household name. He served as President of the Queensland Lawn Tennis Association from 1952-65, President of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia from 1965-69 and was instrumental in the development of the Milton Tennis Courts. During his reign Australia produced many champions and dominated the Davis Cup. It was really a golden era for Australian tennis.

The Coach of University in the 1920s was a wharf labourer and former Australian Rugby League player, Bob "Botsy" Williams, who had been a member of the 1911-12 Kangaroo touring side to England. He was a rather lonely character whose whole life revolved around the football team. He would even give players a rubdown after training.

The early times of the Club existed in the shadows of the split of the Rugby code from the prevailing traditional status of an amateur sport, as hailed by the Olympic standard, into two ranks. One was the existing Rugby Union playing the fifteen a side game, and the other, the newly paid professionals, playing by the new thirteen a side Rugby League rules.

For many, playing the amateur Rugby Union game was considered to be a much more worthy undertaking than playing Rugby League, the professional game – because it was believed that playing without payment was an essential if the game was to continue to be recognised as "Sport." Once a "Sportsman" received recompense for his efforts his activity could no longer be defined as "Sport." He was now engaged in something else – entertainment, work, or perhaps a profession, but certainly NOT "Sport."

This impasse seems incredible in today's world, but the fact is that until 1995, any player who received reimbursement for his playing activities was deemed to no longer be an amateur, and was not eligible to play Rugby Union. If a player turned his hand to a game of Rugby League, it was immediately assumed that he had received some form of illegal reward for his efforts and he was no longer allowed to play Rugby Union. However, while these amateur rules sat well with the English administrators, the situation in Australia was not such a simple one.

The professional game in England, where it originated, had its roots in the working class areas, where late Victorian notions of "Sport" bore little relevance to a man's ability to earn his living and support a family from physical exertion and his labours. For many talented players there was little difference and not much choice between "playing for a quid" or "working for a quid." The working conditions for many young working class Australian players were much the same, and their attitudes were understandably similar. So the professional game became popular with many Australians and it became entrenched among the working class populations throughout the country, particular in Sydney and much of Queensland where Rugby Union had ruled prior to the formation of the breakaway Rugby League. (League did not become established however in Melbourne, where Australian Rules had a strong following - perhaps due to its similarity to the Gaelic game with which many Victorians were familiar).

In Australia the Rugby code's administrators were at times to display the wisdom of the ages in settling matters raised over the amateur status of players. In the Club's early times it was reckoned that provided an individual received no reward for his playing efforts he would be considered to have retained his amateur status and eligibility to play Rugby Union even if he had participated in playing the thirteen a side game of Rugby League. As University played in the Brisbane Rugby League competition, the players were to ensure that any prizemoney won could not be distributed to individuals, but was to be become the income of the Club.

The divide was clearly in existence when the Club's Bill Ahern, Jerry Allman and James Cleary, having played for the Australian Universities team, were not awarded Full Blues. A second application was made after intervention by famous all-round sportsman, Dr Otto Nothling, who had the rare distinction of playing for his country at both Cricket and Rugby, and had himself played the so-called professional game as an amateur. Dr. Nothling's persuasive powers were up to the task and the three were finally awarded their Blues. Another widely publicised example was the so-called 'Lawton Affair', referred to later in the 1923 section.

Similar incidents continued over the years until the ground breaking decision in 1995 by the Australian Rugby Union to allow Rugby players to accept payment.

Sadly, in the aftermath of the terrible Great War, there would be no joy for the 15 a side game for a decade. The bright star of the once-proud amateur sport had faded and fallen below the horizon, and for the time being at least, University Rugby Union went with it.

# **CHAPTER 4**

## 1920-1929 AFTER THE WAR - WINNING AT LEAGUE



Tom Lawton (top), Vic Grenning, Fred Paterson (below)

**R**ugby Union had continued in NSW during the period from 1915-19 when there was hardly any senior Rugby played in Queensland. The QRU re-established Rugby in 1919, with Brothers, University, Easts, Valleys and Past Grammars in the Brisbane competition, but this was not to last long. Due to the shortage of players after the war, teams were reduced to fourteen men.

The Club won the 1919 Premiership, defeating Valleys 10-0 in the Final with F. W. Paterson and R. R. P. Barbour scoring tries and T. Lawton with 2 goals, but in those days the rules stated that the team finishing on top of the Premiership table had the right to challenge whoever won the Final. Brothers challenged during the University vacation and won by 20-9, the Club being caught short with half the side away. G. S. Bailey scored the team's only try and T. Lawton landed 3 goals.

At the end of a lack-lustre season the QRL Secretary Harry Sunderland offered to stage two League versus Union matches, with the proceeds helping out the struggling Union; however, in the 1920 season, University, Past Grammars and Brothers voted to switch to League and Toowoomba soon followed. The Queensland Rugby Union went into hibernation for nearly a decade.

Asked why his team had transferred from Union to League, University's Gordon Fisher told a Sydney journalist that it was a question of Rugby League or no football at all.

"The Union could offer us no prospects at all," he said. "All the Secondary Schools followed our example. The Queensland public recognises the University players as amateurs... The senior Union teams have changed over, and the junior Union competition ...is merely staggering along. All the big Public Schools now play the League code."



1920 UQFC Club Team (Fryer Library)

1921



The 1921 Varsity Team (UQ Archives) The Club hosted the Intervarsity match for the first time in 1921.

Despite threatening weather, a large crowd gathered at the Exhibition Ground to watch the battle between the home side in maroon and blue and the Sydney University players in blue and gold. When the whistle blew for fulltime the score read: Sydney 27 Queensland 15. Scorers: *T. Lawton 2, V. C. Clarkson tries, A. McCulloch, T. Lawton* penalties.

Another "first" that year saw the Club fielding two teams in the local competition.



1922

The combined Universities Touring Team to New Zealand - 1922 (Fryer Library)

In 1922 a Combined Universities team, including six Queenslanders, toured New Zealand. The Queensland players were *F. Irvine, Jack Vidulich, Jack Lynam, Jerry Allman, R. Haltesteter, G. A. Fisher* 



The Team departs from Sydney

#### THE LAWTON CASE.

The Rugby League Football at Brisbane, for participation in which T. Lawton, of Oxford University, has been suspended by the Committee of the Rugby Union, is Stated to be limited, so far as senior clubs are con-cerned, to six teams. Two matches are played each Saturday in the same public park, two of the six teams being prevented from turn. of the six teams being prevented from turn-ing out owing to lack of other accommodation. There is little "gate," and in this the clubs have no share, the whole of the money being taken by the Rugby League and expended upon rent and improving the grounds. Mr. Lawton's case was further investigated at Oxford on Thursday by a sub-committee of

at Oxford on Thursday by a sub-committee of the Rugby Union, consisting of Mr. M. F. Waters, vice-president; Mr. P. C. Adams, and Mr. W. T. Pearce, but no announcement was made at the conclusion of the meeting.

The Lawton Case - The Times - London 17th February 1923

Another example of discrimination against the Club's amateur "leaguies" became known as the the "Lawton Affair." Tommy Lawton, Vic Grenning and Fred Paterson, all Queensland Rhodes Scholars at Oxford, were told they would not be selected in Oxford's Rugby team because they had played Rugby League, the professional game. Initially they were suspended from Rugby for the 1923-24 season on the strength of having played Rugby League as amateurs at the University of Queensland in 1921. Of course their choice to play League was in fact no choice, as there was no Rugby Union played in Brisbane at the time.

After much discussion in the press, the Rugby Union Council interviewed the

three players and finally withdrew their suspensions. Another Queenslander, Herbert "Jersey" Burton was at Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship and was suspended as well. He was reinstated into Rugby after the "Lawton Affair" but never received an Oxford Rugby Blue.

The UQFC delegates to the BRL were W. Dower and J. Lynam. The other Clubs were Past Grammars, Carlton, Western Suburbs, Coorparoo, Christian Brothers, Valleys.

The Referees' Association was represented by two delegates - Councillor J. B. Quinlan and Mr. E. J Goodwin.

Both the Hon. Secretary, W. E. Stock and the Hon. Treasurer, J. Roche were City Council Aldermen.

The Patron Dr. R. was Grav, Mr P. Scott was the President, and there were no fewer than four Vice-presidents, including Mr Vic Jensen. The photo was provided from the personal collection of Jim Meaney, whose father, Patrick Baines

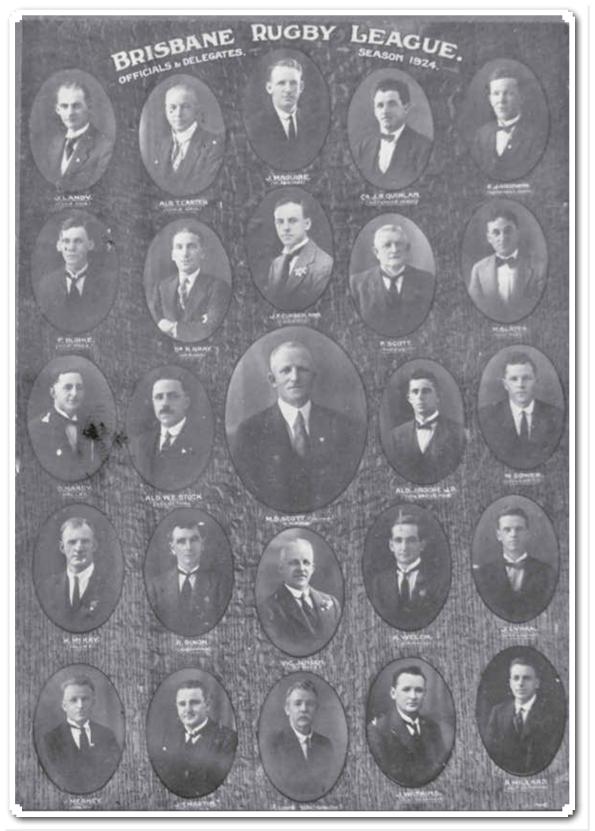


Tommy Lawton v the All Blacks -1924

Meaney was one of the Carlton delegates that year. Forty years later, after his retirement in 1964, he became the Hon. Auditor for the University of Queensland Sports Union and Union College, continuing in both roles into the 1970s. He became a regular Club supporter, reverting to early tee-offs at Brisbane Golf Club so that he could attend the afternoon matches at Ballymore.

1924

(In the early seventies, his wife Edith became a very reluctant but valuable Club supporter when she took over the unenviable task of washing the Club's A Grade jerseys following the retirement of Bruce Brown's mother, Kath from her years in the performance of this unsung task. Edith's relief when Jim temporarily retired at the end of 1973 was palpable).



The Brisbane Rugby League - Officials and Delegates - 1924



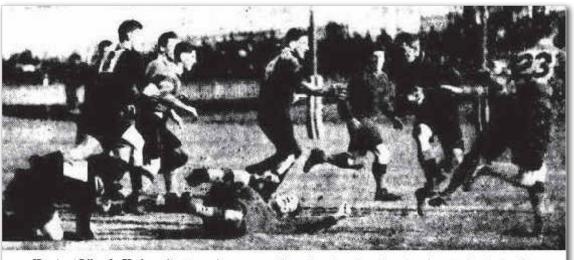
11th July 1925 - UQFC v Valley

### 1926

The Club did well in the Brisbane Rugby League competition and in 1926 made the semi-finals before being downed by Coorparoo, 9-12. Scorers: *K. Hall* try, *W. A. McDougall* 3 goals.



1926 UQFC Team (Fryer Library)



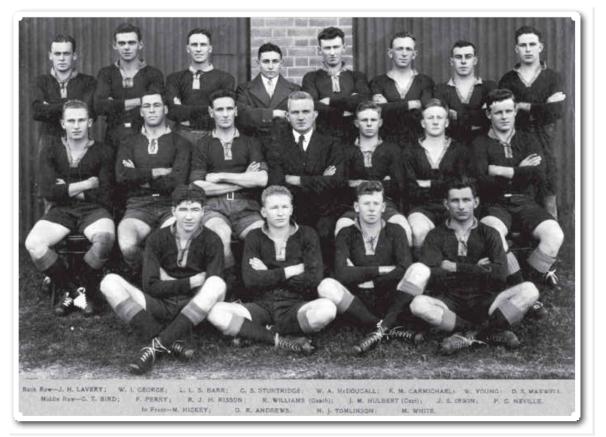
Huat (Q'land University) saving an awkward situation in the first half of the Queensland University v. New South Wales University Rugby League match yesterday.

> UQFC v Sydney Uni Intervarsity Match - 1926

> > 1927



John Hulbert, 1927 Captain



1927 UQFC Team (Fryer Library)

#### 1928

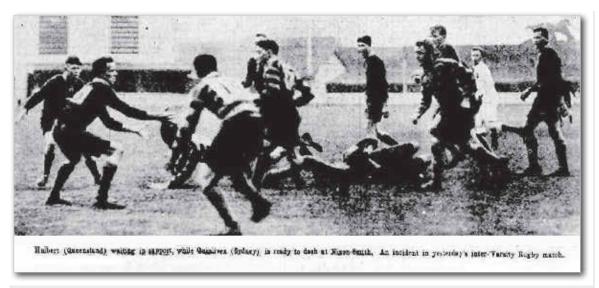
The Club won its first Brisbane Rugby League Premiership, playing as amateurs, winning both the Pike Cup (for leaders at the end of the first round) and the Jensen Shield (for the BRL Premiership).

In the Grand Final University played Christian Brothers, led by Kangaroo star, Tommy Gorman. The wily veteran, who had led the Kangaroos to England, had an uncanny touch, a deceptive feint and sidestep. He was the first Queenslander to lead Australia on an overseas tour, but he was getting on in years. Our players were young and enthusiastic. Captained by halfback John Hulbert, the First Grade won a thrilling match 9-7, clinching victory with a try by fleet-footed winger C. Adair in the corner in the last minute. The Club had to withstand a challenge from Carlton the following Saturday, which they did 10-7, and clinched the Pike Cup and Jensen Shield. Hulbert and Hamilton scored tries and George Lockie kicked two conversions.

First Grade - Premiers (defeated Carlton 10-7):

J. M. Hulbert (c), K. M. Carmichael (vc), W. Nixon-Smith, W. I. George, J. T. Broadfoot, R. J. Risson, F. G. Vidgen, F. Mines, E. G. White, R. Hamilton, G. W. Lockie, N. J. Tomlinson, B. M. Brown, C. Adair, J. Irwin, M. F. Hickey, W. Young. Coach: Bob Williams, President: J. F. Lynam.

To cap it off, the Club won the Intervarsity match as well. In the presence of the Governor of Queensland, Mr. W. McCormack, UQ defeated Sydney Uni 8-7 in a close match. Scorers: *M. F. Hickey, K. M. Carmichael* tries, *B. M Brown* penalty.



Intervarsity Match v Sydney Uni - 23rd May 1928

Although the QRU was re-formed midway through the year, University continued to play Rugby League, and again won the Brisbane Premiership in 1929. Uni won the Kaye Cup, which is still in the Clubhouse today, but voted to switch back to Union the following season.

#### How did this happen?

The reports of exciting matches in the Sydney GPS competition and the thrilling deeds of the Waratahs had served to enthuse Rugby men in Brisbane. A meeting was held at the YMCA Building in Ann Street on 2nd May 1928 for interested parties, organised by Alec Hinds, the General Secretary of the YMCA. Stalwarts of the pre-war years came along; men like Tommy Lawton, Jimmy Flynn, Stuart Stephenson (Headmaster of Brisbane Grammar), Jack Ross (Sportsmaster at Nudgee College) and dual Cricket/Rugby International, Dr Otto Nothling.

Union had continued on a social basis at the University, where the Dental students got together and played against Pharmacy and Gatton College. There were no dressing sheds, so the players would change where they could and play in open fields. At the end of the 1928 season there was a visit by a Sydney University invitation side led by 1929 Rhodes Scholar, Butts Lamport. The Queensland team was coached by Tommy Lawton and wore Past Brothers maroon and white striped jerseys. It even included two Brisbane Grammar schoolboys, Fitz Vincent and Harry Steindl. Jack Twomey, (father of Dennis Twomey who was tragically killed as an undergraduate Dentistry student in 1968 in Melbourne playing at Intervarsity for the Club) won the medal for best forward on the ground. Sydney University won easily by 35-8, but the game drew a crowd of over 2000, and Rugby was reborn in Queensland.



Jack Irwin 1928



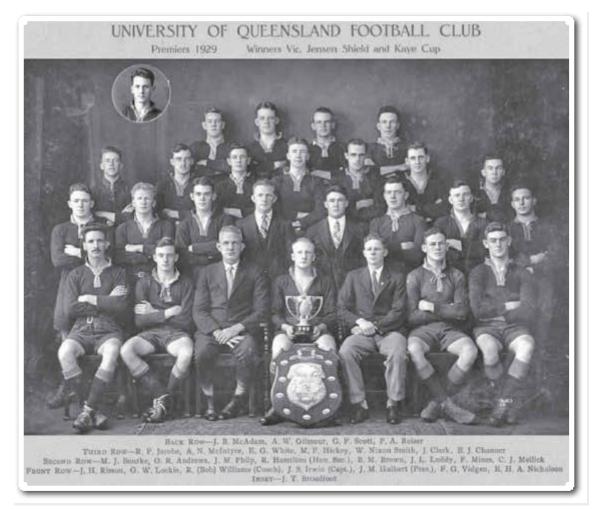
'Varsity broke through Grammars' defence several times on Saturday. The picture shows Hulbe dribbling through with Phipps waiting to stem the attack.

*3rd September 1928 UQFC v Past Grammars* 



The UQFC Team A Grade - 1928 (Fryer Library)

## 1929



The Club won its second League Premiership, the Vic Jensen Shield and the Kaye Cup (played for by the leaders at the end of the second round) by defeating Valleys 19-13. Uni then defeated Coorparoo 12-11 in a tight match before a crowd of over 2000 at the Exhibition Ground. Broadfoot and Nicholson scored tries, and Lockie kicked a penalty and two conversions.

The 1929 Reserve Grade also acquired some silverware and the squad of thirty included Arnold Williams (c), A. W. Howard, E. T. Thomasson, K. L. Thomas, E. Ferguson, A. F. Skinner, J. C. Donnar, R. D. Ward, M. B. Curtis, M. A. Toohey, R. A. Molloy, M. T. Sherman, Stiffy Matthews, and N. J. Byrne. Games were played at the George St site now occupied by the Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

Helped by a simmering feud between the Queensland Rugby League (QRL) and the Brisbane Rugby League (BRL), Rugby League Clubs began switching back to Union. At its Annual General Meeting in 1929, Past Grammars voted to make the change and other Clubs soon followed, despite an offer of 150 pounds (equivalent to tens of thousands of dollars in today's money) from QRL secretary Harry Sunderland for any Club that stayed loyal. But the floodgates had opened and the QRU was able to make up a draw for competition in two Grades between five Clubs – Past Grammars, Past Commercials, YMCA, Valleys and Wynnum. YMCA had been the 1929 First Grade Premiers.

BRISBANE UNIVERSITY RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM TO PLAY SYDNEY.



The UQFC Team Arrives in Sydney - 1929

For the first time in a decade Queensland sent a team to Sydney and although they lost 47-16 and 42-25, the Tommy Lawton-led team did well enough for four players to win selection for a Test against the All Blacks. The Wallabies, playing for the first time in green jerseys, had a memorable victory 9-8 before a huge crowd of 38,111 at the Sydney Cricket Ground.



1929 Varsity Reserve Grade Team

The second Test against the All Blacks was played in Brisbane for the first time in fifteen years, at the Exhibition Ground. Over 20,000 fans saw Australia win again 17-9, with Tommy Lawton at Captain - one of five Queenslanders in the team. Gordon Sturtridge played his first Test in the centres. Born in Brisbane and educated at BBC, Sturtridge had played for University in the Rugby League team in 1926, but moved to Melbourne to further his medical studies in 1927. He thus became the first Victorian-based Wallaby. Also from Queensland was tiny winger Gordon McGhie, only 5'2" tall (157cm) and 9 stone 2 pounds (58kg), who scored on debut.

The two Queenslanders became members of an elite band of Australians who achieved a clean sweep over the mighty All Blacks. Australia won 15-13 at the SCG, thus completing the first-ever whitewash of New Zealand by any nation. It was not until 1998 that another Wallaby team emulated the feat when John Eales was Captain. The excitement generated by the clean sweep over the All Blacks and the role played by the five Queenslanders fanned the flame of Rugby in the north. Rugby Union began in Warwick, with three Clubs taking part, and Toowoomba and Dalby soon followed.

After winning the Kaye Cup and the BRL Premiership for the second successive year, the Club was awarded the trophy in perpetuity. The Club's pride in its forebears is on display in the Clubhouse where the trophy resides today. In 1979, the Club entertained its members and their guests on Friday evenings and the story goes that on one occasion a guest was spied with a large screwdriver removing the screws that held the trophy affixed to the wall. The guest in question was a legendary figure in Rugby League administration, and is now long deceased, but the famous trophy is still there.

# **CHAPTER 5**

# 1930 – 1939 THE SUCCESSFUL RETURN TO RUGBY

## 1930



Intervarsity Match 1930 - UQFC 16 d Sydney Uni 14

**T**he Club returned to Rugby Union and Tom Lawton, now aged thirty, and eleven years after his first season in 1919, led A Grade to its first Rugby Premiership. The team won twenty of its twenty-five games in the season, defeated Valleys in the Grand Final 12-3 at New Farm Park. Scorers: *E. J. Channer* 1 try, *F. Mines* 1 try, *T. Lawton* 2 penalty goals. Seven players were chosen to represent Queensland against NSW. At Intervarsity there was an unexpected early loss to Melbourne, 11-16. Scorers: *W. F. Nixon-Smith, Williams, F. R. Vincent* tries, *F. R. Vincent* conv. The side recovered and won against Sydney in the Final, 16-11. Scorers: *F. J Whyatt, W. F. Nixon-Smith, J. G. Clark, W. G. Draper* tries, *F. Mines* 2 goals.

Bundaberg flanker Jim Clark became the second Club player to captain Australia when he took over from Tommy Lawton against the NZ Maoris, winning 14-3. He also took over the reins at the Club, leading the A Grade team to three Premierships in the next four years. Frank Mines, Jack Channer, Bob Risson, Fitz Vincent and James McGrath were all selected in the Queensland team in 1930.

Three of the team members below:



George Procopis

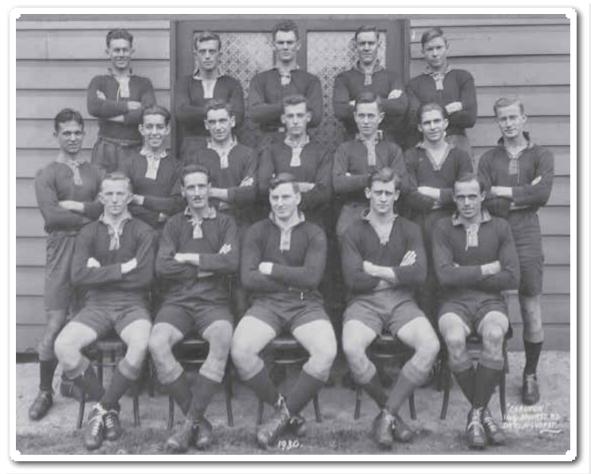


Francis Mines

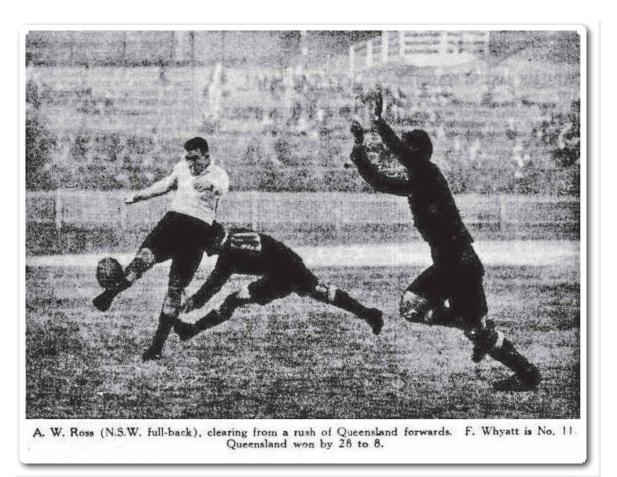


Trevor Edwards

#### A GRADE PREMIERS - 1930



This photo courtesy of Gwyneth Petrie, daughter of Trevor Edwards -(Middle Row – Third from the right)



Another highly successful year. The A Grade team won the three highest possible awards – the Walker and Hall Cup and the Premiership Shield, as well as the Old Buffers' Cup. They lost only three of their seventeen games and one was drawn. Although its best players were away playing for Australia against New Zealand, the Club's Intervarsity team defeated Sydney, 16-14 and was only narrowly beaten by Melbourne 21-23, two days earlier.

It won the Walker and Hall Cup defeating Brothers 11-6, Scorers: *E. J. Channer* 2 tries, *F. R. Vincent conv.*, 1 p.g.

It also won the Premiership Shield defeating GPS 16-15, Scorers: *R. Risson, R. Hamilton* and *F. R. Vincent* tries, *F. R. Vincent* p.g., fd.g. and The Old Buffers' Cup defeating YMCA 11-10, Scorers: *E. J. Channer* 2 tries, *F. Vincent* conv., p.g.

The year realised another Premiership but the Grand Final victory was not without drama. After dominating the competition all season, A Grade lost to Brothers in the Semifinals 10-9, whilst Brothers were in turn beaten by GPS (the new name of Past Grammars) 15-9. University exercised its right of challenge and won a thrilling Grand Final 16-15 at the Brisbane Cricket Ground.



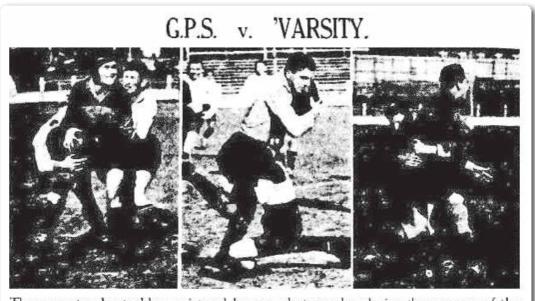
A Grade - 1931 Premiers, Walker and Hall Cup and the Old Buffers' Cup

Back Row:	F. Miller, F. Whyatt, W. G. White, J. McGrath, T. Edwards.				
Second Row:	J. C. Richards, P. Clark, J. Morrow, H. F. McGrath (Hon Sec), A. Bandidt,				
	J. Callaghan, R. Hamilton.				
Front Row:	W. G. Draper, S. Foote, R. Hinch, J. Clark (Capt), W. A. Nixon-Smith,				
	J. Channer, F. Vincent.				
Inserts:	R. Hayes, F. G. Vidgen, G. Hall.				



An incident of play in the Rugby Union match, University v. South Brisbane, on Saturday, when University decisively defeated their opponents by 35 points to nil.

13th June 1931 UQFC defeating South Brisbane 35-0



Three spectacular tackles registered by our photographer during the progress of the Rugby Union premiership game, G.P.S. Old Boys v. University, at the Brisbane Cricket Ground on Saturday last, and which was won by 'Varsity.

Grand Final - 12th September 1931 Uni d GPS 16-15 at the Brisbane Cricket Ground

A Grade won the Grand Final defeating Brothers 8-6 at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground. Scorers: *R. Hamilton, W. White tries, J. Evans conv.* This was the Club's fifth Premiership in a row (counting the two Rugby League titles.)

Jim Clark played for Australia and Queensland against the All Blacks. Tom Lawton led the Wallabies to yet another win 22-17. Jim's brother Phil, Fitz Vincent, Bimbo White, Fred Wyatt and Bob Hamilton all played for the State against New Zealand, while the Clark brothers, Jim Channer, Fitz Vincent and Bimbo White all played for Queensland against New South Wales.



Uni d Valley by one point – 2nd April 1932

THE SECOND TEST - 1932 AUSTRALIA 22 d NEW ZEALAND 17

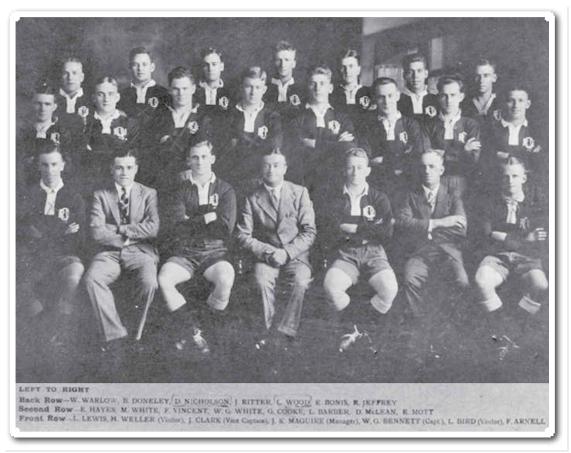




The Great Tom Lawton – a portrait

Tommy Lawton - the Australian captain - kicking against the All Blacks in the Second Test 1932

Tom Lawton captained Australia in this Test



*The Queensland Touring Team 1932 This team included a number of UQ players* 



The UQ Team - Intervarsity at Sydney - 1933

The Club won through to the Grand Final against YMCA, after beating Christian Brothers in the Preliminary Final the week before. A Grade was led by the fast backrower Jim Clark. He opened the scoring at the Exhibition Ground in front of a good crowd, dummying his way through a pack of defenders. "The Courier", in previewing the match, stated that "Varsity would start slight favourites because of their strong constructive back division moves;" however, shortly afterwards Clark was carried off with a hip injury while the backline faltered in the face of some resolute defence.

Kerlin scored YMCA's first try and converted to make it 5-3. Two penalties by State player Charlie Minnis and one by H. M. Windsor took the Club out to a lead of 9-5 but YMCA narrowed the margin to one point when Christiansen scored a try, after a series of rucks close to the line. The "Triangles" forwards were well on top in the closing stages and right on fulltime Christiansen scored again, making the final score YMCA 13 University 9.

Still without Captain Jim Clark, the Club used its right of challenge to go up against YMCA the following week. The match was again close, finishing in a draw, 17 all, giving YMCA the Premiership. Scorers: *Hayes* 2 tries, *Wilson* 1 try, *F. R. Vincent* 2 penalty goals, 1 conversion.

Phil Clark, Charlie Minnis, Fred Wyatt, Fitz Vincent and part-Chinese player, Charlie Lee all played for Queensland.

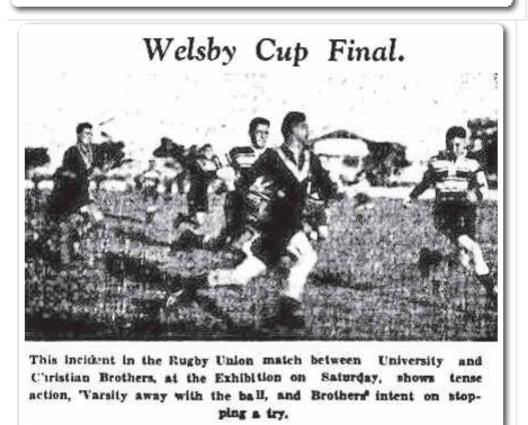
The Wallabies made their first-ever tour of South Africa in 1933, and in the 29-man touring party a record eleven Queenslanders were picked, including the Club's Jim Clark, Bimbo White and Gordon Sturtridge, then from Victoria. Clark took the field in only one Test, but

White played in all five. Wearing sky blue jerseys to avoid clashing with the green Springbok colours, the Wallabies went down 3-2 in a close series.

The legendary Danie Craven played against Jim Clark in the 1933 Capetown Test. He described Jim as the hardest tackler he had ever encountered, and claimed that he was the best breakaway that he had played against.



After the ball in the Sydney University (in white) Rugby Union match against Brisbane University on Saturday at University Oval.



*The First Welsby Cup Final* 22nd April 1933





1933 Grand Final v YMCA





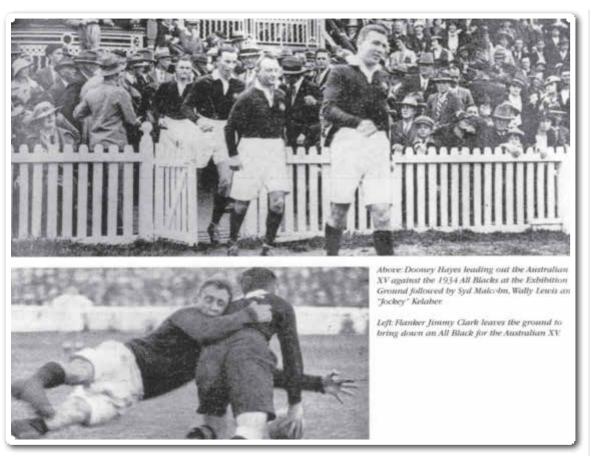
Bob Risson – a member of the 1933 UQ team

The Grand Final v YMCA 11th September 1933

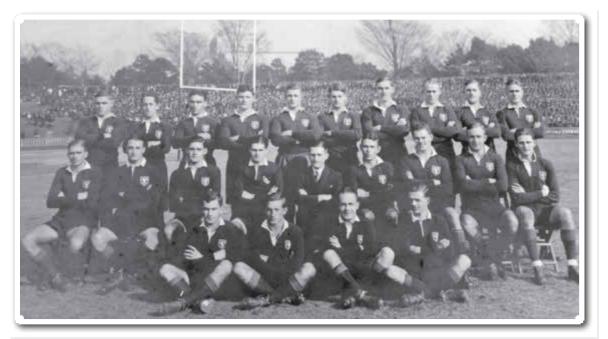


Australian Universities v Metropolitan Rugby Union – 1933 in Sydney





Lower photo: Uni flanker Jim Clark in action against the All Blacks



Australian Universities in Japan

It was a memorable year for Jim Clark. He led the A Grade, coached by Fred Nicholson, to another Premiership, defeating GPS 20-18 in the Grand Final. The team also won the Welsby Cup outright again defeating GPS, this time by 10-6, forcing Tom Welsby to donate another trophy. Scorers: *J. G. Clark* 2 tries, *P. L. Dixon* 2 conversions.

Australian Universities toured Japan, with eleven from the Club in the squad. Future Wallaby Captain Vay Wilson, massive flyhalf Fitz Vincent, Charlie Minnis, Harley Stumm, Phil Silcock, Phil Clark, and a young Poley Evans were included.

When the All Blacks toured Australia later that season, there were nine Queenslanders picked in an Australian XV, which gave the Blacks a fright. With Jim Clark and Fitz Vincent in the side, the Australian XV held them 6-all until a Hugh McLean try broke the deadlock for an 11-6 New Zealand victory.





Uni v Brothers – April 1934

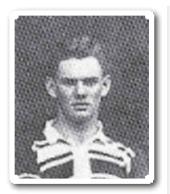
At Intervarsity A Grade defeated Melbourne 9-8 (*Hall* try, *H. Shand* 2 penalty goals) but lost the final to Sydney 32-8. (*Faine* try, *H. Shand* conv., 1 penalty goal) two days later.



1934 – Australian Universities v Hong Kong

# 1935

Fitz Vincent played one last match for Queensland before travelling to Canada to further his dental career – running at will against the Maoris in a 39-22 win. The University's 1936 Rhodes Scholar, Club hooker Ron Atkinson, also left for England at the end of the 1935 season, but played again on return.



F. R. (Fitz) Vincent



Ron Atkinson University of Queensland Rhodes Scholar - 1936



The Queensland Emblem from Ron Atkinson's Jersey

Eagle Junction made a remarkable entry into the Brisbane competition, switching from Australian Rules to Rugby, and winning Premierships at each in successive seasons. With players like Boyd and Butch Oxlade, Chappie Schulte, Cyril Andrews, Johnny Kirwan and later world famous golfing legend Norman Von Nida, they won the Senior C Grade in 1933 as Valleys C. The next year they won the B Grade Premiership, so they applied to play A Grade in 1935. They were duly accepted and won the Premiership at their first attempt – then won again in the next two years for good measure. The master Coach behind the hattrick was Alex Mortimer.



Uni v GPS at the Exhibition Ground - 1935

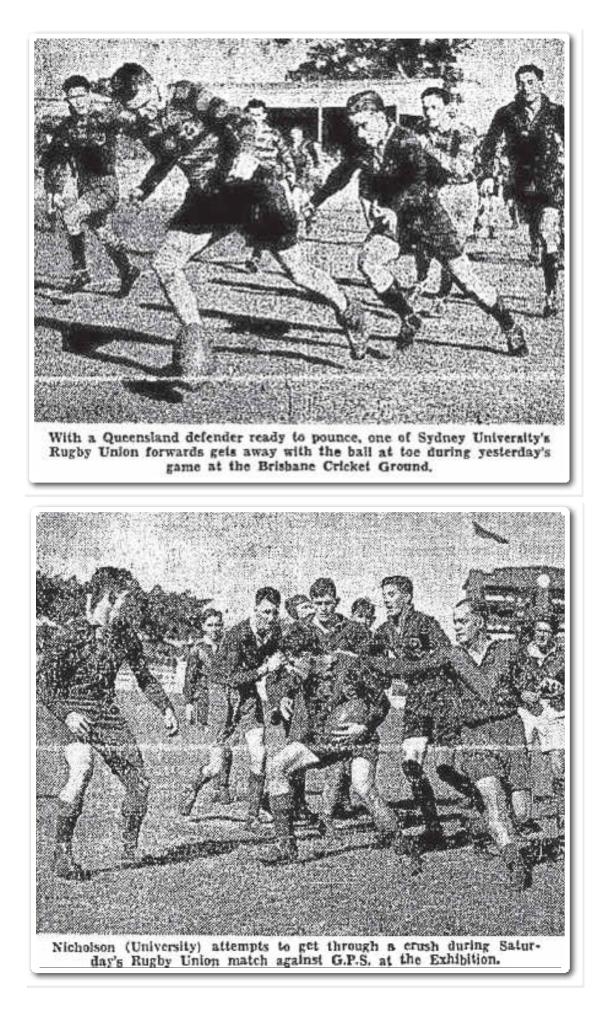
A Grade had begun the season with promise, and secured the Welsby Cup, defeating YMCA 19-11.

### 1936

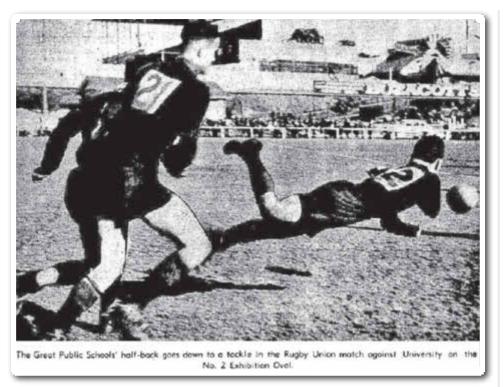
This year A Grade won the Ambulance Cup, defeating YMCA 14-5, the Old Buffers' Cup defeating Eagle Junction (*J. W. Evans* scored all the team's points), defeated Combined Schools in the annual match 8-3, defeated Sydney Uni 27-0 and in the Intervarsity Final two days later defeated Melbourne Uni 39-3. Scorers: *P. L. Dixon* 2, *J. W. Evans* 2, *E. Faine, R. Elliott, V. Nicholson, P. M. Silcock, J. Tully tries, J. W. Evans* 4 goals, *Hempenstall* 2 goals. In the Club competition, YMCA defeated A Grade in the Semifinals 13-3.



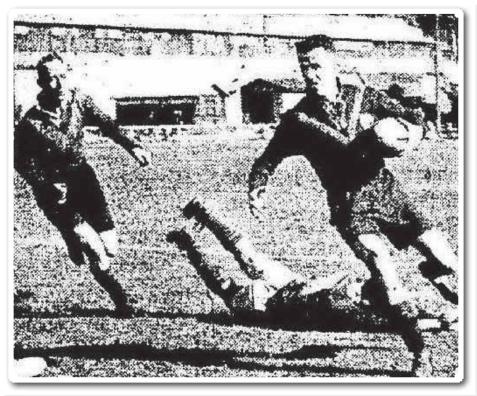
University player W F Nixon-Smith



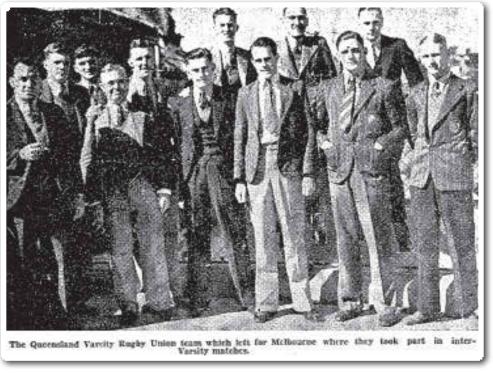
Eagle Junction won its third Premiership in a row despite losing to Uni 9-14 during the second round. The Club had had a successful Intervarsity defeating Adelaide Uni 20-6 and Melbourne Uni 5-3 before losing the Final to Sydney Uni 12-5. Scorers: *V. Nicholson* try, *P. Clark* conv.



Uni v the Great Public Schools XV – July 1937



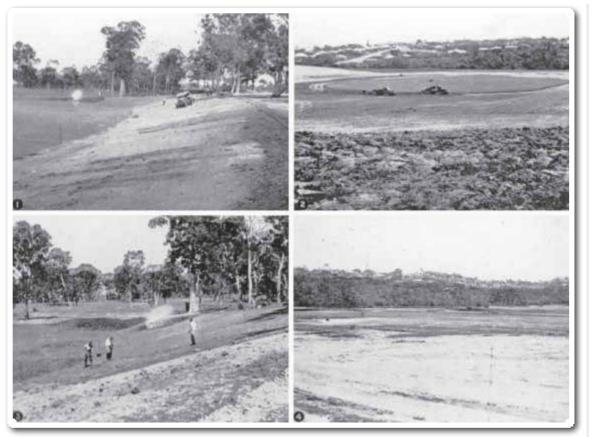
Uni v GPS Club – July 1937 A University player steps around a tackler at the Exhibition Ground No 2



The UQ Team off to Melbourne for the 1937 Intervarsity

Although the University would not be moving to St Lucia for some years yet, preparation was underway, as seen in these photos of construction of the sporting ovals.

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND ST LUCIA THE NEW OVALS



New Ovals Under Construction at St Lucia. These photographs were taken circa 1937-38

Vay Wilson led A Grade to the Premiership, its fifth in the decade, defeating YMCA 14-3 in the Grand Final, Scorers: *W. N. Wensley* try, *J. W. Evans* 3 penalty goals, 1 conversion.

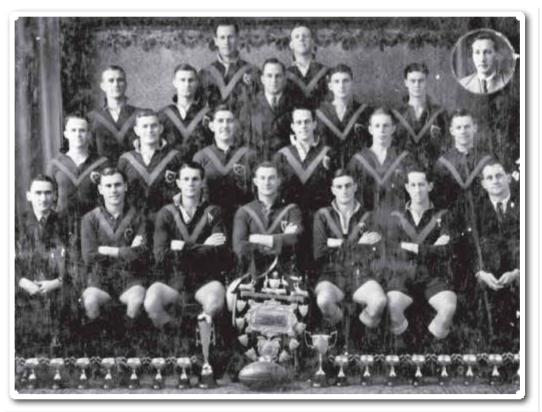


William N. Wensley – father of the current Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC.

The B Grade won as well. A Grade had coasted to the title and rarely had its line crossed, although YMCA had caused an upset in the final a week earlier, winning 16-6.

Vay Wilson was in A Grade from 1933 and toured Japan with Australian Universities in 1934. A second rower or prop, he led Australia in three of his five Tests and was regarded as a popular leader and deep thinker. While an undergraduate Vay was regarded as somewhat of a mathematician; he was known for his tactical expertise and his teams invariably did well.

University and Australian heavyweight boxing champion Bill Monti also won Test selection against the All Blacks. Roger Salter, who was to become a leading Brisbane obstetrician, made his debut for Queensland.

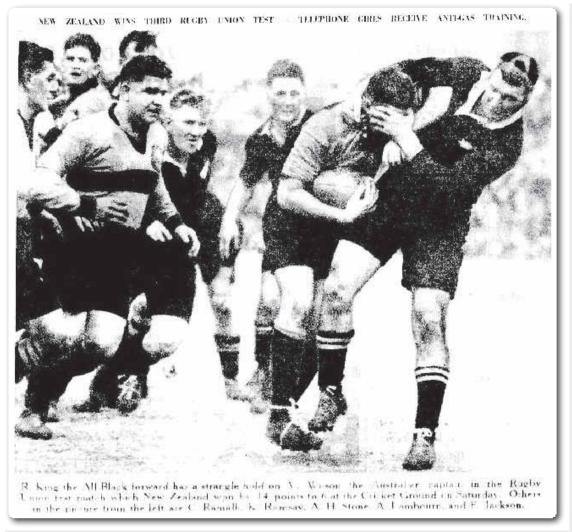


A Grade – Premiers in 1938: Winners of Doughty Premiership Shield and R.N.A Club Championship, 1938

Front Row:	C. McCallum (Hon. Sec.), R. B. Salter, A. W. Monti, V. W. Wilson (Capt.),				
	V. M. Nicholson (V. Capt), J. W. Evans, J. G. Clark (Hon. Coach).				
Second Row:	V. J. Batstone, A. D. Isles, J. C. Tully, P. C. R. Proctor, E. N. Faine, R. A. Astill.				
Third Row:	V. E. Schmidt, E. Muller, P. M. Silcock (Hon. Treas.), W. N. B. Wensley,				
	C. M. Manning.				
Back Row:	C. K. Bryson, J. S. Sullivan.				
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University A Grade v YMCA

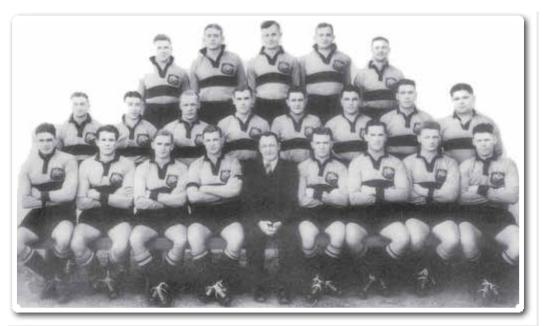


University's Vay Wilson being mugged by an All Black forward in a 1938 Test Match Wilson was the Wallaby Captain

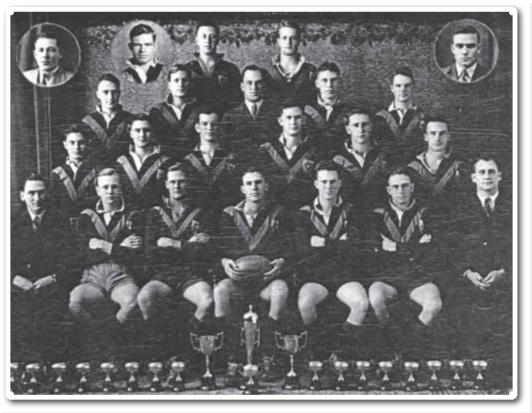


Ron Atkinson (Varsity) leading the charge





The Australian Rugby Team – 1938 Captained by University's Vay Wilson



B Grade – 1938 Premiers

Front Row:	C. McCallum, (Hon. Sec.) J. Markwell, W. N. Martin, T. N. Thomas (Vice Capt.), J. V. Hynes, J. G. Willis, J. G. Clark (Hon. Coach).		
Second Row:	G. Corones, R. G. Martin, P. D. Kelly, C. A. Holmes, N. B. Willmer, R. M. Salisbury.		
Third Row:	A. F. O'Driscoll, H. G. Lavers, P. M. Silcock (Hon. Treas.), W. E. Mayo, D. A. Henderson.		
Back Row: Insets:	J. H. Bookless, G. B. Miedecke. W. G. Taylor (Capt.), R. Riddell, D. Provan.		



#### By PAT FRAWLEY

THE 1938 Rugby Union premiership was won yesterday by Uni-<sup>1</sup> versity, who defeated Y.M.C.A. by 14 points to 3 in a chal-lenge final at the Exhibition Grounds. It was a complete reversal of the result of the final a week before, when Y.M.C.A. took the honours, 16-6.

Y.M.C.A. forwards, who dominated the first match, were faced with much sterner opposition yesterday. They fought gamely to the final whistle, but their efforts were not successful.

MANY of them wasted energy in do-ing things which incurred penal-ties, two of which were turned into valuable points by J. Evans.

Valuance points by J. Evans. It was a better match than the pre-vious Saturday's. While the forwards dominated play again, there were many bright fiashes in the back divisions. A. Watson, at centre for Y.M.C.A. gave another fine display, and V. Ryan, the balf-back, did more than one man's share against heavy odds.

attare against heavy odds. Evans and V. Nicholson were Uni-wentity's back line stars. Nicholson kept a keen eye on the play, and scored a try by running towards the other wing to selse an opportunity. It is the fifth premiership won by University since the code was revived in 1928.

T. C.G. P.G. P.G. Til. University ... 2 1 2 - 14 Y.M.C.A. ... 1 2 - 14 W. N. Wentley and V. M. Nicholson scored tries for University, for whom J. Evans kicked two penalty goals and a conversion goal. A. Watson scored a try for Y.M.C.A.

#### EARLY PENALTY

EARLY PENALTY University defended the city end in the first half. A minute after the start, they were given a penalty, and J. Evans just missed from a long way out. He had another immediately from straight in front and near half-way, but failed again. With Y.M.G.A. in a fair scoring posi-tion, J. Cannon threw a forward puse to S. Green. There were several scrums and some solid work close to the Uni-versity line until J. Batistone kicked clear.

and some some erne and the second scient. C. Beadle, Y.M.C.A. full-back, took a pensity, and marrowiy misaed the points. Soon after, Beadle threw away a chance by trying to kick a field goal. Nichelson made a well-judged line kick to bring relief once more to Varaity. A short kick ahead by & Green was gathered by Cannon, who dashed for the line with excellent prospects. A great tackle by Batatone stopped him. If was 20 minutes before University made definite progress, resulting in a try by Nichelson, who ran almost to the opposite wing to get it. Evans con-verted, and University led 5--nil. Evans eluded several opponents, and got very close to the Y.M.C.A. line before his run was stopped. Y.M.C.A. forwards were penalised three times in as many minutes.

### EVANS SCORES CENTURY FOR SEASON

J. ("Poley") Evans scored eight points-rather a poor day for him-for University against Y.M.C.A. in yesterday's Rugby Union challenge final. This made his tally 101 for the season.

## **3 Union Stars** To Retire

10 KETHE A. ("BIII") Monti, J. ("Poley") Evans, and P. L. Dixon, prominent Rugby Union players for many years, have retired. All were mem-bers of University club. Monti was one of the eight Queenslanders in the Australian team which went to Eugland hast rear. He played Test football in Australia and represented Queens-tand many times. Trans is a son of the new presi-dent of the Queensland Rugby Union (Mr. W. T. Evans). He has bicked hundreds of goals for Uni-versity.

versity

Dixon has had the distinction of playing Rugby Union and cricket for Queensland.

#### Evans in Good Kicking Form

J EVANS (University winner) has been responsible for some heavy anothing in the last fortnight. Last week he re-gistered it points for his side, and to-day morred it points against Brothers, made up of tures tries and six roals. The kricking of Evans was remarkably accurate.

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#### WATSON SCORES

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Jack "Young Poley" Evans shows his determination in a match against GPS

The Club Competition Grand Final was played in July prior to the Wallaby selection trials being held in Sydney. YMCA proved that its side with five State representatives, Eddie Bonis, Alan Livermore, Stark, James and Comerford was good enough to cause an upset, winning the Grand Final 15-8. This relegated to Runners-up the same Uni team which had displayed its toughness the previous week when they downed the hard Eagle Junction side 16-14. This win may have come at the cost of the Premiership.

Interstate bias was alive and well in the pre-World War II days, as shown by the selection of the Second Wallabies to Britain in 1939. Seventeen players from NSW were chosen, but only eight from Queensland, despite NSW being soundly beaten in the Interstate matches and one of the trials. Queensland scored an unprecedented nine tries in defeating NSW 32-15 at the Exhibition Ground in front of the Australian Selectors.

With a Wallaby tour in the offing the Queenslanders turned it on, and had Alan Livermore been on target with his kicks, the score would have been even greater – he landed only 2 goals from 12 shots. The Club Captain and lock, Vay Wilson was Queensland Captain, Bill Monti was in the second row and Vaux Nicholson on the wing. Nicholson scored three tries and Monti one.

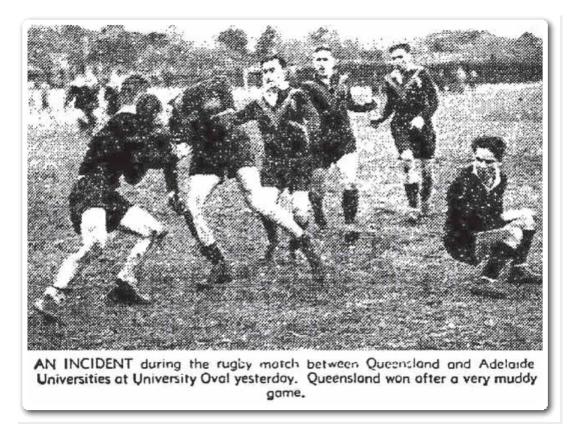
The following Saturday Queensland repeated the dose, but the 20-17 margin was a lot closer. Queensland appeared to get out of jail as NSW, down 14-15, looked certain to score but YMCA's diminutive winger Jackie Comerford intercepted – inside his own in-goal – and ran 100 metres to score the match winner for Queensland. The return matches were played in Sydney as Wallaby trials, and Queensland won the third game 21-14 but lost the fourth 17-15. When the Wallaby team to tour the UK was named, it included three Uni players, Vay Wilson (Captain), Bill Monti, and Vaux Nicholson. They got the trip to England, but that was all. No sooner had the team arrived in London than the Chamberlain Government declared war on Germany, and Rugby was forgotten. The team returned to Australia and went into history as "the team that never played a game."

Vay Wilson remained in England as he was to continue his studies as a Carnegie Fellow, but he deferred and joined the Royal Navy. He rose to the rank of Commander and was awarded the DSC. A Consultant Psychologist, he later became President of the World Heath Organisation.

With the outbreak of war, the whole of the Queensland backline joined the 7th Division of the AIF, went to Malaya and became prisoners of war, five dying in captivity. Chappie Schulte, the halfback, and Vaux Nicholson, University's winger, returned home. Chappie died several years later, but Vaux became a Judge of the District Court and lived a full life until he and his daughter were both killed in a tragic car accident on the Brisbane-Toowoomba road in 1970.

Although some well regarded sources (such as Jack Pollard in his Ampol Book of Australian Sporting Records) have stated that there was no Rugby competition in Brisbane from 1940 to 1945, further research reveals that a Brisbane competition was conducted during the War years. It consisted initially of six teams – University 1 and 2, GPS, YMCA, Eagle Junction and Brothers. The QRU was anxious to avoid a repeat of the World War 1 debacle when Rugby Union disbanded. Looking back on the Thirties, University was the dominant Club, with five Premierships and a host of representative players.

The example set by Tommy Lawton had become a beacon for the Club – to play the game with intelligence, skill, teamwork, and the right spirit.





A young Gordon Greenwood – later to become President and then Patron of the Club



University's P. L. Dixon on the move against GPS in April 1939



Bill Monti wated on a cannel en route to England 1939.



The 1939 Wallaby leadership - Vay Wilson (captain), Wally Matthews (manager) and Mike Gibbons (vice-captain).



"Strangler" Lewis was a well known wrestler and Wally Lewis demonstrated his namesake's beadlock on a teammate on board ship board for England with the 1939 Wallattics.

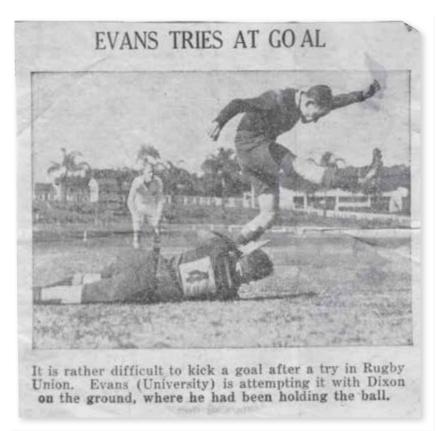
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Captain Vay Wilson (top) and Sydney's Aub Hodgson training on the ship to England



A good example of how all conversion place kicks had to be taken until 1957. The ball had to held off the ground by a specialist 'holder' until the kicker started his run in.



The future St Lucia Campus from Highgate Hill - mid 1930s.

# **CHAPTER 6**

# 1940-1949 ANOTHER WAR - HARDSHIP AND GLORY

The decade started on a bad note. World War II was under way in Europe, and although over 200 Queensland Rugby players enlisted, the QRU decided to continue the competition between six Clubs. University decided to continue playing, perhaps recalling what happened during the First World War, when Rugby went into hibernation for many years in Queensland. Eagle Junction won its second successive Premiership, defeating GPS 6-3 in the 1940 Grand Final.

Norbert Byrne has retained a priceless piece of memorabilia – the Minutes Book from the Club's meetings in the Forties, and it makes interesting reading. It shows how short of facilities players were in those days.

At the March meeting in 1944, for example, Noel Hoyling moved that practice be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at Victoria Park. The motion was seconded and carried. Then it was moved that the Secretary contact the Hockey Association to obtain permission for the Rugby players to use the dressing-rooms at Victoria Park. Seconded and carried. (The Hockey Club later refused to allow use of its ground and rooms.) Finally, it was recommended that the Secretary write to T. C. Beirne Ltd (a major department store) as to the possibility of obtaining jerseys from them. Seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned.

At the April meeting of 1944 the only item of business discussed was the Club's shortage of footballs. The Honorary Secretary, Bruce. R. Moore said that the problem lay not with balls, but rather in the shortage of bladders. An order had been placed with Massey's Sports Depot for bladders, and the Committee decided to empower the Secretary to purchase up to seven balls. The meeting then closed.

The June meeting of 1944 was decidedly more interesting. It was resolved that "the Secretary write to the QRU Secretary informing him that University A Grade team would refuse to play any matches refereed by W. Wyllie." The Minutes do not disclose any further details regarding the unpopularity of Mr Wyllie.

At the 1945 Annual General Meeting the President H. F. (Frank) McGrath congratulated the members "who did so much to uphold the Varsity Club, not so much by winning cups and trophies, as by the certain good spirit fostered in the Club, to give of its best in the furtherance of the amateur game."

At the 1946 AGM held in March, it was recorded "That the first practice be held on Thursday, but that everyone should have a run before that so they wouldn't be stiff on Thursday." Many things have changed over the years, but not that soreness in the legs after the first training run.



V. NICHOLSON. Captain Varsity A Grade. Block by courtesy "The Telegraph"

CLARKE KICKED A WINNER! The previous game had seen Var-

D. P. COOKE, Full Blue, Football, Des. proved the outstanding fiveeighth in Brisbane this year. Played for Brisbane and was selected in Queensland team. Has been club's most consistent performer.

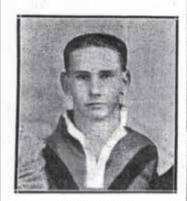
FRESH FROM THE FINAL.

G. SHARPE, Full Blue. Diminutive "Shep" Sharpe, paved the way for many a try with his paralysing speed. Among best centres in Brisbane, and represented City against Toowoomba.

W. T. MORRISON, Full Blue, Hardest worker in a pack that sometimes caused half-back Stacey to Bill weep bitter tears of rage. finished up a grand forward, rugged and enterprising. Played for Brisbane and Queensland.

R. J. ELLIOTT, Full Blue. Dick is one of our seasoned veterans; returned after a year's spell full of vim. Hard tackler and keen club supporter-just missed out on the representative honours.

LIONEL RICKETTS, Half Blue. "Butch" to his confreres, had a fearsome aspect, and a charge like a battering bull. Played for Brisbane against Toowoomba; unfortunately on military manoeuvres over last two premiership games,



DES. COOKE.

sity move to an 8-0 lead at halftime. But with that usual reckless up. Two penalties brought Brothers to 8-6, and Varsity supporters' hearts turned to stone when they had another kick under the posts. Luckily, Pilot Officer Clarke, with great presence of mind seized the pigskin and picture. with a mighty boot managed to trickle it over the side-line.

#### REAL RED TERRORS.

But in the grand final, Varsity started to pound away at the blue Brethren, and never let up for the whole eighty minutes. As is becoming almost inevitable, first try was by flying "Voks" Nicholson, and converted by "Poley" Evans. Not to be outdone, his brother flankman, Clarke, capped a good run with a spreadeagled dive for the line. Carried away the corner flag, and several opponents, but he got there, and "Poley" again raised the flags with a perfect conversion, 10-0.

COOK'S DAZZLING DISPLAY. Half-time scores were 10-3 when Varsity returned to the attack. Cook gave his best display in a brilliant season. Time and time again on twinkling feet he pierced holes in Brothers' defences, and handed out a couple of tries, but just failed to get there himself. "Truth" named him the star stand-off for the season, and we'll endorse it without demur. Nice going, Des.

It's a long time since I saw such a spate of deadly tackling as the Varsity backs turned on. From halfback to winger, the Brothers dropped like ripe apples in a tornado. Their handling -went from bad to worse, and they were caught in possession again and again with horrified looks on their faces. Cer-tainly was no picnic. Hard-working centre Jack Keim finished up with a broken collar-bone, and our usually immaculate full-back looked a sorry

share of the ball, and looked remarkably puzzled when, after a brisk run, he dived over for a score. Noticed also absolutely scandalised expression on Hon. Sec. Grieve's face when full-back Donovan nearly handed out a try to Sheehan in an otherwise safe performance. Spectators looked that way, too, when they heard what he said,

But our hats go off to Morrison as one of the best forwards in Brisbane to-day, and to Charlie Elliott also for a brilliant open forward game. "Two-Ton" Tony came good at last with a glorious finishing burst to score the final try of the season, 23-6.

Nice going, men!

#### -:0:--C GRADE HEROES.

Varsity this year also carried off abandon, forwards proceeded to fold the R.N.A. Cup for the best club performance. Our victory here was due to those heroes of the C Grade, "Blevans" fifteen warriors, unwept and unsung who struggled on despite they missed, and the lads in Red constant depletions, to finish up hung on till the final bell, when fifteen points ahead of Brothers. Otherwise we'd have been out of the

#### THE BOYS CELEBRATE.

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After such a meritorious season, a showed they'd decided to go to town few seasoned members of the club properly. Right from the jump they foregathered to do a bit of relaxing under the benevolent eye of genial President "Frankie" Mc-Grath. Frank managed to sus-pend a pair of football trousers somewhere on the lower arc of his parabola, just for the occasion. Several members of the Brothers team came down and were cheerily toasted. In response they invited Varsity men to a dance they were holding, and promised several returns of the toast.

> Anyway, it was a happy finis to a remarkably successful season.

BILL MORRISON.

1941 Grand Final - Blues Awards

A memorable year for the Club, as A Grade won another Premiership under the leadership of Vaux Nicholson. It defeated Minor Premiers Brothers 8-6 in the Premiership Final, but Brothers exercised its right of challenge. It was not a good decision. This time A Grade went even better, winning 23-6 in the Grand Final, played at the Brisbane Grammar School Oval. The Club's Des Cooke capped off an outstanding season with the win. (In 1979, his younger son Peter would also win a memorable A Grade Premiership with the Club, and his elder son Bruce was selected from Easts to play fullback for Australia against Ireland.)

Scorers: V. Nicholson, J. Sharpe, J. Evans, A. O'Driscoll and A. Tonakie tries, J. Evans 4 conv.

In B Grade, University 11 d GPS 10 as the final bell rang.

The expansion of World War II in the Pacific brought the struggle closer to Australia, and many more men enlisted. The QRU competition was reduced to four teams over the next three years – University, Brothers, GPS and YMCA. The University Sports Union suspended competition in all other sports. Although the Rugby Club continued to play on, it did so without immediate success; it was not to win a Premiership again until 1945.

#### 1942

Des Cooke continued his form into this season with a highly regarded performance against Brothers in the season opener. The Sunday Mail reported that Cooke organised "counter raids that were carried out with consistent felicity of execution" then after the interval "he set his facile feet into top gear, sliced the defence and scored under the posts." The team defeated Brothers 18-3. The No.2 side "ground GPS into the paddock 9-5." (University fielded two teams in A Grade – A1 and A2). In the A Grade Grand Final, GPS defeated Eagle Junction 11-9 to win the Premiership.



When the Club successfully contested the Fred C. Lea Cup in July 1943, defeating GPS by 20 points to 12, the scorers were: *H. Dunn* 2, *Willis* and *C. Windsor* tries; *Givens* 2, *Willis* 1 conversion.

Later however, in the 1943 Grand Final, GPS turned the tables and retained its Premiership, defeating University 10-8 at the Exhibition No 1 Oval.

Both sides scored two tries and Rod Proctor (who had previously played for Uni and who would return to the Club later in the 1940s) converted both for GPS, while Noel Hoyling converted only one of the Students' tries.

The GPS players had obviously heeded the warning issued two days before in the Courier Mail:

"GPS has a definite chance provided it does not give away penalties as it did last Saturday, when penalties provided the kicking opportunities which enabled Uni star goalkicker Noel Hoyling to build up a winning margin of 6-0 in the first half."

## 1944

University again fielded two teams in the A Grade competition, but YMCA finished the Club's Premiership hopes when it defeated the Club's No 1 team 17-6 in the Preliminary Final. The scores were tied at 6-6 well into the second half, but on 13th August the Sunday Truth reported that "when the 'yes-men' turned on the weight" it was "no go" for the Uni No 1 side.

Two weeks earlier the first team (A1) had defeated the second side (A2) but not before the seconds' backline, with the experienced combination of Adams, Wilkes and MacDonald had "nearly put the A1 three-quarters on the spot" and it was reported that "all the A1s had been included in the City team for (the) next Saturday." For the record A1 11, (*Moore, Hoyling* and *Ryan* tries, *Hoyling* 1 conv). d A2 6, (*Byrne, MacDonald* 1 try each).

The City team included Club members: C. Windsor, N. Hoyling, W. Wilson, B. Moore, H. Flanagan and J. Roe. The reserves included F. Carmody. On the same day, in Reserve Grade the B side defeated West End 18-13. The Great Public Schools combined team selected to play University on Wednesday 2nd August included some prominent players of the future, including Winning, Quatermass, O'Brien, Cottee, Gow, Pembroke, Beebe, McCann, Thompson, and Cheong.

YMCA won the A Grade Premiership, defeating GPS 8-3.

Medical student Clem Windsor's star was on the rise, and years later he recalled how these early days launched his career:

"After several years of Club Rugby, I represented Queensland at fullback in 1945, '46 and '47, Australia v N.Z. in 1947, and following that game, was selected in the Wallaby team to tour the British Isles, France, Canada and the United States of America. We sailed on the Orion from Sydney, spent three summery weeks in Penzance, Cornwall, preparing for the tour, and then over a total period of nine months played thirty-eight games, winning thirty-three and losing five – two of which were international matches - against Wales and France respectively. Following the American leg of the tour, I returned to England to start my surgical training, which was to last for five years, during which I received total support from my father. Dad was always a prolific writer, whose letters were most welcome and great morale boosters during the many vicissitudes of those years of playing Rugby, studying for the Fellowship, training in practical surgery, courting and wedding a lovely English girl, before returning to Australia and a life of surgery.

Queensland University in 1940 was still at the river end of George Street, with the old stone Government House, and always fielded strong Rugby teams. The Domain was our training ground - minimal facilities, no night lighting, and therefore training sessions of very limited duration in the winter months, and formal training non-existent. They were really fitness sessions for those who had the enthusiasm to turn up. Added to this was the compounding problem of scattered University Colleges, with the new Herston Medical School and the adjacent General Hospital complex bearing no physical relationship to the George Street Campus.

"The straw that broke the camel's back" occurred in 1941, when the Army took over the Domain, covered it with "temporary" barracks, and brought our Rugby training there to an abrupt halt. For those of us at the Medical School, Victoria Park at the bottom of the drive was ideal for our purpose, and we met there twice a week during the football season. The enthusiasts from George Street had to walk, tram, and walk again to get to training, and usually, by that time, it was late and dark, and the medical students had gone home.

"Competition games were played on the Exhibition Main Oval and Rugby League on No.2. The proverbial two men and a dog came to our games, and not many more to the League. Their games finished earlier than ours, and always there was a late influx of Leaguies, who were not backward in commenting on Rugby Union in general, and our expertise in particular.

The Exhibition Oval had, as it still does, a track around the perimeter which doubled as an athletic, trotting or speedway track, as the occasion demanded.

During the R.N.A. Show Week in August, the whole oval would be churned up by horses, cattle, trucks, motor bikes etc., and by the time the Rugby Finals were played the following weekend, the ground had the appearance and consistency of dirty concrete. A trial to play on, every footballer lost skin off knees and elbows, but wondrous to relate, nobody contracted Tetanus or other equally frightful disease. Passive immunisation was in, and after each game, there was always a group of players off to the General Hospital across the road for their Tetanus shots. The racing track edge came very close to the corner flags of the Rugby field, and many a player suffered the pain of landing on the track as he dived over to score, or more frequently, as he was hurled into touch.

Lower Grade games were played at Kalinga Park and Eagle Farm, so the preliminary activity before each game was to get rid of the grazing cows, and fill a bucket with spadefuls of their excreta.

University, Brothers, Y.M.C.A. and Eagle Junction were the mainstay teams throughout the War, always with a liberal sprinkling of servicemen, recruited just before the game to fill a vacant spot. None of us was really fit, in the modern day sense of the word; no replacements were allowed, and a squeeze of an orange or nothing at all was our half time fluid replacement.

Nobody knew or thought about dehydration, so we were exhausted at the completion of our games. In the early and latter part of the season, with the Brisbane temperatures in the 30s, we used to long for the end of the contest so that we could go to the nearest tap and replenish our stores.

My football skills at Terrace were pretty minimal, but as I progressed through the grades at University I developed some expertise as a fullback, and gradually cemented my position there for the ten years

I played Club, State, and International Rugby in Australia and overseas.

In 1928 Dad built a wonderful home on Gregory Terrace, close to the Christian Brothers School, and just ten minutes walk across Victoria Park to the Medical School. I loved Rugby and as my game improved, I decided there was room in my life, not only to graduate in Medicine, but also to make some sort of name for myself in the sport. I had no pretensions for greatness, for it was wartime, the future uncertain, and the game at a low ebb, but shortly after the cessation of hostilities in 1945, the Home Unions invited the Wallabies to return in 1947 on a tour identical to that which the ill fated team of 1939 was denied, returning home from England without playing a game. It was then that I set my sights on achieving a place in that first post-war team to the Northern Hemisphere.

Every weekday I trained in Victoria Park, my only companion a Rugby ball. For an hour, or until it was too dark to see, I would run and kick, run and kick, until I could land a ball on a nominated spot, and make it run on, or bounce awkwardly, as I desired. It was a wonderful time of relaxation and pleasure, and I was the fittest fellow to run on to the field on Saturday. Sunday was a day of rest and recovery and on Monday I ran again. We had no Coach - I was my own and the Club's as well.

I found it a little disturbing to be a minor Rugby figure in war-time, for I was a civilian unhappy about my lot, and I counted the days to my graduation and joining the services. It was not to be however, for I passed my final exam in June 1946, a year too late.

The Queensland v N.S.W. Intervarsity matches recommenced in the autumn of 1945 after the cessation of hostilities. Now a fifth year medical student, having played First Grade Rugby for three years, two as University Captain, I took the first post-war Varsity side south to play Sydney University.

The game attracted a big crowd to the University Oval in the shadow of Prince Alfred Hospital, and as I remember it, both sides threw the ball around in a great game, which Sydney won, 21-20. I did myself no harm with a good game including a field goal from halfway, and I was very pleased with our overall performance. University sides are always strong, ours was no exception, and we came home well content with our effort.

Several weeks later after the R.N.A. Show, the first Interstate game was played on the Exhibition Oval - rock hard, dirty and dusty - in front of five thousand people. NSW was unknown, but no more than Queensland, with its six University representatives. There was nothing between the sides in a great game, but we lasted better - I presume the ground and heat helped - and we ran out winners by 24-15. Stan Ryan, the Telegraph sports writer, wrote some kind words about me, and for the first time I began to think seriously about the Wallabies to England in 1947 and my chances of making that side.

All going according to Hoyle, I would graduate in June 1946. This was my first priority, and although I played in the two Interstate matches of 1946, I made myself unavailable for the Wallaby tour of New Zealand that winter, because of the impending Final Year Examinations in which, happily, I was successful. Two days later at the Mater Hospital began twelve months of very hard fifteen to eighteen hour days, acceptance of responsibility - albeit minor in degree - and decision making unknown to us as medical students, while in the back of my mind lurked the thought of the Wallaby tour one year hence.

My selection plan was to be available to play every Saturday of the next Rugby season, and, with that in mind, and the cooperation of six fellow residents, I worked for eighteen consecutive summer

weekends, so that each resident owed me three winter weekends. As it turned out I used up only ten of those weekends, so they got off lightly.

I tried to keep relatively fit in the early part of 1947, although the hospital workload made it difficult. I used to run most nights up past Boggo Road jail, while my fellow residents held the fort - no longer did I have the luxury of a football and Victoria Park to my heart's content. Indeed, I handled a football only on match days.

Nobody really challenged me for the Queensland fullback position, and we had a very meritorious win over NSW at the Exhibition in the lead up to the first of two Tests against the All Blacks. Brian Piper, the Sydney University fullback was preferred to me in the First Test - a dour affair in Brisbane, which New Zealand won. A week later Queensland played New Zealand, and although beaten 22-15 in a great game, we were delighted that our impoverished Rugby team did so well. The pundits were kind to me and the Telegraph writer, Frank Larkin, a former State player, had this to say: "The Queensland Fullback, Clem Windsor, played the greatest game of his career. We have seen some excellent displays from this mercurial fullback. His tackling was faultless, and called upon repeatedly, he never missed his man. A trip to Great Britain seems a foregone conclusion. On his display today he should be the first choice for the fullback position in the Second Test."

And so it was; I played for my country one week later at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Although beaten, 22-14, we were not disgraced, and I performed creditably. Two days later a team of thirty tourists was announced on national radio, and I was one of those chosen.

Everything had fallen into place - I had graduated in medicine, completed, exactly to the day, my registration year at an accredited hospital, achieved the ultimate goal of any sportsman, to represent his country on the playing field, and finally, chosen to tour as a Wallaby on the most prestigious of all tours, to the seven Rugby nations of the Northern Hemisphere - the British Isles, France, Canada and America - a ten-month odyssey, the like of which has never been repeated.

What a delight it occasioned amongst the myriad of Windsor friends and patients, particularly my father – adviser, critic and Coach. The simple statistics were a touring side of thirty playersone Victorian, seven Queenslanders and twenty-two New South Welshmen with a Manager and Secretary. We sailed from Sydney for England via Melbourne, Fremantle, Colombo and Suez - a stream of letters from all and sundry, but particularly Biddy and Dad, following me across the world. A letter to Fremantle from Dad stated the obvious. "Biddy misses you terribly and is counting the days to your return" and "You will be saying goodbye to Australian shores for a few years. You surely have the chance of a lifetime. Make the most of your opportunities, both on and off the football field, and be a good team man. You should be a wiser man when next you see this land."

#### 1945

This season was memorable not just for the end of World War 11, but 1945 provided the Club with much to celebrate. For a start, the new grounds at St Lucia were made available for sport, and despite the presence of stray horses and cattle, the Rugby teams were able to train there. It paid off handsomely, as A Grade won the Premiership, beating Brothers 15-10 in the Grand Final to win the Horsley Trophy (and also earning the Dinmore Pottery Cup.) The Sunday Mail reported Clem Windsor as playing his best game in the Grand Final.

Note: The Horsley Trophy (not Cup) was awarded from 1942 to 1945 to the winner of the A Grade Premiership.

Skipper Clem Windsor dominated the match with his accurate kicking, faultless handling and combination with his backline. He converted all three tries.

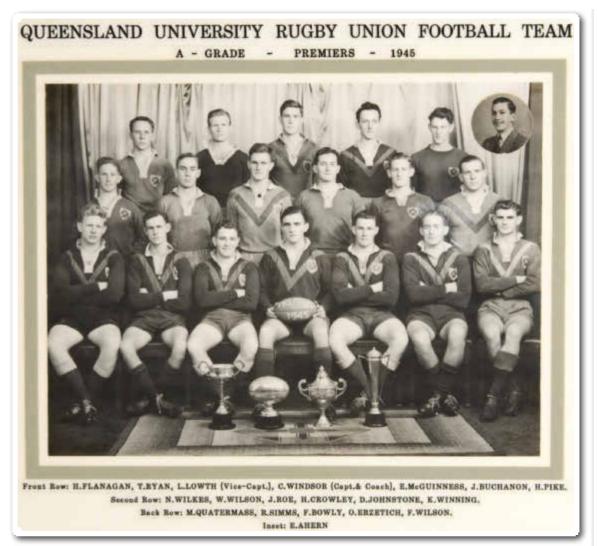
The only game Brothers won in seven clashes that year was the Welsby Cup final 13-6, which amazingly was that Club's first and only trophy since the Rugby revival in 1929.

Heralding future successes, Uni B Grade was undefeated, winning the FC Lea Cup and the Premiership.

At the representative level New South Wales, led by Mick Cremin, was defeated by Queensland at the Exhibition Ground 14-19. The Blues team included Rudy Cornelson, the father of Greg, a most memorable Queensland backrower in the Seventies. Greg's four tries for the touring Wallabies in the Third Test against the All Blacks in 1978 probably will never be beaten. Club fullback Clem Windsor and seventeen year old flanker Arch Winning were State representatives. (Arch is possibly the youngest player ever to play for his State, and he went on to captain Queensland and Australia).

The victory was a remarkable performance, considering the almost non-existent preparation of the Queensland team. Its first training run was on a rough field at the West End State School oval, where a concrete cricket pitch ran down the middle and light was supplied by car headlights.

Rugby Union had stayed alive - only just - in the wartime years. The standard was fair but no team maintained a regular side. Many of the players were servicemen, in Brisbane for an indefinite time and anxious for a game, but "here today, gone tomorrow". One of the good things about service life was the policy of the Armed Services to play only Rugby Union in official tournaments, and this meant that many gifted League players were obliged to play Rugby.



A Grade - 1945 Premiers (Defeated Brothers 15-10)



L-R: Clem Windsor, QRU Official Dinny Guilfoyle (holding the Horsley Trophy) Bryan O'Connell (Captain of Brothers)



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#### THE SUNDAY MAIL AUGUST 26, 1945 WINDSOR PLAYS HIS BEST GAME FINA UNION By PAT FRAWLEY

CLEM Windsor, University full-back, played one of the best games of his brilliont career when his team deteated Brothers 15-10 in the final of the Rugby Union championship at the Exhibition Ground yesterday.

His accurate goal kicknig was in marked coursest to his uncertainty against New South Walcs on the previous Satur-Jay. (a). It is the kicking, his frauding and his co-operation with his backs trached a viry high sim-dard. He converted University horse tries. SCORERS. — University 15 (H. Fishagan, W. Witson, and Ahern Inter, O. Windoor (J) conversion paint; Breibers 14 (K. Keunedy, P. Bhil tries, P. Garmody (J) con-version goals).

I do not know from whom I inherited my skills as a ball player. They did not surface until midway through my medical course, at which time I was playing Grade Rugby and Cricket for University. I liked the latter, but as you cannot practice on your own, I gave it away in Fifth Year. Rugby I loved, I practiced it on my own,

# WINDSOR'S PART IN 'VARSITY

CLEM WINDSOR showed a return to lost season's form as full-back for 'Versity against Eagle Junction in Rugby Union yesterday. Windsor, often up with his backs, scored a try. 'Versity wen, 23 to 8.

Windsor's play was a vast improvement on the form he showed a week earlier against Brothers.

He came up to make the extra man in back-line moves several lines accoring in the corner from one of them. His kicking was al-whys sound. He kicked a penalty gue and a conversion.

W. Wilson, on Varnity's wing, played a sparkling game. He showed plenty of pace to score two tries

Junctions were handlicapped by the absence of Schulte and Daw-sen. Their forwards played well at times, but the backs lacked co-ordination.

Boorers, Varstiy 22 (tries by Wilson 2, Windows Lemon, Bridg-man, Winning: Windows a conver-sion and a penalty). Junctions # (Bourke a try: Deegan a conver-sion and a penalty).

Varsity First XV where I was a fixture for six sea-sons, two of which were truncated by various limb frac-tures. In 1945, as Captain, we won the first post War Grand Final against Brothers 15 - 10 and in 1946 as a member of the Queensland had 3 team win meritorious

against NSW at the Ekka, the first interstate game since 1939. My father was my greatest supporter and kept every snippet of news from the papers, relating to our games - a labour of love which went on until 1951, a football knee injury in England forcing my retirement.

Twelve months after I graduated in Medicine,

every afternoon in Victoria Park on my way home from the Medical School. After two seasons in lower Grades, I graduated to the

#### Rugby Union Star

STATE Rugby Uniton Star Clem Windsor, did not get into the A grade football team at secondary school, and at Univer-sity it was two years before he made the first XV Now a starts Now a



medical CAT student, and captain of the University team, Clem gave a faultless custo-dian's display for Queensland orainat - New against New Bouth Wales on Saturday. Half a dozen times his line kicks a dozen kicks spurted lime dust from the

dust from the touchline into the face of fival full back. Colin Schomberg as the ball landed on the one unprotected spot of the side line. His tackling was sound, and twice he joined in backling at-tacks. Queenshand was never ap-prehensive about his defence and clearances.

Clearances. Clem is 22, having left Gregory Terrace in 1939. In inter-city matches he has been Brisbane's regular full back since the 1943

clem also is a first-class all-round cricketer. Last year he was the mainstay of the University second XI, and he also played some line lanknys in A grade games.

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Some of Clem Windsor's Exploits in 1945 (The Windsor Collection)

# 1946 – The first year of peace since 1939

The Club secured the Club Championship, fielding an A Grade, two B Grades, and a C Grade team, but A Grade was defeated by Brothers in a tryless Semi-Final, 0-9. The side had justified expectations before the Semifinal, having successfully defeated both YMCA and Eagle Junction in the previous two matches, tallying six tries in each match:

A Grade 22 d YMCA 9 – Scorers: *E. Ahern, J. Carroll, A. Lemon, K. Winning, P. Bridgman* and *H. Dunn* tries, *D. Given* 2 conversions.

A Grade 23 d Eagle Junction 8 – Scorers: W. G. Wilson 2, J. C Windsor, A. Lemon, P. Bridgman and K. Winning tries, J. C. Windsor 1 conv. and 1 penalty goal.



Dr Max Hickey MA, MBBS

This first positive year saw the installation as A Grade Coach of the legendary Dr Michael "Max" Hickey. He was to hold the position for the next eight years, finishing after the 1953 season. Peter Bridgman was appointed Captain, and remained in this role for two years.

Professor Max Hickey (1904-68) became involved with Uni Club in 1928 and had represented Brisbane in the Bulimba Cup Rugby League competition before the Club converted back to Union. As a core player in the team he played a significant role in the change to Rugby Union.

Max was an Arts student in the 1920s, obtaining his B.A in 1925 and his Master's Degree in 1933. He commenced his medical Degree in 1935, and was appointed Lecturer in Anatomy in

1942. He was made Professor and Head of the Department of Anatomy in 1959.

In addition to his coaching duties, Max was also the Club President for two or three years prior to 1948.

In 1956 Union College moved to new premises in Wickham Terrace, and Max was appointed Warden of the College, which became the hub for Uni Rugby Club in the 1950s. This was in part due to the influence of Professor Hickey as he attracted a large number of Rugby players to the College.

He combined all these activities with his demanding teaching position as the Professor of Anatomy for the Queensland Medical School. His unique influence extended over anatomy students, College students, and Rugby players.

Most of the Club's good players of 1946 were selected for Queensland against New South Wales. Newcomers were blockbusting winger Bill Wilson and a tall stylish five-eighth, Eddie Broad, who was back after winning a Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) as a Squadron Leader in the Royal Air Force (RAF). The team led by Bill McLean was soundly beaten 32-6 in the opening home clash, but reversed the result 28-25 in the return match. The successful Queensland side with its strong Uni contingent was *Clem Windsor, Jack McLean, Bill Wilson, Kev Bourke, John Fogarty, Eddie Broad, Chappie Schulte, Alan Livermore, Bill McLean* (Capt), *Alan Lemon, Graham Cooke, Pat Harvey, John Kirk, Kev Hodda, Bob McMaster, Arch Winning* and *Mal Quatermass.* The Referee was *Tom Moore.* 



Queensland v NSW - 1946



Queensland centre Mal Quatermass receiving a "don't argue" from NSW five-eighth Mick Cremin in the Queensland v NSW game in Sydney

> New South Wales five-eighth, Mick Cremin, has no trouble in warding off Queensland centre, Mol Quatermoss, in the interstate Rugby Union game in Sydney on Saturday. Co-centre John Dean, 6ft. Zin. (at right), is coming across to help the defence.

#### 1947

Another year and another Premiership, with University defeating Brothers 8-6 in the A Grade Grand Final. The scorers: *G. Thompson* try, *C. E. Elliott* 1 conversion and 1 penalty goal.

By now there were seven teams in the A Grade competition, with Maristonians admitted in 1947. It had become a tougher contest, with seasoned war veterans who had returned from World War II now mixing it with the youngsters.

In those days Fergus Wilson was a young prop forward competing for the Club in the A Grade competition. He recalls:

"I played my early Rugby at Brisbane Grammar School where I was a prop in the First XV, and I had a season in Reserve Grade with GPS while I was still at school. I went to the University to study Medicine and was lucky to make my way into First Grade in 1945. It was a tough initiation for a young fellow, playing against some grizzled ex-servicemen. We went on to win the Premiership but a dislocated shoulder forced me into a temporary retirement, so I turned to coaching and had some success with the Grammar School Seconds and Firsts.

I recovered from the injury and played in 1946-47 for the Varsity Firsts. In 1948 Arch Winning returned from the Wallaby tour and together we formed a Uni Colts side for youngsters who could not be picked for the top Grade.

While Winning returned to playing Senior football, I graduated in Medicine and became the team consultant on injuries, and started coaching Reserve Grade. After 4 years of hospital duties I joined the Army Reserves and did orthopaedic work at the Mater Hospital, but also coached UQ to three Grand Finals in 1955-6-7. After two years post-graduate work as an orthopaedic surgeon I entered private practice and was a Consultant at the Mater Hospital. On several occasions the University asked me to address the Freshers on the value of supporting UQ sporting activities.

My association with Queensland Rugby included the posts of Honorary Medical Consultant, State Selector, Tour Manager, and Life Member of the QRU.

The best University players in my time were Clem Windsor, a dependable fullback with magnificent defence, and Ken Donald, an intelligent winger who was an electric runner, a GPS schoolboy champion sprinter, and almost as fast as 1956 Olympic Bronze Medallist Hector Hogan.

Looking back on my 60 years with Rugby there are some wonderful nostalgic memories, but professionalism has changed everything. I'm not close to the action now, but I feel strongly about the parasites who feed off the talents of young players and have no respect for the longevity of a player's career."

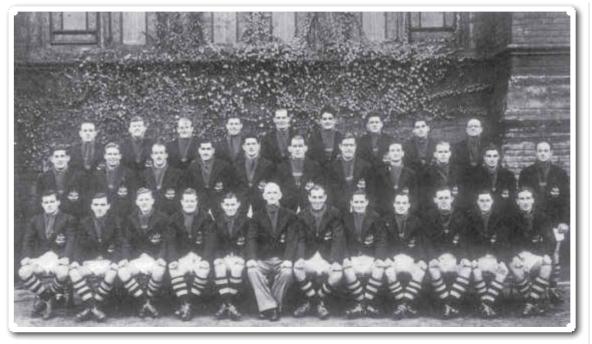
The year was successful all round, with the Club also winning both the B Grade Grand Final and the Intervarsity competition. Then Charlie Elliott (the University Rhodes Scholar in 1948) showed remarkable versatility by switching from prop to breakaway and kicking three long range penalties at the SCG to give Australian Universities a decisive victory over New South Wales.

Clem Windsor and Arch Winning were both selected for the 1947 Wallaby tour to Great Britain. Clem had played fullback in two Tests against the All Blacks that season, both won by the visitors, but hopes were high for the UK tour. A pelvis injury spoilt Arch's tour, as



QLD v New Zealand - 1947

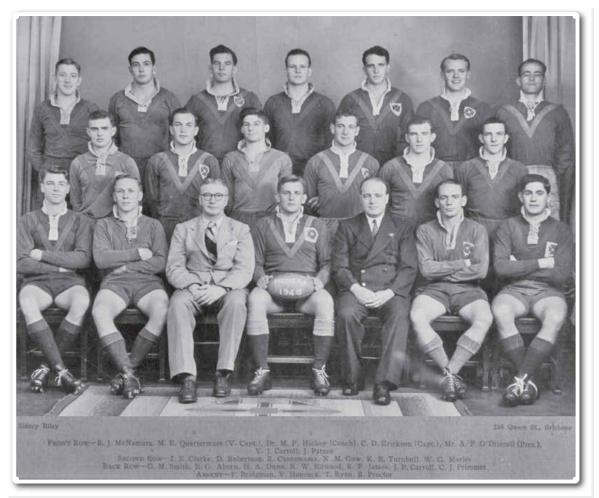
did a badly broken leg for the Captain, Bill McLean. The highly regarded centre from NSW, Trevor Allan took over at the age of just twenty-one, and in an amazing defensive display the Wallabies did not concede a try in the four Internationals. Australia defeated Scotland 16-7, Ireland 16-3 and England 11-0, losing only to Wales 6-0 on penalties. The Wallabies scored ten tries in those Tests and thrilled the British crowds with their attacking flair.



The Wallaby Touring Team – 1947 – including Clem Windsor (second from left in Front Row) and Arch Winning (Back Row on left end)

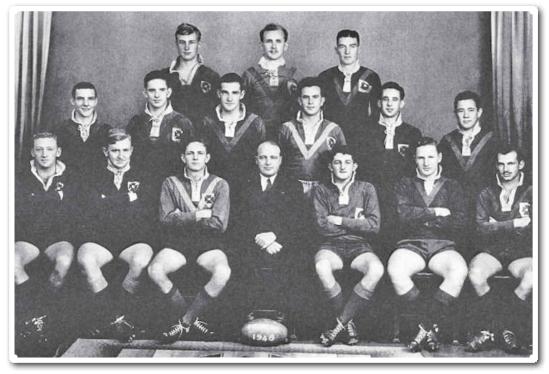
## 1948

A new Club entered the QRU Rugby Competition. Southern Districts was formed from the amalgamation of YMCA, Commonwealth Bank, and West End. Their efforts did not hinder Uni A Grade, which under Captain C. D. Erickson and the Presidency of A. F. O'Driscoll defeated GPS in the A Grade Grand Final. The B Grade won its Premiership, assisting the Club to take out another Club Championship.



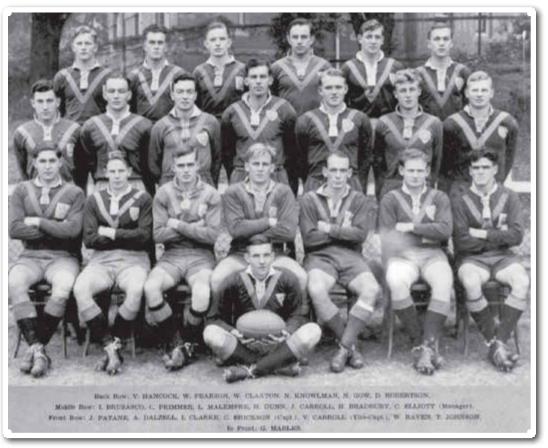
A Grade Premiers – 1948 University defeated GPS 21-18

C. D. Erickson (C), M. E. Quatermass (vc), R. J. McNamara, V. J. Carroll, J. Patane, I. F. Clarke, D. Robertson, R. Cantamessa, N. M. Gow, K. E. Turnbull, W. G. Marles, G. M. Smith, E. G. Ahern, H. A. Dunn, R. W. Ellwood, R. F. James, J. P. Carroll, C. J. Primmer, P. Bridgman, V. Hancock, T. Ryan and R. Proctor. Scorers: V. Hancock 2, E. G. Ahern, M. E. Quatermass tries, R. W. Proctor 1 penalty goal, 3 conversions.



B Grade Premiers – 1948

R. Williams (Capt), J. H. Steel (Vice-Capt), R. J. Byrne, E. A. N. (Norbert) Byrne, R. Shannon, G. M. Huxham, W. G. Marles, W. E. Claxton, E. F. Henzell, D. W. R. Pearson, A. W. Corbett, J. J. (John) Williamson, H. W. Bradbury, A. O. Aubrey-Slocock, W. B. Maguire, Ian Brusasco, T. Johnson, Neil Henry, I. Campbell, J. Lee.



The 1948 Intervarsity Team

The UQ Athletics Club has always shared the training facilities at the University, and has often contained the odd Rugby player. In the picture below is Frank O'Hare - father of contributing author John O'Hare, and Bob James, older brother of Wallaby, Peter James. Arch Winning reflected on Bob's outstanding achievements in Rugby, Rowing and Athletics: *"Bob broke the GPS Open High Jump record in 1943, and from memory the height was 5 feet 10 1/8 inches. Bob was also a member of the G.P.S. All Schools 15 in 1943 before playing for University as an outside back. Interestingly, Bob was also an outstanding skoller, winning all events in the post-competition "boat races" most impressively at the Athletics Intervarsity in Sydney 1948." Peter James followed brother Bob's high jump heroics some years later by jumping 5'11<sup>1/2</sup>" to share second place with future Olympic Silver Medallist Chilla Porter in the 1952 GPS competition. This was an amazing achievement because Peter had changed from his old fashioned "Scissors" style to the newer "Western Roll" style only days before, after watching Porter at training.* 



UQ Athletics Intervarsity Team - 1948

Front Row: L. Quinn, R. James, J. Miller, G. Bradfield, J. Lee.
Second Row: R. Trousdell, K. Hobbs, A. Booth, T. Bowen, F. O'Hare.
Back Row: J. Galletly, J. Loveday.

#### 1949

This year came to be regarded as the one that got away. Brothers managed to take the A Grade Premiership when the oldest halfback in the competition - thirty-three year old Bryan O'Connell - scored in extra time. It was widely reported that the try was awarded in the ninety-ninth minute.

The Match reports indicate that by this time daylight was negligible and the try took place in the dark. Contemporary reports agree that all the players were covered in mud, and it was apparent that so confused was the situation, no real defence took place. So the eight-all fulltime score became 13 to 8 for Brothers in extra time. Joe French as Coach successfully built on that victory in the years ahead.

The Club managed some celebrations, with B Grade winning its Premiership.



B Grade - Premiers in 1949

F. R. Wilson (c), J. Riley, R. Thompson, W. I. Hatherell, M. L. Hansen, E. W. Lightbody, C. R. Wilson, M. S. Lemon, R. P. C. Capper, R. C. Rogers, E. Cheong, A. A. Young, A. Battaglene, D. R. Lowth, B. H. Newell, G. T. Marshall, P. J. Milroy, W. R. Raven and G. S. MacDonald, Coach: K. C. Winning.



The Intervarsity Team - 1949

V. Hancock (Capt), D. Roberston (Vice-Capt), W. I. Hatherell, W. Maguire, Con Primmer, J. Thompson, E. Henzell, R. Shannon, D. Lowth, W. Claxton, Neil Henry, J. Murphy, John Byrne, Norbert Byrne, Ashley Girle, J. Steel, J. Walters, Eugene Cheong.

Uni scored what officials thought was a record margin in the A Grade competition when Maristonians were defeated 84-3 on Exhibition No. 2 Oval on 23rd April 1949. Uni led 42-3 at halftime. Winger Bob James, who had scored a hat-trick of tries the previous week, doubled up with six. In all there were 19 tries, 12 conversions, and a penalty goal. The only concern afterwards was the loss of Queensland's best centre three-quarter Mal Quatermass during the match with an ankle injury.

University 84 (R. F. James 6, D. Robertson 3, R. McNamara 2, E. G. Ahern 2, J. Steel, R. L. Cantamessa, V. Hancock, G. Marles, P. Bridgman tries; D. Robertson penalty, conversion; J. Patane 4 conversions, J. Huxham conversion, P. Bridgman conversion), defeated Maristonians 3 (B. Bradford, penalty).

Club members who won representative honours in this period included *Eddie Ahern*, *Des Cooke, Peter Bridgman, Ian Clarke, Hugh Dunn, Henry Flanagan, Bill Gannon, Neil Gow, Viv Hancock, Darryl Johnstone, Larry Lowth, Bill (Two Ton Tony) Morrison, Eddie McGuinness, Vaux Nicholson, John Patane, Mal Quatermass, Duncan Robertson, John Roe, Clem Windsor, Bill Wilson* and Arch Winning.

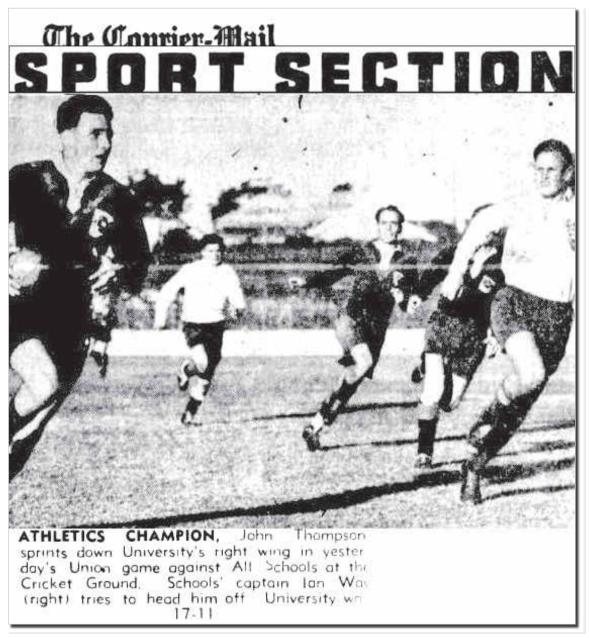
For Australian Rugby the decade ended on a high note, with Trevor Allan's Wallabies becoming the first Australian side to win a series on New Zealand soil. Although there were thirty All Blacks in South Africa, that did not include any Maori members, who weren't allowed to tour the Republic. The Maoris were a very strong team in their own right, narrowly losing a 3-Test series with Australia in June, 1949. So it was a sterling effort to win 11-6 in Wellington and 16-9 in Auckland. For Kiwi fans, with the All Blacks losing all four Tests in South Africa, the close of the decade was a dismal one indeed.



1949 Intervarsity UQ Athletics Team

After years of baulking, Australian Rugby history saw the scoring of a long awaited goal with the establishment of the Australian Rugby Union. Another important change for Australian Rugby was the reduction in points for a field goal (more commonly referred to overseas as a dropped goal) from four to three.

Among these athletes (refer photo on previous page) there are again some familiar faces who were players and supporters of the Club, including George Fielding Snr., Frank O'Hare, Tony Booth and Bob James, famous for his six try effort for A Grade earlier in the year.



University's J R (John) Thompson in action against the combined GPS First XV - 1949

# **CHAPTER 7**

# 1950 – 1959 THE COMING OF CHAMPIONS

**F**or the Club it was a golden era. During this time the Coaches were Professor Max Hickey, Col Erickson, Dr Fergus Wilson, Norbert Byrne, and Eddie Broad. A Grade played in nine Grand Finals and won five. With the acquisition of a third Rugby ground, it became easier for both medical students at Herston and the engineers in George Street to attend training. Some of the medicos became famous – among them Howard Hickey, the Wilson brothers (Fergus and Chilla), the Sheil brothers (Ross and Glen), John O'Neill, Ken Donald and Kerry Larkin. Soon there were enough players for two Reserve Grade sides as well as a Third Grade, so there was plenty of depth.

The Club's playing strength attracted the more talented students to join and stay throughout their years of study. Until 1958, only enrolled University students were qualified to join, because to play for the UQ Sports Union affiliated UQFC, a member had to be a financial member of the University's Sports Union. The presence of Wallaby, State, and Australian Universities representatives in the Club was one attraction, but for others the opportunity to attend Intervarsity was a key factor in wanting to play for Uni. There is ample evidence that during the Fifties the Club's attendance and performance at Intervarsities were of primary concern for many players. Selection for the Intervarsity team was very highly regarded, and the pleasures of touring for a week's Rugby and associated celebrations were greatly prized. This is reflected in the contributions for this history from the Club's remaining warriors of the 1950s.

At the international level, Australia struggled on the Rugby field throughout the Fifties. Starting with their champion Captain and centre, Trevor Allan, the Wallabies lost player after player to Rugby League. Times were tough after the war and some found the temptation too much to resist – Rex Mossop and Kevin Ryan were two to follow Allan to League, but it was the backs who were most sought after by the plunderers.



1950 Queeniland team v Victoria at the Melbourne Crichet Ground (from left): Back - D Guilfoyle, P Robinson, R Colbert, T Maccheroni, K Maccheroni, P Harvey, V Carroll, A Dalzell, I McMillan, Seated - J Patane, F McCarthy, P Costello, J French (manager), K "Arch"Winning (C), TN Betts, Front - J Boast, I Brusasco, D Griffin, T Leisegang, P Thompson, N Cottrell.

The 1950 Queensland Team

Despite the poaching of the top ranks by the New South Wales Rugby League Clubs, flush with poker machine money, Queensland Rugby was on the rise and the QRU made an historic decision to lease the Normanby ground at Gilchrist Avenue from the Brisbane Grammar School, to be used for both Club and State matches. It became recognised as a great success. The Exhibition Ground was used for Test matches. Normanby was a valuable stepping-stone towards the eventual home of Queensland Rugby at Ballymore.

The field had been treated with rubber dust, which supposedly made it softer and, although it only catered for a crowd of two or three thousand, players enjoyed the intimate atmosphere. Some latecomers would sit in the branches of the old fig tree overlooking the ground, and barrackers such as South's inimitable Chipsy Wood could easily be heard. His renowned wit often entertained players and supporters alike, regardless of Club allegiances. Other notable barrackers included GPS stalwart Ivor Colquhoun whose rendition of "Doing it all day, Ref" accompanied the teams running on! A more reserved form of encouragement was usually forthcoming from Teachers stalwart Hugh Courtney, though even his patience could be tried by any opposition go slow tactics. The Bulldogs long serving former Wallaby hooker and Life Member, Paul Mooney, became recognised by all for his continual verbal assistance to any Referee with whose decision he did not agree.

Queensland's economy was slow to develop after the war, and in maintaining the amateur game the QRU struggled financially. It was forced to break tradition by playing on Sundays and charging for admission, programmes, and for parking. It was a serious step towards the professional administration of the code. There were additional benefits to staging Club matches on Sundays; principally, Club Rugby no longer directly competed with the Saturday school Rugby matches and the other major Saturday sport of Rugby patrons, the races at Eagle Farm, Doomben, or Albion Park. Some of the players at least probably welcomed the extra day's respite following the usual Friday night conviviality among the Rugby fraternity.



Ian Brusasco displaying some nifty footwork with Lou Hatherell in support

#### 1950

The season opened against arch-rivals Brothers at the Exhibition Ground, and it took a lastminute penalty by Vince McLoughlin to edge Brothers in front 17-16 in a thriller.

The A Grade was again defeated by Brothers in the Grand Final 21-11, with Brothers centre Jim Bourke scoring two tries.

А. Backs: (1)Girle, (2)Ι. Brusasco, (3)W. Sheehan. (4)D. Robertson, (5) M. Quatermass, (6) V. Carroll, (7) J. Murphy, (18) J. Williamson, (19) E. Lightbody, (20) E. Cheong, (21) H. Hickey, (22) G. Sheil.

Forwards: (8) V. Hancock, (9) A. Winning, (10)М. Hanson, (11)С. Primmer, Hatherell. (12)J. Carroll, (13)L. (14) C. Erickson, (15) N. Gow, (16) R. Ellwood, (17) F. Wilson, (23) R. Cantamessa, with M. Behm and G. Bennett.



1950 Intervarsity – UQ defeated Melbourne Uni 13-6.



Col Erickson

#### As a consolation, the Club was runner-up in the Club Championship, and the annual match against the Great Public Schools XV was the main curtain raiser to the British Isles v Australia Test on 19th August 1950 at the Brisbane Cricket Ground.

#### 1951

In this season, A Grade was defeated in the Preliminary Final, losing a fiery match to Brothers 3-20.

A Grade Preliminary Final players were:

S. Mason (2) A. Girle (3) J. O'Neill (4) J. Boast (5) H. Hickey (6) E. Lightbody (7)
 J. Murphy (8) C. Primmer, (9) M. Hanson (10) C. Wilson (11) R. Clarke (12) J. Carroll (13) L. Hatherell (14) N. Gow (15) C. Erickson with (16) N. Byrne (17) R. Cantamessa (18)



Jack Boast Queensland 1950, 1951

G. Sheil (19) T. Byrne (21) J. Thompson (20). J. Craig (21) R. Dore (22) R. Staveley. Other important players to represent the Club during the season included I. Brusasco, R. Sheil, W. Blake, P. Smith, G. Cridland, J. Mullins, and H. O'Driscoll.

It was during this Preliminary Final match that outstanding young representative centre Jack Boast was punched and hospitalised with a broken nose and concussion. At the age of twenty he ended his representative career. It prompted Grand Final Referee Tom Moore to proclaim a zero tolerance stance on "any rough stuff" in the decider after the QRU executive had discussed the incident. In the subsequent Grand Final Brothers defeated GPS 17-6.



Arch Winning



John "Rumble" O'Neil



Norbert Byrne

For another youngster, flanker Arch Winning, 1951 was a memorable season. He captained Queensland to a win over NSW and then led Australia against New Zealand in Sydney. Winning became the ninth Queenslander to captain the Wallabies. Fortune then played a poor hand for Arch. After losing the Test 8-0, he had his jaw broken while playing for an Australian XV in Melbourne. The team lost 56-11 and he was never chosen for Australia again.

This season also saw the birth of a superstar – Johnny "Rumble" O'Neill. A product of Nudgee College, O'Neill was a robust 13 stone, built like a forward, but played in the backs. He was short but very strong, and had an unusual crablike running action. With skilful hands and feet, he could play anywhere in the backline. He came straight from school into A Grade and then into the State team. The following year he was chosen for Australia against the All Blacks on the wing for two Tests and scored 2 tries. He toured New Zealand with the Wallabies as a winger in 1952 and played both Tests, and in 1956 he played twice against the Springboks at fullback. In the opinion of his peers at the Club he was quite simply the best back of his era. He was Queensland Captain in 1955 and when his A Grade season was curtailed by injury in 1959, he took up coaching and selflessly took over Reserve Grade for the next seven years, creating the multi-premiership winning "All Stars".

Norbert Byrne played A Grade in 1951 after spending the previous five years in Reserve Grade. The son of Redmond Byrne, a former Brothers Club Secretary, Norbert went on to become one of Queensland finest administrators, but admits that he was no star as a player. Norbert's experience and expertise were recognised by the ARU and the International Rugby Board (on which he served for many years) and by his being awarded the Order of Australia in 1982. He recalls:

"I joined the Club in 1947 and ran around in Second Grade at hooker, prop or breakaway, but I had neither the physique nor the toughness to excel; however, I loved being part of the Club and we had a great time. We trained on the playing fields at Victoria Park and drank at the City View after games. Our playing strip in those days was maroon with a blue vee and dark blue shorts.

I took up coaching in 1956 with the Reserves and we won the Premiership, so I kept going and in 1958 was appointed to A Grade. We had a marvellous season, losing only once en route to the Grand Final, but lost that to Souths. It was their first ever Premiership, while we were ably led by Wallaby Kerry Larkin. 1959 saw us lose to Brothers, but we turned the tables the following season and won the Club Championship.



IN THE AIR for their traditional Maori war cry are members of the New Zealand Universities' Rugby Union team, before their match against the Queensland University yesterday. They wen the game by 30 points to six. Story, Page 7.

The Haka! New Zealand Universities v Queensland Uni - 1951

After three years working in England I returned to coaching at University as Second Grade Coach in 1964 and took over A Grade the following season - 1965. We beat GPS in the Grand Final 17-15 with a penalty goal by David Crombie after the bell. In 1966, my last year as A Grade Coach, we were thrashed by Brothers 36-9 in the Grand Final. After two years coaching Under 19s and a year as a State Selector, I finally found my niche – in administration. I joined the QRU Management Committee 1963. in became Chairman in 1970 and held the position until 1988. I am very proud of that, but it was a team effort. There was nobody feathering his own nest.

With people like John Muir, Dr. Col Claxton, Joe Gibson, Liam Walsh, Jack Isley, Barrie Ffrench, Joe French, Graeme Brittenden, Lyn Crowley, Lester Hampson, and of course Bob Templeton, we built Queensland Rugby into a provincial powerhouse.

Without doubt the highlight of my time in QRU administration came in 1976 when we beat NSW 42-4. Revenge was a bit slow in coming, but in 1962 NSW had refused to play us because they maintained that Queensland Rugby was too weak. It was the best motivation that any team could ever have." During the 1951 season Wests Rugby Union Club was formed from the old Maristonians and located to the oval at Memorial Park, Sylvan Rd. Toowong, which has been converted to two Rugby fields that are the current homes of the Senior and Junior Bulldog Clubs. The prime mover in the founding of this new district Club was the New Zealand-born Marist Brother, Cyprian Dowd, the long serving Headmaster of Brisbane's Marist Colleges at Ashgrove (1947-1952) and Rosalie (1953 – 1958). He remained as the Patron of the Club, and to assist its development he introduced Rugby Union to the schools as their main winter sport.

To do so he converted the other member schools of the Metropolitan Secondary Schools Sports Association – these included the Industrial High School, Cavendish Road High School, and Wynnum High School, although these three Government schools returned to the State Secondary Schools system in 1956. Their departure saw the foundation of a new body comprised of other unaligned private schools from Brisbane. It was named The Associated Schools and included Ashgrove, St Laurence's, Villanova, St Peter's Indooroopilly, and St Patrick's Shorncliffe. This continued until 1999 when the addition of Iona, Padua, and St Edmund's Ipswich resulted in a new Rugby competition, the Associated Independent Colleges. With further assistance and direction from the QRU, several State High schools have also joined in playing Rugby Union.

In consequence of the growth of the code at High School level, the Club now finds increased competition in recruiting undergraduates to play. In the past most undergraduates, in particular residents of the student Colleges, were content to play their Rugby with their College, their Faculty, and if interested in higher competition, the Club. This is no longer the case.

In 2010, the King's College boasted over forty-five members playing Rugby, but only fifteen played for the Club. This is indicative of the attraction of other clubs to undergraduates, and the competition for new players is exacerbated by other Brisbane Clubs integrating with their own Junior Clubs and their local Rugby-playing High Schools.

The Club had traditionally attracted the majority of its undergraduate members from those students who attended the GPS schools - Nudgee College, Gregory Terrace, Brisbane Grammar School, Church of England Grammar School, Ipswich Grammar School, Brisbane Boys' College, The Southport School and Toowoomba Grammar School. (CEGS or Churchie is now known as the Anglican Church Grammar School). These schools had long been strong Rugby nurseries together with such country Colleges and Schools as Mt Carmel, All Souls, Downlands, and Scots. However, more recently the priorities of these schools have varied, and on a year-to-year basis individual schools can no longer be regarded as automatic sources of well trained competitors. So the Club has now adopted much improved and expanded recruitment policies, which it is hoped will ensure its continued attraction and development of serious and talented players. In this respect, the results of recent seasons have been most encouraging.

#### 1952

Now the golden run started. A Grade won the Premiership, losing only twice during the season. State Captain Ray Clark was inspirational in the defeat of Brothers in the Grand Final 11-3, after exercising the right of challenge. A Grade won the Minor Premiership, but was initially upset 14-9 by Brothers in the Premiership Final. The challenge match victory ended Brothers' hopes of four in a row.

A Grade - Minor Premiers and Premiers, (Defeated Brothers 11-3):

A. Girle, (2) H. Hickey, (3) J. O'Neill, (4) R. Sheil, (5) A. Rutkin, (6) G. Barrie,
 J. Murphy, (8) A. Roderick, (9) C. Wilson, (10) R. Cantamessa, (11) R. Clark,
 (12) A. Battaglene, (13) J. Craig, (14) G. Cridland, (15) L. Hatherell.
 Reserves: (16) S. Mason, (17) G. Sheil, (18) J. Thompson, (19) T. Byrne, (20) J. Mullins,
 (21) R. Staveley, (22) N Comonos, (23) H. O'Driscoll, (24) N. Byrne.

Unusually there is no photo for the 1952 Premiers, but the winning Intervarsity team appears below:



1952 Intervarsity Champions

The 1952 Intervarsity competition was held in Melbourne, with Queensland defeating Sydney in the final and scoring 86 points to 6 in the overall competition.

On 19th July Queensland played Fiji at the Exhibition Oval with Byran O'Callaghan as Referee. The Fijians emerged victorious 24 to 19. Club representatives in the game were: John O'Neill at out-centre, Ross Sheil at five-eighth, Ashley Girle a reserve, Ray Clark was Captain, Chilla Wilson at breakaway, and Lou Hatherell at prop.

Mark Biltoft played outside centre or wing from 1951 to 1956 at the Club, and provides his recollections from those times.

"1951 saw John O'Neill and Ross Sheil arrive at the Club from their schools - Nudgee and TSS respectively - and go straight into A Grade. Max Hickey was our Coach and Con Primmer was the A Grade Captain.

1952 – A successful Club season, with Pat Moroney and Stan Mason making the combined Australian Universities team which toured New Zealand following Intervarsity in Melbourne.

In 1953 Intervarsity was held in Sydney where UQ defeated Sydney 12-3 in the Final. Sydney was at full strength, led by John Solomon (the Australian Captain) and contained seven other Wallabies. UQ was captained by Lou Hatherell. Bryan Kassulke starred during the season with the boot. He made A Grade and the Queensland team in his first year out of school.

1954 - Intervarsity was held in Adelaide and the Club lost to Sydney Uni in the Final, but UQ won the post-match "boat race" easily. The Club won A Grade and this started a streak of four straight A Grade Premierships. UQ should have won Reserve Grade in an exciting Grand Final v GPS, despite being down 21-3 just after half-time. The team then scored SIX unconverted tries to level the score at full time, but then lost in extra time!

At the 1955 Annual General Meeting there was a complete shakeup of the Committee. Clem Windsor was elected President, Mark Biltoft Secretary, Col Claxton Treasurer, and Jack Bond Assistant Secretary. Fergus Wilson was appointed A Grade Coach, and John O'Neill the Captain. Intervarsity was in Adelaide and we lost to Sydney Uni in the Final.

The Club decided to stage a night game at the Exhibition Ground on the first Wednesday of the Uni term holidays. It was promoted with extensive advertising as the Club Championship of Australia as both Universities had won their respective Premierships the year before. We had a great crowd turn out, but unfortunately Sydney Uni won. The Club won the A Grade Grand Final against Souths, and Ross Sheil was selected as the Rhodes Scholar for 1955. Ross went on to become Professor of Surgery at Sydney Uni and performed Australia's first Liver Transplant in 1970. In 1956 Cedric Hampson and in 1957 Tom Baxter were also nominated for Rhodes Scholarships.

In 1955 a tradition ended when the last annual match between Uni A Grade and the combined Great Public Schools First XV was played at the Normanby ground. To play for Uni in this era you had to be an undergraduate and of course the code was amateur. The match was always well attended as all the young brigade of Brisbane came to see their school heroes perform. It was always won by Uni, but it provided a great entertaining game of running Rugby. It was important as it was an opportunity to identify talent and encourage them to play for the Club. For example, in this last game Ken Donald scored two great tries from the GPS Firsts right wing. Ken later played for UQ, Queensland, and Australia and became one of the greats.

The annual match was cancelled because of what took place at the post-match Dinner. As was the norm, the dinner was held at the Carlton Hotel in the city, and as usual there was a table of selected alcoholic drinks strategically concealed behind a curtain for the officials and dignitaries in attendance.

Unfortunately a GPS player managed to get his hands on some of the hidden alcohol and was noticeably impaired as a result. The GPS Association was run by the longstanding President, Brother Campbell from Gregory Terrace and the equally longstanding Secretary Mr Jack Ross of Nudgee College. They were outraged, and even though the intoxicated player did no harm and was from neither Terrace nor Nudgee, they cancelled the Annual match forthwith. No amount of persuasion would alter their decision. It was a shame for such a great tradition to end in such a fashion."



Some action from Qld v Fiji - 1952



Ashley Girle



Lou Hatherell



University No 3 Oval 1952. On the Athletics track future Olympic Bronze Medallist Hector Hogan (Second from right) edges out Doug Winston (right)

### 1953

A curious year, as the Club dominated all three Grades throughout the season but could not win a single title. The A Grade lost both the Semi and Grand Final to Brothers, going down 9-11 in the last game, thanks to a last-minute penalty goal by Paul Sweeney.

A Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers 9-11):

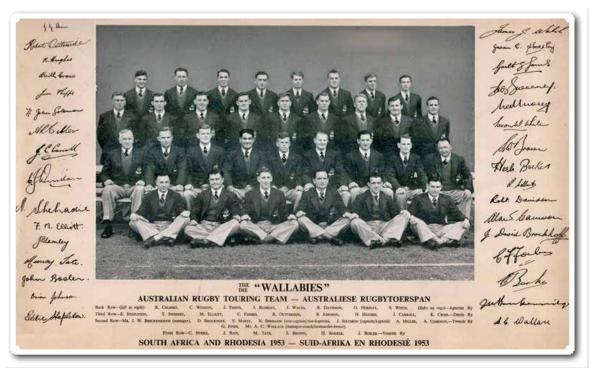
 B. Kassulke, (2) H. Hickey, (3) J. O'Neill, (4) R. Sheil, (5) R. Rushkin, (6) G. Wilson,
 E. O'Brien, (8) H. O'Driscoll, (9) K. Waller, (10) R. Cantamessa, (11) L. Parker,
 J. Thompson, (13) J. Craig, (14) J. Riley, (15) L. Hatherell. Reserves: S. Creagh, A. Roderick, T. Manteit, P Moroney.

Reserve Grade became Runners-up (defeated by Services):

The mainstays of the side included backs such as Fullback S. Mason, Wing T. Byrne, Centre Mark Biltoft, Flyhalf P. Moroney, Half T. Manteit and forwards A. Roderick, B. Jones, A. Gallagher, G. Cridland and N. Byrne.



Australian Universities Tour to Ceylon



The 1953 Wallabies – Tour of South Africa and Rhodesia

An Australian Universities Combined team toured Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). Ashley Girle (Middle row – third from left) was one of the UQ players selected. Australia also sent a Wallaby team to South Africa but many University players were unavailable because of study. The Sheil brothers, Glen and Ross, John Riley and Ashley Girle all played for Queensland.

Rodney Gibson was a speedy winger who played for University from 1953 until 1962.

"I had just turned 17 when I arrived at the University of Queensland and I always wanted to do better at Rugby than I had at school. So I attended a 'sign-on' day and was placed in B Grade, where I stayed for the next 3 years until I graduated. I became President of the Dramatic Society and acted at the Twelfth Night Theatre, something regarded as an oddity by most other Club members. You had to be an Undergraduate to continue to play for Uni, so I enrolled in Economics to preserve my eligibility and realised my dream of playing A Grade in 1956.

I was fortunate to be playing outside backs of the calibre of John O'Neill and Ross Sheil. They threw beautiful passes, which no doubt contributed to the number of tries I scored -14 in that memorable season of 1956.

The thrill of my career came in the Grand Final that year against G.P.S., where I ran around Test winger Garth Jones to score. I had a year in England in 1958 and was married with a child when I returned and continued playing for the Club until I was 26. The wonderful thing about those days was the lifelong friendships we forged. I have been on four holidays with Ken Donald, I play golf with Fergus Wilson every Saturday, and my Ballymore seats are one row in front of Pat Moroney."



A Grade Grand Final v Brothers at the Exhibition Oval (K. Waller on left in headgear). Lost 9-11 to Brothers

Ken Waller played from 1953-57 before he went to Oxford.

"Although I only had a brief career with University I had a wonderful time. We were so strong that our Reserve Grade team would have finished in the middle of the A Grade competition. Our social life was based mainly around the Victoria Park Refectory, where the dominant Faculty was of course Medicine, being so close to the Medical School at Herston. I played in three Premiership winning teams and represented Queensland in 1955 and '56. We had wonderful tours with the Australian Universities sides to New Zealand in 1954 and Japan in '56.

The most memorable win in my career was in Intervarsity, beating Sydney in Sydney, with a Sydney Referee!"

One of the wingers to benefit from John O'Neill's brilliance was Ken Donald from Ipswich Grammar, an electric runner who played for Queensland and Australia. Ken could run the 100 yards in 9.7 seconds, which probably made him the fastest winger to play for the Club up to that time.

#### Ken said:

"I was so lucky to play with John O'Neill. All I had to do was put my head down and sprint to the corner and I knew that Rumble's cross-kick would arrive – he could put it on a sixpence. I didn't watch him, I just watched the ball and I scored lots of tries that way. Another thing about Rumble – he was never really tackled. He was so strong in the legs and he sort of wriggled, and just when you thought he was caught he would shrug off the tackle and be away again. An extraordinary sportsman – his Honour Blazer is on display at Nudgee still – there's a pocket for every sport.

It was my job to fix minor injuries such as cramp or dislocated fingers, because I was studying medicine. So I would bend the toes back or click the finger back into place, all on the run.

I came into the A Grade side at University in 1956, straight out of school and I was fortunate that the team was one of the strongest ever to play for the Club. The whole backline represented Queensland and I reckon it was better than the Wallaby midweek backline on the '58 tour.

Without doubt one of the pleasures of playing Rugby for University were the friendships formed. People like John O'Neill, Howard Hickey, Rod Gibson and Chilla Wilson became my lifelong friends. Chilla was a wonderful player, but we used to pull his leg about seagulling out wide. Playing on the left wing I taught myself how to centre-kick with the left foot while I was doing National Service in Wagga. One Sunday at Normanby I tried my new-found skill – it was the perfect centre-kick – and as I followed through, keeping my eye on the ball, I knocked myself out running into Chilla - seagulling again!"

Ross Finemore, a halfback who played A Grade from 1958-61, has great memories of Ken Donald's leadership.

"We travelled down to Sydney to play Sydney University on their home ground and, the night before the game, their bigwigs made these long and boring speeches. Our Captain Ken Donald simply stood up and said: 'We came down here to beat you bastards and tomorrow we'll do it." And sat down.

It was a torrid match and Sydney led throughout. They had a really strong side – Crittle, the Boyces, O'Gorman, the big winger Lloyd Hughes – and we looked a beaten side. With only a minute left and Sydney leading by three points, they kicked off and I caught it. I heard a call and it was Ken, so I gave him the ball. Well he took off, sidestepping and swerving, and ran through

the whole team to score under the posts. He kicked the goal and came back with a smile on his face, saying "See – I told you we'd beat those bastards!"

Tom Baxter, a Rhodes Scholar in 1958, who played A Grade during the halcyon years from 1954-58, recalls playing with "Chilla".

"Chilla was consistently outstanding. He was never in the rucks – he was out standing!"

Howard Hickey was another who played in the A Grade backline during the Fifties, and is still associated with the Club as a Coach.

"I played outside John O'Neill for eight years and had a wonderful time. He was similar to Tim Horan in both physique and ability, confusing to know which way he would step. I played on the wing and in my day we threw the ball into the lineout – I copped a lot of abuse from the forwards. I will never forget dropping the ball over the line and costing us a Grand Final in 1950, but fortunately I got to play in several more.

The thing I loved about playing for University was the friendship and bonding – we're still good mates almost sixty years later. Intervarsity was an added attraction as every year you would travel to another State, albeit by train. In 1956 we had a cracker of a team, so we challenged Sydney Uni to a game, sat up all night on a train and still beat them."



Some action from Uni v Souths in September 1953 at the Exhibition Ground

### 1954

A Grade, coached by Col Erickson, again won the Premiership, defeating GPS 19-3 in the Grand Final. In May, Brothers had scored seven tries in trouncing Uni 25-3 in the Welsby Cup Final, but in the Semifinals the situation was reversed, with A Grade defeating Brothers by the same score and scoring seven tries of their own. "It was Brothers worst defeat since coming into the Rugby Union in 1929" said Nev Davidson in the "Courier-Mail".

A hailstorm an hour before kickoff had turned Normanby into a quagmire, but it didn't stop Chilla Wilson scoring 2 tries and John "Rumble" O'Neill having a blinder. On the opposition team an eighteen year old halfback debutant caught the eye – his name was Des Connor.

The Club had another successful year and won the Brisbane Club Championship for the second year in a row.



A Grade - Premiers (Defeated GPS 19-3):

A. Girle, (2) H. Hickey, (3) J. O'Neill, (4) R. Sheil, (5) B. Kassulke, (6) P. Moroney,
 (7) E. O'Brien, (19) G. Sheil, (20) T. Byrne, (21) T. Manteit, (8) K. Larkin, (9) H. O'Driscoll,
 (10) C. Wilson, (11) M. Brew, (12) J. Thompson, (13) J. Craig, (14) G. Cridland, (15) L. Hatherell,
 (16) K. Parker, (17) K. Waller, (18) A. Roderick.

The Reserve Grade team was defeated by GPS 21-35 in a match extended to extra time. The Club did not send a team to Intervarsity as eight Queensland players were selected to represent Australian Universities in New Zealand.

The Club Secretary was Col Claxton who ran the Club from his bedroom at Union College on Wickham Terrace. The Committee meetings were held in the front lounge room of the College.





Australian Universities Tour of New Zealand - 1954





Australian Universities v Auckland/Massey



K. Waller and J. Carroll jumping v Brothers 1954 Welsby Cup



Kevin Ryan (Bros) with nose protector moves in on Ken Waller (headgear)

#### 1955

John O'Neill's side coached by Fergus Wilson won the A Grade Premiership defeating Souths in the Grand Final 18-16, and collecting both the Horsley Trophy and the Welsby Cup. The Club's three teams won the Brisbane Club Championship for the third year in succession.



A Grade - 1955 Premiers Defeated Souths 18-16

1955 A Grade Team:

A. E. A. Girle, 2. H. T. Hickey, 3. A. G. R. (Ross) Shiel, 4. J. M. O'Neill (c), 5. C. Macfarlane,
 T. Baxter, 7. T. J. Manteit, 8. C. R. Wilson (vc), 9. K. G. T. Waller, 10. E. G. Turley,
 A. G. P. Gallagher, 12. A. Lawton, 13. M. Brew, 14. G. W. Cridland, 15. S. C. Creagh.
 Reserves: 16. P. J. Moroney, 17. K. K. Larkin, 18. K. A. Parker, 19. M. Biltoft.
 Coach: Dr F. R. Wilson. President: Dr. C. Windsor.



Reserve Grade – 1955 Premiers

Reserve Grade won its final 21-3 and collected both the Jones Shield and the Potter Cup. The Intervarsity carnival was held in Adelaide, and Uni was defeated in the Final 17-6 by Sydney University.



UQ v Sydney – 27th April 1955 Under lights at the Exhibition Ground

The Club held a floodlit match at the Exhibition Ground for the first time after receiving a loan from the Sports Union to bring Sydney University to Brisbane. The game coincided with Commemoration Week, but Sydney University spoiled the party, beating the home side 31-13 in an entertaining game.

Eight players made the State team that year, with John O'Neill as Captain and "Chilla" Wilson making his debut at breakaway.

Des Connor found Wilson to be "A fearless breakaway who got to the ball first and put his body on the line. He was also an enormous copybook tackler."

Chilla was a colourful character who later became one of the Wallabies' most popular Managers. A former Wallaby Captain, he furthered his medical career in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the UK. On returning to Brisbane where he resumed Club Rugby with Wests, he came up against Dick Marks in a match at Normanby. When penalised by Referee Bryan O'Callaghan, "Charming Charles" said:

"What was that for, pray tell?" "You're a mile offside," said the Referee. "I beg to differ."



The Queensland Team Departs - 1955

Kerry Larkin, in his recorded reminiscences for this history of the Club, recalls an incident at the post match reception following the annual A Grade versus Combined GPS XV held at the Carlton Hotel. In his welcoming speech, Captain John "Rumble" O'Neill having consumed a few celebratory beers announced that "Rugby Union is a bloody good game" to which, in response, the Headmaster of St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace, the Rev. Bro. Campbell, as Chairman of GPS Rugby, with his most refined, educated delivery announced his profound agreement that indeed, *"Rugby was a bloody good game."* 

Kerry recalls beginning with the Club in 1954 as a No 8 and progressing in 1957 to a front rower and hooker, playing just a single Reserve Grade game in 1954, following up with 155 A Grade matches and assuming the captaincy in 1958. He played in 7 Grand Finals between 1954 and 1960, winning five and losing two in 1958 and 1959. Kerry details the Club's Coaches in the Fifties: Prof Max Hickey up to and including 1953, 1954 saw Col Erickson also playing in the front row, Fergus Wilson coached in 1955 and 1956, and from 1957 to 1960 Norbert Byrne held the reins. Norbert had a philosophy of introducing a new Captain each season.

Kerry recounted several anecdotes. The following is his version of the 1959 Battle of Normanby, Uni versus Army, when Referee Alan Finlay abandoned the A Grade game after sending off four Army players and one from Uni. Kerry recalls that after consulting the Laws of the Game, the QRU Executive ruled that was no provision to abandon a match, and the teams were forced to return to the field for the remaining ten minutes.

"General Daly was at the game, Sir Kenneth Fraser, (Honorary Physician to the Army), Col. Bishop (Qld Selector) and Maj. Stephenson, Army Coach – great dramas."

"The fracas started with Everleigh, the Army five-eighth being caught in the ruck. He had over the year by his high tackling broken three of our backs' noses. The ruck was hit by our forwards with all feet blazing. Mr. Finlay pulled the game up and said: "No more of this fighting." George Newton, front row for Army yelled: "Larkin started that!" Finlay responded: "You're off!" and pointed at Newton. That really started it. Finlay at the next fracas indiscriminately pointed at players, saying "You're off! Army lost Everleigh and two others. I said to Mike Alp "You go off." Dave Bedgood – a very clean player for Uni, threw a punch and the game was abandoned. The next week at the Semifinals at the Ekka was the first game televised – coincidence?"

Kerry also remembers that:

"At the Exhibition Ground in the early Fifties a PA system was used. Ashley Girle was a fullback and our kicker. He would always get upset when the PA system would announce that a try had been converted by a girl."

During Kerry's time Prof. Max Hickey became the Club's Patron and Dr Clem Windsor was the President. The 1955 Club Secretary was Mark Biltoft. Kerry's A Grade Captains included John O'Neill 1954-1956, and Chilla Wilson 1956 and 1957.

Perhaps what makes Kerry's story notable is his likely unique record. He played in every forward position for Queensland in a representative career commencing in 1954 with Brisbane selection, captaincy of the Queensland U-19 team to the Interstate carnival, and captaincy of the Combined Australian U19 for the curtain raiser to Australia v Fiji.

In his Queensland debut in 1955, he played in both Interstate matches against NSW, both NSW interstate matches again in 1956, against Sydney Uni in the Varsity match in Brisbane,



Ken Waller and Trevor Manteit - 1955

in 1957 both NSW Interstate games again, the Sydney Uni Varsity game in Sydney, and for the State against the All Blacks in Brisbane. In 1958 he played in both NSW Interstate matches, for Queensland against the NZ Maoris and for Australia, two games against the Maoris in Sydney (at the SCG) and in Melbourne (at Olympic Stadium) and then for Australian Universities v Queensland in Brisbane. In 1959 he added both NSW Interstate games, and played for Queensland against the British Lions. 1960 saw his final NSW Interstate appearances in both games, and as well, from 1956 to 1960 he played for the State against New South Wales Country, and from 1958 to 1960 against ACT.



A pre-game photo in 1955

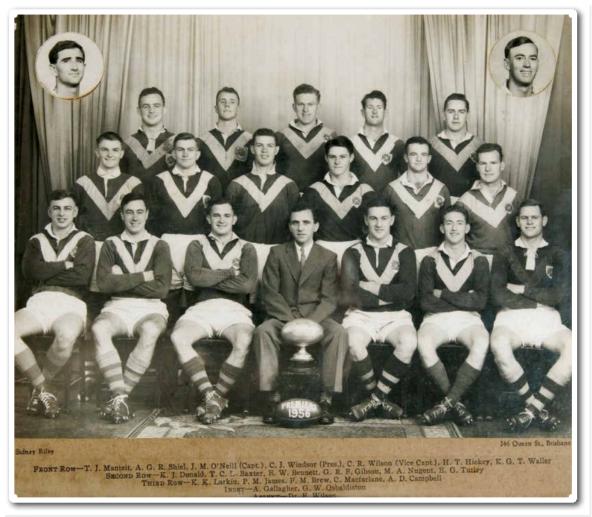
 Back row L-R: Lex Parker, Ted Turley, Malcolm Brew, Ross Sheil, Pat Moroney, Tony Lawton, Trevor Manteit, Chilla Wilson, Andy Gallagher, Selwyn Creagh, Howard Hickey.
 Front row L-R: Ken Waller, Kerry Larkin, Tom Baxter, John O'Neill, Ashley Girle.
 Others who played included George Cridlard and Mark Biltoft.



Action from 1955 Welsby Cup win over Brothers. Far right Ashley Girle, next right Mal Brew (head gear), Referee Noel Hayden

## 1956

A red letter year for the Club. After a memorable tour of Japan by Australian Universities, Varsity swept the pool on the home front. The following Queenslanders were in the team to Japan – John O'Neill, Ashley Girle, Ross Sheil, Howard Hickey, Ken Waller, Chilla Wilson and Mal Brew. A Grade downed Brothers 21-14 in the Preliminary Final and won the Premiership, proving too good for GPS in the Grand Final. The Club won the Brisbane Club Championship for the fourth year in succession.



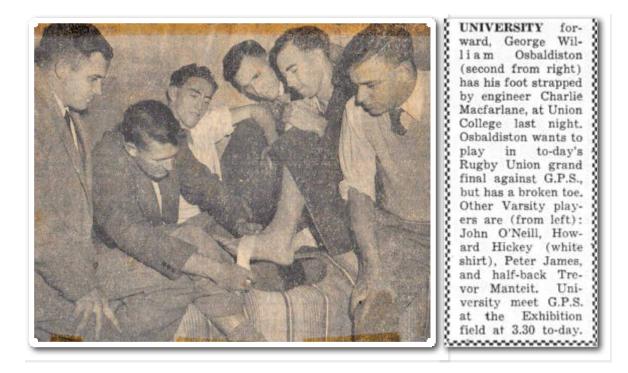
University A Grade - 1956 Premiers (Defeated GPS on 15th September at the Exhibition Oval)

J. O'Neill, (2) R. Gibson, (3) P. James, (4) C. MacFarlane, (5) H. Hickey, (6) T. Baxter,
 (7) T. Manteit, (8) K. Waller, (9) M. Nugent, (10) C. Wilson, (11) M. Brew, (12) G. Osbaldiston,
 (13) K. Larkin, (14) E. Turley, (15) D. Campbell. Reserves: (16) K. Donald, (17) E. Bennett.



A Pre-game Photo - 1956

Back Row: F. Wilson (Coach), H. Hickey, K. Donald, C. Wilson, P. James, T. Baxter, M. Nugent, T. Manteit, R. Gibson, G. Osbaldiston, M. Brew (Partly Obscured).
Front Row: C. Macfarlane, K. Waller, E. Turley, J. O'Neill, K. Larkin, D. Campbell, E. Bennett (Partly Obscured).

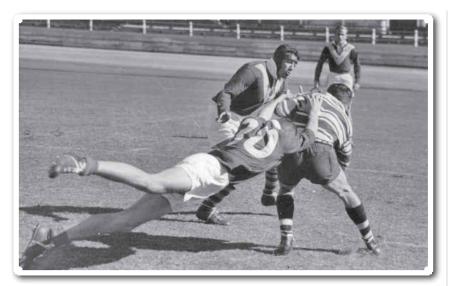




Reserve Grade – Premiers 1956

Reserve Grade – Premiers 1956:

C. P. Hildebrand, (2) W. Bock, (3) R. Duigan, (4) B. Cummins, (5) M. Cummings,
 (6) J. McBride, (7) L. Pearce, (8) H. O'Driscoll, (c) (9) M. A. Tweedy, (10) A. Booth,
 (11) A. Stephenson, (12) M. Boyle, (13) J. Ohlrich, (14) T. Murphy, (15) J. Moses.
 Reserves: (16) A. Lynch, (17) J. Pye. Coach: Norbert Byrne.



John McBride (background), John Moses, Tony Lynch (tackler) v Brothers Reserve Grade 1956

The Club had entered three teams, plus a fourth late starter in the competition. It recorded victories in all three Grand Finals, and along with the Premierships the season's honours included the Horsley Cup and Hospitals Cup for First Grade, and the Harry Edwards Cup for B Grade. John Muir recalls that no presentation of the Hospitals Cup was possible. Because

its monetary value until then was of no importance, winning Clubs were allowed to hold the trophy until the next year's Grand Final. The Club had possession of the Cup after winning in 1955 but its safekeeping arrangements were clouded in celebrations. When it was located at one of the Colleges, the QRU had the Cup valued. From then on, the trophy spent its time between Grand Finals ensconced in the vaults of the Union's bankers.



University B Grade – Premiers 1956 (Defeated Souths 35-0)

Front row R-L: R. H. Macfarlane, S. M. McDonnell, M. Enright (Capt.), A. J. Muir (Manager), J. C. Muir (Vice-Capt.), G. J. Nunan, A. L. Cameron.
Second row L-R: K. L. McClelland, V. J. McSweeney, R. P. Moynihan, E. W. G. Bennett, J. W. Laracy, B. E. Clark.
Back Row L-R: A. T. Linde, J. A. Stokes, J. Ohlrich (Hon. Sec.), M. R. Litzow, M. C. Carlton-Smith.
Absent: G. J. Shearer, A. Morton, W. Parer, J. O'Regan (Coach), M. Nicoll.

B Grade – Premiers (defeated Souths 35-0):

S. M. McDonnell, (2) W. Parer, (3) M. Enright (c), (4) J. Laracy, (5) A. Morton, (6) G. Shearer,
 J. McSweeney, (8) J Muir (vc), (9) M. Litzow, (10) R Moynihan, (11) G Nunan, (12) J Stokes,
 M. Carlton-Smith, (14) R. Macfarlane, (15) K. McClelland.
 Reserves: (16) M. Nicoll, (17) B. Clark, (18) A. Cameron, (19) E. Bennett. Coach: J. O'Regan.

Gil Shearer recalls that prior to the Finals, A Grade had lost only one match all season. He remembered that Michael Tweedy and Clive Hildebrand also played in A Grade. Michael Nugent was in second year Dentistry and his second season with the Club. He played an outstanding game in the Grand Final, scoring two tries.

John Muir's brother Jim also played for B Grade and recalls that one of the highlights of the season was a match at the Exhibition Ground where medical student Mick Nicoll in his first match back from a shoulder injury scored a scintillating six tries.



John O'Neill lays down the plan before the grand final

The Intervarsity team recovered the Kanematsu Cup in Hobart by convincingly defeating Sydney University 23-6. Mike McDonnell survived the Hobart Intervarsity and recalls:

"the funniest Intervarsity trip ever. Hobart 1956, winter. We arrived to find we had been booked into the YMCA! Within an hour we had a stack of grog; within the next hour we were turfed out ... then the BIG reception at the City Hall .. the number 23 has always stuck in my mind -23 gallons of beer and 23 flagons of sherry.... We finished the last flagon at the top of Mt Wellington at sunrise... it rained the whole week. Despite a surprising loss to Adelaide, we won all the other games – including Sydney Uni by a good margin. The secret – Discipline – no drinking for two hours before the game."



Clive Hildebrand Lester Hampson

In the Intervarsity Final in Hobart against Sydney Uni, the halfback was Lester Hampson, with Clive Hildebrand at flyhalf.

Clive Hildebrand - a regular of the 1950s, and a future Rhodes Scholar - responded to requests for contributions on Intervarsities with some recollections of his first in Hobart as

a freshman (first year student):

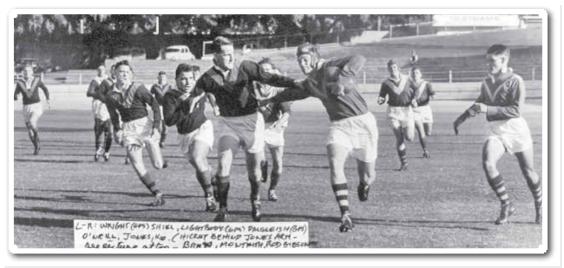
"They were always prominent romps. With the then legal drinking age being 21, freshmen recruits were introduced at age 18 to the amber fluid with as much responsible behavior as one would expect of a bunch of boys bonding in the Aussie manner. And there was also Rugby. Even Victoria and Adelaide fielded teams, sometimes strong....matches were played with vigour, though the result did not seem so important.... The journeys in those days were long as they involved overnight train, then plane, then bus... Intervarsity meets were always carefree outings. One 1956 visitor while breakfasting in a posh hotel alerted the whole dining room in shock on learning from the Hobart paper that he was supposed to be in Melbourne for Olympic trials that day. Such was the manner of approaching adulthood, Red Heavies style."

The A Grade repeated the Intervarsity victory over Sydney Uni, winning the annual Varsity match 22-14 in a night game in Sydney. John O'Neill and Ross Sheil were both picked to play against the touring Springboks, and seven other team members played for Queensland.

Jim Muir also reports that the 1956 AGM was held in one of the Nissen huts on the George Street Domain, where Dr Clem Windsor presided as Club President and provided a restraining influence on the younger members as the post meeting refreshments were consumed. He recalls a memorable "social outing" conducted by the Club was the "1956 Picnic at Fingal" when "A bus departed from Union College, Wickham Terrace with twenty-five players on board. A keg of beer was set up on the back seat; and all the football, University and beer drinking songs ever printed were sung on the way down and back from Fingal .....Most blokes surfed on and off all day... no one drowned. Steaks were cooked on the barbecue all day, washed down with warmer ale as the day advanced – in all thirty-five gallons.... What a shame there is no pictorial record of the day!"



Varsity v GPS 1956 Garth Jones about to sling Ken Waller



L-R. Wright GPS. Sheil, Lightbody GPS. Dalgleish GPS. Hickey behind Jones's arm. Brew, Manteit, Rod Gibson.

He also remembers the celebrations of the three Premierships:

"Post-match celebrations were held at the Victoria Park Refectory – another old Army building ... the organisers of the function, Ross Moynihan and John Muir ... had to leave (the Grand Final) early to collect the beer kegs from the Wickham Hotel."

The Club Secretary for the year was John Ohlrich, who operated from home using the Club briefcase to transport papers and records to the committee meetings held at the Sports Union offices.



The Australian Universities Touring Team to Japan – 1956 Outside the Noritake Hotel



The evening followed with an audition for "The Mikados are Singin' in the Rain"



Australian Universities in action in Japan - 1956



# **'VARSITY CAPTAIN** TOP UNION PLAYER

BY NEV DAVIDSON

MEDICAL student John O'Neill, Australian test full-back, is the Rugby Union player of the year.

O'Neill inspired Uni-versity club to their finest season, culminating in Saturday's premiership grand final victory.

The premiership capped a great season for O'Nell and the students. Former Nudgee College star, O'Nell was the great-est schoolboy player since the war to go into club Union

Union. He was a brilliant centre for five seasons, until the State selectors experimented

State selectors experimented by making him full-back this year. Varsity quickly followed the lead and made him club full-back, and O'Neill played for Australia against South Africa in that position.



JOHN O'NEILL

#### Top players

This year O'Neill an-nounced his engagement to Helen Blacklock, former star

He is in his final year of medicine. He comes from a

medicine. He comes from a well-known Toowoomba sporting family. This is how I would make the season's awards:— Five best players: J. O'Neill (Uni.), G. Joneş (G.P.S.), D. Connor (Bro.), C. Forbes (Bro.), M. Nugent (Uni.). (Uni.).

John O'Neill - Player of the Year 1956



Howard Hickey tackling Brothers winger Jim Smith, with John O'Neill about to join in





Ken Waller – A member of the Australian Universities Team to Japan

OLYMPIC prospect high jumper Chilla Porter goes over the bar at 6ft. 6in. at St. Lucia yesterday. He missed the jump at 6ft. 8±in. in an attempt to set a new Australian record. He holds the present record at 6ft. 7±in.

Charles (Chilla) Porter at St Lucia Oval – 1956. Later that year he won the Silver medal in the High Jump at the Melbourne Olympic Games

InterClub Athletics at St. Lucia in 1955. Hector Hogan, Doug Winston, and Tony Booth representing UQ

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### 1957

The A Grade Premiership was won by the Club for the fourth year in a row – defeating Souths in the Grand Final. The Club also won the Club Championship for the fifth year in succession. For the first time in many years, four teams were entered in the competition. The fourth team consisted mainly of College residents who trained at St Lucia instead of Victoria Park. Between them, the Club's top sides were declared Minor Premiers winning the Welsby Cup, the F C Lea Cup (Reserve Grade) and the Max Wyllie Memorial Shield (B Grade). Reserve Grade and B Grade, coached by John Ohlrich, failed to win their Premiership Grand Finals, with Army and Souths respectively celebrating victory.



A Grade Premiers

The A Grade Preliminary Final winning side over Brothers (21-14) was:

J. O'Neill, (2) H. Hickey, (3) M. Enright, (4) P. James, (5) R. Gibson, (6) T. Baxter, (7) M. Knowles, (8) M. Nugent, (9) C. Wilson, (10) M. Nicoll, (11) G. Osbaldiston, (12) M. Brew, (13) K. Larkin, (14) T. Murphy, (15) M. Boyle. Reserves: (16) C. Hildebrand, (17) J. Emery.

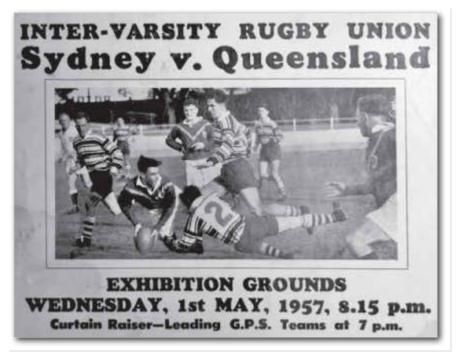
A Grade then accounted for Souths in the Grand Final (23-18). Scorers: *H. Hickey, K. Larkin, K. Waller and P. James tries; T. Baxter* 4 conversions, 1 penalty goal.



Reserve Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Army)

C. Hildebrand, (2) C. Brew, (3) R. Green, (4) J. McBride, (5) J. Hamilton,
 (6) G. Shearer, (7) L. Pearce, (8) B. Cummins, (9) A. Lynch, (10) T. Lindenmayer,
 (11) J. Emery, (12) R. Hinder, (13) A McArthur, (14) J. Moses, (15) D. Campbell.
 Reserves: (16) E. Anning, (17) A. J. Muir. Coach: E. A. N. Byrne.

For the Varsity match, Sydney University came to Brisbane for a night game at the Exhibition Ground. The Club recorded another victory, winning 20-12. Even sweeter than the victory on the paddock was the success of the after-match function held at the Victoria Park Refectory.



Several contributors recall the evening where "one hundred and twenty gallons of beer were sold in one hundred and twenty minutes." John Muir recalls that " American sailors in Brisbane for Coral Sea anniversary celebrations contributed many hundreds of US dollars ... and ... Col Claxton ran a very successful Unders and Overs table."

John Muir also held the position of Club Secretary for the season and reported that the seven members of the 1957 A Grade team who were selected to play for Australia in subsequent matches (but at differing times) were:

Ross Sheil, John O'Neill, Chilla Wilson, Ken Donald, Peter James, Kerry Larkin, and Tom Baxter.



Eric Anning played for the Club as a powerful second rower from 1957 to 1965 and has been a driving force in the Club's administration ever since.

"I was lucky to play in a fabulous era – we won the Club Championship every year except 1958, and I played in five Premiership teams. I loved the social life, playing footy with your mates and drinking at the City View or the Royal Exchange. Lifelong friendships were formed, especially through the tours to Intervarsity and overseas. I played against the Springboks, the

Junior All Blacks and some New Zealand provinces. I'll never forget the 1964 Grand Final, where we beat Teachers 29-9."

He became the first Treasurer of the Queensland Rugby Club in Charlotte St, where it was established in 1963. It was a popular meeting place, especially on Friday nights.

"It was just a wonderful atmosphere and sometimes the crowd would spill over into the street. There was such a good feeling. We'd all go to the Club on Friday night and decide which party we were going to go to (The Bar closed strictly at 10pm). There were lots of parties in the downstairs den. Once you shut the door there was very little noise that came out. I had my Bucks' party there, with a lot of young lawyers and Rugby guys. One fairly senior solicitor decided he needed a few more drinks after lunch and crashed my party. He made the mistake of an off-hand remark to Jules Guerassimoff and Mike Alp, so they jack-knifed him upside down into a rubbish bin. Jules and Vince Creagh also had their Bucks' Parties there. "

Eric played in the only International match ever held at the Normanby ground in 1965 against the Springboks. The game was held on a Wednesday afternoon and drew a big crowd for those days. Eric marked Andrew Janson, a Capetown policeman, who weighed a strapping 17st 4 lbs (111kg).

"I couldn't lift my head during the game. The night before, Tempo had me sprinting up and down Finsbury Park, carrying Alec Evans on my back. Janson had no trouble winning the lineouts – he didn't jump – he just reached up for the ball. They killed us by 50-5, but I still invited the big Jaapie for a drink afterwards. He was pretty hard to entertain but at the end of the night he said to my fiancée: "You will come home with me" When she refused, he said:

"Didn't you see what I did to him in the lineouts today? Later Paul Mooney tried to chat to Janson at the Bar and he said: "Do you realise that I've shot nine people, not including blacks?" With that, Paul rolled his eyes and slipped away." Mike Knowles provided a comprehensive summary of his memories of the 1957 season, beginning with his successful completion of the Club selection trials and an invitation to "front up with the Fourths for the first training session of the year." As the season progressed he came to value "the long days over the previous summer holiday back home cutting fence posts out of tough Gidyea timber and digging postholes in the rock-hard black-earth Mitchell Grass plains of far western Queensland." Before his "rude awakening" at his first A Grade training run he was to savour the delights of his first Intervarsity in Sydney.

After surviving the interstate train trip, "an all-night game of cards and a continuous round of drinks...(in) the cloud of smoke that completely filled the compartment...until the train pulled into Sydney early next morning.... Sadly, all too soon, the week came to a close, but the saving grace was the final Dinner which was held, quite strangely I thought,... in a basement that was all concrete.... I came to realise the wisdom of this, especially with the Dinner ending in the traditional...boat races...(with) the eventual winner...displaying ... skill and dexterity, technique and coordination, perseverance and stamina, and teamwork, all the attributes of a good Rugby team man.

His first A Grade "match was a revelation. The backs on both sides were faster and quicker, the forwards were bigger and stronger.... The tempo of the whole game was incredibly higher. Most of the backs had played for Queensland or Australia and their play was poetry in motion.... The belief each had in the other was palpable. A lot of the latter stemmed from Fergus Wilson, the Coach who... also behind many of the team's wins was his keen tactical brain. Chilla Wilson, his brother, the Captain....was gifted as well with appreciable on-field intelligence...

The team became Minor Premiers and maintained an undefeated record over the whole year, bringing it to the Grand Final...due to the insight of both Coach and Captain the emphasis was not on winning the match but playing well in it...permitting everyone to focus on their game rather than the score...then the siren. It was a glorious sound....That night the Club celebrated into the small hours of the morning."

John Muir, who later became one of the QRU's leading administrators, recalls those days with affection:

"At the beginning of each year after University Orientation Week, the Club held trials at the St Lucia Oval. Over 100 players competed for positions in the three teams nominated by the Club each year in the QRU Brisbane competition – A Grade, Reserve Grade, and B Grade as it was then known. The Club did not nominate a team to play in the Fourth Grade competition (known as C Grade then). Sometimes individual University Colleges, Faculties, or individual campuses entered teams, but never with any success during the 1950s.

UQ was the only University at the time, and it operated from many campuses located all around Brisbane. There were campuses at George St, William St, Turbot St, Herston, Yeerongpilly, Indooroopilly, and St Lucia. This spread of campuses and the fact that very few students had the use of motor vehicles made the organisation of University team sport very difficult. The three official UQFC teams trained together on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5pm, but as there were no lights on these grounds, training in June and July did not last for long, even with the occasional assistance of car headlights.

The UQFC had no Clubhouse or other facilities of its own, except for the use of a wooden changing shed at St Lucia (with no hot water and no lighting). The Secretary ran the Club out of a briefcase, and communication with Coaches and players was extremely difficult, with no mobile phones in existence. City hotels were the usual location for social activity after training and after games. The City View in Leichhardt St was a favourite location. The Federal Hotel at the corner of Leichhardt and Upper Edward St was often visited after weekend games at Normanby as it was the only hotel in the city that allowed players to enter in football gear. Both these hotels were in close proximity to the University Colleges in Wickham Terrace – Emmanuel, St Leo's, and Union College.

To play for the Club in the mid 1950s required enrolment in a course at the University. Very few players were therefore in a position to play for the Club after graduation, and it was rare to find anyone over 25 in the playing ranks. The rules were later relaxed, and after 1958 graduates were encouraged to continue playing for University teams.

The Club was affiliated with the QRU, and was entitled to nominate one member to the QRU Management Committee which met every Monday night at the Army's Victoria Barracks on Petrie Terrace.

The UQFC was well positioned in those years to recruit players from the GPS Schools and from other Queensland schools as UQ was the only University in the State. Each year until 1956, Uni A Grade played the Great Public Schools combined First XV. On the same day the GPS Second XV played the TAS combined First XV (The Associated Schools), and the GPS Third XV played the combined Darling Downs Schools. This day was run by the QRU at Normanby, and obviously UQFC had the benefit of access to all the students playing on the day.

Other recruitment opportunities were available when GPS School First XVs accepted invitations to play curtain-raisers to major University games at the Exhibition Ground. When Church of England Grammar School played Nudgee College as a curtain-raiser to the Intervarsity game on 1st May 1957, Mike Alp and Lloyd McDermott playing for Churchie, and Vince Creagh playing for Nudgee all came to University in 1958.

During the 1950s there was a wonderfully strong Club spirit in existence, and Uni tended to dominate the Brisbane Club competition. Some of the campuses provided more players than others - in 1957 eight of the A Grade players were medical students. The annual Intervarsity trips away created a great player cameradarie and cemented friendships between players from different Faculties and campuses. Intervarsity Rugby competitions were held in Adelaide in 1955, Hobart in 1956, Sydney in 1957, Brisbane in 1958, and Melbourne in 1959.

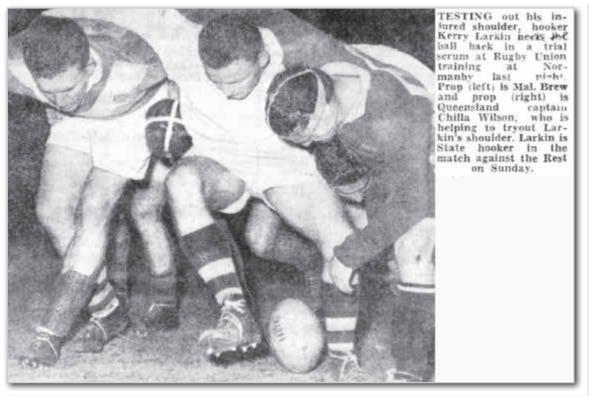
The A Grade side won the Premiership in 1954, 1955, 1956, and 1957, and won a total of eight Premierships from 1946 to 1960. Reserve Grade won a total of six Premierships over the same period. In 1956 all three teams won Premierships for the first and only time since World War II.

Apart from the small financial grants given to the Club by the Sports Union for Intervarsity travel, all Club funds had to be raised by the Committee. The Club ran an annual Formal, and conducted dances at the Victoria Park Refectory after all major games at the Exhibition Ground. After the Intervarsity match on 1st May 1957 such a function raised significant funds. The cash surplus from the game and the Vic Park function exceeded any other achieved during my time on the Committee.

This manner of fundraising was adequate to keep the Club going during those years, and sufficient meet such expenses as affiliation fees, regular socials, and an annual Club Picnic, either by boat to Tangalooma or by bus to northern NSW beaches. Major funding for the construction of a Clubhouse, or to establish a Club secretariat or an Archive centre was out of the question. There were very few Club supporters and the only financial members of the Club were the Coaches and the student players.

Limited Club records have survived this period, other than the Minutes of the AGMs. These were hand-written by successive Honorary Secretaries from 1946 to 1959 in to a hard covered journal, started in 1946 by the then Secretary Bruce Robinson Moore. One hopes that it is still in existence and can be found for a future Club Historian."

Ken Donald and "Chilla" Wilson both made their test debuts against the All Blacks in 1957. Ken was one of many medical students who played for the Club in those days, as the Medical School at Herston was close to the training ground at Victoria Park.



Kerry Larkin Hooker, Mal Brew Right Prop, and Left Prop Chilla Wilson

# 'Varsity backs beat Souths

COHESION and pressure in the backline won the Rugby Union grand final for University at the Exhibition field yesterday.

University at the Exhibition field yearset. 'Varsity beat Souths by try of the day when he bea 23-18 despite a fine went in beneath the posts. Fight-back by Souths' Wilson won the toss for Varsity and ran into the University defenders and Wilson won the toss for Varsity and ran into the Souths' forwards, led by captain Neil Betts (with a broken rib for the last 20 minutes), Nielsen, and Wat-son, nearly stole the game.

ing tries by Souths' winger Beikoff. The students led 15-nil their eyes, and Rex and South and Kitchener, and centre dropped and was straight ir Ford, they battered 'Var-minutes to go, when their to pay. pay.

Worst Press Write-up of the Year?

Only three column inches, and no mention of any Varsity player except the Captain winning the toss. Uni did win the Grand Final!

#### 1958

Souths had their revenge for the loss of the Premiership the previous year when Wallaby Kerry Larkin's 1958 A Grade team was defeated in the Grand Final at the Exhibition Ground despite having a win over Souths in the Major Semi final 14-8. It was only the second defeat of the season for the A Grade side.



A Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Souths 5-9)

J. O'Neill, (2) H. Hickey, (3) K. Donald, (4) J. Blake, (5) J. Hamilton,
 (6) P. James, (7) R. Finemore, (8) D. Bedgood, (9) J. Nelson, (10) T. Lindenmayer,
 (11) D. Conners, (12) M. Alp, (13) M. Brew, (14) T. Murphy, (15) K. Larkin.
 Reserves: (16) D. Franzmann, (17) T. Sleep, (18) J. Emery. Coach: Norbert Byrne.
 Scorers: H. Hickey 1 try, K. Donald 1 conversion.



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In the Varsity match Sydney Uni finished on top 13-6.

Such was the depth in the Club that it fielded two Reserve Grade teams in the QRU competition. Known as St Lucia Reserve Grade and Vic Park Reserve Grade, the two Uni teams contested the Grand Final.



Reserve Grade No1 (St Lucia) Premiers 1958

Front Row: J. Guerassimoff, L. McDermott, V. J. Creagh (Capt.), A. Morton (standing in for Coach A. Girle), R. Finemore, A. Murray, J. Fouras.

Second Row: L. Thomas, Dave Campbell, C. Brew, G. Horrolt, B. McMahon, G. Natalier.

Back Row: R. Forster, R. Green, J. Sturgess (Vice-Capt.), D. Mitchell, E. T. Anning, G. Galloway, N. Johanson.

Reserve Grade No 1 (St Lucia) - Premiers:

C. Brew, (2) G. Natalier, (3) R. Green, (4) L. McDermott, (5) L. Thomas, (6) V. Creagh (c),
 M. Knowles, (8) J. Guerassimoff, (9) D. Campbell, (10) R. Forster, (11) J. Sturgess (vc),
 G. Horrolt, (13) A. Murray, (14) J. Fouras, (15) E. Anning. Reserves: (16) R. Finemore,
 B. McMahon, (18) D. Mitchell, (19) G. Galloway, (20) N. Johansen. Coach: Ashley Girle.
 (Tony Morton substituting in photo.)

No.2 Reserve Grade (Vic Park):

G. Ahern, (2) D. May, (3) H. King, (4) G. Shearer/B. Malloy, (5) M. Franzmann,
 (6) J. McBride, (7) G. Reynolds, (8) J. Condon, (9) J. Muir, (10) M. Tweedy, (11) A. Ryan,
 (12) A. Lynch, (13) G. Morris, (14) J. Rohl, (15) D. Campbell/E. Gurney.

Vince Creagh's St Lucia brigade won the day, and a number of players including Guerassimoff, McDermott, Finemore and Anning were to taste higher success in the years ahead. Vince's brothers, Jim and Pat also played for the Club and Jim, having represented Queensland as a centre and wing was considered by many extremely unlucky to have missed Wallaby selection. Vince, a five-eighth or inside-centre, had played League as a schoolboy growing up in Murgon from where he was selected in the 1956 State Secondary Schools team as fiveeighth but in 1957 spent his final school year at Nudgee College, where he played in the first XV. He recalls:

"I was a solidly built young bloke in those days for an inside centre, weighing around 13 stone 10lbs or 87kg.

In my first year I was named Captain of the Reserve Grade side at St Lucia, a very strong team which could have beaten some A Grade sides in those days. We had players like Jules, Lloyd McDermott, and Ross Finemore, with Eric Anning and Don Mitchell in the second row, and a great Coach in Ashley Girle.

The following year I was picked in A Grade and played either five-eighth or inside centre. I can still remember my first training run at Victoria Park. Lectures had finished at five o'clock at St Lucia and I got a lift with a mate, arriving at Vic Park at about quarter to six, so with only about fifteen minutes of daylight left. In that time we ran up and down passing and packed a few scrums, and when it got dark we did some exercises and a bit more running. At about half past six we wound up and headed off to the City View Hotel in a couple of cars, and had a few beers. They were great days to play for Uni as we had a very strong team – so strong in 1959 that after the first round of matches, the QRU staged a night match at the Exhibition Ground with Uni v The Rest of Brisbane. Sadly in the first minutes of that game the famous Johnny O'Neill was late tackled and broke a bone in his neck. It was a season ending injury.

I played First Grade for the next five years, including a rare stint at outside centre in Uni's Premiership win over Souths in extra time at Normanby in 1962.

I was always interested in administration and served on the UQFC Committee from 1961-69. I moved to Sydney in 1969 when I was transferred in my job and joined Northern Suburbs Rugby Club, where I played in the lower Grades for six years and served on the Committee for four years.

Returning to Brisbane in 1976, I played Fourth and Fifth Grades for a while before becoming captain of the Vintage Reds (over 35 years) in the local Golden Oldies competition.

I played my final game at the age of fifty in 1990, alongside some pretty handy players in Geoff Shaw, Don Regeling, Greg Cornelson, Ray Price, Stan Pilecki, Steve Rowley, and David Hillhouse. In that game against the XXXX Goldies we scored twelve tries to one – it was a good note to go out on. After the game I decided enough was enough and before I could change my mind, I dropped my boots into the rubbish bin in the Ballymore dressing room.

But back in 1977, I rejoined the Club Committee as Chairman. I also became Chairman of Selectors from 1976-79 and again in the late 1980s, and was the Manager of the 1987 Club tour of Ireland. Perhaps the achievement that makes me proudest is my involvement with Eric Anning in raising the \$100,000 plus necessary from UQ alumni and business friends to build the present UQ Clubhouse in 1978. Unbelievably, it took a two-year battle with the University to gain permission to build it, at no cost to the University excluding the use of its land. The approval was finally gained on the basis that the Clubhouse would consist only of a gymnasium, kitchen and First Aid Room. Once the official opening was over however, part of the facility was miraculously converted into a Bar which stands to this day. Looking back, another thing I'm proud of was being one of 300 Founding Members (no 201) whose commitment was necessary to obtain a Liquor Licence in 1963 for the fledgling Queensland Rugby Union Club, which changed the face of Rugby in this State. I later became Club President from 1994-96.

I'm not a great spectator at Rugby games these days. I think professionalism and the new laws have damaged the game as I knew it, and I am sad that Ballymore was abandoned in favour of another venue built more with League in mind than Rugby. Ballymore was the sacred home of Queensland Rugby as far as I'm concerned, and it's a shame that the QRU didn't go ahead in the mid-90s with the master plan project to develop it into a modern venue capable of holding 30,000. I'm glad that I was part of that wonderful era when we built Ballymore and made it famous world wide."

In representative football in 1958, three Club members were chosen in the 2nd and 3rd Test teams that played the New Zealand Maoris, and seven players represented the State. Tom Baxter, the 1958 Rhodes Scholar, was chosen in the Wallaby touring team to New Zealand. Flying winger Ken Donald was one of three Queenslanders chosen to tour the British Isles and France with the Wallabies and scored eleven tries on the tour, one in the Test against Scotland. "Chilla" Wilson missed selection for the tour, but was recalled for a series in New Zealand and was honoured with the captaincy. Although the All Blacks won the series 2-1, he led the Wallabies to an upset 6-3 victory in the Second Test at Lancaster Park.

From an unknown Kiwi journalist:

#### "CHILLA" Chaired off after remarkable second test victory

"The Australian team looks to me as if it is captained on the field – and not on the sideline. How quaint! How old fashioned! But how mighty effective! I saw Wilson positioning forwards and backs before a drop out. And with word and gesture he laid down the law to all and sundry while Terry Curley was taking a shot at goal following Ellwood's fine try.

"Chilla" Wilson, the Captain, has one record in my book. I have never seen a Captain talk more to his team. "Chilla" is built low to the ground, his pants reach down to his knees and no one less like a sprinter could be imagined. He cuts around the field, all the same. I should think he would be faster than most of our backs."



A new face at the Club in 1958 was a seventeen year old, fresh from Rockhampton Grammar School where he had played Rugby League. Of White Russian descent, Jules Guerassimoff went on to play twelve Tests and then set a contemporary record playing seventy-four games for Queensland.

"My first three games for University were in Reserves and I played my first A Grade game that 1958 season against Souths at Kalinga Park. My last game was in 1980, so I played A Grade in four decades. I don't know if anyone keeps records like that but I reckon it might take a lot of beating. I played for the enjoyment of the game and the camaraderie – the trip to South Africa in 1963 with the Wallabies was the greatest Rugby experience I ever had. The friendships we made were something money could not buy. We had a pretty good side and became the first international team to win back-to-back Tests there since 1896. When I got back I got some incredible offers from Rugby League Clubs – St George was talking about a 30,000 pounds sign-on fee – but I was happy playing Rugby. The South African blokes I played against, like John Gainsford, Dave Stewart and Jannie Engelbrecht, have kept in touch and when we meet we still have a good time together.

I have always been keen on physical fitness and loved athletics as a youngster, so I became the unofficial trainer for every side I played with, from Grade right through to Test teams. At University we would always start training with a run around the campus by the river. It was about 5km and I always tried to lead the guys home. My intention was simply to get them to put in a bigger effort than they would normally. I did the job because nobody else seemed to want to do it. This obsession with fitness is probably why I rarely got hurt. The only injury I can remember was a strained hamstring that came after we started weight training, so I simply gave up weights.

I was pretty fast too – 100 yards in less than 11 seconds wasn't bad for a bloke of 14 stone (90 kg.)

Ashley Girle was the biggest influence on my Rugby. He was easily the best Coach I ever had, especially from the point of view of his analysis of the opposition and getting players to perform what he wanted. He led us to two Premierships in Reserves before he became A Grade Coach and then we won 6 or 7 before I went overseas in 1974. My work as an Agricultural Scientist took me to the Philippines where I stayed for three years. We played Rugby in Manila and were invited to the first Hong Kong Sevens in 1976. The team was sponsored by President Ferdinand Marcos and we won the Plate Final.

I came back and lived in Canberra for a few years, where I played for Royals. In 1980 I returned to Brisbane and played a few games in lower Grades. Bruce Brown, the A Grade Coach, had a few injuries in the backrow, so he asked me to play A Grade again – at the age of 40. Wouldn't you know it – my last game was against Souths, the same team I had played against on debut 22 years earlier. During the match I was involved in a bit of a skirmish with their little halfback, and I recognised the voice of Neil Betts, whom I'd played against in '58, yelling out: "Ah Jules, why don't you pick on someone your own age?"

I suppose Intervarsity cemented the bonds of friendship then. I took our side down to Melbourne and it was a pretty wild affair. I couldn't believe those blokes could play 5 games in a week with all the shenanigans that went on – but it was great fun. The beauty of Rugby – and I'm not sure this applies to other codes – is that you pound the daylights out of each other on the field and then it's all forgotten over a beer afterwards."

Steve Biggs played with Jules from 1959 to1963.

"He was a phenomenal player. He used to do spear tackles, which are outlawed today. I remember in the '58 Reserve Grade Grand Final at the Ekka, the two Uni teams met and Jules simply destroyed every five-eighth we put on."

Jack Sturgess presented his contribution, in his words "short and sweet":

"1958, the first year of the St Lucia Reserve Grade team. It had several recognisable names – Creagh, McDermott, Finemore, Brew, Mitchell, Anning. We also had a "fresher" from Rockhampton Grammar who was picked at breakaway. I think it was the second or third game against Brothers, where the first incident occurred. Paul Sweeney, brother of Wallaby Tom Sweeney, and also an experienced and capable player, was playing five-eighth for Brothers. He looked a bit overweight and I think it was just a bit of a run for him to get back into shape. There was a scrum quite close to the University line; Brothers won it and the ball was passed to the five-eighth. Next thing he was hit by our breakaway, driven backwards and thumped into the ground with a groan and an audible exhalation of air. I think he played on but not for long.

The second incident occurred against Teachers; they had a good team and won the premiership the next year. Their five-eighth was a tall aboriginal lad called Mick Miller, also a capable player. Not far into that game he had a similar experience to Paul Sweeney and left the field. Some of us reckoned that the kid from Rocky Grammar would go places. He did . His name was Jules Guerassimoff."

Ross Moynihan commenced his role as the Club Secretary, conducting the Club business from his father's hotel, the Wickham. For the next three years Committee meetings would be held at the hotel on Sunday evenings. How fortuitous for the Committee members, given the antiquated licensing legislation that then existed. Of course, the proximity of the Wickham to the Valley Police Station did add some spice to their traveling arrangements.

In 1955 Gil Shearer had played in a schoolboy curtain raiser to a night match the Club played at the Exhibition ground. An opponent of his from that curtain raiser was Mark Enright, who joined Gilbert in the B Grade at St Lucia the next year. Mark was selected as Captain by the Coach, Dr. Tony Morton. Gilbert recalled that their team was very strong and defeated Souths in the Grand Final by 35-0.

That year, 1956 the Club won the Club Championship for the fourth year in succession and all three Premierships, A Grade, Reserve and B Grade. The Club became the first since the war to win all three Premierships in the same year and it was B Grade's first Premiership since 1946. As well as the representative players the A Grade was distinguished by having three Rhodes Scholars in the side: Tom Baxter, Clive Hildebrand and Ross Sheil.

The next year, in 1957, Norbert Byrne coached Gilbert in Reserve Grade, but with the previous year's sides depleted by graduating players moving to employment, the Reserves found their rebuilding incomplete and only managed to make the Semifinals. It was in 1957 that Brothers attempted to limit the Club's playing strength to undergraduates by a motion to that effect to the QRU. The newly elected Chairman of the QRU Council, Mr Keith Percy did not support the motion and announced its failure. Its success would have had disastrous consequences for the Club and Mr Percy earned its enduring gratitude.

One change to the Club's previous seasonal playing agenda saw the cessation of the University versus All Schools XV annual match. It was contended that this match, in conjunction with the playing of a curtain raiser between two leading GPS schools before the Bi-Annual Varsity Match gave the Club a disproportionate advantage in the recruitment of the leading players in the Schools' competitions. Since the QRU regarded the combined All Schools games as desirable for a number of reasons it was resolved to hold the first of a new annual match between a selected Brisbane Colts team, comprising U-20 players from the Grades teams, and a combined GPS First XV. Harry Roberts from Brothers captained the winning Colts team that included the following Club members: *R. E. V. Duigan, R. Hinder, A. McArthur and G. J. Shearer, E. Bennett and T. Beirne* were selected as reserves. Geoffrey Reynolds, emulated his brother Ray's leadership of two years earlier and captained the GPS XV.

The Varsity game at the Exhibition ground saw the Club record a 22-14 victory. Despite the lack of Finals success by Reserve Grade, the Club won its fifth successive Club Championship, being Minor Premiers in all three Grades. A Grade had won the Welsby Cup, Reserve Grade won the F. C. Lea Cup, and B Grade won the Max Wyllie Shield. Ken Donald and Chilla Wilson made their test debuts against the All Blacks. Gilbert recalls that 1958 saw Ross Moynihan take over the Secretarial duties from John Muir.

#### Gil wrote:

"He was a tireless worker and almost single-handedly ran the Club in a very idiosyncratic manner and with great success." Ross sourced the beer for the functions held at the Herston refectory at Vic. Park from his father's hotel, "The Wickham." Gil recalls "It had to be Bulimba beer, affectionately known as the 'Green Death.' .... There were quite a few laughs." (The beer could be difficult to handle in quantity and was prone to cause upsets to unseasoned tummies, resulting in the euphemistically named liquid laughs.)

"Ross also ran the Unders and Overs, a gambling interlude .....put funds in the Club coffers." In the 1958 season "the formation of the St. Lucia Reserve Grade side "gave the Club four teams." It was initially coached by Tony Morton and then Ashley Girle who had retired from playing in 1956 after joining the Club in 1949. Ashley had a liking for training in the early morning but he "met with some opposition from the students – didn't last long." The St Lucia team played their Vic. Park opponents in the Reserve Grand Final. With Vince Creagh as Captain and Jack Sturgess as vice-Captain Ashley secured his first coaching Premiership.

The Kerry Larkin led A Grade suffered its second loss of the season in the Grand Final, being defeated by Souths; Sydney Uni had won the Varsity match. The next year, 1959, Norbert Byrne coached A Grade, winning all the major trophies throughout the season but failed to win the Grand Final. Ken Donald was the Captain."

Gilbert remembers that "David Bedgood was a very talented player and one of the significant members of the team. ...played for Queensland from 1958, captained the State team in 1960 and was picked as a reserve for Australia against the British Lions in 1959. He was described in the press as the most brilliant backrower in Australia....David switched to League, playing for Western Suburbs. ...returned to coach teams at Wests Rugby Union for many years and finally as the Reds' baggage man for some time until the end of the 2010 season."

"Michael Nugent switched to Norths Rugby League in 1959... (having played since) 1955." Gilbert noted that Brothers won the A Grade Premiership, Reserve Grade St Lucia won theirs, and the Club secured the Club Championship yet again. "Ken Donald scored 231 points for the season, a record, with 23 tries, 32 Penalties and 33 conversions. He was selected to play against the British Lions and marked arguably the best winger in the world, Tony O'Reilly and acquitted himself extremely well."

#### Gilbert remarked that:

"This year was the beginning of changes for the Club, it was to be the end of training at Vic. Park, Herston. While Vic. Park was convenient for the Dental and Medical faculties and the City View Hotel became the Uni Place for "drinks" the Faculties on (St. Lucia) campus were never happy having to travel into 'town'."

"Wickham Terrace was also home for Leo's, Union and Emmanuel Colleges with a history of students playing for Uni and training at Vic. Park and well known for attending the City View.

Mr. Tony Ridolfi, the owner, was a very patient man and it wasn't until 1959 that we who had been such good supporters were no longer welcome to frequent this wonderful institution.... The move to the Federal Hotel ...was not quite the same having to leave behind the wonderful inscription on the wall 'this Bar is dedicated to those gentlemen who reach contentment prior to capacity'."

The Club won the Varsity match 19-12.

#### 1959

This season A Grade narrowly surrendered the Premiership to Brothers but to demonstrate the Club's strength yet again, another Club Championship was secured.



A Grade – Runners Up Lost to Brothers 11-13

Front Row:	G. Ohlrich, D. Bywater, K. Larkin (Vice-Capt.), N. Byrne (Coach), M. Alp,
	D. Franzmann, G. Shearer.
Second Row:	R. Finemore, J. O'Neill, H. Hickey, J. Nelson, J. McBride, T. Lindenmayer.
Third Row:	Eric Hebron, M. Brew, D. Mitchell, R. Moynihan (Manager), E. T. Anning,
	L. McDermott, T. Murphy.
Back Row:	K. Donald (Capt.), J. Guerassimoff, V. J. Creagh, J. Hamilton, D. Bedgood,
	H. Adcock, D. C. Conners.

A Grade – Runners up (lost to Brothers 11-13):

D. Franzmann, (2) K. Donald (c), (3) J. Hamilton, (4) H. Adcock, (5) H. Hickey,
 (6) E. Hebron, (7) R. Finemore, (8) D. Bedgood, (9) T. Lindenmayer, (10) M. Brew,
 (11) D. C. Conners, (12) J. Nelson, (13) E. Anning, (14) K. Larkin (vc), (15) M. Alp.
 Reserves: (16) J. Condon, (17) D. May, (18) D. Bywater, (19) T. Murphy, (20) V. Creagh.
 Coach: N. Byrne.



Mike Alp Played his first A Grade Grand Final in 1958. He then played in every A Grade Grand Final side until 1967 – becoming the only Club member to play in ten consecutive A Grade Grand Finals. As records go, it may never be beaten.

Mike Alp

One of the most remembered events of the Rugby year was the so called Battle of Normanby. University had to defeat Army to stay in the Finals, and

the match was played with both vigour and spite – memories of broken noses and worse lingering from earlier encounters. (At that time, teams played each other three times during the season). Many who played in that game believe that more than five were dismissed by the Referee, as claimed in the newspaper report, but it certainly turned into a heated free-for-all before the game was abandoned. As it turned out, Uni won easily by 35-3, after the depleted teams were directed to return to the field, following a ruling by QRU Committeemen present that the Referee had no authority to abandon the game.



1959 Uni v Army



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UNIVERSITY winger John Hamilton stirred he strained to break the grip of Army rival George Barnard in yesterday's final Union eemi - final wii pla ints. 1.0 ŧ.

Normanby

The Famous Battle of Normanby Uni v Army - the 1959 Semifinal at Normanby Oval In the Reserve Grade Grand Final, Uni went down to a strong Teachers side without Captain Jack Sturgess who had been suspended the previous week. The Team was:

(1) S. Biggs, (2) D. Marks, (3) D. Gray, (4) D. Carthew, (5) F. Bennett, (6) R. Lethbridge (Vice capt), (7) J. Hynes, (8) T. Sleep, (9) D. Campbell (Capt), (10) J. Guerassimoff, (11) L. Williams, (12) G. Sampford, (13) P. Morris, (14) P. Hopkins, (15) G. Morris. Reserves: (16) D. Bywater, (17) G. Ohlrich. Coach: Ashley Girle. Unavailable: Jack Sturgess – suspended.



Vince Creagh

Vince Creagh came to the Club in 1958. He played as a five-eighth or centre with the Club until 1969 and then came back as a Coach and administrator. In 1959 in his first year in A Grade he recalls the sad demise of the brilliant John O'Neill (playing at fly-half) in a midweek match at the Ekka between the champion Uni team and the Rest of Brisbane.

"It was the first minute of the game and Kevin Ryan decked "Rumble" with a high tackle that left him with no feeling in his fingers. It turned out that he had broken the axis bone in his neck. It was a real tragedy, as he was playing superb football, and without our star player, we lost narrowly to the combined side.

With Des Connor and Kevin Ryan in charge, Brothers won the Premiership, pipping the Ken Donald led A Grade 11-13. Uni A Grade had won the first round encounter 34-6, scoring seven tries in an outstanding display of speed and skill, masterminded by O'Neill prior to his season ending injury. The second round went the same way, but Brothers improved each time and won a tense Final. Ironically, it would be the last time Brothers' two stars would play for them. Ryan accepted an offer to join St George Rugby League in Sydney and Connor took a teaching job in Auckland, from where he would become a dual International. From a Club viewpoint, Uni was not sorry to see Kevin Ryan go to League. Eric Anning recalls that Ryan found Club games a bit tame after breaking the Maori All Black Maunga Emery's jaw in three places with a short punch at the Exhibition Ground. With Kevin patrolling the Brothers' lineout, it was hard to win one against the throw. Kevin insisted on "winning his ball in' and the few who disputed his claim were KOd. He went on in League to be the enforcer at St George. Brothers' line-out jumper, dentist Peter Stevens, was sorry to see him go!

Leo Williams began his career with the Club in this season. His first memories:

"I didn't join until May when Uni ran short of players as it was vacation. I was sandbagged by Ashley Girle into turning out and my first game was against Souths at Davies Park No 2 oval behind the gasworks in South Brisbane. I played the rest of the season in that team with Jules Guerassimoff and we got beaten for the Premiership by Teachers, who didn't have an A Grade side. Our Captain was Jack Sturgess who, in the second Semifinal contested the disallowance of a try scored against the base of the goalpost. Jack exploded and was duly sent off, and although he had played every game, he missed the Grand Final through suspension."

Jack Sturgess is another survivor of the Fifties who provided this valuable personal contribution for this History:

"One incident is seared into my memory bank; it dominates everything else. This incident initially generated rage and horror; long term, scarifying disappointment. It unfolded on the field at Normanby during the Preliminary Final of the 1959 Reserve grade competition between University Saint Lucia (the lady's formal title is most appropriate in this context) and the Teachers' Training College. The winner was to proceed immediately to the Grand Final to be played two weeks later. The contest was intense and evenly poised when about ten minutes before full time, disaster struck. Within a couple of yards of the Teachers' line, a ruck formed and the football emerged on the University Saint Lucia side. David Campbell, stalwart lock forward of the University Saint Lucia team, picked it up and dived over the try line. It happened that he was very close to one of the goal posts, and in placing the football, his forward progress was hindered by the goalpost for a few nanoseconds. The University Saint Lucia team immediately displayed unbridled joy.

The referee, who shall remain nameless but whose name lives on in infamy, committed an error. He judged that courageous and skillful Campbell had been 'held up' by the goalpost and had not correctly grounded the ball. He called a scrum with the opposition halfback to put in the ball. I was the Captain of the University Saint Lucia team and felt it was my responsibility as Captain to encourage him to revise his decision.

"You bloody clown," I roared. He sent me off.

I had to attend a meeting of the judicial body responsible for the adjudicating such affairs early in the following week. I don't remember the location but remember descending a number of stairs to the meeting room. I remember only one of the other people in the room, Colonel Malcolm Bishop, Australian Army. He appeared to be the principal adjudicator, backed by a small sycophantic cadre.

Mistakenly, I had believed that I would be given a chance to defend myself and would be judged by my peers. This was not to be the case. It was a kangaroo court. The proceedings were nasty, brutish and short. The Referee, who will still remain nameless, had reported that I had addressed him in far more abusive terms. He certainly deserved to be so categorised, but I had not, and would not use such scurrilous terms. Not if he could hear me.



Reserve Grade 1959 Photo

I was there only to hear my punishment, which was a one game suspension. That game was the Grand Final and was to be the last game of Rugby I would play. It never came to pass. I walked back up those several stairs, a silent, solitary and sorrowing figure.

I sometimes pull on the old number 16 jersey and remember that day. The scar has not healed, but the pain is alleviated by contemplation of the team photograph."

Front Row: M. J. Hynes, L. G. Williams, J. K. Sturgess, F. L. Bennett, P. S. Hopkins.
Second Row: G. D. Ohlrich, S. C. Briggs, J. Guerassimoff, E. K. D. Hebron, R. C. C. Lethbridge, P. J. Gray.
Back Row: G. R. Sampford, D. J. Marks, D. A. Carthew, D. R. Campbell, P. J. Morris.
Inserts: T. Sleep, A. Girle (Coach).

The Club was now comprised of five teams, A Grade, Reserve and B Grade training at Victoria Park, and a Reserve and B Grade at St Lucia.

Ken Donald scored 231 points in the season, a record, with 23 tries, 32 penalties and 33 conversions. He was selected to play against the British Lions, a strong team which outclassed Australia in the two Tests. David Bedgood was selected as a reserve for the Second Test.



Determined Ken Donald tries to get around the brilliant British Lions winger Peter Jackson in this 1959 First Test Match at the Exhibition Ground.

The Club won the annual Varsity match against Sydney Uni by 19-12.

Another willing contributor Peter "Willie" Morris begins:

*"I have much to thank Ashley for."* He continues:

"Ashley joined us in second year medicine in 1959. He had previously graduated as

a Veterinary Surgeon before returning to study Medicine. He had played for Queensland and Australian Universities as fullback....he put his name forward...was appointed Coach of the Reserve Grade side at St Lucia in 1959....he started recruiting players ...the start of three of the best years of my life. Lifelong friendships were created. Personal goals were more than achieved... an enthusiastic Coach, and I was introduced to some remarkable expressions at training... Ashley was appointed Coach of the Queensland team in 1961 and I was chosen as hooker... Yes, I have much to thank Ashley for."

Jon Hamilton, A Grade wing and regular Queensland representative from 1958 to 1960, also recalls:

"There are several versions of the Battle of Normanby – here is mine.

Army five-eighth Hilton Eveleigh had broken a few noses on previous occasions during the year. Someone put a bomb up, and as Eveleigh caught it the whole University pack got there before the Army forward pack arrived. He was dealt with, and that seemed to upset the Army boys, leading to the chain of events as described by the press. When Ken Donald was late tackled yet another brawl began, and Referee Alan Finlay started sending players off and then abandoned the game. However after quite a delay the game had to be resumed when the Referee was advised by the QRU that he had no power to abandon a game for rough play.

When I was at Gatton College in 1956 I recall watching a game between Toowoomba and Brisbane. The ground was very muddy and it became almost impossible to identify the players – with one exception. Rumble O'Neill was almost unsoiled in his white Brisbane gear, despite his high level of involvement in the game.

Ken Donald used to rub his belly with Dencorub before running on, which gave him his 'fire in the belly' literally. Ken had a unique ability to stop, change direction, and then accelerate to full speed in a few strides. When he was at Ipswich Grammar, the 'experts' said that he wouldn't get away with that when he played Club football. Then they said he wouldn't get away with it when he played Interstate football, and then the same about International football. Big mistake.

Denis Franzmann appeared at St Lucia for training one afternoon with a golf club and a number of golf balls which he proceeded to hit into the Brisbane River while everyone was doing their laps. He did condescend to join us when the football appeared."



BACK ROW-A. Boyd, A. Evans, D. Ridley, M. Conners, G. McLean, J. Cleary, L. Forbes, E. Anning, J. Hamilton MIDDLE Row-P. Robinson (Coach), B. Wright, D. Bedgood (V. Capt.), D. Connor (Capt.), D. Worner, K. Donald, A. Flynn (Manager) FROMT Row-K.Fitzpatrick, J. Flynn, T. Lindenmayer, A. Risman, R. Latekefu

The Queensland Team in Sydney 1959

So, whilst the fifties were a golden era for the University Club, it was a miserable decade for Australian and Queensland Rugby. Apart from a couple of wins against lesser lights, the New Zealand Maoris and Fiji, there was not a single victory against a heavyweight international side and Queensland had suffered some sad defeats by NSW. Down maybe, but not out, as the next decade was to show the Club's increasingly strong development would lead the State to greater performances and a growing code.

## **CHAPTER 8**

### 1960 – 1969 FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

While Rugby Union in Queensland was struggling for recognition, at the start of the Sixties the game was thriving at Uni. The success of the Fifties, with five Premierships in A Grade, was continued into the new decade with greater depth than ever. A phenomenal eleven successive Club Championships were won from 1959 to 1969, a feat unprecedented in the history of Queensland Rugby. Friendships were made, traditions continued and strengthened, and every year new representative players rolled off the assembly line. Lights were erected around No. 3 Oval which the Rugby Club and the Athletics Club both shared as their main ground at the St Lucia campus. When those lights were turned on in 1960, it signalled the start of a new era.



Leo Williams, who began in Reserve Grade in 1959, recalled:

"In my time at Uni I only had one Coach, Ashley Girle, in both Reserve and A Grades. We lost the A Grade Grand Final to GPS in 1961. It was the first Premiership they had ever won and they were coached by Bob Templeton. They had a pretty good team led by Garth Hughes, with guys like David Clark, Terry Carew and Owen Edwards. That was the year the jersey design was changed

from the old red with a blue vee to red with a blue collar. In '62 we won the Grand Final against Souths. Lloyd McDermott was on the wing, one of the best athletes I've ever seen play for Uni. He scored a try when he ran the length of the field, outsprinting a bloke called Gilbank, who was known as a speedster. The 1964 team was probably the best of that decade. We played Teachers in the Grand Final and thrashed them. We had three players picked for the Wallabies and another six for Queensland."

In 1964, The University Wallabies who toured to New Zealand were Jules Guerassimoff, Dick Marks, and Rick Trivett. The six State representatives were Mike Alp, Dick Marks, Eric Anning, Rick Trivett, Peter Vincent, and Leo Williams.)

Kerry Larkin remembers:

"Three players were presented with a cup for playing 150 A Grade games for the Club at our Annual Dinner in 1960. They were John O'Neill, Howard Hickey and Kerry Larkin."

Vince Creagh has great memories of the fun you had playing for the Club in those days:

"We'd go to Peter Quinn's hotel on Sundays after the game, pick up a 5 gallon keg and bring it back to the dressing shed."



Rick Trivett came to the Club and played U19 in 1962. He admits that he knew very little about Rugby at the time. A clever flyhalf or centre, Rick went on to win a Premiership playing against Teachers in the Grand Final in 1964. He then played for Australia against the Lions in 1966.

"We had fantastic Coaches and I owe everything I ever did in the game to them. In my first year I played Under 19 with Ken Donald, who taught me a lot, and then I had Ashley Girle. The Club had a tremendous tradition, with older players putting a lot back in. They still are – with blokes like Eric Anning and Bruce Brown holding the place together. Intervarsity was another terrific part of Uni Rugby. I went to Adelaide with blokes like Mike Horan, Geoff Aaron and Peter Vincent, and on that trip we became firm friends. There were lots of travesties but terrific fun, as well as some good football."

Rick's abiding memory of Sunday games at the Normanby ground was the overpowering smell of rum, after a big Saturday night. The ground had terrific atmosphere even though it only held a couple of thousand – people even used to sit in the old fig tree next to the ground and have a beer.



Gilbert Shearer was another who joined the Club in the mid Fifties and has lived to tell many tales – he has been instrumental in sourcing much of the matter for this history relating to the Fifties. Apart from arranging meetings of the Club's Fifties survivors, spurring their recollections while encouraging and coordinating their participation, Gilbert has personally tracked down and collected an enormous quantity of material relevant to this task. Additionally, he has prepared a detailed summary of his personal

memories of his involvement in the Club and the lasting friendships he has formed. With thanks to Gilbert the following highlights have been included:

Gilbert joined the Club in 1956 and finished playing after the A Grade Grand Final in 1961. During his A Grade years his performances were well regarded and his selections for Queensland were considered "a must' even by the press and the Club rated him as a future Wallaby. As with so many of the Club's talented three quarters, he was another whom injury visited with untimely choice.

From the start of 1960 all the Club teams trained at the St Lucia Campus.

This season Norbert Byrne coached A Grade to his first Premiership. Initially, Gavin Struthers was the Captain, but after some matches Gilbert took over the leadership with David "Mike" Conners as vice- captain. The Club won the Club Championship. In the Grand Final Gilbert suffered a dislocated shoulder and was replaced by Scotchy McBride. Mike Conners led the team to victory over Brothers.

As the Courier-Mail reported Jon Hamilton, Ross Finemore, Mike Alp, Greg Ohlrich, John O'Neill and Gil Shearer won representative selection for Queensland. Sydney won the Varsity game 17-5.

For the Club members and supporters the highlight of the season was the eight match tour by New Zealand Universities. Sydney Uni was the only defeat suffered by the tourists – a close match, 16-14. The night game on Thursday 26th May against the Club at the Exhibition Ground was a major promotion. Two days later the visitors lined up against Australian Universities, again at the Exhibition Ground.

Gilbert notes that in 1961 Ross Moynihan had moved on from being the Club's Secretary, and Brian Falcongreen took over his duties. Later, Brian also moved on leaving the duties to Gilbert. Ashley had been appointed Coach of A Grade and decided that the captaincy would rotate between Mike Conners and Gilbert. Fortune was then unkind to Gilbert who was required to wear a plaster cast on his knee after a motor vehicle accident. Gladly or not, Ross Finemore assumed the captaincy for the finals.

Earlier in the year, Christmas came early for three of the U-19 side who were selected in the Intervarsity team to Perth. Dick Marks, Dennis Loel and Alex Liddell enlisted under Gilbert's leadership for the tournament, travelling by air via Sydney across the country to Perth. In Gilbert's uncertain memories the underage (i.e. under 21 – the then legal drinking age) travellers aged well by the time they arrived in Perth, even if they convinced the local gendermarie on one occasion that they had mistaken some Sherry miniatures for an air-sickness cure.

#### Gilbert reported:

# "The team had a wonderful time but lost the final to a strong Sydney team led by Peter Crittle and a mostly First Grade side."

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the 1961 Intervarsity was the astonishing arrival of the one of the Club's legends, Leo G. Williams. Gil provides a graphic, detailed report of the record beer drinking achievements of the young Leo and his success in winning the drinking "Horn" at the Intervarsity. Gil points out that it was an anatomical anomaly that enabled Leo to skoll (or scull) in such rapid fashion. (There are many of us who have experienced the odd drink with Leo and who would suggest that Leo had no need of genetically derived physical advantages when it was totally obvious that his indefatigable attitude and unmatchable passion for the consumption of brewed beverages were quite sufficient to provide his distinct advantage in any drinking company.

His record speaks for itself – two point six pints of beer in seven point nine seconds – set at the Commemoration Day "Boat Races" in the old Treasury Hotel in 1960. The previous pretender, Robert James Lee Hawke, (the same who was to become an Australian Prime Minister) when a young scholar at Oxford, had claimed a world record for the same quantity in the snail's pace time of eleven seconds. (The Club's UK and Ireland tourists in 1983 have since maintained that their team member, Tim Brusasco was a very worthy contender for world record sculling and that his exploits could have been legendary given the guidance of a suitable Coach.)

The A Grade was defeated by the Bob Templeton coached GPS. The GPS team was led by Garth Hughes, whose son Duncan played a major role at centre in University's 1988 Premiership winning team. Tempo's GPS team also included Owen Edwards, one of the two Queenslanders selected for the Wallaby tour to South Africa and State rep Terry Carew.

Gilbert's injury led him to coaching duties with the B Grade led by Jack Tully. The side actually had reserves to warm the bench for their successful Grand Final attempt. Although Ross Moynihan had graduated and retired as Secretary, his arrangements with his father meant that the Committee still met at the Wickham on Sunday nights under the Chairmanship of Professor Gordon Greenwood. Gilbert remembers that the Committee made three major decisions:

- The change of the Club jerseys to its current basic design, a major departure from the old maroon with blue "vee".
- The design and supply of the Club tie it was very successful and an enduring item.
- The organisation of annual fund-raising functions the first of which was a "cabaret" style event, known as the Rugby Ruckus. (never let it be said that the Club was anything but original in its nomenclature.)

In his contribution for this history, Gilbert recorded a comment that has been shared in the recorded memories of many of his contemporaries:

"The friends made in those Rugby playing years were more significant than those from school days."

In evidence of this, Gilbert reports on the overseas involvement of many Club members who travelled to London during the Sixties, and their subsequent attachment to London House and the coordinating efforts of Norbert Byrne. Gil mentions Ross Finemore, Dennis Franzmann, Michael Tweedy, (whose son, Sean also played for the Club in the 1988, 1989 and 1990 Premiership winning Grand Finals) and Dick Macfarlane among the UQ residents, and the lifelong friends they made from South Africa and New Zealand.

#### 1960

1960 was a good start to the decade for the Club. A Grade, coached by Norbert Byrne and captained by Gilbert Shearer, won the Premiership, defeating Brothers in the Grand Final. The Club won the Club Championship for the second year in a row. Fullback Dennis Franzmann had a blinder in the Grand Final, where the team played the second half a man down.

The Courier-Mail Rugby reporter, Frank O'Callaghan acclaimed the fullback's performance:

"But man of the match, Varsity fullback, Dennis Franzmann, who has never had pretensions to fullback greatness, fulfilled almost every requisite yesterday. His defence was never tested, but his handling and kicking were faultless. Best of all he linked beautifully with his three-quarters. He slammed the field goal through after fielding a loose clearing kick." Frank also described the result as "a sterling 11-6 win" for Uni.



#### A GRADE PREMIERS

A Grade - Premiers (Defeated Brothers 11-6 at Normanby Oval)

Back Row:	V. Creagh, J. Hamilton, G. Struthers, H. Adcock, P. Morris, E. Hebron, R.
	Finemore, R. Finemore, R. Moynihan, K. Donald.
Second Row:	G. Ohlrich, J. Condon, J. O'Neill, D. Loel, A. Becconsall, D. Bywater, A. Ryan,
	K. Larkin, G. Morris.
Front Row:	J. Nelson, F. Bennett, J. McBride, G. Shearer (Capt), E. A. N. Byrne (Coach),
	D. Conners (V. Capt), D. Franzmann, M. Alp.
Inset:	D. Bedgood, E. Anning, T. Lindenmayer.



University centre Scotchy McBride on the attack after gathering co-centre Henry Adock's pass

A Grade - Premiers and Horsley Trophy and Welsby Cup Winners:

D. Franzmann, (2) K. Donald, (3) H. Adcock, (4) G. Shearer (c),
 J. Hamilton, (6) F. Bennett, (7) G. Ohlrich, (8) D. Bedgood,
 (9) A. Ryan, (10) E. Anning, (11) D. C. Conners (vc), (12)
 J. Condon, (13) M. Alp, (14) P. Morris, (15) K. Larkin,
 (16) J. McBride, (17) G. Struthers, (18) E. Hebron,

(19) A. Becconsall, (20) V. Creagh,
(21) L. McDermott, (22) J. O'Neill.
Coach: Norbert Byrne.

Reserve Grade St. Lucia - Runners-up (defeated by Teachers 6-19):

D. Loel, (2) R. Gibson, (3) R. Potter,
 W. Adcock, (5) T. McCarthy,
 V. Creagh, (7) M. Bellero, (8) B. Kellaher,
 N. Haug, (10) G. Pippos, (11) E. Gurney,
 N. Morrison, (13) R. Macfarlane,
 I. Beath, (15) G. Morris.

B Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Teachers):

G. Duhs, (2) B. McCarthy, (3) M. Evans, (4) J. Dunsdon, (5) A. May, (6) S. Burns,
 G. Beams, (8) T. Gaffney, (9) S. Fletcher, (10) B. Fabian, (11) E. Tolmie, (12) T. Fenwick,
 (13) L. Williams, (14) K. Pryor, (15) J. Tully (Capt). Reserves: P. Cochrane, B. Thiele,
 W. Schwartz, P. Hopkins, R. Bruce and G.Samford.



Queensland v New South Wales - 1960 Ross Finemore under protection at the back of the scrum At Exhibition Oval No 1

Sydney Uni had a convincing 17-5 win over the Club in the annual Varsity match played in Sydney.

Once again the Club supplied the nucleus of the Queensland and Brisbane teams. Bedgood captained Queensland and was joined in the State side by Henry Adcock, Kerry Larkin, Mike Conners, Travis Lindenmayer, Jon Hamilton, Ross Finemore, Mike Alp, Greg Ohlrich, John O'Neill and Gil Shearer. In both Australian Universities matches against New Zealand Universities, the Club had a total of nine representatives.

To celebrate the Jubilee Year of the University of Queensland Football Club, the then President Dr Clem Windsor welcomed New Zealand

Universities and encouraged them to produce a spectacle similar to their last visit to our State. Of course, it was intended to honour and maintain the highest traditions of game of Rugby with victory going to the better side.

19. D. Bywater

20. J. Nelson

21. E. Hebron

V. Creagh

22.

From the Souvenir Programme produced for this special occasion at the Exhibition Grounds

	Queensland (Maroon)	Referee: Mr John Forbes Touch Judges: Messrs. R. Burnett and a NZer		New Zealand (Black)
1.	D. Franzmann		1.	D. Leary
2.	J. Hamilton		2.	C. Mitchell
3.	H. Adcock		3.	E. Diack
4.	G. Shearer		4.	A. Aston
5.	K. Donald		5.	A. Clark
6.	J. O'Neill		6.	N. Brown
7.	R. Finemore		7.	A. Edgar
8.	D. Bedgood		8.	B. Smither
9.	A. Becconsall		9.	R. Graham (Capt)
10.	D. Conners		10.	P. Jennings
11.	E. Anning		11.	R. Hockley
12.	G. Struthers (Capt)		12.	V. Nelson
13.	M. Alp		13.	G. Loveridge
14.	P. Morris		14.	G. Linford
15.	G. Morris		15.	M. Allen
16.	J. McBride		16.	R. Rickys
17.	G. Ohlrich		17.	A. Coleman
18.	D. May		18.	M. Wolfe

#### QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY VERSUS COMBINED N.Z. UNIVERSITIES THURSDAY, MAY 26 1960 AT 8 PM.

The 1960 Souvenir Programme recorded these player profiles of some prominent Queensland University Players:

19. M. Taiaroa

J. Creighton

20. B. Nepia 21. N. Bracey

22.

**Denis Franzmann** – age 21 6ft 13st7lbs. Fullback. Mt Carmel C.B.C. Charters Towers. Sound handler, strong runner, improving kick either foot.

**Ken Donald** – age 23 5ft 7in 11.0. Wing. I.G.S. Wallaby Tour Britain 1957-58. Brilliant if erratic goal kicker. Last year in all matches scored 23 tries. 32 penalties, 33 conversions for record points total of 231 points. Nine Test matches.

**Jon Hamilton** – age 23 6ft 1 in. 13.1.Wing. Gatton College Qld 1959-60. Hardest tackler in Club. Powerful runner. 15 tries last season.

Henry Adcock – age 21 5ft 11 in. 13.1. Out-centre Qld 1960. Solid tackler. Correct passer, first season regular A Grade.

**Eric Hebron** – age 19 5ft 10in. 11.10. In-centre TSS. Good hands and feet. Accurate kicker of goals, first season regular A Grade.

**Gilbert Shearer** – age 22 5ft 11 in. 12.4. <sup>5</sup>% or Centre. CEGS. Selected for Qld 1958 and 1960 but prevented from appearing by injuries. Brilliant sidestep and sure hands. Tackling improving.

**John O'Neill** – age 27 5ft 7½ 13.0 N.C. Represented Brisbane against NZ All Blacks in his first A Grade season 1951 and scored 2 tries. 1952 Wallaby tour to NZ, played as a winger in both Tests; fullback 1956 Test series versus South African Springboks; 1954 Australian Universities tour of NZ and 1956 Australian Universities tour of Japan; the complete footballer; 4 Test matches.

**Ross Finemore** – age 20 5ft 7 in 11.7 Halfback B.G.S. Qld 1960. Sturdy and throughful; applies himself to the improvement of his game keenly and with good results.

**Greg Ohlrich** – age 19 5ft 9in 10.7. Halfback GT Qld 1960. His selection this year for Qld from Reserve Grade was remarkable effort; fine passer of the ball and good pursuing defender.

**Vince Creagh** – age 20 5ft 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 12.12. Centre or <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> N.C. Erratic but brilliant; concentration his biggest need.

**Gavin Struthers** – age 24 6ft 2 in 13.7. Breakaway or second row. Timaru Boys' High School; a New Zealander with all the concentrated approach to the game that the name implies; a first rate lineout jumper; representative South Canterbury Colts 1958.

**David Bedgood** - age 20 6ft 1 in 12.7. Backrow. CEGS Qld 1958-1960. The most brilliant backrower in Australia; prodigious punt kicker and perfect positional and ball sense; Captain of Queensland at the record age of 20; Reserve for Second Test versus 1959 Lions.

**John Nelson** – age 22 5ft 11 in 13.0. Breakaway GT; solid and fast, form improvement towards its most dependable standard of last two seasons.

**David Conners (Mike)** – age 23 6ft 3 in 14.0. Second Row. CEGS Qld 1959-60; tons of fire and determination; beginning to use his height to good effect in the lineout.

**Eric Anning** – age 21 6ft 3 in 14.0. Second Row. CEGS Qld 1959. Slow to find form this year but consolidating his game well.

**Michael Alp** – age 20 5ft 11 in. 15.10 Front Row CEGS Qld 1960. Big and powerful for his age; most willing and should be increasing asset to Club for years.

**Graham Morris** – age 23. 5ft 9 in 13.4 Front Row. Tauranga College; another New Zealander; hard worker in tight play; first regular A grade season.

**Peter Morris** – age 19 5ft 11 12.0 Hooker CEGS; very keen and improving all the time, scores tries as result of correct positional play.

**David Bywater** – age 20 6ft 1½ 13.7 Front Row. CEGS. School contemporary of M. Alp and P. Morris and like them young, keen and promising.



THE 1960 SOUVENIR PROGRAMME RECORDS: PATRON: SIR KENNETH B. FRASER PRESIDENT: DR C. WINDSOR VICE-PRESIDENT: PROFESSOR G. GREENWOOD HON. SECRETARY: R. P. MOYNIHAN HON. TREASURER: ROB MEWITT

Two days later, 28th May 1960, again at the Exhibition Oval, the tourists lined up against Australian Universities. The referee was Kevin Crowe.

Gilbert Shearer provided the following team:

Backs:	R. Cowper, (He of later Test Cricket and Monaco fame,) S. Boyce, R. Perrett,
	H. Adcock, K. Donald, M.Marsh and R. Finemore (vc).
Forwards:	John O'Gorman (c), P. Crittle, G. Stone, D. Conners, G. Chapman, G. Vaughan,
	P. Morris, M. Alp.
Res:	J. O'Neill, D. May, G. Struthers, P. Wakeford, J. McBride and G. Shearer.

Gil reports that the final score was NZU 23 d Aust Unis 8. At half time NZ Unis led 17-3. Injuries to Boyce, Donald, Cowper and Adcock led to replacements by Gil Shearer, Doug May, John McBride, and John O'Neill. The second match was held at North Sydney Oval on Saturday 4th June. (See photo below).





The Queensland Junior Rugby Union was formed in 1960 and Dick Marks became the first player who progressed through the initial Under 19 competition to represent Queensland and Australia.

Dick was an outstanding all-round sportsman at Brisbane Grammar, where he captained the Firsts in both Rugby and Cricket. After leaving school he joined the Club and was so impressive he was picked to play for Australia at just nineteen years of age but withdrew through food poisoning. Dick points out that Rugby in those days was very different from today. The game was truly amateur and he played simply for the love of the sport and the camaraderie. The focus was on the Club, rather than the State or National team. There was a very social side to Rugby, with drinks after training at the Royal Exchange pub, or the City View after games, and a wide range of social functions.

"Geoff Aaron had regular barbecues at his place, which were well attended, not just for the food but because he had some rather attractive sisters. Training was not too strenuous and the Coach Ashley Girle was a respected and popular figure. He had many colourful expressions, which livened up training. For example: "How long have you been at the Sandy Robinson Dancing School, Harpo – you tackle Brothers players, you don't f......dance with them!" Ashley was, nevertheless, a magnificent Coach who brought the best out in his players for University and then for Queensland."

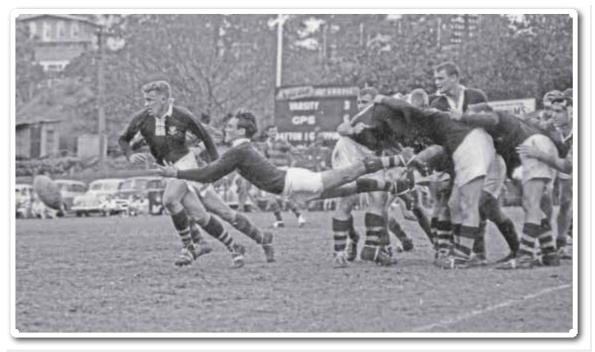
## 1961

GPS upset Ross Finemore's A Grade in the Grand Final 19-13. Playing at five-eighth, the twenty-one year old halfback set a fine example to his team with his consistency and thoughtful leadership. GPS was coached by Bob Templeton, who had been Captain-Coach the year before; however, a neck injury forced him to retire – and he then became the longest-serving State Coach in Queensland Rugby history – 23 seasons and 233 matches. Nevertheless, Uni still won the Club Championship for the third year in succession and fielded five teams.



A Grade - Runners-up 1961 (defeated by GPS 13-19):

D. Franzmann, (2) J. Clark, (3) R. Potter, (4) G. Shearer, (5) L. McDermott, (6) R. Finemore
 (c), (7) G. Ohlrich, (8) A. Becconsall, (9) J. Condon, (10) J. Guerassimoff, (11) L. Williams, (12)
 D. Bywater, (13) M. Alp, (14) P. Morris, (15) A. McArthur. Reserves: (16) G. Armstrong, (17)
 V. Creagh, (18) K. Donald, (19) K. Jennings. Coach: Ashley Girle.



Greg Ohlrich demonstrates his dive pass to Alan Becconsall against GPS at Normanby in Grand Final action

Reserve Grade No1 - Runners-up (defeated by Gatton 6-16):

S. Biggs, (2) T. McCarthy, (3) K. Speedy, (4) E. Hebron, (5) R. Bruce, (6) R. Lethbridge,
 M. Bolero, (8) L. Boardman, (9) G. Pippos, (10) J. Grammar, (11) B. Brown,
 N. Morrison, (13) A. Ryan, (14) B. Crowther, (15) P. Hopkins. Reserves: (16) D. Lambourne,
 J. Kastrissios. Coaches: Ted Turley and Ray Reynolds.

Reserve Grade No 2 - Semifinalists (defeated by Teachers 27.8.1961)



University B Grade - 1961 Premiers Defeated Easts 13-5

K. Hoffman, (2) J. Wilson, (3) J. McBride, (4) J. Downes, (5) A. Russell,
 (6) K. McSweeney, (7) P. Cochrane, (8) R. Moynihan, (9) P. Garske, (10) B. Fabian, (11) J. Geraghty,
 (12) G. Edmonds, (13) J. Tully, (14) J. McKeering, (15) K. Siddle. Reserves: (16) W. Schwarz,
 (17) T. Condon, (18) T. Olson, (19) J. Ready. Coach: Gilbert Shearer.

The U19 team coached by Trevor Manteit led the competition with Wests, but bowed out in the Finals after supplying five members of the winning Queensland Colts team (*M. DeLoughery* (c), *R. Marks, C. Becconsall, R. Grant* and *W. Habner.*)

D.Loel, (c) (2) J.Wolfe, (3) A. Currie, (4) R. Marks, (5) J. Dunsdon, (6) I. McAuley,
 A. Liddell, (8) J. Grant, (9) C. Becconsall, (10) B. White, (11) T. Cruice, (12) B. Summerville,
 B. MacFarlane, (14) J. Enright, (15) M. DeLoughery (vc). Reserves: (16) W. Habner,
 J. Gilmour, (18) E. Christie, (19) M. Blockey. Coach: Trevor Manteit.

The pavilion (including new dressing rooms) at St Lucia was approved and expected to be completed by February 1962. Mike Alp, Mike Conners, Ross Finemore, Denis Franzmann, Peter Morris, Gil Shearer, winger Bob Potter, and the left winger with sizzling pace, Lloyd McDermott, all played for Queensland.

Jack Tully, one of the B Grade stalwarts, managed the Intervarsity side to Perth and filed this report:

"The 1961 Intervarsity was held in Perth during First term vacation, with Queensland sending a contingent of 23 players. The trips to and fro in an assortment of TAA aircraft were enjoyable and alcoholic, if a little expensive. Some people might feel that the business of the trip was to play football and this was done with a will and successfully, but the victor's cup for the whole carnival eluded us and Sydney returned home unbeaten.

Convincing wins were scored over University of New England and Melbourne University but Sydney defeated us by a few points to keep the Cup and the Trophy. Our players performed very creditably, though their adeptness was diminished (or enhanced?) by liberal "dosages" before each game. A notable exception was made for the game against Sydney – perhaps sobriety does not pay!

Willing play and good talking by our Captain, who was a Combined Varsities selection, gave us very strong representation in the two sides chosen to play against WA State teams. Our representatives included Denis Franzmann, Gil Shearer, Ross Finemore, Peter Hopkins, Dennis Daley, Dennis Loel, Dick Marks, and Rob Lethbridge.

From a social point of view the trip was excellent. Though we did not impress our hosts as suave lady killers (with the exception of Ross Finemore?) we graced all the social functions, made many lasting friendships, particularly with our hosts, whose city and ideas are like our own. We drank well but were defeated in the qualifying rounds for the Torrens Trophy.

The lasting memories of this trip serve to underline the fact that the Intervarsity Carnival is the feature of University football, and participation in the Carnival provides players with one of the most valuable and pleasurable experiences of their playing lives."

The successful 1961 GPS A Grade Coach



Robert I. Templeton (Later to become a successful Coach for University)

# 1962

A horror year for Queensland, but a great one for the Club. Whilst NSW refused to play the annual matches against Queensland after large successive victories, 29-0 and 45-0 in 1961, Mike Alp's team won the Premiership, defeating Souths in the Grand Final in extra time, and the Club secured the Club Championship for the fourth year in a row.

In the Grand Final Souths led 9-6 just after halftime when Referee Bryan O'Callaghan dismissed rival wings Lloyd McDermott and Ivor Thomas. It was 12-all at fulltime but Uni went on to take the match 18-12. A 16 stone front-rower, Mike Alp was another young Captain at just 22. The Club also took out the remaining Premierships: Reserve Grade defeated Gatton College, Third Grade defeated Souths, and Under 19 defeated Brothers.



A Grade - Premiers 1962

A Grade - Premiers (defeated Souths 18-12):

(1) D. Franzmann, (2) J. Clark, (3) V. Creagh, (4) G. Duhs, (5) L. McDermott, (6) F. Bennett (Vice Capt), (7) I. Keys, (8) B. Brown, (9) J. Guerassimoff, (10) P. Joseph, (11) E. Anning, (12) M. DeLoughery, (13) L. Williams, (14) G. Armstrong, (15) M. Alp (Capt). Reserves: J. Wolfe, (17) C. Becconsall, (18) J. O'Neill, R. Marks, A. May, M. Maguire, K. Jennings. Coach: A. Girle.

Reserve Grade - Premiers, (defeated Gatton College):

(1) S. Biggs, (c) (2) R. Bielenberg, (3) K. Speedy, (4) E. Hebron, (5) J. O'Neill, (6) D. Cameron,
(7) P. Cochrane, (8) M. McGuire, (9) A. May, (10) M. Blockey, (11) G. Edmonds, (12) K. Jennings,
(13) P. Hopkins, (14) B. Crowther, (15) D. Bywater. Reserves: (16) B. Bauer, (17) B. Parnell,
(18) F. Ascot, (19) B. Window. Coach: J. O'Neill.

University U19 - Premiers (defeated Brothers):

Ken Michel, (2) Russell Spies, (3) R. Woodgate, (4) R. Holzgrefe, (5) Rob McNab, (6) Rick Trivett,
 Geoff Aaron (Capt), (8) David Carter (Vice Capt), (9) David Dalpra, (10) John Wilkie,
 Brian Venz, (12) B. Cook, (13) John Hayes, (14) David Crombie, (15) Sandy Elliott.
 Reserves: (16) R. Gardiner, (17) W. Foxley, (18) A. Galbraith. Coach: Ken Donald.

Third Grade was prevented from contesting the Semifinals in controversial circumstances which saw Teachers win the Premiership. In the QRU programme Club Notes, the written view deplored the injustice of the decision, though it qualified the matter by commenting on the need to amend the rules of the competition with respect to eligibility.

It took the opportunity to thank the following members whose performances counted: Terry McSweeney as Captain, Brian White and John Geraghty, Errol McGuire, John Tully, John Delahunty and "Puddles" Holmes.

Winger Lloyd McDermott became the first Aborigine to represent Australia. Lloyd came to the Club from Thangool via C.E.G.S., arriving at St Lucia in 1958. He earned two Wallaby caps before he was enticed to League in 1963.



Queensland v The All Blacks - Exhibition Ground Des Connor with the ball and Uni's Lloyd McDermott with Frank Bennett

Queensland did cause the All Blacks to struggle to a 15-5 win at the Exhibition Grounds. The match was notable for the debut of both Dick Marks and pocket dynamite flanker Jules Guerrassimoff. Dick produced a sidestepping try that was converted by Jules. Frank Bennett also made his State debut in 1962. Dick Marks was then to become the first Queensland Junior to represent his State and Australia.

Although the ABC had covered earlier Rugby matches at Normanby and the Exhibition Ground, the 1962 Grand Final made history as Queensland's first televised sporting fixture by a commercial channel. Channel Nine was then the only independent television station in



Brisbane, and this match was its first outside broadcast. The match was refereed by Bryan O'Callaghan with upcoming Referees Bob Burnett and Kevin Crowe as touch judges. The commentator was Hugh Cornish, who later became the Brisbane Station's General Manager.

1962 Varsity Match 1.5.1962:

 D. Franzmann, (2) J. Clark, (3) D. Mossman, (4) R. Marks, (5) L. McDermott, (6) F. Bennett (vc), (7) D. Lambourne, (8) A. Becconsall, (9) J. Guerassimoff, (10) C. Becconsall, (11) L. Few, (12) P. Joseph, (13) L. Williams, (14) G. Armstrong, (15) M. Alp (c). Reserves: (16) D. Campbell, (17) K. Donald, (18) G. Duhs, (19) G. Edmonds, (20) V. Creagh, (21) D. Bywater.

### 1963

There was an upset when Teachers won the Premiership in its first year of A Grade. Inspired by livewire halfback Laurie Lawrence (the future swimming Coach) and State forward Jim Lucey, Teachers played running Rugby to defeat A Grade 28-9 to take their first A Grade title. In the Major Semi-final a fortnight before, Teachers, having secured the Minor Premiership then stole a 16-15 victory after A Grade had led 15-0 after 30 minutes. There was no doubt about the Grand Final: Teachers scored six tries to one. Long serving and much respected Teachers stalwarts Hugh Courtney and Toby Franklin must have been overjoyed.

A Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Teachers 9-28):

G. Duhs, (2) R. Potter, (3) V. Creagh, (4) D. Mossman, (5) D. Crombie, (6) R. Trivett,
 G. Hiley, (8) M. Maguire, (9) C. Becconsall, (10) Alf May, (11) E. Anning, (12) P. Joseph,
 L. Williams, (14) G. Armstrong, (15) M. Alp (Capt). Reserves: G. Aaron, J. Dunsdon,
 R. McNab, R. Higgins, I. Keys, T. Collins, F. Ascot, S. Elliott.

David Crombie played out of position on the wing in the Preliminary Final and scored a try, and then played again on the wing in the Grand Final. The QRU match programme referred to the team's "depleted backline" and noted that it was "so depleted that the inexperienced forward Crombie played on the wing." (Evidently, Ashley wouldn't go without a reliable goal kicker.)

Reserve Grade - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Gatton College 3-18):

K. Michel, (2) A. Galbraith, (3) D. Graham, (4) C. Craven, (5) B. Moore, (6) J. O'Neill,
 A. Bryce (vc), (8) D. Carter (c), (9) R. Foxlee, (10) D. Dalpra, (11) R. Gardiner,
 R. Higgins, (13) J. Hayes, (14) W. Sexton, (15) R. Elliott.

The Club was growing, fielded six teams this season and reached five Grand Finals, but won only the Under 19s, defeating Wests.

U19 Premiers - (defeated Wests-Toowong): Uni 16 (*J. Hulbert 2, T. Powell, D. Sexton* tries. *M. Horan 2* conv) Wests-Toowong 6:

M. McNee, (2) J. Hulbert, (3) T. Bennett, (4) G. Williams, (5) R. Cooke, (6) M. Horan (c),
 B. Holmshaw, (8) T. Powell, (9) D. Sexton, (10) M. Hughes, (11) R. Reiser, (12) W. Rawlings,
 J. Marshall, (14) P. Marshall, (15) B. Brown. Reserves: B. Minchenton, I. Robertson,
 T. O'Hanlon, D. Fidey, R. Ure, N. Luddy. Coach: David Titshall.



The Wallabies to South Africa - 1963

Dick Marks, John Wolfe, and Jules Guerassimoff won places on the Wallaby tour to South Africa. While the Wallabies were away, NSW won the mid-week clash at Normanby 21-9 and Queensland came back to draw 14-all on the weekend. In the Queensland team were Leo Williams, Eric Anning, Mick Maguire, and Rick Trivett, with Peter Vincent in the Reserves.



The 1963 Queensland team to New Zealand – the first overseas tour undertaken by the QRU for 67 years – marked a turning point in the fortunes of the QRU.

Queensland won the first U19 National Championship, the John Parry Trophy, held in Adelaide from August 6-10, defeating Victoria, Western Australian and South Australia. University was represented by Mike Horan (Capt) Terry Powell, Merv McNee, Bruce Brown, and Ross Reiser.

In this team photograph Mike Horan has his feet firmly on the ground. (at bottom left)

The aspirants on the right hand side of the second, third and fourth steps next to the TAA Flight 512 sign are Merv McNee, Bruce Brown, and Terry Powell. David Taylor had not yet begun to play for the Club, and was selected from Toowoomba.



Queensland U-19 National Champions

A new era began in Queensland Rugby when the QRU Club opened its doors. "Players and supporters wanted a place to get together to drink and talk Rugby," said Vince Creagh, a Foundation Member and later President of the Club. Although it was nothing flash, the Charlotte St Club became a mecca for city workers and all Brisbane Rugby players and supporters. Eric Anning was co-opted as Honorary Treasurer and Norbert Byrne was on the first Committee. Former Referee, John Forbes was the first Secretary of the Rugby Club. Writing in "The Australian Rugby Almanac 1964", he said:

"The opening of the Club was simply a revolution in Queensland Rugby. Instead of meeting once a week for six months, Brisbane Rugby men now meet six days a week all year round."

## 1964



A memorable year for Dick Marks, and one of the best ever for the Club. The Wallaby centre led A Grade in avenging its 1963 defeat by Teachers, winning the Premiership by taking out the Grand Final 29-9. Flying winger John Hulbert scored three tries. The Club won yet another Club Championship, making six in a row. Remarkably, this was Dick's only A Grade Premiership at the Club.



A Grade - 1964 Premiers

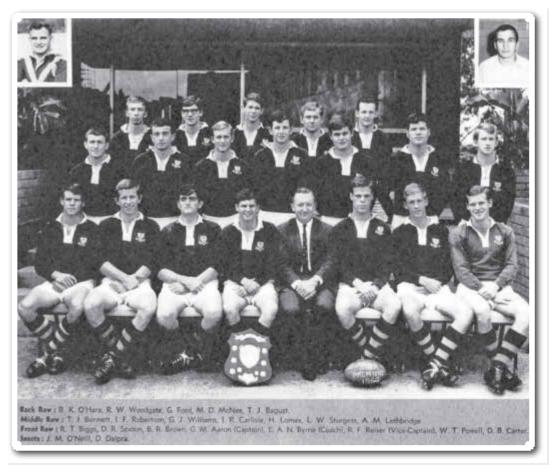
A Grade - Premiers (defeated Teachers 29-9):

R. Manning, (2) J. Hulbert, (3) R. Marks, (Capt) (4) G. Duhs, (5) D. Alexander,
 (6) R. Trivett, (7) N. Mayne, (8) M. Maguire, (9) A. May, (10) J. Guerassimoff, (11) E. Anning,
 (12) M. Deloughery, (13) L. Williams, (14) D. Crombie, (15) M. Alp. Reserves: (16) R. Elliott,
 (17) F. Ascot, (18) P. Joseph, (19) P. Vincent, (20) B. O'Hara, (21) G. Williams. Coach: A. Girle.

Jules Guerassimoff, Dick Marks and Rick Trivett toured with the Wallabies to New Zealand. Mike Alp, Dick Marks, Eric Anning, Rick Trivett, Peter Vincent and Leo Williams all played for Queensland. Eight Club players – Alan Becconsall, Geoff Aaron, Eric Anning, Charlie Elliott, Peter Vincent, Rick Trivett, Dave Crombie and John Wolfe – all toured New Zealand with the Australian Universities team. Bob Templeton's Queensland team began to make its presence felt, beating NZ Colts 30-12, and then inflicting the first defeat on NSW since 1958, 14-9.

# The Birth of the All Stars

At this time there was so much depth in the Club that once again a second Reserve Grade team was formed. The younger team, coached by Norbert Byrne, mostly came from the Under 19s of the year before and became known as the University U-21 team. The older team, coached by Dr John O'Neill, was called the Senior Reserves. The teams played against each other in the Reserve Grade competition, but the older chaps didn't make the semis. Some came over, including John O'Neill, to bolster the younger ranks.



Reserve Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Teachers 15-19):

M. McNee, (2) T. Biggs, (3) R. Woodgate, (4) G. Williams, (5) G. Aaron (Capt), (6) J. O'Neill,
 A. Lethbridge, (8) D. Carter, (9) T. Powell, (10) D. Dalpra, (11) D. Sexton, (12) R. Reiser,
 I. Robertson, (14) G. Ford, (15) B. Brown. Reserves: (16) T. Carlisle, (17) P. Stevenson,
 T. Bagust, (19) T. Bennett. Coach: Norbert Byrne.

Over the next eight years, the "All Stars", as they became known, developed an amazingly successful record. After being runners-up in 1964, they won seven Premierships in succession. In the halcyon years, 1965-68, 89 games were played and only four lost.

In the only Grand Final that was lost, Tom Biggs was injured (no replacements were allowed in the second half in those days) and Bruce Brown was sent off. So the team struggled manfully with only 13 players but finally capitulated to Teachers 19-15.

Bruce Brown lingered in Reserves for a few games next season but was eventually "dropped" to A Grade, never to appear in the "All Stars" again.

In 1965 the All Stars lost only one game and defeated GPS in the Grand Final 34-3. In 1966 they were undefeated, albeit after some anxious moments against John "Rugby" Ryan's Wests, and got home by 12-9.

There was no doubt that Johnny O'Neill was the driving force behind the team's success. One of the wonderful characters of University Rugby, "Rumble" was a truly great player who had represented Australia at the age of only 18. He could play anywhere in the backline, and did so with the "All Stars" when the spirit moved him. It was a high tackle by a Teachers player on "Rumble" that sparked an all-in brawl and led to Bruce Brown's send-off in the '64 Grand Final.

In subsequent years, "Rumble" would turn up to games with his football gear on under long pants and a bulky sweater, boots in his medicine bag. If a player was late arriving or showed any signs of discomfort in the warmup, "Rumble" was like Clark Kent, changed and ready to perform superhuman deeds. The team also developed an unprecedented lineup of skilful utility backs and a confidence that bordered on arrogance.

This attitude was reflected in various ways. In the 1966 Grand Final Geoff Aaron took a mark – perhaps nothing unusual – but he had dislocated his right shoulder and the mark was taken, one-armed, with his left arm. Mike White, a prop in the late 60s, returned from Adelaide on his wedding day and played in the Grand Final the next day. Bruce Brown was selected to play for Australia on a tour to Fiji straight from Reserve Grade. And finally, a famous "Rumble" pep-talk during a warmup in 1966:

"Come on fellas. Don't take these blokes lightly, remember they nearly beat us last ....er, er..." "In 1964!" A voice pipes up from the back.

Even after "Rumble" retired from coaching, the spirit of the "All Stars" continued, as did their success. Chilla Wilson and Pat Moroney maintained the traditions of the team and, with a strong Reserve Grade, the Club always had a strong A Grade. At times there were some who felt that the team became such a clique that it was as much an honour to play Seconds as it was to play Firsts. The fact that the Seconds almost always won had a bit to do with this attitude, which was certainly fostered by the mischievous "Rumble."

So, were the "All Stars" heroes or villains? A former "All Star" player, Roger Cooke reflects:

"My lasting impressions are not restricted to the Rugby pitch or the social indiscretions of Bruce Brown or 'Sir Basil" (Bruce Kennedy), but stem from the strength that was afforded to the Club by such a steadfast Reserve Grade side and the nucleus of Club stalwarts who played in that side.

It was not until I became involved in coaching elsewhere that I realised the importance of a rock solid Reserve Grade side and "backbones" like Mac Lethbridge and Terry Powell. Mac and Terry could easily have played First Grade but served the Club better by giving all round strength to the Reserves. They could play anywhere on the field (except perhaps front row) and still played blinders. The Godfather of the "All Stars" was John O'Neill. His calm temperament, good sportsmanship and sense of responsibility created a team whose tradition meant that every player could be relied upon in a crisis. It was this attitude that created a mile-thick defence. It was defence more than anything that gave the "All Stars" their winning margins. Good luck to the Club in the future – you will be well served if you continue to foster that spirit and consistency that was engendered in the "All Stars."



The Australian Universities Touring Team to New Zealand - 1964

This team included eight Club players:

Back Row:Rick Trivett, David Crombie and Geoff Aaron.Middle row:Peter Vincent, John Wolfe and R. "Charlie" Elliott.Seated:Eric T. Anning and Alan Becconsall.

The team included current Wallabies *Peter Crittle* (c) and *John Wolfe. Rick Trivett, Rupert Rosenblum*, and *Tony Abrahams* would go on to become Wallabies.



The Under 19 Grand Final was a tight encounter: Brothers 9 d University 8. The Club's Queensland U19 representatives were *R. Teitzel, W. Fisher, R. Crosby, T. Graham*, and *D. Palmer*.

# 1965

Jules Guerassimoff captained A Grade to win the Premiership in a gritty display against GPS (which led 15-3 at halftime). A second half comeback ensued. At fulltime GPS led 15-14, but halfback Peter McBarron was penalised by referee Bob Burnett and Dave Crombie nervelessly kicked the winning goal, the final score 17-15. Crombie kicked like the famous All Black, Don Clarke, standing the ball straight up on its end, striking it with the toe of his boot. Scorers: R. Trivett 3 tries, D. Crombie 2 penalties, 1 conversion.



Back Row:	P. C. Joseph, M. J. J. Deloughery, M. Alp, L. G. Williams, R. Elliot,	
	G. J. Williams, L. G. McNicholl.	
Second Row:	R. A. Cooke, A. May, R. K. Trivett, J. K. Wolfe, D. Taylor, J. McL. Hulbert,	
	D. T. Alexander, R. T. Biggs, B. R. Brown, W. T. Powell, A. M. Lethbridge.	
Front Row:	D. C. Crombie, R. C. S. Manning, R. J. P. Marks (Capt), E. A. N. Byrne,	
	(Coach), J. Guerassimoff (V-Capt), F. L. Bennett, N. C. Mayne.	
Insets:	Left- E. T. Anning, Right- P. Vincent.	

A Grade - Premiers (defeated GPS 17-15):

R. Manning, (2) L. McNicholl, (3) G. Williams, (4) F. Bennett, (5) J. Wolfe, (6) R. Trivett,
 N. Mayne, (8) R. Teitzel, (9) J. Guerassimoff (Capt), (10) T. Powell, (11) E. Anning,
 M. Deloughery, (13) M. Alp, (14) D. Crombie, (15) B. Brown. Reserve: (16) R. Elliott.
 Coach: Norbert Byrne.

The Club again won the Doughty Shield, securing its seventh successive Club Championship. In addition to the Hospitals Cup, the Welsby Cup and Horsley Trophy were also secured. Reserve Grade won the Chappie Schulte Memorial Trophy plus both the T. L. Jones Memorial Shield and the F. C. Lea Memorial Cup. Intervarsity was held in Hobart.



Reserve Grade - 1965 Premiers

Reserve Grade - Premiers 1965 (defeated GPS):

D. Palmer, (2) T. Biggs, (3) G. Aaron, (4) R. Woodgate, (5) R. Cooke, (6) J. O'Neill,
 A. Lethbridge, (8) D. Carter (Capt), (9) P. Joseph, (10) W. Sexton, (11) I. Robertson,
 J. A. Chalmers, (13) W. Steer, (14) B. Ward, (15) J. Scorer. Reserves: (16) A. May,
 G. Shearer. Coach: John O'Neill.



Uni 3rd and 4th Grade - 1965

Third Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers):

M. McNee, (2) T. Oh, (3) B. Palethorpe, (4) J. Geddes, (5) G. Lusk, (6) V. Creagh (Capt),
 T. Bagust, (8) I. Keys (Vice-Capt), (9) A. Grieve, (10) V. Davies, (11) J. Geraghty,
 D. Whittle, (13) J. Walthall, (14) D. Thomas, (15) A. Andronicus.
 Reserves: (16) D. Graham, (17) W. Hodgson. Coach: Vince Creagh.

The Fourth Grade was coached and captained by Peter Cochrane and played in the Third Grade competition, finishing sixth.

On Saturday 22nd May, Normanby hosted six U19 teams. At 3.15pm Brothers, with future representatives David Dunworth and Errol Allen played Teachers (Kelvin Grove) including Greg Dux. At 2pm Wests-Toowong with Stan Pilecki and Lew Draper played Teachers (Kedron Park) with G. Allen as Captain. At 12.45pm GPS with David Park, John Beard and W. James on the bench, played the Uni team coached by Ken Donald, assisted by Jules Guerassimoff.

The Queensland Rugby News listed the following University players:

G. Baines, C. Crosby, K. Speedy, Max Gaylard, B. McIntyre, M. Cameron, B. Waters, B. Fisher, G. Handyside, J. Ryan, I. Robertson, S. Gregory, J. Ganim, K. Archer and M. Marrinussi.

Jim Creagh, who, while in his last school year was drafted by Norbert Byrne into the U-19 team to play the knockout Semifinal against Brothers recalls:

"Uni was the best team in the competition and had beaten Wests-Toowong (the ultimate Premiers) the previous week quite handsomely; however, they had four players from the country who returned home for the vacation, leaving them very short." Jim joined Geoff Daly, Captain of his school First XV, against the Brothers team that included David Dunworth, Keiran McCormack, Barry Honan and Errol Allen. Brothers narrowly won the Semi but lost the Grand Final to Wests-Toowong. During the season the Club had supplied eight players to the State U-19 side.

Emerging stars for the season were tough prop Bruce Brown and springheeled lock Ross Teitzel, who both won places on Queensland's tour to Fiji.

Brown, the current and long serving Club President, coached the Reserve Grade in 1976 (Premiers) and 1977 (lost the Preliminary Final to Gold Coast), graduating to coaching A Grade in 1978, but losing to Brothers in the Grand Final. He was successful with the famous 1979 team - Premiers after 200 minutes of Grand Final Rugby against Brothers. He has become one of the Club's most illustrious members. Brown recalls:

"I was at BBC and came down to watch a game with Stuart Gregory. A bloke walked up and asked us if we would like a run with University – turned out he was a Selector – and we said we would. We started out in Reserve Grade with Dave Titshall as our Coach – his favourite expression was "Kick the bejeesus out of them." The Club was terrific in those days and you felt a great loyalty – if you played for Queensland on Saturday, or even Australia, you would still turn out for University on Sunday – sometimes the other way around. Everything's changed now with professionalism. They train three nights a week from October till September, with beep tests, ice baths and banana sandwiches. Gee, their warm-ups would have worn me out!"

In 1965, Australia beat South Africa in the Second Test at Lang Park 12-8 to clinch Australia's first series win over the Springboks, having won the First Test in Sydney 18-11. In the Sydney Test Dick Marks was outstanding. Between Tests, in the only recognised international match ever played at the Normanby ground, the Boks thumped Queensland 50-5. It was a humiliating defeat, but at least it gave the chance for some new members to play at the top level, among them fullback Peter Vincent, (the son of the famous Fitz) No 8 David Taylor, and halfback Norm Mayne. Norm's superb pass and his all round display won him a place on the bench for the Second Test.

#### Norm recalls:

"University in those days was way ahead of its time. I started out with Wests but I got tired of waiting for blokes to show up at training. They were always short of players and would comb the pubs on Friday night trying to recruit. So I went down to Uni and found it much more professional. There were a lot of players and the coaching was first class – Ashley Girle in A Grade, "Rumble" O'Neill and Norbert Byrne with the Reserves, and Pat Moroney with the Thirds. No wonder we won so many Club Championships."

Another feature of the '65 season was the visit by the Californian Golden Bears who achieved two draws, the first against the full State side, and the second against the Club.



A Grade gets together the night before the 1965 Grand Final



A Grade Premiers - 1965

# Varsity penalty kick won Union By Frank O'Callaghan

**REMARKABLE** penalty goal kicked after the bell by hooker David Crombie swept University to a 17-15 Rugby Union premiership win over G.P.S. at Normanby

#### yesterday.

yesterday. The incredible finish was worthy of the game. It was a flerce spectac-ular struggle in which un-derdogs G.P.S. surprised even their most fervent supporters. G.P.S.'s halftime lead of 12-3 had been whittled to 15-14, and the final bell rang as the ball trickled into Varsity's end of a scrum. G.P.S.'s final bell trickled into varsity's end of a

#### Grand tries

Each time Privett came stormed up as the final second grade premiership by beating G.P.S. 34-3 and brothers took the third Brothers took the third Brothers took the third grade with an exciting 11-3 win over University. Win over University. Win over University. University 17 (R. Trivett 3 tries: into touch by G.P.S. lock made at field goals by C.P.S. 15 (W. Reilly 17 (R. Trivett 3 tries: bounce and dived over the Went wide of the posts. University romped to the 14). W. Reilly (G.P.S., 3). line.

Young McNichol initiated the final try in which Mayne and inside centre Frank Bennett held passes before Trivett again

Grand Final Report - 1965



1965 Grand Final Celebrations



John O'Neill warms up at St Lucia - 1965



John O'Neill Reserve Grade v GPS at Finsbury Park - 1965



Hobart Intervarsity Team - 1965

Sandy Elliott, Dave Crombie, John Geddes, Bill Steer, Roger Woodgate, Tom Biggs, Russell Manning, Mac Lethbridge, Hostess (unknown observer), Greg Williams, Don Palmer, Ian Robertson, Lee McNicholl, Murray Cameron, John Walthall, Bill Sexton, Merv McNee, Dave Carter, Max Gaylard.



Bill Sexton (black beret), Terry Powell, Lee McNicholl (green beret), Ian Robertson (red beret), Tom Biggs (background), Dave Carter.

# 1966

The British Lions toured and Rick Trivett won selection in the centres in both Tests. Dick Marks had badly dislocated his shoulder and was ruled out. In fact Dick's shoulder never really healed, forcing him to tackle with the other shoulder for the rest of his career. Despite this, he won back his place for the tour of Britain later that season, touring with fellow Club members Jules Guerassimoff, Ross Teitzel, and David Taylor.

In the midweek Lions clash with Queensland, the Club's big winger Roger Cooke made his debut. Queensland tried to run the good ball delivered by its pack using Ross Teitzel as its cornerstone; but the Lions were too good, winning well, 26-3. The Club's other form winger, John Hulbert and alternate flyhalf Steve McCready also made their debuts for Queensland during the season.

The last competition match at the Normanby ground was to be the A Grade Grand Final against Brothers. Previous meetings during the season indicated that the Club may have had an edge over Brothers with convincing wins in the second and third rounds, following an upset loss in the first round encounter. A Grade, without its four Wallaby tourists and an injured Rick Trivett, scored a one-sided win in the Major Semifinal by 22-3. In the previous three Grand Finals Trivett's masterly displays were inspirational, and it was obvious that his experience would be missed.

For Grand Final day Brothers welcomed back their Captain, Dallas O'Neill and star halfback, Mick Barry and proved a changed side, dominating proceedings and won 36-9. For veteran fifteen stone plus prop, Mike Alp, playing his ninth consecutive A Grade Grand Final (believed to have been a Queensland and Australian record at the time), it may have been his most disappointing Final. Scorers: Tries to *C. Woodward, R. Cooke* and *R. Woodgate* 

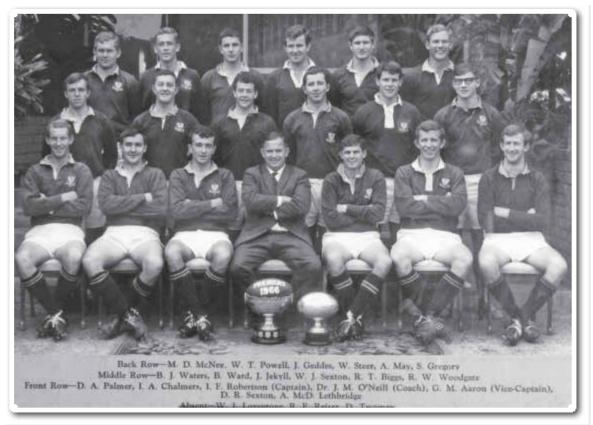


First Grade - Runners Up 1966

Underlining the different attitudes between Australia's senior provinces it was noted that, rather than risk injuries both Brothers and the Club rested their selected Wallaby tourists from the Grand Final; however, the Sydney and Melbourne tourists all played for their Clubs in their competition Finals, while Randwick played all seven of its tourists in the Sydney Grand Final.

A Grade - Runners-up (Vince Nicholls Memorial Shield, defeated by Brothers 9-36):

R. Manning, (2) J. Wolfe, (3) J. Hulbert, (4) C. Woodward, (5) R. Cooke, (6) F. Bennett,
 N. Mayne, (8) M. Maguire (Capt), (9) A. May, (10) R. Woodgate, (11) S. Gregory,
 K. Jennings, (13) B. Brown, (14) D. Crombie, (15) M. Alp. Coach: Norbert Byrne.



Reserve Grade - Premiers1966

Reserve Grade - Premiers (defeated Wests):

D. Palmer, (2) M. McNee, (3) G. Aaron, (4) M. Lethbridge, (5) W. Lovegrove, (6) J. Geddes,
 B. Waters, (8) D. Twomey, (9) W. Sexton, (10) T. Powell, (11) D. Sexton, (12) I. Robertson
 (Capt), (13) I. Chalmers, (14) B. Ward, (15) W. Steer, (16) J. O'Neill. Coach: John O'Neill.

The Reserves made a clean sweep of the trophies, as did the Thirds, who secured the Premiership Chas. Whatmore Sports Centre Trophy, the Max Wyllie Memorial Shield, and the H. F. Edwards Cup.



Reserve Grade: L-R Merv McNee, Fritz Geddes, Tubby Jekyll, Wests' Lew Draper, and John Ryan being lifted by Tony Steele



Third Grade – Premiers 1966

Back Row: J. Tully, John Walthall, J. Evans, Phil Eadie, David Wippell, Giles Earnshaw. Front Row: Gavin Gidley-Baird, Bill Sommerville, Tony Grieve, Bruce Kennedy (c), Vince Creagh, Jim Barry, Murray Cameron.

Absent: Pat Moroney (Coach), Lyn Davies, R Handyside, Dave Thomas and C McKenzie.

Third Grade - Premiers (defeated Teachers):

W. Sommerville, (2) J. Evans, (3) J. Barry, (4) V. Creagh, (5) L. Davies, (6) M. Cameron,
 G. Earnshaw, (8) C. McKenzie, (9) R. Handyside, (10) A. Grieve, (11) G. Gidley-Baird,
 J. Walthall, (13) J. Tully, (14) B. Kennedy (Capt), (15) D. Thomas. Coach: Pat Moroney.



U19 - Undefeated Premiers 1966

Under 19 - Undefeated Premiers (defeated Wests-Toowong 33-14):

J. Creagh, (2) M. Allen, (3) W. Derrick, (4) B. McIntyre, (5) J. Valery, (6) L. Johnson,
 I. Marshall, (8) R. Morgan, (9) D. Schmiede, (10) W. Heatley, (11) K. White,
 P. Lockhart, (13) K. Bell, (14) C. Corse, (15) D. Farquhar. Coach: Cyril Connell.

The Interfaculty Final saw a Dentistry XV outgun the Veterinary Science XV 9-3. Mick Maguire was a self professed country boy who came down to St Leo's College and played No 8 with the Club in the Sixties; he recalls:

"I had a fairly meteoric rise I suppose. I was playing for Queensland Under 21 in my first year and for Queensland the next. I was lucky to be selected to tour New Zealand in 1963, the first time the State team had gone overseas. I played for The Rest against the 1963 Wallabies who had just shared a series with South Africa, and we got a fair thrashing. But my first love was playing for University."

During the season the Club supplied eleven State representatives:

David Crombie, Roger Cooke, Jules Guerassimoff, Jack Hulbert, Mick Maguire, Russell Manning, Richard (Dick) Marks, Norm Mayne, David Taylor, Ross Teitzel and Rick Trivett.



David Crombie first attended the University of Queensland in 1962. He became a resident at Emmanuel College where his peers urged him to join the Club. His first Coach in the U-19 team was Ken Donald and the Captain of the team was David Carter. His team-mates included David Dalpra, Sandy Elliiott, Richard Trivett and Johnny Wilkie, who had all gained reputations as schoolboy players. David saw his first year at the Club as a great opportunity to enjoy his Rugby after spending his last schoolboy season with a broken arm. Ken Donald was enthusiastic, encouraged his young charges to enjoy their Rugby, and helped David develop his goal kicking skills. The side won the Premiership defeating a Brothers side which included Bobby Honan. Uni was captained by future Club stalwart Bill Sexton. Dave played with the Club until 1969 and after retirement in 1970 coached the U-19 side to a Premiership over GPS. In between his successful involvement with the U-19 teams in 1962 and 1970 David played in seven consecutive Grand Finals, winning four flags. (He doesn't mention it but in two of those wins his successful pressure penalty goals dramatically sealed the victories.)

David became known as 'Jock'. He maintains that with Club footy on weekends, following some torrid College games on Saturday mornings and the Interfaculty matches on Wednesdays, and then team runs on Tuesdays and Thursday nights, he maintained his fitness by playing. Additionally there was Intervarsity, some short tours, and some representative football.

The fields at the University were good but crowded; however the facilities weren't great and the running track around the then Number 3 Oval posed problems for the Club and athletes alike, the latter whose vain calls of "track" were typically "forlorn."

David remembers the night time river boat trips as a regular, if disastrous part of the social life of the undergraduate and Club member. Someone always fell overboard and the Club ended up being banned. Jock's own twenty-first was used as a guise for another unsuccessful Club trip and resulted in him being banned as well.

David recalls the value of the Colleges in supplying Fourth Grade extras – there were some surprising stars including unknown North Queensland Leaguies and Kiwi Vet students whose performances were often valuable on bleary Sunday mornings.

Jock's memory of Rumble rates with the best – there are few who have suffered torn rib cartilages but even fewer whose fitness tests have been conducted by Rumble – no doubt even fewer who survived the quick punch to the ribs, followed by the concerned enquiry:

#### "Did that hurt? ... It'll happen in a game!"

David attests to the financial stability of the Club – at one AGM it was revealed that the total of Club funds was three pounds (six dollars today) – a successful resolution saw those funds expended on Lottery tickets where any winning proceeds would be put towards a Club tour. Naturally the Club began the ensuing season with zero funds.

The competition used Normanby, other Council grounds, and the University fields – normally devoid of grass. In one year the Normanby Oval was spread with industrial rubber dust – presumably to soften the surface. David recalls that the change facilities at Normanby were primitive wooden buildings with cold showers.

Today's players may find it hard to believe the standard of the footballs used and the huge variation in their condition.

#### From David:

"The balls we played with were different every week. State games were played with new leather balls that were hard and slippery and difficult to kick. These same balls then filtered through the Grade games and became increasingly worn and mis-shapen. They were variable also in their levels of inflation, which added to the challenge in kicking and passing, and in the wet they became slippery, heavy, and impossible to handle. They were very different from the synthetic balls of today which have total consistency in pressure, shape and size, plus surface studs to aid in handling."

Jock recalls that in his first game against Army he was comfortable with the strong A Grade pack including Leo Williams, Mike Alp, Jules Guerassimoff, Peter Joseph, Mick Deloughery

and Mick Maguire – "but they weren't able to stop the Army supporters throwing bottle tops at the young Uni goalkicker at the top of his mark."

David recalls his Coach Ashley Girle, who"confused the opposition (and me) by picking me in the Final and Grand Final - not in my accustomed position of hooker, but on the wing where I had never been (except by accident.)"

Two memorable representative games he played at Normanby include the win over the Junior All Blacks and the Queensland loss to the Springboks – the only International touring side to play there. He hasn't forgotten Jules's very Russian kiss after kicking a penalty to win the 1965 Grand Final. Dave remembers Eric Anning's first match as Captain against Brothers when he took a quick tap after the game was won. Eric charged forward but was knocked out by his own momentum. On another occasion Dick Marks, sensing some relaxation and inattention among the opposition, attempted to "steal" a quick try from a ball David had placed to kick for goal – his efforts were not appreciated by Referee Bob Burnett, who proceeded to admonish Dick on his lack of knowledge of the Laws of the Game. Not many years were to pass before Dick became one of the architects of the Laws, assisting the International Rugby Board and developing Coaching Manuals for the Australian Rugby Union.

David remembers Bruce Brown as a first time skipper of Reserve Grade advising the Referee that his team would run with the wind. The Referee replied that it still remained customary to toss first.

In recording his contribution for this history Jock included what he termed "Uni's disaster of 1966." He suggests that the season reflected a time of the changing of the guards, when both Uni and Brothers were rebuilding. He states:

"We had an excellent team dinner the night before...in preparation for the Grand Final, and history records that we were flogged 36-9 by a committed Brothers unit on the day."

His experience as an old stager then shows through:

"Grand Finals are special - they are different games never to be taken for granted. It is a long summer after losing a GF."

Of course, with four pelts on his belt plus a 100% coaching record, Jock has had at least five Summers where there's been little discontent.

In any case, in the Summer of 1966/67 he had little time for that because he was one of the band of volunteers who spent their time planting the grass on the new fields at Ballymore.

Jock had successfully negotiated the University Degree system and recalls that they were very good days and "a time when lifelong friendships were formed not only within the Club, but also with our Rugby opponents with whom we always had a drink after the game."

He further remarked that Club players frequently moved on after four or five years with the Club. It was common in the sixties at the age of twenty-five to be working fulltime and married with children – an usual demographic these days."

He continued with the following, giving some idea of how strong A Grade could be in those times:

"The mid sixties saw the emergemnce of a new batch of champions – Jules, Dick Marks and Wolfie were our Club Wallabies, but then came Bruce Brown, Boris Teitzel, David Taylor, Dinger Bell, Sandshoe Gregory, Norm Mayne, Richard Trivett, Steve McCready and his St John's College mate, Charlie Woodward (who sometimes was underprepared and played some loose games "but never against Brothers," Craig Estwick (who played under a pseudonym because he was supposed to be concentrating on his studies but was found out when he was selected for Queensland). Camel McNicholl and Max Allen were all good wingers (and carried on the mystique that surrounds wingers) and Russell Manning had safe hands and a sure boot, but was more dangerous off the field than on. They were all Queensland players and/ or Wallabies and they carried Uni on to Club Championships and Premierships in the second half of the 1960s.

When Ballymore became the new home of Queensland Rugby in 1967, the Club's first game was against Brothers. The initial victory at the start of the season was replicated in the Grand Final and the 17-15 score was identical to our winning score of two years previously. Brothers recovered to win in 1968 but lost to us in the extra time match of 1969. This great rivalry between the Clubs carried forward to the seventies where some epic encounters were again staged.

Jock pays tribute to the All Stars whose strength provided terrific support for the A Grade. In particular "Mac Lethbridge, Terry Powell and Dennis Sexton all moved easily between Reserve and A Grade."

"One of the highlights of the Club year was of course the annual Intervarsity trip. This involved the whole Club. The big game was Sydney University, although UNE and Uni of NSW were strong, but the challenge was more to keep going with a game every day for the week-long carnival with social events in the middle like a bus trip to the Barossa.

Representative Rugby was restricted to return games against NSW, NSW Country, Victoria, Combined Services and the occasional visiting teams from New Zealand or International sides. Club players involved in representative games were expected to back up for Club matches, often the following day."

The QRU and the Club hosted the California Bears for memorable games at Normanby and Ballymore, while the Club players represented Australian Universities with eight members in the 1964 tour of New Zealand and a strong contingent against the touring Junior All Blacks and other incoming tours.

The sixties provided the Club with much rich history and a highly regarded, successful decade. David happily states that "it was the only Club I ever played for."

Being one of the few who have continued to serve the code in administration after finishing his playing and coaching days, David's following comments bear scrutiny:

"The early sixties was an uncomplicated and enjoyable time to be growing up in Brisbane. The late sixties were more complex. Young people were travelling more, social issues were on the agenda, and there was mounting opposition to the war in Vietnam and demonstrations to break down apartheid in South Africa. Universities were changing, course work was becoming more demanding, but the values and the mateship of the Rugby Club continued.

Fast forward - and what a difference today presents. Professionalism in Sport has been the biggest change. For the individual to play at the top level it is really necessary to be totally professional. This demands skill development, physical preparation, and 100% commitment to excellence and discipline. The rewards are representative honours, financial security, and a passport to Rugby playing countries around the world. The costs are also high. Professionalism frequently starts at a young age and as young players today are graduating to the high pressure professional ranks while still maturing, they run the risk of bypassing some of the life experiences afforded by the Rugby Club environment where there are quality players and friends, not just in your team or your Club. The objective in Rugby development must be to maintain a structure where players of all ages and body shapes can aspire to play to their levels of ability and choice, and that competitions and pathways are available for them to make that choice.

The University Rugby Club provides that opportunity and creates that choice. Social and business careers of generations of young men (and latterly young women) develop through the promotion of the ethos of teamwork, while at the same time young people can grow and express themselves in a team environment."

#### The UQFC Resumé of David "Jock" Crombie:

1962	U-19 Premiers
1963	A Grade Runners Up
1964	A Grade Premiers
1965	A Grade Premiers
1966	A Grade Runners Up
1967	A Grade Premiers
1968	A Grade Runners Up
1969	A Grade Premiers
1970	U-19 Premiers (Coach)

For several more years David played Fifth Grade recreationally.

He tallied 100 A Grade games, scoring 997 points. He represented Australian Universities, Queensland, and was selected as a Wallaby for the Jubilee Test in Wellington, New Zealand, as a reserve.



Uni v Brothers A Grade - Normanby Oval - 1966

Back from left to right – Ross Tietzel, a Brothers player (obscured), Mike Alp, Tom Biggs, Barry White (Bros), Keith Jennings, Mike Deloughery, Mick Purcell (Bros), Norm Mayne, Paul O'Donnell (Bros), Roger Woodgate (obscured), David Crombie, a Bros Player, Bruce Brown obscured by Bros, David Dunworth, a Bros player, Errol Allen (Bros) and John Costello (Bros) right winger. Backline in attack: right to left, Frank Bennett, Charles Woodward (with the ball), Dick Marks and Don Alexander, our right winger. The Brothers defending backs are David Drake, Bob Honan and John Dunsdon.

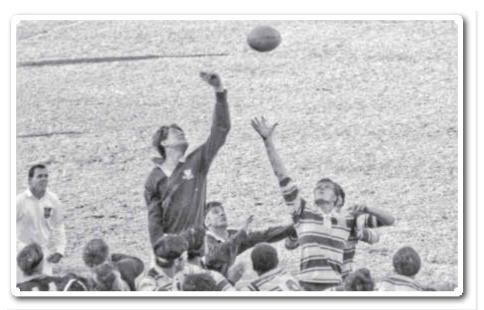


From top back, Charles Woodward, Norm Mayne, Dick Marks, Mike Alp (with headband) and Frank Bennett passing

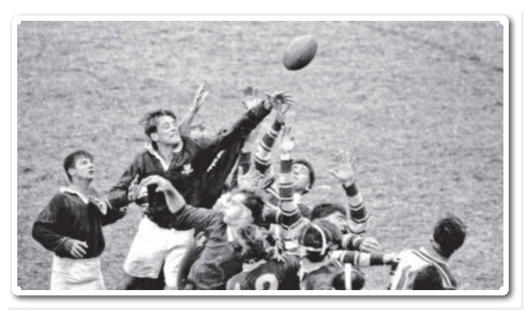
Top left Kevin Crowe, Referee, L to R: David Taylor with the ball, obscuring a Bros player, then three other Bros. players, Terry Shanahan, Bob Honan and David Drake



Norm Mayne executes his dive pass, eluding the attention of Epi Bola, former Uni player



L to R: Kevin Crowe, Referee, David Taylor and Roger Woodgate at the back



Roger Woodgate at the back, David Taylor and Ross Teitzel contest



David Taylor at No. 8, Norm Mayne clears under pressure from Bros. half Allen to Frank Bennett



Referee, Kevin Crowe, L to R: Bros. No. 4, Bob Honan, an obscured Bros defender, Roger Woodgate with the ball, a Bros. defender, No. 3 Charles Woodward, Bruce Brown (in headgear), David Taylor, and left wing Roger Cooke obscuring John Dunsdon and four others.



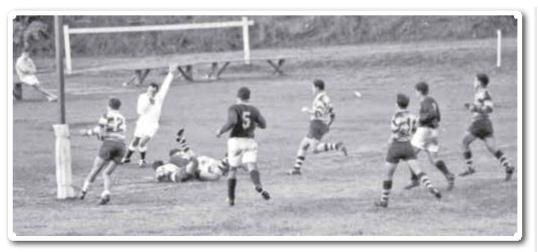
L to R: Frank Bennett, Bros David Drake, Dick Marks with the ball, wrong footing a Bros attempted tackle, another Bros defender, and John Dunsdon (Bros No. 3) outflanked by Charles Woodward, No. 3 Keith Jennings (No. 8) runs in support



Bennett to Marks, supported by Mayne, Woodward, Crombie, Jennings and Ross Teitzel



Charles Woodward outflanks the Bros defence with Dick Marks in support



Charlie Woodward scores try, Roger Cooke no.5 in support. Kev Crowe Referee

The Club is indebted to John 'Tubby' Jekyll for his excellent camera work in capturing the above sequence of photographs. It is a matter of great regret that only this small number of images has survived from the large body of his photographic work which he had donated to the QRU.



R. wing Steve McCready, L. wing Lee McNicholl, Jules Guerassimoff gets past Peter Dawson of Wests

It was the first season of fixtures and finals at Ballymore, and it was another successful year for the University. The Club won the A Grade Premiership defeating GPS in the Grand Final, securing the Hospitals Cup. Jules led the side in the absence of the injured Dick Marks. It won the Doughty Shield, its ninth successive Club Championship, and also won the Welsby Cup, the Horsley Cup and Intervarsity for the first time in 12 years. In the A Grade Grand Final GPS fought hard but went down 17-15. Scorers: *M. Allen 2* tries, *D. Crombie 3* penalties 1 conversion.



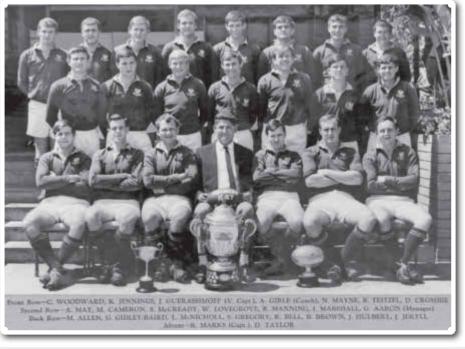
Jules Guerassimoff scores at Ballymore with Max Allen behind him and David Taylor on the right 1967

# 1967



Ballymore Aerial View 1967

It was indicative of the Club's great depth that the three senior Grades contested the Grand Finals. Keith Jennings made his State debut against Combined Services, and again eleven players represented Queensland this season. One yet to play for Queensland was Max Allen, the competition's leading tryscorer with 22 tries. A Grade's other regular winger Lee McNicholl scored 15 tries. Theirs was a prodigious effort, but even so they failed to match the individual record of twenty-five tries scored in a season, set by Ken Donald in 1959.



A Grade Premiers - 1967

A Grade - Premiers (defeated GPS 17-15):

R. J. P. Marks (Capt) DNP (1) R. Manning, (2) M. Allen, (3) C. Woodward, (4) S. McCready, (5) L. McNicholl, (6) M. Cameron, (7) N. Mayne, (8) D. Taylor, (9) K. Jennings, (10) J. Guerassimoff, (vc) (11) S. Gregory, (12). R. Teitzel, (13) B. Brown, (14) D. Crombie, (15) G. Gidley-Baird. Reserves: (16) J. Hulbert, (17) B. Waters, (18) M. McNee, (19) A. May, (20) K. Bell, (21) D. Sexton, (22) J. Walthall. Coach: A. Girle. Manager: G. Aaron, Keith Jennings also includes these players I. Marshall, W. Lovegrove and J. Jekyll.



Reserve Grade Premiers - 1967

Reserve Grade - Premiers (defeated GPS 19-0):

 M. McNee, (2) J. Hulbert, (3) W. Lovegrove, (4) A. Lethbridge, (5) G. Moore, (6) J. Geddes,
 B. Waters, (8) M. Maguire, (9) A. May, (10) D. Sexton, (11) K. Bell, (12) I. Robertson,
 J. Walthall, (14) B. Kennedy, (15) J. Scorer. Reserves (16) J. O'Neill, (17) A Labatt. Keith Bell won the trophy for the Best and Fairest in the Reserve Grade Grand Final.



Uni v GPS 1967 - Reserve Grade GF at Ballymore



Action Uni v GPS 1967 - Reserve Grade GF

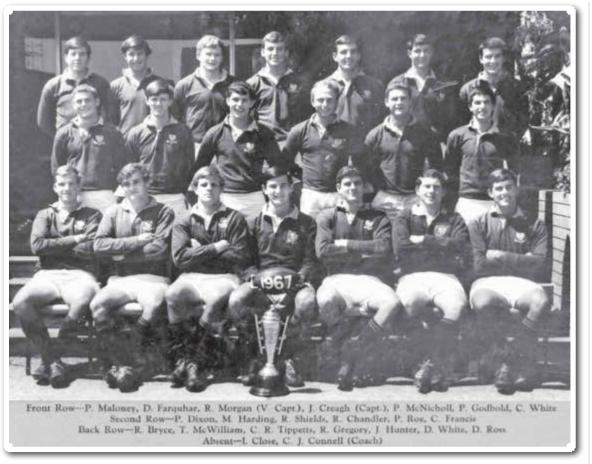


Presentation to Mac Lethbridge - Uni v GPS Reserve Grade at Ballymore 1967

Third Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Wests 11-26):

N. Robinson, (2) G. Aaron, (3) B. McIntyre, (4) N. Torrens, (5) T. Ballinger, (6) G. Speer,
 I. Marshall, (8) N. McMicking, (9) T. Lockhart, (10) C. Corfe, (11) C. McKenzie,
 P. Jell, (13) B. Minchinton, (14) S. Carter, (15) I. Shellshear.

Reserve Grade won the Premiership, (the Chappie Schulte Memorial Trophy) and the T. L. Jones Memorial Shield, while Third Grade had to be satisfied with the Max Wyllie Memorial Shield and the H. F. Edwards Cup.



Under 19 A Runners-up 1967

U 19 A - Undefeated Minor Premiers, Runners-up (defeated by Brothers).

This year the Club was able to contest Intervarsity which was held at the University of New South Wales between 22nd and 26th May. The side performed admirably, winning the First Division of the Carnival and defeating the Sydney University side to take out the Asahi Trophy and the Kansai Cup.

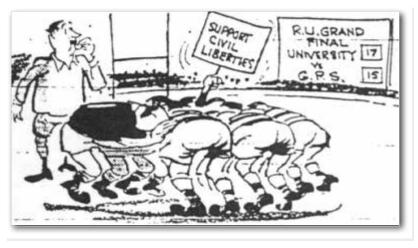
Having defeated the strong Sydney Uni team which included the Wallaby front row, Darveniza, Roxburgh and Jake Howard, second rower Tony Abrahams, five-eighth Rupert Rosenblum, and the Boyce brothers among others, the Club awarded a special pennant "Intervarsity 1967 Sydney Rugby Champions" to the following members of the victorious side:

B. Brown (Manager), Keith Jennings (Captain), G. Gidley-Baird, J. Walthall, B. Kennedy, J. Jekyll, S. Gregory, K. Bell, I. Robertson, P. Lockhart, R. Morgan, D. Sexton, R. Handyside, B. Waters, I. Marshall, M. Cameron, J. Geddes, C. Woodward, S. McCready, J. Creagh, M. Lethbridge, M. Allen, L. McNicholl, W. Lovegrove, M. McNee and N. Smith.

This was possibly the strongest Intervarsity side ever to tour from the Club.

The Sixties featured growing protests over conscription and Australian participation in the Vietnam War. During 1967, it was becoming increasingly apparent that Australia was strongly involved in the Vietnam War. Protest was escalating and becoming more violent; dissident, radical students were planning to send funds to the enemy.

A Grade's win over GPS in the Grand Final didn't escape the Courier Mail cartoonist:



Ballymore was not quite ready to host the first Irish visit to Brisbane so Lang Park (now developed as Suncorp Stadium) was the venue for the Queensland match. At fullback was Russell Manning who had previously played for the State. Ross Teitzel moved to prop and allowed Stuart Gregory's selection as a front of the lineout

deflector. David Crombie returned, his great goal kicking a bonus.

The match was ruined as a spectacle with injuries to both wingers in the opening minutes, followed by Rick Trivett with hamstring trouble. Substitutes in internationals were not permitted then, but came into force the following season. Queensland Captain Dick Marks and second row Ross Teitzel were chosen for the one-off Test but Jules Guerassimoff missed out, and was not selected again. Ireland won 11-5.

For the first time, Interstate games were played at the new Rugby headquarters at Ballymore. Bob Templeton was Queensland Coach and the honours were shared – NSW winning the first game 12-6 and the Maroons the second 17-11. The big-punting fullback Russell Manning and Ross Teitzel were selected for the NZ Jubilee Test, with David Crombie and David Taylor in the reserves. The All Blacks won 29-9.



Intervarsity Champions, Sydney 1967

While the playing pitch at Ballymore benefitted from its arduous preparation, the QRU's limited funds left the changing shed in its original condition. Apart from the dearth of hot water in the showers, its overall condition was somewhat debilitated – it certainly could not stand up to the vigorous warming up antics delivered by the NSW forwards prior to the return match. There wasn't much hilarity but much talk of sabotage when one of the heaviest New South Welshmen began to disappear through the floorboards.



The spoils of victory – Intervarsity 1967 Bruce Brown, Keith Jennings and Keith Bell with the Kansai Cup



Uni Qld v Syd Uni at University of NSW Intervarsity

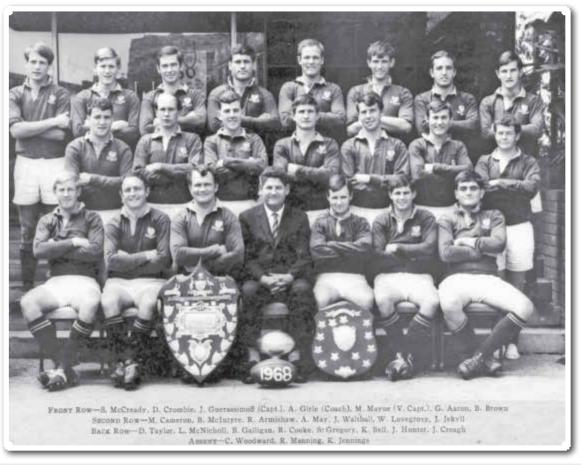


Uni Qld v Syd Uni at University of NSW Intervarsity

# 1968

This season marked the tenth year in a row that the Club won the Doughty Shield for the Club Championship. Once again it was arch-rivals Brothers who became the fly in the ointment for the Club's celebrations. In the A Grade major Semi-final the two teams battled in an 11-all draw and even extra time did not separate them. So A Grade, as Minor Premiers, went straight through, while Brothers had to defeat Wests 18-9 in the Preliminary Final to make the Grand Final. On Grand Final day Brothers triumphed, scoring three tries to nil, Jack Dunsdon scoring a double and marking himself for attention in the future. For Uni, David Crombie landed two penalties.

The Reserve Grade went through the whole season undefeated, soundly beating Brothers in the Grand Final by 37-3, avenging the Thirds who became runners-up to Brothers by15-6. There was encouragement from the youngsters with both the U19A and U19B teams winning their Premierships, despite the disappearance on Grand Final day of the A team fullback .



A-Grade Runners-up 1968

A Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers 17-6):

B. McIntyre, (2) L. McNicholl, (3) C. Woodward, (4) S. McCready, (5) R. Armishaw,
 M. Cameron, (7) N. Mayne (Vice-Capt), (8) K. Bell, (9) D. Taylor, (10) J. Guerassimoff (Capt), (11) R. Cooke, (12) S. Gregory, (13) B. Brown, (14) D. Crombie, (15) J. Hunter.



Reserve Grade Premiers 1968

Reserve Grade - Premiers (defeated Brothers 37-3):

(1) J. Wolfe, (2) J. Hulbert, (3) G. Aaron, (4) G. Williams, (5) W. Lovegrove, (6) A. Lethbridge (Capt),
(7) B. Waters, (8) P. Lockhart, (9) T. Powell, (10) D. Sexton, (11) B. Galligan, (12) R. Morgan,
(13) J. Bell, (14) J. Jekyll, (15) J. Walthall. Reserves: (16) A. May, (17) I. Robertson,
(18) J. Twomey.

Barry Waters won the Reserve Grade Grand Final Best and Fairest trophy.

Third Grade - Runners-up, (defeated by Brothers 6-15):

D. Handyside, (2) W. Morrow, (3) T. McWilliams, (4) D. Ross, (5) H. Tippitts, (6) D. Steer,
 J. Loney, (8) W. Heatley, (9) N. Smith, (10) P. Tuxworth, (11) A. Labatt, (12) G. Gidley-Baird,
 C. Mayne, (14) C. Cofe, (15) D. Farquhar (Capt). Reserves: (16) G. Howe, (17) G. Grealy,
 R. Holden.



Premiers Under 19 A-Grade 1968

# U-19A and U19B

The A team was coached by Leo Williams and defeated GPS, and the B side defeated QIT. The Junior Rugby Union had the misfortune in these times of conducting its Grand Final day in competition with the Royal National Association Show – the Ekka. This usually had some impact on the Club as the Show was one of the major annual events to provide some worthwhile casual employment for cash poor students during their second term holidays. Those Club members working casually at the Show had to display some ingenuity to mix their employment with the demands of finals Rugby or miss out on the Rugby. Years later Jake Howard's involvement with the Club and his Show responsibilities provided some more enterprising solutions to the annual dilemmas. In 1968 the first choice fullback was a no show on the big day; it gave Frank (the Boot) McKeown the chance to shine – and the young Agriculture student gladly accepted. Sadly, the absent player, then known as Captain Fourex, did not return to the Club, but continued on with Easts and later Teachers (now Norths.)

Barry Honan paid this tribute to Ross (Boris) Teitzel in "Red! Red! Red! The story of Queensland Rugby":

"Boris Teitzel was the greatest loss to Queensland Rugby. He was a manmountain who gave opponents a bath in the lineouts. We were forever looking for a big tight forward and we no sooner found one than he was gone".



v Easts R to L D. Crombie, R. Teitzel, B. Brown, J. Hunter, P. McNicholl and D. Sexton v R. Cullen and M. Brew



A Grade 1968 - Telegraph Colour Series



Roger Cooke - 1968



Roger Cooke, Bruce Brown and David Taylor - Pre-1968 GF warm up

# 1969

This year saw the Jules Guerassimoff-led team win the A Grade Grand Final against archrivals Brothers 22-14, and the Club again took out the Doughty Shield as Club Champions for THE ELEVENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR – a record unlikely to be beaten.

Before a record crowd at Ballymore, Uni raced to a 14-nil lead with tries by David Miller and Murray Cameron, but Brothers came back to draw level at 14-all. Brothers hoped to score when Ron Price chipped ahead over the fullback for prop Dave Dunworth to catch the ball and dive for the line. The Referee, Kev Crowe was on the spot, ruled Dunworth was in front of the kicker, and the match went into extra time. To confirm its dominance, A Grade ran away with it, scoring fine tries through wingers Craig Estwick and Brian McIntyre, eventually winning 22-14.

It was a day of personal satisfaction for Keith "Dinger" Bell. Jack Dunsdon, on the wing for Brothers, had scored two tries in the Preliminary Final, and following his double in the 1968 GF, was looking for more. This year Jack's chances again arose, but on each occasion a wiser and equally determined covering defence effort from Dinger at No 8 snuffed out Jack's hopes. In a great day for the Club, Reserve Grade had won its fifth consecutive Grand Final, defeating GPS 12-11.

Stuart Gregory was the only Club member chosen for the Wallaby tour of South Africa but Jules Guerassimoff, Bruce Brown, David Crombie, David Taylor, Ross Teitzel, Charlie Woodward, Brian Galligan, Craig Estwick and David Miller all represented Queensland. At 24, Dave Taylor badly injured his neck, causing his early retirement.



A Grade Premiers 1969

A Grade - Premiers (defeated Brothers 22-14):

M. Cameron, (2) C. Estwick, (3) C. Woodward, (4) D. Miller, (5) B. McIntyre,
 (6) Peter Roe, (7) N. Mayne, (8) K. Bell, (9) Jules Guerassimoff (Capt), (10) R. Morgan,
 (11) P. McNicholl, (12) D. Sexton, (13) B. Brown, (14) D. Crombie, (15) B. Galligan.
 Reserves: P. Jell, G. Aaron, R. Teitzel. Coach: Dr John O'Neill. Scorers: M. Cameron,
 C. Estwick, B. McIntyre, D. Miller tries, N. Mayne PG, D. Crombie 2 Cons, PG.



Crombie's Style

Bill Andrews tackled by Uni no.12 Dennis Sexton and Rob Morgan

Reserve Grade - Premiers (defeated GPS 12-11):

A. Lethbridge (Capt), (2) R. Armishaw, (3) W. Lovegrove, (4) G. Williams, (5) G. Aaron,
 (6) R. Trivett, (7) I. Marshall, (8) T. Powell, (9) P. Maloney, (10) I. Robertson, (11) J. Hunter,
 (12) R. Gregory, (13) D. Berry, (14) I. Ross, (15) C. O'Connor.



U19 Grade 1969

Leo Williams again coached U-19 and only one team competed, while a team was entered in the new U-18 competition. The U-19 side led by Dennis "Bluey" Sheahan headed Brothers at half time, going to the break 10-0, but were pipped by a side that gave Chris "Buddha" Handy his first pennant.

U-19 - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers):

Wayne Donaldson, Richard Miller, Dennis Sheahan (c), John Goldston, Tony Clarke, John Cruice, George Corones, David Watt, Phil Horwood, Chris Ayres, Jim Douglas, John Fraser, Phil Uttley, Brendan Gibb, Jim Meaney, Jeff Boyd, Frank McKeown, Pat Davis.

Phil Horwood, Wayne Donaldson and Jim Meaney represented Brisbane and the State U18 sides.

Mac Lethbridge played with the Club in this era and recalls it fondly:

"It was a fantastic time to play for University. We won a lot of Premierships, there was enormous depth and terrific coaching – the older guys put a lot back in. But we also had a great time – drinking at the RE three times a week and going back to Harpoons afterwards. They were great days and I made a lot of friends."

The All Stars was the name adopted by the UQFC Second Grade side in the 1960s, their era of dominance extending from 1964 to 1971. During this period, they won seven Premierships in succession (undefeated in 1966 and 1968), and an indication of their dominance is that for the period 1965 to 1968, they played 89 games and lost only four, scoring 1863 points with 382 against (an average winning score of 21-4 per game).

At the start of the 1964 season, Uni had two Second Grade sides, one comprising relatively old hands coached by the legendary John (Rumble) O'Neill, and the other a young team mostly from the Under 19 side of the previous year, Norbert's team. The former side was eliminated from the competition before the semi finals, and a few of them, including Rumble, came across and joined forces with the youngsters.

The amalgamated side played Teachers in the 1964 Grand Final, and lost after leading 19-0 at half time, a game they should have won easily. Shortly after half time, winger Tom Biggs went off injured (no second half replacements then being allowed), and prop Bruce Brown was sent off - an unfortunate, and of course unjustified, beginning to an illustrious UQFC career. Playing with 13 men for most of the second half, Uni lost when Teachers scored a try on full time.

That loss to Teachers seemed to galvanise the participants into a team of tremendous spirit, and they largely stayed together for a number of the following years, winning every Premiership from 1965 to 1971. Norbert moved up to coach First Grade in 1965, and Rumble O'Neill became the Coach. In that year, Uni was very prominent in representative Rugby, having up to 12 playing for the State at any one time, so many of the All Stars shuttled between First and Second Grades for much of the season.

In 1965, the firsts won both the Welsby Cup and Horsley Trophy with many of the All Stars regularly moving up (the Firsts also won the Grand Final that year), and this successful backing up by Second Grade players for First Grade duties is a great example of the value of player depth in a Club. A strong First Grade side without Club depth is a weakness for any Club, and of course the considerable depth in the Club also meant that Third Graders frequently and successfully played up in Second Grade.

## Mac continues:

"Rumble as Coach looked after his charges in a fatherly fashion, and the All Stars tradition flourished under him. He ensured that we enjoyed our training runs and games, and also that we could hold our own in serious drinking company at the RE and the Regatta. We all really looked forward to training on Tuesday and Thursday nights, and on weekends Rumble didn't take much encouragement to pull on his boots and have a game. In fact, there was a strong suspicion that if you went down with any sort of injury, Rumble (being the Club Doctor) would rule you out of play so he could have a run himself.

For those who aren't conversant with Rumble and his abilities, let it be said that he was one of the finest players this State has produced, and whose reputation suffered, firstly because he put medicine before Rugby, and secondly because he sustained a serious injury that curtailed his senior playing days. Rumble was one of those elite who played for Australia when he was 18, first year out of school, but when he was Coach and playing with us Second Graders, he was quite at home and we regarded him as our mate, and indeed our inspiration.

With sincere apologies to anyone who feels left out, some of the names that spring to mind as long serving original members of the All Stars are: Terry Powell, Geoff Aaron, Dave Carter, Greg Williams, Bill Lovegrove, Roger Cooke, Merv McNee, Jim Scorer, John Walthall, Bill Sexton, Dennis Sexton, Ian Robertson, Bill Steer, Russell Handyside, John Jekyll, Bruce Kennedy, Barry Waters and John Geddes.

They, and all the other members of the All Stars, shared with me the enjoyment of playing initially under Norbert and Rumble, and subsequently under Pat Moroney, Chilla Wilson (former Wallaby Captain) and Leo Williams (former State player and subsequently ARU Chairman). As you can see, the depth of players at Uni in the 1960s was conspicuously matched by the depth of coaching at the Club.

The 1960s was a fantastic time to play for UQFC, mainly because so many older players put so much back into the Club, and the spirit engendered in the All Stars by our esteemed Coaches ensured that we enjoyed our Rugby and won most of our games. We are all deeply indebted to the Club for these memories."

In an article for the Red Heavies Newsletter in 1983, Mac Lethbridge discussed the "All Stars" (Reserve Grade 1965-71) formidable record and offered these notes on some of the regulars.

- 1. Geoff "Bun" Aaron Emigrated to Sydney Qld U21 rep as halfback and Australian Universities as a winger.
- 2. Dave Carter Captain in 1965, loose forward, Engineer.
- 3. John "Tubby" Jekyll now in Cairns, hooker. Cairns Harbour Master. Established the Cairns Rugby Union.
- 4. Bruce "Sir Basil" Kennedy hooker, IV great, rum connoisseur. Entrepreneur.
- 5. Mac Lethbridge Captain 1967-1971, halfback, five-eighth, Safe and slow. Solicitor.
- 6. Bill Lovegrove emigrated to Tasmania, centre/wing, enigmatic, Psychologist.
- 7. John "Rumble" O'Neill Doctor.
- 8. Terry "T.P." Powell Captain 1971 Backrower, utility back, goal kicker extraordinaire. All Stars only non-drinker 1964-71. Computer Company Director.
- 9. Ian "Robbo" Robertson Capt 1966, second row. Paediatrician.
- 10. Jim Scorer prop, big, mean (but now a Pom!) Vet.

- 11. Bill Sexton breakaway, speedy at times. Now Racing Administrator.
- 12. Dennis Sexton second row/lock. Good jumper. Doctor.
- 13. Bill "Bronc" Steer prop, aggressive, bushie. Bushman.
- 14. Greg "Ram" Williams centre, mover. Solicitor.
- 15. Roger Woodgate centre/breakaway. Short sight, long on aggression has disappeared.



Action at Normanby - mid 1960s

# **CHAPTER 9**

# 1970 – 1979 TIMES OF CHANGE AND REDEVELOPMENT

The Seventies was a phenomenal era for Queensland Rugby and the Club was to play a major part. In its quest to regain its dominance in the Brisbane competition, University supplied the Coach, Bob Templeton, and many of the players who took Queensland to the pinnacle of the game, beating the British Lions, Scotland, Wales, New Zealand's top provinces, and best of all, NSW. Under the direction of a dynamic new QRU management Committee, headed by Club stalwart Norbert Byrne, Ballymore developed into a world-class stadium, and there was a vast increase in playing numbers, crowds, and media coverage.

# 1970

It was definitely the start of a new era when in January 1970 the Queensland Rugby Club shifted from the city to Ballymore into plush new premises at the top of the McLean Stand. The Long Bar, 20 metres from end to end, became the ideal spot from which to watch a game and have a drink.

Queensland began its wonderful run of success with a 16-13 win over Scotland. University was well represented with Jules Guerassimoff, Bruce Brown, Stuart Gregory and Keith Bell, along with a thirty-three year old Ken Donald, for his first State match in nine years. Any critics were silenced when Ken scored a fine try in Queensland's win. The post-match function was held in the new Murrayfield Room, named in honour of Edinburgh's famous ground, and the Scottish manager George Burrell noted:

# "This is the first win by Queensland over a British team since 1899 – and I believe Ken Donald scored a try on that occasion too!"

For the Club, the new decade saw a virtual changing of the guard. As the representatives and ten year veterans of the sixties hung up their boots, the early and mid seventies were shaped by the emerging young warriors who earned their spurs without the benefit of the large numbers of experienced, match hardened heavies who gave on field guidance throughout the sixties. The Club's performance was possibly most affected by an administrative sea change at the University – the introduction of Semesters in 1974. This meant profound change for the Club that had for most of its existence functioned with its undergraduate contingent being educated over three terms per annum. In adjusting to this change the Club was forced to persevere through the early and mid seventies before achieving the well earned glory of the decade's end. Persistent and major efforts off the field eventually bore fruit with the construction of the new Clubhouse on No 5 oval to provide a permanent home.



Terry Powell, "TP", joined the Club in 1963 and played until 1977 before finally hanging up his boots after fifteen seasons. In his contribution to this compilation he professed that:

"The most memorable aspect in the 60s and early 70s was the great friendship and spirit that permeated throughout all Grades." And the Club "was fortunate" with its coaching...In 1964 Mike Alp filled in with the U19s until Dave



UQFC U19 v Brothers U19



Top: 1969 Grand Final. Jules shouldered off by Keith Bell and Dennis Sexton

Bottom: David Crombie, Ross Tietzel, Bruce Brown, Jim Hunter, Paul McNicholl and Dennis Sexton line out against easts Titshall arrived. The others: Rumble, Ashley, Norbert, Tempo and Chilla "infected all with their love of Rugby."

Some incidents that "in some way reflected the nature of the Club in the Sixties":

"In the lead up to the A Grade Grand Final in 1964 to witness Eric and Leo going toe to toe at training...

The 'fun' of playing Army at Enoggera Barracks... Leo when provoked, accidently decking one of our own forwards...

Playing Ipswich B Grade at a mine pit outside Ipswich with a makeshift tight five including Vince Creagh at prop. Vince had made the trip to Ipswich as a stand-in Coach for Graham "Sam" Moore who was on his honeymoon.

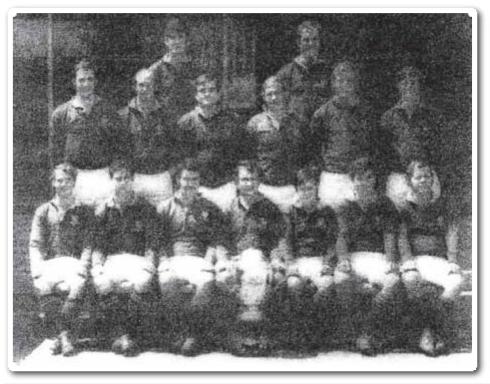
The introduction of Gold Coast into the competition and an early game against them at the Southport Showground where a cross bar had to be hastily erected on the Aussie Rules posts prior to kick off...

A later visit to the play the Gold Coast at TSS during vacation when thirty-two players turned out for four Grades – some had to play three full games... Dennis Sexton had begun practising medicine at the Coast and turned up to catch up with his old mates, only to be promptly despatched to come back with his boots.

Terry recalled that the Club's financial state and its financial management were closely linked and while the proceeds from the pub raffles were the prime source of funds, at Club functions the 'Unders and Overs' table provided a necessary supplement. He also proposed that the "great experience" of playing for the Club was contributed to by the "large number of graduates (who) remained playing, creating a mix of 'young guns' and 'old heavies' interacting and passing on the spirit of the Club."

The Club began the decade on a winning note with A Grade, led by Jules Guerassimoff, defeating GPS 24-6 in the Grand Final. With a dominant pack and slick handling from the backs, the Red Heavies were on top throughout, although a Dugald Clark field goal gave GPS an early 3-nil lead. That was only temporary, and with Jules scoring twice, the Red Heavies took out their fourteenth Premiership since the War. This was the year that saw the emergence of brilliant winger, Richard Miller. The 6'2" 14 stone winger scored 34 tries for the season – a new postwar record in the competition – including 6 tries in one game (when he also kicked 6 goals). He finished the season with 170 points, 90 coming during the last round of six games.

Richard and his older brother David were both to play many times for Queensland. Their younger brother, Charles was shaping as a representative prospect when he suffered a dislocated neck playing against Souths in 1976 and was unable to play again. Undeterred, Charles later became a significant contributor to the administration of the Club.



1970 A Grade Premiers

Back Row: Paul McNicholl, Stuart Gregory.

- Middle Row: Brian Galligan, Brian McIntyre, Bruce Brown, Peter Maloney, Russell Gregory, Richard Miller.
- Front Row: Paul Dixon, Peter Roe, Ian Ross, Jules Guerassimoff (c), Norm Mayne, Murray Cameron, Charlie Woodward.

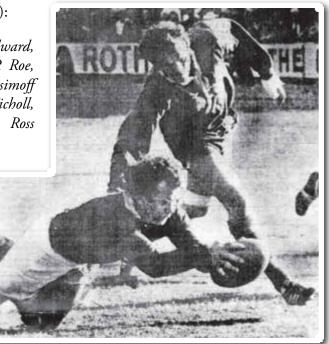
Absent:Craig Estwick, Dennis Sexton, Peter Jell, Ross Teitzel, Rob Morgan, Geoff Aaron,<br/>Keith Bell, Phil Kirby, Jim Hunter, Phil Uttley, Terry Powell, Russell Manning,<br/>Rick Armishaw.

Coaches: John O'Neill and Bob Templeton.

A Grade - Premiers (defeated GPS 24-6):

15. B. McIntyre, 14. R. Miller, 13. C. Woodward,
12. M. Cameron, 11. P. Dixon, 10. P. Roe,
9. N. Mayne, 8. K. Bell, 7. J. Guerassimoff (Capt), 6. P. Kirby, 5. P. McNicholl,
4. S. Gregory, 3. B. Galligan, 2. I. Ross
1. B. Brown.

Reserves: B. Cameron, R. Morgan, G. Aaron, R. Gregory and D. Sexton, I. Coaches: J. O'Neill/R. I. Templeton. Scorers: J. Guerassimoff 2 tries, R. Miller 1, C. Woodward 1, P. McNicholl 1, R. Miller 1 penalty, 3 conversions.



Jules Guerassimoff scores against GPS

But have a look at the side – and the reserves. Where in the world would you have had Bob Morgan and Dennis Sexton on the bench? Admittedly, you'd like to have been the Coach. The Club also won the Reserve Grade Premiership.

Reserve Grade - Premiers (defeated Souths 16-13):

A. (Mac) Lethbridge, 14. R. Armishaw, 13. W. Lovegrove, 12. J. Cruice, 11. L. McNicholl,
 M. Forde, 9. G. Pearson, 8. A. May, 7. P. Maloney, 6. T. Powell, 5. M. White, 4. R. Gregory,
 C. White, 2. P. Uttley, 1. J. Hunter.

The Third and Fourth Grades both made the Semifinals but were defeated, although the future looked bright with both the U19 and U18 sides winning Premierships. The U19 side was coached by David "Jock" Crombie, who had retired from playing, and the U18 side was christened "the pups" by their Coach, David Miller, who had been forced into rehabilitation by shoulder injuries. The victories may have been special as both these sides were to provide a number of long serving members for the Club.

U19 - Premiers (defeated GPS):

W. Donaldson, W. Chant, R. Kidd, M. Newbold, A. (Max) Clarke, S. Hartigan (vc), N. Thompson, G. Lyons, W. Hansen, D. Dickie, J. Wilson, C. Taylor, R. Lumley, J. Meaney (c) and I. Bauert. Reserves: T. Jeffries, J. Rivett, G. Mules, K. Stevens and H. Shand. Coach: D. Crombie.

U18 - Premiers (defeated Brothers):

N. Kalokerinos, P. Batch, T. Dick, J. Watt, G. Johnson, C. Carney (vc), T. Belford, S. Mullins, M. Talbot (c), M. Mackle, T. Delamoth, C. Gould, P. Enright and G. Smith. Reserves: R. Rathie, R. Lindwall, C. McFadzean and J. Clarke. Coach: D. Miller. Frank McKeown began his coaching career at the U19 and U18 Grand Final celebration party at the home of Bob and Alison Miller, supervising sculling from the U19 Premiership Cup, emphasising the "No Spillage" rule.

The QRU Match Day programme is shown below:



In July Geoff Lyons, Neal Thompson, Richard Lumley, Rob Kidd and Wayne Hansen were selected for Queensland U19 to play NSW, but Wayne was unable to tour to Sydney. Jim Meaney captained Brisbane U19 against the Darling Downs in the earlier season trials. In May Mick Talbot (Captain), Terry Belford and Jim Wilson represented Queensland U18 against Sydney at Ballymore.

After eleven successive Trophies, despite the Premiership successes in the seniors and juniors the Club did not win the coveted Club Championship. However, the Club did host a tour by Californian Universities, which was a great success.

Below is a flashback from the 1970 Red Heavies Club newsletter (14.7.1970) which typified the Club spirit after the Brothers fixture.

## IT'S MORE THAN A GAME ...

# Weekend Roundup:

**First Grade:** The Red Heavies really got heavy with the Butcher Boys on Sunday to the tune of 21-0. The game certainly was sweet revenge for our first round defeat and the heavies from the Brothers supporters Club were the quietest they have been for some time. Credit must be given to Shane Sullivan for his fine leadership and to their international winger Peter Moore for his head high tackles. On our side the whole team played well with Peter Maloney's nose-scraping tackles a highlight of the match. Bob Burnett's refereeing drew a few comments from the crowd. Quote: *"Why don't you join the Symphony Orchestra Bob? You could blow your whistle all week then"*.

Anyhow Smax (aka Peter Maloney) gets the prize of the week for a stirring performance at the back of the lineout while Richard Miller (3 tries) and Peter Roe (2 tries and a field goal) were the players of the week. The Turk (aka Norm Mayne), Russell Gregory, Paul Dickson, Phil Kirby and Randy all turned in great games and Darby covered more ground (some of it onside) than supporters are accustomed to seeing.

**Second Grade:** This week's prize to Gary Pearson who scored a well timed (one minute to go) try to snatch the game back. The Reserves were obviously unsettled by a few late withdrawals because of illness and were lucky to have the services of Iron Man Jew Lockhart, Don Ross, and Flaps Labatt, all of whom lined up for their second game without demur – perhaps because they didn't have much to do in the Thirds. A good deal more attention to set plays and fitness would pay dividends, as would an improved Referee.

**Third Grade:** Almost not worth making an award here, but Jew Lockhart would have to get some recognition for a couple of fine tackles (one low). The display here was particularly disappointing after some really good games in recent weeks.

Fourth Grade: The Fourths also did not fare favourably. Anyone wanting a description of play should contact Dick Staveley.

U19: Won 14-8: Tries: Taylor, Meaney, Shand, Wilson. Conversion: Chant.

Highlights of the game were galloping Jim Wilson's third try in three weeks. Mark Newbold's five–eighth play and "Custard" Shand's try when he dived over the line clutching the ball tightly to his solar plexus.

**U18:** Lost 11-18. The U18s went down for their first defeat of the season. Mick Talbot had a good day in the loose play, consequently winning the Best and Fairest Award, but tight forwards again lacked co-ordination and repeatedly lost good ball in the rucks. On the wings, Pat Batch and Graham Johnson both scored great tries, but unfortunately in the second half the inside backs thought these speedy boys had done their work for the day and were reluctant to throw the ball around.

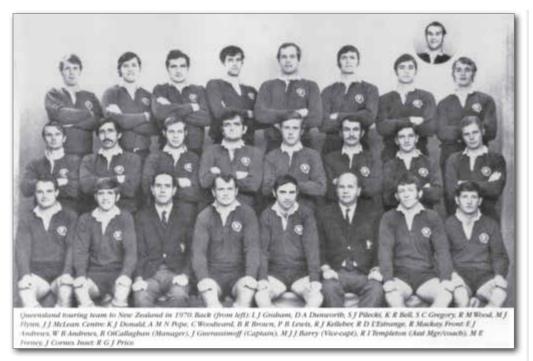
# The Vietnam War, conscription and the UQFC

When the Federal Government introduced conscription to supplement personnel numbers for the forces to engage in the Vietnam War, it was not concerned about possible effects on the UQFC. However, the marbles in the barrel that would select the birthdates of conscriptees did become a concern of students who did not fancy a tour of Vietnam, but hoped to play for the UQFC. The popular alternatives for those who wished to continue their studies without the threat of being "called up" were to undertake military service with either the University Regiment (the Army) or the University Squadron (the RAAF). Both offered undergraduate training which secured promotion to Officer levels. The preferred alternative for those students wishing to play Rugby was the Squadron, where attendance at parades was required on weeknight evenings accompanied by an annual course requirement during University holidays. The Regiment required attendance at parades and training at weekends and also camps. The weekend attendances conflicted with weekend matches.

As a consequence, for many students, as the Squadron intake was limited, their option was to join the Regiment. This meant that for at least some of the season they were unavailable for selection in weekend teams. Until conscription was abolished, the recruitment of the Club's playing strength by the Regiment saw its numbers swell, with fewer students willing to risk the roll of the barrel. The situation was exacerbated by the fact that while the University charged its students annual fees, most undergraduate students attending did so on some form of scholarship. There were taxation benefits for those who joined the Regiment, and these made the casual wage rates elsewhere a less attractive form of employment. There were many talented undergraduates who chose to limit their Rugby to Wednesday afternoon Interfaculty games, or competing for their Colleges.

About the only negative consideration for those opting for the alternative military service was the fact that fashion dictates of the times encouraged males to grow their hair, at least on their heads and faces. Military regulations precluded this and those who joined the Regiment or the Squadron were easily distinguished by their diminished hair. It was commonly believed that the fairer sex were followers of fashion and their preferences lay with those bearers of uncut hair. The media was wont to describe any youth bearing long hair as a "University student" – this inferred that the person was likely to have "radical" tendencies and was possibly engaged in "subversive" activities – but certainly be "untrustworthy." Club members saw the fashion as supportable and financially sound as hard won funds that previously supported haircuts and shaving accoutrements were now available for social activities. With long hair predominating, the Club sides were commonly subjected to jibes from other Clubs querying our members' manhood. But the fashion prevailed, the War ended, and many young males ended up spending their haircut savings on shampoo.

And for the Club, its membership seesawed back from these strictures of the early seventies to record better numbers by the end of the decade.



1970 Queensland Tour To New Zealand The Club was well represented in the 1970 Queensland Team with six players and the Coach

# 1971

The Club had dominated proceedings and missed only one Grand Final between 1947-1970, which was 1951. This was an unparalleled performance at the time, and is yet to be matched. Again the Club was runner-up to Brothers in the Doughty Shield by a margin of just three points, 262 to 265. The Club won four of the seven Premierships it contested, but not A Grade, which, though more than ably coached by Ashley Girle was defeated by GPS in the Minor Semifinal 11-14. Jim Creagh and John Cruice each scored a try, with Crab McIntyre converting one and adding a penalty.

Reserve, Third, Under 19 A and U19 B Grades won Premierships. Fourth Grade was runnerup to Teachers.

Reserve Grade, coached by Chilla Wilson, achieved its seventh consecutive Premiership when it defeated Brothers 30-12 in extra time, the scores being 12 all after normal time. John Cruice played on the wing and ranked this victory his most memorable match when asked in 1986, while still playing lower Grades for the Club. During the season John Cruice scored four tries against Souths in the August fixture match.

Reserve Grade - Premiers: (defeated Brothers 30-12):

Peter Vincent, 14. John Cruice, 13. Peter O'Sullivan, 12. Graeme Taylor, 11. Tony (Max) Clarke, 10. Danny Gore, 9. Ian Marshall, 8. Steve McRae, 7. Peter Maloney, 6. Terry Powell (Capt), 5. Russell Gregory, 4. Michael White, 3. Craig White, 2. Jim Meaney, 1. Jim Hunter. Reserves: W. Lovegrove. Coach: Chilla Wilson. Scorers: I. Marshall 2 tries, M. Clarke, D. Gore, P. O'Sullivan and J. Cruice 1 try each, P. Vincent 3 conversions, 2 penalty goals.

Third Grade - Premiers (defeated Brothers 24-8):

Frank McKeown, 14. Graham Moore, 13. Howard Stack, 12. R. Rathie, 11. M. Scanlon,
 D. Ross, 9. Neil Thompson, 8. Bill Sheehan, 7. Ken Stevens, 6. Mark Newbold,
 D. Sheehan, 4. Harold Shand, 3. Richard Lumley, 2 Phil Uttley, 1. Bob Bryce. Coach: Bill Sexton.
 Scorers: M. Scanlan, G. Moore, D. Ross, R. Lumley 1 try each, F. McKeown 2 penalties,
 3 conversions.

Fourth Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Teachers):

Eddie Collie, 14. Dave Fredericksen, 13. W. Smyth, 12. Bill Lovegrove, 11. Peter Hemming,
 R. Bartlett, 9. John Loney, 8. Bill Sexton, 7. John Marlay, 6. Nigel Smith, 5. R. Laing,
 Mike Hughes, 3. P. Bruton, 2. Gordon Simpson, 1. Tom Clouston.

Again the Juniors proved their worth with both U-19 A and B teams becoming Premiers. Keith Jennings guided the Mick Talbot-led As to an undefeated season with an easy victory over GPS in the Grand Final.

U-19 A - Premiers (defeated GPS):

15. J. Henderson, 14. P. Batch, 13. R. Kidd, 12. S. Cerutti, 11. D. Cooper, 10. C. Carney, 9. G. Holt, 8. R. Sweeney, 7. R. Pearson, 6. M. Talbot (c), 5. G. Lyons, 4. J. Wilson, 3. D. Blanch, 2. P. Enright, 1. G. Smith. Reserves: H. McIntosh, M. O'Brien, M. Mackle, T. Isles. Coach: K. Jennings.



The inspirational pairing of Bob Kidd and Dick Lumley was more than enough for the U19B team which convincingly accounted for Souths.

1971 U19



On the representative front, Queensland, captained by Barry Honan, created some magic and defeated the British Lions 15-11 in what must have been the upset of the century. The Club was represented by Richard Miller, who not only provided power and speed on the right wing, but in the considered opinion of some of Ballymore's wisest heads, gave David Duckham a complete bath. The other Club members to enjoy the historic win were Bruce Brown, Stuart Gregory, Keith Bell, and the evergreen Jules Guerassimoff.

The Lions continued through New Zealand undefeated and were rated by some as the best Lions team ever, but Queensland has the proud result in the records. Both the Miller brothers, David and Richard, made their State debuts this season, as did Paul McNicholl and Ian (Darby) Ross. Jules led Queensland against Victoria and N.S.W. Country, while Stuart Gregory was given the honour for the Sydney match when David Miller replaced Barry Honan.



Queensland Victory Over The 1971 British Lions 15-11



Queensland v Springboks during the State of Emergency - Darby Ross on right

Wallaby coach, Des Connor, disappointed with his team's efforts against the touring Springboks, stepped down and Bob Templeton took over. Stuart Gregory was University's only representative in the First Test against South Africa but was dropped for the Second Test. In the match against the Springboks the Junior Wallabies got off to a great start when Bruce Brown charged down a clearing kick to score, but experience told and the Springboks settled down and won 31-12.



Gregory wins - Mayne clears

Jim Creagh joined the Club in 1967and with Rob Morgan was one of two U19 members of the successful touring party to Intervarsity in Sydney that year. He still has the Pennant which was struck to celebrate the tour's achievements which included the Asahi Trophy

and the Kansai Cup. In his recollection he describes the 1970s as "a classic era of coarse Rugby" following "a year off... it was an enjoyable way of getting back into the Club." In 1971, lower Grades began with Fourth Grade at 10.00am. Often we would start with less than a team...this problem exacerbated during University vacation when a lot of country players went home... In those days (and probably now) we had very good players throughout the Grades...either lived in Colleges or nearby the campus... we would hold our own with fewer players, certainly at least until the cavalry arrived. I can recall at least one occasion on Ballymore No. 3 when we played Easts with twelve or thirteen and won. Two Fourth Graders had to leave before Third Grade and only one fresh player had arrived. We started Thirds with twelve men and ended up with an even better win than before... The high and mighty Reserve Grade players would arrive for their game quite oblivious to the heroics of the 'dirt trackers,' some of whom even played some or all of a third game for the Reserves. I recall one day playing all four Grades with a cameo off the bench for A Grade.

Not withstanding all of this, or probably because of it, the camaraderie around the Club in those days was terrific. I am pleased that I experienced it, as I'm certain the elite players were never really aware of what these Club stalwarts achieved for the Club. As it turned out...I consider that the revival leading to the 1979 (and what should have been, 1978) A Grade Premierships was built from the lower Grade success."



Hartigan, Miller, Creagh and Batch capitalise on a tight head

On Sunday, July 11th the Club again played a Ballymore feature match against the Californian (Golden) Bears. On this tour the Bears had travelled through North Queensland, playing warm up matches against Townsville and Rockhampton teams.



1971 First Grade

The A Grade team:

Peter Vincent, 14. Richard Miller, 13. Charles Woodward, 12. David Miller,
 Graham Taylor, 10. Peter Roe, 9. Norm Mayne, 8. Paul McNicholl, 7. Jules Guerassimoff,
 Phil Kirby, 5. Brian Galligan, 4. Stuart Gregory, 3. Keith Bell, 2. Darby Ross,
 Bruce Brown.

By Sunday 8th August, when A Grade met Brothers in the second round, some changes had been made and there was a new run-on team:

Brian McIntyre, 14. Richard Miller, 13. Jim Creagh, 12. David Miller, 10. Graham Taylor,
 Norm Mayne, 8. Steve McRae, 7. Jules Guerasimoff, 6. Phil Kirby, 5. Keith Bell, 4. Paul McNicholl, 3. Bruce Brown, 2. Darby Ross, 1. Brian Galligan.

Peter Vincent had returned to Reserve Grade and the run-on side against Brothers seconds was:

27. Peter Vincent, 44. M. Scanlan, 37. M. Clarke, 46. M. Newbold, P. O'Sullivan, 78. D. Gore, 47. I. Marshall, 18. A. May, 31. P. Maloney, 21. T. Powell, 30. R. Gregory, 23. M. White, 38. C. White, J. Meaney, 39. J. Hunter. This was close to Chilla's run-on team for the Grand Final.

Queensland Coach Bob Templeton was not confident of his team's scrummaging ability in the lead up to the match against the touring Springboks. The Boks had embarrassed the Australian scrum in the Test on the previous weekend, so Bob decided that his charges would need additional practice including some heavy work to meet the challenge. In what became fairly normal practice during his coaching reign, Bob assembled the State team at St.Lucia to undergo a scrummaging session against the Red Heavies pack, albeit bolstered by additional outsiders as required. The pre-Bok sessions were undertaken under the guidance of Alec Evans whose knowledge and expertise amazed even the more experienced State players. Alec joined in as the opposition loose or tight head, depending on the particular exercise to be performed. Clad in tracksuit and trackshoes he maintained perfect balance throughout, demonstrating to the assembled front rowers just how they would need to control their bodies, and their feet in particular.

The Alec show was not limited to demonstrations as he packed and repacked countless opposed scrums, guiding everyone in achieving the perfection he sought. By the end of his practical sessions hardly a body muscle had not been tested to its full. The selected scrum could now perform at unthought of limits – the front row now combined as a solid unit capable of engaging their opponents at such low body heights that even the vaunted Boks would be negated. And so it proved- the pack did concede one tight head but no more – a fantastic effort, unmatched by any other team that opposed that Springbok team of 1971.



Norm Mayne (Obscured) Steve Hartigan (with the ball) Richard Miller (at the rear) v Teachers

The Annual QRU reports included the following points of interest:

Barbara Chamberlain was crowned Miss Rugby 1972 (and as the Red Heavy Newsletter was to note later, Steve Hartigan was taking a keen interest in her – so much so that somewhat later she became Mrs Barbara Hartigan.) The office bearers of the Queensland Country Rugby Union included: Secretary, Mr R.Trivett and Treasurer, Mr A. Lethbridge – both of whom were also delegates to the QRU.



By the look of these teams Mr Jowett and Mr Oxenford had their hands full, particularly with Mal Brew at tighthead for Easts A Grade and former Club 1968 U19 fullback J. Strano in Easts Reserve Grade.



Anti-Vietnam War protesters organise a dress rehearsal for the forthcoming Springbok Tour



defeated in the series. A matter of great interest now is how many locals will gain the coveted Gold Jersey against the Springboks. New South Wales proved convincing winners in both State clashes and will provide the bulk of the Test fifteen. However, some positions must still be wide open.

At this stage it is hard to assess the form of the tourists, plagued as they are with demonstrators. Australia certainly has the material and the mastermind of Des Connor to prove tough opponents for the world champions.

patchy in recent games and the selectors may decide on some bold experiments for the match against the Golden Bears. And after that -the Boks!

be incidents during the South African visit here. It is up to the whole Rugby community to rally and make the tourists' stay here a hospitable and pleasant time!

The Springboks beat Western Australia 44-18 in Perth last Saturday and South Australia 43-0 in Adelaide on Wednesday night.

They are to play Sydney in Sydney next Tuesday and New South Wales in Sydney next Saturday.

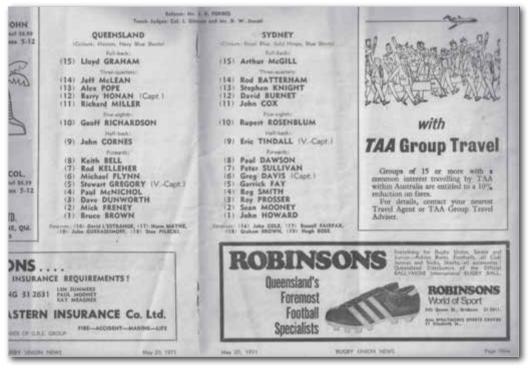
They then go to Orange, Cen-tral-West N.S.W., to play N.S.W. Country on Tuesday, July 13.

The first Test will he in Sydney on Saturday, July 17. The Springboks will then play A.C.T. in Canberra on July 21.

Their four-game visit to Queensland follows, with the Queensland game at Ballymore on Saturday, July 24, and the Second Test at Ballymore on Saturday, July 31.



The demonstrators who were plaguing the Springboks caused a dramatic change in their schedule, and with the introduction of a State of Emergency in Queensland, the games scheduled for Ballymore were played at the RNA Exhibition Ground.



Queensland v Sydney 20th May 1971 - Ballymore

Stuart Gregory replaced the injured Barry Honan as Captain for this match, and David Miller became the new inside centre.

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14) Jeff McLEAN 13) David L'ESTRANG	(12) David MILLER E (11) Art GALBRAITH
Five-eighth:	Half-back:
10) Geoff RICHARDSO	ON (9) Mick BARRY
	Forwards:
<ul> <li>(8) Mick FLYNN</li> <li>(7) Jules GUERASSIMO</li> <li>(6) Rod KELLEHER</li> <li>(5) Alan SKINNER</li> </ul>	(4) Stuart GREGORY OFF (3) Bruce BROWN (2) Ian ROSS (1) Keith BELL
Reserves: (16) Phil (18) Bob Wood	Best, (17) David Rathie, I, (19) Dave Dunworth.
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(25)	ull-back: L. McCALLUM
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29) A. VAN DER WA 21) H. VILJOEM	(19) J. JANSEN
Five-eighth:	Half-back:
16) P. VISAGIE	(14) J. VILJOEN
	Forwards:
(28) A. BATES (5) J. ELLIS	(7) J. SPIES (11) S. SAUERMANN
(4) P. GREYLING	(9) P. VAN WYK
(6) J. WILLIAMS	(12) H. MARAIS (Cipt.)

Saturday 24th July 1971 - Exhibition Ground

Keith Bell was selected ahead of David Dunworth to partner Clubmates Bruce Brown and Ian (Darby) Ross, a new Red Heavies front row combination, provided they survived the Alec Evans School of Scrummaging at St Lucia.

# 1972

The Club won the Club Championship, but lost the A Grade Grand Final to GPS 18-23. A Grade had defeated Teachers to earn a place in the Grand Final and Dick Marks had generously assisted in coaching the backline in the week before the big game. Bob Ivers was brought into the team in place of the more fancied Steve Cerutti to add height to the lineout. GPS appeared to have it wrapped up when they led 20-0 just after halftime, but A Grade fought back and drew up to 20-18. John Henderson scored twice, Bob Ivers and Bruce Brown also scored, but Gary Pearson's kicking boot was astray. Nevertheless, Ashley Girle's halftime talk appeared to have done the trick and the team had worked its way back into the match. A field goal from over halfway by GPS fullback Lloyd Graham gave his team the boost they needed to hang in for their first title in eleven years. Third Grade, coached by Eric Anning, won its Premiership. Brothers U19 led by Paul McLean defeated the Club's Colts led by Mark Loane after Uni U19 had defeated Mark Oberhardt's GPS in the Preliminary Final. Brothers also won a controversial Under 18 Grand Final 11-8. On fulltime, the Referee ruled a forward pass after Bill Bruce had raced away for what appeared to be the winning try. The U18 B team lost its Grand Final to Wests 0-12.

A Grade - Runners-up (defeated by GPS):

G. Pearson, 14. P. Batch, 13. D. Miller, 12. J. Creagh, 11. R. Miller, 10. S. Hartigan, 9. N. Mayne,
 R. Ivers, 7. J. Guerassimoff, (c), 6. M. Talbot, 5. P. McNicholl, 4. K. Bell, 3. J. Wilson, 2. I. Ross,
 B. Brown. Reserves: 16. J. Henderson, 17. S. Cerutti, 18. J. Meaney, 19. A. Clark, 20. I. Marshall.
 Coach: A. Girle.

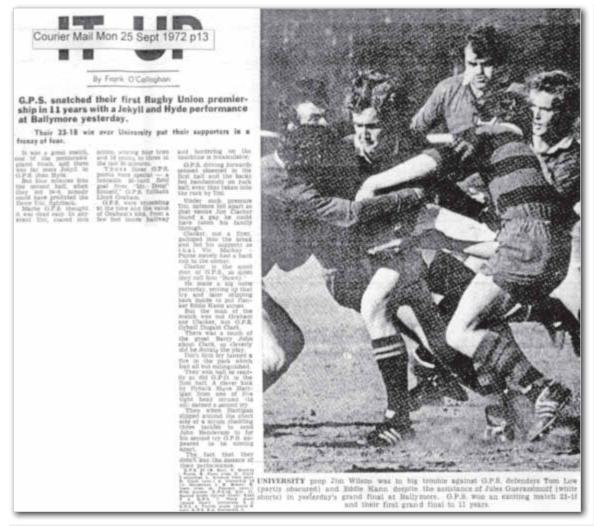


1972 Pre Grand Final A Grade Squad

Back row:	Steve Cerutti, Richard Miller, Bob Ivers, Paul McNichol, Keith Bell, Bruce Brown,
C	David Miller.
Centre row:	Gary Pearson, Jim Creagh, Jim Meaney, Darby Ross, Max Clark, John Henderson,
_	Pat Batch.
Front row:	Mick Talbot, Norm Mayne, Jim Wilson, Jules Geurassimoff, Ian Marshall, Keith
	Jennings.



1972 Ashley's circus training



1972 A Grade Grand Final – Jim Wilson on the burst – Frank O'Callaghan's report



1972 A Grade Grand Final v GPS



1972 Paddy Batch breaks down the hill touch line v Brothers

Third Grade - Premiers (defeated GPS 9-6):

15. W. Morrow, 14. T. Dunn, 13. H. Stack, 12. D. Harpham, 11. D. Cooper, 10. M. O'Brien, 9. G. Holt, 8. M. Mackle, 7. G. Smith, 6. R. Pearson, 5. R. Goodmanson (Capt), 4. G. Lyons, 3. A. Palmer, 2. R. Bryce, 1. A. McDonald/J. Sexton. Coach: E. Anning.

Fourth Grade - Runners-up (defeated by GPS 3-8):

Backs: 15. F. McKeown, 14. G. Mules, 13. D. Fredrickson, 12. G. Maher, 11. T. Graham, 10. P. Roe, 9. J. Weinholz. Forwards: 8. S. McRae, 7. K. Stevens, 6. J. Clouston, 5. M. Hughes, 4. T. Tobin, 3. P. Watson, 2. H. Shand, 1. D. Lang. Reserves: W. Sheehan, J. Fitzgerland, R. Landsberg, C. Coford, D. Waltisbuhl.

U-19 - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers 7-13). The U19 Grand Final team:

 Des Whiteside, 14. Tony Wong, 13. Frank Tomlinson, 12. Mick Lennon, 11. Rob Gow,
 Rod Hall 9. Mick Tully, 8. Mark Loane, 7. Rob Sweeney, 6. Bill Malouf, 5. Tom Clarke,
 Peter McMeniman, 3. Guy Waterman/Keith Muller, 2. Trevor Hoskin, 1. Peter Agarn/Cam Davidson. Coach: Chilla Wilson. U-18 - Runners - up, (defeated by Brothers 8-11):

Mark Stower, Mark Welsh, Jerome Dowling, Danny Broad, Greg Howland, Steve Wilson, Mark O'Sullivan, Gary Donovan, David Wood, Peter Myers, Pat Creagh, Garry Greer, James McKeown, Billy Bruce, Peter O'Hare, Phil Cook, Mark Smithers, Rob Tuffley, Charlie Miller and Dave Patterson. Coach: Norbert Byrne.



1972 - Peter O'Hare U18A

In his seventy-fourth and last game for Queensland, Jules Guerassimoff at the age of 32 led the Maroons to a stirring 24-4 win over NSW. In a most satisfying way Dick Marks also played his last game for Queensland, the only time he had played in a team that defeated NSW. Bruce Brown was picked to tour New Zealand and played in two Tests. Paddy Batch had made his debut earlier against NSW Country. Paddy got the first try and Queensland won 18-0. Jim Meaney (from Reserve Grade), Gary Pearson and John Cruice also made their debuts for Queensland in 1972.

# Selection shock for

By DAVID FALKENMIKE IN a shock mov international centr centre Dick Marks has been recalled to the Queeniland Rugby Union team after an absence of three

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#### EXPERIENCE

1972 Bruce Brown menaces Dick Marks at State training before the Southern Tour

Intervarsity was held in Newcastle and the hosts provided outstanding hospitality. Bob Brvce coordinated the tour and his early planning is evident from the Club newsletter. Dick Goodmanson managed to squeeze several others, including Bob, into his Renault 12 – and drove down, as did Chris Francis in his mother's Fiat Bambino. James Bell also managed to transport unknown numbers in his ute, while the Puppies, Bill Bruce, Charles Miller, David Wood and Steve Wilson travelled in cattle class with NSW Railways under the close supervision of Tony Clarke and Jim Meaney. The tour party already notable party animals Chris Carney, Jeff Holt, Mike Scanlan – he of the grey vest, disco and concussion fame - Phil Byth, and as mentioned, Manager

were others whose attendance was remarkable at times but similarly forgettable on most occasions, to protect not only the innocent but themselves. An exception to this was that

included Robert (B. E) Bryce. There extravagant product from Union College, Michael Tully, whose capacity to spend a penny was simply uncanny. Nonetheless, the dedication of the side to the competition, the touring delights of the Pokolbin vineyards, their collective wonderment at the drinking prowess of Newcastle's mentor Brian (Boxhead) O'Shea, a masterfully faultless rendition of Eskimo Nell, and the recruitment skills of Robbie (at the time Newcastle's most eligible bachelor) Wilkinson led to some prodigious displays on and off the paddock, resulting in the Club's reinstatement to First Division for the next Intervarsity.

A relatively unknown highlight of the tour was the remarkable odyssey of the intrepid train travellers. All details of the train journey were classified Top Secret after the event, and a recent Freedom of Information request was heavily censored. Suffice to say there were tantalising glimpses of a pretty girl, an illegal feline passenger, a frustrated Train Conductor, lights being turned off, a stand off, an Intervarsity Martial Arts champion to the rescue, and a comprehensive wine tasting event coming home. Much more fun than chugging along over the mountains in a Fiat Bambino.

# 1973

Paul McNicholl was elected as the new Club President, and Tom Clouston as Secretary. The records don't reveal who had the unenviable task of Treasurer. Commencing its unheralded descent into a rather dim period the Club managed to reach a new low, with only one team, Reserve Grade, winning a Premiership, defeating Brothers in the Grand Final.

With the return of Jules to the starting side most pundits favoured the Club to win the Preliminary Final against GPS. Unusually, even some of the press expected a Uni-Brothers Grand Final (see Wayne Smith's article later). Even when A Grade had lost the Preliminary Final, the Club still had the Reserve, Third, and Fourth Grades contesting Grand Finals,

and members' and supporters' expectations remained high. On Grand Final day, despite the Reserves' celebrations, other Club members could only watch as Brothers downed GPS 20-10 in the A Grade Grand Final after both our Thirds and Fourths lost. Also, in another surprising result the U 19s lost to GPS by 3 points. Undefeated coming into their Grand Final, and strengthened from the previous year's U18 team with new players such as Brian MacNish and Jon Wagner, the Colts had been regarded as pretty much a sure thing under the guidance of Norbert Byrne. The U18s were eliminated in the Preliminary Final.

Both Mark Loane and Jim Wilson played their debut games for Queensland in 1973.

CLUB OFFICE BEARERS 1973				
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Hookoy	Mr. K. Smith	Mr. B. Goodingham		
Judo	Mr. J. Harvey	Mr. J. Anderson		
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1973 Member Clubs of the UQ Sports Union and their office bearers

#### By WAYNE SMITH

they will go out of their way to stop Richardson," s a id Teachers' coach Trevor Lovell. "He can handle himself and their attempts to get him will open up gaps elsewhere." In spite of Richardson however, Easts should start favorites. They have the forwards to win it, and obviously will at-tempt to concentrate play there. Now that Holben and the injured centre Rob Mackay have be en om itted, Easts back-line has taken on a defensive appearance. defensive appearance.

University, on the sec-ond line of premiership favoritism behind Brothfavoritism behind Broth-ers, go into Sunday's semi, fighting not only GPS but the hoodoo hold GPS have recently been able to put over them. GPS have beaten Uni at their last five encoun-

at their last five encoun-ters, starting with their corresponding semi final encounter last year. Ad-mittedly, in two of those five matches University were depleted by repre-sentative commitments, but it still is a sizeable accomplishment by GPS and one which they will defend on Sunday.

defend on Sunday. With half-back Peter McBarron and back-ro-wer Ian Whittle both Peter both cleared to play, GPS are at top strength, and will field virtually the same field virtually the same side which caught University unprepared in the s e c on d-half of their match last week-end and raced away to record a 13-4 victory. Few changes have been

Few changes have been Few changes have been made to the University side either, but one stands out as particularly significant. Breakaway and captain Jules Gue-rassimoff returns to the side after a three-week absence because of injury — and immediately Uni-versity's stocks have be-

- and immediately Uni-versity's stocks have be-gun to climb. He leads by example, and the passing years -he's not too keen to re-veal how many - have done nothing to dull his keen ball sense.

keen ball sense. Although it's been proved time and again — noticeably in last year's Uni - GPS Grand Final — that a team of "stars" need not necessarily win out over a sound, but un-spectacular team, Uni-versity should start fa-vorites because of their advantage man - for -man. man.

Any team which can contain Guerassimoff, Mark Loane, Keith Bell, Jim Meaney, the Miller borhters, Jim Creagh borhters, Jim and the halves Gory Pearson and Steve Hartigan deserves to meet Brothers for the right to play in the Grand Final I t's doubtful whether doubtful GPS are that team.

Presidents of Athletics, Russ Duigan and the Boat Club, Johnathan Ricketts were also UQFC members.

A Grade - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by GPS 13-16):

15. J. Henderson, 14. D. Whiteside, 13. *J*. Creagh, 12. D. Miller, 11. *R*. Miller, 10. S. Hartigan, 9. G. Pearson, 8. М. Loane, 7. J. Guerassimoff (c), 6. M. Talbot, 5. K. Bell, 4. R. Ivers, 3. P. Ayres, 2. J. Meaney, 1. J. Wilson. Coach: Ashley Girle. Scorers: D. Cooper 1 try, *R. Miller* 1 try, penalty, conversion.

Reserve Grade - Premiers (defeated Brothers 22-17):

Backs: 15. F. McKeown, 14. D. Whiteside, 13. J. Goldston, 12. P. Roe, 11. D. Cooper, 10. C. Carney, 9. J. Holt. Forwards: 8. G. Smith, 7. P. Kirby, 6. T. Powell, 5. S. McRae, 4. R. Gregory, 3. C. Ayres, 2. R. Bryce, 1. H. Dunnett. Coach: Leo Williams. Scorers: D. Whiteside, D. Cooper tries, F. McKeown 2 penalty goals, 2 conversions and 1 penalty try.

Third Grade - Runners-Up (defeated by Brothers 8-24):

Backs: 15. T. Clewett, 14. A. Clarke, 13. T. Graham, 12. D. Gore, 11. R. McMurray, 10. P. Byth, 9. N. Mayne, 18. T. Dunn. Forwards: 8. M. Newbold, 7. M. Mackle, 6. W. Heatley, 5. P. McNicholl, 4. H. Shand, 3. J. Moffat, 2. J. Walker, 1. J. Harrington. Coach: John Wolfe. Scorers: P. Byth, T. Dunn tries.

Fourth Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers 3-7):

Backs: 15. J. Wolfe, 14. T. Dunn, 13. R. Raven, 12. H. Stack, 11. J. Chandler, 10. M. Tully, 9. G. Bird. Forwards: 8. J. Marlay, 7. D. Moore, 6. P. Maloney, 5. J. Shand, 4. M. Hughes, 3. C. White, 2. T. Hosking, 1. P. Watson. Coach: T. Clouston. Scorers: J. Wolfe Penalty.

U19A - Runners-up (defeated by GPS 4-7)

15. K. Carmody, 14. M. Pearce, 13 W. Bruce, 12. D. Patterson, 11. C. Cutler, 10 P. Creagh, 9. P. Myers, 8. K. Lovett, 7. G. Donovan, 6. J. Wagner, 5. S. Wilson, 4. C. Miller, 3. B. MacNish, 2. M. Welsh, 1. K. Weller. Reserves: D. Wood, G. Howland, L. McGuire, M. Smithers and Chris Cutler. Coach: Norbert Byrne.

19B - Runners-up (defeated by Souths 0-15):

R. Tuffley, 14. P. Webb, 13. A. Williamson, 12. P. George, 11. J. Bayly 10. P. Barlow
 M. Smithers (c) 8. R. Perry 7. K. Drinan 6. G. Osborne 5. G. Howland 4. I. Langusch,
 H. Cathels, 2. D. Wood, 1. M. Stower. Reserves: J. Phillips, G. Moran.
 Coach: Adrian Booth.

U18 - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Premiers, Brothers):

From this team six players were selected for Qld U18 to play NSW U18 as the curtain raiser to the Australia v Tonga Test at Ballymore: *Don Clarke, Michael Sexton, M. Henderson, R. Guerala, Charles Miller* and *Tom McEniery.* Future Uni players and State Reps *Duncan Hall* and *Bill McDonnell* were selected from Brothers. Coach: *David Ivory.* Captain: *Charlie Elliott.* 

Brothers won the Doughty Shield from GPS, with the Uni Club shaded to third place, seven points behind GPS.

Intervarsity

Division A - Manager: Bob Bryce. Coach: Peter Roe.

On 21st July the Annual Uni Club Ball was held at the National Hotel on the Saturday night after Queensland had recorded its historic draw with the New Zealand Ranfurly Shield holders, North Auckland. Four late arriving guests included the exuberantly celebrating Queensland Captain Dick Cocks, who took the opportunity to entertain on an unattended piano. With his own composition of "Queensland beat New South Wales" Dick enthralled one of his companions, National selector, Bob Templeton but his other late arrivals, John Bain and Bob Barry, the other National selectors, did not appear to be so amused. Tempo did not appear to be amused either when he spied some other Ball attendees celebrating the Queensland effort. On the Sunday morning when those attendees arrived at Ballymore to play in the special invitational rematch Bob was decidedly grumpy with his charges for the match. Despite their early arrival and chirpy postures, Tempo greeted each in turn with an extremely curt –"You're late!"

The year marked the arrival of a player who would leave a lasting impression on world Rugby. Even at eighteen Mark Loane made a huge impact, and his powerful running and crushing defence saw his selection for Queensland and Australia. Mark was selected for his Test debut eighteen days short of his nineteenth birthday, and Australia won the First Test against Tonga 30-12 in Sydney. After the Wallabies lost the Second Test in Brisbane 11 -16 the Southern media laid the blame for the loss on his performance, and accordingly he was dropped. He was not selected for the Wallaby tour of England and Wales, but won back his jersey for the series against the All Blacks the following year. He went on to become the Queensland and Australian Captain, and has been recognised as one of the greatest No 8s Rugby has ever seen. During his time furthering his medical studies in Durban, he played for Natal, the Junior Springboks, and the SA Barbarians. In 1980 he captained the Barbarians against the British Lions and scored a brilliant try, running thirty metres and swerving past Lions fullback Andy Irvine. It was described in the South African press as "the best ever scored by a forward in any class of football." Paddy Batch was also emerging as a star, scoring three barnstorming tries in Queensland's 27-19 win over NSW at Ballymore. Batch, a barrel-chested Vet. Science student, was very fast for his size and extremely hard to tackle, as Waratah fullback Russell

Fairfax discovered. Not always a keen trainer, Batch was nevertheless a matchwinner, as Mark Loane recalls:

"We played a Test in Argentina when we used Batchie like our heavy artillery. We had good field position, so we called him up on the blind side of a scrum and I took it off the back and gave it to him about ten metres out. Although they knew what we were doing they just couldn't stop him. Only Batchie could have scored that try, which sealed the win for us. He had massive thighs and very supple hips, so he was extremely hard to bring down. But he never liked training and would come up with all kinds of excuses to get out of the tough stuff Billy Alvers dished out.

One night at Uni I saw him slipping away into the shadows and asked if he was OK - I thought he might be injured. He simply said: "I've just realised the more I train, the worse I play – so I thought I'd stop training." This was a revolutionary idea. For the past one hundred years we had all trained in the belief that it made you fitter and thus better equipped for the rigours of the sport. So I told our Coach, Bruce Brown, that we'd better lay off Batchie if we wanted to get the best out of him. He never let us down. I remember one State game against NSW where he scored three tries and broke Russell Fairfax's shoulder. He was a bit like Dougie Walters – you would never leave him out because he could be a matchwinner. As Jack Gibson said – a good defensive team can get you to a Grand Final but it takes those one or two special players to win it for you. "



1973 A Grade Preliminary Final – Jim Creagh, Lloyd Graham (GPS), Richard Miller and Mick Talbot

1973 A Grade Minor Semifinal v Easts Jules Guerassimoff (Tackling), John Forbes (Referee), John Sexton and Mark Loane



David Miller



1973 Welsby Cup v Brothers Steve Hartigan and Dick Cocks (Bros)

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# 1974

A watershed year in more ways than one. The worst flood in eighty years inundated Brisbane over the Australia Day weekend, and for the first time since World War II, A Grade failed to make the Finals. It was a poor year on the field, with only Third Grade winning a Premiership, defeating GPS 12-4.



SYDNEY: The Australian Rugby Union has retained practically the same main office bearers for this year as last.

Only notable change is that Barrie Ffrench, of Queensland has been elected deputy chairman of A.R.U.

At the annual meeting, Bill McLaughlin, of Sydney, was unopposed for the presidency, Barrie Ffrench, of Queensland, replaced Griff Hunt of Victoria, as deputy chairman and Darcy Fraser, of NSW, was re-elected treasurer.

Bob Templeton, of Queensland, was retained as Australia's coach for the three-Test series against the All Blacks in May-June.

The ARU also retained John Bain and Bob Barry as Templeton's fellow Australian selectors.

Later the ARU appointed Dick Marks, former Queensland and Australian representative centre, as the first national coaching director under the scheme sponsored by the Rothmans Sports Foundation.



Aerial View of the 1974 flood – Courtesy of the John Qxley Library

The Club had only two representative players in 1974 – Mark Loane and prop forward Jim Wilson, who was A Grade Captain. It was the end of an era, with the retirement of stalwarts like David Crombie, David Miller, Ian "Darby" Ross, Norm Mayne, Keith "Dinger" Bell, Stu "Sandshoe" Gregory, Phil Kirby, Peter Roe, Paul McNicholl, Bernie Galligan, Craig Estwick, Charlie Woodward, Mac Lethbridge, Jim Creagh and Gary Pearson. Jules Guerassimoff went overseas with his work, but returned to play for the Club again as late as 1980.

In the Club Championship the Club ran third, a fair way behind Brothers who won, and some distance from GPS

who ran second. Keith Jennings coached A Grade and the side's leading points scorer was Kieran Dorney who totalled 52 from just four tries, 6 penalties and 9 conversions – Paul Mclean topped the competition with 205. Mark Loane was our leading try scorer with 5 - nineteenth on the competition list. Brothers downed GPS 27-19 in the A Grade Grand Final while our A Grade finished sixth.

John Wolfe coached the Steve McRae led Reserve Grade which lost its Preliminary Final to GPS 19-12 and the Fourth Grade under Mike Hughes recorded the same result losing its Preliminary to GPS 19-12. Brothers won Fifth Grade defeating GPS 16-15. So it was left to Third Grade, coached by Peter Maloney and captained by Peter Vincent to salvage the Club's diminishing honour. They won their match with GPS 12-3, Peter Vincent kicking 3 penalties and a field goal for all the points. Colts 1 (U19 A) had lost its first Semifinal to remain fourth despite the promise shown in defeating the Australian Schoolboy studded Grand Finalists



Paddy Batch with his ears pinned back

GPS in its first round encounter under Mike Sexton. Andrew Slack's Souths defeated GPS 16-13 in the U19A Grand Final, while Souths U19B lost to Q.I.T. 15-16. In the U18s Easts and Souths were Joint Premiers after drawing 10-10. Another half who performed well in the under age division was Nev Cottrell who captained the U18 team.

Many friendships were formed through the close bonding and shenanigans of Intervarsity. A lock in that era who recalls Intervarsity with affection was Steve Wilson – now one of the Club's major donors.

"My first IV was when I was only eighteen. We weren't allowed to drink at that age in Queensland but in Sydney we were, and a pot cost only nineteen cents. So you can imagine what mischief we got up to. The great thing was that you had a mixture of older blokes with young guys and it was terrific bonding. You always had the final dinner when all the Unis got together under the one roof. I remember Charlie Miller, a great character, who somehow got hold of a Salvation Army Captain's

outfit, complete with cap, and he would march out onto the field before a game through a guard of honour, accompanied by a bagpipe. Frank McKeown once dressed as The Invisible Man, completely swathed in bandages, with a hat – and the airline wouldn't allow him on the plane until he took them off. Some blokes went too far though – a Newcastle bloke had too much to drink and, when he returned to the team hotel, ate a goldfish that was in a bowl in the foyer. Great memories!"

In particular, the introduction of the mid- year, end of first semester holidays created havoc when non-city members returned home for the holidays. Jim Meaney and Bob Bryce were coaching the Colts U19 A and B teams that year. It is well recalled that with over fifty percent of the players from out of town the local members rallied for five mid-year weekends, each player handing in two or more weekly fixture matches and preventing the harsh penalty imposed for forfeits. Trevor Johnson and Jon Broadley were Brisbane-based youngsters in the Colts who bore the brunt of the heavy requirements, and both players were strongly supported by their families. Trevor's father Arthur Johnson continued on for many years in the unsung role of Manager for many Club sides. His dedicated and voluntary contribution has been truly appreciated. Other locals to continue on in extended roles with the Club include Mike Sexton, David Usasz, and Jim Blacket. One of the country lads found his feet early, not so much on the paddock, but as a successful draftsman of Appeals to the Senate against exclusion for his less fortunate Clubmates. The political career of one of Australia's most gravelly voiced MHRs, Ian Macfarlane, was born among the sweaty jerseys, smelly socks and dirty tracksuits at the RE; but only on good days.

Some of the country members continued on into graduate days including Greg Byrne and Don Clarke, son of Ian from Chinchilla; James Lindley may have been the blunt force that was at least partially instrumental in Graham Noon's departure from GPS to join the Heavies in the 1975 season.

### 1975

#### Jim Wilson recalls:

"At the end of the 1974 season our Coach Keith Jennings consulted the incomparable Norbert Byrne (QRU and ARU Board) and decided that the illustrious Bob Templeton should be approached to coach the Uni 1st XV. The leading light in Australian coaching, Tempo had been influenced by the legendary Welshman Ray Williams. I was given the task of approaching Tempo and I well remember our 7.30am meeting at his office in the Australian Estates Building and how he grilled me on the players' desire to see the Club rise to its former glory. I reminded him of the Club's proud record and listed the names of players we would have in 1975 – Loane, Batch, the ageless Terry Powell, myself and a host of youngsters – Brian MacNish, Billy Bruce, Charlie Miller, Greg Byrne, Dugald Whitton, Bill McDonnell, Bill Ross, Steve Wilson, Geoff Holt, Don Clarke, Bruce Middlin, Graham Noon, Peter Myers, Mick Talbot, Kim Weller, Geoff Lyons, Kim McCasker and Jim Boman, to name but a few.



Tempo agreed to coach the team and we made the Finals again in 1975, finishing third."

The University Sports Association conferred Life Membership on two Club stalwarts – Norbert Byrne and Jules Guerassimoff.

A memorable year on-field for the Club, with A Grade reestablishing its credentials under Bob Templeton's coaching. Brothers defeated GPS in the Grand Final 23-6, after GPS had

Charles Miller In a determined mode - Andy McIntyre in No 84 Semi-final against them. A Grade contested the Preliminary Final, but went down to the

eventual Premiers 6-20. Bob Templeton was first involved in a coaching role at the Club in 1970. In 1975 he deserved

Bob Templeton was first involved in a coaching role at the Club in 19/0. In 19/5 he deserved credit for the way he moulded a young and inexperienced side to defeat Brothers twice during the season and upset the fancied Wests in the Minor Semifinal. In its final round performance against Brothers on the 19th July 1975 A Grade had recorded its best display of the season defeating the eventual Premiers 9-6 at Jack Ross Oval. This is how the University Club notes in the QRU Rugby '75 program reported the match (26/27 July 1975):

"The A Grade game was surely a game to remember where our forward pack gave one of its best displays of the season. The backs did the job in defence and never lost ground in attack. It was a game where we grimly held off Brothers in the first half and then reversed the situation in the second half. The only try was scored by Al Williamson who backed up inside winger Paul Connors from a backline move. It was a great win for the Club and for Bob Templeton, as A Grade responded so well to his most capable coaching. In the forwards Dugald Whitton and Charlie Miller played blinders and were ably backed up by Jim Wilson, Mick Talbot and Terry Powell. The backs showed purpose and Al Williamson came out of a slump to produce the goods needed on the day. Others of note were Peter Myers, Terry Batch, Geoff Holt, Mark Smithers and Jim Boman.



In a repeat performance the Third Grade won the Premiership for the second year in a row.

1975 A Grade



1975 Third Grade - Premiers

Third Grade - Premiers:

Harold Shand (c), Jim Blacket, David Blanch, Paul McNicholl, Mark Stower, Richard Lumley, Geoff Lyons, David Usasz, James Lindley, Michael Sexton, Pat Creagh, Bill Bruce, Mark Smithers, Tom Dunn, Michael Grundy, Robert McMurray. Coach: Peter Maloney. In the Colts, the U19Bs were the only Colts side to contest a Grand Final, but Souths defeated the Bs 23-3.

Dave Brockhoff took over as Wallaby Coach, and with an aggressive 'no backward steps' policy, upset England 16-9 in Sydney and 31-21 in the "Battle of Ballymore." Mark Loane and Geoff Shaw played in both Tests, which were memorable for the aggression of the Australian pack. In the Second Test at Ballymore, fists and boots flew from the kickoff and English prop Mike Burton earned the ignominious distinction of being the first British player to be sent off in a Test in Australia. Whether he deserved it any more than a couple of the Australians is debatable, but the fact is that this Wallaby team had a burning desire to register a first-ever Test win at Ballymore, and the first series win by Australia in ten years.

Paddy Batch made his Test debut later that season on the tour to Britain when the Wallabies lost to Scotland 10-3, Wales 25-3, and England 23-6, but recovered to beat Ireland 20-10.

Kim McCasker and Graham Noon played for Queensland during the season. Jim Wilson was named Captain of Australian Universities and played alongside Graham Noon, Kim McCasker, Paddy Batch, Bill Ross and Dugald Whitton.

Off the field, the opening of "Harpoon Harry's" and the Embassy Hotel Friday raffles saw a turnaround in the financial fortunes of the Club. Of course, there were also the usual Friday night raffles at the RE, which, under Dave Wood's supervision, drew record profits. The Club's gratitude was now due to Kim Weller and his family for granting the Club raffle rights at the Embassy on Friday lunchtimes.

In March 1975 the Committee appointed a sub-Committee to examine the feasibility of building a Clubhouse. The sub-Committee comprised Professor Gordon Greenwood, Eric Anning, Alan Becconsall, Steve Biggs, Richard Crooke, Eric Hebron, Norm Mayne, Graham Moore, Leo Williams and John Wilson. Through their efforts, in August the University Senate passed a resolution approving the building of a new licensed Clubhouse at the Club's expense.

The other significant step in rebuilding Club spirit was the establishment of "Harpoon Harry's." Although it would be some years before a proper Clubhouse could be built, there was a need for a home, rather than the Royal Exchange Hotel in Toowong. Although Russ and Faye Ogilvie, the owners, generously allowed the sale of meat tray raffle tickets in the Public Bar every Friday night, it was decided to find a home closer to the oval in Mill Road. An informal committee of Harold Shand, Jim Wilson, Jon Broadley, Peter George, David Wood, Charles Miller and Al Williamson got together and came up with a plan. It was simple – to negotiate with the University Athletics Club for the use of one of the dressing rooms under the old open-air grandstand. The problem was that this room was used for storage of athletic equipment – poles, bags, flags and hurdles – and these would need to be moved to the other shed.

Jim Wilson relates the story:

"Woody led the negotiating team and we spoke to the athletes after training. We promised them that they would be welcome at any time in our shed and that we would give them free tickets to our Annual Dinner (which I'm sure had a reputation with which no self-respecting athlete would want to be connected.) Somehow the athletes fell for it and we helped them drag their gear to the other shed. Locks were changed and – presto – we had possession. We now had a room with a maximum capacity of fifty from which the Club could enter the entertainment and liquor industry. History records that, from this humble act came a Club revival, which took us to the glory days again.

The Bar was named after our hard-working Club Secretary, Harold Shand, known as "Harpoon Harry." Its renovation was an example of the outpouring of Club spirit. "Average Al" got the blue paint for the walls and the red paint for the bench seats, "The Meat" got the carpet, "Woody" removed the shower taps and put a curtain over the whole wall of the shower recess to hide it. "Chicka" constructed the Bar and somebody got the Wurlitzer juke box. Girls turned up to help paint one Saturday morning. "Harpoon" leased a fridge from Quirks in South Brisbane and it was soon filled with beer, never to be emptied."

The 1975 Annual Report by Harold Shand commented:

"At the start of June, thanks mainly to the drive of Jim Wilson, the Club Bar known as 'Harpoon Harry's' opened for business, catering mainly for after-match functions and drinks after training.... the worth of "Harpoon's" can't be measured solely in financial terms, as it has to a great extent been vital in rebuilding Club spirit. Its success in this regard must give great heart to the sub-Committee endeavouring to construct the Clubhouse."

There are many stories relating to the famous old Bar – Jim Wilson recalls a few:

"I used to study late in the Law Library and would venture down to 'Harpoon's' for a nightcap with a friend, only to find that I was not the only one with a key!

Then there was the time 'Woody' confronted a drunken, corpulent GPS First Grade backrower late one night and asked him to leave. On his way out the hulking Jeeps man proceeded to rip out the electrical wiring to the Club, which was outside in a cupboard under the stairs. 'Woody' intervened but was met by a right hook, which broke his cheekbone. He wanted to press charges but was advised by 'Harpoon' that, as quality advice on evidence was difficult, he should drop the charge. Besides, 'Woody', why didn't you leave the idiot to finish his attack on the wiring. Unlike you, the wires would have struck back at some point."

The Club most certainly was indebted to Bob Templeton for his contribution to the Club in the 1975 season, but it was not only the Club which owed Bob for his effort. Bob Templeton probably did more than any other Coach to drag Australia off the bottom rung in the early Seventies, and to eventually win the World Cup in 1991. He went to Britain and learned the intricacies of scrummaging from the likes of Ray "Mighty Mouse" McLoughlin and Syd Millar. Welsh Coach Ray Williams came out to Australia and passed on the secrets that had made his nation champions of Europe for 15 years. One of the simple lessons came from replicating match conditions from opposed training in grids marked on the field. Suddenly backs could maul and forwards could pass. The other big change was the introduction of regular matches against top NZ teams like Canterbury, Otago and North Harbour. When Tempo coached Queensland in the late Seventies there was a squad of eighty players at Ballymore. Andy McIntyre was one of these.

"I went to State training for four years before I got picked for Queensland. Tempo was a clever bugger – he said that you had potential and he had his eye on you, so we hopefuls went along and learned from the top players. In 1978 we beat the All Blacks at Eden Park, in 1979 we won the Bledisloe Cup and in 1980 we retained it. The other thing about Tempo was his love of people. He knew everyone, from Under 19s to Fifth Graders, and he would always be prepared to sit down with you for a beer and a chat. He had a knack of getting people to come along to training on a one-off basis but they had such a good time they stayed. A classic example was Jake Howard – he asked him to come down for just one night's training on a Tuesday to help with the A Grade scrum. At the end of the session he enthused so much that Jake agreed to come back on Thursday. The next week he agreed to become Head Coach."

A curious feature of the 1975 and past seasons was the numbering of lower-grade jerseys. While A Grade was generally numbered from 1 to 15 corresponding to positions, the Reserve and 3rds wore numbers based on Club registration lists. For the final round game on the 31st August 1975 against GPS the Reserve Grade's Number 8 Peter Dowling wore number 102, hooker Jim Blacket wore No. 57. In the centres Mark Smithers No.55, halfback Mal Roberts No.62 and Dave Cooper No.27. In Third Grade David Usasz wore No 86, hooker Rob Moloney No 111, halfback Mick Sexton No. 69 and 5/8 Pat Creagh No. 61. Most Fourth Graders wore numbers over 100 as well. As might be expected, the QRU was unhappy with this system, as it did not help the cause of spectators identifying players by programme and field position.

Whilst a player's number, once issued, usually remained the same, there were odd occasions when two players arrived on the paddock with the same number. Peter Maloney and Jim Meaney were accredited with tries during the 1971 Reserve season according to their jersey number, which happened to be the same for both players. The problem was finally put to rest in 1977 when new Chairman Vince Creagh introduced full sets of 1-15 numbered jerseys for each Grade team.

Jim Wilson's favourite story concerns "The Great Ballina Dash."

"In 1975 the XXXX Brewery went on strike and there were no supplies of beer to be had in Brisbane. As we were playing Brothers next day 'Harpoon', Bill Ross and myself commandeered Bill's father's Holden station wagon and headed South into NSW. We went to Tweed Heads, where we called on the President of Seagulls Rugby League Club (who was later to become my father-in-law) but we were told they couldn't provision us; however, there was a wholesaler in Ballina who could look after us. The President insisted on taking us to Seagulls for a beer and dinner in the Boardroom, from which we returned at 4.30am on Saturday. So we had about an hour's sleep and a quick breakfast before setting off for Ballina.

We duly filled the Holden wagon to the gunwales with Tooths KB Lager and DB Lager cans and drove back to Brisbane, where we unloaded our precious cargo at 'Harpoon's.'

Bill and I got to Ballymore with fifteen minutes to spare before running on against Brothers at 3pm. Bill was hooker and I was loosehead prop and our opponents in the front row were to be Dunworth, Freney and Handy. Tempo was not impressed! However after the game he was very happy, as we had beaten Brothers for the second time that season. Bill and I can still recall how we slept for three days after that "Ballina Dash."

Jim Wilson was one of several players who took up boxing lessons from the Club's trainer, Billy Alvers. Bill Ross recalls how the lessons paid off.

"Jim used to love boxing and really took to it under Billy Alvers at the PYC gym in the Valley. He developed a pretty good punch and it came in handy several times on the field. In fact, one memorable occasion involved his rival prop, Chris 'Buddha' Handy from Brothers. Buddha tried to slip his grip in the scrum and Jim warned him not to do it, as it could be dangerous if the scrum collapsed. Buddha ignored this, so Jim punched him. The blow only travelled six inches but the big Brothers prop was out like a light. It was a punch Mohammed Ali would have been proud of." Another creation came around this time – the "Harpoon Honeys." Harry's Bar was popular, not just with the boys, but the girls as well, as Sally Loane tells:

"Mullets and moustaches (they were desperately attractive in the seventies), shoulders as broad as pick handles, thighs like felled logs. Made a mental note to self – maintain and grow interest in Rugby.

It wasn't hard. It was a big part of the sporting and social life of Queensland Uni. While some of my fellow students protested about Joh's ban on street marches, I learned to drink Bundy rum with the Rugger buggers.

When others spent weekends studying, I was on the sidelines down at the Uni of Queensland oval with twenty-five mates and three dogs, urging the boys on to greater heights. At closing time -10 o'clock on a Friday night – there was only one place to go – the Uni Clubhouse dressing sheds. By day, they were the scene of sweat, showers and cigarettes. By night, they were magically transformed with a jukebox and a couple of eskies into an illegal Bar.

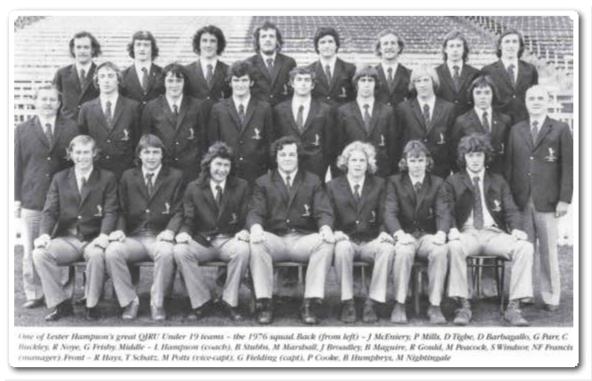
We called the place 'Harpoon Harry's', fondly named after a Club stalwart whom I will not identify, as he's managed to live his life, post Harpoon days, as a successful lawyer. We girls were the Harpoon Honeys, and we had T-shirts made in the patriotic colours of a Fourex can – red and gold".

#### 1976

It was certainly a memorable year for Queensland, thrashing NSW 42-4 at Ballymore, reversing the trend of the previous decade and setting a benchmark for future State sides. Though Club spirit was on the up it was not a memorable year at the Red Heavies. Teachers (-Norths) finally won its second Premiership, defeating GPS 16-4 in the Grand Final. With Bob Templeton back in the coaching saddle the Wallabies set off for the end-of-season tour to France. While the lower Grades had done well and playing numbers were growing, A Grade had struggled. Even with Bob Templeton coaching and Mark Loane as Captain, at the close of the season things could not go quite right. In the final minutes of the competition, A Grade was eliminated by Easts in the final round of fixtures. It was a hard result to accept given that most members and supporters felt the team was comfortably assured of at least a Semi-Final berth. Consequently the Club was most thankful that Reserve Grade under Coach Bruce Brown won its Premiership soundly.



1976 Reserve Grade - Premiers



1976 Queensland U19 Tour to New Zealand

Reserve Grade - Premiers. (defeated Brothers 19-3):

Bill Morrow, 14. Brian Batch, 13. Vince Boman, 12. Ross Anderson, 11. Trevor Johnson,
 Paddy Creagh, 9. Mal Roberts, 8. Terry Belford, 7. Kim Weller, 6. Scott Foote, 5. Geoff Lyons,
 Paul McNicholl, 3. David Blanch, 2. David Wood, 1. Greg Curran. Reserves: David Parker,
 Tom Dunn, Peter Whitehead, Bill McDonnell, James Lindley. Coach: Bruce Brown.

Third Grade - Preliminary Finalists. (defeated by GPS 6-9):

Peter Vincent, 14. Tom Dunn, 13. Murray Pearce, 12. Mark Smithers, 11. Peter O'Hare, 10. Geoff Davies, 9. Phil Laidlaw, 8. Kev Bycroft, 7. Terry Powell, 6. Allan Stone, 5. Barry Johnson, 4. Lou Sarri, 3. Chris Jones, 2. Jim Blacket, 1. Peter Whitehead. Coach: Jim McMillan.

Fourth Grade - Semifinalists (defeated by GPS 12-29):

Bob McMurray, 14. John Rousseau, 13. Mick Grundy, 12. Ian Johnson, 11. Peter George,
 Peter Roe/Colin Rose, 9. Mick Sexton, 8. Richard Lumley, 7. Peter Jeffries/Don Moore,
 Bob Harpham, 5. Greg Howland, 4. Barry Johnson, 3. John Batch, 2. David Welsh,
 Tom Clark. Dennis Gately (c). Coach: Graham (Sam) Moore.

Fifth Grade - Premiers (defeated GPS 10-0):

John Wolfe, 14. Vince Creagh, 13. Rob Tuffley, 12. Bill Bruce, 11. Jim Creagh,
 Rick Trivett, 9. Norm Mayne, 8. Jim McMillan, 7. Mike Rodgers, 6. Bernie Spilsbury,
 Dennis Gately, 4. Les Healey, 3. Philip Ayres, 2. Ken Miller, 1. Bruce Brown (c).
 Coach: Graham (Sam) Moore.

U-19 A: Runners-up (defeated by Wests 3-9): Captain: Jon Broadley. Coach: Fred Testoni.

U-19 B: Captain: David Barbagallo. Coach: Fred Testoni. (Premiers Brothers d Wests 7-3).

U-18 A: Runners -up (defeated by Easts 0-6): Captain: Tim Foote. Coach: John Wolfe.

U-18 B: Captain: Mark Davies. Coach: John Wolfe. (Premiers Brothers C d Brothers B 6-4).

The U-18A team lost to Easts 6-0 in the Grand Final despite having defeated Easts in the Major Semifinal. The centres Hogan and Pearce and the halves Mather and Nucifora turned in solid displays. The high standard of play was a credit to Coach John Wolfe.

Terry Batch, brother of Paddy, made his debut for Queensland in 1976, as did Billy Ross, whose elder brother Darby had represented in the early seventies and played against the Springboks.

The Queensland U19 side toured New Zealand successfully under future Club A Grade Coach Lester Hampson. George Fielding captained a side that included Clubmates *John McEniery, David Barbagallo, Chris Buckley, Jon Broadley, Peter Cooke* and *John Collins.* 

Scott Foote and Luis Sarri joined the Club from the SubDistrict Taxation side at the instigation of Jim Meaney who had positioned the Subbies side as a potential feeder Club, conducting their training at St Lucia during 1975 and 1976.

### 1977

As well as the Club's fortunes, the strength of the State side swelled with the arrival of Geoff Shaw, who made his debut for Queensland in 1977. Given the appreciation shown by the Club's members and a majority of the Rugby community for Geoffrey Arnold Shaw, Tempo was encouraged to extend a further invitation to another talented player suffering relegation from representation in New South Wales, Steven John Rowley. Steve decided that he'd be more than happy to come north and play alongside Geoff who was still the current NSW and Australian Captain. It proved to be a rewarding decision for Steve, who was to become not only one of the Club's most popular and successful Premiership-winning players, but when he finally decided to hang up his boots he also developed into a valuable Premiershipwinning Coach.



While Geoff (Bunter) Shaw could be described as burly, he was most certainly an experienced, bustling Test centre. When he arrived at the Club at the start of the season there was a funny incident concerning the Club's remarkable trainer, Billy Alvers, whose pugilistic abilities were definitely more recognisable than his Rugby knowledge. Bunter recalls:

Geoffrey Shaw

"It was a hot and humid night in February and Billy Ross and I were doing it tough on the Seven Hills road run around St Lucia. We were down the back and Billy came back to check on us. He took a look at me and said: "You new to the Club?" Geoff - "Yeah, this is my first training

run." Bill – "You don't look too fit." Geoff – "I'm a fairly large chap." Bill – "You better move up the front – have you played much footy at all?" At that stage I was the Wallaby Captain."

Geoff Shaw eventually played 27 Tests and became a fixture at the Club and in State sides over the rest of the decade, before he took to coaching and administration with great success. Geoff was one of several NSW players who Tempo decided to invite to come to Queensland and extend their Rugby careers in a supportive environment. Among others, Greg Cornelson, Peter Horton and Chris Carberry accepted Tempo's offer, playing for other Clubs. It was likely that "Bunter" would have given the game away if he had not come north. Hailing from Kiama on the NSW South Coast, he was away from his job and wife Lindy for months at a time, playing for Illawarra, NSW Country, NSW and Australia (as an amateur – without much financial support). Tempo offered him a spot at the Club, and Queensland, with far less travelling. A formidable competitor, he played a key role in Queensland's rise to the top of the provincial tree in the late 70s, and led the Club backs in the memorable '79 Grand Final triumph.

Whilst A Grade struggled for consistency, overall the Club had a much better year. With the greatest ever number of registered players, (206) the competition for playing positions had reached previously unheard of levels. With Vince Creagh at the helm as Chairman of Selectors, the Club underwent its most thorough organisational regime ever– all five senior teams were actually selected and announced before the start of team training on Tuesday nights.

These were truly mammoth efforts undertaken by Vince and the Grade Coaches following the weekend matches and during the ensuing Monday and Tuesday. It also required a new level of discipline from the players who were required to contact their weekend Coach regarding their availability for the next games and to notify injuries and their progress. Additionally, under

the new Bill Alvers fitness and conditioning regime, players were required to complete the fitness sessions at the start of Tuesday night to confirm their readiness for the next weekend. If a player completed Bill's Tuesday night conditioning session he was definitely fit – whether he could recover in time for the weekend's match was often another matter. By season's end, in some eyes, the Club had developed into a pack of greyhounds, certainly lean, and probably just as hungry.

During the year, because the Club could not register more than five senior teams in the Brisbane competition, on any weekend there was a large surfeit of players competing for a run on position – it really is hard to believe the number of fully kitted, warmed up members assembled at 9.00am on bleak Saturday and Sunday mornings hoping for a start as a reserve for Fifth Grade. To progress up the Grades, players needed to deliver performances that attracted the attention of Vince and the Grade Coaches and the intra-Club competition became intense. Good as these efforts were, Brothers still accumulated enough points to secure the Doughty Shield, but collectively, the Club realised that it was on the rise.

There were five teams in Grand Finals, and with A Grade, Reserve Grade, and the 19Bs contesting Semifinals, there was cause for celebration. Of the Club's eight teams, every one made the Semifinals. The Reserves, Thirds, Fourths, 19As and Bs were all second or third placed on the Premiership table, while the Fifths and 18As were Minor Premiers. First Grade was the only Grade which failed to win a spot in the top three.

In itself that may be somewhat misleading. In fact, the A Grade competition was a very closely run race with Brothers ending up at the top of the ladder with thirteen wins, GPS, Wests and Teachers /Norths each won twelve, while the A Grade and Souths each notched up eleven wins. Brothers ended up with a total of 326 points for, while Uni scored 312. Given the closeness of the comp and the progress of the Club's younger members, a new wave of confidence began to surge among the players.

Jim Creagh coached the Thirds, Sam Moore governed the Fourths, and Bill Sexton ran the Fifth Grade; all won Premierships to confirm the grassroots growth.

In First Grade Wests won the Premiership under the coaching of former Wallaby prop Roy Prosser, defeating Brothers 15-10. Roy had developed a strong side with some outstanding players, including fullback Roger Gould, a solid front row with Stan Pilecki, John Dun and Trevor Davies, representative flanker Jim Miller and halfback Paul Smith. Our A Grade had defeated both Brothers and Wests in the final competition round and the players would have relished a Finals matchup. Instead A Grade defeated Teachers-Norths 15-13 in the (4 v 5) elimination final, but was defeated by GPS the following week.

A Grade – Semifinalists (defeated by GPS 12-14):

15. Graham Noon, 14. Vince Boman, 13. Jim Creagh, 12. Geoff Shaw, 11. Lou Mackay-Paine, 10. Steve Rowley, 9. Peter Myers, 8. Mark Loane, 7. Duncan Hall, 6. Bill McDonnell, 5. Paul McNicholl, 4. Steve Wilson, 3. George Fielding, 2. Bill Ross, 1. Bill Turner. Coach: Bob Templeton. Manager: Peter Cochrane.

In Reserve Grade, Brothers scored after the bell to progress from the 2 v 3 Qualifying Final 4-0. The Reserves were then defeated by Surfers the following week in an extra time finale. Coach Brown was bitterly disappointed after his success the previous season.

Reserve Grade - Semifinalists (defeated by Surfers 17-19):

15. Trevor Johnson, 14. Terry Batch, 13. Don Clarke, 12. Mark Smithers, 11. Greg Roberts, 10. David Parker, 9. Norm Mayne (c), 8. Terry Belford, 7. Rob Morgan, 6. Kevin Bycroft/David Barbagallo, 5. Geoff Lyons, 4. Lou Sarri, 3. David Blanch, 2. Jim Meaney, 1. Greg Curran. Coach: Bruce Brown.

The Third Grade defeated Easts 20-8 in the 2 v 3 Qualifying Final, and played Brothers in the Grand Final.

Third Grade - Premiers (defeated Brothers 11-9):

John McEniery, 14. Bill Bruce, 13. Kev Carmody, 12. Bill Morrow, 11. Mark Smithers,
 Brendan Jones, 9. Bernie Spilsbury, 8. Kevin Bycroft, 7. Allan Stone, 6. Dave Barbagallo,
 Gerald Keating, 4. Scott Foote, 3. Richard Douglas, 2. David Wood, 1. Allen McPherson.
 Reserves: 16. Barry Taylor, 17. Greg Howland (c), 18. Geoff Davies. 19. David Usasz.
 Scorers: S. Foote, M. Smithers tries, K. Carmody penalty goal. Coach: Jim Creagh.

Fourth Grade defeated Souths 4-0 in the 2 v 3 Qualifying Final, then, like the Thirds, playing Brothers in the Major Semifinal before lining up against them in the Grand Final.

Fourth Grade - Premiers (defeated Brothers 10-3):

15. Frank McKeown (c), 14. Tom McEniery, 13. Howard Stack, 12. Peter Welsh, 11. Chris Beech, 10. Pat See, 9. Phil Laidlaw, 8. Dick Perry, 7. Kim Weller, 6. Charlie Elliott, 5. Mark Stower, 4. Murray Geldard, 3. Bruce Brown, 2. Col Frainey, 1. Chris Buckley. Reserves: 16. Craig Stevenson, 17. David Welsh, 18. Bob Meyer, 19. Paul Power. Coach: Sam Moore.

Fifth Grade won its Premiership for the third year in succession. The Grand Final was a fast open game with solid set plays and good backline moves. The game really had everything, especially top class goal-kicking from the veteran boot of Terry Powell. Steve McCready came into the three-quarters with Mac Lethbridge's last minute withdrawal due to a hamstring injury. Bruce Brown at tighthead prop and Mike Hughes at loose-side second row both produced form of yesteryear, with Brownie playing a real Captain's game. One mustn't forget that Brothers made a close game of it, coming back with two quick tries after the Fifths had a clear lead.

Fifth Grade - Premiers (defeated Brothers 19-16):

Rob Tuffley, 14. John O'Connor, 13. John Elliott, 12. Steve McCready, 11. Tom McEniery,
 Terry Powell, 9. Mike Sexton, 8. Bruce Ferguson, 7. James Lindley, 6. Brian Carmody,
 Russell Bell, 4. Mike Hughes, 3. Mick Donohue, 2. David Welsh, 1. Bruce Brown (c).
 Coach: Bill Sexton.

The U19s had a successful season, but did not top it off with a Grand Final win. The best player was undoubtedly Peter Cooke, whose Semifinal performance against Teachers-Norths (where he scored all the team's points – tries, penalties and conversions) was typical of his outstanding season. The U19 A team was coached by Ashley Girle and captained by Richard Thompson, but lost to Brothers 0-16. The Bs were coached by David Barbagallo, led by Gerald Hughes, but could only watch as Gold Coast defeated Brothers 6-4 for the Premiership.

The U18s were coached by Geoff Davies and David Williams, and Gary Nucifora captained the side. While they were clear competition leaders all season, taking out the Minor Premiership, they went down to Wests after the bell in the Grand Final.

The U18 A team - Runners-up (defeated by Wests 6-12):

David Maunsell, John Morrow, Peter McLeod, Mal Norris, Graham Davis, Gary Nucifora (c), Guy Sanders, Gary Bowden, Mike Paine, Lindsay Close, Andrew McMillan, Tony Phillips, Jim Lister, Tony Sharman, Lenny Stone and James Knowlmann.

In the U-18B Grand Final, Bros- Clairvaux defeated Police Academy 12-6.

It should be noted that the Club felt privileged to be awarded a sole home game for the season when it hosted QIT in the seniors and Souths in the juniors; but it was more excited by the prospect of Jules returning to play at the tender age of thirty-seven. Little did the players realise that in a few more years he would be called on to captain the A Grade when representative duties hit the Club's playing ranks hard. By then he would be forty.

The Club was rightly convinced that its future was in good hands when the QJRU U-19 Selectors chose eight Club Juniors in the Queensland representative team:

*Mark Manteit* (Captain), *Peter Cooke* (Vice-Captain), *Randy Jones, Richard Thompson, Simon White, Jon Windsor, Gary Hogan* and *Gerard Gordon.* In two years' time, both Peter Cooke and Jon Windsor would capture a unique piece of Rugby history in the A Grade Premiership team.

The recognition of the Club's achievements during the 1977 season is highlighted by the prized accolade awarded to one of the Club's leading stalwarts, Norbert Byrne, whose name appeared in the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal list. Norbert had been a member of the Club since 1947 and his services to Rugby have been outstanding.

Finally, there was the announcement to members that plans had been approved by the Senate for a new architect-designed Clubhouse for the Rugby Club, provided the Club raised the money to build it. Club President Eric Anning and Club Chairman Vince Creagh immediately began contacting alumni and supporters, seeking contributions and donations to the Building Fund, which under the University's administration became tax deductible. The fund Trustees were Eric Anning, Vince Creagh and Leo Williams.



Bruce Brown, Eric Anning, And Charles Miller Celebrate The Third Grade Premiership



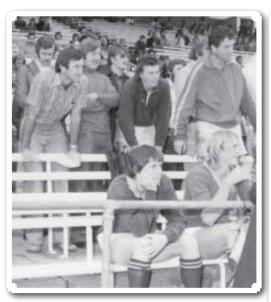
Keith Jennings, Mark Stower, John McEniery, Col Frainey and Greg Cuskelly after the Thirds Premiership win



Billy Alvers and Sam Moore savour the win



Scott Foote behind the ball-carrying Bill McDonnell



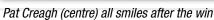
Keith Jennings, Jim Creagh, Jim Meaney, Kim Weller, Pat See and Howard Stack



Graham Noon sends it wide against Brothers A Grade



Peter Myers - dive pass ahead of Dugald Clark against GPS A Grade





Jim Creagh, Bill Morrow and Bill Bruce celebrate the Third Grade win



Jim Creagh and Bill Alvers supervise the Thirds pre GF warm-up on Ballymore 3



1977 Third Grade, Premiers

1977 Third Grade - Premiers

- Back Row: Jim Creagh (Coach), Al MacPherson, Brendan Jones, Richard Douglas, Bill Morrow, Gerald Keating, Scott Foote, Bill Bruce, Greg Howland, David Barbagallo, Kevin Bycroft, Bill Alvers (Trainer), Vince Creagh (Chairman).
- Front Row: Bernie Spilsbury, Mark Smithers, Allan Stone, David Wood, Kevin Carmody, John McEniery.



Bill Bruce with a reverse pass in the making (Chris Oxenford - Referee)



The QRU Chairman Norbert Byrne and others enjoy the celebrations



Brothers' Ron Price trespassing in the Third Grade Grand Final lineout



Referee Chris Oxenford in control as Bernie Spilsbury takes a quick tap

1978



The Clubhouse opening 16th December 1978 L-R: Vince Creagh (Chairman), Ron Leahy (Qld Govt Director of Sport), Prof. Gordon Greenwood (Patron), The Hon. Charles Porter MLA, Eric Anning (President) Leo Williams (Trustee).

The season's highlight was remarkable. In early July all four Grades played Brothers at Crosby. At the end of the day no Brothers team had won. This was the first time the four Uni teams had won the quadrella on Brothers turf. The following results were recorded: A Grade won 16-6, Reserve Grade won 12-9, Third Grade won 6-3 and Fourth Grade won 16-0.

The year began auspiciously with a convincing display by the Club's Sevens exponents who triumphed at Redcliffe. In the final of the tournament Jon Broadley's exuberant display earned him the Man of the Match award. Steve Rowley's celebrations, begun at Redcliffe but rudely terminated at Petrie, became something of a cause célèbre for Eric Anning, who made a somewhat wary midnight dash from Fig Tree Pocket to retrieve Steve.

The Coach of A Grade for the season was Bruce Brown, and Bill Ross, who played thirteen Tests and fifty games for Queensland, recalls his tenure with affection.

"Brownie was a master of the one-liner. Like the time we were doing hundreds of scrums and he looked at his wrist watch and said "S... - it"s August. We'd better go and meet the backs." And, speaking to his Captain, Geoff Shaw, said:

'Shaw, people who know about back play tell me that our backs don't look too sharp. Go over and make them sharp.'

In 1978 A Grade won the Major Semifinal to progress to the Grand Final, and on the same day Greg Cornelson scored four tries in the Test against the All Blacks. Brothers' Chris Handy made his debut in that Test and did a great job, scrummaging well, getting around the paddock and belting hell out of Andy Haden. Two weeks later at our final training run we're getting Brownie's analysis of our opponents, Brothers. "Andy Mac – you've got Tony D'Arcy – you've got to lock the scrum on the tight head side." "Billy Ross – you've got "Knuckles" Connolly – he created such mayhem that he should have been suspended for the rest of the season for knocking out Tony D'Arcy when he missed George Fielding the last time we scrummed against him. "Brian MacNish – you've got Handy. He's probably the best tight head prop in the world at the moment. He's going to try to take you high and low, he'll punch, kick and gouge you. Make sure you turn up for the game." Although Brothers won a close game, Brian did turn up, 'ambushed' Handy, and opened up a cut on his nose that needed 10 stitches. Brownie was impressed."

After winning the Keith Horsley Memorial Trophy Minor Premiership, the Major Semifinal (defeating Easts 41-9) and the Welsby Cup (defeating Wests 28 -14), A Grade lost the Grand Final to Brothers 19-15. It was a thriller – after a late start (Reserve Grade had been tardy taking care of the Gallopers, needing to go an extra twenty minutes) the match ended in near-darkness. (The Ballymore main oval had no floodlighting back then.) With fulltime close, the scores locked at 15-15, Brothers kicked high just left of the uprights. Steve Rowley at fullback bravely fielded the wobbly kick denying Brothers their trademark but infamously lucky bounceback, but the ball came back Brothers' way for Brendan Moon on an overlap from where he scored on fulltime to snatch victory.



A Grade Major Semifinal Team-

Front Row: Trevor Johnson, Mark Loane, Bruce Brown (coach), Geoff Shaw, Duncan Hall, Andrew McIntyre and Bill Alvers (trainer).
2nd Row: Peter Cochrane (Manager), Mark Davies, Brian MacNish, Steve Rowley, Guy Sanders and Jon Windsor.
3rd Row: Terry Belford, Bill McDonnell, Paul McNicholl, Peter Cooke, Vince Boman and Gary Hogan.



Mark Loane rampages against Ipswich, Referee Col Stubbings races to catch up



Jon Windsor on his way to three tries as the A Grade score a 70-3 victory.

A Grade - Minor Premiers, Runners-up (defeated by Brothers 15-19):

Steve Rowley, 14. Paddy Batch, 13. Gary Hogan, 12. Peter Cooke, 11. Jon Windsor, 10. Geoff Shaw (Capt), 9. Guy Sanders, 8. Mark Loane, 7. Bill McDonnell, 6. Terry Belford, 5. Paul McNicholl, 4. Duncan Hall, 3. Andy McIntyre, 2. Bill Ross, 1. Brian MacNish, 16. Vince Boman, 17. Jon Broadley. Coach: Bruce Brown. Manager: Peter Cochrane. Scorers: G. Shaw 1 try, G. Sanders 1 Field goal, P. Cooke 2 Penalty goals, 1 Conversion.

Reserve Grade - coached by Jim Creagh and having seen off Brothers 24-13 in the Major Semifinal - was never in doubt, securing victory over GPS 24-18 with a dominant display in extra time. The Billy Alvers conditioning program had been timed to perfection with the players peaking when it counted. Trailing at half time and bewildered but unamused at some of Col Waldron's refereeing decisions, it took most of the second forty minutes to reel in the deficit. When Peter Welsh at inside centre scored his second try on fulltime to level the scores, a simple conversion was needed for victory. With a rare bad call, Captain Peter Myers elected to take the kick himself. It was unsuccessful, but provided the team with the rare opportunity to inflict real physical punishment on their opponents. Geoff McNamara resumed his kicking duties, nonchalantly landed a penalty goal, and with even more aplomb, dropped a field goal for the well deserved win. Shades of the All Stars, from the eighteen competition rounds the Reserves had scored a phenomenal 606 points for, with only 64 points against, prior to the Semifinals. They had also won the T. L. Jones Shield, defeating Wests 43-3.



1978 Reserve Grade Premiers George Fielding, Vince Creagh with the Pennants, Jim Creagh (coach) Alan MacDougall, Bill Alvers (obscured) and John O'Hare



1978 Grand Final Reserve Grade and Third Grade Program Teams



1978 Reserve Grade Kevin Carmody (fullback) clears with Jim Meaney in support



Reserve Grade Captain, Peter Myers accepts the F. C. Lea Memorial Cup (for Minor Premiers) from QRU President Joe Gibson



David Barbagallo against Teachers



1978 Reserve Grade, Premiers

Reserve Grade - Premiers (defeated GPS 24-18 having beaten Brothers 24-13 in Major Semifinal):

Kev Carmody, 14. Terry Batch, 13. Brian Batch, 12. Peter Welsh, 11. Trevor Johnson.
 Geoff McNamara, 9. Peter Myers, (c), 8. Kev Bycroft, 7. Phil Kirby, 6. Dave Barbagallo,
 Lou Sarri, 4. Scott Foote, 3. George Fielding, 2. Jim Meaney, 1. Greg Curran.
 John O'Hare, 17. Alan McDougall. Scorers: Peter Welsh, 2 tries, Jim Meaney, 1 try,
 G. McNamara, 3 Penalty goals, 1 Field goal. Coach: Jim Creagh. Managers: Ross Moynihan,
 Arthur Johnson.

Geoff Davies, ever hands on, captain-coached the Thirds to the Premiership, winning the Major Semifinal over Teachers-Norths 10-6, before soundly defeating the same team in the Grand Final. The Thirds had captured the H. F. Edwards Cup by defeating Brothers in the second round.



Third Grade Premiers - 1978

1978 Third Grade Premiers:

Front Row: Kim Weller, Ian Lennon, Geoff Davies (Captain/coach), Bernie Spilsbury, Paul Paxton-Hall.

2nd Row: Bill Lyons, Bob McMurray, Bill Bruce, Allan Stone, Tom McEniery.

Back Row: Steve Wilson, Richard Lumley, Randy Jones, David Wood, Mark Stower and Bill Alvers (Trainer).

Third Grade - Premiers (defeated Teachers Norths 28-0):

Bob McMurray, 14. Greg Roberts, 13. John O'Hare, 12. Tom McEniery, 11. Bill Bruce,
 Geoff Davies (c), 9. Bernie Spilsbury, 8. Jon Broadley, 7. Paul Paxton-Hall, 6. Kim Weller,
 Mark Stower, 4. Steve Wilson, 3. Randy Jones, 2. Mark Davies, 1. Richard Lumley,
 Reserves: 16. David Wood. 17. Charlie Elliott, 18. Ian Lennon, 19. Tim Foote, 20. Mike Grundy,
 Allan Stone, 22. Mick Donoghue, 23. Richard Douglas, 24. Bill Lyons. 25. Paddy Creagh.
 Coach: Geoff Davies. Manager: Tiny Jones.

Fourth Grade - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Brothers 20-0):

15. John Wilkinson, 14. Peter George, 13. John Cruice, 12. Bill Morrow, 11. John Mackie/ Dave Berry, 10. Frank McKeown (c), 9. Mike Sexton, 8. Dick Perry, 7. Ian Lennon, 6. James Lindley, 5. Ben Wilson, 4. Howard Stack, 3. Richard Douglas, 2. David Wood. 1. Allen Macpherson. Reserves: 16. John Batch, 17. Shane Griffin, 18. Craig Stevenson, 19. David Usasz, 20. Jim Blacket, 21. Peter Barlow, 22. Gary Donovan, 23. Chris Jones. Coach: Graham (Sam) Moore.

There was no Fifth Grade competition.

In its most successful year since the sixties, the Club had won the Club Championship - collecting the Doughty Shield. A Reserve, and Third Grades were Minor Premiers. Fourth Grade, while Minor Premiership runners-up, was defeated in the Preliminary Final. The Club

had begun the season winning the arduous Redcliffe Sevens, and at Intervarsity the team had secured the Kansai Cup.

The U19 XV:

15. D. Maunsell, 14. J. Moore, 13. G. Boston, 12. A. Hall, 11. B. Taylor, 10. M. Holt, 9. L. Stone, 8. L. Close, 7. A. McMillan, 6. T. McVeigh, 5. A. Philp, 4. J. Lister, 3. P. Hegarty, 2. A. Sharman, 1. C. Eisel.

The Under 18s had the hard luck story of the season. They led Brothers 13-12 with seconds to go when a Brothers player attempted a field goal – the ball clearly passing under the crossbar. To the horror and disbelief of all the Uni supporters, the Referee awarded the field goal and the Premiership. Coach Adrian Booth was devastated and apparently still wakes up in the middle of the night, reliving the nightmare!

The U18 Team (defeated by Brothers 13-15):

R. Poulson, 2. D. Ogilvie, 3. I. Templeton, 4. T. Giles, 5. D. Rose, 6. D. Meehan, 7. S. Francis,
 J. Nicklin, 16. H. McLeod. 9. A. Parker, 10. M. Kennedy, 17. J. Moore, 13. G. Forward,
 D. Douglas, 12. D. Scholtz, 14. J. Morrow, 18. J. Wright, 15. J. White, 19. A. Paxton-Hall.
 R. Harris.

Both Tony Parker and Mark Kennedy represented Queensland against their NSW U18 counterparts. Lindsay Close captained Queensland U19 against Sydney Colts.

On Friday 15th December the new Clubhouse was officially opened in a ceremony with the Hon. Charles Porter representing the Premier. This signified a major step towards the restoration of the Club to its former glory – it could now be seen as actively competitive with the other Brisbane Clubs, which in many cases were progressing in the development of their own Clubhouses and playing facilities.

Designed by John Simpson of John Andrews International, the stylish new building fitted the site perfectly and gave superb views of the field. The two hundred and thirty-nine tax deductible donations from the Club's generous alumni and current members were recorded as raising substantial funding. Other funds came from the Club savings, primarily generated by the RE and Embassy raffles, a grant from the Director of Sport, and other donations. The Club recognised the special efforts of two Committee members, Scott Foote and Steven Wilson. Scott performed admirably as the building supervisor during construction and Steve's fundraising efforts were, to say the least, substantial. The \$110,000 building had been completed, at the wise insistence of the Trustees, completely free of debt. In all, it had taken an amazing effort and the plaque unveiled by the Honourable Member does not reveal anything of the personal contributions that enabled the establishment of the Clubhouse.

In a further unsung act of generosity, another major donation was made by one of the Club's senior playing members and this enabled the Club to accelerate its plans for the internal development of the facilities. As a part of the enhancements the Club was able to quickly install a first rate Bar and coldroom on the upper level with access to the deck. Administration facilities were refurbished, the rooms carpeted and modest furnishings acquired. With patience the Club was able to employ the varied skills of its members in extending the Clubhouse fittings. Steve Rowley was one who displayed his handiwork in completing the initial installation of the Club's Honour Boards.

On the field, A Grade had a great season. The records show that A Grade lost only four games in the home and away season. The team conceded one other game, the Statewide Fourex Cup Final against Brothers on Exhibition Wednesday, when Brothers took the honours 16-7. While the manner of the first three losses was inconsequential in the scheme of things, the last of the four losses bears comment. This result was basically self-inflicted at Woodend Oval at Ipswich on Sunday 6th August.

After this match against Ipswich, there would remain four competition games before the Semifinals. While the team was missing its Wallabies (then touring New Zealand) and several other players were resting with injuries, a comfortable win was still expected. In the first round Ipswich were not really competitive, losing 70-3. This match was indeed a different story. Assisted by some dubious hometown refereeing, Ipswich employed different tactics that enabled them to upset any rhythm or the development of any momentum. Playing the man as much as the ball, with many off the ball incidents Ipswich caused an unusual display of intolerance from the members of the pack. This transferred to the backs as uncustomary frustration. So much so that even Steve Rowley had an off day with his goal kicking landing only one from nine. In the end Ipswich had won 21-19.

Not for the first time Ipswich fans were engaged in some post-match irregularities that caused some displays of ill feeling from our players. For our players and supporters it was a rather sad end to a rather forgettable occasion. Coach Brown showed remarkable reserve, and only two participating team members were dropped for the next week's fixture.

### 1979 – THE YEAR OF THE RED HEAVIES

The A Grade won its Premiership after an epic 200 minutes of Rugby – described as "the greatest Grand Final ever played." Led by their inspiring Captain, Mark Loane, and under the enigmatic coaching of Bruce Brown, the pride of the Club met Brothers on 23rd September and played a 24-all draw in an extra time battle.

Uni was leading 18-12 until seconds before fulltime, when Brothers centre Dave Logan scored a try that Paul McLean duly converted. No other Club could have escaped this way – Logan was the amazed recipient of yet another Brothers' bounce, this time the dreaded bounce-back that Rumble had always warned about.

There was little extra time remaining when Dick Tully scored a try for Brothers to break the deadlock. Paul McLean again converted, for a 24-18 lead. With only three minutes on the ground clock, the Referee awarded a penalty against Brothers. Mark decided to take the points and the reliable Peter Cooke cut the margin to three points with the penalty goal. With the timekeeper poised over the clock, the Governor, Sir James Ramsay, rose from his seat to prepare to present the trophy. There was no stoppage in the play until Graham Noon, at five-eighth, unerringly dropped a beauty, levelling at 24-all. It's a contentious issue whether Norbert Byrne (as QRU Chairman) showed a bigger grin when he announced the replay for the following weekend than he did in 1976 when Queensland belted NSW 42-4. Since it was the first drawn Grand Final of the competition since 1933, when YMCA was awarded the Premiership as they had been Minor Premiers, the players on the field were left in a quandary until they received the unexpected ruling from the QRU.

Given the rarity of such replays there was no point in either Club referring to their history books – in preparing for the second match they had to rely on themselves for making the rules for their preparation and engagement. As the QRU management had hoped, the next weekend found Ballymore with an appreciable crowd. There was no change in the appointment of the Referee and Col Waldron was again in charge.

This time, each side scored a try; Steve Rowley planted for Uni and Paul Costello dotted down for Brothers. At fulltime the scores ended level at 13-all. To tie the scores Peter Cooke had again been ice-cool, steering a forty metre penalty goal between the posts after the siren. In the extra twenty minutes, the deadlock was finally broken by Graham Noon, who confidently landed yet another field goal. Uni 16 Brothers 13. When Brothers were awarded a scrum suited to a field goal by Paul McLean, Tony Shaw was advised by Col Waldron that one minute remained. To the consternation of many Brothers' supporters, but the relief of the Uni supporters, Shawry rejected the three point option.

When the Brothers scrum cleared the ball, No 8 Mark Nightingale ran to the right setting to pass to either Tony Shaw on his right or halfback Peter Lavin on his left. It was a pass "Nighteyes" won't forget ...straight into the safe hands of his opposition halfback, Guy Sanders. Afterwards Tony Shaw was asked why he elected for the try instead of the field goal. "I didn't want a joint Premiership – I wanted to win," he said.

As Coach, Bruce Brown savoured the moment of triumph – "I felt we deserved to win one Premiership this year or last. We lost last year's Grand Final after the bell so I suppose it was only justice that we won today. I doubt we will ever see two such evenly matched sides fight out a Premiership again". The structural design and construction of the new Clubhouse were thoroughly tested by the celebrations of the Premiership victory after possibly the greatest Grand Final ever played.

#### Grand Final, September 23rd 1979

Scorers: University 24 (*M. Loane* try, *G. Noon* field goal, *P. Cooke* goal and 5 penalty goals) drew with Brothers 24 (*D. Logan, R. Tully, B. Moon* tries, *P. McLean* 3 conversions, penalty goal and field goal.)

#### Grand Final Replay, September 30th 1979

Scorers: University 16 (S. Rowley try, P. Cooke 3 penalty goals, G. Noon field goal.) Defeated Brothers 13 (P. Costello try, P. Lavin field goal, P. McLean 2 penalty goals.)

The Referee in both games was Col Waldron.

Interestingly, honours in the two competition fixtures during the season were shared. Brothers won the opening game of the season 18-17, and A Grade won mid-season 16-11. What is even more interesting is the fact that in 1978 Vince Creagh had reinstituted what had been regarded as a tradition during his playing days with the Club. As the Club's Chairman, and in his role as Chairman of Selectors, Vince was of the persuasion that informal intra-Club trials were all well and good, but believed that serious pre-season matches were a necessity for the Club to assess its readiness for the competition. Vince was as good as his word, organising the Club's "traditional" trial against Brothers, which, to ensure the conditions were truly a guide to the Club's preparedness, would see all matches at Crosby.

Given that some of the individual players at Brothers saw this "trial" as a perfect opportunity to wreak havoc on their opponents, the match was as hotly contested as any Final. If Vince needed convincing that the Club's preparations were on track, the trial performances should have left him in no doubt. It was agreed that, being trials, the scorelines were not important, and accordingly no record of these has survived. Since Vince and other non-playing Coaches and administrators were at least satisfied with the "traditional" trial in 1978, it was accepted that another would be arranged in 1979; once again, at Crosby.

No sooner was this trial announced than the QRU advised that to ensure all Clubs were prepared for the competition, it had prepared a pre-season competition for the next several weekends. Well, Vince would have to have been overjoyed – the Club now had two weeks in a row to inflict pain on the mob at Crosby. And for two weekends in a row that is what the Club attempted to do. At any rate, the trials produced a confidence within the Club that may have lasted throughout the season and those two crucial Final games.

However, that confidence was not apparent for the Fourex Cup Final in August, when A Grade was defeated by Brothers 16-7.

Backs: Steve Rowley, Terry Batch, Jon Windsor, Peter Cooke, Trevor Johnson, Geoff McNamara, John O'Hare, Geoff Shaw, Guy Sanders. Forwards: Terry Belford, Jon Broadley, David Barbagallo, Paul McNicholl, Brian MacNish, Andrew McIntyre, Jim Meaney, George Fielding. Coach: Bruce Brown.

John O'Hare played in both Grand Final games on the wing, replacing the injured Paddy Batch in the Elimination Final against Souths. He continued playing in all Grades until 1985 and coached from 1984-91. He has vivid memories of those years with the Club and his earlier involvement as a youngster:

"When I was in Grade 12 I watched my brother Peter play Under 18s for University and cheered for them every weekend. I played for QIT for four years but in 1978 my mates from Dentistry – Pat Creagh and Bill Bruce – drove me out to Uni and signed me on. They didn't encounter much resistance! Then they also got me to donate to the Clubhouse Building Fund. The first year I played for the Red Heavies I was fortunate to play in both the Reserve and Third Grade Grand Finals, winning both Premierships.

The Club was very strong in those days and we won the Doughty Shield for the Club Championship in 1978. In my time at the Club, A Grade became Premiers in 1979, 88, 89 and 90, Runners-up in 1978, 1982, 1983 and 1985, and came third in 1980-81. Reserve Grade won Premierships in 1978, 1984 and 1987, was Runner-up in 1979, 1980, 1983, 1986, 1990 and 1991, while Third Grade won from 1977 to 1982 inclusive, and in 1990, was Runner-up in 1987, and third in 1983. Fifth Grade won Premierships from 1975 to 1983 and again in 1985, and the Colts had some very good teams and were always competitive.

Undoubtedly the outstanding player in my time was Mark Loane. He was big, strong, and fast and a wonderful leader. He was the Player of the Match in that memorable 1979 Grand Final replay. Bill McDonnell, who has been a great mate of mine since schooldays was just as tough, like the comic book hero Sergeant Rock. He was perpetual motion on the field. Most of our other forwards were representatives - Brian MacNish, Bill Ross, Andy McIntyre, Jeff Miller, Chris Roche, Cameron Lillicrap, David Nucifora, Duncan Hall, and Jim Meaney Most other players had been Junior representatives or better. Other forwards including Lindsay Close, Andrew Philp, Jon Broadley, Jim Blacket, David Barbagallo, Mick Talbot, George Fielding, Lou Sarri, Danny Broad, Phil Howden, Tom McVeigh, Trevor Giles, Mark Manteit, Laurie Fisher, Allen MacPherson, Kim Weller, Peter Rogers, Ian Thomas, Craig Stevenson, Guy Williams and Bill Morrow were recognised for their toughness, durability, and their individual special abilities.

Paddy Batch was another wonderful player who was almost impossible to tackle. Steve Rowley was very dependable at fullback, outstanding in the 1979 Grand Finals, and Greg Martin capably followed Steve. Mark Kennedy also had loads of talent, as did John McEniery. Both Michael Lynagh and Graham Noon were cool, calm and enormously skilful – to suggest that the backline always functioned well with them at flyhalf is possibly the understatement of the decade, although it must be recorded that Tony Parker and Guy Sanders both gave them very good service. Peter Myers, Lenny Stone and Mick Sexton were great competitors with wonderful passes. Geoff Shaw was a phenomenal incentre, gave inspiring direction to the backline, always made the advantage line, and covered everyone. The wingers in that 1978-1983 playing period were very special. Everyone got on so well, supporting and helping each other. There were so many great tries scored. Jon Windsor, Terry Batch, Vince Boman, John Collins, Trevor Johnson, Tony Kanowski, Darren Anderson, Mark Anderson and Brendan Lumb were always a handful for their opponents. Closer to the action, there were the two Wallaby representatives Michael Cook and Nigel Kassulke, then the much under-rated players such as Peter Cooke, Steve Hartigan, Peter Welsh, Gary Hogan, Don Clarke, Bill Bruce, Mark Smithers, Brendan Jones, Pat Creagh, Brian Batch, Tony Shields, Col Rose, Phil Lucas, Geoff McNamara, Dave Parker, Scott McGuiness, Drew Douglas, Jeff Dillon and Craig Dougall - all gifted inside backs who gave their wingers plenty of opportunities. They provided not only an abundance of attacking talent, but were also committed and steadfast in defence. Paul Southwell wasn't around for long, but his performance against Redcliffe on the Peninsula in 1983 was remarkable.

Brothers were always the toughest opponents in my time. Whenever you played them you would be battered, bruised, or stitched, and it would invariably be a close game.

As well as the 1979 Grand Finals there are a couple of games that stand out in my memory:

One was in 1983 when we defeated Sydney University in the Varsity match. It was my 100th A Grade game and Mark Loane came out of retirement especially for it. They had Nick Farr-Jones and company, but we simply outplayed them.

In 1984 I played in a Fourth Grade match when we annihilated Wests 132-3 at Ballymore, a Queensland Rugby Union First Division record score. My personal tally was 44 points and Gaven Head got five tries. If we were playing under the current system the score would have been 156-3!

Another thrill was touring to the UK and Ireland in January 1983, the first time the Club had embarked on such an adventure; our last two tour matches were Cambridge and Oxford. I played all seven matches on tour and it was a great success.

During the season the Clubhouse was the hub of our social life. Sunday evenings were memorable, as were Friday nights at the RE, then partying until late. Lifelong friendships were made and there was a sense of achievement from being part of such a successful era in University Rugby."

In May 1979, Queensland University hosted the Intervarsity carnival and the selected XV was successful, with Andy McIntyre leading the team, in winning the Asahi Trophy and Kansai Cup, downing Sydney University 16-3 in the Final.

1979 was a very successful season for the Club. Seven teams reached the Semifinals, with five of these contesting Grand Finals. In addition to coaching A Grade, Bruce Brown led Fifth Grade to victory, which made it four from four Premierships. The Fifths defeated Brothers 8-3 in an entertaining and very close Grand Final.

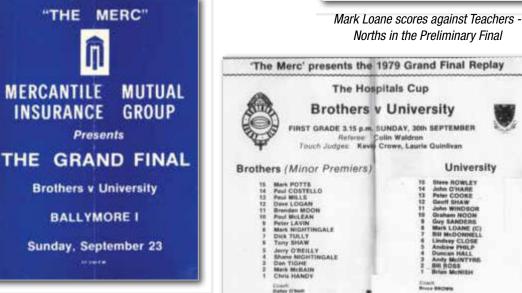


1979 A Grade - Premiers

A Grade - Premiers (defeated Brothers):

Steve Rowley, 14 John O'Hare, 13. Peter Cooke,
 Geoff Shaw, 11. Jon Windsor, 10. Graham Noon,
 Guy Sanders, 8. Mark Loane (c), 7. Bill McDonnell,
 Lindsay Close, 5. Duncan Hall, 4. Andrew Philp,
 Andrew McIntyre, 2. Bill Ross, 1. Brian MacNish.
 Replacement: George Fielding.
 Coach: Bruce Brown. Manager: Peter Cochrane.





1979 – The First Grand Final Program Cover

1979 – Replay Team Lists



1979 Reserve Grade - Runners-Up

Front Row: Jim Meaney, Kim Weller, Greg Curran (Captain), George Fielding, Terry Batch.
2nd Row: Geoff Davies (Coach), Mick Talbot, Allan MacDougall, Geoff McNamara, Peter Welsh, Tom McVeigh, Trevor Johnson, Bill Alvers (trainer).

Back Row: David Wood, Len Stone, Gary Hogan, Luis Sarri, Scott Foote, David Parker.

Reserve Grade - Minor Premiers, Runners -up (defeated by Brothers):

David Parker, 14. Terry Batch, 13. Gary Hogan, 12. Peter Welsh, 11. Trevor Johnson,
 Geoff McNamara, 9. Len Stone, 8. Tom McVeigh, 7. Kim Weller, 6. Alan McDougall,
 Scott Foote, 4. Lou Sarri, 3. George Fielding, 2. Jim Meaney, 1. Greg Curran (c), 16. Dave
 Barbagallo. Coach: Geoff Davies. Manager: Arthur Johnson.

Third Grade – Premiers (defeated Brothers 6-0):

Steve Wakeman, 14. Harry Foxton, 13. John McEniery, 12. Brendan Jones,
 Tom Elliott, 10. Bill Morrow, 9. Mick Sexton, 8. Paul Paxton-Hall, 7. Andrew McMillan,
 Greg Cuskelly, 5. Steve Wilson, 4. Ben Wilson, 3. Mark Farmer, 2. Terry McNulty,
 Brandon Kowitz, 16. Allen MacPherson. Coach: John Payne. Manager: Tiny Jones.

Fourth Grade - (Semifinalists):

Pat See, 14. Michael Roe, 13. Chris Beech, 12. Bob Meyer, 11. Tony Conaghan,
 Peter Barlow, 9. Allan Stone, 8. David Barbagallo, 7. Phil Kirby, 6. Greg Moran,
 Richard Douglas, 4. Howard Stack, 3. John Batch, 2. Garry Donovan, 1. Chris Jones.
 Reserves: 16. Alex Douglas. Coach: Danny Broad.

U19 - (Semifinalists):

C. Boland, 14. M. Ord, 13. D. Scholz, 12. D. Douglas, 11. J. Aspinall, 10. M. Kennedy,
 A. Parker, 8. A. Paxton-Hall, 7. C. Cunneen, 6. H. McLeod, 5. T. Giles, 4. W. Campbell,
 J. Poulsen, 2. G. Forward, 1. V. Biautti. Reserves: 16. M. Casey, 17. J. Morrow, 18. M. Kent,
 D. Ogilvie, 20. D. Rose, 21. D. Meehan.

U18A - Runners-up (defeated by Easts 6-10):

Andrew Shearer, 14. Ian Purssey, 13. Craig Dougall, 12. Peter Rogers, 11. Mark Kaesehagen,
 Mark Haysom, (vc) 9. James Henderson, 8. John Young, 7. John Burgess, 6. Cam Leung,
 Guy Williams, 4. Bill Nicklin, 3. David Burke (c). 2. David Nucifora, 1. Henry McDonald.

### A Decade in Review

The Seventies had begun a golden age for Queensland Rugby, heralded by a convincing home victory over NSW in 1973 and in the same year, a home draw with the New Zealand Ranfurly Shield Champions North Auckland. In the ensuing years, around the trio of Mark Loane, Tony Shaw, and Paul McLean, the mighty Maroons swept all before them, becoming the most powerful provincial side in the world. In the three year period 1978 to 1980, twelve University players represented Queensland: Mark Loane, Geoff Shaw, Duncan Hall, Graham Noon, Steve Rowley, Guy Sanders, Bill McDonnell, Brian McNish, Brian Donnellan, Bill Ross, Andy McIntyre and Jon Windsor. In 1980, when both Queensland and Queensland B played feature games on the same weekend that the Club was to play Souths at home, the Club's playing ranks were so depleted that it needed the services of the Club's forty year old veteran, Jules Guerassimoff to lead the A Grade.

During the season an unscheduled match provided another opportunity for Club members to mix it with some of the Brothers players. To prepare for the State fixture against the All Blacks, Queensland Coach Bob Templeton did some conniving and arranged a wonderful duel between Australian Universities and a Queensland B selection. Mark Loane led the Australian Unis XV, which subject to a Templeton veto, was able to make first choice of Club players before the Queensland Selectors. To the chagrin of several of the A Grade backs, the selected Unis side included a visitor who had been guesting with the Club, one Chippy Seminoff, who had toured with the New Zealand Maoris at centre. The match was hard fought, (quite literally) and the end result narrowly favoured the B side. It was also the senior representative debut for a red headed flanker from NSW University in the first of his many representative appearances and losses to Queensland teams, Simon Poidevin. Another player from NSW in the Unis team who was to cross the border to seek better prospects and results was Brian Donellan. Duncan Hall opposed Donellan and Roger Davis in the second row. John Coolican squared off against Buddha. Billy Ross stood down and Jim Meaney opposed Peter Horton and Chris Carberry, while Billy McDonnell gave a terrific performance for Unis. Some of the Club's backs were also drafted into the two teams to complement the contest.

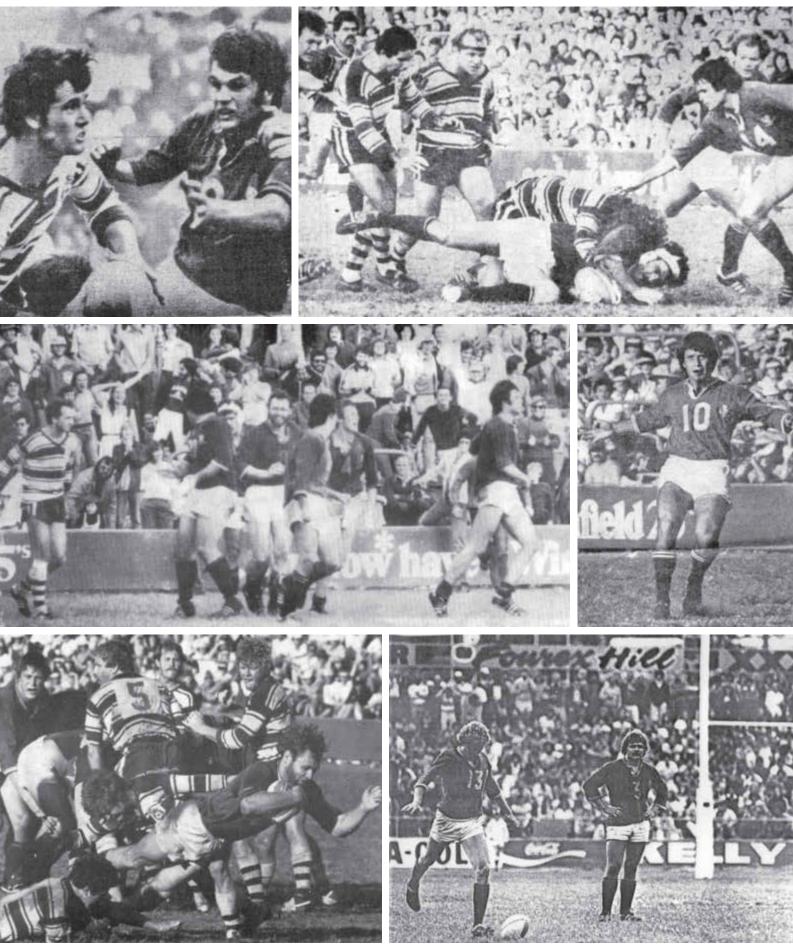
In 1978 Queensland had played 11 games, winning 10 and drawing the other. The team scored 413 points to its opponents' 107, and 65 tries to 8 against. In 1979 the State Team played 15 games, winning 11 and drawing one. Queensland scored 488 points to 163, scored 77 tries to 17, and 10 Queensland players were selected in the Tests against Wales, and 15 on the tour to New Zealand. The climax came in 1980. The first Queensland side to defeat the All Blacks, winning 9-3 at Ballymore, contained Uni men Geoff Shaw, Duncan Hall, and Billy Ross.

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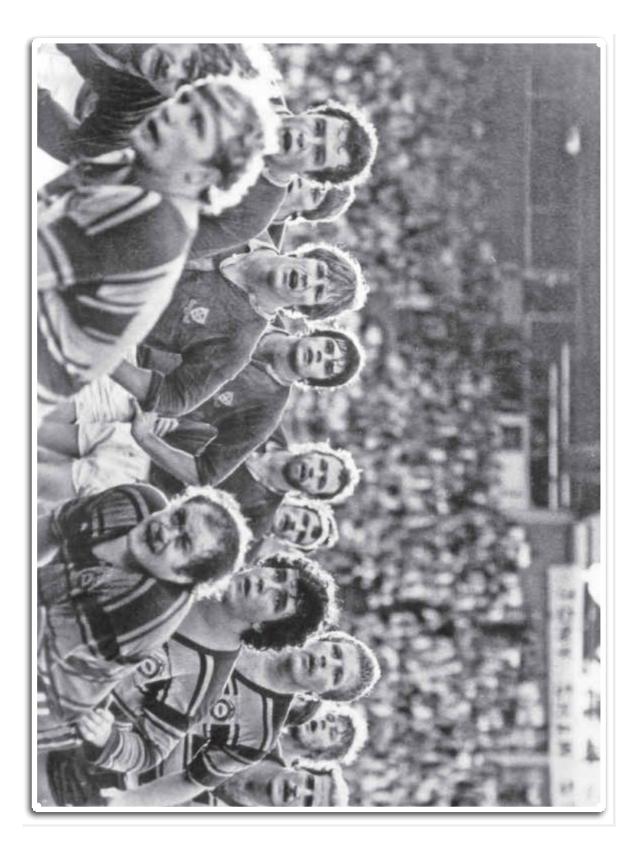






The Captains shake hands

The Governor Sir James Ramsay presenting the Hospitals Cup to Mark Loane, Man of the Match and A Grade Skipper



## **CHAPTER 10**

## 1980 – 1989 PERSEVERANCE AND A FLOURISHING FINISH

With its new Clubhouse, University became a Club in every sense of the word. Players had a home to which they could gravitate after training and on match days. The Eighties was a decade of gradual improvement, growth and success. There was a period of frustration early on as the Club which had dominated for twenty years after the war struggled to make the Finals. However, at least the University of Queensland Football Club remained in the First Division competition – Sydney University slipped down to Second Division at the beginning of the decade. There was a gradual improvement in results, the first overseas tours were made, many State and international players were produced, and the decade was capped by a hattrick of Premierships. By the end of the decade the Red Heavies bestrode the Queensland Club Rugby scene like a colossus.

### 1980

In the season opener A Grade survived a last minute Paul McLean sideline conversion attempt, which hit the crossbar but did not go over. The Referee again was Col Waldron, and he blew "No Side" with the score at 18-16. Brothers regathered during the year and brought about the demise of A Grade in the Preliminary Final by 32-7. The Crosby Rd crowd then went on to despatch Souths 19-0 in the Grand Final. A Grade was without its inspirational skipper Mark Loane who was in South Africa furthering his medical career and playing for Natal. Also, over half the team suffered season-ending injuries before the Semis began; however, there was still plenty of talent in the forwards, with Wallabies Bill Ross, Andy McIntyre and Duncan Hall. Geoff Shaw led the backs and was well supported by the halves, Guy Sanders and Graham Noon, and Steve Rowley at fullback. Former Sydney University second rower Brian Donnellan, who was to make his debut for Queensland during the year, was a good acquisition. Jon Windsor and Souths Sione Mafi were the competition's leading try scorers with nine tries each. Despite A Grade departing in the Preliminary Final, the Club had some enjoyment through the Thirds, Fourths and U19s, each winning Premierships.

A Grade - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Brothers 7-32):

Steve Rowley, 14. Chris Boland, 13. Trevor Johnson, 12. Gary Hogan, 11. Scott McGuiness,
 Graham Noon, 9. Guy Sanders, 8. Brian Donnellan, 7. Bill McDonnell, 6. Kim Weller,
 Duncan Hall, 4. Andrew Philp, 3. Andy McIntyre, 2. Bill Ross, 1. Brian MacNish.
 Reserves: Geoff Lyons. Coach: Bruce Brown.

Reserve Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers):

G. McNamara, 14. C. Boland, 13. J. Dillon, 12. S. Hartigan, 11. I. Kanowski,
 S. McGuiness, 10. M. Kennedy, 9. P. Myers, 8. T. McVeigh, 7. L. Close, 6. G. Cuskelly,
 T. Giles, 4. L. Sarri, 3. M. Farmer, 2. M. Davies, 1. L. Fisher. Coach: Jim Meaney.

Third Grade - Premiers - (defeated Brothers):

15. D. Parker, 14. M. Talbot, 13. W. Bruce, 12. A. Shields, 11. L. Power, 10. G. Dedrick, 9. M. Sexton, 8. J. Broadley, 7. J. Guerassimoff, 6. B. Wilson, 5. R. Thams. 4. G. Lyons, 3. C. Jones. 2. T. McNulty, 1. M. Stower, 16. C. Stevenson. 17. A. MacPherson. Coach: Bill Bruce.

Fourth Grade - Premiers (defeated GPS):

15. R. Tuffley, 14. M. Roe, 13. S. Wakeham, 12. W. Morrow, 11. B. Jones, 10. G. Davies (c), 9. D. Douglas, 8. A. McDougall, 7. G. Smith, 6. A. McMillan, 5. H. Stack, 4. T. Phillips, 3. R. Douglas, 2. G. Hughes, 1. T. Elmer, 16. K. Bulfin, 17. J. Cudmore, 18. G. Nucifora, 19. A. Hall, 20 J. Batch, 21. D. Olgivie, 22. B. Usasz. Coach: Graham Monk.

U19 - Premiers (defeated Easts 24-6):

A. Shearer, 14. Ian Purssey, 13. Nigel Kassulke, 12. Craig Dougall, 11. Mark Kaesehagen,
 Paul Ryan, 9. Tony Parker (Capt), 8. Jim Nicklin, 7. Mark McDonnell, 6. Peter Rogers,
 Guy Williams, 4. Lindsay Hall, 3. David Burke, 2. David Nucifora, 1. Ben DeBuse.
 Coaches: Ashley Girle and Chilla Wilson.

U18 - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers 6-22):

James Henderson, 14. Michael Bourke, 13. Bill Boydell, 12. Brad Hellen, 11. Greg Martin,
 Brett Salisbury, 9. Stuart Rees, 8. Seth Dickenson, 7. Tim Brusasco, 6. Kevin Meehan,
 Bill Nicklin (c), 4. Greg Kenny, 3. Patrick Sweetkelly, 2. Geoff Smith, 1. Mark English.
 Coach: Geoff Lyons.



1980 A Grade – Preliminary Finalists

Front Row: Chris Boland, Brian MacNish, Jon Broadley, Andrew Philp, Brian Donnellan, Geoff Lyons.

- 2nd Row: Bill Ross, Steve Rowley, Bruce Brown (Coach), Duncan Hall, Graham Noon, Guy Sanders.
- 3rd Row: Bill MacDonnell, Len Power, Trevor Johnson, Kim Weller, Gary Hogan, Andrew McIntyre.

On the State scene, the progressive Terry Doyle took over as the first QRU Chief Executive, replacing the old title of Secretary, in a move indicative of a more business-like approach. With his marketing and promotional nous, Terry generated widespread corporate support, capitalising on the enormous success of the Queensland team. In his fifteen year tenure, he is said to have taken the QRU's sponsorship total from \$35,000 to \$3.4 million.



Andrew Philp being hindered by Brothers



Brian Donnellan wins at the front v Brothers L to R: Kim Weller, Duncan Hall, Guy Sanders, Geoff Lyons, Andrew Philp, Brian MacNish, Andrew McIntyre, Brian Donnellan, and Bill Ross



Andrew Philp is well supported by his blockers



1980 Third Grade - Premiers

Front Row: Rob Thams, Ben Wilson, Jules Guerassimoff (c), Bill Bruce (Coach), Bill Morrow.
2nd Row: Mark Stower, Chris Jones, Mike Sexton, Dave Parker, Garry Nucifora, Drew Douglas.

3rd Row: Jim Orlandi (Manager), Greg Cuskelly, Tom McVeigh, Terry McNulty, Tony Shields and Mick Talbot (very relaxed).



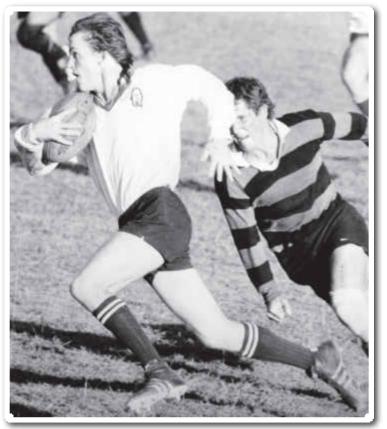
Third Grade at half time in the 1980 Grand Final



Third Grade at the Annual Trophy Night – Jim Orlandi demonstrates his shy side.



1980 Fourth Grade – Premiers – Geoff Davies (c) bottom left. Graham Monk, Coach (top right)



1980 Queensland B Winger Jon Windsor swerves past Canterbury Fullback Robbie Deans at Bli Bli.

With the return of Mark Loane from South Africa, Queensland and the Club's stocks were both lifted, but not by enough to win another A Grade Premiership. Brothers, led by Tony Shaw and Paul McLean, continued their winning run, beating Teachers-Norths 36-13 in the Grand Final. Geoff Davies had taken over the reins from Bruce Brown as A Grade Coach, a position he held until 1983, and again in1988. A Grade's Bill Ross took a year off to go to Oxford, where he was awarded his Rugby Blue. Halfback Tony Parker made his debut for Queensland against Sydney in a wholesome 30-4 victory.

It's worthy of note that Reserve Grade, coached by Peter L'Estrange defeated QIT 102-nil in the opening fixture of the season, surely a record. Peter, the Curate at St Leo's College, was the first Jesuit priest to coach at the Club. During his earlier playing career he was a member of the Victorian team which played in Queensland in 1973. His team won the Minor Premiership after allowing only two tries all season, but it lost both the Major Semi and Preliminary Final and did not contest the Grand Final.

A Grade fared not much better, going down 10-19 to Teachers-Norths in the Preliminary Final after Michael O'Connor intercepted and ran the length of the field to score the winning try. He then kicked a dropped goal from a scrum win to extend the winning score. A Grade had trounced the same team 58-10 on the way to the Semis.

A Grade - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Teachers-Norths 10-19):

15. S. Rowley, 14. J. Collins, 13. N. Kassulke, 12. G. Shaw, (Capt) 11. J. Windsor, 10. G. Sanders, 9. A. Parker, 8. M. Loane, 7. J. Broadley, 6. W. McDonnell, 5. D. Hall, 4. B. Donnellan, 3. B. MacNish, 2. L. Fisher, 1. A. McIntyre. Coach: G. Davies. Manager: R. Foster.

Reserve Grade - Minor Premiers, Preliminary Finalists:

15. M. Kennedy, 14. J. O'Hare, 13. S. McGuiness, 12. J. Dillon, 11. T. Johnson, 10. S. Hartigan, 9. L. Stone, 8. M. Manteit, 7. T. McVeigh, 6. G. Turner, 5. T. Giles, 4. L. Sarri (Capt), 3. R. Jones, 2. N. Kassulke, 1. D. Burke. Coach: Fr Peter L'Estrange. Manager: A. Johnson.

Third Grade - Premiers (defeated Brothers 7-0):

Ben Perkins, 14. Steve Wakeham, 13. Drew Douglas, 12. Tony Shields, 11. Bill Bruce,
 Tony Kanowski, 10. Gary Nucifora, 16. Peter Welsh, 9. Mick Talbot, 8. Alan McDougall,
 Geoff Lyons, 6. Lindsay Close, 17. Kim Weller, 5. Guy Williams, 4. Andrew Philp,
 Mark Stower, 2. Craig Stevenson, 1. Ian Thomas/Mark Farmer. Coach: Bill Bruce.
 Manager: Pat Batch.

This was the Thirds' second consecutive win under Coach Bill Bruce, and the fifth consecutive Premiership since 1977.

Fourth Grade - Semifinalists:

Pat See, 14. Brendan Jones, 13. Bill Morrow, 12. Geoff McNamara, 11. John Shanahan,
 Gary Nucifora, 9. Jeff Holt, 8. Lindsay Close, 7. M. Weidinger, 16. P. Sacre, 6. A. McMillan,
 P. Cowan, 4. Howard Stack, 3. Mark Farmer, 2. Mark Balmes, 1. Allen MacPherson.
 Reserves: T. Williamson, K. Cullen, C. Frainey, J. Knowlman. Coach: Graham Monk.
 Manager: Tiny Jones.

U19 Premiers - (defeated Brothers who were Minor Premiers 11-0):

G. Martin, 14. D. Anderson, 13. B. Williams, 12. B. Hellen, 11. M. Milliner,
 B. Salisbury, 9. S. Rees, (VCapt) 8. G. Kenny, 7. T. Brusasco, 6. K. Meehan,
 W. Nicklin, 4. L. Hall, 3. P. Kelly, 2 D. Nucifora (Capt), 1. J. Canning. Reserves: G. Manteit,
 G. Kenny, D. Pearson, A. Cormie, K. Wagner, M. English, M. Kaesehagen. Coach: A. Girle.
 Manager: C. Wilson.

This U19 team benefitted from that special chemistry which existed between Ashley Girle and Chilla Wilson. The group contained an unfashionable player contingent who, despite the best efforts of Geoffrey Lyons in 1980, had lost their U18 Grand Final to a well performed Brothers team. Tim Brusasco made the following contribution for the record:

"The U19 side was essentially the same group which was irresistibly drawn to the Club after witnessing the epic battle that was the '79 Grand Final against Brothers. We had initially been attracted to GPS by the offer of a free T-shirt, but the spirit of the Uni Club could not be ignored. We arrived at Uni as a rag-tag mob of scallywags and lost U18 to Brothers. The next year we fell under the spell of two coaching legends, Ashley Girle and Chilla Wilson. Ashley continually reminded us that we were not worth "a container full of cold water" but not in those exact words, while Chilla's suave and urbane demeanour complemented Ashley's whip-cracking style. We lied, we cheated and stole our way into the Grand Final against a Brothers side which we hadn't beaten in two years of under-age Rugby.

We were the proverbial "mighty ducks" – rank outsiders and garnering no interest in the Bookies' ring. Our dressing room nerves were interrupted by Chilla offering each player a small yellow tablet – "a vitamin" he suggested. With our trust in his medical pedigree, albeit Obstetrical, we willingly consumed his offering. The lads defended their line with "heroic fervour" and Brothers became increasingly frustrated with their inability to crack open the resolute defence. Counter attacking raids were launched, but a certain try was bombed by Tim Brusasco's refusal to feed the ball to his outside backs, notably Greg Martin and Brad Hellen.

With five minutes left to play Brothers led 12-9, and it looked like they would come up with the chocolates again. They launched a sweeping backline movement with their charismatic fullback Barney Bruce chiming in out wide. A jarring tackle saw the loose ball swept to Uni's unflappable five-eighth, Brett Salisbury who raked a torpedo punt deep into the corner pocket in Brothers' twenty-two; but Barney Bruce was not at home, with a race ensuing for the ball as it rolled end over end towards touch. Making a demented decision the Brothers winger dived for the ball, using all his skill to sweep the ball back from the line – straight to the feet of the Uni pursuers. A salivating Greg Martin gleefully collected the crumbs on offer and scooted the remaining ten metres to score the Premiership-winning try. There immediately followed scenes of jubilation, for the Trophy was now heading to the Uni Clubhouse. (It eventually arrived somewhat the worse for wear from the attention lavished upon it by the skipper.)

Vince Nucifora, stalwart supporter and father of the skipper, David Nucifora hosted a huge party to celebrate. His elation could not be contained, even when he burned his feet by standing on the still hot BBQ plate to raise a toast to the victors."

Brusasco remarked that it was a wonderful side which produced not only the two future Wallabies, Greg Martin and David Nucifora, but also many stalwarts, supporters and lovers who remain faithful to the Club today.

On 29th July 1981, Sydney University arrived for the inaugural CBA Bank Intervarsity game

at Ballymore, and squeaked to a 34-29 final score. A Grade had previously taken out the Statewide Fourex Cup competition, and in continuing to play an open attractive running style, they almost got home against Sydney Uni.

The Annual Ball followed on 31st July at the Clubhouse.

As Brisbane Division Champions the Club played Country Division Champions Gold Coast on the Queen's Birthday Holiday, Monday 8th June 1981, and won the XXXX (Fourex) Cup Final for the first time.

The A Grade team comprised:

Backs: S. Rowley, J. Windsor, N. Kassulke, G. Shaw (c) J. Collins, J. O'Hare, P. Welsh, M. Kennedy, G. Sanders. Forwards: J. Broadley, W. McDonnell, T. McVeigh, D. Hall, T. Giles, B. Donnellan, A. McIntyre, L. Fisher, R. Jones. Coach: G. Davies.



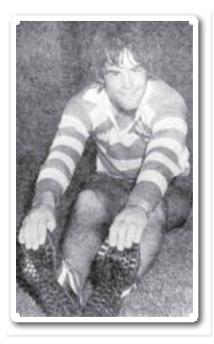
Bill McDonnell and Jon Broadley v GPS



Steve Rowley in the tackle supported by Geoff Shaw



1981 Preliminary Final v Teachers



A happy Tony Parker selected for Queensland from Reserve Grade

Brothers continued its A Grade Premiership run, making it three in a row, and with Paul McLean in fine touch they won 25-16.

A Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers 16-25):

15. Graham Noon, 14. Nigel Kassulke, 13. Steve Rowley, 12. Geoff Shaw, 11. John Collins, 10. Michael Lynagh, 9. Guy Sanders, 8. Mark Loane (Capt), 7. Lindsay Close, 6. Jon Broadley, 5. Phil Howden, 4. Andrew Philp, 3. Ian Thomas, 2. Bill Ross, 1. Andy McIntyre. Coach: Geoff Davies. Manager: Bob Foster.

Reserve Grade - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Premiers Easts 16-20): Just before fulltime, Reserve Grade had run the ball from behind its tryline after a line-out win, and with a length of the field interchange of passing, Referee Kerry Fitzgerald ruled heldup over the tryline!

15. Mark Kennedy, 14. John O'Hare, 13. Tony Shields, 12. Drew Douglas, 11. Mark Kasehagen, 10. Steve Hartigan, 9. Len Stone, 8. Mark Manteit, 7. Graeme Turner, 6. Tom McVeigh, 5. Luis Sarri, 4. Guy Williams, 3. Randy Jones. 2. Laurie Fisher, 1. Ian Thomas, 16. Greg Cuskelly, 17. Brandon Kowitz. Coach: Fr Peter L'Estrange. Manager: Arthur Johnson.

Third Grade - Premiers (defeated Brothers ):

Geoff McNamara, 14. Terry Batch, 13. Craig Dougall, 12. Greg Martin, 16. Bill Bruce,
 Brendan Jones, 10. Graham Dedrick, 9. Mick Talbot, 8. Luis Sarri, 7. Bill Morrow,
 Dave Barbagallo, 5. Greg Byrne, 4. Brian MacNish, 3. Craig Stevenson, 2. Jim Meaney,
 Mark English, 17. Allen MacPherson. Coach: Bill Bruce. Manager: Jim Orlandi.

This was the third consecutive Premiership for Third Grade under Bill's coaching, but more remarkable was the Third Grade total of 10 Premierships in the past 12 years.

Fourth Grade - Premiers (defeated Brothers):

15. Frank McKeown, 14. Tony Kanowski, 13. Brian Gardiner, 12. Michael Holt, 11. Malcolm Staniforth, 10. Brett Williams, 9. Doug Williment, 8. Tony Lynch, 7. Peter Lee (Capt) 6. Kurt Wagner, 5. Mark Farmer, 4. Paul Kelly, 3. David Kanowski, 2. Mark Balmes, 1. John Canning, 16. David Holt, 17. Tim Reynolds, 18. Phil Stubbs, 19. Pugsley Lang, 20. Andrew Roberts. Coach: Phil Lucas. Manager: Tiny Jones.

U19 - Runners-up - Minor Premiers (defeated by Wests 4-9):

G. Vallely, 14. G. Traves, 13. D. McGuiness, 12. M. Hellen, 11. A. Traves, 10. G. deLacy,
 D. Wadsworth. 8. B. Elliott, 7. A. Feez, 6. M. Milliner, 5. R. McAdam, 4. L. Hall (Capt),
 J. Sturgess, 2. C. Hume, 1. C. Lillicrap. Reserves: 16. M. Richardson, 17. O. Wilhelm, 18.
 R. Purssey, 19. R. Wilson, 20. P. McConnell, 21. D. Heck, 22. D. Barmes. Coach: Ashley Girle.
 Manager: Chilla Wilson.

David Burke and Andrew Shearer coached the following side to victory in what was the last year of Under 18s.

U18 - Premiers (defeated Souths 34-6):

John Bingley, Drew Barrett, Dale Deacon, Paul Boles, Sean Brown, Gaven Head, Brett Harwood, Brendan Nasser, Peter Lemon, David McAllister (c) Glen Cadman, Doug McInstry, Alex Perrott, Mark Anderson, Mick deLacy. Reserves: P. Curran, G. Webber, D. Frail, B. Keogh, J. Douglas, T. Aspinall, B. MacGregor, G. Thomas. Manager: M. Gorin.

The Queensland U18 side scored decisive victories over NSW. There was a heavy contribution from ten Club players, including: Michael deLacy, Mark Anderson, Drew Barrett, Brendan Nasser, Gaven Head and Doug McKinstry, David McAllister, Paul Boles, John Bingley and Dale Deacon.

The Club was particularly saddened by the loss of Duncan Kemp, killed when the car in which he was a passenger hit a power pole. Duncan had completed his first semester examinations and had just learned of his selection in the Queensland U18 team as hooker. Duncan was a very popular player, with the talent and dedication for higher representative honours. A perpetual trophy has been named in his honour and awarded annually to the U18 player who is regarded as the Most Improved Player.

On 23rd June Sydney Uni won the Varsity match played in Sydney 19-4.

It was a memorable year for Queensland Rugby as it was the Centenary Year. Matches were arranged against New Zealand, Scotland, and an International XV. The Wallabies, with two of the Club's players, Andrew McIntyre and Duncan Hall, toured New Zealand. Chris Roche was also selected for the tour. Chilla Wilson was appointed as Manager. This year saw the retirement of one University legend, Mark Loane, and the arrival of another, goalkicking flyhalf, Michael Lynagh.

Phil Lucas recalls the immediate impact the youngster had on the Club:

"We played Jeeps at Ballymore and a couple of their blokes were bagging Noddy, who had arrived with a big reputation. They were backing out his goal kicks, so a couple of us decided to take them on. Noddy kept kicking goals from all over the field and they kept upping the ante. I think Noddy kicked 9 out of 10 that day and we won about \$200 each!

Not all my memories are as good though. I recall John Collins dislocating his hip in a Fifth Grade match at Kedron Park Teachers' College and, as there were no first aid facilities, we put JC on a door and stretchered him into the back of my Nissan Patrol to get him to hospital. Talk about coarse Rugby. "

The Maroons beat a star-studded World XV 38-24 in a match which also saw the debut of another promising youngster, nineteen year old red-haired flanker, Jeff Miller. Paul McLean also hung up his boots, scoring his 1000th point in his 100th game for Queensland against the Barbarians. In front of the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, Paul duly brought up the milestone, and after the match the main grandstand was named after his famous footballing family – the McLean Stand.

Overdue recognition came for the Club stalwart and hardworking administrator, Norbert Byrne, who was awarded the Order of Australia for his services to Rugby. Chris Roche, who had won the Rothmans Medal in 1980 while at Teachers-Norths, announced that he would join the Club for the 1983 season. Chris played seventeen Tests and was a fixture in the Queensland team throughout the early eighties. When it became apparent that Wallaby Coach Alan Jones preferred taller flankers like David Codey and Simon Poidevin, Chris played Rugby League with Valleys, but came back to coach at the Club, starting out with the Colts.

"Tempo got me started, as he did with so many people. He rang and asked if I would help out with a Colts team, sharing the job. I tried to protest, as I was working at Caboolture and the travel was horrendous, but he wouldn't take no for an answer. Then I got a phone call from a woman who said she was coaching Colts with me – did I have an objection? Of course not – what could I say? Then she asked me about my coaching philosophy, which set me back a bit. I wasn't used to saying these things to a woman. Then she finally said her name was Margariete, she was married to Jake Howard and her Dad was Cyril Towers. So I get down to my first training session and there are about 100 kids on Uni oval. I was late but Margariete had cracked the whip and was laying down the law in no uncertain terms. I heard a young bloke ask: "Who's this mad old bird?" The guy he was asking just happened to be Patrick Howard, Margariete's son. He just laughed and I knew we would have a lot of fun together – and we did.

It wasn't all fun though. A few years later I was supervising practice on the scrum machine and I got stuck into the A Grade pack, calling them a 'bunch of girls who couldn't knock the froth off a beer.' Next scrum I had one of my fingers dangling over the machine and they shoved so hard it got jammed in the springs. I looked down in surprise more than pain and saw my pinkie lying on the ground. The boys tried to find some ice to pack it in but could only come up with a frozen loaf of bread, so they jammed the finger inside it and called an ambulance. It finally arrived and they bundled me in the back, but then it stopped halfway down Fred Schonell Drive. I had to change ambulances for some reason. It took forever to get to the Wesley Hospital where I waited for the specialist while they packed the finger in ice. When he arrived he took a quick look at my finger, jabbed painkiller into it and chucked the fingertip in the bin! All I could say was: "Gee, they would have saved that finger on 'Chicago Hope."

Just as Chris Roche was persuaded to join the Club by Tempo, so was Jeff Miller. He was such an outstanding young player that he represented Queensland before he played senior football with Uni. Chris Roche had injured his ankle and Jeff was brought into the Queensland side in his place against the International XV in 1982.



Tony Parker receives clean ball from Lindsay Close v Souths



John Collins at pace with Trevor Johnson in close support

Trevor Giles supports his five-eighth, Mark Kennedy, while Len Stone plans ahead



John O'Hare shows a clean pair of heels at the close of his length of the field effort v Teachers



... and dots it down



1982 Queensland U18



1982 Intervarsity Match v Sydney Uni at Sydney - Andrew McIntyre and Steve Hartigan pressure Nick Farr-Jones



1982 Michael Lynagh's Debut For Queensland – Paul Mclean Supports His Protegé

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1982 Tony Parker for Queensland – harassing NSW half Peter Carson



The Doughty Shield held by a member from each of the eight competing Clubs –Steve Rowley represents the Club

Brothers made it four in a row with a 30-15 win over Uni A Grade in the Grand Final. It was a frustrating year for the Club, as all five senior teams made it through to the Preliminary Final, but only Fifth Grade was victorious. First time Coach John Collins had reason to be justifiably proud of his team which defeated Brothers in the Grand Final 7-4. It was a memorable year for the Colts, with the first and second teams Premiers, while Colts III made the Semifinals.

In the pre-season Redcliffe Sevens, University went down narrowly to Randwick 20-24. Chris Roche won his second Rothmans Medal. On the representative front, Duncan Hall was honoured with the Wallaby vice-Captaincy for the tour of France and Italy, and Michael Lynagh, Andy McIntyre, Jeff Miller, Tony Parker, Bill Ross and Chris Roche all wore the Wallaby green and gold. These players were joined by Greg Martin and Paul Southwell in playing for Queensland. Greg Martin, Jeff Miller, Cam Lillicrap and Lynagh all played for the Australian Under 21 team.

In an historic move, the Club embarked on a tour of the United Kingdom and Ireland in January and February as a start to the season and, although six internationals missed the tour, it was a great success. The Coach was Frank McKeown and Peter L'Estrange was the Manager. The touring party numbered to 60 players. After close losses to strong teams from Durham University, (7-3), Queen's University Belfast, (22-4) and Cheltenham, (16-12) the drought was broken with a win over Cardiff 18-9 in appallingly wet and windy conditions. The bad weather continued, as did the losses, against Bristol University 6-0, Cambridge 22-3 and Oxford 18-10. However, the Seconds did better with five wins from seven matches. On paper the results may not have been impressive, but valuable lessons were learned and firm friendships made. This tour started a tradition which has continued, with the Club making and hosting tours from all over the world.

Mark Loane made a comeback from retirement at Ballymore in August for the annual Varsity match and inspired Queensland to a win over the Nick Farr-Jones led Sydney University. "Lars" played as if he'd never been away, confident and inspiring. In John O'Hare's one hundredth A Grade match, Jon Windsor scored twice and Jeff Miller once, with Michael Lynagh's boot supplying the other points, the Red Heavies winning 25-16.

The Varsity match XV:

Greg Martin, John O'Hare, Jon Windsor, Nigel Kassulke, Steve Rowley, Michael Lynagh, Tony Parker, Mark Loane (capt), Chris Roche, Jeff Miller, Phil Howden, Lindsay Hall, Andy McIntyre, Bill Ross and Cameron Lillicrap. Reserves: David Nucifora, Laurie Fisher, Lindsay Close, Lenny Stone, Steve Hartigan, Paul Southwell.

At 6 pm 15th June, the Club hosted a match with Stanford University (USA). The Club Selection was able to run in some very good tries, winning 43-4, with Michael Lynagh the player of the match. There was a large crowd, most of whom stayed on for the postmatch festivities. Stanford player Morgan Morgan Junior stayed on for the season to play lower Grades.

On a sad note, Colts player Brett Poulsen was injured when a scrum collapsed and rendered Brett paraplegic. Harold Shand organised the Brett Poulsen Appeal, enabling Brett to finish his Degree and live an independent life. The Fashion Parade on June 4 was an outstanding success both socially and financially. All money raised was contributed to the Appeal. Another memorable occasion was the "Talent Quest" night following the games against GPS in the mud at St Lucia. Highlights were: Chris Carney with his excellent performance reciting the story of Cinderella. Steve Rowley impressed with his Janis Joplin impersonation and his duet with Dugald Clark in "Ebony and Ivory". Steve collected every coin that showered the dance floor and bribed the judges into awarding him second place. Father Damien's Singing Sons performed to expectations with "Big Al" MacPherson at his finest. Phil Howden's Pommie Cs were a real smash with the adapted version "Tell me why I don't like Brothers" (Mondays?). GPS provided great fun with the loud clapping Hillhouse Brothers, and the eventual winners "The Goannas".

The 1983 Grand Final teams were:

A Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers 15-30):

Greg Martin, 14. John O'Hare, 13. Nigel Kassulke, 12. Steve Rowley, 11. John Collins,
 Michael Lynagh, 9. Tony Parker, 8. Duncan Hall (c), 7. Chris Roche, 6. Jeff Miller,
 Lindsay Hall, 4. Phil Howden, 3. Andy McIntyre, 2. David Nucifora, 1. Cameron Lillicrap.
 Reserves: 16. Darren Anderson, 17. Jon Windsor, 18. Tim Brusasco, 19. Laurie Fisher,
 Guy Sanders. Coach: Geoff Davies. Manager: Alan McLoughlin.

Reserve Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers):

15. M. Kennedy, 14. M. Milliner, 13. M. Hellen, 12. G. Hogan, 11. T. Johnson, 10. G. Noon (Capt), 9. G. Sanders, 8. L. Sarri, 7. J. Broadley, 6. L. Close, 5. T. Giles, 4. A. Philp, 3. J. Sturgess, 2. L. Fisher, 1. R. Jones. Coach: J. Meaney. Manager: A. Johnson.

Third Grade - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Souths):

G. McNamara, 14. B. Jones, 13. S. Roche, 12. D. Douglas, 11. Tony Kanowski, 10. M. Holt,
 L. Stone, 8. A. Jack, 7. K. Weller, 6. M. Talbot, 5. G. Williams, 4. R. Davis, 3. B. MacNish,
 C. Stevenson, 1. A. MacPherson. Reserves: 16. M. Manteit, 17. J. Wilson, 18. C. Dougall,
 B. Bruce, 20. G. Cuskelly, 21. G. Byrne. Coach: Bill Bruce. Manager: Jim Orlandi.

Fourth Grade - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by GPS):

G. deLacy, 14. J. Wilson, 13. B. Williams, 12. B. Gardiner, 11. Peter Kanowski,
 M. Holt, 9. D. Wadsworth, 8. W. Morrow, 7. D. Holt, 6. D. Barbagallo, 5. R. Purssey,
 K. Holt, 3. S. Winter, 2. C. Hume, 1. P. Kelly. 16. K. Roche, 17. D. Radke, 18. K. Wagner,
 P. Rogers, 20. D. Perry, 21. M. Bahms, 22. D. McGuiness.

Bruce Elliott was Captain of Colts 1. Prior to the match at Ballymore, Mark Loane offered Bruce some words of advice –

"Tell them if they see a ruck or maul they hit hard and low, and if they see a Green jersey with the ball they tackle it ... and tell the forwards twice!! – That's all you need say". So I did, and it worked a treat. We won!

Colts 1 - Premiers (defeated Wests 10-9):

15. M. deLacy, 14. M. Anderson, 13. A. Templeton, 12. D. McKinstry, 11 G. Cadman, 10. D. McAllister (vc), 9. J. Douglas, B. B. Nasser, 7. B. Elliott (Capt), 6. G. Head, 5. S. Tweedy, 4. S. Brown, 3. R. Moroney, 2. D. Barrett, 1. J. Bingley. Coach: A. Girle. Manager: B. Porter.

Queensland U19 representatives:

Drew Barrett, Jon Bingley, Paul Bowles, Michael deLacy, Dale Deacon, Bruce Elliott (Capt), Doug McKinstry, Brendan Nasser, Andrew Templeton, Sean Tweedy.

Colts II - Premiers (defeated Brothers 17-10):

15. P. Curran, 14. A. Ferrett, 13. A. Perrott, 12. G. Davis, 11. G. Thynne, 10. V. Buckland (Capt), 9. I. Martin, 8. B. Abbott, 7. C. Cairns, 6. D. Porter, (vc) 5. S. Dunn, 4. P. Boles, 3. R. Jolly, 2. P. Sullivan, 1. D. Deacon. Reserves: 16. P. Lemon, 17. D. Hughes, 18. M. Collings, 19. D. Wing, 20. P. Noble, 21. M. Forrest, 22. B. Lumb. Coach: D. Burke. Asst Coach: A. Shearer. Manager: B. Porter.

Queensland U18 representatives:

Virgoe Buckland, James Douglas, Richard Moroney, Philip Noble, David Porter.

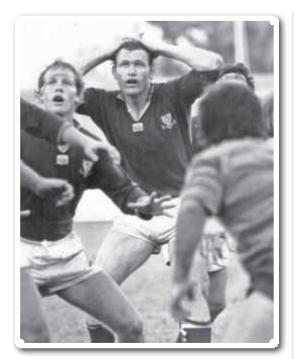
Fifth Grade – Premiers (defeated Brothers 7-4):

15. Geoff deLacy, 14. Bruce Monsour, 13. Phil Lucas, 12. Geoff Shaw, 11. Dom Lacaze, 10. Peter Welsh, 9. Tony Sparksman, 8. Mark McDonnell, 7. Stuart Moore, 6. David Barbagallo, 5. Rob McAdam, 4. Spencer Young (c), 3. Chris Jones, 2. Pugsley Lang, 1. Steve Winter. Reserves: Brian Donnelly, Miles Broadley, Craig Hume, Peter Rogers, Duncan McGuiness, David Freeman, Steph Wernowski, Rudi Gauld, Steve Logan, Gerald Hughes, Simon Nutley. Coach: John Collins.

The Fifth Grade won the Premiership with starring roles from Phil Lucas, Geoff Shaw, and Peter Welsh in the backs, while Mark McDonnell had a blinder in the forwards. Stuart Moore was named Best and Fairest Player for the season.



The Courier Mail's Jim Tucker tips Sydney Uni defeat in John O'Hare's 100th Game



Mark Loane and Jeff Miller line up against Sydney Uni in the 1983 Varsity Match



Paul Southwell pursued by Wests Bill Campbell with Duncan Hall in support



1983 Grand Final L to R: Nigel Kassulke, John Collins, Ross Hanley (Bros.) and Steve Rowley



Andrew MacIntyre and Jeff Miller - Preliminary Final win v Easts



John Collins v Souths – beats the fullback



John Collins v Souths – avoids the ankle tap



John Collins v Souths – ready to dot down with Touch Judge Cec Menzies hard on his heels

## The Rothmans Gold Medal



Tireless University breakaway Chris Roche, capped a fine year recently when he was awarded the prestigious Rugby Union Rothmans Gold Medal

Roche, the outstanding Queensland and Test forward, thus became the first player in the eight-year history of the award to win the medal twice. When his name was announced to an appreciative audience at a dinner at Lennon's Plaza Hotel last week.

Roche, who won the award in 1980, when playing with Teachers-Norths, also became the first University player to clinch the Medal.

With a total of 19 points, Roche just managed to tip out evergreen Redcliffe halfback Isimeli Batibasaga (18) and last year's winner, Brett Scott (18) of Easts.

Brothers 1981 medallist Mark Nightingale was a close fourth with 17 points.

The medal win is great recognition for the tireless efforts of Roche for his club, Queensland and Australia.

With only a handful of games for University to his credit, he was consistently among Queensland's finest performers during their mixed 1983 season.

Roche played in the four Tests against the American Eagles, Argentina and the All Blacks.

The Rothmans Medal was voted on by Brisbane's referees who judged performances on a three-two-one basis over the club season and Queensland's home matches.

Batibasaga's effort at going so close caps a superb season for Redclife, who for the first time since their formation reached the semi-finals.

Batibasaga, a former Fijian Test half, scored a club record 130 points during the season. Brett Scott of Easts nearly repeated his winning effort of last year when he scored a record tally of 37 points to clinch the medal.

Despite a dismal season, Souths hopes rode on new Wallaby Tom Lawton and No. 8 Malcolm Fox, who eash scored 16 points.

ROCHE	UNIVERSITY	19	K. STANTON	BROTHERS	3
SCOTT	EASTS	18	R HANLEY	BROTHERS	3
BATIBASAGA	REDCLIFFE	18	D. FRAWLEY N. HOLT	EASTS	3
LAWTON	SOUTHS	16	B WATTS	EASTS	3
FOX	SOUTHS	16	A. AUSTIN	G.P.S.	3
MUHUGH	EASTS .	15	P. CIVONCEVA	REDCLIFFE CHIG	3
PHILLIPS	G.P.S. BROTHERS	15	S WHYTE A SLACK	REDCUFFE SOUTHS	3
PATON	REDCLIFFE	14	M SCANLAN	TEACHERS NORTHS	3
MARTIN	UNIVERSITY	14	T. BRUSASCO	UNIVERSITY	2
BRETT	EASTB	13	R. DAVIS	UNIVERSITY	3
WRIGHT	TEACHERS NORTHS	13	9. ROWLEY	UNIVERSITY	3
HOURIGAN	UNIVERSITY	13	L CLOSE D. HALL	UNIVERSITY	3
COKER	G.F.S.	11	G. WESSLING	WESTS	3
CARROLL	BOUTHS	11	S COOPER	WESTS	3
CAMPBELL	WESTS	11	M. GEORGANTAS	EASTS G.P.S.	1
HILLHOUSE	G.P.S.	10	R. NERICHOW T. McMAHON	0.4.5	1
BRAITHWAITE	REDCLIFFE	10	G BRAND	G.P.S.	2
HASBALL	TEACHERS NORTHS	9	G. COOPER	REDCLIFFE	2
LANE	WESTS		P. FRISBY	REDCLIFFE	2
BURKE	BROTHERS	8	L BORHENSEN	SOUTHS SOUTHS	2
GANILAU	BROTHERS	ä	P. REDELL N. KLENOLA	TEACHERS NORTHS	-
JOHNSTON	WESTS	- 8	K PARRY	TEACHERS NORTHS	10
SHAW	BROTHERS	6	A BARKER	TEACHERS NORTHS	2
ARMSTRONG	G.P.S.	- 6	B. OLLASON	TEACHERS NORTHS	2
BOHOLES	REDLIFFE	-	P. BARNES T. PASCOE	TEACHERS NORTHS	2
LYNAGH	UNIVERSITY	- 6	M O'CONNOR	TEACHERS NORTHS TEACHERS NORTHS	5
MEADOWIL	WESTS		G. NOON	LINIVERGITY	2
PERKINS	BROTHERS	- 6	T. YOUNG	WESTS	2
MCLEAN	EASTS	. 2	J. WOODGATE	WESTS	2
THOMAS WACABAQUA	EASTS REDCLIFFE	80905	J. BRUCE 5. MOWEN	BROTHERS	1
8055	UNIVERSITY		D. POBERTS	EASTS	3
MOON	BROTHERS	- 4	G. TIGHE	EASTS	1
COSTELLO	BROTHERS	4	G. KIMMORLEY	EASTS	1
PHILPOTTS	BROTHERS		M ARNOLD 8. SIMPSON	G.P.S. REDCLIFFE	1
EGAN	REDCLIFFE	- 2	B GREENSLADE	REDCLIFFE	1
NELSON	REDCLIFFE	- 4	A BETTS	SOUTHS	*
BARKER	TEACHERS NORTHS	- 4	G. WARTON	TEACHERS NORTHS	1
MUNTYRE	UNIVERBITY		L SARRI M McDADE	UNIVERSITY	1
MASTERS	UNIVERSITY WESTS		M McDADE W BANKS	WESTS	1
TIGHE	BROTHERS	- 3	8. PILECKI	WESTS	4
MILLS	BROTHERS	- 5			171

Chris Roche 1983 Best and Fairest



1983 Reserve Grade, Runners-Up

Front Row: Bill Alvers (trainer) standing, Guy Sanders, Graham Noon, Randy Jones, Tim Brusasco.
2nd Row: Guy Williams, Trevor Johnson, Jon Broadley, Laurie Fisher.
3rd Row: Mark Kennedy, Gary Hogan, Mick Hellen, Mark Milliner.
4th Row: Andrew Philp, Trevor Giles, Luis Sarri, Lindsay Close, Jim Sturgess.
Top Row: Arthur Johnson (Manager), Jim Meaney (Coach).



Third Grade on the Guinness bus



The Guinness bus



1983 Fifth Grade, Premiers – coached by John Collins



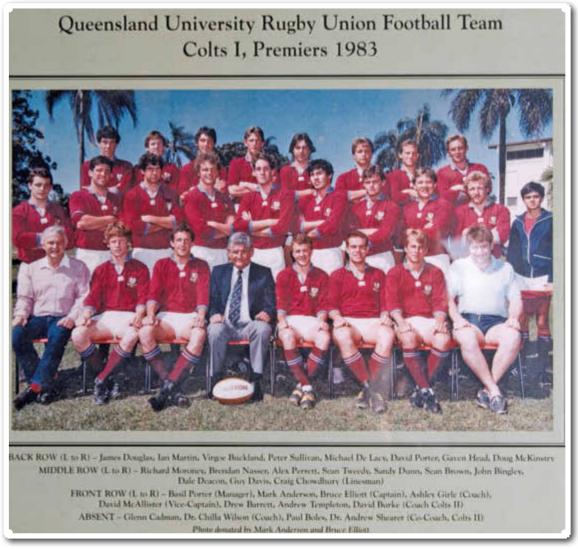
Phil Howden and Geoff Parker enjoying themselves



Terry Batch congratulates the Fashion Parade organisers



The Club's faithful supply their own seats at Souths



1983 Colts 1, Premiers

Premierships went to the Reserve and Sixth Grades, while Brothers continued its run with another A Grade Premiership, defeating Easts 18-3 in the Grand Final. Peter McLean's players had won the Major Semi-final 15-13 to advance to the Grand Final, but in their first appearance in thirteen years they were no match for the Brothers' pack.

A Grade - Semi-finalists (defeated by Wests):

S. Rowley, 14. D. Anderson, 13. M. Cook, 9. 12. G. Hogan, 11. M. Anderson,
 D. McKinstry, 9. A. Parker, 8. B. Nasser, 7. J. Miller, 6. C. Roche, 5. S. Tweedy,
 D. Hall, 3. A. McIntyre, 2. D. Nucifora, 1. C. Lillicrap. Coach: Lester Hampson.
 Manager: A. McLoughlin.

Reserve Grade - Premiers (defeated Brothers):

Michael deLacy, 14. Alex Perrott, 13. Andrew Templeton, 12. Gary Hogan, 11. John Collins, 10. Brett Williams, 9. GuySanders, 8. JonBroadley, 7. Brendan Nasser, 6. Bruce Elliott, 5. Sandy Dunn, 4. Sean Tweedy, 3. Randy Jones, 2. Drew Barrett, 1. Jim Sturgess. Coach: George Fielding. Manager: Arthur Johnson.

Third Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers):

15. Peter Cooke, 14. Mick Hellen, 13. Craig Dougall, 12. Steve Hartigan, 11. Trevor Johnson, 10. David McAllister, 9. Len Stone, 8. Greg Byrne, 7. Mark Milliner, 6. David Holt, 5. Paul Boles, 4. Kevin Holt, 3. Otto Wilhelm, 2. Craig Hume. 1. Mark Farmer. Coach: Terry Batch. Manager: Pat Batch Snr.

Fourth Grade - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Premiers, Souths 6-3):

 M. Kennedy, 14. D. McGuiness, 13. Joe Talbot, 12. Phil Lucas (Capt/Coach), 11. Brendan Jones, 10. J. O'Hare, 9. R. Howell, 8. M. Manteit, 7. D. Barbagallo, 6. M. Sutton, 5. R. Purssey,
 G. Cuskelly, 3. R. Jolly, 2. B. Donnelly. 1. C. Stevenson. Reserves: J. Broadley, P. Curran, R. McAdam, W. Morrow, D. Oglivie.

Fifth Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers 6-13):

Lance Johnson, 14. Terry Batch, 13. Joe Talbot, 12. Phil Lucas, 11. Brendan Jones,
 John O'Hare, 9. Stuart Rees, 8. Mark Manteit, 7. Greg Hampson, 6. Rudi Gauld,
 Geoff Phillips, 4. Harry Day. 3. Craig Stevenson, 2. Pat Murphy, 1. David Ogilvie,
 Bill Morrow, 17. Rob McAdam. Coach: John O'Hare.

Sixth Grade - Premiers (defeated Brothers 11-4):

Fullbacks: Steve Logan, Bill Bruce. Wings: John Chudleigh, David Dean, Mark Pilsworth, Michael Hanisfegar. Centres: Dean Warner, Robert Oakes, Steve Fogarty. Flyhalf: Peter Nugent. Half: Ron Yoels. Number Eights: Bill Macor, Mark McHugh. Flankers: Derek Frail, Brian Dawe. Second Row: Lyndon Lwellyn, Terry Sheehan. Front Row: Doug Perrers, Pugsley Lang, Howie Rosen, Craig Chowdury. Coach: John O'Hare. Colts III - Runners-up (defeated by Sunnybank):

15. T. Fynes-Clinton, 14. T. Poole, 13. S. Moriarty, 12. T. Felton, 11. D. Bennett, 10. C. Sherwood, 9. C. Agnew, 8. W. Siganto, 7. S. McCarthy, 6. S. Nurrwe, 5. M. Smith, 4. P. Herbert, 3. M. Williams, 2. S. Robertson, 1. P. Hogan. Coach: G. Head. Manager: B. Porter.

The Australian Universities team undertook a tour of Britain in January 1984 with four Club members, David Nucifora, Jim Sturgess, Jon Windsor, and Bruce Elliott.

The Club won the preseason Darling Downs Sevens in preparation for the Redcliffe Sevens. The Sevens team won \$250 for third place in the eighth annual Redcliffe Sevens competition. They eliminated Easts, Redcliffe and Darling Downs before losing in the Semifinals to eventual champions, Fiji Police, 12-18. A real highlight for the Coach, Geoff Davies was the way the team rallied from behind to defeat Brothers 44-22 and claim third place.

In the opening round of the Club competition, a replay of the 1983 Grand Final, A Grade soundly reversed the result against Brothers, winning by 35-3. Former Terrace and Queensland U19 mentor, Lester Hampson had replaced Geoff Davies as A Grade Coach. The side also won the Welsby Cup against Easts and was undefeated in all its second round fixtures.

The Club hosted tours by University College Dublin, the match being drawn 18-18, and Queen's University Belfast, squaring the 1983 ledger with an 18-4 win.

Michael Lynagh, Chris Roche, Cam Lillicrap and Andy McIntyre were all selected for the Eighth Wallaby tour of Britain. This tour made history as the Wallabies went undefeated for the first time in all four Internationals against the Home Countries. As well as the touring Wallabies, Greg Martin, Duncan Hall, Jeff Miller, Tony Parker and Michael Cook all played for Queensland. Guy Sanders' strong performances throughout the season were rewarded by his winning the Rothmans Medal for the Best and Fairest Player in A Grade. George Fielding took the Reserve Grade team to the Premiership in his first year as Coach. Third Grade, Fifth Grade, Colts III and Sixth Grade also contested their Grand Finals, with Sixth Grade successful in its initial contest, defeating Brothers 11-4 at Ballymore. A Grade finished second on the points table, but was eliminated by Wests in the Semifinals. Tony Shields' Colts 1 and Scott Hearn's Colts 11 suffered similar fates.

Fourth Grade created history when it defeated Wests by the record margin of 132-3. Twentyfour tries were scored, with Gaven Head getting five, and every player bar fullback Billy Morrow at least one. The team scored eighty points in the thirty-five minute second half. John O'Hare scored forty-four points from two tries and eighteen conversions. The team: 1. D. Ogilvie, 2. C. Stevenson, 3. O. Willhelm, 4. R. Purssey, 5. P. Stavroff, 6. M. Sutton, 7. A. Lynch, 8. B. Elliott, 9. S. Rees, 10. J. O'Hare, 11. M. Broadley, 12. P. Lucas (c), 13. G. Head, 14. A. (Igor) Kanowski, 15. W. Morrow, 16. G. Hampson.

Queensland U19 representatives: *David Porter, Brett Duncan, Duncan Hughes.* Queensland U18 representatives: *Simon Mortess, Brendan Lumb,* and *Griff Davies.* Brisbane U18 – *Chris Skett.*  The Qld v NSW QRU Programme provided this update in Terry Doyle's column:

Brett Poulsen was badly injured in May 1983 when playing for University Colts. Through the period of his convalescence, Brett has been an inspiration to everyone with his courage and fortitude. Brett spent nine months in the Spinal Unit of the Princess Alexandra Hospital." The Telegraph" reported some good news on June 18th that Brett had regained sufficient use of his arms and legs to consider undertaking a Science Degree, perhaps specialising in Computers.

## **Coaches** Corner

University coach Lester Hampson fondly recalls those not-so-long-ago days when he didn't have to worry about one of his players missing a match to stand as best man at a wedding. Or a dozen members of his side going off to play rep football each weekend.

Those days, as coach of the Gregory Terrace First XV, he worked with a captive audience. The only time he had to change his side was when a player was injured. Lately things have been a little different. Last weekend, for example, he counted no fewer than 13 of his top players missing from the team which met Souths, six on duty with the state team, four with



the Under 21's, two injured and one, centre Nigel Kassulke preparing to head off overseas.

Admittedly it was a particularly bad weekend, but since the representative fixtures began in earnest in April, scarcely a week has gone by without the University side surrendering the hard core of its most experienced players. Yet, for all that, the Students now head the premiership table. It is a tribute to the tremendous depth of talent in the club but it speaks volumes as well for the coaching ability of Lester Hampson.

The man himself makes it sound easy. In his days as a schoolboy coach, he supplied virtually all the thoughts and ideas for the team. "Now, in first grade, I have a whole wheatfield of ideas to harvest from the players. I'm dealing with men now, not boys. They're obviously not as reliant on me and they have their own ideas on how things can be done. The important thing I've learned is not to overimpose my ideas on experienced players."

Nor, in his own estimation, is he a rabid motivator, "Motivation largely comes from within. It can be improved by a coach but I don't go along with overmotivation. There are too many nuances in rugby to have a narrow view. Teams can too easily lose flexibility. You see it often in schoolboy rugby where players carry out instructions so intently they lose sight of wider opportunities."

Probably the underlying reason for Hampson's success is that his basic philosophy melds so well with the type of football University students like to play. "Rugby's a game. That's the most important thing to remember. And the centres and wingers come down for a game as well. I don't like seeing safety rugby, nineman, ten-man, call it what you will, because it basically means you're saying to the other side: "We're afraid of you. We're going to play a non-game".

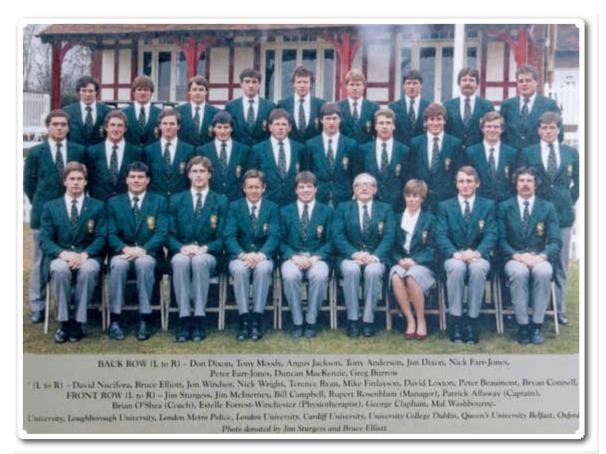
"I would rather lose than play a non-game. It's just one step away from the forfeit."

Such comments beg the question of Hampson's opinion of Queensland's tactics in the recent interstate clash with NSW, tactics which have been widely criticised for being overly-cautious. "The interstate match was getting towards a non-game. But there was so much pressure on the players and Bob Templeton because Queensland had lost a few games. It became win-at-all-costs and one of the costs was giving away attractive rugby. It's not for me to criticise. I wouldn't have done it myself. But then, I might have lost."

Hampson works on the principles that if all 15 players are able to contribute their talents, chances are his team will win anyway. "University haven't closed up a single game this year, even when we've had our second-string side out. And let's not get too carried away with the depth of the club. We've fielded some pretty inexperienced players this season, in the recent game against Brothers and Eastsespecially, and we've won because they gave it everything and really lifted



1984 Reserve Grade - Premiers



1984 Australian Universities Great Britain and Ireland Tour

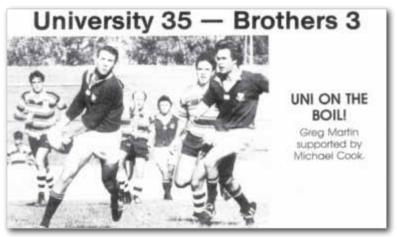


1984 Preseason Sevens Competition Winners



Duncan Hall wins at No. 2 v Redcliffe

Peter Cooke Caught Up In A Tackle – Jeff Miller Supports



A Grade Avenges 1983 GF Loss, Defeating Brothers 35 – 3



Mark Anderson gives a 'don't argue' in Welsby Cup victory v Easts

# ROTHMAN'S BEST & FAIREST '84 UNI'S GUY SANDERS



Following on from Chris Roche's wins in 1982/83, Guy Sanders has continued our domination of the Rothman's best and fairest.

Not only were Guy's immense rugby talents recognized but also his faultless on-field demeanour.

Closely pursuing Guy was third placed Michael Lynagh. Altogether 19 Uni players received awards from the referees which appears to be a record number.

Our pollsters included: Guy Sanders (21), Michael Lynagh (15), Chris Roche (10), Jeff Miller, Michael Cook, Nigel Kassulke, Darren Anderson, Brendan Nasser, Lindsay Close, Duncan Hall, Greg Martin, Andy McIntyre, Tony Parker, Mark Anderson, Dave Nucifora, Steve Rowley, Sean Tweedle, Jon Broadlev. Matt Miller.

1984 Best And Fairest Guy Sanders

A disputed field goal by Wests flyhalf, Tim Lane gave Wests its first A Grade Premiership since 1977, home 10-7 against University. Referee Kerry Fitzgerald awarded the field goal, despite the protests of the A Grade Captain and a large numbers of spectators. Greg Martin, who caught the ball under the posts, sportingly said in a post-match interview:

"We had plenty of opportunities to win the match – we can't just use that as an excuse."

It was regarded as a very dubious decision and would remain the cause of some bitterness, but back at the Clubhouse the mood was bright, as all the players knew they had the makings of a great side .A Grade was coached by Lester Hampson, Michael Lynagh's former Coach at Terrace, whilst Wests were coached by Brisbane Grammar stalwart Alec Evans. A curious feature of the match was that Wests' halfback Peter Slattery would two years later join the Club and become one of its most valuable players. With the exception of the Grand Final, Evans chose to play Slats at flyhalf for the Bulldogs, even though he was the preferred Queensland half. Alec continued to select Brian Smith at halfback, so Mick Talbot would successfully recruit Peter to join the Red Heavies as halfback in 1987.

A Grade - Minor Premiers, Runners-up (defeated by Wests 7-10):

Greg Martin, 14. Mark Anderson, 13. Duncan Hughes, 12. Michael Cook,
 Bill Gordon-Thompson, 10. Michael Lynagh (vc), 9. Stuart Rees, 8. Brendan Nasser,
 Jon Broadley, 6. Jeff Miller, 5. Sean Tweedy, 4. Paul Boles, 3. Andy McIntyre (Capt),
 David Nucifora, 1. Cameron Lillicrap. 16. Alex Perrott, 17. Darren Anderson.
 Coach: Lester Hampson. Assistant Coach: Mick Talbot. Manager: Mike Hughes.

Reserve Grade - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Souths):

15. W. Gordon-Thompson, 14. I. Schuntner, 13. A. Templeton, 12. D. McKinstry, 11. A. Perrett, 10. M. deLacy, 9. G. Mayes, 8. L. Close, 7. G. Cuskelly, 6. B. Elliott, 5. K. Holt, 4. S. Brown, 3. R. Moroney, 2. D. Barrett, 1. J. Sturgess. Coach: W. McDonnell. Assistant Coach T. Batch. Manager: P. Batch.

Third Grade - Semifinalists:

15. M. deLacy, 14. D. McGuiness, 13. I. Schuntner, 12. D. Wadsworth, 11. A. Ferrett, 10. D. Douglas, 9. T. Parker, 8. G. Byrne, 7. G. Kenny, 6. M. Broadley, 5. G. Nation, 4. C. Irvine, 3. D. Burke, 2. C. Hume, 1. R. Jolly. Coach: L. Stone. Manager: T. Jones.

Fourth Grade - Semifinalists:

15. W. Morrow, 14. S. Bryce, 13. M. Milliner, 12. J. Douglas, 11. B. Jones, 10. G. Shaw, 9. C. Agnew, 8. T. Lynch, 7. D. Frail, 6. R. Gauld, 5. P. Jurie, 4. P. Farmer, 3. F. McLoughlin, 2. O. Willhelm. 1. A. MacPherson. Coach: R. Perry. Manager: A. Johnson.

Fifth Grade won the only Premiership for Uni, defeating Brothers 14-4 at Crosby Park.

Fifth Grade - Premiers (defeated Brothers 14-4):

Backs: Steve Rowley, Brendan Jones, Rob Oakes, Jamie Lloyd, John Collins, John O'Hare, Tony Shields, Bill Gauld, John Gilliard. Forwards: Allen MacPherson (C), Lindsay Shorten, Craig Stevenson, Howie Rosen, Phil Howden, Geoff Phillips, Graham Turner, Mark Manteit, Peter Stavroff and Lou Sarri. Coach: A. MacPherson. Manager: Steve Logan. Scorers: B. Jones, R. Oakes tries; Steve Rowley, Penalty goal; J. O'Hare 1 Field goal.

As Semifinalists, Steve Rowley's Colts I, David Henville's Colts II, and David Porter's Colts III were just nudged out of their respective Premierships by Wests. However, the Colts supplied Brendan Lumb, Simon Shearer, Marko Misko, Simon Mortess, and Darryl Sharp to the Brisbane U19 side, and Brendan Lumb to the Queensland U19 side, with Basil Porter Manager of both teams.

Earlier in the season, the Club had retained the Darling Downs Sevens trophy, defeating GPS in the Final, but was unsuccessful in the Redcliffe Sevens, losing in the Semifinals to the eventual winners, Fiji Police.

Nigel Kassulke made his Test debut against Canada, scoring a try in his first Test in Sydney. Nigel, Jeff Miller and Greg Martin turned out for Queensland during the season, along with the Club's four established Wallabies, Michael Lynagh, Cameron Lillicrap, Andy McIntyre and Michael Cook.

Four of our younger players were members of the Australian U21 tour to New Zealand and the Pacific islands: *Drew Barrett, Sandy Dunn, Sean Tweedy* and *Andrew Templeton.* 

The Club hosted a visit by Victoria University from Wellington at the end of the season.

Through great work by Club President Jim Wilson and Harold Shand, the Club's first major sponsorship enabled the purchase of a "Rhino" scrum machine.

Michael Lynagh and Andy McIntyre were named as joint winners of the University Sportsman of the Year Award.

On the social side, the Ladies' Committee organised its third Club Fashion Parade, which was a great success with the players acting as male models. What they lacked in skill they more than atoned for with enthusiasm.

In its Jubilee year, the Club toured Hawaii and the West Coast of the USA undefeated. Michael Lynagh joined the side after the Wallaby tour and added enormously to the team. The following results were recorded: University of Hawaii, won 31-6; Stanford Uni, won 67-0; Berkeley Uni, won 13-9; California State Uni, won 28-3 and UCLA, won 25-6.

The University of Queensland Rugby Club also hosted a special 75th Anniversary Luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel on Friday, 12th July, 1985 with Chilla Wilson, manager of the 1984 Grand Slam Wallabies as guest speaker and Michael Lynagh providing the toast to Rugby. Michael, Chris Roche, Andy McIntyre and Cameron Lillicrap were the four Club players who were part of the successful 1984 Eighth Wallabies. The Club also welcomed along four members of Bill McLean's 1947 Third Wallabies. All four, Clem Windsor, Arch Winning, Max Howell, and Eddie Broad, have had a significant connection with the Club.

1985 saw the return of the Intervarsity Competition for Rugby for the first time since Sydney 1981. Geoff Davies coached the team (as he did in 1981), and while the Club had wins over WA (24-3) and ANU (17-6), the team was defeated 12-20 by Sydney University in the Final.



UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND FOOTBALL CLUB - A GRADE 1985

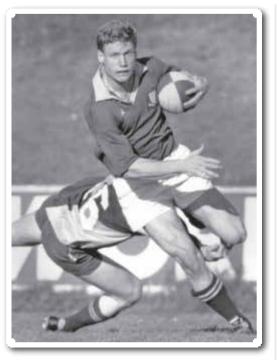
 Standing L to R. Stuart Rees, Cameron Lillicrap, Mark Anderson, Jon Broadley, Sean Tweedy, Paul Boles, Greg Martin, Michael Cook, Darren Anderson, Michael Hughes (Manager)

 Seated L to R:
 Brendan Nasser, Duncan Hughes, Lester Hampson (Coach), Andy McIntyre, Michael Lynagh, Michael Talbot (Assistant Coach), Jeff Miller, David Nuclfora.

1985 A Grade - Runners-Up



A combined Intervarsity Team – Perth 1985



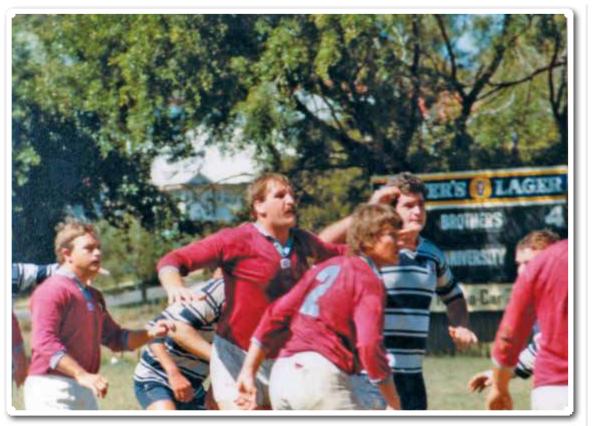
Mark Anderson - 1985 v Wests



Stuart Rees Breaks Away



1985 Grand Final v Wests



Craig Stevenson readies to assist Phil Howden at Crosby



1985 Fifth Grade, Premiers – Captain-Coach Al MacPherson (centre) – Skroo Turner 4th from left at rear

The Club had started the 1986 season by retaining the Darling Downs Cup with a 15-9 win over Easts in the Final in Toowoomba. Then the Sevens side was beaten by Randwick in the Redcliffe competition as Fiji Police won its third title in a row. In the first competition fixture against Wests, the Club won seven out of the eight games to ease some of the pain from the previous year's Grand Final.

For A Grade, after a good start, there was a midseason horror stretch before a rousing but unsuccessful finish which left the side short in its charge to make the Semifinals. This was the first time in ten years that A Grade had failed to qualify.

It was a sign of things to come when Souths finally won its second ever Premiership, defeating Brothers 31-13 in the Grand Final. Led by English import Andrew McFarlane, the Magpies pack surprised by overwhelming the fancied Brothers.

Reserve Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Souths 17-6):

Backs: Bill Gordon-Thompson, Brendan Lumb, Duncan Hughes, Tom Bennett, Andrew Templeton, Mark Kennedy, Chris Sherwood. Forwards: David Burke, Pat Murphy, Randy Jones, Michael Clacher, Trevor Giles, Kevin Holt, Gaven Head (c), Simon Mortess, Jon Broadley. Reserves: David Roach, Peter Collins, Richard Jolly, Michael Holt, Sandy Dunn, Gavin Mayes, Steve Moriarty, Grant Tracy, Lindsay Close, Graham Noon, Ian Barry. Coaches: Jim Meaney and John O'Hare. Manager: Pat Batch Snr.

Colts I lost its Semifinal to Wests 3-8 and was eliminated. Bruce Davies was our sole representative in the Queensland U19 side, which was undefeated on the tour of NZ.

Colts I - Semifinalists:

Backs: Simon Moore, Paul Menzies, John Ferrett, Robert Cook, Mitchell Palm, Richard Fielding, Peter Herring, Ross Israel (vc) David Williams (c), Lachlan Simpkins, Craig Forster, John Salmon, Mark East, Rhys Hansen, Evan Jones, Bruce Davies. Coach: Ashley Girle.

Colts II - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers 7-9):

Backs: Mark Woodrow, Cameron Hall, Andrew Hay, Matthew Hood, Vaughan Thomas, Jamie Webb, Paul Menzies, Richard Bell, Matthew Wilson. Forwards: Simon Cool, Remko Bruijn, Jeff Licence, Craig McIntosh, Hamish Tweedy, Kester Vanas, Richard Gilroy, Simon Shearer, Paul Williams and Sean Wells. Coach: Matthew Forrest.

A penalty goal attempt by Uni on fulltime narrowly missed.

Colts III - Premiers (defeated Easts 14-3):

Backs: Guy O'Connell, Mark Gervais, Mark Hargraves, Dirk Moses, Mark Bishop, Bill Bennett, David McMahon, Steve Foley, Simon Cleary, John Murray, Andrew Phillips. Forwards: Andrew Mabin, Jamie Lloyd, David McKenzie, Andrew Jeremijenko, Peter Hildebrand, Robert Wardrobe, Phillip Leech, Leighton O'Brien, George Mellish, Damien O'Rourke, Steve Edwards, Scott Maunder, Garry Norton. Coach: Will Siganto. Assistant Coach: Tim Poole. The Club's 1986 Test representatives were: Andy McIntyre; Cameron Lillicrap, Michael Lynagh, Michael Cook and Jeff Miller.

The Reserve Grade, coached by Jim Meaney and John O'Hare made the Grand Final, after beating Brothers (28-12) and Souths (18-9) en route; however, on the day Souths won 17-6.

In A Grade, Mick Talbot was Coach and Andy McIntyre Captain. Andy reflects on his career with the Red Heavies:

"I went to University in 1975 and went away on an Intervarsity trip that year due to my friendship with Bill Ross. We had a great time and I got to know a lot of the guys, so next year I played regularly. Tempo was the Coach in A Grade at the time and I was lucky to learn from him. He borrowed from the best teams in Europe and New Zealand and passed it on to us. Jake Howard took it to another level with his uncanny ability to read a game and break problems down before fixing them. Bruce Brown was also a terrific Coach with the same attributes, and he ensured that above all we enjoyed playing the game.

Mark Loane was far and away the best player in my time. He was such a dynamic runner with the ball – I can't ever remember him not making it over the advantage line. It didn't matter who else was in the team – we were always competitive if Mark was there. He was also a punishing defender, especially in cover defence, and there weren't many wingers who could run around him.

Michael Lynagh was our star back – he was the complete five-eighth. He had great hands, a good kicking game and could pass to perfection. He could read a game and change tactics as the need arose.

Apart from these two, we had a solid nucleus of very good players, most of whom played for Australia or Queensland. Brian MacNish, Bill Ross and Cam Lillicrap in the front row. Duncan Hall, Jeff Miller, Chris Roche, Brendan Nasser and Bill McDonnell in the back five and Paddy Batch, Graham Noon, Geoff Shaw and Tony Parker.

I captain-coached the tours to the USA in 1990 and '92. Many of us became lifelong friends on those tours. In my time we won four Premierships in A Grade – 1979, 1988, 1989 and 1990. Brothers were the strongest opposition until the late Eighties, when Souths took over. My favourite match would unquestionably be the 1979 Grand Final which went for 100 minutes two weeks in a row before we won with a Noonie field goal.

They were great days – every Thursday night was party night at the Club, then it was down to the RE for a top-up. The Club Annual Dinners were always memorable occasions, always ending in a mixture of humour, red wine and the Colts suffering. Ahh – those were the days!"

Craig Hume, a stalwart who played for the Club for sixteen years, recalls some favourite memories:

"Chuck Chowdhury, a well known barrister, scored late in the second half of a Fourth Grade match against Redcliffe on Ballymore No 2. In a move the New England Patriots would have been proud of, with offensive blockers everywhere, Chuck sprinted 22 metres to the corner. You would have thought Chuck had scored the Bledisloe Cup clincher from his euphoric reaction – even though Uni was leading by about 40 points at the time – much mirth from the rest of the team and on the sidelines.

In the 1987 Preliminary Final in Reserve Grade against a Souths team boasting three later-tobe Irish internationals (Nick Popplewell, John Murphy and Paul O'Connor) Uni never gave up and, although outweighed and outmuscled somehow got home through sheer determination to win on the bell. Thank you "Each Way" —who hit a gap and sprinted 50m to score the matchwinner. We made Kim Weller a wealthy man — by drinking exclusively at one of his watering holes — the Embassy, Alice's, Friday's and the Court Jester. Len Stone playing all Four Grades in one day against Brothers - two full games in Thirds and Fourths, followed by two halves in the higher Grades.

On the 1983 UK tour, watching two future international flyhalves – Michael Lynagh and Rob Andrew – playing against each other in the UQ Cambridge game. Good bloke Rob – pity he had to be a Pom. The sight of Greg Martin in full "bodysuit"- post-melanoma. Don't know what all the fuss was about with our swimmers using them in Beijing – Marto had been onto them ten years ago. Celebrating post-match at Harpoon's – what licensing laws? And one last story – this is a special:

At the 1985 University Games in Perth, a huge event sponsored by Swan Brewery, UQ staged a brilliant guerrilla marketing move. The generous UQ sponsors organised a pallet of XXXX to be freighted to Perth for the event, but we had nowhere to store it. Where does one store 50 cartons of beer and keep them cold? In the morgue of the Charles Gardiner Hospital of course. I'm not sure who organised it – perhaps the UWA guys. Anyway our super-Coach Geoff Davies drove us to the hospital in the team bus where we met the semi-trailer stacked with beer. We loaded the cartons onto hospital gurneys and took them into the morgue, with several hospital "representatives" who had a key. Using a plastic garbage bin as an esky, we quenched our hard-earned thirst all week. We were never questioned as to why we were not drinking the WA sponsor's product, but we soon had a new team song which we sang with our new Intervarsity brothers from James Cook Uni in Queensland. We allowed them some meagre rations of XXXX to maintain good relations."

For the record, the 1986 Intervarsity Report (set out below) was compiled by Craig Hume, a member of the UQ Intervarsity Team, and it was published in the Red Heavies Newsletter.

## **1986 Intervarsity Report**

The month of May means many things to many people but to University Rugby players the month of May is a sacred time when University Rugby players around Australia meet to pay homage to Wine, Women and Song... and perhaps a game of Rugby. This year's Mecca was Hobart, the home of the Wrest Point Casino. Queensland University, boasting a superior build-up, rolled off the tarmac with several gin bottles and sober thoughts of revenging last year's defeat at the hands of Sydney University.

Quickly conditioned to local beer and playing conditions, the Red Men soon established themselves as the side to beat on and off the field. In our first game against a combination of Melbourne and Wollongong Universities we proved to the thousands of locals who came to watch the spectacle that Queenslanders could actually speak English! We won comfortably 10-nil. Our second game of the day was against the University of NSW and having found our earlier form we romped home to the tune of 42-3. Everyone played above themselves, but none more than Peter Cooke and "Olsen" Kennedy.

Day 2 saw the Red Men very sore and a little tired from the previous night's activities. Our first game against Tasmania proved a physical encounter, with a number of Fijian head hunters likening the contest to a sacred hunting party. Nonetheless we accepted it like gentlemen and beat them by more than 30 points. Our second match of the day against ANU was of more serious proportions so we lifted our games appropriately to win 12-9.

Day 3 was rest day and a much needed rest it was at that. All I could say what took place this day will remain as great a mystery as the Pyramids! All I can say is that a VW Bug can hold six people and six cartons of beer rather uncomfortably, and that Ita Buttrose now knows where Queensland is, and what charming chaps Queensland University Rugby Players are.

Day 4 we beat a colourful Macquarie University side by about 20 points. The show-down was again set for a Sydney University Final. Luckily Sydney found their jerseys and were not disqualified from the competition.

The Final: It was a torrid encounter in difficult conditions and despite our efforts we again lost 6-19.

Best players of the week were Bruce Elliott, whose method of running into and over people proved quite effective, and Duncan McGuiness for his robust tackling.

Players to watch in the future are Kim Weller and Bill Morrow, both talented utility players. Bill, whose favourite position is prop, showed his versatility by playing breakaway and centre. Speaking of front rowers, Mark Kennedy and Geoff McNamara also played well. Craig Hume, Barry Jolly, Sean Brown and Mark Manteit (who celebrated his 21st birthday on tour) were very physical up front. The backs played alright I suppose. Many thanks to Sean Brown and Terry Batch for their organisation.

Special note: A certain upstanding Law student second rower, as duty boy, was given the job of washing the jerseys. He rejoiced in finding the Sydney Uni jerseys unattended, so he borrowed them for a while and organised a team photo of UQRFC, clad in the blue and yellow stripes of Sydney Uni. Touring was part of what made University Rugby so special.



The Fashion Parade



The 1986 Intervarsity team in "borrowed" Sydney Uni jerseys



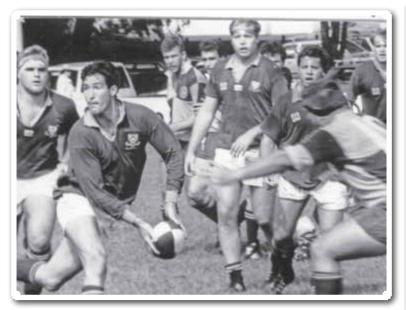
1986 Reserve Grade Runners-up coached by Jim Meaney and John O'Hare



Reserve Grade v Brothers L to R: Ian Barry (with ball), Gaven Head, Mick Arnold (Bros.) and Lindsay Close



Reserve Grade v GPS L to R: David Burke, Trevor Giles, Gaven Head (with ball), Randy Jones



Reserve Grade v Wests L to R: Evan Jones, Michael Holt (with the ball), Richard Purssey, Randy Jones and Kurt Wagner



George Fielding and Ashley Girle



1986 Colts 3 Premiers



1986 Colts 2 Grand Final Squad



Colts 2 v Brothers – Paul Williams (centre bottom) Simon Shearer (centre top)



1986 Reserve Grade Grand Final v Souths L to R: Jon Broadley, Gaven Head and Kevin Holt



1986 Reserve Grade Coaches and Manager L to R: John O'Hare, Pat Batch, Jim Meaney

## 1987

The A Grade side was badly disrupted by international commitments and missed the Finals, with Michael Lynagh, Greg Martin, Jeff Miller, Michael Cook, Cam Lillicrap and Andy McIntyre all members of the Wallaby team that finished fourth in the inaugural World Cup. The Club hosted tour matches against the Harvard and Yale College XV, won 18-6; the University of Victoria (Canada), lost 3-22; the San Francisco BATS, won 18-14; and the University of California (Long Beach), won 32-4. Reserve Grade, coached by George Fielding and John O'Hare, won its Premiership by defeating the fancied Easts 30-17, whilst Thirds, Colts II, and Colts III were Runners-up.

Six members were chosen for the end of season Wallaby tour to Argentina – Andy McIntyre, Michael Lynagh, Jeff Miller, Cameron Lillicrap, Michael Cook and Greg Martin, while Peter Slattery represented Queensland. David Williams was in the U21 Australian team, while Matt Scott-Young represented Brisbane.

A Grade:

Greg Martin, 14. Mark Anderson, 13. Mitchell Palm, 12. Michael Cook,
 Matt Scott-Young, 10. Michael Lynagh, 9. Peter Slattery, 8. Brendan Nasser,
 Jeff Miller, 6. Mark Milliner, 5. Lindsay Close, 4. Guy Nation, 3. Andy McIntyre,
 David Nucifora, 1. Cameron Lillicrap.

Reserve Grade - Premiers, Winners of the Chappie Schulte Shield (defeated Easts 30-17):

15. Michael Delaney, 14. Bill Gordon-Thompson, 13. Darren Anderson, 12. Andrew Templeton, 11. Duncan Hughes, 10. Mark Kennedy (vc), 9. Stuart Rees, 8. Bruce Elliott (c), 7. Allan Morrison, 6. Jon Broadley, 5. David Williams, 4. Kevin Holt, 3. Randy Jones, 2. Craig Hume, 1. Michael Clacher. Reserves: Conrad Freeman, John Maloney, Tom Bennett, Andrew Brimblecombe, Jim Sturgess, Chris Skett, Trevor Giles, Grant Tracy. Coaches: George Fielding, John O'Hare. Manager: Jim Orlandi. Scorers: Stuart Rees, Allan Morrison, Randy Jones tries, Goals 7 from 7 by Michael Delaney. Allan Morrison won the Best and Fairest Player award for Reserve Grade.

Third Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Souths):

15. C. Sherwood, 14. S. Moriarty, 13. C. Freeman, 12. T. Bennett, 11. T. Kanowski, 10. M. Holt, 9. D. Wadsworth, 8. G. Byrne, 7. D. Wing. 6. G. Head, 5. R. Purssey, 4. L. Wilson (Capt), 3. D. Burke, 2. A. MacPherson, 1. T. Vallance. Coach: D. Henville. Manager: Tiny Jones. Souths won by a penalty goal awarded after the fulltime siren.

Fourth Grade - Semifinalists (defeated by Souths):

P. Anderson, M. Hellen, T. Johnson, D. Henzell, G. Hogan, J. Gilliard, M. Reye, M. Donato, P. Collins, D. Lyons, R. Tilbury, D. Perrers, W. Morrow, T. Poole, E. Jones, D. MacNamee, H. Tweedy, F. McLoughlin, G. Walker, R. Jolly, A. Brimblecombe. Coach: Tom Dixon. Manager: J. Whitelaw.

Colts I - Preliminary finalists (defeated by Brothers 7-16 after previously defeating Brothers in first Semifinal 15-6.

Wests became Premiers in Colts I.

Seven Colts represented Queensland U19 – Robert Charles, Matthew Hood, Lachlan Simpkins, Simon Moore, Bruce Davies, Alex Popov, Ross Israel and Richard Gilroy. Craig Forster represented Brisbane U19. Other players included David Heath, Jim MacPherson, Michael Beale, Paul Williams, Kester Vanas, Ben Scott, Steve Foley, Ian Hogarth, Robert Cook and Peter Herring. Coach: Dave Brown, Manager: Richard Hinder. Bruce Davies was Captain.

Colts II - Runners-up (defeated by Wests):

15. S. Donovan, 14. M. Wilson, 13. T. Russell, 12. V. Thomas, 11. J. Primmer, 10. P. Herring (vc), 9. R. Bell, 8. S. Cool, 7. J. Licence, 6. D. O'Halloran, 5. C. McIntosh, 4. R. Trennary, 3. R. Doherty, 2. S. Edwards, 1. D. O'Rourke. Reserves: S. Hare, M. Lawrence, G. Mellish, C. Brady, G. Jones, C. Pappas. Coach: W. Siganto.

Colts III - Runners-up. No team list available.

In January the Club toured to the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland to play the five Irish Universities, with Vince Creagh as Manager, Jim Meaney as Coach, and Bruce Elliott as Tour Captain. Only four of the five scheduled matches were played due to the unusual and atrocious weather conditions. The results: Trinity College, Dublin (loss 9-30), Galway Uni (loss 6-12), Queen's Uni Belfast (6-6), University College Dublin (win 17-9), University College Cork (abandoned). Nevertheless the tour was a great experience for all and one of the obvious benefits of the tour was the combination and fitness that provided an advanced base for the successful Reserve Grade.

The pre-season started with another good performance at the Redcliffe Sevens, with our only loss being to Fiji Police. In the year of the first Rugby World Cup the Club hosted a match against the Japanese National side.

Brothers won the Grand Final in A Grade 20-19 against Souths, after winning nine games in a row to qualify. In the annual Varsity match Sydney again proved too strong, winning 18-10 at St Lucia. Each team scored a try, but Sydney kicker David Croft made the difference.

A major plus for the Club was the arrival of State halfback Peter Slattery. Unhappy with the situation at Wests, Slats accepted Mick Talbot's offer and over the next eight years would become one of the Club's stalwarts. He played seventeen Tests and 109 games for the Reds, captaining them to the Super Six title in 1992 and the Super Ten in '94 and 95. Now living and coaching in Japan, he reflects on why he enjoyed his days at the Club so much:

"The Club was very strong in those days and playing inside Michael Lynagh and behind boys like Andy Mac, Jeff Miller and Bobby Nasser was a breeze. We had about half the Wallaby side in our team. Lynagh was so skilful and tough too – he could control a game like nobody else and Nasser was the most intimidating player I ever played with – better on our side than theirs! And "Ginger" Miller may not have been big but was so determined to get the ball. We had the game sewn up, with Nasser taking us forward, Miller claiming the ball, and Lynagh weaving his magic in directing the play. Try combating that at Club level.

The social life was very, very good! The Club was composed of eighty percent students, ten percent alumni and ten percent others (including me) and successes were celebrated ferociously, for days on end. You had to be young just to keep up. If you were to ask me which was tougher – winning Grand Finals or celebrating them, it would be a close call.

A favourite memory was our win over a full-strength Randwick at Ballymore in 1990 in the

Australian Club Championship. We trailed at halftime but were all over them in the second half to win 29-22. Uni also had its first win in the QRU Club Championship for twelve years. It capped off a fantastic season. I think playing with Uni increased my love of Rugby."

On the social side, the Ladies' Committee under Lorraine East and Di Meaney again organised the Fashion Parade and three hundred and fifty people attended. The male models (Rugby players), the waiters (Seniors and Colts), Cathie Creagh as hostess, and Simone Creagh and the other models did a fantastic job. What a success, again! A piano for the Players' Bar was bought from the proceeds.

## **Looking Ahead**

Towards the end of the season it became evident that Andrew Philp's departure would be a very significant problem in the next year. Basically, the Club's stocks of representativestandard second rowers was now bare. Quite simply, our existing players were not tall enough to match up against the opposition. A drastic strategy was adopted whereby the Club would import a second rower from overseas. The player's country of origin was not considered, but it was felt that if the Club were to invest in the player's travel and initial relocation expenses, the chosen import should be capable of playing A Grade for several seasons.

The incoming Committee's President was Bill Bruce, with Jim Meaney as Chairman and Frank McLoughlin as Secretary. The players' representative was David Nucifora and the outgoing Chairman Charles Miller took on a new role as the Marketing Manager. He was to be enormously successful. Price Waterhouse, as the Chartered Accounting firm was then known, sponsored the Club's accounting requirements under the supervision of one of its partners, David Usasz. Bruce Elliott's father Jack had been a most popular Club Manager and had provided his valuable services throughout the year. There were significant changes afoot, but the biggest immediate challenge was to secure a new second rower.

## **Panel Coaching**

Towards the end of the season Charles Miller began a conversation with Jim Meaney and Bob Templeton that led to the preparation of a discussion paper. This contained a critical review of the Club and included recommendations for changes that, it was intended, would result in the 1988 Premiership. Tempo was supportive of the planned moves and the enthusiasm of Charles Miller for his role enabled the introduction of some major changes.

A principal element of the recommendations was the introduction of a new coaching arrangement within the Club. Essentially, this would provide for the creation of a Club Director of Coaching who would oversee the appointment of both a forwards and a backs Coach for each team, and coordinate a coaching programme that would be universal throughout the Club. The Coaching Director was to be responsible for scheduling further specialist Coaches for additional skills and expertise by seconding such expertise from among the Club's stocks of former representatives.

The recommendations also addressed the issue of recruitment, and suggested guidelines for the identification of talent and the development of existing players. There was nothing particularly radical in anything proposed, but the main theme was recognition of the Club's resources, identifying all and any necessary additions, and the coordination of all the activities needed to secure success in 1988. Two key decisions which were precursors to the effective implementation of further changes were that a substantial sponsorship arrangement needed finalisation, and that a key player needed to be recruited – even before any player identification had been made. Without the dedication of Charles Miller, neither player recruitment nor sponsorship would have occurred.

Now there were several fortuitous factors which existed at the close of 1987, without which the proposed tasks would have been so much harder. Firstly, Bob Templeton had returned to take a role with the firm carrying his name, Templetons, and his office was very close by the office occupied by Charles Miller. Secondly, Geoffrey Davies was making a visit to his relatives in Wales over the Christmas holidays, and a third major factor was an approach to Phil Howden by an old friend who was most positive about the benefits which would result for his company from a sponsored relationship with the Club.

These matters all assisted the development of a winning way within the Club, and other positive results began to eventuate: Russ Ogilvie at the Royal Exchange Hotel responded positively to a sponsorship proposal marketed to him by Chas. The ongoing Wilson HTM sponsorship arrangements were brought up to date with much gratitude from the Club, the implementation of a Club Box at Ballymore enabled much more suitable and rewarding sponsorship agreements, and the upgrading of No 6 Oval was to prove increasingly beneficial to A Grade home performances.

Before Geoffrey Davies went to Wales on holidays the Club requested that he search for a second rower, as it was agreed that if the Club were to be truly competitive in the A Grade competition, the one position which had to be filled was second row.

The Club was prepared to fund the travel and some accommodation expenses for a suitable candidate, and felt that depending on occupational requirements, there could be some employment opportunities. The offers of accommodation varied but were considered acceptable, again depending on the candidate.

Geoff's first, and for some time, only interested party was a former international. At the end of his playing career, but with a creditable rugby CV, he was a most experienced and respected second rower. The Club had seen that other experienced British second rowers had been successful additions to other Brisbane Clubs, but felt that the Club would benefit more from a younger man. Geoff continued his search, and given that Geoff was to be coaching A Grade in 1988, his motivation to secure the best possible candidate was assured.

Enter Tony Rees – a brilliant choice. From the start it was obvious that Tony and the Club were a great match.

In other developments at the end of the season, the University's Director of Building and Grounds held discussions with the Club management regarding the vision for the future of the Club and the potential effects of the Club's likely growth. From these the University and the Club progressed the upgrading of the then No.6 oval. This would not have been possible without a major contribution in expertise, manpower and equipment from the Club's Mr Fixit, Ross Moynihan. The whole of the western surrounds of the field became a monument to Moynihan, and the benefit to A Grade from the availability of the Oval for home matches during the1988 season became apparent in the new home ground advantage it provided. Its newness became a sore point with visiting competitors who found difficulty adjusting to the different St Lucia field.



1987 Reserve Grade - Premiers



Third Grade



Colts I



1987 Reserve Grade Grand Final v Easts



1987 Reserve Grade Grand Final – Allan Morrison scores



1987 Reserve Grade Grand Final - Reserves defending well



1987 Reserve Grade Grand Final – The lineout contest



1987 Reserve Grade Grand Final – Randy Jones scores the team's third try



1987 Reserve Grade Grand Final – Bob Templeton (seated), Charles Miller applauding, the Coaches John O'Hare and George Fielding in consultation



1987 Reserve Grade Grand Final - Mark Kennedy – A picture of total relief



1987 Reserve Grade Grand Final – Bruce Elliott, the winning Captain's address



On The Sideline, Craig Stevenson, Bill Ross, Tony Shields and Mark Davies



Outside Selector Vince Creagh, Third Grade Coach David Henville, Outside Selector Jim Meaney, and A Grade Manager Mike Hughes



1987 Third Grade Grand Final, Tom Bennett passes to Conrad Freeman

Colts I – Jim MacPherson



1987 A Grade – Coached by Michael Talbot, Manager Michael Hughes

 Standing: Michael Talbot, Matt Scott-Young, Mark Milliner, David Williams, Peter Slattery, Brendan Lumb, Michael Clacher, Andrew McIntyre, Mark Anderson, David Nucifora, Michael Hughes (Manager), Mitchell Palm
 Front Row: Brendan Nasser, Greg Martin, Jeff Miller, Lindsay Close and Michael Lynagh

### 1988

The Club won its first A grade Premiership in nine years, defeating Minor Premiers Souths18-10 in the Grand Final. Under the Club's Director of Coaching, Bob Templeton, A Grade's Coaches were Jake Howard and Geoff Davies. The team was captained by David Nucifora. During the season, the team suffered heavily from representative duties but combined well when all returned, finishing second on the table. Uni then overwhelmed Wests 41-3 in the Preliminary Final. In the Grand Final, Andy McIntyre led a strong pack and Michael Lynagh played a superb tactical kicking game to shut the Magpies out. Brendan Nasser and Mark Anderson scored tries and Mitchell Palm kicked a conversion and two penalties.

A Grade - Premiers (defeated Souths 18-10):

Greg Martin, Mark Anderson, Bill Gordon-Thompson, Mitchell Palm, Duncan Hughes, Michael Lynagh, Peter Slattery, Brendan Nasser, Jeff Miller, Sean Tweedy, Lindsay Close, Tony Rees, Andy McIntyre, David Nucifora, Cam Lillicrap.

In a big improvement, the Club also finished second in the Club Championship. As well, the Club defeated Sydney in the Varsity match for the first time since 1983, winning the Sir Herman Black Trophy 39-13. The game was played in Sydney on 23rd July 1988 with a large crowd on hand. They were silenced by the quality of the Red Heavies play as Mitchell Palm, Mark Anderson and Al Morrison scored tries to lead 19-3 at halftime. Palm went over again, then Tom Bennett, and finally Conrad Freeman scored out wide. The side let off the pressure at the end but the final score was a fair indication of the team's dominance.

The Varsity Match team:

Michael Clacher, 2. David Nucifora, 3. Bruce Davies, 4. Sean Tweedy, 5. Lindsay Close,
 Allan Morrison, 7. David Williams, 8. Brendan Nasser, 9. Peter Slattery, 10. Mitchell Palm.
 Bill Gordon-Thompson, 12. Conrad Freeman, 13. Matthew Hood, 14. Mark Anderson,
 John Simmonds. Replacements: 16. Paul Williams, 17. Jim MacPherson, 18. Tom Bennett,
 David Wadsworth, 20. Michael Holt.

In a first for the Club, Andy McIntyre was named University Sportsman of the Year, having shared the award with Michael Lynagh in '85. The Wallaby prop, who graduated as a Bachelor of Surveying in 1981, had been thirteen years with the Club.

There were more incoming tours, with Japan's Waseda University and the New England Collegiate XV (USA). In the Australian Club Championship, Randwick won a close match.

In one of the best representations ever, the Club supplied five players to the Wallabies and eleven to the Queensland team: *Andy McIntyre, Michael Lynagh, Michael Cook, Jeff Miller* and *Greg Martin* represented Australia while all five played for Queensland as well as *Cameron Lillicrap, Peter Slattery, Brendan Nasser, Jim McInerney, Mitchell Palm* and *David Williams*.

A Testimonial Dinner was held for two of the Club's all-time greats – Mark Loane and Geoff Shaw. The two legends each played twenty-eight Tests and captained their country. Mark, one of the best ever runners of the football, was also one of the most punishing cover defenders Australia has ever seen. Bunter, hailing from Kiama on the NSW South Coast, was the linchpin of Australia's midfield throughout the Seventies. The barrel-chested centre combined robust running with silky handling and was a noted defender. Both played for Australia in the historic Bledisloe Cup victory in 1979, Geoff's last Test.

It was widely recognised that Jake Howard's coaching of the forwards was a key part of the success of A Grade. He recalls how Tempo used all his persuasive power to talk Jake into the job.

"Tempo rang me and asked if I could come down and have a look at the scrum. Living on the Gold Coast at the time and being pretty busy with the family's sideshow business, I was a bit reluctant but agreed to pop down on Tuesday night. A couple of days later he rang again and asked if I could come back on Thursday, so I did. Then he rang again and I complained that I was too busy to be a fulltime Coach.

"Well could you be Assistant Coach?" "Tempo, it takes as much time and effort to be Assistant Coach." "Well, you could just help out, couldn't you?" "What do you mean help out?" "If you happen to be driving past, you could hop over the fence and have a word to the boys?"

Sure enough – Jake ended up Forwards Coach, with Geoff Davies looking after the backs. After successive premierships in 1989 and 1990, Jake was appointed Emerging Wallabies Forwards Coach and then Technical Assistant to the World Cup-winning Wallabies in 1991.

He stood down in 1993 but was lured back numerous times to assist and motivate the forwards. As a Coach, his job was to get the simple messages across.

A guru of forward play, his philosophy was simple. Jake maintained that the first player selected for any Test should be the tight-head prop, and the second player selected should be the reserve tight-head prop.

He wrote this short foreword in the tour magazine for the University of Queensland Football Club's trip to Canada and the United States early in 1990.

"I had the honour and pleasure to tour Canada and the United States with Sydney University in 1969, and I left with the fondest memories and friends, for I found in both those countries a purity of commitment and enjoyment. I think these are important qualities as to why we enjoy and love this game of ours. This game breeds a unique camaraderie that is the Rugby ethos.

Rugby remains a game to play, not to work at for financial reward. I see the game in a pure sporting spirit, where the only incentive needed is satisfaction for oneself and friends in the courage, devotion, and sacrifice needed to succeed. It is personally rewarding to know that courage cannot only be achieved by monetary reward. The rewards of Rugby are lifelong friends and loyalty, bound by the knowledge that Rugby is the game they play in Heaven, because rewards are of the spirit, and not of the pocket".

One of the key members of the Grand Final team, lineout man Sean Tweedy, recalls the commitment of Jake as a key factor in their success.

"Early in the season we had torrential rain one Tuesday and the ground at St Lucia was closed. Most guys thought training was cancelled, but three or four of us turned up at the Clubhouse. Jake was there, having driven up from the Gold Coast, and we went down to Heroes' Park at Toowong, where he ran a fitness session. The guys who didn't show up felt pretty bad about being so slack, so from then on we had a full complement of players, regardless of weather.

I had played in the 1985 Grand Final, when Kerry Fitzgerald allowed a dubious field goal by Tim Lane which gave Wests a win over us, so I was pretty pumped for the '88 Grand Final. Jake has this custom of slipping each player a little note before the game and then leaving us for a moment's quiet contemplation before kickoff. As Jake walked away he heard me screaming out:

'We were f....g robbed in '85, it's not going to happen to us again!' "

Sean was a member of the three Premiership sides from 1988 to 1990, being awarded his Full Blue in 1990. Always fit and enthusiastic, Sean played for Queensland against the British champion team Bath in 1990, but a knee injury in the next season put an end to his career. In all he played sixty-one A Grade games.

In the 1988 season the Club fielded eight sides, and six made the Finals. The Third Grade, coached by Jon Windsor, and the Fifths coached by Peter Russell both finished sixth, missing the Finals.

Reserve Grade - Semifinalists:

John Simmonds, 14. Dale Naylor, 13. Darren Anderson, 12. Conrad Freeman,
 David Heath, 10. Michael Holt, 9. Ross Israel, 8. Craig Forster/Bruce Elliott,
 7. Mark Milliner, 6. Jon Broadley, 5. Jim Sturgess, 4. Kevin Holt, 3. Bruce Davies, 2. Todd Clements,
 1. Michael Clacher. 16. Tim Vallance, 17. Richard Purssey, 18. Robert Cook,
 19. Chris Sherwood, 20. David Wadsworth, 21. Simon Shearer, 22. Peter Anderson,
 23. Jim MacPherson. Coaches: John O'Hare and John Fraser.

Fourth Grade - Semifinalists:

Forwards: Stu Clewes, Craig Hume, Paul Tregenza, Al MacPherson, Bill Morrow, Paul Williams, Paul Brady, Michael Beale, Glen Davies, Hamish Tweedy, Brett Harwood, Remco Bruijn, Peter Wallace, Richard James, Ian Halliday. Backs: Shane Donovan, John Primmer, Matthew Wilson, Mick deLacy, John Kent, Vaughan Thomas, Mark Kennedy, Robert Jolly, Andrew Brimblecombe, Len Stone, John McLoughlin, Tom Bennett. Coach: Matthew Forrest.

Colts I - Semifinalists (defeated by Brothers 4-6):

Graham Ramsay, Michael Ryan, Con Pappas, Dave Cameron, Ben Scott, Scott Watson-Brown, James Pitts, John Biggs, Chris Blyth, Ben Cameron, Taras Misko, Victor Browner, Tim Russell, Richard Coulson, Phil Hamilton, Stu Higgins, Kieran O'Rourke, Phil McDonald, Ben Clarke. Coach: John Wolfe.

Colts II and Colts III were both finalists but did not win Premierships.

Colts II:

Pat Sheehan, Bruce Nucifora, Simon Cool, Chris Oates, Russell Trennary, Peter Barker, John Biggs, Graeme Newton, Craig Pullen, Tim Holzgrefe, Matt Miller, Peter Row, Martin Lee, John Lee, Hamish Pressliano, Chris Dunning, Paul Burton. Coach: Will Siganto.

Colts III:

Nathan Eadie, Pat Darney, Tony Williams, Jim Maunder, Michael Forrest, David Conroy, "Andrew" Slack, Bruce Graham, Laurie Nicholson, John Marchant, John Clifford, Big Apples Accornero, Hamish Wood, John Gallagher, Tim Kelly, Vince Creagh, Barney Barnett, Danno Crawford. Coach: Howard Hickey. The following anonymous verse written at the start of the season proved to be prophetic:

Onward and upward we go from here The road's been rocky, but it will soon clear Knockers stand and laugh about But we must fight and put beyond all doubt The hour has come to reassess The special times we do possess But all too few are yours and mine Since that Grand Final win of seventy-nine.

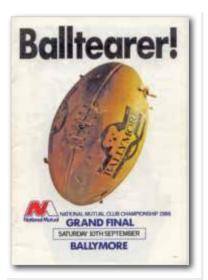
Stand up I say and show your might 'Cos the eighty-eight season is going to be tight There'll be but one to raise on high And hold that trophy to the sky To taste that wine as we seldom do There's a lot to be done by me and you

The past is history let's leave it there The future ours I do but dare We have our reps, they do us proud Let's pull together and drive this cloud Accept the challenge and do not blunder Red Heavies one through rain and thunder!

Anonymous - March 1988



1988 A Grade Premiers



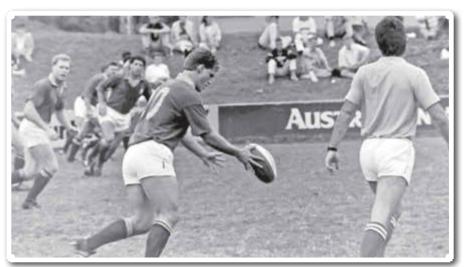
1988 Grand Final Program Cover



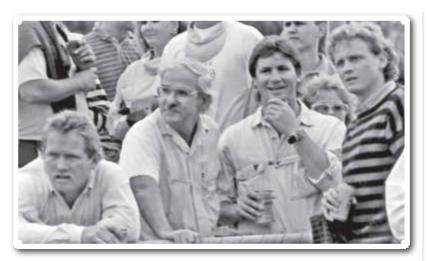
1988 A Grade Grand Final Andrew McIntyre leads the team out past the Premiership Cup



1988 A Grade Grand Final L to R: Lindsay Close, Brendan Nasser, Tony Rees, Andrew MacIntyre (Obscured), Sean Tweedy and Cameron Lillicrap



1988 A Grade Grand Final The Kick – Off by Michael Lynagh – The Referee is Kerry Fitzgerald



1988 A Grade Grand Final - The Experts: Phil Lucas, Ross Moynihan, Geoff McNamara and Peter Cooke



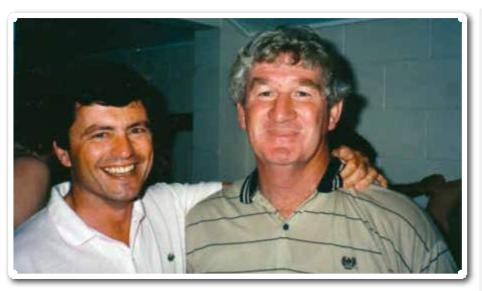
1988 A Grade Grand Final - Michael Lynagh in concentration, overlooking the front row: Andrew McIntyre, A snarling David Nucifora and Cameron Lillicrap



1988 A Grade Grand Final – The Referee awards try to Uni



1988 A Grade Grand Final – The Club's Director of Coaching, Bob Templeton, A Grade Forwards Coach, Jake Howard with fresh reserve prop, Michael Clacher and backed up by Fergus and Chilla Wilson



1988 A Grade Grand Final – Winners are Grinners – Co-coaches Geoff Davies and Jake Howard



1988 A Grade Grand Final – Michael Cook flanked by Greg Martin and Peter Slattery



1988 A Grade Grand Final – Andrew McIntyre savours the winner's broth from the Cup



The Fourth Grade Coach, Matthew Forrest enjoys the win



1988 Testimonial for Mark Loane and Geoff Shaw - Chris Beech, Allan Stone and Michael Amerena



1988 A Grade Grand Final – A Proud father,Garth, with his son, Duncan Hughes – now both A Grade Premiership winners

### 1989

Under the coaching of Steve Rowley and Jake Howard with the captaincy of David Nucifora, A Grade won another Premiership, defeating Souths by 34-9, one of the biggest winning margins since the World War II. It was 3-all at halftime, but the Red Heavies piled on four tries to run away with the game. They had won the Minor Premiership easily, but lost to Souths in the Horsley Trophy Final 16-3. The team defeated Wests 24-10 in the Preliminary Final to earn the right to again face Souths in the Grand Final. One sour note was the sendoff of star flanker Brendan "Bobby" Nasser by Referee Barry Leask. Nevertheless Nasser was selected to tour France with the Wallabies. Greg Martin was named in a World XV, coached by Bob Templeton, to play in South Africa as part of its Centenary celebrations.

A Grade - Premiers (defeated Souths 34-9):

Mark Anderson, 14. Brendan Lumb, 13. Mitchell Palm, 12. David Heath,
 Nigel Kassulke, 10. Michael Lynagh, 9. Peter Slattery, 8. Brendan Nasser. 7. David Williams,
 Jeff Miller, 5. Sean Tweedy, 4. Tony Rees, 3. Andy McIntyre, 2. David Nucifora (Capt),
 Michael Clacher. Coaches: Steve Rowley, Jake Howard, Bob Templeton.
 Manager: Mike Hughes. Assistant Manager: Stu Clewes. Scorers: P. Slattery 2, G. Martin,
 M. Lynagh. tries M. Palm 3 conv 2 penalties. M. Lynagh 2 field goals.

John Fraser's Reserve Grade and Al MacPherson's Thirds were eliminated in the Semifinals, and Fifth Grade was narrowly beaten in the Preliminary Final by Souths. Fourth Grade, coached by Jim Hanson and Matthew Forrest, just failed to finish in the top five despite a barnstorming finish.

Reserve Grade - Semifinalists (defeated Wests 21-6 in an earlier Semifinal, but was defeated by Easts 18-0):

P. Herring, 14. P. Anderson, 13. M. Hood, 12. T. Bennett, 11. D. Anderson, 10. C. Freeman,
 M. Horton, 8. B. Elliott, 7. A. Morrison, 6. M. Milliner, 5. D. Rees, 4. R. Birks, 3. B. Davies,
 T. Clements, 1. G. Ramsay. 16. C. Hume, 17. C. Forster, 18. B. Scott, 19. G. Jephcott,
 S. Rowley.

Third Grade - Semifinalists (defeated Wests 18-3 and then drew with Brothers 11-11. The match was awarded to Brothers, which finished higher on the Premiership table):

15. B. Cameron, 14. R. Jolly, 13. R. Cook, 12. P. Dwyer, 11. M. Slack, 10. I. Hunter, 9. R. Israel, 8. L. Close, 7. R. James, 6. G. Davies, 5. M. Beale, 4. R. Dashwood, 3. P. Tregenza, 2. A. Douglas, 1. P. Williams. Coach: A. MacPherson. Manager: S. Clewes.

Colts I - Minor Premiers, Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Brothers 9-19):

15. P. Hamilton, 14. J. Robinson, 13. A. Jorgensen, 12. S. Higgins, 11. M. Ross, 10. M. Lee, 9. R. Martin, 8. E. Nasser (Capt), 7. D. O'Callaghan, 6. J. Biggs, 5. R.Phipps, 4. R. Duncan, 3. A. Craig, 2. M. Ryan, 1. A. King. Coach: J. Wolfe. Manager: W. Siganto.

Matt Ross (7), Joe Savage (4) and Dominic O'Callaghan (4) were leading try scorers, while Phil Hamilton was the leading points scorer.

Colts 11 - Minor Premiers and Premiers (defeated Wests 12-8):

15. A. Little, 14. B. Graham, 13. A. Heath, 12. L. Martin, 11. A. Jorgensen, 10. D. Dougan,
9. T. Holzgrefe (Capt), 8. J. West, 7. N. Eadie, 6. G. Lalor, 5. D. Proberts,
4. D. Falcongreen, 3. M. Russell, 2. J. Buckley, 1. M. Howard. Replacements: J. Biggs, P. Harbison,
C. Lassig. Reserves: J. Maunder, J. Robertson. Coaches: Pat Sheehan and Andrew Ryan.
Scorers: Andrew Little 3 penalties, Liam Martin field goal, defeated Wests (2 tries) 8.
Halftime Uni 9 – Wests 0.

Colts III - Preliminary finalists (defeated by Wynnum 0-16):

15. J. Wentworth, 14. J. Wolfe, 13. H. Pressland, 12. C. Maddern, 11. R. Gracey, 10. D. Kerr, 9. M. Forrest, 8. J. West, 7. J. Marchant, 6. C. Lassig, 5. S. Barber, 4. T. Browning, 3. C. Jones, 2. M. Buckley, 1. M. Sievers. Coaches: P. McDonald and H. Hickey. Manager: C. Pullen.

Success in the 1988 Grand Final qualified Uni to meet Sydney winners Randwick very late in the season, on 16th August 1989 for the Australian Club Championship. The cost, borne by the home side, was around \$10,000.

The match was promoted in Sydney as another Battle of the Border with the head to head clashes - Ella v Lynagh, Miller v Poidevin, Slattery v Burke and Martin v Knox. Michael Lynagh was an eleventh hour withdrawal but this did not faze sections of the crowd who managed to heckle him well into the second half before they realised that he was not playing.

David Knox from Randwick opened the scoring with two penalties before Peter Slattery crossed for the first try, converted by Mitchell Palm, to even. A try to Niuqila and a University penalty had the score 10 - 9 to Randwick at the break.

Early in the second half Brendan Lumb appeared to score in the corner from a rebound kick. However Sydney referee Brian Kinsey didn't award the points, perhaps the turning point in the game. Instead of Uni leading, Randwick kicked two more penalties and were that important seven in front at 16-9. Held up over the line a number of times, Uni were frustrated and with Randwick's world class back line of Burke, the Ellas, Walker, Knox, Niuqila and Campese ready to exploit any loose kicking or broken play, two tries resulted to Mark Ella and Knox. Mitchell Palm had kept us in touch with two penalties, but a try to Eddie Jones on the bell had Uni 15 and Randwick twice that.

Randwick Coach, Jeff Sayle regarded the game as the toughest of the season and the Sydney papers called Slattery "The form half in Australia", Brendan Nasser was "Destined for Test honours in France" and added that "The most prominent performers were from the losing team - Nasser and Miller excelled". The scoreboard told another story -University 15 Randwick 30.

A Grade:

Fullback: M. A. Anderson, Wings: B. T. Lumb, N. T. Kassulke. Centres: C. J. Freeman, D. C. Heath. Flyhalf: M. B. Palm. Halfback: P. J. Slattery. No. 8: B. P. Nasser. Back-Rowers: J. S. Miller, S. M. Tweedy. Second-rowers: D. J. Williams, A. P. Rees. Front-row: A. J. McIntyre, M. J. Clacher. Hooker: D. V. Nucifora (c). Replacements: M. D. Hood and B. Scott. Scorers: Peter Slattery try; Mitchell Palm 1 conversion, 3 penalties. Randwick: Acura Niuqila, Mark Ella, David Knox, Eddie Jones tries; David Knox 1 conversion, 4 penalties.

The Club was honoured to play Oxbridge as a curtain-raiser to the Anzacs v British Lions match and at one point led 21-3, but a late try by Sydney University Wallaby Rob Egerton enabled the English side to win 29-21. The Club also hosted the Uni of British Columbia (lost) the South Glamorgan Institute of Technology (won) and Brunel University from England, all great tourists. The Club also played the annual Varsity match (lost 3-16) and hosted Intervarsity, losing again to Sydney University (13-0) in the final.

In one of the Club's most memorable years, Mitchell Palm earned his first Wallaby cap, joining seven other Club players on tour to France. Eleven players, Andy McIntyre, David Nucifora, Cameron Lillicrap, Bruce Davies, David Williams, Jeff Miller, Brendan Nasser, Peter Slattery, Michael Lynagh, Mitchell Palm and Greg Martin turned out for Queensland, which included Bruce Davies for the first time. Cameron Lillicrap, Jeff Miller, Michael Lynagh, Peter Slattery and Greg Martin were involved in the Wallaby Tests against the British Lions. Andy McIntyre was recalled for the one off Bledisloe Cup Test in Auckland, while Martin, Miller, and Lynagh held their places. Bobby Nasser made his debut in Australia's First Test win over France at Strasbourg, 32-15. Greg Martin and Michael Lynagh were also part of this highly regarded victory.

The Club travelled to Cairns and Mt Isa for the inaugural State Challenge and won both matches.

John O'Hare compiled the "Red Heavies Newsletter" from 1983-1992 with help from Ian East's SOS Printing company, with great articles on Club activities and personalities. John tells the story of a selection meeting at the start of the 1988 season:

"I said that I would like to retain the same team which had won the 1987 Premiership for the first round of fixtures, but it was suggested that we had acquired a promising new hooker from Wests who should be encouraged and selected in my Reserve Grade team. I didn't want to drop my incumbent hooker. Tempo said: "You're too emotional - drop him!" Geoff Davies, who was the incoming A Grade coach, sided with me. So we had a stalemate. Jake was there, so we asked him, and he said: 'Which one them is Catholic?' And, to everyone's amusement, I took him seriously!

Bill Bruce was a real character in my time, larger than life. He coached Third Grade with amazing success, winning Premierships regularly. At the start of each season he would talk about his "Envelope Team", which was the team he picked to win a Grand Final before the season began. Nobody ever got to see the envelope, let alone what was inside it, but Bill used it as an incentive and it worked. Every season he would pull a rabbit from his hat, a surprise selection, generally a former Wallaby. In 1980 it was forty year old Jules Guerassimoff, next it was Brian MacNish, and finally Greg Martin in 1982. Each time he won the Premiership. He had the whole team drinking stout for some reason, so he convinced a brewery to allow the Guinness bus to drive the team to Ballymore for the Grand Final – what an entry!

The backline calls in those days were really zany. Greg Martin could do clever bird calls, so for dummy scissors, fullback in, he would do the "Kaah, kaah" crow call, then for the cutout pass it was the "Koo-koo-kah-kah" kookaburra call. But the best of all was Bill Bruce's lineout call to Mark McDonnell. It was "Ee, eye, ee, eye, oh".

Jake Howard was a popular figure at the Club for most of the eighties, even though he originally played for Sydney University. He played seven Tests in the early seventies and was an expert on scrummaging. He loved to tell stories about his mentor, Dave Brockhoff and his zany coaching methods. Brock used to have his own language when referring to Rugby terminology. The flankers had to swoop on the ball *"like sharks in a school of mullet"* and the

backs had to tackle "*as low as a Vaucluse lawn.*" He once unscrewed the dressing-room door hinges, to add effect when he kicked the door down after his pre-game pep talk. When Jake got married to Margariete, the daughter of famous 1930s Waratah centre Cyril Towers, he planned it so as to avoid Tuesday and Thursday night training. However, after a particularly scrappy Tuesday night session, Brock barked: "*That was crap fellas – extra training this week, tomorrow night.*"

Jake went to his Coach and asked permission to miss the Wednesday night session. "It had better be good Jake," said Brock.

"I'm getting married to Margariete Towers – it's all arranged Brock." "Not good enough son – we used to get married in the off-season."

Jake credits his success at coaching to his mentors, Brockhoff and Templeton.

"You learn from watching bad Coaches, what not to do. I was lucky that I had two of the best and also I had great people around me. Steve Rowley (backs Coach 1989-90) was as good a coach as I've ever seen. He could have coached Australia, if he didn't have so many other things in his life. He and Tempo were the two best people persons I've ever met.

All the planets were in alignment when we took over. We inherited a champion Colts side and we had some world-class players, like Lynagh and Nasser. But we had such depth in the Club that they could fill in for internationals and not weaken the side. If Noddy was on international duty, Mitchell Palm was almost as good. The same with the front row, where we had two champions in Andy McIntyre and Cam Lillicrap. Their replacements, Richard Moroney, Bruce Davies and Michael Clacher had no fear of anyone. They used to really bash each other at training and they were as tough and skilful as the Test players. The other thing about Uni footballers is that they are intelligent and have more in their lives than just football. I found one of the most interesting experiences I ever had in coaching was being with Oxford, where the Captain was also the Coach. Joe Roff got me over there and I found it refreshing to work with a team of brilliant individuals who still had a close team bond.

Some of the players who were in those teams in the late eighties could have played rep football if they hadn't had to concentrate on their studies and careers.

Pat Howard, David Nucifora, Jeff Miller and Laurie Fisher – great Coaches – all played for Uni in that era. Laurie Fisher had the same long hair he has now and could slot in for the Test players without letting the side down. Duncan Hughes for example, the big centre, could have played as a blindside flanker at provincial level. And in the 1990 Grand Final, Brothers had Australia's second row, John Eales and Rod McCall, but we won the lineouts with Sean Tweedy and Tony Rees. Apart from A Grade, we had great Coaches in lower Grades too – like John Collins, who coached the lower Grades and Colts and his wife Karen, who was a fantastic manager of Colts teams.

Andy Mac and Bobby Nasser just loved playing for Uni. Both of them would always fly back and play if there was a Club game the day after a Test. Bobby only made friends with backs in the State and Test teams because he knew he'd be bashing heads with the forwards in Club games. "Chilla" Wilson reckoned Bobby could 'hang a bull out to piss" – he was so strong and aggressive, but still skilful with the ball."

The same spirit permeated right through the Grades. Phil Lucas tells how he found a group of Fourth Graders playing touch in 1980 and discovered they didn't have a Coach. As the original Coach had resigned, Phil offered to take over and found it on of the most rewarding experiences of his Rugby career.

"They were such a great bunch of blokes and had plenty of ability too. We had a bloke who could get cans for a dollar, so each week we'd sit on the sideline after the game and knock off a couple of cartons while we watched the other Grades. We went through the second round and the Finals without having our line crossed – and boy we had some fun!"

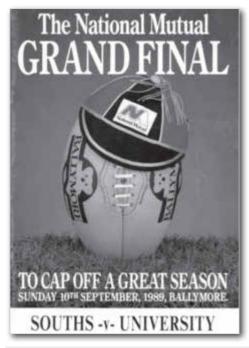
Man of the Match presentations were always a feature on game nights – Tim Brusasco always challenged the opposition to a skoll, and if he didn't beat them, Richard Moroney did.

Another memorable incident from the 1989 season came after the Grand Final, when the "Mad Monday" celebrations were in full swing. Steve Rowley and David Heath infiltrated Wests' Sylvan Road grounds and loaded their mascot, the large Bulldog that sat on top of the Clubhouse, onto Heath's Subaru utility. It then resided at Heath's College for a week and was taken out for regular "walks" around the ovals. After howls of protest from "The Kennel", the Bulldog was returned, but not before playing a starring role at the Annual Dinner and becoming attired with a new collar painted in the Club colours of Maroon and Blue.

Socially, the Fashion Parade continued its annual tradition, with "The Sunday Mail" once again devoting a full page spread. Cecelia McNamara reported:

"The annual Queensland University Rugby Fashion Parade not only presented great fashion, but served up a neat selection of local legends. The model lineup included Kim Weller, Andy McIntyre, Greg Martin, Mark Anderson, Peter Slattery and Nigel Kassulke. But the parade would not have been complete without Ballymore hero, Bob Templeton, who was disguised in a very bad wig. Chris Hancock, Simone Creagh, and Susan Kidd produced a show which takes a year to prepare and months to recover from."

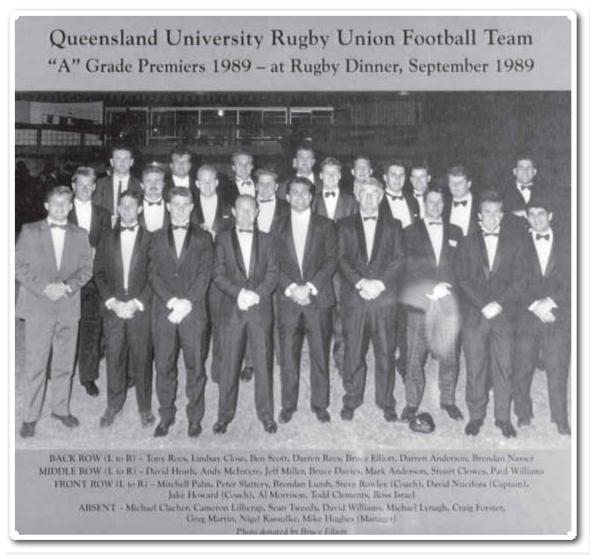
So the Club finished the Eighties with two successive A Grade Premierships . Had the Club not produced so many State and Test players, there may have been more titles, but the strength in depth was apparent, laying the sound foundations for future success.



1989 Grand Final Program Cover



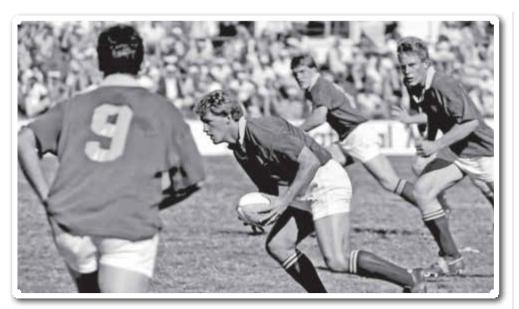
1989 A Grade Grand Final – QRU Chairman, Norbert Byrne enjoys the celebrations



1989 A Grade - Premiers



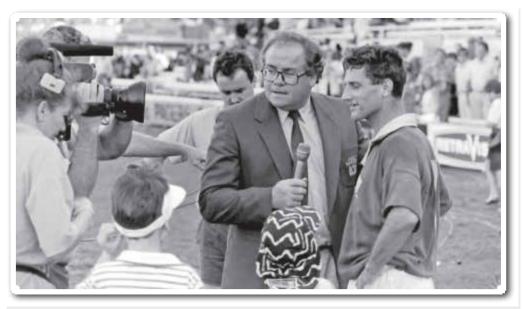
1989 A Grade Grand Final – Michael Lynagh tackles the Souths fullback



1989 A Grade Grand Final – Peter Slattery, Michael Lynagh, David Heath and Mitchell Palm on attack



1989 A Grade Grand Final – Peter Slattery kicks ahead



1989 A Grade Grand Final – Chris Handy with Peter Slattery



1989 A Grade Grand Final – QRU President, Leo Williams offers his congratulations to Captain, David Nucifora – a dejected Tim Horan sits nearby



1989 A Grade Grand Final - The Cup proudly displayed



1989 A Grade Grand Final – Steve Rowley displays his media skills with Wayne Smith



1989 A Grade Grand Final – Greg Martin with a one handed touch-down



1989 A Grade Grand Final – Michael Lynagh scores in the corner



# **CHAPTER 11**

# 1990 – 1999 COMING TO TERMS WITH THE NEW GAME

When the International Rugby Board agreed to allow players to be paid in 1995, a Pandora's Box was opened, and the game of Rugby changed irrevocably. For the Club, many are adamant that the change has been for the worse, in terms of success on the field and playing numbers. The Club started the decade with the third in a trio of successive A Grade Premierships, but in the years to 2009 had competed in only two more Grand Finals, neither of them successful.

Both these attempts were occasions of much anticipation for the Club's members and supporters, and it is likely that a solitary win would have been sufficient to forget the disappointing results from the other years. For the more experienced Club members and supporters, the dearth of success, and more distressingly the manner of this lack of achievement, had become simply unacceptable. It was cold comfort to know that it was not only our Club that had become a chronic non-achiever, but that Brothers - our greatest competitor and long time contributor to State and Australian Rugby success - also appeared to be experiencing excruciating pain.

Additionally, it was becoming increasingly apparent that the overall health of Queensland Rugby was badly deteriorating. Most certainly, Queensland could no longer consider itself the leading provincial side in the world. Its proud record from the late seventies and into the eighties and nineties had dissolved in the new professional times. The reputation of its representative team, The Reds, had collapsed more quickly than a Sixth Grade scrum.

The hasty decision by the national custodians of the code to embrace professionalism had continued to be exposed for its absence of prudence. That the effects of the process adopted have not resulted in a repeat of the sorrowful split of almost a century earlier, could be due more to good fortune than good management.

Although the code survives as one, this has required an unprecedented magnanimity from the affiliated Clubs which have borne the brunt of the considerable problems arising from the administrative performance at national level.

There have been critics of the abolition of Student Union fees who choose to identify that as a considerable factor in the ongoing financial struggle that the Club endures. These critics also like to claim that the annual Intervarsity carnivals had been a vital ingredient of University Rugby and that the reduced financial ability of the student sporting bodies to assist the participation of their member Clubs has caused the carnivals to become too expensive for most students. It is claimed by these critics that the abolition of student fees has weakened the bonds of friendship attributable to the Intervarsities. Ergo, greedy Government was at the root of the Club's fall from its former glory days to the decrepit shadow it cast during the nineties. Many would disagree.

Another unjustifiable corollary proposed to simplify matters concerning the regrowth of the Club went: "What was good for elite players was bad for the grass roots." Further ratification and rationalisation then developed: "So, while the ARU went from strength to strength,

Rugby Clubs all over the country struggled to retain players and make ends meet financially." There seemed to be little doubt about that.

In 1991 the Club continued to produce representative players as it had throughout the previous decade; that year when Australia won its first World Cup, six Uni players were in the squad. At the end of the decade the Club's representative stocks had become historically low, and this meant that one of its traditional attractions had been strongly diminished.

### 1990

The Club won the Club Championship (Doughty Shield) for the twenty-first time since World War II concluded.

Under the coaching of Steve Rowley and Jake Howard, the Club began the new decade on a high, with A Grade defeating Brothers 19-10 in the Grand Final for its third title in a row and the twenty-third in all. The team had finished third on the table, then rolled GPS 31-6 in the Quarter-Final, and Easts by 40-3 in the Semifinal. Michael Lynagh played a leading role in the Grand Final, scoring two tries and organising the backline beautifully. Uni led 10-3 but Brothers clawed back to 10-all. David Heath had never kicked a field goal in his four years at the Club, but put a left-footer between the posts to break the deadlock. Then Michael Lynagh worked a run-around move with Heathie and speared between the Brothers centres to score the matchwinner. Brothers' backline showed poor timing, as did the four pre-match entertainment skydivers who dropped onto the field several minutes after kickoff.

As predicted by Jake Howard, the A Grade lineout was dominant. The Brothers Test pair of John Eales and Rod McCall were outgunned 24-21 by the unheralded trio of David Williams, Sean Tweedy and Tony Rees – aided by pinpoint throwing by David Nucifora. Jake commented afterwards: *"Rugby is not high jumping."* 

It was a torrid affair and two players had to be taken to hospital after the game – Jeff Miller with a torn ear, and Mark McBain with concussion.

It was a tremendous year for the Club with every team contesting a Grand Final, from A Grade to Fourth Grade as well as Colts I and II, but the perfect result was just out of reach.

A Grade - Premiers (defeated Brothers19-10):

Greg Martin, Brendan Lumb, Matthew Hood, David Heath, Mark Anderson, Michael Lynagh, Peter Slattery, Brendan Nasser, David Williams, Jeff Miller, Sean Tweedy, Tony Rees, Bruce Davies, David Nucifora, Richard Moroney. Coaches: Jake Howard and Steve Rowley. Manager: Mike Hughes. Referee: Kerry Fitzgerald.

In the Reserve Grade Grand Final, a sideline conversion after fulltime enabled Easts to sneak home 19-18. The Reserves had defeated Brothers 26-10 in the Preliminary Final.

Reserve Grade - Runners Up (defeated by Easts 18-19):

15. Peter Herring, 14. Nigel Kassulke, 13. Darren Anderson, 12. Tom Bennett, 11. Jamie Webb, 10. Pat Weir, 9. Ross Israel, 8. Rob Welsh, 7. Craig Smith, 6. Allan Morrison, 5. Richard Birks, 4. Michael Beale, 3. Andrew Borthwick, 2. Craig Hume, 1. Michael Clacher. Coaches: J. Hanson, S. Flanagan. Manager: Tiny Jones. Referee: Andrew Cole.

Third Grade avenged its 1987 Grand Final loss by defeating Souths 15-10 after beating Brothers 22-15 in the Preliminary Final.

Third Grade - Premiers (defeated Souths 15-10):

15. Simon Moore, 14. Grant Jephcott, 13. Andrew Brimblecombe, 12. Robert Cook,
11. Glen Cadman, 10. Gavin Mayes, 9. Robbie Martin, 8. Ed Nasser, 7. Craig Forster,
6. David Shaw, 5. Craig Hobart, 4. Darren Rees, 3. Andrew Johnson, 2. Ian Halliday/ Craig Hume, 1. Karl Greissinger/Andrew King. Coaches: Terry Piva, Roger Masters. Manager: Matthew Forrest.

Fourth Grade - Runners-up (defeated by GPS 0-6) after beating Souths 15-12 in the Preliminary Final:

15. Michael Holt, 14. Chris Sherwood, 13. Duncan Wills, 12. Shane Donovan, 11. Brad Graham/Richard Bell, 10. Steve Rowley, 9. Stuart Rees, 8. Lindsay Close, 7. John Biggs, 6. Nathan Eadie, 5. Doug King, 4. Dave Rivers, 3. Paul Williams, 2. Simon Shearer, 1. Tim Vallance. Reserves: Andrew Mabin, Jim MacPherson. Coaches: T. Vallance, Mark Donato. Manager: Matthew Forrest.

Colts I - Runners-up (defeated by Souths 7-25):

(The Souths team was particularly strong, and included 8. *Mark Connors,* 9. *Brad Free*, and 10. *Tyron Mandrusiak.*)

Simon Nasser, 14. Albert Momberger, 13. Trevor Walsh, 12. Jason Martin,
 Christopher Green, 10. Darren Dougan, 9. Gareth Baber, 8. Luke MacGillivray,
 Angus Francis, 6. James West, 5. Angus Innes, 4. Ryan O'Hanlon, 3. Michael Russell,
 Craig Alcock, 1. Anthony Chiverall. Coaches: Howard Hickey and Will Siganto.

Colts II - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers 3-12):

(In the Preliminary Final, University defeated Wests 16-3):

 John Wentworth, 14. Price Gallie, 13. Michael Flanagan, 12. Mark Carroll,
 Mark O'Brien, 10. David Kerr, 9. Richard Biggs, 8. Tom Garde, 7. Ben Piggott,
 David Robertson, 5. David Hannah, 4. Steve Barker, 3. James Noonan, 2. Donald Watson-Brown, 1. Angus Craig. Coaches: Mick Talbot, Greg Conlon.

University Colts III lost to Brothers 7-6 in the Preliminary Final for the right to play Wynnum in the Grand Final.

The Club had made a great start to the season by embarking on its fourth overseas tour to the USA and Canada. The first game was in Hawaii (defeated Harlequins 26-4), followed by Los Angeles (15-15 draw) at California State University, then Canada's University of British Columbia, "snowed out," and lost to the University of Victoria (31-4). Previous tours had been made to Britain in 1983, the USA West Coast in 1985, and then in 1987 to Ireland. The tour was a great success, due in no small part to the wily captaincy of Andy McIntyre and the management of Stuart Rees.

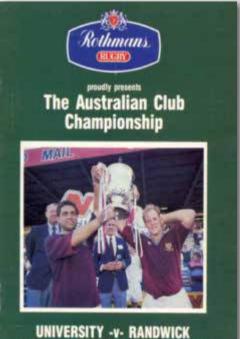
Sydney Rugby Union Premiers Randwick rolled up its sleeves and named a near full strength side for the 1990 Australian Club Championship clash with Uni at Ballymore. Six Wallabies were included in the Galloping Greens' side, including a number of players previously tipped

to have been either injured or unavailable for a match held so soon after the Grand Final.

Randwick qualified for the match when it hammered Easts 32-9 in the Sydney Grand Final. However, Randwick players complained loudly about being required to play the National Championship match just one week after clinching the Sydney premiership. Coach Steve Rowley said the University team would be at almost full strength for the match, despite doubt over Wallaby flanker Jeff Miller, whose ear had been badly torn in a Grand Final ruck.

Executive Director of the Australian Rugby Union Bob Fordham stood by the timing of the fixture, but the University side looked to be far superior to the one Randwick outclassed 30-15 in 1989.

"We had five out last year, but we should almost be at full strength this time around, including (Wallaby fiveeighth) Michael Lynagh," Steve Rowley said. Rowley,



UNIVERSITY -v- RANDWICK Ballymore Saturday September 22, 1990

an old foe of Randwick from his Sydney days with Wests, was keen to see the 'Red Heavies' demolish the Galloping Greens. *"I think a lot of people up here would like to see Randwick put in its place."* 

Randwick Captain Simon Poidevin said, *"I think they will be very competitive; they like to spin the ball wide to the wings"*. University named a fullstrength side, and only Test fullback David Campese and prop Ewen McKenzie were missing from the Greens' premiership side. Former Test centre Nigel Kassulke made a return to the big time for the match. He gained Wallaby status with his dazzling performance for Queensland against New South Wales in 1985. The performance catapulted Kassulke into the Australian Test side, but his international career was truncated when he severely damaged a knee in the second Test against Canada in the same year. After a major knee reconstruction, the hardrunning Kassulke into the side to replace Brendan Lumb, who had pulled a hamstring. Lumb had pulled off two crunching tackles in the Grand Final against Brothers the previous weekend.

The match went ahead at Ballymore in sunny but windy conditions. The A Grade forwards, drilled by Jake Howard, reigned supreme and created a perfect foundation for the Lynaghled backline. Randwick's jumpers were no match for the strength and guile of the Red Heavy forwards. A devotee of Dave Brockhoff's philosophy of making opposition line-outs like a dock yard brawl, Tony Rees ensured that any ball won by the taller Warwick Waugh would be useless to his opponents. With Sean Tweedy outstanding, the forwards won the line-outs 17-13. Rees acknowledged the performance of hooker David Nucifora with his laser-like throws.

In the second half, the pack was so dominant that Randwick kicker, David Knox did not have one shot at goal. The whole team followed the Coach's orders, maintaining a low body height and ensuring that a backward step was not taken. Rees, Williams, Tweedy, Miller and Nasser were simply outstanding, with Nasser and Miller scoring second half tries which came from constant pressure. Randwick was awarded a penalty try from a scrum in the first half, but Nasser and his pack replied with a similar effort in the second half. In the twenty-first minute, blond-headed centre David Heath, noted for his hard running, bruising defence and lack of respect for his body, burst through the tackles of halves Knox and McDonald, prop Picone and flanker Boneham to score a daring individual try, but after twenty-two minutes Randwick led 22-13. Lynagh's tactical kicking was as brilliant as ever, especially into the wind, and he landed a penalty which made it 22-16 at the break.

After the break Uni lifted its tempo, with defence and drive outstanding. Randwick's Wallaby winger Niuquila suffered a sickening knee injury after two minutes of the game and was replaced by Darren Phillips, who surprisingly scored two tries within ten minutes. The first came as a result of pressure from Michael Cheika and Knox on University fullback Greg Martin. The second was Randwick's backline at its best when he received a double-cut pass from a scrum and stood up Mark Anderson and Martin.

Michael Lynagh had an off game with his goal-kicking, landing only five from eight but on the whole the Rugby sorcerer had a magnificent game. In the fourth minute, he seized on the opportunity to score a solo try with a quick tap from a 25 metre penalty and beat Phillips with a deft sidestep, scoring out wide. Randwick had made the mistake of turning its back on Lynagh, believing he would take the opportunity to land a penalty.

Emerging centre Matthew Hood, whose form in the Finals had been outstanding, was stretchered off the field with badly torn knee ligaments late in the game, and Richard Moroney was replaced late in the match by former Test tighthead Andy McIntyre. His inclusion bolstered the scrum and raised the ire of Randwick's Coach Jeff Sayle, who claimed that Moroney was uninjured. Interestingly Richard Moroney had made his debut for Queensland in 1990 along with Mark Anderson, Matthew Hood and Sean Tweedy. Richard played a number of games also in 1991 before being replaced by Cameron Lillicrap for the NSW game. Richard had replaced Adrian Skeggs for the Reds win over Wales 35-24, and also Dan Crowley in the England game (win 20-14). Bruce Davies was in the Queensland team which beat English Club Bath 21-19 in 1990, having made his debut in 1989. Tony Rees was to make his debut for Queensland in 1991.

Captain Jeff Miller, distinctive with his bandaged head, scored a clever try from a slickly performed backrow scrum move to make the final score 29-22. The Club thus became the first Brisbane side since Wests in 1986 to win the Australian Club Championship.

At the after-match function, Randwick failed to produce the Australian Club Championship trophy which had originally been donated by Brewery owner and Foundation Life Member of the Club, Bernie Power. The trophy was belatedly presented by Bernie at an informal function at the Clubhouse later in the year.

A Grade: Greg Martin, Mark Anderson, Nigel Kassulke, Matthew Hood, David Heath, Michael Lynagh, Peter Slattery, Brendan Nasser, Jeff Miller, David Williams, Sean Tweedy, Tony Rees, Bruce Davies, David Nucifora and Richard Moroney. Replacements: Andy McIntyre, Todd Clements.

Randwick: Stu Cook, John Flett, Trevor Walker, Lloyd Walker, Acura Niuqila, David Knox, Adrian McDonald, Michael Cheika, Gavin Boneham, Simon Poidevin, Warwick Waugh, Andrew James, Brad Anscombe, Phil Kearns and Joe Picone. Half Time: University Of Queensland 16 - Randwick 22

Full Time Result: University Of Queensland 29 - (*M. P. Lynagh, D. C. Heath, B. P. Nasser, J. S. Miller* tries, *M. P. Lynagh* 3 conversions, 1 penalty goal) defeated Randwick 22 (*Phillips* 2, Penalty try, *Knox* 2 conversions, 1 penalty goal). Referee: *Kerry Fitzgerald*.

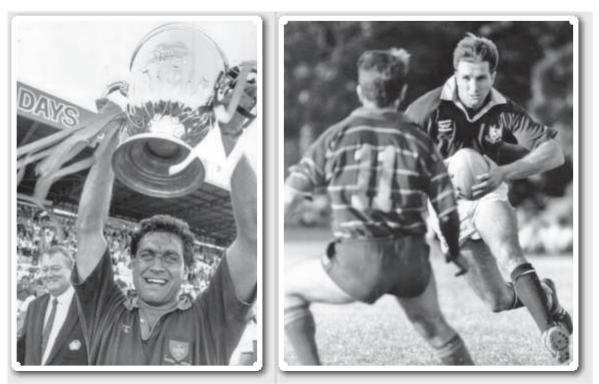
The Club's success was reflected in unprecedented representation in the Australian Universities, Queensland and Emerging Wallabies teams. David Heath was named Best and Fairest for the Club for the second year in a row. An underrated player, Heathie scored the only try for Australian Universities against the touring Frenchmen, and was in the 1991 World Cup training squad, but work commitments would curtail his Rugby career after 1992.



1990 A Grade - Premiers

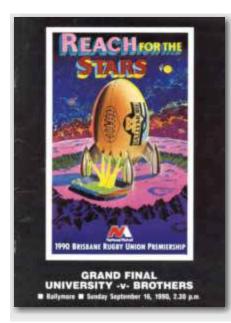


Third Grade - Premiers



Captain David Nucifora holds the Cup aloft

Greg Martin steps off his left foot v Easts



1990 Grand Final Program Cover



Mike Hughes accepts The Doughty Shield



Matthew Hood touches down next to the posts



1990 A Grade - Final Matthew Hood and Bruce Davies celebrate



1990 A Grade Final David Heath and Greg Martin celebrate



Brendan Nasser on the charge

Peter Slattery tackling Jamie Windsor about to be joined by Greg Martin

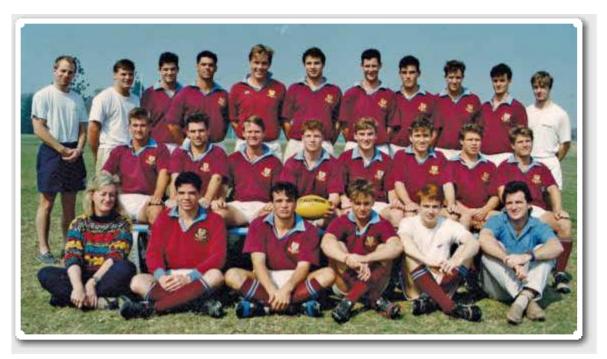
The year of the second Rugby World Cup saw the beginning of a golden run for Souths. They had fostered their Juniors well and rose from being the "easybeats" of the Seventies to the champions of the Nineties, winning seven Premierships in ten years. In this season they defeated Wests 22-15 in the Grand Final, with standout performances from Sam Scott-Young, Mark Connors, and Garrick Morgan. For Uni A Grade, there was simply too much representative Rugby for its many representative players to continue the success of the past three seasons. There was not even an appearance in the Semifinals, despite having defeated the top sides at least once.

John Collins coached Reserve Grade, which lost its Grand Final to Souths, after defeating Brothers 16-13 in the Preliminary Final.

Reserve Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Souths):

Peter Herring, 14. Duncan Wills, 13. Conrad Freeman, 12. Gus Hamilton, 11. Matthew Ross,
 Pat Weir, 9. Michael Miller, 8. Craig Forster, 7. Rick Stafford, 6. Ben Scott, 5. Darren Rees,
 Richard Birks, 3. Bruce Davies, 2. Todd Clements, 1. Adrian Cool. Reserves: 16. Jude Buckley,
 Graham Ramsay, 18. Ryan O'Hanlon, 19. Chris Babecky, 20. Richard Bell, 21. John Biggs.
 Coach: John Collins. Asst. Coach: Jim Hanson. Manager: Tiny Jones.

Fourth Grade was eliminated by Souths 9-0 in the Preliminary Final.



1991 Colts I Premiers

Back Row: Andrew Templeton, Dean Booth, Chris Hart, David Hannam, Pat Noonan, Danny Creagh, Andrew Plastow, Ben King, Tim Sayer, Mick Flanagan, Brett Watkins. Second Row: Angus Cowan, Anthony Cross, Pat Howard, Tom Murphy, Trevor Walsh, James Handy, Richard Dyer, Richard Biggs.

Front Row: Margariete Howard, Steve Cook, Malcolm Jackson, Tim Spurgin, John O'Neill, Chris Roche. Colts I - Premiers (defeated Souths 31-0):

A. Cowans, 14. M. Jackson, 13. M. Flanagan, 12. T. Walsh, 11. J. Handy, 10. P. Howard,
 R. Biggs, 8. A. Plastow, 7. T. Sayer, 6. R. Dyer, 5. D. Hannam, 4. D. Creagh, 3. C. Hart,
 T. Murphy (Capt), 1. A. Cross. Reserves: 16. P. Noonan, 17. S. Cook, 18. J. O'Neill,
 T. Spurgin, 20. P. Gallie, 21. S. Barry. 22. D. Booth, 23. B. King, 24. B. Watkins.
 Coaches: C. Roche, M. Howard, A. Templeton. Manager: R. Cross.

Colts II was defeated by GPS 6-13 in the Preliminary Final.

Colts III - Premiers (defeated Norths):

M. Haylock, 14. J. Escott, 13. R. Williams, 12. S. Gilchrist, 11. A. Walker, 10. D. Rimmington,
 B. Grey, 8. J. Warren, 7. I. Fairburn, 6. C. Mason (vc), 5. J. Sommerville, 4. D. Long (Capt),
 R. Barton, 2. P. Barron, 1. D. Graham. Reserves: 16. J. Apel, 17. D. Howlett, 18. S. Sturgess,
 M. Tritton, 20. A. Weller, 21. N. Patrick. Coach: Phil McDonald. Manager: Bart Ferguson.

Ben King, a member of the victorious Colts I team, remembers:

'The 1991 University Colts 1st XV had lost three times during the season to the star-studded Souths outfit, but we had one last chance. The team was to meet Souths in the Grand Final at Ballymore.

The closest struggle of the year ensued – at the end of the day we settled on a 9-9 draw, and as we believed, a shared Premiership. A reasonably good outcome....so we thought. However, our rugged Coach Chris Roche had a different idea. He challenged Souths to a re-match the following week to settle the season's fate, and they accepted.

We trained well at a deserted Club that week. We had been told that re-matches can often end up as one-sided affairs, and we were anxious to be on the right side of the ledger come Saturday.

Gathering in the dressing room below Ballymore, Rochey gave a speech which twenty years on still stirs the hearts of those young men then assembled.

There are only a few times in your life that you get to experience bravery. Hopefully there will be no wars for you boys. Possibly the bravery needed with an ill child? But then there are the days like today. Out on the pitch this afternoon you have the opportunity to stand shoulder to shoulder with your mates – to be brave and to experience bravery... and what I would give to have that chance again today.'

We ran the ball and played our hearts out. Uni won the day 31 points to nil.

We had seized an opportunity that Rugby gave us. Rugby Union provides an almost unique arena to develop character, build friendships, and have the times of our lives. We all contribute to this legacy, but in turn we also owe so much to our friends, our Club, our Rugby."

Pat Howard also played in the Colts I Grand Final and recalls it as his favourite at any level in his career.

"We had drawn the Grand Final 9-all and had to come back a week later, so we were thrilled to win so convincingly. My mother, Margariete was Coach of the backs and we had a crack side, led by an underrated player in Tom Murphy. It was a memorable season. I went into A Grade the next year and played with some fantastic talent – Peter Slattery, Michael Lynagh, Mark Anderson and Greg Martin in the backs and David Nucifora, Cam Lillicrap and Brendan Nasser in the forwards. Souths were the side to beat in those days – guys like Crowley, Scott-Young, Robinson, Morgan and backs like Horan, Little, Johnstone and Smith. They were tough.

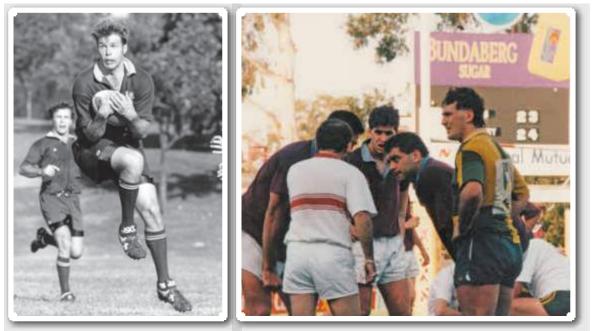
University footballers are different – probably because they're intelligent, they question everything, which some people see as being eccentric. They are also humble – I played with many guys who could have gone on to representative Rugby but chose to concentrate on their career away from football."

The Club had six Test players this season – Cam Lillicrap, Michael Lynagh, Jeff Miller, Brendan Nasser, David Nucifora and Peter Slattery. Bob Templeton and Jake Howard were both part of the coaching staff for the World Cup-winning Wallabies. Greg Martin was an unlucky omission.

The Wallabies were lucky to survive a scare in the Quarterfinal against Ireland, winning 19-18 with a last-gasp try by Michael Lynagh. Irish breakaway Gordon Hamilton had scored a runaway try in the seventy-second minute, giving the home side an 18-15 lead, but, with Nick Farr-Jones off injured, Lynagh showed his cool leadership. He called the team together in the in-goal and gave simple instructions on how they would win the game – secure possession, kick deep to the left corner, win the lineout and the backs would do the rest. It went exactly as planned, with Campese flipping the ball up to Lynagh in the right corner for the matchwinning try.

The Semifinal saw Australia defeat the All Blacks 16-6 with as good a display as had been seen at the World Cup. Campese and Horan combined for the try of the tournament and the Wallaby pack defended ferociously.

The Final against England was a comparatively dour affair, with the only try going to the Australian props, Tony Daly and Ewen McKenzie. Both had a hand on the ball as they crashed over, peeling off a lineout near the English line. Daly was credited with the points and Lynagh scored a conversion and two penalties in the Wallabies' 12-6 victory.



Peter Herring goes up for the ball

A Grade v Wests - Uni leading 24-23



Colts I Grand Final v Souths



Colts I Grand Final v Souths – Uni backs in attack – Brendan Cannon in desperate defence

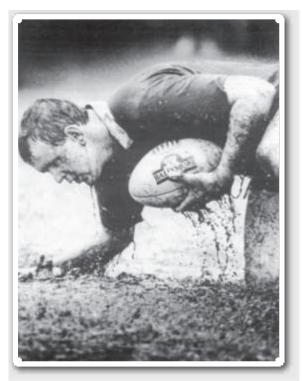




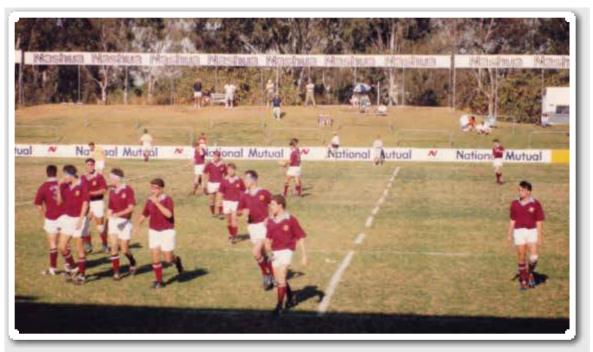
Colts I – Trophy Night Celebrations



The Club's World Cup team members Jake Howard, Brendan Nasser, Michael Lynagh, Cameron Lillicrap, Peter Slattery, Jeff Miller, David Nucifora and Bob Templeton



Tony Rees laps up Queensland training



Colts GF – The successful replay



Bob Templeton – Directing the troops

The season began well with A Grade winning the Crosby Cup Pre-Season competition, defeating Premiers Souths in the final 28-10. At the season's end, Souths were too powerful, laden with seven internationals, dominating the Grand Final, and defeating Uni 44-10. Souths had two of the State's best Coaches to guide them; former Club and Wallaby centre, and Australian Director of Coaching, Dick Marks coached the Magpies in place of Alec Evans, who had left for Wales mid-season. A try by Souths halfback Brett Johnstone right on halftime broke a 3-all deadlock, and after the break Souths international-strength pack led to six tries in nineteen minutes. While Souths won the Premierships in all four senior Grades as well as Colts 1, the Club performed above its weight and finished second in the Club Championship, accumulating 984 points, 59 points behind Souths and 79 points ahead of Brothers in third place. All senior teams made the Semifinals.

A Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Souths 10-44):

Greg Martin, 14. Mark Anderson, 13. Matthew Hood, 12. David Heath, 11. Brendan Lumb,
 Michael Lynagh, 9. Peter Slattery, 8. Edmund Nasser, 7. Nathan Eadie, 6. Ben Scott,
 Chris Perceval, 4. Angus Innes, 3. Andrew Johnson, 2. David Nucifora (Capt),
 Cameron Lillicrap. Reserves: 16. Craig Smith, 17. Simon Craig. Forwards Coach: Steve Rowley.
 Asst Coach: Jim Hanson. Manager: Tony McGinty.

Reserve Grade (defeated by Wests 18-19 in Minor Semi-final):

David Green, 14. Duncan Wills, 13. Michael Flanagan, 12. Trevor Walsh, 11. Joe Savage,
 Pat Weir, 9. Brad Free, 8. John Biggs, 7. Rick Stafford, 6. Nathan Eadie, 5. Jim MacPherson,
 Mark Egan, 3. Brendan Connelly, 2. Todd Clements, 1. Tim Vallance. Coaches: B. Cox,
 Paul Johnston. Manager: R. Hunt.

Third Grade (defeated by Wests in Minor Semi-final 10-19):

Hayden Long, 14. Gus Hamilton, 13. Neil Tarditi, 12. Mark Carroll, 11. Malcolm Jackson,
 Shane Donovan, 9. Scott Clements, 8. Craig Forster, 7. David Rivers, 6. Richard Dyer,
 Hamish Tweedy, 4. Hamish Bonifant, 3. James Noonan, 2. Tom Murphy, 1. David Hannam.
 Coach: Allen MacPherson.

Fourth Grade (defeated by Norths in Minor Semifinal 3-21):

John Wentworth, 14. Ian Carpenter, 13. Mick Hellen, 12. Jason Martin, 11. Chris Green,
 David Kerr, 9. Richard Biggs, 8. Jon Broadley, 7. Fred Etaliford, 6. John Marchant,
 Greg Watson, 4. Michael Beale, 3. Adrian Cool, 2. Jude Buckley, 1. Ian Maslin.
 Coaches: A. Brimblecombe, C. Hume. Manager: E. Lytras.

Michael Lynagh was honoured with the Australian captaincy for the upcoming tour to Ireland and Wales; David Nucifora and Cam Lillicrap were included in the Wallaby touring team.

The Fashion Parade was held on 21st August. What began a decade earlier at the Clubhouse has become one of its prized social traditions. Several players again enjoyed the parade from the catwalk, courtesy of the selections by Chris Hancock and her Ladies' Committee. As usual the Club was most grateful for their superb efforts.



Matthew Hood v Norths 1992

Greg Martin palms off a Sunnybank defender at Ballymore



Mark Anderson and Matthew Hood v Brothers 1992



Again the season began on the right note, with A Grade defeating GPS in the final of the Crosby Cup pre-season competition; but at the season's end it was Souths which defeated Sunnybank in the Grand Final 27-8 for its third successive Premiership.

Michael Zaichek, a 110kg lock, was a member of that side.

"I joined Uni as I was living at a College on campus. It was a tremendous time to come into the Club, as we had won three Premierships up to 1990 and we had players like Michael Lynagh and Andy McIntyre around. One time I played A Grade in 1994 with Noddy against GPS at Ashgrove, he simply controlled the match like a puppet-master. We were always there or thereabouts in those days but when I hung up my boots in 2002 we were beginning to fall off the pace a bit in A Grade. I don't know why it is, but players now seem more ambitious and self-centred – they're all 'playing for a contract."

One of my favourite memories was touring Thailand in 1996 and then going to the UK in 1999 – they were awesome trips. The Club gave me lifelong friendships and a certain self-belief. On the social side we had some terrific times at the Clubhouse on home match nights, contesting 400s and hanging from the rafters drinking rums.

I now coach Reserve Grade and I enjoy trying to give something back to the Club that has given me so much."

While A Grade and the three Colts teams failed to make the Semifinals, the Club was still represented by the Reserve, Third and Fourth Grades in the Semis, but it was left to the U-21s to lead the celebrations with a Premiership.

The A Grade side selected for the last competition match:

Greg Martin, 14. Malcolm Jackson, 13. Matthew Hood, 12. Mark Carroll, 11. Mark Anderson,
 Pat Howard, 9. Brad Free, 8. David Williams, 7. Hunter Beirne, 6. Andrew Plastow,
 Chris Perceval, 4. Angus Innes, 3. Andrew Johnson, 2. Tom Murphy, 1. Bruce Davies. Reserves:
 Malcolm Jackson, David Greene, Ed Nasser, Pat Weir, Peter Herring. Coaches: Steve Rowley,
 Chris Roche. Managers: Tim Vallance, Kim Weller.

Reserve Grade - Preliminary finalists (defeated by Premiers Souths, in the Preliminary Final):

 Peter Herring, 14. Price Gallie, 13. Michael Flanagan, 12. Liam Weir, 11. Gus Hamilton, 10. Alan Glyde, 9. Brad Free, 8. Fred Etaliford, 7. Rick Shuttleworth, 6. Nathan Eadie, 5. Troy Stead, 4. HamishInnes, 3. Andrew Johnson, 2. Todd Clements, 1. Dean Booth. Reserves: 16. Brendan Connell, 17. David Hannam, 18. Mark Egan, 19. Richard Dyer, 20. Ben Thynne, 21. Conrad Freeman, 22. Lai Toga. Coaches: B. Cox, P. Johnston. Manager: R. Hunt.

Third Grade, coached by Terry Batch and Bruce Elliott and managed by R. Plastow, was eliminated in the Minor Semifinal by GPS, 10-12).

Fourth Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Sunnybank):

Angus Cowan, 14. Peter Anderson, 13. Jason Martin, 12. John Hetherington, 11. Adrian Buzolic,
 Shane Donovan, 9. John Gibbons, 8. Craig Forster, 7. David Robertson, 6. Hunter Beirne,
 Jim MacPherson, 4. Evan Woodward, 3. Scott Leis, 2. Craig Hume, 1. Tim Vallance.
 Reserves: 16. Steven Gassman, 17. Daniel Eadie, 18. Bill Gordon-Thompson, 19. Brett Russell,
 Katzu Mura, 21. Lai Toga, 22. Frank McClathey. Coaches: C. Hume, C. Ferris. Manager:
 R. Dashwood.

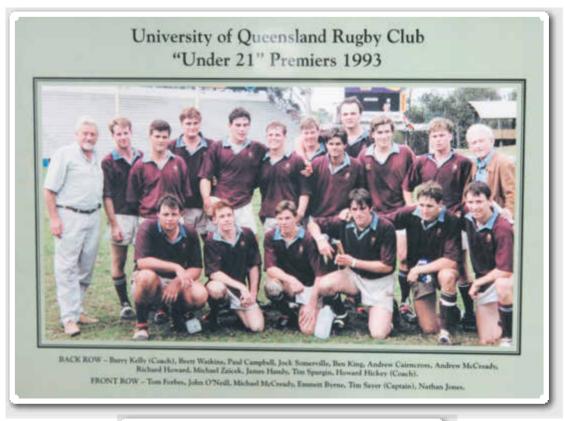
The Club's U-21 team won its Premiership defeating Brothers 11-9 in the Grand Final. Brothers had won the Major Semifinal 10-0 but Uni rebounded, defeating Norths 33-3 in the Preliminary Final before dominating the Grand Final.

U-21 - Premiers, (defeated Brothers 27-8):

Tim Spurgin, 14. Richard Howard, 13. Brett Watkins, 12. Michael McCready, 11. James Handy,
 Paul Campbell, 9. John O'Neill, 8. Ben King, 7. Andrew McCready, 6. Tim Sayer,
 Michael Zaichek, 4. Jock Somerville, 3. Emmett Byrne, 2. Andrew Cairncross, 1. Tom Forbes.
 Reserves: 16. Peter Thomas, 17. Nathan Jones, 18. Sam Bowden, 19. Marc Rhodes, 20. Michael
 Bennett, 21. Carl Patterson. Coaches: Barry Kelly, Howard Hickey. Manager: Len O'Neill.

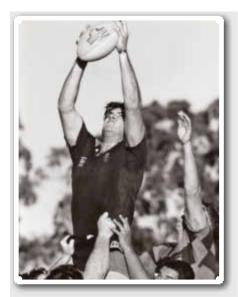
With the resignation of Terry Burkett as the QRU's Director of Coaching, Geoff Shaw was appointed. Andrew Slack became an Assistant Coach to John Connolly, a successful partnership which won back-to-back Super Ten competitions. The Club's Queensland Captain Peter Slattery, who finally got his chance as Wallaby halfback with the retirement of Nick Farr-Jones, suffered a badly broken jaw playing against Norths, and Michael Lynagh injured his shoulder on the British tour. No sooner had Slattery recovered than he was kneed in the back in a game against Tonga, breaking two ribs and was out for the rest of the season. Noddy came back with the captaincy of the Wallaby tour to North America and France.

Pat Howard made his debut for Queensland as a nineteen year old against ACT in a memorable cakewalk, 66-3 and retained his place against NSW for two convincing victories, 29-17 and 37-15. His Wallaby debut followed against the All Blacks, who revelled in the venue in Dunedin, winning 25-10.

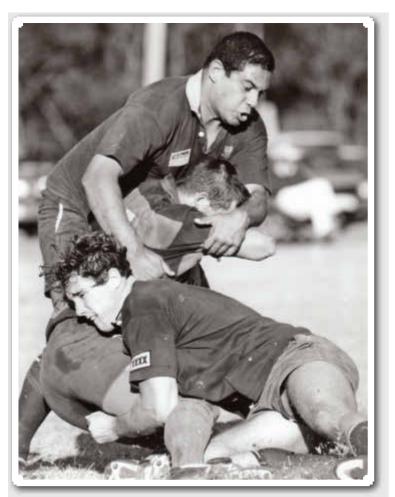




Richard Dyer, Malcolm Jackson, Tom Murphy - Australian Uni Reps 1993



Angus Innes wins lineout v GPS



Lower Grade action v GPS



Alan Glyde



Steve Rowley



Chris Roche



Ed Nasser



David Nucifora



Darren Rees



Andrew Plastow



Gus Hamilton



Peter Herring





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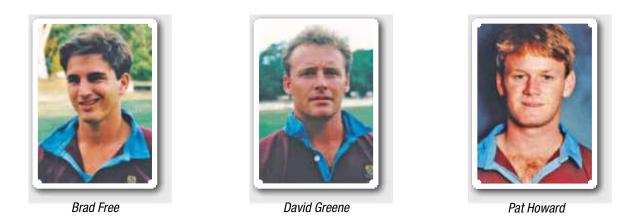


**Richard Moroney** 

Greg Martin

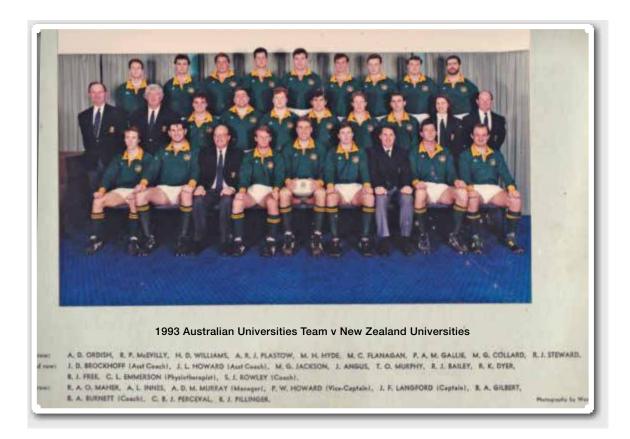
Peter Slattery





The Australian Universities team was defeated by New Zealand Universities at the Basin Reserve in Wellington. New Zealand Universities contained Justin Marshall and Josh Kronfeld. Australian Universities contained ten Queensland University players - Angus Innes, Pat Howard, Andrew Plastow, Malcolm Jackson, Tom Murphy, Michael Flanagan, Price Gallie, Richard Dyer and Brad Free. Brad Pillinger was also in the team and he joined the Club from Sydney University in 1995. Coaches of the Australian University Team were Jake Howard and Steve Rowley.

In 1993 Ben Cronin would play First Grade for the Club, and later on represent Munster and Ireland. In 1993 Emmett Byrne was part of our Premiership winning U21 team, and would then go on and represent Leinster and Ireland. In 1995 Ben Kay would play for the Club in A Grade and U21, and would later represent Leicester and England. He would go on to become a member of the 2003 English World Cup winning squad.



Chris Roche and Sean Flanagan coached the A Grade through a turbulent year; there was not a month go past without the spectre of professionalism appearing and disappearing. Women's Rugby kicked off and quickly grew in numbers. There were nineteen teams spread throughout Queensland, and eight of them contested the South East Queensland Mazda Cup. The Club's first Women's team created their own bit of history by winning the inaugural competition.

In the main competition A Grade played attacking football with Mark Anderson (13) and Brad Free (11) finishing second and third respectively in the leading try scorers' ladder, while Mark Carroll recorded seven tries for seventh place. A Grade scored sixty-four tries in the fixtures, just the one behind the Souths total of sixty-five. Brad Free became the third scrumhalf in as many years to win the prestigious Travelword Queensland Newspapers Club Player of the Year award. Brad Free also won the Rothmans Medal for the competitions Best and Fairest player, ten years after another A Grade half-back Guy Sanders won the award.

Fourth Grade won its Premiership. A Grade and Second Grade were eliminated in the Semifinals, while Third Grade was the only side to not qualify for the Semifinals. The U21 side, after an early lesson from the eventual Premiers Easts, developed into a competitive unit but were not quite ready on Grand Final day. They were worthy runners-up in a surprisingly tough competition. Colts I, II and III finished fourth, fourth and second on the premiership table respectively, while the Women's team won the Minor Premiership and the Grand Final.

Sunnybank was the bridesmaid again when Souths won the Grand Final 19-8. The Magpies were without their star centres, Tim Horan and Jason Little; both had freakishly injured knees in the Super Ten final against Natal. There was controversy as Sunnybank fullback Nathan Turner was banned from the Grand Final as he had signed with the new Rugby League team, the Crushers. Several days after the Grand Final, Garrick Morgan joined him.

A Grade (The side selected for fixtures prior to Semifinals), (defeated by GPS 37-21, Elimination Final):

Gus Hamilton, 14. Price Gallie, 13. Shaun Navin, 12. Mark Carroll, 11. Mark Anderson,
 Pat Howard, 9. Brad Free, 8. Steve Day, 7. Andrew Plastow, 6. Chris Perceval, 5. Angus Innes,
 Cam Storey, 3. Andrew Johnson, 2. David Nucifora, 1. Chris Hart. Reserves: Jim Noonan,
 Tim Spurgen, Sean Flanagan. Coaches: C. Roche/S. Flanagan. Manager: J.Marfutenko.

Second Grade:

15. G. Hamilton, 14. L. Toga, 13. N. Regenvanu, 12. S. Nasser, 11. L. Tui/G. Cashion, 10. T. Spurgin, 9. S. Barry, 8. C. Hill, 7. T. Stead, 6. T. Sayer 5. D. Creagh, 4. H. Innes, 3. R. Condon, 2. L. Blackwell, 1. D. Hannam. Coach: L. Stone.

Third Grade:

D. Short, 14. A. Buzolic, 14. A. Heath, 12. B. McKenzie, 11. Tony Kanowski, 10. R. Herring,
 B. Thynne, 8. B. King, 7. D. Badesso, 6. D. Robertson, 5. P. Noonan, 4. M. Zaichek,
 B. Jones/P. Thomas, 2. B. Nucifora, 1. J. Madgwick. Coach: C. Ferris.

The 1994 Fourth Grade team marked the start of a great winning streak which was to last four years and lead to the christening of this team as the "Juggernaut." The following extract

from the Brisbane "Courier-Mail", Sunday 18th September 1994 under the heading "Uni big guns can still fire" provided an accurate record of the Grand Final.

The class of former Australian representatives Andy McIntyre, Jeff Miller and Greg Martin shone for University Fourth Grade yesterday in its 23-5 Grand Final victory over arch-rivals Brothers.

Fourth Grade – Premiers (defeated Brothers 23-5)

Angus Cowan, 14. Simeon Dickenson, 13. Grant Jephcott, 12. Brett Russell, 11. Bryn Hughes, 10. David Alt/Greg Martin, 9. Stuart Rees (Capt), 8. Craig Forster, 7. Jeff Miller, 6. John Marchant, 5. Mark England, 4. Mick Heenan/Evan Woodward, 3. Tim Vallance, 2. Bruce Nucifora, 1. Feletiliki Fa'otusai. Reserves: Bill Gordon-Thompson, Michael McCready, Tom Bennett, J. Johnstone, Andy McIntyre, J. McKinlay, John Biggs, Jon Broadley, Jude Buckley, Steve Gassman. Coaches: Matthew Forrest, Andrew Templeton.

U-21 - Runners-up (defeated by Easts):

John Braitling, Brett Watson, David MacDermott, Rob Williams, Simon Vertullo, Derek Lipp, Gareth Horton, Jock Sommerville, Alistair MacLeod, Jarrod Foster, Damian Munro, Duncan MacIntosh, Jeff Cook, David Davies and Steve Cook. Reserves: Nick Lutton, John Flanagan, Carlyle Jenkins, Andrew Stabler and Johnathan Muller. Coaches: Howard Hickey and Jim Meaney.

The Women's XV (Grand Final – University 13 defeated Norths 3):

B. Lynch, M. Harris, M. Kearney, K. Meredith, M. Bochman, P. Ili, L. Bowman, E. Stokes, D. Aiken, N. Wanrooy, K. Bond, K. Cran, C. Daveron, K. McCullagh and L. Wilkes. Reserves: J. Payne, M. Wells, F. Canny, C. Muchow, R. Taylor, A. Mattiazi and R. Gower.

A new face at the Club this season was Nick Barr.

"I joined the Club because I was living at Emmanuel College and then had ten very happy seasons. I played in Colts and thrived off the passing skills of Mark Brownlie, putting me through gaps all day. My favourite match had to be when we played GPS in Colts 1 at Ashgrove, where we won 22-13 and I scored all our points. One of my other memories was playing against Japanese touring sides on Wednesday nights, when they arrived in team buses with sponsors' logos all over them and we just got together a scratch team of whoever was available, and we beat them almost every time. I can even recall Brothers David Croft throwing on a Uni jumper and having a run for us. On Saturday nights after a home game it was the most fun a young man could have."



Women's Rugby XV 1994, when we won the first ever Women's Premiership



Under 21 - Grand Finalists



Chris Perceval (Richard Moroney No.3) Norths v Uni St Lucia



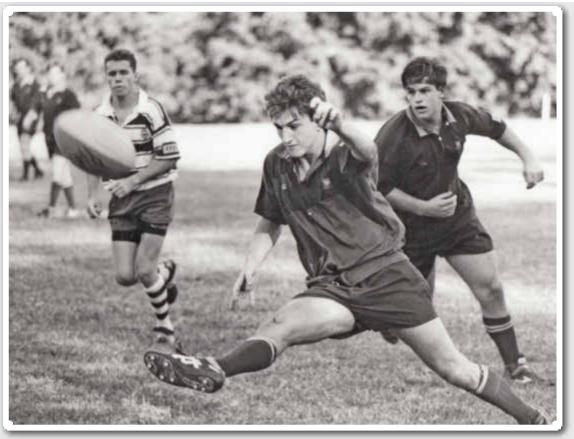
Daniel Herbert tackling Price Gallie (Uni) 1994 Ashgrove



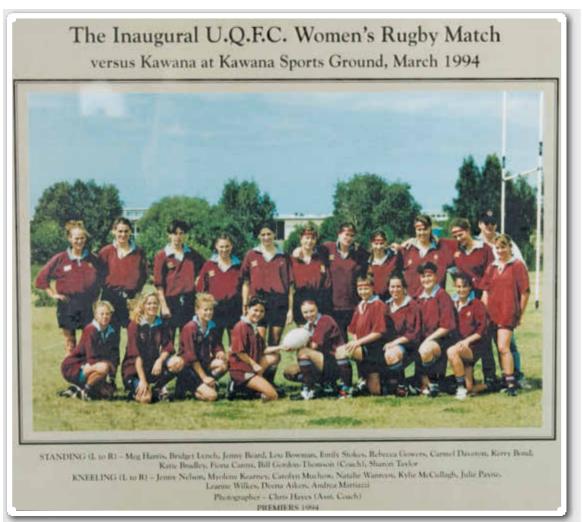
Pat Howard kicking

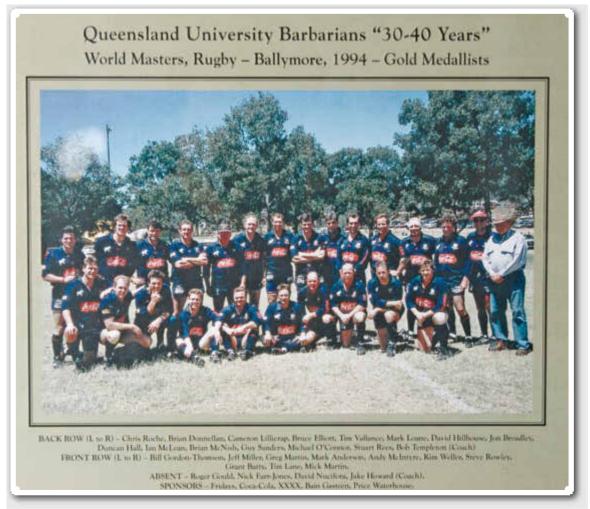


Mark Anderson tackled v Brothers 1994. Uni won 18-12 at St Lucia



1994 Player of the Year Brad Free





This season the Club celebrated winning the Club Championship and Premierships in Fourth Grade, Colts II, Colts III, and the Women's XV.

A Grade finished third on the competition table. There were so many female players who joined this year that the Club formed two women's teams, the Red and the Blue. The Reds beat Easts in the Grand Final to be Premiers once again, having lost only two games in two years, and the Blues narrowly missed the Finals by just two wins. Ten teams contested the inaugural Queensland Women's Club Championships at St Lucia, and the Club's team, coached by Bill Gordon-Thompson and Chris Hayes, were the winners. Three girls, Meredith Bochmann, Carmel Daveron, and Bridget Lynch were selected to play for Australia against New Zealand.

With a number of new recruits, A Grade made a slow start, began to hit its straps mid-season, but fell to Easts in the Semifinals. All the players appreciated the efforts of their Coaches Chris Roche and Tim Lane, considering the number of injuries and illnesses in the team.

In Rugby, as in life, all good things must come to an end. The retirement of Michael Lynagh at the age of thirty-one left an unbelievable legacy of records:

For Australia, the most Test points, the most goals, and the most conversions:

911 points in 72 Tests, comprising 17 tries, 140 conversions, 177 penalties and 9 field goals.

For Queensland, he surpassed the former champion, Paul McLean in compiling 1166 points in exactly 100 games – an incredible achievement.

The A Grade team for the last fixture versus Sunnybank on 20.8.95 closely resembled the Semifinal selection.

A Grade - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Premiers Souths):

Peter Herring, 14. Price Gallie, 13. Shaun Navin, 12. Pat Howard, 11. Brendan Casey,
 Damon Emtage, 9. Brad Free, 8. Andrew Plastow, 7. Graham Hislop, 6. Steven Day,
 Chris Perceval, 4. James Blanshard, 3. Andrew Johnson, 2. Tom Murphy, 1. Chris Hart.
 Coaches: Chris Roche, T. Lane. Manager: J. Marfutenko.

Reserve Grade - Semifinalists:

15. P. Hamilton, 14. A. Heath, 13. G. Godsall, 12. M. Brownlie, 11. S. Ogg, 10. T. Spurgin, 9. S. Barry, 8. T. Sayer, 7. A. McLeod, 6. M. Zaichek, 5. J. Brady, 4. H. Innes, 3. S. Cook, 2. A. Carr, 1. J. Madgwick. Coach: T. Dixon. Manager: R. Plastow.

Third Grade - Semifinalists:

15. B. Thynne, 14. J. Shewell, 13. D. McDermott, 12. G. Spivak, 11. J. Wentworth, 10. P. Hawkins, 9. R. Howard, 8. H. McGregor, 7. D. Roberston, 6. M. England, 5. M. Heenan, 4. D. Creagh, 3. G. Mellick, 2. R. Kuter, 1. F. Fa'otusia. Coaches: V. Martin, C. Ferris.

Fourth Grade - Premiers (defeated Wests 14-10):

Mark Anderson, 14. Tony Kanowski, 13. Stuart Brown, 12. Brett Russell, 11. Tim Blair,
 David Kerr, 9. Stuart Rees (Capt), 8. Craig Forster, 7. Richard James, 6. Tim Noonan
 Matt Borghero, 4. Peter Effeney, 3. Costa Pappas, 2. Craig Hume, 1. Feletiliki Fa'otusai.
 Reserves: Brad Jones, David Finch, Tom Bennett, John Walker, John Wentworth, Wade Biggs,
 Adrian Buzolic, Pat O'Donnell, Jon Broadley, David Badesso, Andy McIntyre, Matt Messenger,
 B. Young, Greg Martin. Coaches: Matt Forrest, Tom Bennett. Manager: M. O'Callaghan.

Fourth Grade, in spite of rather unusual training methods, became Minor Premiers and topped Wests in the Major Semifinal 10-8, progressing to the Grand Final. Two weeks later the team did it again, defeating Wests 14-10 to win the Premiership.

U21 - Runners-up (defeated by GPS after winning the Major Semifinal, defeating Minor Premiers, Sunnybank.) The side played enterprisingly all season, racking up some very large wins, particularly the second round victory over the previous season's Grand Final opponents and Premiers, Easts. In a competition that was very close at the top of the table, the team finished second on sixty-six points, one win behind Sunnybank on seventy points. It defeated Sunnybank in the Major Semifinal, a bruising affair that left Sunnybank as easy pickings for GPS.

Over the years there have been many of the Club's Grand Final teams which have felt unfairly treated at the hands (or whistle) of the match Referee; from many points of view this side had significantly justifiable complaints, not the least being the disallowance of Duncan MacIntosh's match winning try and the unfathomable interpretations applied in awarding short arm free kicks.

U21 - Runners-up (defeated by GPS):

A. Gordon, 14. J. Braitling, 13. J. Donkin, 12. S. Vertulo, G. Godsall, 11. T. Quirk, 10. R. Naylor, 9. P. Lambie, 8. S. Dobbie, 7. B. Martin, 6. C. Daykin, 5. D. Waller, 4. D. MacIntosh, 3. J. Cook, 2. N. Lutton, 1. J. McKenzie. Coaches: Jim Meaney and Howard Hickey.

Graham Dedrick's Colts II and Brad Lauder's Colts III both won Premierships.

Colts II - Premiers (Defeated GPS, came back from losing the Major Semifinal 10-16 to GPS):

15. G. Greenwood, 14. M. Watter, 13. C. Palmer, 12. D. Sherman, 11. R. Barlow, 10. B. Jamieson, 9. M. Jackson, 8. T. Greenland, 7. D. Doherty, 6. I. Hume, 5. M. Griffiths, 4. S. Whalley, 3. D. Brand, 2. N. Yuille, 1. M. Bauer. Reserves: 16. P. Tucker, 17. A. Quant. Coach: G. Dedrick. Manager: M. Bochmann.

Colts III - Premiers (having defeated Easts 25-5 in the Major Semifinal).

In another first for the Club and women in Rugby, Fiona Corrie was appointed Club Manager, moving towards professionalism in administration.

Overall it was a good year of rebuilding, and good enough to win the Doughty Shield. Peter Slattery and Michael Lynagh were instrumental in Queensland's defeat of Transvaal at Ellis Park, 30-16, to win the 1995 Super Ten final.

On the international scene, the third Rugby World Cup in South Africa took centre stage and Rugby turned professional in the biggest watershed the game had seen since the "Northern Union" inspired the breakaway game of Rugby League in 1908. Australia was disappointed in its attempt to "bring back Bill", being narrowly defeated 22-25 in its Quarterfinal, the difference a field goal from Rob Andrew, the England flyhalf. South Africa defeated the All Blacks 15-12 in a tryless final to secure the Cup after extra time.

The formal introduction of professionalism to Rugby was far from easy, as the power-brokers of the game in Australia made some extraordinary assumptions and completely over-reacted to the threat of Rugby League. There were arguments for attempting a balance between pleasing the players, pleasing the public, and making a profit. There were lessons to be learned from the established professional codes, but these went unheeded and in retrospect far too much money was allocated to players. Not that the players complained, but it has been the code at large, particularly the grassroots, that has suffered. Insufficient funds remained for the Clubs to run the game. Today Clubs still struggle, and the laws continue to be amended.

From Uni's point of view the Nineties were a tough ten years. On the field, the once-dominant Red Heavies had contested only one Grand Final, 1992, after the threepeat in 1988, 1989 and 1990. The discipline of Souths, then of Sunnybank and the Gold Coast had defined the A Grade Premiership competition. In 1995 Souths won its fifth A Grade Premiership in a row, defeating Easts 27-11. Unsurprisingly, there was one sour note when Easts' Wallaby flanker, David Wilson, suffered a head injury at the bottom of a ruck.

In 1995 the hooker in the Colts III side was a fresh-faced eighteen year old from Southport School called David Muir.

"My older brother Mark had played Under 16As at Southport and was coached by Margariete Howard, and Jake was coaching the First XV with Barry Honan. So he came down to Uni when he left school and played Colts 111 under Margariete again. I used to come up and watch a few games, so it was natural when I came to College at Uni to follow in his footsteps...

The following season, 1997, I finally cracked Premier Colts under Nuci and Mark Anderson. We had a good pack, with Nathan Sharpe and Dan Vickerman, so we used to do opposed scrum practice against Premier Grade regularly. I would be packing against Tom Murphy, under the watchful eyes of Tempo, Jake and Nuci, and hear the calls:

'Drop 20cms, shuffle left, shuffle right, OK, raise it back again'.

Down at Yoku Road we were playing GPS. In the fourth scrum of the game we were pressing for a pushover, their tight head went down, the scrum collapsed and I broke my neck. I was taken to hospital and they told me I had a C5/C6 fracture and was about 1mm away from being a quadriplegic. I had 2 weeks in hospital and my neck was in a brace for 3 months, but the realisation that my career was over at 20 was much harder to come to terms with. I spent two years feeling sorry for myself. I was simply devastated.

In 2000, at the age of 23, I had a good look at myself and didn't like what I saw - 105kg with a shaved head, I was disgusting. So I decided to get fit and start coaching. I was paired with veteran Club stalwart, Howard Hickey, who was more than forty years older. I learned a lot, how to control my emotions, and not to talk too much. Howard was terrific and we made the Grand Final in 2000 but lost. In 2001, all three Colts sides made the Grand Finals and all of them lost. Finally, in 2002, we won all three.

Joining the Club in 1995 I've never known the traditional values of a Rugby Club which kept the bonds between players so close in the old days. This Club has gone through an enormous change and it's no longer the hub of its players' lives. We're adapting to professionalism, but slowly. One of the problems is that the Colleges don't supply so many players these days. Greg Martin called the Generation Y philosophy "fast food entertainment"- there's simply so many other things outside Rugby to attract them these days. I'm hoping that we will see a return to Australian Universities' games. It's an avenue towards representative selection and an incentive to play for University. As for me, I just love the game and the Club and I'll be here for life."



Fourth Grade - Premiers 1995



Fourth Grade - Premiers 1995 - with silverware



Under 21 - Grand Finalists 1995



The Women's XV - Premiers 1995 (defeated Easts)



THE WOMEN IN ACTION









The highlight of the season for University was the Grand Final win by Fourth Grade, its third in a row. Sadly, it was the Club's only title.

The University 4th Grade "Juggernaut" - Premiers 1996



Back Row:	Andrew Waller, Richard James, David Finch, John Marchant, Costa Pappas, Dan
	Paton.
Middle Row:	Dave Baudesso, Brad Lauder, Fred Faotusia, David Robertson, Adrian Buzolic,
	Chris Searles, Jim MacPherson, Bruce Nucifora, Anthony Gates, Bill Gordon-
Front Row:	Thompson, Al MacPherson, Will Siganto.
	Matt Forrest, Tim Noonan, David Kerr, Craig Forster, Ben Williams, Brian
	MacKenzie, Tom Bennett.

Fourth Grade - Premiers (defeated Souths):

Dan Paton, 14. Tony Kanowski, 13. Ross West, 12. Tom Bennett, 11. Adrian Buzolic,
 David Kerr, 9. David Robertson, 8. Craig Forster (Capt), 7. Richard James, 6. John Marchant,
 Paul Boles, 4. Jim MacPherson, 3. Feletiliki Fa'otusai, 2. Bruce Nucifora, 1. Paul Williams.
 Reserves: Mark Anderson, David Finch, George Mellick, Tim Noonan, Andrew Waller, Ben
 Williams, Chris Searles, Brian McKenzie, A. Kelleher. Coaches: M. Forrest and T. Bennett.

A Grade performed poorly and finished last in the competition, the first time ever in the history of the Club. Earlier in the season the A Grade and Reserve Grade lineups had looked impressive in the Sunnybank fixture on 18.5.96 and good things beckoned.

A Grade:

Andrew Gordon, 14. Peter Beauchamp, 13. Michael Flanagan, 12. Neil Tarditi, 11. Brendan Casey,
 Price Gallie, 9. Brad Free, 8. Graham Hislop, 7. Jason Air, 6. Tim Sayer, 5. Michael Zaichek,
 James Blanshard, 3. Julian Madgwick, 2. Tom Murphy, 1. George Websdale.
 Coach: Tom Dixon. Managers: J. Marfutenko and C. Ferris.

Second Grade :

Simon Nasser, 14. Tim Quirk, 13. David McDermott, 12. Simon Walsh, 11. Tim Gazzard,
 Gareth Greenwood, 9. Shaun Barry, 8. John Taylor, 7. Lucas Hampson, 6. Doug Waller,
 Hamish Innes, 4. Mick Heenan, 3. Cameron Kenny, 2. James McKenzie, 1. Steve Cook.
 Reserves: Richard Nyholt, Ray Smith and Ben Thynne. Coach: D. Flemming.

Second Grade fared marginally better than A Grade finishing second last. Even the champion women's Red team, which had won its previous two Premierships, lost its Grand Final to Souths. Fourth Grade, and Colts I and III both made the Preliminary Final, but would go no further.

Colts I – Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Brothers)

Ben Thomas, 14. Michael Watter, 13. Tim Mathers, 12 Mark Brownlie, 11. Nick Barr,
 Richard Burgess, 9. Anthony Jacob, 8. Andrew McLeod, 7. Steven Sexton, 6. Richard Sexton,
 David Duley, 4. Nathan Sharpe, 3. Liam Prescott, 2. Damian Flynn, 1. Sean Johnston.
 Reserves: Peter Collins, Michael Burke and Ian Hume. Coaches: David Nucifora, Mark
 Anderson. Manager: Len Stone.

Colts III – Preliminary Finalists:

J. Roberts, D. Sherman, L. Wilson, L. Robinson, P. Donegan, A. Smith, E. Escot, K. Martyr, T. Duddly, A. Rose, S. Sippe, D. Doherty, D. Eden, N. Yuille and M. Bear. Coach: B. Lauder Manager: A. Waite.

In A Grade, Souths' winning streak was finally broken in the Grand Final by GPS, who won a dour, tryless match 12-6. The Magpies had ten internationals in the team but couldn't match the defensive fire of Jeeps, who won for the first time in twenty-four years.

It seemed that the advent of professionalism and Rugby Academies for talented players meant that the Club no longer attracted the same large pool of players.

Although it was a very poor year, Pat Howard was picked for the Wallabies, Graham Hislop was one of the leading point scorers (2 tries, 22 conversions and 22 penalties) with 120 points, and he and Brad Free were selected for Queensland's tour of the UK. Four players – Nathan Sharpe, Richard Sexton, Damian Flynn and Stephen Sexton – were chosen in the Australian Under 19 team to tour New Zealand. James Blanshard was runner-up in the Rothmans Medal, and chosen in the Australian U 21 team. Vince Martin and Martin Gorin prepared a "Proposal for our Club's Playing Future" at the end of the season.

The Club embarked on an overseas tour to Thailand for the King's Cup Tournament. The Thai tour, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the King's ascension to the throne, was a resounding success, on and off the field. The Club won the Cup final, despite the sapping heat and having twenty players hospitalised with food poisoning a few days earlier. It was a credit to Coach Tom Bennett and Manager Mark Donato. The opposition included Sandhurst

Military Academy from England, Keio University from Japan, and the Malaysian and Thai National teams.

James Blanshard, a 105kg lock who played Australian Under 19 and U21, was only twenty at the time.

"That tour was one of the highlights of my career at Uni, where I played from 1993-97, while I studied for a BA. We reached the final of that tournament in front of a capacity crowd and "live" national TV, so it was a thrill to win. Although it was a pretty lean time in terms of success in the Brisbane competition, we had a terrific bunch of blokes at the Club. You wouldn't find better Clubmen than Tom Murphy, a tireless hooker and born leader, Steve Cook, a 95kg prop who always played above his weight and Brad Free, a brilliant attacking halfback. I also enjoyed the Uni Games (which replaced IV - we travelled to Wollongong, Canberra, Darwin and Lismore and had a ball. The end-of-season Dinners were fantastic, especially with Greg Martin as MC. Although I've lived overseas for the past ten years, I'm still close friends with my old Clubmates."



University's rebuilding process continued, with the Club winning the Doughty Shield as Club Champions. A Grade placed fourth at the end of the season, but it was knocked out by Easts, losing the Minor Semifinal. In total, six teams reached Finals, four made Grand Finals, and two of those won Premierships. Fourth Grade won for the fourth time in a row, providing more celebrations for Craig Forster and the team. The Women's team did it again, defeating Souths in the Grand Final 20-8. In the A Grade Grand Final it was Easts' turn to pip Souths 18-16. Colts I and II were both Runners-up, being unsuccessful in their Grand Finals while Colts Red ended up on the wrong side of the scoreboard after its Preliminary Final. Colts II was coached by Howard Hickey and Michael Logan.

Mention must be made of the sterling efforts of the A Grade coaching team of Mark McBain, Geoff Jones, and Geoff Shaw who took last year's disappointing young side and transformed it into a competitive combination.

A Grade - Semifinalists (defeated by Easts):

T. Mathers, B. Casey, S. Navin, G. Hamilton, P. Gallie, B. McGrath, S. Barry, A. Plastow, D. Duley, J. Foster, H. Innes, N. Sharpe, A. Johnson, D. Flynn and N. Stiles (c). Reserves: P. Beauchamp, P. Sartori. Coaches: Mark McBain, Geoff Shaw, Geoff Jones. Manager: M.Gorin.

Reserve Grade:

M. Watter, A. McCleane, R. Noble, P. Beauchamp, S. Nasser, G. Greenwood, B. Everett, T. Stead, P. Sartori, A. Watts, G. Hay, J. Madgwick, M. Grooby, J. McKenzie, R. Nyholt. Reserves: V. Creagh, J. Taylor, D. Byrne, R. Dyer. Coaches: Bruce Elliott, Mitchell Palm. Manager: J.Sturgess.

Fourth Grade - Premiers (defeated Wests 20-15):

 Dan Paton, 14. Antonio Cabrerras, 13. Anthony Merlo, 12. Greg Martin, 11. Brad Fussell,
 Evan Ollerenshaw, 9. Nick Holmes, 8. Craig Forster (Capt), 7. John Marchant, 6. Stuart Hume, 5. Robert Wardrobe, 4. Jim MacPherson, 3. Peter Harding-Smith, 2. Bruce Nucifora.

1. Steve Gassman. Reserves: Geoff Donkin, David Finch, Andrew Hiley, Tom Bennett, Mark West. Coach: Matthew Forrest. Manager: Tom Bennett.

1997 was the last Premiership for the Uni Fourth Grade Juggernaut ; making it four wins in a row. This last Premiership was marked by an impressive try-saving tackle by second rower Rob Wardrobe over the tryline which caused Rob to be momentarily knocked out, but he still held the Wests player up !

University won the ensuing five metre scrum against the head, and cleared the ball to hang on for the win.

Colts I, Runners-up:

B. Thomas, A. Pigott, N. Crombie, M. Burke, P. Collins, R. Burgess, A. Jacob (c), A. Hawkins, I. Hume, S. Sexton, D. Vickerman, J. Ballantyne, S. Janczuk and P. Cook. Reserves: P. Twomey, A. Boyle, S. Johnston, D. Muir and B. Monaghan. Coaches: David Nucifora, Mark Anderson. Manager: L.Stone. Colts III, Preliminary finalists:

D. White, M. Grey, G. Forde, A. Lamb, A. Ailwood, D. Brown, H. Frazer, S. Raffee, G. McLeod, P. Prendergast, S. Kann, D. Benjamin, C. Fitton, D. Yuille and N. White. Reserves: A. Warat, A. Brosnan, L. Jacobson, M. Parer, B. Mackie and I. Moffat. Coaches: Bruce McGregor and Peter Lemon.

The Women's XV - Premiers (defeated Kenmore 20-8):

M. Cummings, J. Payne, L. Wilkes, M. Gladwin, N. Butler, N. Wanrooy, J. Campbell, E. Stokes, L. Bowman, P. Ili, K. Bucholz, C. Boulton, P. Vasallo, M. Kearney, B. Laidlaw. Reserves: M. Wells, K. Kilpatrick, J. Schmidt, J. Burrows and H. Dyer. Coaches: Bill Gordon-Thompson, Adrian Buzolic.

Pat Howard was still the Club's only Wallaby representative, but Nathan Sharpe showed he would make it one day too, winning the Club Trophy for Best Player and also being named Queensland Colt of the Year. Nic Stiles did a great job as Captain of a young side. Tom Murphy, last year's A Grade Captain, had the honour of being named Captain of Cambridge University in England.

Three Colts players represented Queensland U19: Ben Thomas, Richard Burgess, and Dan Vickerman.

The Women's XV again produced both Australian and State representatives: Bronwyn Laidlaw, Perise Ili, Cath Boulton, Karen Bucholz, and Mieke Gladwin represented Australia, and Maryanne Kearney, Natalie Wanrooy, and Leanne Wilkes were the team's Queensland representatives.



Richard Nyholt (Fiji rep), Damien Flynn, Peter Beauchamp, Nick Stiles



John Stafford, Peter Sartori, Michael Flanagan



Some women are warming up...



Bronwyn Laidlaw on the attack for Queensland



1997 Richard Dyer with Hilary Dyer and friend



Uni v Wests 1997



Record Score - Uni v Wests Club game 1997

There was again improvement in the Club's performances but no silverware. In A Grade, Souths defeated Wests 34-18 in the Grand Final. The Club was second in the Club Championship behind Wests, this result reflecting another good year overall. Six teams made Finals, including A Grade, Third and Fourth Grades, Colts I and II and the Women's XV, but Premierships proved elusive. A Grade, coached again by the trio of Mark McBain, Geoff Shaw, and Geoff Jones, finished second on the ladder behind Wests who took out the Minor Premiership. An 18-all draw in the Major Semifinal saw Wests progress to the Grand Final. In the Preliminary Final Souths won 11-10 but there was controversy. Near to no side, Referee Scott Young missed what appeared to be a foul by Souths Simon Kasprowicz. The unacknowledged infringement happened right in front of the uprights; the likely three points would have reversed the result.

A Grade - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Premiers Souths 10-11):

Ben Thomas, 14. Peter Collins, 13. Michael Flanagan, 12. Ben McGrath, 11. Brendan Casey,
 Richard Burgess, 9. Shaun Barry, 8. John Stafford, 7. Andrew Plastow, 6. David Duley,
 Angus Innes, 4. Nathan Sharpe, 3. Matt Jobe, 2. Damian Flynn, 1. Nic Stiles (c). Reserves:
 P. Beauchamp, T. Stead, J. Purcell, R. Nyholt and K.Kamau Coach: Mark McBain.
 Assistant Coaches: Geoff Shaw and Geoff Jones. Manager: Martin Gorin.

## Reserve Grade:

 Dan McGrath, 14. Malcolm Jackson, 13. Jason Scriven, 12. Aaron Macksey, 11. Peter Beauchamp, 10. Gerard Beauchamp, 9. Anthony Gibb, 8. Michael Abbott, 7. Peter Sartori,
 Brook Monaghan, 5. Andrew Taylor, 4. Grant Hay, 3. Steve Cook, 2. Todd Clements,
 Murray Harley. Coach: Bill Gordon-Thompson. Assistant Coach: Richard Moroney. Manager:

#### A. Brimblecombe.

Third Grade - Semifinalists( defeated by Easts 7-17 in the Minor Semifinal):

P. Donaghan, G. Patane, L. Wilson, E. Ollerenshaw, J. Taylor, A. Sexton, M. Jackson, C. Daykin, K. Martyr, C. Forster, D. Yardy, A. Yaylor, K. Kamau, J. McKenzie, C. Waters. Reserves: J. Madgwick, S. Rose, S. Iggledon, C. Richards and V. Creagh (c).

Fourth Grade - Preliminary finalists (Attempting its fifth consecutive Premiership but was unsuccessful, losing to Wests 8-17 in the Major Semifinal, and then losing to eventual Premiers Souths in the Preliminary Final by 8-10.

 Price Gallie, 14. Antonio (Nick) Cabrerras, 13. Bryn Hughes, 12. Tom Bennett, 11. Brad Russell, 10. Andrew Stabler, 9. Doug Hayter, 8. Craig Forster (Capt), 7. John Marchant, 6. Scott Healy, 5. Robert Wardrobe, 4. Jim MacPherson, 3. Julian Madgwick, 2. Bruce Nucifora, 1. Costas Pappas. Reserves: David Finch, Greg Martin, Richard Dyer, Damian Monroe, Ed Harding-Smith. Coach: Matt Forrest. Assistant Coach: Tom Bennett.

Fourth Grade had its chances to win the Semifinal and play Wests for the third time in four years in the Grand Final, but such are the vagaries of the game.

Colts I (defeated by Easts in the Minor Semifinal 0-24):

Alex Barnes, 14. Will Armstrong, 13. Adam Stumpo, 12. Michael Burke, 11. Andrew Pigott,
 Nick Crombie, 9. Toby Spencer, 8. Hayden O'Neill, 7. Ross Moir, 6. Andrew Hawkins,
 Rudi Vedelago, 4. Doug Forbes, 3. Ben Rigby, 2. Gareth Forde, 1. David Eden. Coach: Howard Hickey. Assistant Coach: Michael Logan. Manager: Alastair Waite.

Colts II - Preliminary Finalists( defeated by Wests):

D. White, C. Clarke, J. McNamara, N. Crommelin, S. Mason, M. Agram, B. Dormer, A. McDonald, T. Duley, M. Johnson, S. Miller, J. Lane-Mullins, D. Eden, T. Sexton and T. Vallance. Reserve: S. Jancuk. Coach: Vince Martin. Manager: S. Caruso.

Colts III and IV - Coaches Ray Cross and David Glyde

The Women's XV - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers) Undefeated Minor Premiers, Winners of the Major Semifinal:

B. Laidlaw, M. Kearney, P. Vassalo, J. Beard, P. Ili, K. Bucholz, E. Stokes, D. Aitken, N. Wanrooy, K. Kilpatrick, N. Butler, M. Cummins, T. Sutton and L. Wilkes (c). Reserves: B. Grattan, H. Paust, H. Dyer, J. Campbell, K. Harrington, K. Kapitski and A. Larrard. Coaches: Barry Kelly, Mark Anderson and Paul Boles. Manager: S.Caruso.

At representative level, Nathan Sharpe graduated from the Australian Under 21s to the Queensland Reds, and Michael Flanagan, Nic Stiles, and John Stafford played for Queensland in matches against NSW and the ACT. Damian Flynn joined Sharpe in the Australian U21 team in South Africa, and the latter won the Player of the Series title in the Four Way International Competition. Four Club members were selected in the Queensland U-19 team: *Toby Spencer, Haydn O'Neill, Steve Jancuk,* and *Alex Barnes. Rudi Vedelago* was selected in the Combined States team.

The rest of the Club shared the pain of the Women's team, who swept all before them in an

almost perfect, undefeated season, scoring 513 points to 5, before losing the Grand Final to Brothers in a torrid encounter. Mieke Gladwin, Karen Bucholz, Perise Ili and Bronwyn Laidlaw all played for Australia in the International Tournament in Amsterdam.

The Club was truly grateful for the magnificent effort of Dr Ken Edwards who ensured the players were at least as fit as any in the competition. A new synthetic running track was laid around the perimeter of the Rugby playing field, but there were no problems with injuries.

A member of this season's A Grade team was John Stafford, who was the runner-up in the XXXX Medal. He came to the Club at twenty-six years of age, having played three years Rugby League with the Brisbane Broncos.

"After leaving St Laurence's I played a bit of Rugby with Souths, running around with a few mates at flyhalf in Colts III. Greg Dowling offered to get me a minor scholarship with the Broncos, so I swapped over and played some good footy with a great Club. I was working as a sales rep and found it hard to combine work with the time required for professional football, so I gave it away.

I was fishing at Moreton Island over Christmas and, on the barge coming back, Bruce Elliott said I looked like a footballer – would I like a game at prop with Uni? I accepted the offer and had a few games but was far from fit. I had a chat with Dad, as I felt there was some unfinished business in my football career. So I quit the job, lost 35kgs and came back in 1998 as a Number 8. I played A Grade and the following season was named Club Captain and got picked for the Reds squad. I'm still proud of the fact that I got to play seven times for Queensland in an era when Rugby in this State was strong.

They were great days – we drank more beer in '98-99 than I care to remember. Every Thursday night after training there was a sausage sizzle where you got a snag in bread for just \$1. Most of us were short of a quid so it was a must. Then we had regular sessions like "Ugly Shirt" night, when a whistle would blow every 30 minutes and you had to swap shirts with someone. We had all the Grades, Colts and the girls there and by the end of the night you had worn 8 shirts and there was plenty of flesh exposed!

Among the best players at the Club in my time were:

"Tom Murphy – a tough, no-nonsense player who let his actions do all the talking. Andrew Plastow had a great work rate and was a strong defender. Troy Stead, just a solid player, but the best "shotgunner" of a can of XXXX I've ever seen. A couple of us formed a band called "The Soft Options" named because if we didn't know a chord we'd play the nearest one to it. We played a few times at the Club and twice at The Regatta. The band was centre Michael Flanagan on guitar and vocals, flanker Peter Sartori on drums, and me on bass.

We had a strong side in '99 but had too many injuries and rep commitments. In 2000 I got offered a contract to play in Japan, so I went over there for two seasons. When I came back I noticed a change in the culture of the Club- with the advent of professionalism, there were hardly any players over the age of 22, and there were A Graders who really should have been in Colts. However, through my relationship with Uni, I got to know David Nucifora, who introduced me to Peter Slattery, the Wallaby halfback who was playing in Japan. Ultimately I spent two years up there, playing with Nippon Steel and met my wife. We now have a twenty month old baby, who I can safely say would not be here today if not for my time at the Club.



Dave Duley, Richard Burgess, Ben Williams and Brendan Casey drowning their sorrows



Troy Stead, Nathan Sharpe (with cap), David Duley, Richard Burgess



Graham Hislop



John Stafford

The Club fielded nine teams in regular competition. A Grade had lost eight players from the previous season, so it did well to compete strongly until representative duties took their toll and it missed the final four. Thirteen A Grade players were called on at some stage for representative duties, which was a double-edged sword. They were well coached by Mark McBain and Geoff Shaw, considering the demands on their squad, but the Club's depth was not bottomless. In the final round of fixtures A Grade was scheduled to meet Norths, when a total of sixteen Club players were unavailable because of representative commitments. This resulted in the unthinkable situation where A Grade forfeited to Norths. The QRU refused to consider a delayed match, and the Club open teams lost all their competition points. First and Third Grades had been placed to contest the Finals, but the QRU's decision denied those teams their places in the Finals.

The QRU programme for the 24th July, 1999 fixture against Norths clearly revealed that the Club's A Grade and Fourth Grade teams were "not available at the time of printing."

Easts won a second A Grade Premiership in three years, pipping Wests in the Grand Final 16-15.

#### Reserve Grade:

15. Nick Barr, 14. Mark Pigram, 13. Aaron Macksey, 12. Gus Hamilton, 11. Peter Beauchamp, 10. Tim Mathers, 9. Andrew Piggott, 8. Julian Purcell, 7. Ross Moir, 6. Richard Dyer, 5. Doug Waller, 4. Steve Briggs, 3. David Eden, 2. James McKenzie, 1. Richard Nyholt. Coach: Bill Gordon-Thompson. Manager: Dominic Wing.

#### Third Grade:

Brad Jamieson, 14. Peter Collins, 13. John Taylor, 12. Matt O'Neill, 11. Chris Ryan,
 Andrew Sexton, 9. Sam Iggulden, 8. William Wild, 7. Luke Cardwell, 6. Richard Dyer,
 David Yardy, 4. Chris Daykin, 3. Liam Prescott, 2. Jason McQueen, 1. Scott Gleeson.
 Coach: Tom Bennett. Assistant Coach: Todd Clements. Manager: S. Shearer.

The Women's XV had an outstanding season, being undefeated Premiers, comfortably beating Easts in the Grand Final 17-3. The team had an even better win over Easts in the Major Semifinal, 24-7. Eleven of the side played for Queensland.

All the Colts teams contested the finals, with Colts III winning the Premiership. It was well deserved, as they had lost just two of eighteen games during the season.

Colts I - Semifinalists (defeated in the Major Semifinal by Wests 10-18, defeated by GPS in the Preliminary Final 18-20):

Damien White, 14. Evan Shaw, 13. Jims Yaki, 12. Ryan Bennett, 11. Will Armstrong,
 Nick Crombie, 9. Toby Spencer, 8. Mark Galbraith, 7. Michael Johnson, 6. John Foote,
 John Lane-Mullins, 4. Nick Macksey, 3. Kieran Foster, 2. Todd Vallance, 1. Brett Shaw.
 Coach: Murray Harley. Assistant Coach: Shane Gilbert. Manager: Justin Spencer.

Colts II (defeated in the Minor Semifinal by GPS 15-22):

15. James Woodhouse, 14. Damian White, 13. Cleighton Clark, 12. Nick Crommelin, 11. Doug Galbraith, 10. Tim Davies, 9. David Hodge, 8. Kim Griffiths, 7. Jarret Stirzaker, 6. Ian Foote,

5. Oliver Talbot, 4. Steve Miller, 3. Kieran Foster, 2. James Mortimer, 1. David Keen. Coach: A. Templeton.

Colts III - Premiers (defeated Easts 17-3):

The 1999 leading point scorer in the A Grade Competition was flyhalf *Ben McGrath*, with 6 tries, 22 conversions and 21 penalties totalling 137 points, with *Andrew Scotney* of Easts next on 124 points.

*Nathan Sharpe, Nick Stiles, Richard Burgess, Damian Flynn,* and *John Stafford* all played for the Queensland Reds, while seven others played in representative games.

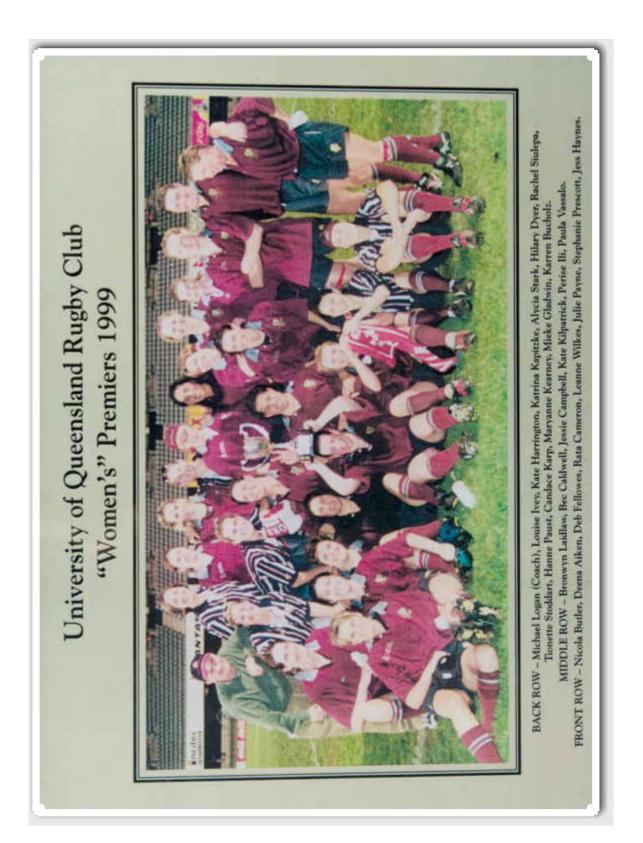
Australian Universities included Club players Peter Collins, Ben Dormer, Andrew Piggott, Troy Stead, Nic Stiles, Richard Burgess, Ben McGrath, Dan McGrath, and Richard Nyholt.

The season had begun with the Club's successful tour of England and Ireland, which included matches against Oxford and Cambridge, Queen's University, Belfast, and Trinity College, Dublin.

So the decade and the century ended on a sad note for the Club. The Nineties had started with A Grade winning its third consecutive Premiership, and victory in the Australian Club Championship. The following ten seasons had yielded no further triumphs, despite the efforts of so many. The code was now professional, but so far this change in status had produced no visible benefits for the Club. By any estimation the switch to professionalism had had the reverse effect on the Club, with the results being mostly negative. With the new Millennium leading further into the Age of Aquarius there were additional challenges ahead, and it would be some time before the Club began to regather its lost confidence. There was certainly good to come, but the pain to be experienced could prove to be very damaging.



Mark McBain and Geoff Shaw – Co-Coaches 1999





Paul McNicholl, Mick Maguire, Jules Guerassimoff, Ashley Girte, Lee McNicholl and Ken Waller at a function held in Ashley's honour

# **CHAPTER 12**

# 2000 – 2009 ENTER THE NEW MILLENNIUM

## VALE - Three of the Best

**S**adly, the Club was to enter the new millennium without three of its long term heroes – Johnny O'Neill, Ashley Girle, and Bob Templeton.

Rumble died in December 1995, Ashley in November 1997, and Tempo in December 1999.

They had played and coached Rugby for most of their lives, and between them had notched up the mighty total of 110 years at the University Rugby Club. Uni had always been home for Rumble and Ashley, and it became the adopted home for Tempo after he had played and coached at GPS Club in his early years.

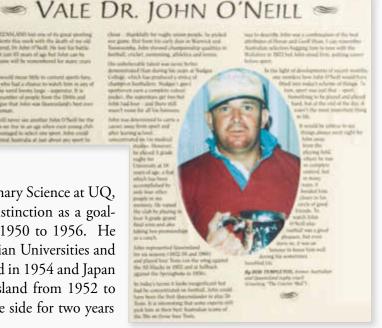
They constituted a very significant part of the fabric of the Club, and were the personification of Rugby and its ideals.

The loss of these three larger-than-life Rugby men in the space of four years has left us poorer, and dimmed the lights of the Club as the 20th Century faded away.

Albert Edward Ashley Girle 3.04.27 – 25.11.97

Ashley Girle was one of seven boys born in Yelarbon, near Goondiwindi, to a sawmilling family.

He completed a Degree in Veterinary Science at UQ, and played for the Club with distinction as a goalkicking centre or fullback from 1950 to 1956. He was selected regularly for Australian Universities and toured with them to New Zealand in 1954 and Japan in 1956. He played for Queensland from 1952 to 1956, and later coached the State side for two years before handing over to Tempo.



He coached many University teams over four decades, guiding teams to a number of Premierships in First Grade, Reserve Grade and U19A, as well as to many Minor Premierships and Grand Final appearances.

Many tributes have been paid to Ashley in other sections of this book for his ability to coach and to provide wise counsel and support to players – young and experienced alike.

He has been sorely missed.

#### BOB TEMPLETON - 27.7.32 - 5.12.99

It goes without saying that apart from his family, Rugby was Templeton's great love. He started at school and when injury cut short his playing career with the GPS Club, he immediately became deeply involved in administration and coaching. Here was his destiny - and his achievements are legendary. He coached GPS to its first ever Premiership as a curtain-raiser to an incredible career with Queensland and Australia as Coach and Manager. He was Queensland Rugby Coach from 1962-71 and 1976-88, and a Queensland Selector 1962-71 and 1987-88. He toured Fiji/New Zealand / United Kingdom / Holland / France / Italy / Japan / Canada and USA with Queensland Teams. He was an Australian Selector from 1972-90, Australian Coach from 1972-74, 1976, 1979, 1980 and 1981, and Assistant Australian Coach from 1988-1995.

From 1972-1982, he toured seven times as Wallaby Coach and was Assistant Manager from 1988-1995. He toured seven times as the Assistant Wallaby Coach, including the euphoria of the World Cup Victory in 1991. In addition, he was the Manager of the 1986 International Rugby Board Centenary Team, the Coach of the 1989 International Team for the South African Rugby Centenary Celebrations, the Coach of the World XV for New Zealand's Centenary Celebrations, and early in 1999 he coached a World XV in Argentina. As well, he had a long term involvement with the University Club as Coach and Adviser, and had stints coaching Blackrock College RFC, the Harlequins in England, and provincial sides in South Africa and Argentina. Bob was a Foundation Member of the Rothmans National Coaching Panel in 1974, and was active in that role until 1992, being Chairman for a number of years. He was also President of the QRU from 1996-1998. It is therefore not surprising that he was honoured with Life Membership of The Australian Rugby Union, The Queensland Rugby Union, and University Rugby Club.

Mike Colman wrote this salute to Bob Templeton's life in the Courier Mail:

A Who's Who of sport, politics, and business turned out yesterday to farewell former Queensland and Wallaby Rugby coach Bob "Tempo" Templeton. The life of Templeton - who died last weekend - inspired an outpouring of warmth, respect, and affection at yesterday's funeral service at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane.

Michael Lynagh, who in his first year out of school was called into the all-International Queensland Rugby side by Templeton, arrived from London just before the service. Former Wallaby Coach Alan Jones hired a plane and brought ex-Wallabies Michael Hawker and Ross Turnbull. World-Cup winning prop Tony Daly said the morning flight from Sydney was so full of Wallabies - Nick Farr-Jones, Simon Poidevin, Mark Ella, Ken Wright, Stuart MacDougall and Peter Fitzsimons among them - that it felt like a Rugby tour, "only sad".

The list of Queensland Rugby legends at the Cathedral - and later at Tattersall's Club - could have filled a visitors' book on its own: Mark Loane, Paul McLean, Roger Gould, Chris Handy, Dick Cocks, Alex Evans, Andrew Slack, Stan Pilecki, Tom Lawton, Sam Scott -Young, John Eales, Jason Little, Tim Horan, Toutai Kefu, Anthony and Daniel Herbert. Every era since Tempo first took over the State side in 1962 - and even some before then - was represented. And all could only shake their heads in amazement that the man who for years was Queensland Rugby was gone at 67. "He should have been around long enough to become the elder statesman." Handy said. "He deserved it." Like so many players, Handy had been treated to a magic carpet ride by Templeton as he took them to the top of the world. "It was like I suddenly had 20 brothers." Handy said of joining Templeton's Reds in the 1970s. Jones said Templeton was more than a Rugby Coach. "He was above all that; he transcended it," Jones said. "He was very ambitious, very successful, but he was always a modest man and that is why he was loved. You only have to look around at the people here. This isn't one of those phony funerals that people say 'I have to go to'. They are here because they were friends. They genuinely had to come to say goodbye."

It was a sentiment echoed warmly by Archbishop John Bathersby, whose friendship with Templeton was so strong that he led the service, even though Templeton was not a Catholic. Brisbane's largest Cathedral was overflowing, with mourners standing three deep in the side aisles.

Former Test Cricketer Ron Archer delivered the eulogy which included this anecdote: "Bob simply loved Stan Pilecki - the Big Pole. On one occasion, Stan had been reinstated in the Test team and Bob was having a one-on-one motivational chat - telling him where his skills would win Australia the Test and starting to tell him why he was such a great player, when Stan interrupted with 'Cut the bull, Bob - both you and I know there was no one left to pick.' Bob's great communication skills didn't always work."

But plenty had Templeton as a hero. Lynagh, who heard of Templeton's death on Sunday night in London and booked a flight home immediately, described Templeton as a legendary figure. "I was in awe of him at first, but what struck me immediately was the close relationship he had with the guys in the team," Lynagh said. "He was interested in you not only as a player, but also as a person." Lynagh said so many people in England had rung him about Templeton's death that he would organise a memorial service in London when he returned.

"No one can believe he has gone", Lynagh said, speaking for everyone in the room.

Under the Presidency of Bruce Brown and the hard work of the Committee, the Club bounced back in the early years of the new century. The launch of the UQ Foundation in 1994, and subsequently the Rugby Academy, provided a sound financial base from which the Club could operate. A strong focus on building up the Juniors led to a playing revival, especially at Colts level.

## 2000

As part of the build-up to the Sydney Olympics, the University decided to renovate the grandstand on the No 5 oval. A multi-purpose \$1.8 million stand was built on the site of the old open stand, an ideal viewing spot for both Rugby and athletics. The Club complied, renovating the interior of the Clubhouse with new carpet and wood panelling, improving the exterior to match the new grandstand, and completing appropriate landscaping around the Clubhouse. UQ Sport joined in the project, providing a new walkway linking the stand with the deck, and the dressing rooms were modernised. Funds were raised to assist with these renovations, with the principal contributor being Don Warriner of Earthquip who donated \$5,000. This resulted in the best Rugby ground in Brisbane beyond Ballymore. The new stand was launched on 1st April for the match against Easts, with over six hundred spectators seated under cover.

In conjunction with the infrastructure development, the Club also directed its efforts towards the growth of its Juniors, becoming the first Club to field four Colts teams, a sure sign of strength in depth.

A Grade, in its final season under Mark McBain, did reasonably well, reaching the Semifinals again. Mark's efforts saw him gain appointment as the new Reds Coach for 2001. The Club

offered Mark its sincere congratulations. The Club had finished last in 1996, and in 1997 and 1998 Mark with Geoff Shaw and Geoff Jones restored pride and honour with the team contesting the Semifinals in both years. Uni also won the Club Championship in 1997.

A Grade - Semifinalists:

15. Ben Thomas, 14. Alex Barnes, 13. Peter Beauchamp, 12. Michael Flanagan, 11. Brendan Casey, 10. Richard Burgess/Ben McGrath, 9. Shaun Barry, 8. John Stafford, 7. David Duley, 6. Ross Moir/Ben Williams, 5. Nathan Sharpe, 4. Angus Innes/Hamish Innes, 3. Steve Cook/Richard Nyholt, 2. Damien Flynn, 1. Nic Stiles. Coaches: Mark McBain and Andy McIntyre. Assistant Coach: Geoff Shaw. Manager: Martin Gorin.

#### The Women's XV - Premiers:

 Bronwyn Laidlaw, 14. Katrina Kapitzski, 13. Vic Leadbetter, 12. Jenny Beard, 11. Tionette Stoddard, 10. Perise Ili, 9. Karen Bucholz, 8. Rachel Sivlepa, 7. Mieke Gladwin, 6. Tess Trethaway,
 Jackie Cutts, 4. Nicky Butler, 3. Deb Fellows, 2. Bec Caldwell, 1. Leanne Wilkes. Reserves: 16. Marg Cummings, 17. Hilary Dyer, 18. Kate Harrington, 19. Kate Kilpatrick, 20. Georgie Pierce. Coach: Paul Boles. Assistant Coach: Carl Toma.



Fifth Grade and Colts II were Grand Finalists.

Fletcher Dyson made his Test debut and was named Reds Rookie of the Year. Nic Stiles and Nathan Sharpe played for the Wallabies, but Nathan had to withdraw from the Spring tour with a knee injury.

The Club was becoming more stable financially. The Foundation was gradually building as donations were received from Club stalwarts and supporters, who made their contributions on the basis that the Fund's capital would not be spent, but that some of the interest earned on capital would be available for Club use where needed.

A Red Heavies Social Club was also formed to organise social functions and promote social interaction between players and supporters. The return of "The Sunday Session" at the Club, with live music, BBQ and Jackpot Draw, was a great success.

In the First Grade Grand Final, an amazing second-half turnaround saw Souths clinch their seventh title in ten years. Wests dominated the first half to lead 30-nil but Souths switched Toutai Kefu to the centres, and he sparked a scoring spree which saw Souths home 34-30.

## 2001

The Club won the Doughty Shield - the Club Championship - for the first time since 1997.

Under the coaching of Steve Rowley and Tony Rees, A Grade made a good start but lost its way in the second round and finished in the bottom half of the table.

Senior Teams – May Fixtures – 1st Round.

A Grade:

Stenhouse, 14. Doherty, 13. D. MacCallum, 12. S. Hemple, 11. N. Barr, 10. R. Burgess,
 S. Barry, 8. A. James, 7. A. Elphinston, 6. D. Duley, 5. R. Vedelago, 4. N. Sharpe,
 P. Loane, 2. D. Flynn, 1. R. Nyholt.
 Coach: A. Rees. Assistant Coach: S. Rowley. Manager: C. Wray.

Reserve Grade:

T. Mathers, 14. E. Shaw, 13. R. McLaren, 12. A. Glyde, 11. S. Ward, 10. A. Brown,
 S. Myers, 8. H. Day, 7. P. Sartori, 6. H. Higgins, 5. A. Hawkins, 4. N. Macksey, 3. D. Slawson,
 M. Burgess, 1. S. Janczuk.
 Coach: T. Bennett; Assistant Coach: A. MacPherson. Manager: W. Williams.

Third Grade:

T. Davies, 14. D. White, 13. J. Zeeman, 12. S. Robinson, 11. P. Donegan, 10. P. Howlett,
 S. Slater, 8. K. Griffiths, 7. E. Taylor, 6. S. Handy, 5. D. Daykin, 4. K. Hoo, 3. D. Takehiro,
 M. Atshushi, 1. J. Takanari.
 Coach: T. Clements. Assistant Coach: B. O'Connell. Manager: T. Stuckey.

Fourth Grade:

15. B. Cryan, 14. S. Malonivac, 13. A. Irwin, 12. S. Mason, 11. R. Bulbert, 10. A. Sexton,

T. Anning, 8. J. Cameron, 7. D. Welsh, 6. A. Brown, 5. S. Price, 4. S. Sippe 3. S. Cowie,
 J. Mortimer, 1. J. McQueen.
 Coach: S. McMullen. Assistant Coach: M. O'Neill.

By the dubious decision to admit the professional Canberra Vikings team, led by the mercurial Matt Giteau, the QRU made a seriously bad choice which not only had a negative impact on the Club competition, but also would have reverberating adverse effects on Queensland Rugby in the years to come. The local teams were hopelessly mismatched against the Canberra side, whose Grand Final victory was a foregone conclusion before the competition began. Only the Women's XV and the Fifth Grade won Premierships, while all three Colts teams contested Grand Finals.

Before the season began Jim Wilson had instituted a strong recruitment drive. Andy Tucker was appointed as the senior Colts Coach and Brendan Loag was appointed as the Club's Rugby Development Officer. The Club appointed David Muir and Howard Hickey to Colts II, and Ray Cross and David Glyde to Colts III.

Nic Stiles made his Test debut on the Wallaby tour to England, and Nathan Sharpe joined him in the series against the Lions. Ashley Elphinston made the Australian Sevens. Nathan Sharpe, Tom Murphy, Rudi Vedelago, Nic Stiles, and Fletcher Dyson all earned Reds contracts, and Ben Williams and David McCallum both turned out for Queensland. Rudi made the Australian Under 21s, but Fletcher suffered a back injury which kept him out of the Reds team for the Super 12.

The Club had three players selected in the Australian U-19 team which played in the World Cup in Chile – Nathan Johnson (Captain), Herman Hunt, and Luke Foster. Nathan Johnson led the Queensland U19 team which won the Trans Tasman Cup. Luke Foster, Andrew Baird and Herman Hunt also represented in the team. The Women's XV responded to new Coach Margariete Howard by securing the Premiership. Meike Gladwin and Bronwyn Laidlaw were both picked to play for Australia against England.

The Women's XV – Premiers:

B. Laidlaw, 14. S. Mobbs, 13. J. Beard, 12. W. Coe, 11. T. Brown, 10. P. Ili,
 R. Cameron, 8. J. Cutts, 7. B. Armstrong, 6. L. Shay, 5. L. Jordan, 4. S. Clegg,
 M. Cummings, 2. L. Wilkes, 1. D. Fellowes. Reserves: 16. T. Rotier, 17. K. Griffiths,
 M. Gladwin. Coach: M. Howard. Assistant Coach: C. Toma.

Pairing the experience of Rick Trivett with the exuberance of Simon Tutt provided the difference for the Fifths in its victory over Easts at Bottomley, reversing the 2000 Grand Final result and winning the Normanby Cup.

Fifths – Premiers (University 6 defeated Easts 3):

D. White, 14. J. Woodgate, 13. S. Hansen, 12. N. Crombie, 11. D. Shand, 10. V. Kelly,
 T. Anning, 8. J. Foote, 7. J. Dawson, 6. M. Fredricksen, 5. A. Hiley, 4. B. Woodcock,
 B. Lovell, 2. S. Walker, 1. A. Ferrier. Reserves: 16. A. Sexton, 17. B. Cryan,
 P. Woodward, 19. S. Tutt, 20. C. Taufatofa. Coach: S. Tutt. Assistant Coach: R. Trivett.

Second Grade – Semi-Finalists:

15. T. Mathers, 14. R. McLaren, 13. A. Karo, 12. A. Glyde, 11. A. Macksey, 10. A. Brown, 9. S. Slader, 8. H. Day, 7. S. Handy, 6. J. Purcell, 5. A. Hawkins, 4. N. Macksey, 3. S. Amet,

2. T. Vallance, 1. R. Larsson. Reserves: 16. C. Daykin, 17. S. Ashton, 18. K. Griffiths, 19. J. J.Moro.

Coach: T. Bennett. Assistant Coach: A. MacPherson. Manager: M. Bochman.

The Colts teams had provided one of the highlights of the year when all three teams made the Grand Finals. It was then most disappointing for all concerned when no Premierships were won. Colts III had been unbeaten until losing in the GF to Pine Rivers Juniors. During the competition rounds the team had scored 236 points while surrendering just 25. Colts I became Minor Premiers, but lost to the Gene Fairbanks-inspired Easts in the Grand Final. All three teams, Colts I, Colts II and Colts III were Runners-up.

Colts I - Runners-up and Minor Premiers (defeated by Easts):

Rob Morrison, 14. Cameron Pfeiffer, 13. Neil Hunt, 12. Leigh Holtsbaum,
 Rob McEvoy, 10. Andrew Baird, 9. Tim Usasz, 8. Luke Foster, 7. Matthew Bird,
 Conor McMeniman, 5. Todd Wilde, 4. Phil Rowell, 3. Grant Dobrich, 2. Ben McArdle,
 (c) 1. Stephen Moore. Reserves: 16. Nick Myers, 17. Trent Beilken, 18. Matt Loveday,
 Herman Hunt, 20. David Johnson, 21. Will Stuart, 22. Matt Addison.
 Coach: A Tucker. Assistant Coach: M. Anderson. Manager: B. Parrish.

Colts II - Grand Finalists (defeated by Wests):

Sam Barr, 14. Matt Loveday, 13. Tom Barton, 12. John Cottee, 11. Michael Thompson,
 Brendan Scoble, 9. Chris Wilson, 8 Will Stuart, 7. Michael Jordan, 6. Nick Murphy,
 Bart Cassagrande, 4. Peter Anderson, 3. Matt Addison, 2. Andrew Eldridge, 1. Matthew
 Quilty. Reserves: 16. David Wright, 17. Patrick Lane-Mullins, 18. Graeme Leigh, 19. Tom
 Hodginson, 20. David Johnson, 21. Robert Gundelach, 22. Mark Shaw.
 Coach: D. Muir. Assistant Coach: H. Hickey. Manager: M. Talbot.

Colts III – Grand Finalists (defeated by Pine Rivers):

Nick Taylor, 14. James Barnes, 13. Richard Halliday, 12. Angus Simpson, 11. Grant Nell,
 Nick Hillman, 9. Tom Lamond, 8. Ryan Hansford, 7. Nick Haug, 6. Daniel Purcell,
 Daniel Coutts, 4. Selwyn Rees, 3. Paul Cicchiello, 2. Andrew Norman, 1. Andrew Westaway.
 Reserves: 16. Oliver Stewart, 17. James Beangke, 18. Chris Sewell, 19. John Petrie, 20.
 James Doyle, 21. Michael Henry, 22. Micah Prendergast, 23. John Wood, 24. Chris McEvoy,
 David Mainwaring. Coach: R.Cross. Assistant Coach: D.Glyde. Manager: S.Crawford.

Sam Ingham-Myers was Club Captain from 2001-03, after coming to the Club in 2000 from Souths.

"When I was playing at Souths in the 90s a lot of my mates were at Uni and they kept saying that the mateship and the professionalism of the Rugby was worth experiencing, so I swapped Clubs. I never regretted it. The Club was very strong and we were Club Champions or thereabouts each year, but the social side was even better. There were many memorable nights at the Club or at Fridays, and as Club Captain, I just had to be there! Sometimes I think the good times were perhaps our undoing, but those mates will be my mates for life. I remember one match vividly – it was the Third Grade Grand Final against Logan City in 2004 and I was Captain/Coach. We were a young side – average age only 22 – and they were a hardened mob averaging 30. We hadn't beaten them all season and I think they had only lost two games overall but we won. It was on Ballymore No 1 and I'd never seen the boys dig so deep. The celebrations afterwards will not be forgotten by anyone in the team (we still send each other the classic photo in "Harry's" from time to time.)

Another favourite memory was representing Australia at the Chiang Mai Sevens in Thailand in 2003. We had some old heads in David MacCallum and Andrew James, with Andy Tucker as Coach, and we got through to the Semis where our run came to an end against Fiji.

We had some terrific players in my time, not all of them from representative squads or academies either. Andrew Brown was a good example – he never played rep Rugby as a Junior and came to Uni in Colts 111 as a good honest footballer. He was my flyhalf in Third Grade in 2000 and next season he was promoted to A Grade. Then he played for Queensland. He was never given anything on a plate – he worked hard, and had great skill, composure and a brilliant attitude. Richard Burgess was another outstanding but very different kind of player. A cool and clever Number 10, he dominated every game he played in like a puppeteer. He encouraged other players no matter what the situation in the game and even tried to get his way with Referees (just ask Scott Young!).

We had so many characters around the Club – blokes like Nick Barr, Sandy Dunn, Ben Thomas, Angus Innes, and Gus Moxon – wherever I meet those blokes anywhere in the world the conversation always turns to Uni Rugby and the great times we had.

In my day we were much more involved in the Club because we had income from our parents and the Government, and could simply study and play Rugby. Nowadays students have limited time due to work commitments, and they tend to leave the Club at 22 or 23 years of age. So consequently we don't have the maturity in our teams that other Clubs may have, and which you need in a team sport like Rugby."



#### 2001 Season Uni Colts I Minor Premiers – Grand Final Photo

 Back Row L-R: B Parish (Manager), C Arthy (Physio), W Stuart, T Bilkin, L Foster, S Moore, M Addison, T Wilde, P Rowell, R Morrison, C Pfeiffer, G Dobrich, R McEvoy, C McMeniman, D Johnson, Masa (Runner), M Talbot. (Stats).
 Front Row L-R: N Myers, T Usasz, M Poiro, A Baird (V-Captain), A Tucker (Coach), B McArdle (Captain), B Early (Assistant Coach), H Hunt, M Loveday, L Holtsbaum, N Hunt.



Tom Murphy – displaying excellent body height





To the dismay and begrudging agreement of the Brisbane Rugby Clubs, the QRU decided on wholesale changes to the local competitions. Much of the change was instigated by the Australian Rugby Union in some ill-advised attempt to develop more professional or profitable Clubs. The main element of the changes was the redefinition of the different Grades within the competition. For example, A Grade would now be known as Premier Grade. The plethora of changes was to be instilled under a new regime to be referred to as Community Rugby. Basically, the game in Australia was now divided into two spheres – the professional and the amateur, both to be controlled by the Australian Rugby Union.

Into this maelstrom the Club appointed a new Head Coach, Andy Tucker, whose responsibilities would include looking after A Grade, but now to be called Premier Grade. His assistant was Mark Anderson. As a prelude to the 2002 season the new Coach undertook his first challenge in December 2001 in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where he led a Club Sevens team to the King's Cup Tournament. This was held as a celebration of the King of Thailand's birthday.

David MacCallum, a centre who formerly played with the Gold Coast was Captain, and Cameron Wray was the Manager and strapper. Despite the inexperience of the young squad, the team reached the Semifinals, only to lose to a seasoned Fiji team 32-21. The Islanders then beat England in the final 35-19. The Club team was extremely popular, and as they left the field following the Semifinal, the players received a standing ovation.

Twenty-two year old Rudi Vedelago was selected as the Captain of Premier Grade, with Ben Churven Vice-Captain. What was formerly termed Reserve or Second Grade was now called First Grade and was coached by Peter Slattery. The former Third Grade- now known as Second Grade - was coached by Stephen Briggs and Carter Croft, whilst Martin Gorin and Vince Martin had the old Fourths, now termed Third Grade. There was no official Fourth Grade (old Fifths) competition and what was formerly the Fifth Grade became referred to as the Normanby Cup (competition). This competition had been indelicately merged with the old Sub-District competition, in yet another stroke of genius. There was also a Sixth Grade (run as an U21 team) which was awarded a Premiership (the GR Pegg Cup) when it won its Grand Final against a team from Ormiston College/Redlands. In what could only be described as a forgettable year, A Grade, in its new guise as Premier Grade, had the hardly believable results of a single win, that being the defeat of Norths/QUT, and far from being a Premier side, finished ninth - second last in the ten team competition. In fairness to the team, there were some very close matches where the results did not go Uni's way. The season was divided into two rounds, and for some reason the QRU did not count the first round results towards Hospitals Cup points. The team actually won three matches in the first round. The following Senior team selections were recorded during the season:

Premier (A) Grade:

Michael Hynes, Reece Goode, Ben Churven, Nick Crombie, Peter Hynes, Andrew Brown, Scott Whitehead, Shaun Barry, John Stafford, Nathan Johnson, Sam Handy, Nick Macksey, Rudi Vedelago, Mick Zaiceck, Peter Loane, Nic Stiles, Adam Lane, Tom Murphy and Richard Nyholt. Reserves: Neil Hunt, Aaron Macksey, Toby Speer, Fletcher Dyson, Ben Williams, Conor McMeniman, Luke Foster and Chris Daykin. Coaches: Andy Tucker and Mark Anderson.

For the three Grades below Premier Grade – First (Old Reserve Grade), Second (old Third Grade), Third (old Fourth Grade) – the specific team lists are unavailable. However it has been established that the three teams were selected from the following squads:

Trent Bielken, David Mainwaring, Rob McEvoy, Matthew Kibble, Leigh Holtsbaum, Alex Barnes, Andrew Baird, Sam Ingham-Myers, Alex Dunn, Sean Cloghlan, Oliver Talbot, Gus Moxon, Chris Daykin, Marius Lowe, John Roebotham, Jay Deacon and Paul Keene. Reserves: Steve Ashton, Ian Blake, Andrew Griffiths, Nick Taylor, Lloyd Campbell-McBride, Kian Duane, Simon Kemp, Ben McArdle, Liam McCarthy, Julian Purcell, Nick Barr, Dean Slawson.

David Shand, Adam Murrall, Pat Donegan, Brendan Nerdal, Mick Madden, Glen Aguis, Peter Lambie, Dave Cassidy, Pete Stevenson, Josh Dawson, Stuart Price, Mick Wythes, Andrew Eldridge, Ben Blake and Bill Lovell. Reserves: Scott Cassidy, Ross Hayward, Geoff Kaufmann, Perenese Liaina, Ryan Young, Charlie Dick, Jacob Faamita, Andrew Hiley, Thomas Lock, Tim Minchen, Travis Nelson, Nardis Suleipa and Isaac West.

NOTE: There was no official Fourth Grade competition.

Normanby Cup - Fifth Grade:

Mick Waters, Shane Hoskins, Sam West, Vince Kelly, Peter Woodward, Andrew Sexton, Dan O'Brien, Troy Stead, Charles Story, Chris Wright, Brad Marshall, Brendan Massie, Mitchell Ryan, Carter Croft, Hsu Chiang and Simon Tutt. Reserves: Brendan Loag, Mark Mansour, Ryan Young, Adrian Buzolic, Peter Guza, Ryan Hansford, Sinclair Hanson, Shane Hoskins, Tim Koloi, James McKenzie, Richard Mitchell, Angus Staines, Glyn Thomas, Todd Clements, Matthew Brewster, Mark Howie and Sova Amet.

Sixth Grade (U21) - Premiers (defeated Ormiston College – Redlands 19-15):

Nick Taylor, John Wood, Tim Cleary, Robbie Morrison, John Cottee, Richard Halliday, Nick Myers, James Kibble, Scott Roberts, Daniel Purcell, Adam Downes, Bart Casagrande, James Doyle, Grant Dobrich, Paul Cicchiello and Michael Quilty. Reserves: Rhys Hansford, Nick Hillman, Andrew McFarlane, Dave Beattie, A. Bradford, Hamish Chalmers, Dan Coutts, Ben McArdle, A. Norman and David Johnson. The three Colts teams were the Club's success story of the year. The Colts, who won three Premierships, were justifiably a rallying cause for the rest of the Club. Colts I won an undefeated Premiership with a wonderful coaching effort from Bill Gordon-Thompson and Al MacPherson. They were arguably the most talented Colts team ever fielded in Brisbane Rugby. Their playing register included the following future Senior State or National representatives: Stephen Moore, Drew Mitchell, Mitch Chapman, Richard Brown, Herman Hunt, Josh Graham and Hugh McMeniman. Chris Lyons and Tim Usasz were also to play at this level overseas.

Colts I - Premiers, (Defeated Easts 11-7):

Heath Tessman, Michael Jordan, Herman Hunt, Phil Rowell, Hugh McMeniman, Will Stuart, Richard Brown, Mitchell Chapman, Tim Usasz, Chris Lyons, Byron Griffith, Mike Buchanan, Josh Graham, Dougal Bain and Drew Mitchell. Reserves: Sam Barr, Charlie Scott, Rob Beattie, John Almond, Chris McEvoy and Stephen Moore.

Premierships also went to Colts 11 (defeated Easts12-7) with Coaches Howard Hickey and David Muir, and Colts 111 (defeated Souths 24-0), coached by Dave Glyde and Ray Cross. Regrettably, there is no record of the teams of Colts II and III.

The Women's XV - Runners-up (defeated by Easts 15-18):

Jenny Beard, Kate Whyte, Jocelyn Miller, Kelli Donnelly, Kelli Griffiths, Perese Ili, Kate Regazzoli, Leane Wilkes, Nancy Phillips, Kate Wellington, Kate Kilpatrick, Shannon Clegg, Rachel Suleipa, Sarah Hind and Valerie Picot. Reserves: Ramona Ahipene, Annette Black, Tricia Brown, Jacqui Cutts, Deb Fellowes, Risha Golby, Kate Harrington, Teve Hooper, Bronwyn Laidlaw, Christy Mulshine, Talla Rottier, Toinette Stoddard and Kate Yerbury.

Even with such a poor Premier Grade season, the performance of the other Grades secured the Club third position in the Club Championship.

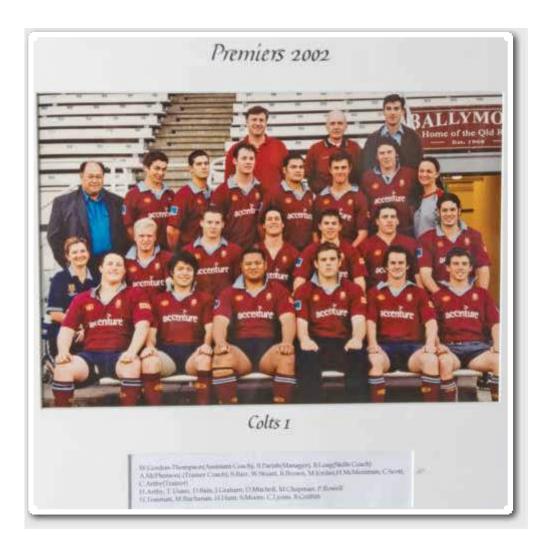
Fletcher Dyson was named the Club's Player of the Year.

In representative football, Nathan Sharpe was selected for the Wallabies. Peter Hynes and Luke Foster earned places in the Australian Sevens team. The talented Colts deservedly won representative selection in U-21 and U-19 rep teams – thirteen Colts 1 players were selected for Queensland U-19, and Stephen Moore, Herman Hunt, Hugh McMeniman, Drew Mitchell, Richard Brown, Chris Lyons and Mitchell Chapman played in the Australian U-19 team. Peter Hynes was selected in the Australian U-21 team.

Towards the close of the season there was conjecture that a new National Club Competition would be introduced by the ARU. To overcome the hurdles this proposal entailed, and to achieve success in establishing it would probably need more good fortune than good management. There existed a certain divide between the Sydney Clubs and their Brisbane counterparts; for example, Sydney University's expense budget for 2001 was \$750,000, while UQ's was around \$310,000. Both these figures were conservative, and it was felt that running costs would increase considerably.

In consideration of the vagaries of the times, and with prudential concern, the Club decided to pursue an alliance with the Kenmore Bears, then one of the largest Junior Clubs in Queensland. Some of the Club's older heads remembered an earlier liaison with another Junior Club, then known as Taylor Bridge.







Colts III

This season saw a major turnaround, not only in the performance of Premier Grade, but also throughout the Grades. This resulted in a second placing in the Club Championship. Under the coaching of Andy Tucker, supported by Mark Anderson and Keith Davis, and with the captaincy of Chris Shaw, the Premier team achieved much success, losing only one game in the First Round, and winning the Welsby Cup. It went on to win the Minor Premiership, but lost narrowly to the Canberra Vikings in the Major Semifinal 25-28. The lack of Finals experience was exposed with another loss in the Preliminary Final to the Gold Coast Breakers 17-20 in extra time, after the scores were tied at 17-all after 80 minutes.

Premier Grade - Minor Premiers and Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Gold Coast 17-20):

Peter Hynes, Reece Goode, Josh Graham, Andrew Brown, David MacCallum, Richard Burgess, Ben Wakely, Mitchell Chapman, Nathan Johnson, Chris Shaw (c), Andy Hawkins, Rudi Vedelago, Adam Harley, Peter Loane, Stephen Moore and Nic Stiles. Reserves: Michael Hynes, Aaron Macksey, Andrew Baird, Chris Lyons, Herman Hunt, Richard Nyholt, Phil Rowell, Marl Crick, Ashley Elphinston and Luke Foster. Coaches: Andy Tucker, Mark Anderson and Keith Davis.

First Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Wests 29-30):

Alex Barnes, Ian Blake, Nick Barr, Andrew Baird, Doug McNicholl, Nick Myers, Shaun Barry, Sam Handy, Ross Moir, Ashley Elphinston, Gus Moxon, Phil Rowell, Dean Slawson, John Roebotham, Kieran Foster and Herman Hunt. Reserves: Trent Beilken, Simon Hempell, Peter Howlett, Chris Lyons, Chris Daykin, Will Stuart, Tim Mathers, Toby Spencer and Tim Usasz. Coaches: Mick Talbot and Duncan Hall.

#### Second Grade:

Tom Barton, Grant Neill, Steve Ashton, John Cottee, Clive Parkinson, Nico Parmelund, Sam Ingham-Myers, Ben Williams, Matthew Bird, Robin Cassidy, Oliver Talbot, Charlie Scott, Hunter Siede, Michael Jordan and Matthew Quilty. Reserves: Andrew Griffiths, Matt Loveday, Rob Morrison, Grant Dobrich, Charlie Elliott and Damien Flynn.

#### Third Grade:

David Shand, Norikazu Yao, Dave Speedy, Ross Hayward, Glen Aguis, Peter Howlett, Simon Slater, Chris Taufatfua, Ryan Hansford, John O'Connor, Peter Stevenson, Daniel McLennan, John Van Der Giesen, Michael Scaturchio, Andrew Bradford, Steve Hogg, Brett Matthews and Ben Blake. Reserves: Brad Jamieson, Mick Watter, Simon Griffin, Clinton McGoldrick.

#### Fourth Grade:

Richard Halliday, Stephen Kristiensen, Michael Thompson, Chris Davies, John Almond, Jonathon Perkins, Sam Lloyd, Dan Coutts, Jonathon Banks, Isaac West, Simon Kemp, Stuart Price, Angus Ferrier, Geordy McGill and Bill Lovell. Reserves: David Cassidy, Will Heath, Tom Lamond, Paul Murphy, Brendan Nerdal, Bob Beattie, John Woodler, Ben Blake, Alex Bonnarme, Hamish Chalmers, Michael Henry, Mick Madden and Chris Sewell.

Fifth Grade (contested the Scotney Cup, defeating Beenleigh 25-5.)

The Fifth Grade squad - prior to the Semifinals:

Tony (Scott) Burren, Simon Tutt, Scott McMullen, Andy Hiley, Nathan Camillier, Charles Story, Martin White, Ryan Hansford, Dan O'Brien, Gordon Lewis, Stephen Creagh, Craig Back, Brendan Nerdal, James Fjeldsoe and Peter Woodward. Reserves: Richard Mitchell, Ben Oronside, John Mardell, Dave Cassidy, Tim Ivers, Tony McKee, Tony Kanowski, Todd Clements and Pat Donegan.

The Wyatt Cup Subdistricts Competition was won by the UQ Medical School Students and the Normanby Cup resulted in Ormiston – Redlands 15 defeating Easts 12.

In the other Grades, Colts I again won the Premiership, coached by Brendan Loag and Al MacPherson, defeating Easts 25-17. Colts II lost the Grand Final to Brothers 12-5, while Colts III downed Wynnum 18-3 to secure the Premiership.

Colts I - Premiers (defeated Easts 25-17):

Greg Small, Heath Tessman, Tom Wakely, James Kriukelis, James Horwill, Simon Morris, Curtis Goode, James MacDonald, Tom Collins, Ben Ward, Justin Goucher, Andrew Woodgate, Andrew Fielding, Ryan Molloy and Jay Jamieson. Reserves: Cameron Moore, Ben Ford, Paul Mousa, Matt Stuart and Greg Healy.

Colts II - Runners-up (defeated by Brothers 5-12):

David Hanson, Jake Williams, Matt Norris, Matt Stewart, Damian Sewell, Tom Howard, Chris O'Driscoll, Clayton Evans, Jon Crampton, James Munford, P. J. Bligh, Nial Guranscky, Dave Howard, Zan Branford and Nicholas Debritz. Reserves: Greg Itzstein, Cameron Moore, Paul Mousa, Nick Ryan and Ben Moller.

Colts III - Premiers (defeated Wynnum 18-3):

Sam Gordon, A. Williams, A. Hegarty, J. George, M. Hodges, D. Hately, B. Perry, H. Clouston, A. Hosking, Andrew Webber, Nick Cook, Brendan Jones, Peter Williams, Chris Perkins, Dan Graham, Brendan Andrews and B.Kuss.

The Women's XV was unsuccessful, with Easts retaining the Premiership won in 2002.

Nathan Sharpe was the Club's only representative in the Wallaby team which contested the Rugby World Cup in Australia, although Nic Stiles was selected in the shadow squad. England won the Final, defeating Australia in Sydney by a last-minute dropped goal from Jonny Wilkinson in extra time.

Duncan Hall returned to the fold, helping out with Premier Grade after stints with the Waratahs, Worcester, English champions Leicester, and the USA National team. Mick Talbot and Duncan both coached First Grade (the old Reserve Grade.)

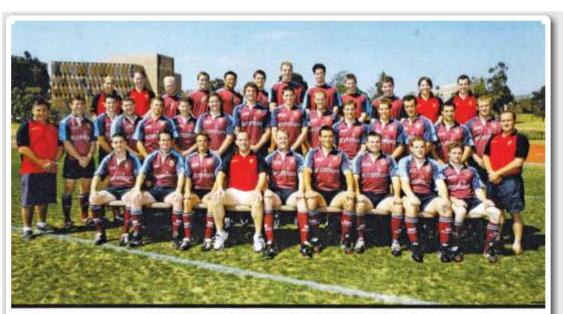
Ten Club players gained full Reds contracts – Nathan Sharpe, Nick Stiles, Tom Murphy, Fletcher Dyson, Peter Hynes, Stephen Moore, Josh Graham, Drew Mitchell, Mitch Chapman and Rudi Vedelago. Three players received Queensland A contracts – Reece Goode, Herman Hunt, and Chris Lyons. Luke Foster gained a rookie contract. With this number of players engaging in representative commitments, the drain on the Club's resources became overwhelming.

In Dubai, in his first appearance with the Australian Sevens, Drew Mitchell was named Player of the Tournament.

Off the field, the appointment of Ray Talbot, an experienced marketing man, was a positive step. Ray looked after the sponsors on match days and developed a popular children's entertainment package which included face painting, cinema and jumping castles. Increased crowds were an obvious reward. Sadly, Ray suffered a massive heart attack and passed away late in the year.

A new "Red Heavies" website was an instant success and "Harpoon Harry's" was refurbished and re-opened by founders Harold Shand and Jim Wilson at the home game where Premier Grade defeated the Vikings. The local crowd, estimated at 2000, were treated to a length of the field Peter Hynes try.

The equipment storage 'cave' under the Clubhouse was extended after the end of the season, a thankless task performed by a band of willing helpers. Among those who were involved were Al MacPherson, Andy McIntyre, Simon Tutt, Cameron Wray, Andy Tucker, Ray Talbot, Simon Morris, Phil Rowell, Martin Gorin and Geoff Stiles. Tim West, Graham Morris and Emil Neilsen also contributed.



UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY CLUB PREMIER SQUAD 2003 MINOR PREMIERS

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Adam Harley recieving a facial



Chris Shaw

Ben Wakely



This was a successful year for the Club, both on and off the field. Uni fielded eleven teams, and seven of them reached the Finals. The Club missed out on the Doughty Shield by just seven points from Easts. Premier Grade was again coached by Andy Tucker and reached the Finals, defeating Brothers in the Minor Semi-final 35-13 after trailing 3-13. Brothers Test flyhalf Elton Flatley returned after three months on the sidelines with a broken arm and landed three goals from as many attempts. The team kicked back. Drew Mitchell had a blinder at fullback and led the way to the win. Next was Sunnybank which was despatched 44-30. After finishing third on the table, Premier Grade (old A Grade) had reached the Grand Final for the first time since 1992.

It was a torrid match, but it was the Breakers who held on to win 24-18. The Breakers had the game won at halftime, ahead by 19-3, but the Prems fought back. With ten minutes left and now down by six points, our skipper rejected an easy penalty goal attempt, opting instead for a scrum feed and the chance for the backline to post a try. The Breakers monstered the ball from that scrum and capitalised with a 75 metre gain back up field. That was the last attacking chance the supporters were to see; a disappointing end to the game and the season. A season more disappointing for some, particularly Nathan Johnson, the hard working backrower who travelled back and forth three times a week to Bundaberg. He displayed uncommon commitment throughout the season, never more so than his effort in competing in the Grand Final following the tragic loss of his father a week earlier.

Premier Grade - Runners-up (defeated by Gold Coast Breakers 18-24):

D. Mitchell, P. Hynes, J. Graham, A. D. Brown, D. MacCallum, B. J. Ward, B. Wakely, M. Chapman, N. Johnson, D. Palm, B. Griffith, J. Horwill, R. P. Vedelago, P. Rowell, N. B. Stiles (c), S. T. Moore and T. Court. Reserves: J. Roebotham, M. Quilty, A. Elphinston, Sam Handy, J. Valentine, T. Usasz and D. McNicholl. Coaches: A. Tucker and Mark Anderson. Scorers: D. Mitchell, S. Moore tries, B. Ward 1 conversion, 2 penalty goals.

Third Grade, Premiers (defeated Logan City 23-19):

C. Moore, J. Elliott, R. Swift, A. Griffith, J. McDougall, A. Ferrier, S. Cozzie, J. Munford, A. Logan, A. Bradford, B. Blake, W. Lovell, S. Jones, C. Sewell, S. Kemp, N. Coorey, G. Lewis, I. West, C. Reynolds, J. Almond, S. Reynolds, C. Davis, J. Basson, G. Aguis, J. Burren and T. Reid.

Fifth Grade, Premiers (defeated Easts 26-10).

Colts I - Premiers (defeated Brothers 24-22):

*Note:* Despite extensive enquiry, no other team lists could be discovered.

The Women's XV, Runners-up, Defeated Norths/QUT 18-17 in the Grand Final, but were stripped of the Premiership after a successful appeal by Norths/QUT. In the Grand Final the Referee had whistled full time, as he considered the North's kicker had taken an excessive amount of time to attempt the conversion of a try scored in the last minutes of play, and thus prevent a re-start of play.

Nathan Sharpe became the eighth player from the Club to captain Australia, when he led the Wallabies onto the field for the Tri-Nations game against the All Blacks in Wellington. Drew

Mitchell toured Europe with the Wallabies, and Stephen Moore and Josh Valentine played against the French Barbarians during the tour.

At the U-21 World Cup, Drew Mitchell was honoured with the captaincy of the Australian team which included Clubmates Stephen Moore, Mitch Chapman, Josh Graham, Herman Hunt, Chris Lyons, and Josh Valentine.

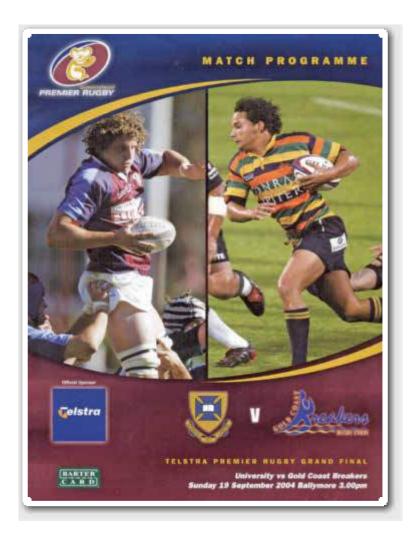
James Horwill represented Australia U-19 in South Africa.

Andrew Brown was awarded his half Blue and won selection in the Australian Sevens squad.

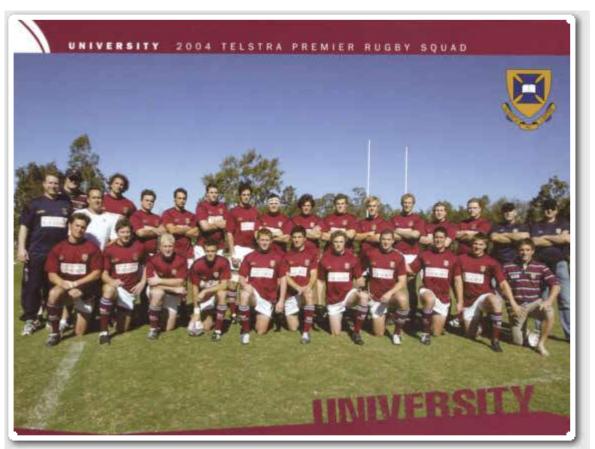
Nic Stiles was named Player of the Year and was honoured by captaincy of the Reds in four matches. Other Reds regulars were Moore, Mitchell, Sharpe, Rudi Vedelago, Peter Hynes and Josh Graham. Peter Hynes made history when he touched down for the first try in Super 12 at Suncorp Stadium for the Reds.

Chris Lyons was the Club's Premier Grade leading scorer with eighty points. He and Mitchell Chapman gained Queensland A selection.

James Horwill was named captain of the Queensland U-19 team and played alongside Clubmates Tom Hockings and Greg Small. James was a unanimous choice as the Club Colt of the Year. Fletcher Dyson's back injury forced his premature retirement mid-season, but he enthusiastically turned his attention to helping out the pack as a specialist scrum Coach.



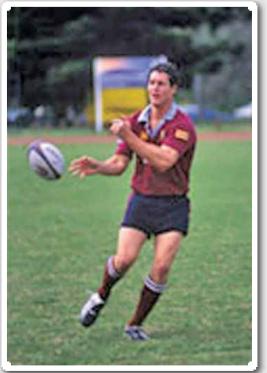
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Premier XV – 2004 Runners-Up



Drew Mitchell on the charge



Josh Graham



Rudi Vedelago



With the Reds continuing to underperform, former Uni international Jeff Miller bravely stepped down as the Chief Executive Officer of the QRU to undertake the coaching duties. Though Jeff could not be aware, what had been for years one of Rugby's most preferred coaching positions was fast becoming a poisoned chalice – an undesirable situation that was to continue until the end of the new decade.



Australian Universities



2004 Grand Final Promotion – Nic Styles and Matt Windle

This was not as good a year as the previous two, but the Club still managed to finish fourth in the Club Championship and again dominate the Colts competitions. All three Colts teams made the Finals and Colts I defeated Brothers 23-6 to win the Premiership. They were well coached by Paul "Taffy" Longman and Rob Murdoch. Colts II were Runners-up, defeated 12-22 by Redlands/Gold Coast.

The expansion of the Super 12 to Super 14 saw the addition of a new Australian franchise, the Western Force. Among its first recruits were the Club's second row pair, Nathan Sharpe and Rudi Vedelago. Their departure heralded a poor year for the Premier Grade who could only finish eighth. In its defence, the team suffered a crippling injury toll and was drained again by representative commitments. For the Premier Grade team it was really a season of disappointments.

An example was the "Tradition Match" at Crosby Park against Brothers who were celebrating their centenary year. Brothers' winger, Ant Sauer scored three tries before halftime for the home team to lead by an embarrassing 32-0. Nic's team drew on points in the second half, eventually losing 44-12. The only win salvaged on the day was the raffle – Jules managed to snaffle the meat-tray. Brothers had seven out of nine teams in the semis and four made their Grand Finals but to the consternation of their supporters and the amusement of everyone else, they didn't win a single one for their centenary. For the Brothers Premier team, which played attractive running Rugby throughout the competition rounds, scoring 98 tries in 20 games, the Finals brought to them the reality that is Finals football.

In representative terms it was another successful year for the Club. Nathan Sharpe, Drew Mitchell and Stephen Moore all played for the Wallabies.

Australia A – Drew Mitchell, Rudi Vedelago and Mitch Chapman.

Under 21 World Cup in Argentina - James Horwill.

Australia U19 - Tom Hockings (UQRC Player of the Year.)

Australian Sevens - Andrew Brown (who won a full Reds contract.)

Queensland Reds – Nathan Sharpe, Nic Stiles, Josh Valentine, Drew Mitchell, RudiVedelago, Stephen Moore, Peter Hynes, Mitchell Chapman, Tom Hockings and Andrew Brown.

Queensland A – James Horwill.

Full Blue - Stephen Moore, Andrew Brown and Mitchell Chapman.

Half Blue - James Horwill, Ben Ward and Jackie Cutts (Women's XV.)

Club Colt of the Year – Darren McLelland.

Nic Stiles announced his retirement from representative Rugby after twelve games for the Wallabies and almost one hundred for the Reds. He was appointed as the new Coach of the Premier Grade, to take over from the tireless Andy Tucker, who stood down after four years. Shaun Brown was engaged as the new Director of Rugby to share the workload with Nic.

At the end of 2005 Tim Usasz transferred to Sydney and played for Easts for the next two seasons. Tim had represented Queensland U19 in 2002 and played in the 2002 undefeated University Colts 1 Premiership team. In 2001 Tim played in the Club's Colts 1 which had lost the Grand Final, and was named best back after playing 20 games in both seasons. In 2003 Tim played in the Reserve Grade Grand Final after playing ten Premier Grade matches during the season. Tim's final match for the Club was the 2004 Grand Final after playing 15 Premier Grade matches. Tim's international career has taken off with representation as halfback for the USA in 14 Tests prior to his selection for the 2011 Rugby World Cup in New Zealand. Tim's Grandfather Eddie, an American, was Assistant Manager of Uni's Premiership winning 1987 Reserve Grade side. Tim's father David Usasz, a former Club player and Committee man, was also born in the USA. Thus Tim qualifies for USA Rugby by ancestry. (See photo later – Tim's debut for the USA v Ireland in 2008).

Also later - Tom Court - Former University and Queensland Prop forward now playing for Ireland.



Andrew Brown (with ball) - Shawn Mackay supports



Mitch Chapman leaps v Sante Fe (Argentina)



Tom Court



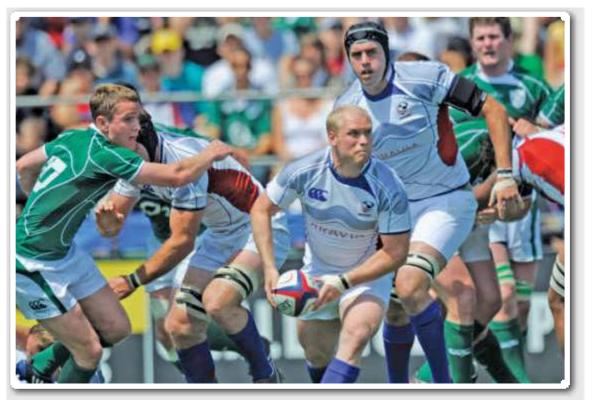
Tom Court (Ireland v USA)



Michael Hobbs



Tom Hockings



Tim Usasz makes his debut for USA against Ireland



The Club fielded a total of ten teams – six Open, three Colts, and the Women's XV. The number of registered players rose to 269 – 152 Senior, 85 Colts, and 32 women, but it was another relatively poor year for Premier Grade. Nic Stiles in his first year as Coach took a while to settle on a combination; however, despite finishing strongly, the team failed to make the Finals. Premier Grade won nine of the last ten games, which showed promise for the next season. Adding to the encouragement, Colts I won the Premiership, rewarding the efforts of Taffy Longman and Rob Murdoch. Andrew Poulton's second year of captaincy secured the title from Will Genia's GPS. As expected, the Women's XV won its Premiership.

Premier Grade:

Heath Tessman, Stephen Moore, Herman Hunt, Tom Court, Sam Cummins, Tom Hockings, Phil Rowell, Gareth Cochrane, Mitch Chapman, Luke Foster, Anthony Pearse, Ian Blake, Ramon Lindsay, Peter Hynes, Adam Connelly, Brett Gillespie, Greg Willmott, Tabai Matson, Andrew Brown, Matt Little and Jay Jamieson. Coach: Nic Stiles. Assistant Coach: Nick Leah. Manager: Peter Beauchamp.

A (old Reserve) Grade (the team selected against Souths on 1st July 2006):

G. Nell, J. Rigby, D. Mainwaring, K. Lindsay, D. Hanson, A. Kumar, T. Murphy, W. Brown, I. West, M. Brown, C. Scott, D. Coutts, T. Wakely, N. Ferguson and P. Mousa. Reserves: W. Campbell, R. Hansford and K. Takakura. Coaches: D. Muir and M. Talbot. Manager: H. Hickey.

Colts I - Premiers (defeated GPS):

D. Kilmartin, J. Hanson, S. Cochrane, T. Buchanan, A. Melloy, M. Roche, D. Linde, T. Perkins, J. Gunthorpe, A. Poulton (c), D. Myerson, J. Ramsay, M. Hobbs, T. Tuffley, T. Hanson, D. Pollock, R. Gilliman, B. Daley, D. Gray, J. Gray, S. Cook, B. Beer, H. Amos, K. Harris and J. McGraw. Coaches: Paul Longman and Rob Murdoch. Manager: Frank Edge.

Nathan Sharpe, Rudi Vedelago, Ben Ward, Richard Brown, and Josh Graham left the Club to join the new Super 14 franchise, the Western Force.

Respectively, Josh Valentine and James Horwill became the Club's fifty-ninth and sixtieth Wallabies, Josh off the reserve bench against England, and James on the end of season UK tour. They joined regulars Stephen Moore and Drew Mitchell in the Australian squad.

*Herman Hunt* became a regular member of the Reds squad and *Brett Gillespie* made his State debut at open level. Other representative honours went to the following:

Australia A – Stephen Moore, Josh Valentine, Mitchell Chapman, James Horwill and Drew Mitchell.

Australian U21 – James Horwill and Tom Hockings.

Queensland A - Michael Hobbs, Dan Linde and James Hanson.

Australia won the Under 19 World Cup in Dubai, with Brett Gillespie as Captain. James Hanson, Daniel Linde, and Ben Daley also made the team, while Michael Hobbs played for New Zealand and Tim Perkins was selected for the USA.

The Queensland Women's Team – Jackie Cutts, Tricia Brown, Kelli Donnelly, Sarah Donnelly, Kristy Pollard and Kristy Wilson were all in the team which took out the National title.

Queensland U19 Trans-Tasman Competition – Ben Daley, James Hanson, Daniel Kilmartin, Dan Linde, Andrew Poulton, Greg Wilmott and Michael Hobbs.

Tom Court later represented Ireland against Australia on 26th June 2010.

Off the field, whilst the Foundation continued to provide valuable assistance to the Club's finances, the discontinuation of the compulsory University sports levy had placed an added burden on the Club's finances.



Daniel Linde and Brett Gillespie



Phil Rowell



Mitch Chapman strides out



Ben Daley



Adam Connelly



Brett Gillespie



Daniel Linde celebrating a try



Brett Gillespie - Australian U19 World Cup Captain

It was not a memorable year for the Club. Premier Grade opened its season with a 22-48 loss to Brothers and concluded it by losing to the same team 22-41. Premier Grade finished seventh on the table and received no assistance from any of the seven contracted Super 14 representatives, not one of whom played a game for the Club. It was left to the amateur tyros to compete for the Club. Will Tuffley was the team's leading scorer with a tally of 132 points, which saw him ranked a creditable third on the competition's points scoring table.

The team sheets record that almost fifty players were included in the Premier Grade squad during the season, which by any reckoning is simply too many. Even the extended Coaching/ management team of Nic Stiles, Nick Leah, Anthony Gibb, Peter Beauchamp and Brett Picone found the task beyond them.

Premier Colts squad:

J. Mogg, H. Fletcher, F. Hess, J. Bundle, J. Van Vuuren, M. Bath, J. Winstanley, K. Harris, T. Tuffley, S. Maxwell, D. Costello, B. Shields, A. Tate, E. Erikson, M. Worcester, M. Ruig, C. Goddard, L. Kilmartin and H. Elliott. Coaches: J. Holbeck, D. Muir. Manager: David Shand. Trainer: Heather Arthy.

The Women's XV - Runners –up (defeated by The Bond Pirates):

D. Satherley, S. Hind, T. Sala, K, Conway, S. Buchbach, D. McGrath, M. IP, K. Ross, A. Wom, S. Robins, P. Leah, M. Kawa, T. Brown, N. Gaffney, J. Muller, M. Phillips, M. MacNamara, A. Kuzna and Maya Ginsberg.

For many of the representatives it was a successful season. Regarded as the find of 2006, James Horwill played his first Test against Fiji. Stephen Moore added to his growing reputation by becoming a regular in the Wallaby pack, and played in the Australian team at the Rugby World Cup in France. Peter Hynes played his fiftieth game for the Queensland Reds. At U19 level, the Queensland team, including three Colts players, Tim Buchanan, Jesse Mogg and Harry Elliott, won the Trans-Tasman tournament for the first time since 2001.

Others who won representative honours were:

Wallabies – Stephen Moore and James Horwill. Australia A – James Horwill and Mitch Chapman. Women – Tricia Brown played all three Tests against New Zealand. Queensland Reds – Stephen Moore, James Horwill, Peter Hynes, Mitchell Chapman and Andrew Brown, with Herman Hunt and Chris Siale making their Super 14 debuts. Queensland A – Brett Gillespie, Michael Hobbs, Dan Linde and James Hanson. Australian U19 at World Cup – Brett Gillespie, Captain, and James Hanson.

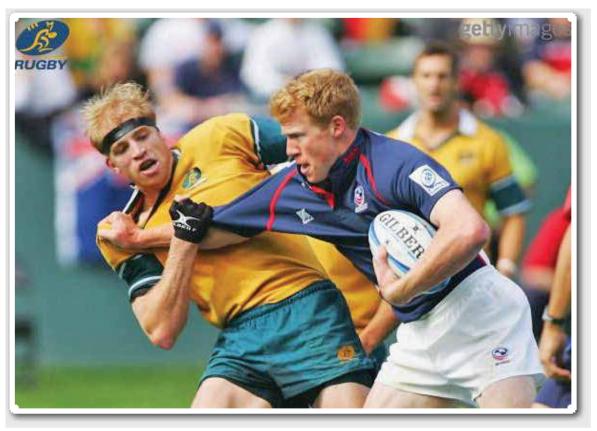
In Premier Rugby, the introduction of the Experimental Law Variations (ELVs) made for more open and at times exciting matches; some Clubs adapted better than others. GPS was the early leader but Sunnybank finished the season in spectacular fashion with a record 85-19 winning margin in the Grand Final, defeating the Gold Coast Breakers. Sunnybank scored twelve tries, two by flyhalf Ben Lucas, son of former University player and Coach, Phil Lucas. Ben scored a Grand Final record thirty-five individual points in the win. This record match result suggested that either the experimental laws themselves or their interpretation needed some tuning. As competitors, the difference between the two sides did not appear to warrant the huge difference in points scored, an effect that could not be regarded as desirable for the future health of the game, or as a spectacle for its followers.

At the end of the season the Premier Grade Coach, Nic Stiles, announced that he would stand down as he had accepted an offer to further his coaching career in Japan. Nick Leah would be appointed as the new Coach of Premier Grade for 2008.





Herman Hunt



Shawn Mackay in action for the Australian Sevens Team

It was another year to forget for the Premier Grade, which finished second last on the table. With Nick Leah as Head Coach, Zane Hilton Assistant Coach, Adam Garred (strength and conditioning), Heather and Catriona Arthy as trainers, and Peter Beauchamp as Manager, the team won its first match against Sunshine Coast 20-17 and had high hopes for the season. Reality entered the scene and after a series of games lost by the odd point the season's dreams had vanished. The low point came in July when Sunnybank racked up a 68-0 victory. Again, the player lists reveal far too many in the team's playing register, with fifty-two being the total number who appeared during the year.

At season's end the team could boast only three wins against fifteen losses.

The season's only Premiership was won by Colts I, which showed the other teams how it was done when it held on to defeat GPS 16-15, despite having recorded a healthier win over them in the Semifinals 17-8.

Easts won the Premier Grade Grand Final 22-21, after Brothers Liam (son of Tony) Shaw was dismissed in the fourteenth minute by referee Paul Marks. It was the first send-off in a Grand Final since Brendan Nasser was harshly treated in the 1989 Grand Final.

Premier Grade Colts made the Semifinals but lost to Easts 39-14.

Premier Colts - Semifinalists (defeated by Easts 14-39):

A. Leahy, N. Seymour, J. Lance, M. Wedlock, M. Payne, A. Tate, T. McQueen, J. Taylor, M. Wade, M. Arvier, B. Kinsella, J. Delaforce, J. Chapman, L. Morahan, J. Page, S. Maxwell, H. Appleby,

A. Chapman, I. Prior, S. O'Brien and C. Llewellyn. Coaches: C. McIntosh and T. Dammers. Trainers: C. Arthy and H. Arthy.

Colts I - Premiers:

D. Leske, S. Hughes, M. Payne, J. Aspinall, O. Higginson, L. Hodgkinson, M. Tiernan, N. Moll, J. Nel, S. Maxwell (c), O. Clark-Ryan, M. Walters, F. Hess, K. Power and J. Page. Reserves: M. Haylock, T. Peard, N. Dent, A. McLeod, C. Vincent and Ben Wedlock. Coaches: D. Hodge and A. Kirk.

Colts II - Runners-up:

G. Patu, C. Oliver, F. Qiu, M. McCulloch, J. Rees (c), T. McIntyre, L. Carne, D. Kriukelis, D. Cole, M. Walters, J. Gallo, M. Mortimore, P. Uebergang, M. Daly and A. Herron. Reserves: A. Thompson, R. Crooks, L. Tait, J. Male, G. Johnson, L. Harburg, N. Butel and N. Conaghan. Coaches: J. Roebotham and Matt Karatau.

The Women's XV became Runners-up, losing its Grand Final 24-19 to Wests, whose squad of 19 players was numerically superior to the UQ Women's squad of 14. Victory was almost snatched near fulltime, but a try was disallowed. Tricia Brown had the honour of being named Vice-captain for the Australian women's tour of New Zealand.

The Fourth Grade also became Runners-up, making the Grand Final but losing to Brothers 20-13. Despite going down, the players impressed with their team spirit and their catchery – "Play for the Shield."

For some individual Club stalwarts it was a year of belated recognition. The following awards were made:

#### The Joe French Award for Outstanding Service to the Australian Rugby Union: Leo G. Williams.

Leo became a legend playing and coaching at the Club. He was a Triple Blue. In Rugby he represented Queensland in the sixties, and became the State Team Manager in the 70s; Leo then became Chairman of the ARU and President of the QRU, but worldwide recognition followed when as Chairman he made the 1999 Rugby World Cup one of the world's most outstandingly successful sporting events.

#### The National Volunteer Award: Harold W. Shand.

This was the inaugural presentation of the award which rewards voluntary service to Rugby. Harold's recognition had been thoroughly earned by his establishment of judicial procedures during an eighteen year crusade with both the ARU and QRU. He joined the Club in 1969 and remained active in play and administration into the eighties. He served on the judiciary for the QRU from 1989 for many years. His long remembered bequest to the Club lives on in the Bar that bears his sobriquet - "Harpoon's."

#### The John Eales Medal for the Outstanding Test Player of the Year: Nathan Sharpe.

Nathan was the former A Grade second rower, whose professional career led to his joining the West Australian Super Rugby franchise, the Western Force.

This season's Representative selections were:

Wallabies - James Horwill, Peter Hynes, Stephen Moore, Drew Mitchell, and Nathan Sharpe.

Peter Hynes made his successful debut against Ireland in the Melbourne Test and was rewarded with selection against France and New Zealand. James Horwill was selected and played in all the season's matches for Queensland and Australia, but a foot injury prevented him from joining the end of season Wallaby Spring tour of Europe. The injury, known as a Lisfranc fracture, would keep him out of Rugby until midway through the 2009 Super Rugby season.

Australian Sevens – Luke Morahan. The series ran from November 2008 until May 2009 and the squad of sixteen included five Queenslanders. Luke was a standout in 2008 for the Club, scoring a total of twenty-two tries in his combination of eleven Premier and twelve Premier Colts games. He scored a hat trick at Ballymore for a Queensland XV against the Barbarians, which should have impressed new Sevens Coach Michael O'Connor.

The Women's Queensland team – Tricia Brown, Sarah Hind and Angela Wom. Tricia was picked to represent Australia at the inaugural Women's World Sevens in Dubai in March 2009.

So there had developed a substantial challenge for the Club in the new millennium. With the Centenary celebrations approaching, the Club faced problems, struggling on several fronts, most obviously on the playing field. It had been a long time between drinks – eighteen years since the last A (Premier) Grade Premiership – and numbers had dwindled as the Club had become less and less the hub of the players' existence.

A curious feature was the drop in spectator numbers, while inter-College games still managed to pull good crowds. The 2008 Final between St Leo's and King's drew a crowd estimated at about 1500, double that of the usual home game for the Red Heavies on the same ground. What's more, Kings had forty-five Rugby players, of whom only fifteen played for the Club.

In the early seventies, Souths was not a very successful Club in the Brisbane competition. Through a series of successful policy adaptations – not the least being the decision by long



St Leo's College v King's College

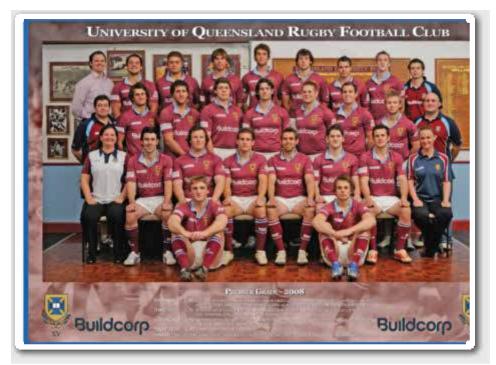
serving President Neil Betts to expand recruitment to the Pacific island of Tonga. After concentrating on the development of its Juniors, the Magpies became the Club of the nineties, winning seven Premierships during the decade. Easts, GPS, and Brothers have all followed Souths in developing their resources, building their Junior bases, and reaping the rewards at Senior level.

At this time, Uni was finding it more and more difficult to recruit players. Having no direct feeder Club at Junior level has been seen as a possible element in this perceived problem. The relationship with the Kenmore Bears may be a positive for the Club's recruitment - Reds squad member Brett Gillespie is a former Bear. In past seasons, most who studied at Uni played for the Club. For some time now, many University students were playing at other Rugby Clubs. A recruitment challenge definitely existed.

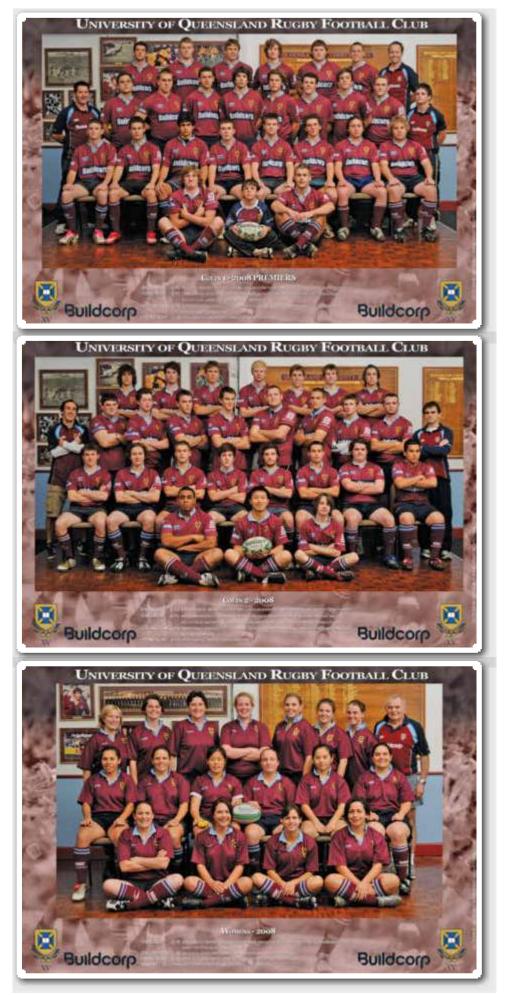
To brighten the outlook, Mick Heenan, recognised as one of the leading Coaches in the Brisbane competition had been announced as the new Premier Grade Coach for 2009, and his assistant was to be the former Brumbies centre James Holbeck. After turning around the fortunes of GPS over the previous five years, there was optimism that Mick could generate future success for the Club. The vastly experienced and successful Jake Howard had returned as Chairman of Selectors. David Muir continued in the dual role as CEO of the Academy and the Club.

Three Reds squad players from Interstate would be included in the Club's playing roster for the next season - Sydney Uni prop Laurie Weeks, beefy lock Adam Byrnes, and former Highlander No 8 Ezra Taylor. Weeks had played in Sydney Uni's Premiership-winning team in 2008, and with the others would bring size and aggression to the Red Heavies pack.

The development of the UQ Rugby Academy had proceeded comfortably. In November 2008, five players were selected for a twelve month scholarship to train at the Academy under Head Coach David Enfantie. Each Brisbane Club was asked to nominate a player and the best five were chosen. They will gain early season fitness and will be introduced to the right career pathway. The chosen players were: Ben Fox (Sunnybank hooker), Andrew Krelle (Easts flyhalf), Uni's Mitchell Wade, Rees Tolich (Wests centre) and Iliseva Batibasaga, an Australian representative from the Club's Women's XV.









Premier Grade taking the field



Luke Morahan try v Gold Coast



Uni v Souths Lineout

The Club finished third in the Club Championship, just pipping Brothers. In the past three years the Club has improved from seventh in 2007, to fifth in 2008, and now third in 2009.

Premier Grade placed seventh:

Sam Cochrane, Steve Cook, Tim Buchanan, Chris Kenefick, Alex McQueen, Hugh Innes, Tom McQueen, Jono Lance, Steve O'Leary, Laurie Weeks, Heath Tessman, Ryan Gilliman, Ian Prior, Angus Leahy, David Burns, Timothy Aistrope, Will Brown (Capt), Mitchell Wade, Will Tuffley, Mark Swanepoel, Tevita Kuiridrani, James Hanson. Coach: Mick Heenan. Assistant Coach: James Holbeck. Manager: Michael O'Reilly. Trainers: Catriona Arthy, Cam Wray.

First Grade (formerly known as Reserve Grade) ended in fifth position:

Will Tuffley, Angus Leahy, Tim Buchanan, Chris Kenefick, Michael Bullen, Jimmy Norris, Tom McQueen, Alex Ng, Steve Cook, Sam Cochrane, Juan Van Vuuren, Roger Geldard, Chris Borrell, Alex McQueen, Scott Kelly (Capt), Ben Forbes, Hugh Innes. Coach: Mick Zaicek, Managers: Peter Sartori, Luke Foster. Trainer: Catriona Arthy.

Second Grade (also finished fifth):

Jimmy Norris, Roger Geldard, Dan Baldwin, Ed Heron, Fraser Hess, Dan Creagh, Jake Jennings, Chris Yee, James Thomas, Drew Rathbone, Sam Kalamafoni, Sam Thomasson, Blake Miller, JJ Brundle, Chris Purcell, Stuart Price, Angus Herron. Coach: Scott Allen. Assistant Coach: Steve McRae.

Third Grade (finished sixth):

Matthew Chadwick, Tim Blomfield, Sam McBride, Dan Creagh, Steven Byrnes, Sam Kalamafoni, Apenisa Tawake, Simon Free, Chris Yee, Drew Rathbone, Dan Purcell, Tom Hanson, Ian Turner, Angus Herron, Sam Thomasson, Darren Moule, Yasu Oshima, Blake Miller, Andrew Smith. Coaches: Shamus Cozzi-Delaney, Todd Clements. Manager: Tony Burren.

Fourth Grade No.1 (eighth from 11):

Dan Creagh, Jack Bartram, John Cameron, David Smithson, Christian Opazo, Lucas Marchant, Graham Ferris, Phuc Moi, Tom Hanson, David McEvoy, Harry Clouston, George Blomfield, Uasu Oshima, Ken Dobson, Michael Igokwe, Simon Free, Jon Ramajoo, Dave Muir, Charles Reynolds, Tom Conrad, Jimmy Gardiner, Graeme Legh, Darren Moule (Capt), Michael Corcoran, Ben Forde, Cameron Anderson. Coach: James Heintzberger.

While the top four Senior Grades just failed to make the Semifinals, Fourth Grade No 2 (the Club's sixth Senior team) won the Minor Premiership, and then defeated Brothers in the Major semi-final 32-29. Points scorers for University: *T. Murphy, B. Reid, B. Linanen, K. Dobson* tries, *T. Clough* 3 conv. Pen. *T. Murphy*, pen.

In the Grand Final, Fourth Grade No 2 defeated GPS 30-27 to claim the Premiership.

Point scorers:

S. Croxford, J. Lirang, B. Pyers, A. Pease, T. Barker tries, T. Clough conv, pen.

Fourth Grade No.2 - The Barbarians

Minor Premiers and Premiers (defeated GPS 30-27):

Anthony Pease, David Cassidy, Brett Linanen, Joseph Greaney, Scott Croxford, Tim Clough, Martin Payne, Ken Dobson, Matt McCulloch, James Shand, Michael Durrington, Matthew Douglas, Michael Dimitriviech, Yuya Fujii, James Chaffey, Brad Reid, Shane King, David Cole, Brent Reid, Todd Murphy, Deshaven Wattanatassi, Thomas Kirkpatrick, Brad Pyers, Max Barker, Ben Topalov, Chris Boult. Coach: Andrew Bradford.

The Premier Colts were also Minor Premiers, but went down to Souths 22-19 in the Major Semifinal. Ben Evans snagged a double for Uni while Reds Academy player Jono Lance also crossed. Uni recovered in the Preliminary Final with a convincing 51-12 win over Sunnybank to set up a rematch with the Magpies. Scorers: L. Fidow 2, J. McAuliffe 2, A.Smith, J. Page, S. O'Brien tries. J. Lance 5 conv. 2 pen. In the Grand Final Souths 21 defeated Uni 19. Scorers: H. Appleby, A. Smith tries, J. Lance 3 pen.

Premier Colts - Minor Premiers and Runners-up (defeated by Souths 19-21):

Jamie McAuliffe, Angus Lockhart, Jack Delaforce, Jordan Chapman, Jamie Page, Danny Milham, Ian Prior, Michael O'Leary, Aussie Smith, Ben Evans, Halley Appleby, Michael Daniels, Shannon O'Brien, Harold Burnett, Lyall Fidow, Matt Arvier (Capt), David Hardisty (vc), David Higgins, Jimmy Keinhorst, Jack Mackie, Peter Hynes, Nick Buchanan, Tom Hewitt, Steve Carter, Ernest Ullrich, Bonny Falefitu, Eric Afamasaga, Jono Lance, Tevita Kuridrani, Kerrod Power. Coaches: Cameron McIntosh, David Enfantie. Manager: Bernard Parish. Trainer: Heather Arthy.

Colts I finished second on the Premiership table and was defeated by Easts 24-21 in the Major Semi-final. T. Hewitt, N. Hockings, B. Miles scored tries while K. Power kicked 3 conversions. The next game was the Preliminary Final v GPS.

Colts I - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by GPS):

Harry Curtain, Charles Elliott, Grayson Patu, Eric Afamasaga, Jim Hynes, David Tuffley, Charles Vincent, Fred Kinsman, Nat Hockings, Chris Morrison, Will Walmsley, Harold Burnett, Tom Mills (Capt), Sam Allan, Dom Higgins. Coaches: Jeremy Scott, Dan Hodges. Trainer: Catriona Arthy.

Colts II finished third on the Premiership table, but was eliminated by Sunnybank 32-17 in the Minor Semifinal.

Colts II – Semifinalists:

Michael Owens, Matt Goddard, Alex Jacoby, Jim Hynes, James Rose, David Tuffley, Scott Warnock, James Prowse, Pat Standen, Harry Tilse, James Russo, Leo Carne, Liam Gooley, Angel Morrison, Todd Cranney, Mitch Smith, Will Merrett, Ross Jones-Davies, Tim McIntyre, Nick Dunsdon, Rob Sartain, Michael Hsieh, Tom Borchardt, Tom Wilkinson, Peter O'Dwyer. Coach: Matt Karatau.

Unusually, the Women's XV ended the season in fifth place.

The Women's XV:

Kath King, Donna Tracey, Asako Ono, Amanda Heathwood, Lindsay Bosomworth, Rebecca Mata, Jess Firth, Theo Sala, Gemma Ryde, Kereso Farouk, Michelle Salter, Bridget McNee, Helen

Brown, Trish Brown, Katherine Conway, Shannon Buchback. Coaches: Bill Hind, Peter Rizzo. Trainer: Cameron Wray.

So in 2009, there was a distinct change in the attitude and enthusiasm of all involved at the Red Heavies. This turnaround was due to a dedicated and motivated group of volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure that all the players not only performed at the highest level, but also enjoyed doing so.

Team	Name	Position
Premier Grade	Mick Heenan	Coach
	James Holbeck	Coach
	Michael O'Reilly	Manager
	Peter Beauchamp	Manager
	Cameron Wray	Trainer
	Adam Garred	Strength & Conditioning
Reserve Grade	Michael Zaicek	Coach
	Catriona Arthy	Trainer
Second Grade	Scott Allen	Coach
	Steve McRae	Asst Coach
Third Grade	Shamus Cozzi-Delaney	Coach
	Todd Clements	Coach
	Tony Burren	Manager
Fourth Grade	James Heitzberger	Coach
Red Heavies	Andrew Bradford	Coach
Premier Colts	David Enfantie	Coach
	Cameron McIntosh	Asst Coach
	Bernard Parish	Manager
	Heather Arthy	Trainer
Colts I	Daniel Hodge	Coach
	Jeremy Scott	Coach
Colts II	Matthew Karatau	Coach
	Chris Daykin	Asst Coach
	Mick Daly	Asst Coach
Women's XV	Peter Rizzo	Coach
	Bill Hind	Coach

#### University of Queensland Rugby Football Club Coaches and Support Staff

Jake Howard	Chairman of Selectors
Margariete Howard	Skills Coach
Peter Ryan	Defensive Specialist
Andy McIntyre	Grades Scrum
Cameron Lillicrap	Colts Scrum
Michael Hodges	Strength and Conditioning
Tony Rees	General Coaching
Cameron McIntosh	Rugby Development Manager
David Enfantie	Academy Head Coach
Adam Garred	Athletic Performance Director

Also, floating Coaches who have been working with the entire Club:

Brothers finally returned to the winners' circle, taking the first A (Premier) Grade Premiership for the Butcher boys in twenty-two years, defeating Souths 26-19. David Croft announced his retirement.

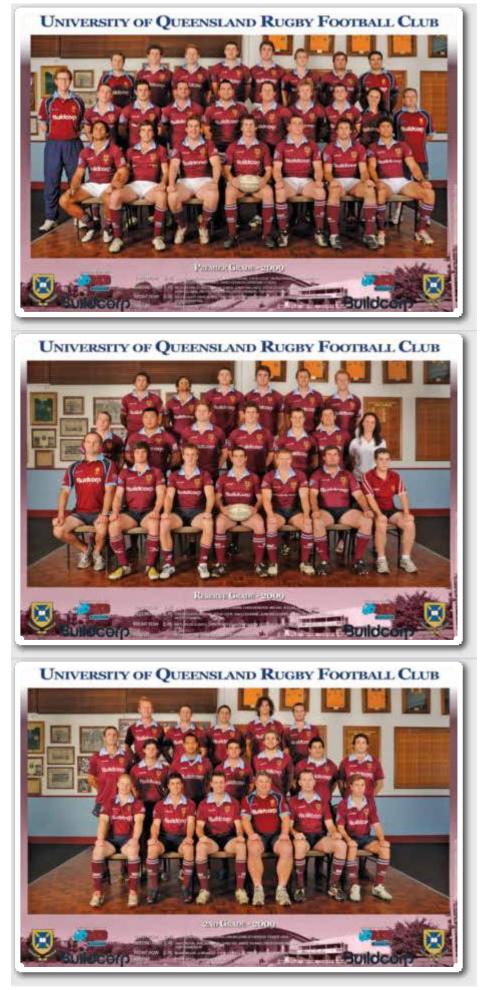
2009 marked the death of respected Rugby statesman and Club Life Member - Leo Gerard Williams AO RFD (1941-2009). Leo played for the Club and Australian Universities in the 1960s; played for the Queensland Reds (39 caps 1962–1965); managed the team (1971–1972); was President of Queensland Rugby Union (1988–1995); was Chairman of the Australian Rugby Union (1994–1996); and was Chairman of Rugby World Cup (1995–2000). His two sons Paul and Tony played for the Club.

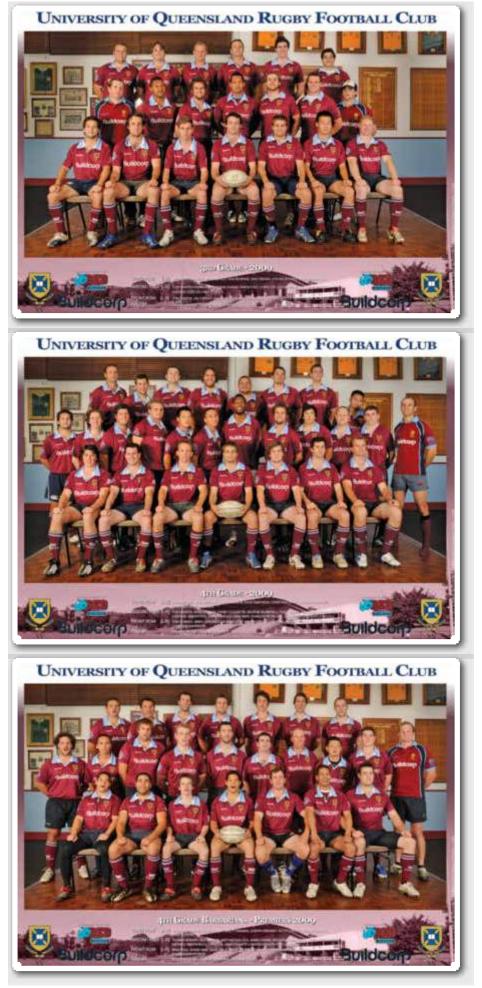
Leo's other accomplishments included: BA. LLB UQ; former Senior Partner Williams and Williams; Consultant Freehills; Honorary Consul for Samoa and South Africa; Chairman, Racing Appeals Authority; Chairman Rugby World Cup 1999; President and Life Member Tattersalls' Club; triple University Blue (Rugby, Swimming, and Water Polo).

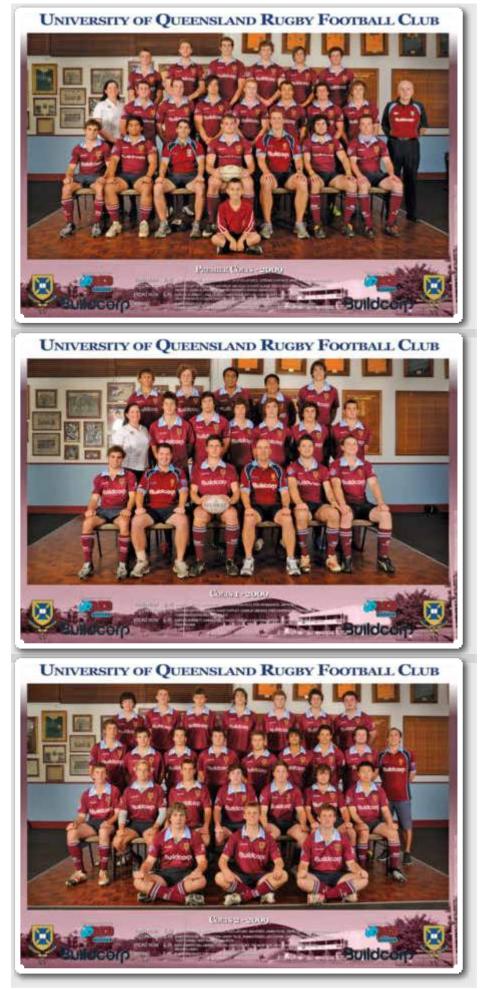
Apart from being a good husband and father, the great thing that Leo did superbly was to bring people together for the sheer enjoyment of life, whether it meant watching superb and competing athletes on Rugby fields, or magnificent thoroughbreds jostling one another on racecourses. He loved life and he wanted other people to love it as much.

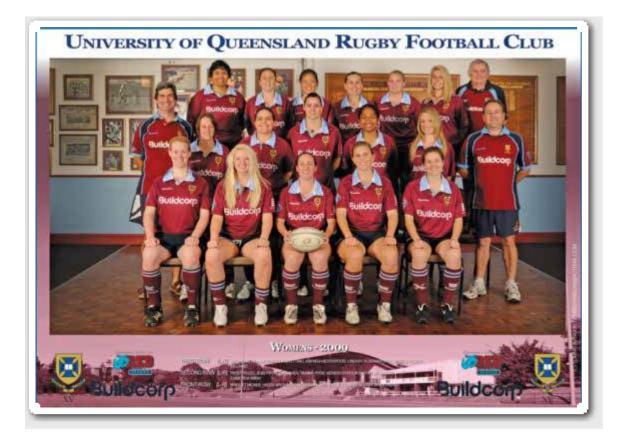
Jim Tucker in the Courier Mail quoted these comments from David Crombie, QRU President in 2009:

"Leo was a great man of Rugby, with a wide circle of friends and a generosity of spirit. He helped so many people. Leo was also the sort of great protector a young hooker needed when new to First Grade – as I was in 1963!"











The Uni Boys run on



A Classic Strike - Jono Lance Conversion



Mark Swanepoel Ignites the Backline



Here comes a Try (at Sylvan Road)



Will Tuffley Scoring at Bottomley

# **CHAPTER 13**

# 2010 THE HARD YARDS REWARDED

For much of the Club's history, this Premier (former A) Grade Grand Final victory over the Sunshine Coast "million dollar" team would have resulted in contentment rather than euphoria; however, this Premiership, having been secured in the final year of the first century of the Club's existence is now marked as a special one. Additionally, being the first title secured by the Club's leading side in the twenty years since the last in 1990 has meant that it has been received by the Club's members and supporters more warmly than any other. Never before had the Club experienced such a Premiership drought. Great credit is therefore due to Mick Heenan and his support staff.

This season has given the Club more than one reason to celebrate, for its success has not been limited to Premier Grade. The Club has again secured the Club Championship, and all Senior and Junior teams have made the Finals. Fifth Grade became Premiers, winning the Scotney Cup; Fourth Grade and Premier Colts were Runners-up in their Premierships; First Grade, Colts I, and Colts II contested their Preliminary Finals, and Second and Third Grade both played Semifinals. After a protracted period adapting to a code that had learned to embrace both professionals and amateurs within its ranks, there now seems to be some light at the end of the tunnel for the Club.

In recent years the Club had been unable to coordinate its strengths to overcome the inherent difficulties it continues to face as a major producer of representative players. It may be that the hard lessons meted out since the code became professional in 1995 have finally been learned. If so, and based upon its recent progress, there now appears to be ample reason to view the future with a measure of confidence.

Premier Grade - Premiers (defeated Sunshine Coast 19-11):

 Kevin Davis, 2. James Hanson, (c) 3. Laurie Weeks, 4. Tim Buchanan, 5. Adam Preocanin,
 Mitchell Wade, 8. Mitchell Chapman, 9. Ian Prior, 10. Jono Lance 11. Tevita Kuridrani, 12. Herman Porter, 13. Luke Morahan, 14. David Burns, 15. Will Tuffley, 16. Sam Cochrane, 17. Lyall Fidow, 18. David Howard, 19. Cameron Jones, 20. Will Thompson, 22. Junior Rosolea, 23. Simon Morahan. Scorers: D. Burns, W. Tuffley tries, W. Tuffley 3 penalty goals. Mitchell Wade won the Tony Shaw Medal for Man of the Match.

First Grade - (Formerly Reserve Grade), Preliminary Finalists (defeated by GPS 17-18):

 Samuel Cochrane, 2. Michael O'Leary, 3. David Howard, 4. Jack Delaforce, 5. Jordan Chapman, 6. Cameron Brown, 7. Cameron Goddard, 8. Matthew Wannan, 9. Will Thompson, 10. Ryan Gilliman, 11. Juan Van Vuuren, 12. Chris Borrell, 13. Fraser Hess, 14. Edward Heron, 15. Stephen O'Leary, 16. Robert Sartain, 17. Paul Mousa, 18. Benjamin Wedlock, 19. Darcy Adams, 20. Roger Geldard, 21. Andrew Rathbone and 22. Angus Herron.

Second Grade - Semifinalists (defeated by Souths 25-29):

Daniel Baldwin, 2. Robert Sartain, 3. Benjamin Wedlock, 4. Stuart Price, 5. Roger Geldard,
 Cameron Goddard, 7. Todd Cranney, 8. Sione Naa Helu, 9. Benjamin Forbes, 10. Damon

Holmes, 11. Angus Herron, 12. Andrew Rathbone, 13. Fraser Hess, 14. Kim Hendersom-Ayrton, 15. Samuel Howard, 16. Hugh Innes, 17. Paul Mousa, 18. Daniel Purcell, 19. Craig Winship, 20. James Ferguson, 21. Peter Uebergang and 22. Harold Burnett.

Third Grade - Semifinalists (defeated by Souths):

Mick Corcoran, Stewart Glynn, Aelon Ng, Kim Henderson, Simon Free, Andrew Purcell, Dan Purcell (c), Alex Hart, Sammy Kalamafoni, Blake Millar, Chris Yee, Ben Chapman, James Ferguson, Josie Berto, Brendan Scoble, Charlie Cheung, John Gunthorpe, Peter Uebergang, Joel Gray, Brendan O'Sullivan and Trent Bilken.

Fourth Grade - Runners-up (defeated by GPS 8-19):

1. Jun Furukawa, 2. Matthew Mitchell, 3. Matthew Wafer, 4. Stephen Byrnes, 5. Angus Price, 6. Patrick Roberts, 7. Adrian Cullen, 8. Joshua Burkin, 9. Christos Cardovillis, 10. Charles Keen, 11. James Boyd-Moss, 12. Calum McKinnon, 13. Anders Cenci, 14. Ryan Molloy, 15. Matt Chadwick, 16. Johannes Inoke, 17. James Shand, 18. Samuel McBride, 19. Darren Moule, 20. Matthew Miller, 21. Bradley Reid, 22. Patrick Howard.

Fifth Grade - Premiers - Scotney Cup (defeated Sunnybank 14-13)

Premier Colts - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by GPS 33-50):

1. Lyall Fidow, 2. Joseph O'Regan, 3. Josefo Mikaele, 4. Daniel McGhee, 5. Tom Mills, 6. Kane Boucaut, 7. Austin Smith, 8. Gregor Hogg, 9. Sion Hopkins, 10. Simon Morahan, 11. George Morseu, 12. Solomoni Rasolea, 13. Cornelius Foley, 14. Michael Daniels, 15. Glen Walker, 16. Dominic Higgins, 17. Harry Thompson, 18. Mitchell Loughlan, 19. David Jackman, 20. Nathan Cook, 21. Hugo Marks, 22. Lachlan Skinner, 23. Timothy Sexton, 24. Tom Graham.

Colts I - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Sunnybank 17-19):

1. Harry Thompson, 2. Dominic Higgins, 3. Juan Gouws, 4. Mitchell Loughlan, 5. Thomas Paxton-Hall, 6. Jamie Baum, 7. Fred Kinsman, 8. David Jackman, 9. Timothy Sexton, 10. Nathan Cook, 11. Joshua Broekman, 12. Harry Curtin, 13. Jordan Bassingthwaighte, 14. Hugo Marks, 15. Glen Walker, 16. Daniel Chater, 17. Max Kenney-Herbert, 18. Garrick Ruddell, 19. Richard Verrall, 20. John Murday, 21. Rhys Davies, 22. Brett Mills, 23. Lachlan Skinner.

Colts II - Preliminary Finalists (defeated by Logan 14-25):

 Fergus Remington, 2. Marc Zietsman, 3. Nick Young, 4. Alexander Jacoby, 5. Brayden Cooke,
 Scott Campbell, 7. Alastair Blenkin, 8. Danny Cotton, 9. Beau Gray, 10. Harry Tilse, 11.
 Fukunaga Katsuya, 12. Benjamin Holloway, 13. Alex McKinnon, 14. Thomas Folley, 15. Angel Morrison, 16. Ben Masters, 17. Duncan Bird, 18. Michael Owens, 19. James Gillies, 20. Stuart Hallam, 21. Kawasaki Taiga, 22. John Watts, 23. Thomas Kay.

Inter-College Competition – September 18, 2010. The Eric Francis – Nigel Kassulke Cup.

King's College 36 defeated St Leo's College 11. King's Coach: Scott Young and St Leo's Coach: Dr. Bob Wallace. The Inter-College Competition has been in existence since 1913, and has been an annual competition since 1920.

Eric Francis was a resident of King's College from 1914 to 1915. He was one of three brothers who attended King's, and was schooled at Ipswich Grammar School. An outstanding fullback,

he played two Test matches in 1914 against the New Zealand All Blacks. Had it not been for the First World War, Francis would have surely played more Test matches for his country. The University of Queensland awarded Francis with a Full Blue for Rugby in 1914. Eric also represented his country with distinction as a Second Lieutenant in the First World War in the Infantry - 15th Battalion. His Wallaby and Queensland caps are on display in the University Clubhouse. Eric Francis died in 1983 aged 89.

Nigel Kassulke, a Marist College Ashgrove Old Boy, was a resident of St Leo's College for three years (1979 – 1981). He was a member of the Premiership-winning St Leo's Rugby teams in 1980 and 1981, and was a member of the winning ICC Debating team in 1979. His two appearances for the Wallabies came in 1985 during a successful year when he played at outside centre for the University Rugby Club, Queensland, and Australia. A serious knee injury during his second Test match denied Nigel the chance to extend his career as a Wallaby. The University of Queensland recognised Nigel's fine record in Rugby by presenting him with a Full Blue, the highest honour available to athletes at University level.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	4Tries	Within 7 Points	Total Points
University	18	16	1	1	664	359	13	1	80
Sunnybank	18	11	6	1	594	490	12	3	61
Brothers	18	9	9	0	512	383	10	6	52
Sunshine Coast	18	10	8	0	507	379	8	4	52
Easts	18	10	7	1	500	403	8	2	52
Souths	18	10	8	0	414	473	9	3	52
GPS	18	9	9	0	467	501	10	1	47
Gold Coast	18	6	11	1	413	559	6	4	36
Norths	18	4	14	0	428	630	8	3	27
Wests	18	3	15	0	351	673	4	0	16

2010 Premier Grade Table

Premier Grade lost to Gold Coast in the opening competition fixture 26-28, but apart from a 37-37 draw with Sunnybank at the end of the first round, won all sixteen remaining matches.

# Captain's Report – James Hanson

It is with great pleasure and pride that I present the season's report from the Team's perspective.

Those who came to the pre-season trials wrote us off early. After each win they said "we were just on a hot streak or lucky". When we made it to the Finals they said "we would choke". Coming into the Grand Final, having lost only our first game of the season by 2 points, and drawing against Sunnybank in Round 1, we knew within the team that if we were mentally up for it and didn't let anything distract us from the job at hand, we would beat any team in the Competition.

During the season, after each game, we felt as though we had improved from the previous week, but still needed to improve in other areas. This was emphasised in the Finals week when we won convincingly in the Major Semi against Sunnybank and had a week off before the Final. Most teams would have rested. We trained harder! We knew we could improve and we knew we had to if we were going to bring the Hospitals Cup back to Uni for the first time in twenty years. Some sessions got a little over-heated and ended up getting physical! We all knew it wasn't personal; it was about getting the best out of each other. Grand Final day couldn't come quickly enough.

In the week leading up to the Final there were a lot of distractions and a lot of excitement building around the Club with the Club Breakfast and Calcutta. However, we really wanted to keep a lid

on our emotions until after the game. We wanted to enjoy the events, soak up the pressure and excitement, but not let any of it be a distraction to the job at hand. It was great to see some of the stalwarts of the Club, guys like Mark Loane, Bill Ross, David Nucifora, Andy McIntyre, Greg Martin and Tony Parker, legends of the Club whose names adorn the walls and Honour Boards, come down to the games, speak to the players and share their wisdom and advice with the boys.

It was predicted all week that Grand Final day would be wet, and it didn't disappoint! We had been training all week in preparation for a wet game – we hadn't played a game in the wet all season and it didn't really suit our usual "run it from anywhere style". However, we knew that we had a strong pack and if we could dominate the set piece and close-contact situations with pick and go movements and good ruck ball, we would have a good chance of coming away with the silverware. Occasionally we would drift away from our game plan and try to play our normal game, running it or going wide, which nearly cost us a few times. As expected it was a very tough encounter, and we had to earn every point of our victory. It was with a combination of both relief and pride that we finally lifted the Hospitals Cup!

Everything we had worked so hard for, not only this year but in the 4 or 5 lean years before, had come to fruition. We are the 2010 Premier Grade Champions now, and we have the desire to do it all again next year.

Team Personalties:

Will Tuffley – a very passionate bloke whose father and brothers are "Heavies". Before every game (except the one we lost) he would declare "Another game in the Heavies jersey boys" – meaning enjoy playing in the jersey, embrace the traditions of the Club, but don't take anything for granted, and most of all enjoy playing with each other". It pretty much sums up how we played the whole year.

We had a lot of great characters in the team – and it all started up front with Laurie Weeks, Kev Davis and Heath Tessman.

Weeksy was the Team Joker – always cracking jokes and smiling – but once it was Rugby he would just switch modes. He had been to three Grand Finals with Sydney Uni and won all three. He knew how to win and was an integral part of the Team's success.

Kev Davis was a strong prop who was over from the UK for a year. He really stepped up when Tess broke his hand and had to miss the second half of the season.

Tess, along with Tim Buchanan were the real "Clubmen" of the team, and they really brought the boys together. Tessman had been around the Club for a long time, more than anyone in the team, but he really hit his straps this year and was deservingly rewarded with a Super 15 Contract with the inaugural Melbourne Rebels franchise. Unfortunately, he missed the second half of the season with a fractured hand, a big loss to the Team, particularly with his on field experience and communication – key assets in a team when you have players like Tevita Kuridrani who is as quiet as a mouse.

Tevita more than made up for his shyness with his exceptional talent. He represented Fiji during the season in the U20 World Cup in Argentina. I'm sure that we will see him play for his country or Super 15 in the near future.

Tim Aistrope was the stalwart, the oldest member of the team. He really brought a hard edge and toughness to the team, in both training sessions and games. Unfortunately he missed the Grand

Final with a quad strain. He played a massive part in getting the team to the Grand Final and ultimately the Premiership. The team has taken on board his now famous line, now known as the "Strope line". He would run from thirty metres away to run a line off the halfback, one metre off the ruck, and would get smashed nine times out of ten but when that one in ten line break came off, it was pure magic!

Jono Lance and Mitch Chapman were the on field leaders and tacticians. Lance was the general, and the experience and confidence Chappo brought to the team was unbelievable. More importantly, Chappo inspired his younger brother, Jordan, to play out of his skin alongside him. Jordan came a long way this year. Not long ago he struggled to catch a ball, but as the season developed he became a genuine line-out option and relished trucking the ball up, making big yards.

Mitch Wade, David Burns, Ian Prior and Luke Morahan all were integral to the team's success. Genuinely talented players who were vital members of the team and who, undoubtedly, will be running around in Super 15 Teams next year and in the years to come. Luke Morahan has already represented Australia in U20, Sevens, and Schoolboys whilst also earning a handful of Caps for the Reds. Ian Prior has been rewarded for a strong season with a Reds Academy spot for 2011, and was called into the U20 squad with Jono and Luke. No doubt, the "trades" of the year were Adam Preocanin and Herman Porter, who had been at Easts and won a Premiership with them in 2008. Preo and Bucky combined well together in the second row, and their partnership built with the season.

The return of Stephen Moore for two games really gave the team a boost. He brought some perspective to our season when he said that winning a Club Grand Final was among one of his goals. Even though he has played for the Reds, Brumbies, and Australia, he had not won a Grand Final. He was in the last Uni Team to make a Grand Final in 2004 when they were runners-up.

And then there's Mick Heenan, Coach. While he played for Uni in the nineties, he had great success with his previous Club GPS, and has definitely had a big impact at UQ, turning our fortunes around. It's no coincidence; Mick's a great Coach. His greatest attribute is the way he works with what he's got. He knew his team's strengths and weaknesses and played to its strengths. He managed to bring the players together and developed a really strong team spirit and culture. The players weren't just playing for themselves or the Club, but for each other. I will always look back on his "Mid Season" tactic as the point when we went from winning games to a team that could win the Competition, and it started as a night out at the "DUB"! We'd finished the first round on top and had to play Wests the following week. The boys needed a bit of a break and Mick decided that instead of our normal intense Tuesday training session, the Team would go out for dinner and get to know each other better. It was a bit of a reward for winning the first round. Dinner turned into a massive drinking session, with the boys partying until the early hours at the infamous "Down Under Bar" (a Backpackers' Bar frequented by Uni students, travellers, and the financially challenged amongst us, and a surrogate sponsor of the Club). Thursday night's training was woeful, Saturday's game was even worse! We just managed to scrape home against Wests, the wooden spooners, but it did wonders in bonding the Team and served us well for the second half of the season when we got into tight situations.

There were forty players who helped us to achieve our goal this year, as well as our Manager, Assistants, and Trainers. It was a great team effort!

# **Colts Report – Howard Hickey**

The year got off to a great start with one hundred and five registered Colts. The decision was made to field four teams as this would allow us to give as many players as possible a game of Rugby. This worked well, until the five week long vacation reduced the playing ranks by fifty percent. The Premier Colts, Colts I and II all made the Finals, but none the Grand Final. Our first goal was to have three teams contest the Finals, but it was then a disappointment not to have a Grand Final contestant.

Two eligible Colts, Tevita Kuridrani and Junior Rasolea, played for the Fiji U20 side and four other Colts were selected for the Brisbane U19 team: George Morseu, Dan McGhee, Con Foley, and Lyall Fidow. Most of these players were given varying amounts of time in the Premier A Grade during the season. Next year Coaches will work to have at least two teams contest Grand Finals, as occurred in 2009.

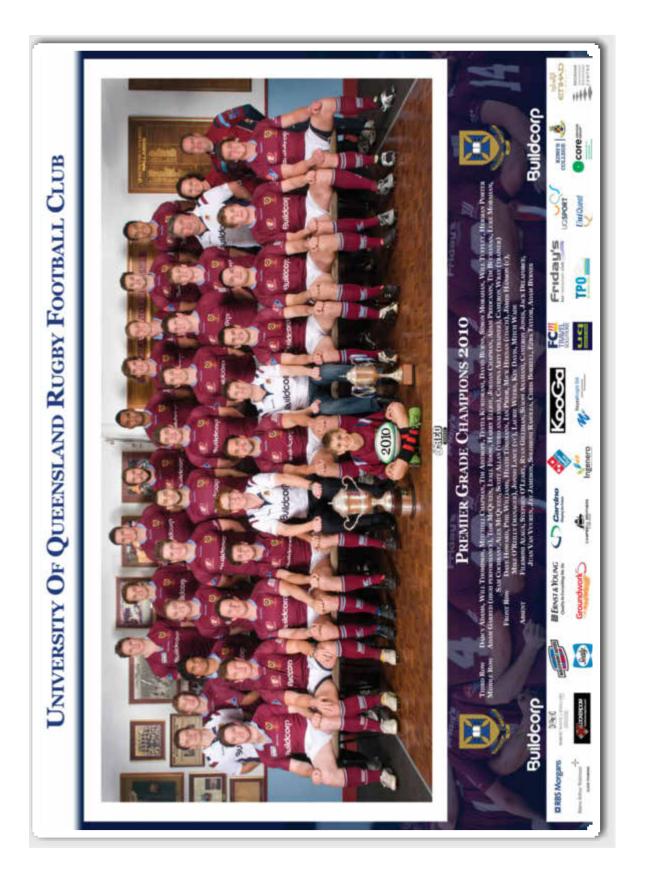
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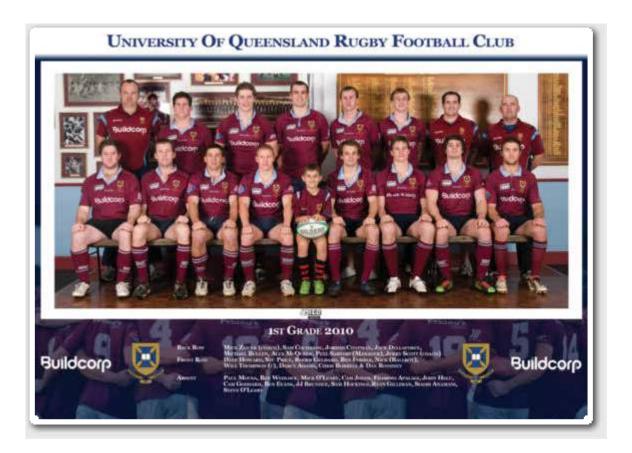
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Australian Sevens	Luke Morahan
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	Rod Davies, James Hanson, Ezra Taylor
Brumbies	Stephen Moore and Mitchell Chapman
Queensland Women	Kellie Donnelly, Jacqui Cutts, Sarah Hind, Tricia Brown
Reds Academy	Jono Lance, Aaron Chapman, Simon Morahan
New Contracts	Heath Tessman – Rebels, Ian Prior – Reds Academy
Fiji U20	Tevita Kuridrani and Junior Rasolea
Brisbane City XV	Will Tuffley, Mitchell Wade, Kevin Davis, Tim Buchanan and
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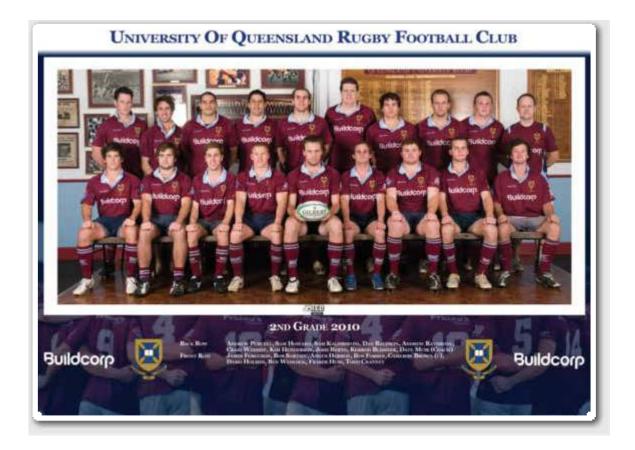
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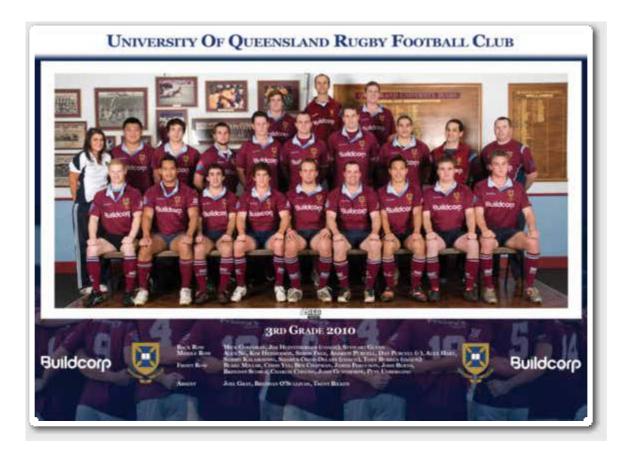
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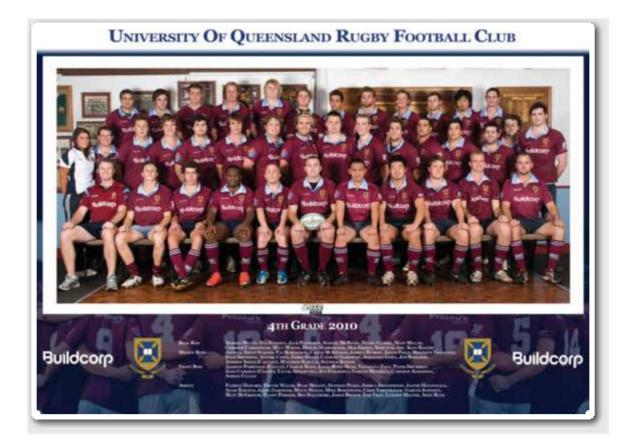
And so in gratitude to its members and supporters who have gone before, the Club farewells its first one hundred years. Let us hope that the new century will be as beneficent as the last.

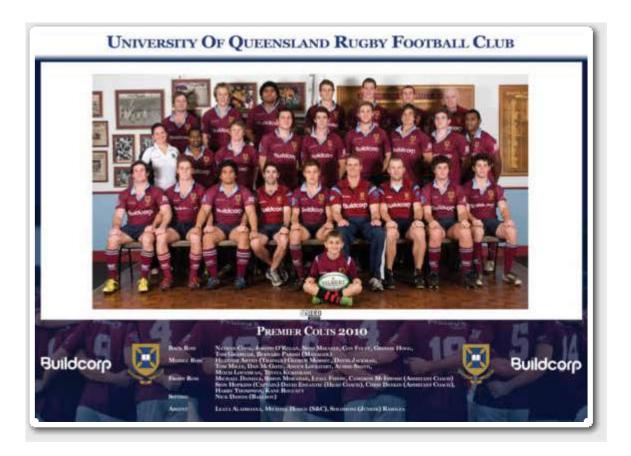


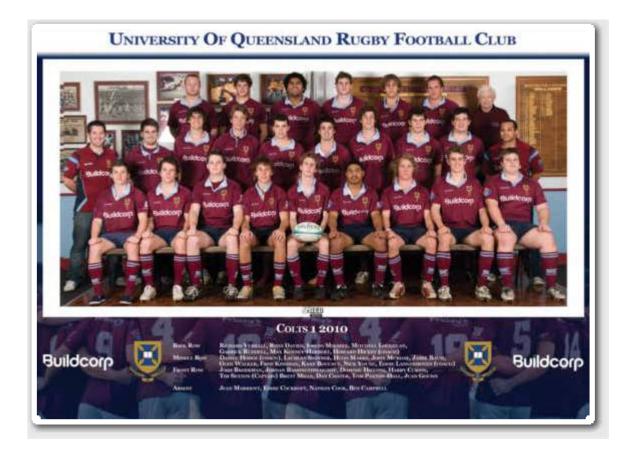


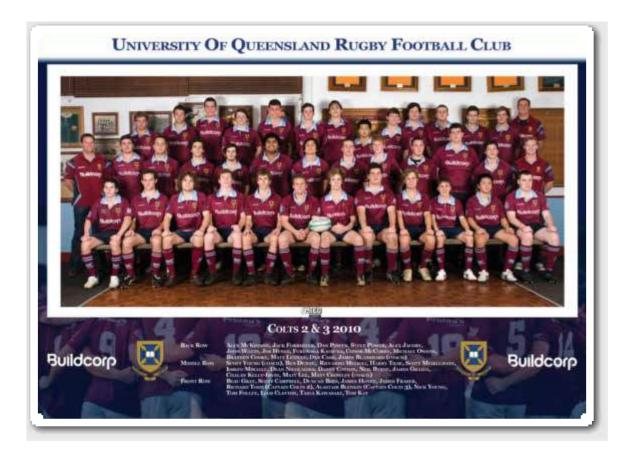
















Tim Buchanan secures the throw



Tevita Kuridrani evades Sunshine Coast Defenders



The Reserves at the ready



Luke Morahan in trouble



Long range penalty goal - Will Tuffley



James Horwill and James Hanson



James Hanson leads out Uni against Sunshine Coast - Grand Final



First try to Uni thanks to fullback Will Tuffley



Fans show their support at Ballymore



David Burns scores in the corner



Ballymore's first wet Grand Final



Ian Prior clears the ball from the ruck



Mitch Chapman breaks off the back of the scrum



Adam Preoconin lineout v Brothers



Full house v Brothers - St Lucia



Simon Morahan on attack for Premier Colts v Souths



George Morseu performs a try-saving tackle against GPS



Heath Tessman touches down v GPS at Ashgrove



Herman Porter v Norths



Jono Lance draws GPS fullback



Laurie Weeks offloads to Mitch Wade with Norths Will Hansen in defence



Stephen Moore manages a clever offload



Templeton McLean Cup Win



George Morseu - (Premier Colts) passes the half way point



Veteran Touch Judge Mark Hogan watches George Morseu score the try

## **CHAPTER 14**

## 2011 MORE REWARDS AND NEW GROWTH

### **Mick Heenan**

It has been my great pleasure to coach Premier Grade for the past two seasons.

As we embark on our centenary season in 2011, it is worth reflecting on our journey from preseason in 2009 at the University Rugby Club. 2008 had not been a great season for the Club. Premier Grade had finished ninth of 10. It had the worst defensive record and the worst attacking record in the competition. The foundation of the Club however was in relatively good shape. Lower Grades had been competitive without making Finals. All of our Colts teams had made the Finals. There were some signs of life for the future.

Season 2009 was an opportunity for University Premier Grade to achieve some respect in the competition. A number of Colts were introduced in 2009 and those players went on to provide the backbone of our Premier Grade success in 2010. Players such as Ian Prior, Jono Lance, Tevita Kuridrani, Jordan Chapman and David Burns were all introduced to Premier Grade in 2009 while still eligible for Colts.

Efforts were also made to reconnect with our past, and chats with past Red Heavies became a regular feature of our pre-game routine.

Important progress was made to change our playing philosophy. The team improved more and more as the season went on and were rewarded with a hard fought win against eventual Grand Finalists Souths. A close loss to Brothers, the team which went on to beat Souths in the Grand Final, while frustrating, demonstrated to the players that we were on the right track.

And so to season 2010. Respect had been earned in 2009, but the team had developed an unfortunate habit of losing close games. Early signs weren't promising when we lost all four trial games and our first competition game to a kick in the final minute. From that point on though, we remained undefeated. Our inability to win close games in 2009 was reversed – we won at least two games from improbable positions (Gold Coast and Brothers) and salvaged a draw with a last minute try in a top of the table game with Sunnybank to close out round one. All games were hard fought affairs – a number of games which were in the balance saw us pile on late points to press home our advantage.

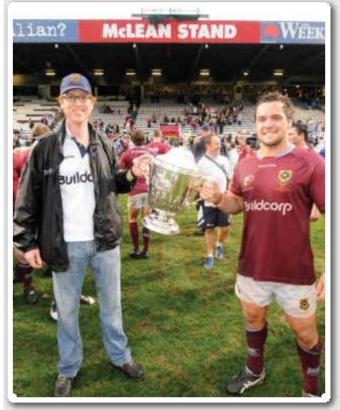
Winning the Club Championship is one measure of the depth we have developed in our playing ranks. It was tested in the middle part of the season when we were missing a number of key players to injury and representative commitments. We managed to see off some very committed opponents in that part of the season. It was just reward that some players who formed the backbone of our side all season and who had previously had little or no recognition from representative selectors have found their way into professional squads for next season – Ian Prior, Tim Buchanan (Reds Academy) Tevita Kuridrani (Reds Academy and Australian Sevens) and a stalwart of Club Rugby for University over the past decade – Heath Tessman (Melbourne Rebels).

At the time of writing we are in the middle of preseason for 2011. The challenge before us is to repeat the success of 2010 in Premier Grade, and to convert finals appearances in our other Grades into Premierships. Back to back Premierships are rare – the last Club to do it was the Canberra Vikings from 2001-2003. The last Brisbane Club to achieve it was Souths during its dominant period in the early 90s.

While we are in the relatively fortunate position of keeping most of the team together from last year, our success has also had the side effect of elevating more of our players to representative squads and therefore away from the Club for a good part of the season. This will be offset in part by improved depth in our squad, but it nonetheless means that the first half of the season will be particularly challenging. On the whole we have every reason to be optimistic that we have the capacity to at least put ourselves in a position to win another title. Rugby seasons don't always turn out exactly the way Coaches plan them unfortunately, so we will all have to keep working hard to achieve our goals and keep our feet on the ground.



The Last Fixture of the Season for Premier Grade. This win secured the Horsley Trophy (Minor Premiers), the Welsby Cup, and the Caxton Cup



Coach Mick Heenan and Captain James Hanson with the Hospitals Cup

We are also keen to ensure that mistakes of the past are not repeated and that the Club is set up for long term success. We will go a long way to achieving that if we can continue to maximise our natural advantages – our status as a Club within the University, our old boys' network and our facilities.

The Club must continue to find a place for players of all levels of ability and ambition, whether that ambition extends only to having a run and a drink with your mates, or to playing for Australia (or both!). That has always been the distinguishing feature of University Clubs.

In 2010 our teams had success on the field, we managed to push a number of our players into representative squads, and off the field we have had some very successful social functions. That is a reasonable platform to build on for our centenary and beyond.

Mick Heenan

## The Australian Club Championship

On 27th March 2011 Uni defeated Sydney University in the match to decide the 2010 Australian Club Championship. The 42-26 victory thus became the last trophy available to the Club for the year 2010, the last year of the Club's first centenary.

From another point of view the match signalled the start of the Club's second centenary, and the victory will be recorded as its first trophy-winning match of this new period. It represents a wonderful closure to the first hundred years, and equally a marvellous beginning for the second hundred years.

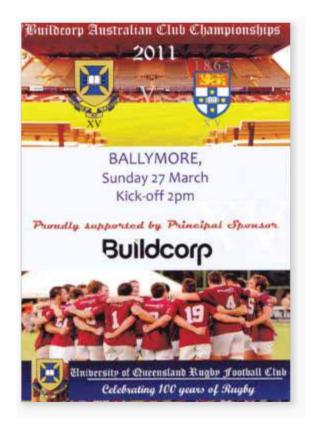
A copy of the historic match programme is reproduced below:

Another significant event in the early days of the 2011 season has been the match between Australian Universities and New Zealand Universities at the University of Sydney Oval on Friday 6th May. This match signalled a welcome return to games under the jurisdiction of the Australian Universities Rugby Union (AURU), the first in four years.

The UQ players representing Australian Universities were:

Tim Aistrope (Captain), David Howard, Will Thompson, Ryan Gilliman, Conor Foley, and Matthew Arvier.

AURU President Trevor Walsh was ably supported by the Club's Pat Howard and Rick Trivett in coordinating this important match, while former Red Heavy, Peter Hemming proudly sponsored the event through his Heathley Rugby. It was indicated that further matches are planned for the 2012 season, and the involvement of Japanese Universities is also being sought. The scoreline severely flattered the tourists who evidently benefitted from their two lead up matches on home soil. Future AURU teams will seek greater preparation periods than the meagre time available for this match.



# THERE ARE SOME DISADVANTAGES IN LIVING NEXT TO THE RIVER! THE 2011 FLOOD







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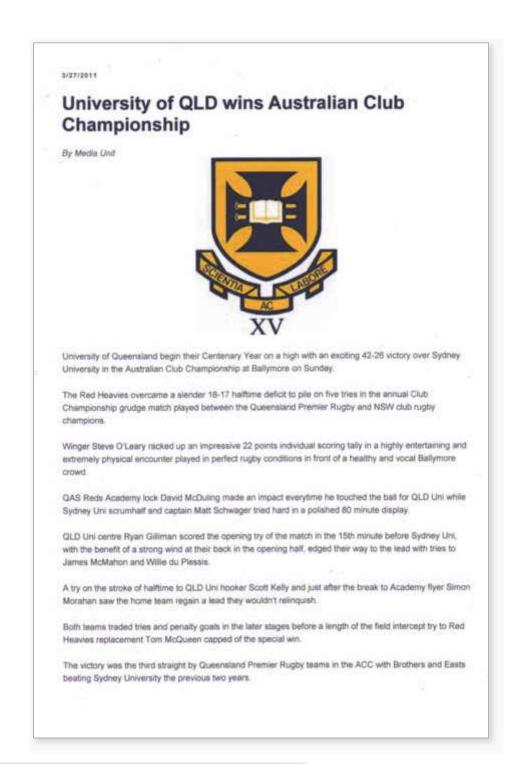
David McDuling hit from both sides



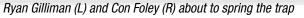
Simon Morahan surrounded



Villi Faingaa stopped in his tracks









Extraordinary happenings have continued:

The Club's last hundred years closed with the promise of great things to come, but who would have predicted the result of the away games on 21st May 2011 at the Jack Ross Oval, on Crosby Road, Albion? One suspects that it might well be into our second century before such a result is repeated.

The results of this event, while quite some time in coming, can be recognised as even better than those of the last similar occurrence in 1978, and there is no record of any other such happening. Quite simply, the irrefutable numbers tell the remarkable tale:

Premier Grade	Defeated Brothers	20 -13
Reserve Grade	Defeated Brothers	19-12
Second Grade	Defeated Brothers	37-5
Third Grade	Defeated Brothers	17-7
Fourth Grade	Defeated Brothers	15-5
Premier Colts	Defeatedbrothers	25-10
Colts I	Defeated Brothers	48-14

It was certainly a day to remember with Colts II (1) defeating Wynnum 31-12, Colts II (2) 19 defeating Ipswich 12, and the Women's XV recording a draw with Sunnybank 5 all.

2011 Team Lists for 21/5/11 – A Magic Day.

#### Premier Grade:

1. Kevin Davis, 2. Halley Appleby, 3. Guy Shepherdson, 4. David McDuling, 5. Jordan Chapman, 6. Tim Buchanan, 7. Cameron Jones, 8. Harry Elliot, 9. Ian Prior, 10. Tom Tuffley, 11. Tom McQueen, 12. Herman Porter, 13. Con Foley, 14. Tom Cox, 15. Simon Morahan. Reserves: Tim Aistrope, Will Thompson, Sam Cochrane, Adam Preocanin. Coach: Michael Heenan. Managers: Michael O'Rielly, Peter Beauchamp. Strength and Conditioning: Adam Garred.

#### Reserve Grade (First Grade):

 Benjamin Wedlock, 2. Mitchell Wade, 3. David Howard, 4. Adam Preocanin,
 Daniel McGhee, 6. Villi Faingaa, 7. Stuart Valdal, 8. Matthew Arvier, 9. Elliot Quirk, 10. Daniel Rothnie, 11. Juan Van Vuuren, 12. Sam Hockings, 13. George Morseu, 14. Edward Heron, 15. Will Tuffley. Reserves: Michael Bullen, Paul Mousa. Coaches: Michael Zaicek, Jerry Scott. Manager: Gareth Cochrane.

#### Second Grade:

1. Paul Mousa, 2. Scott Kelly, 3. Harry Thompson, 4. Stuart Price, 5. Michael Bullen, 6. Roger Geldard, 7. Darryn McClelend, 8. Filemoni Alaga, 9. Andrew Smith, 10. Damon Holmes, 11. Samuel Howard, 12. Stephen O'Leary, 13. Michael Daniels, 14. Fraser Hess, 15. Tim Mosey, Reserves: James Ferguson, Lyall Fidow, James Barret, William Houston, Cameron Goddard. Coaches: David Muir, Todd Clements, Bernie Morrison. Manager: Peter Klestov.

### Third Grade:

Sam Kalamafoni, 2. Robert Sartain, 3. Simon Free, 4. Stephen Byrnes, 5. William Houston,
 Chris Lee, 7. Cameron Goddard, 8. Kerrod Blissner, 9. James Ferguson, 10. James Barret,
 James Bell, 12. Ben Boyd, 13. Nathaniel Hockings, 14. Ben Campbell, 15. Darcy Adams.
 Reserves: Andrew Purcell, David Jackman, Harold Burnett, Peter Uebergang, Alistair Henderson.
 Coach: Shamus Cozzi-Delaney. Manager: Tony Burren.

### Fourth Grade:

David Smithson, 2. Adrian Cullen, 3. Thomas Twinn, 4. James Lester, 5. Alexander Jacoby,
 Fred Kinsman, 7. Alistair Henderson, 8. Clive Aston, 9. Harold Burnett, 10. Tim Sexton,
 Charles Keen, 12. Blake Miller, 13. Leigh Borrell, 14. Michael Corcoran, 15. Benjamin Chapman.
 Reserves: Mark Legh, Nathan Cook, Harry Curtin, Matthew Crowley, Cameron Anderson,
 Darren Moule, Jamie Baum. Coach: Andrew Parkinson. Manager: Jonathon Ramajoo.

### Premier Colts:

Elija Palpe, 2. Joseph Shopland, 3. Ethan Brown, 4. Lucas Frater, 5. Samuel Reiser, 6. Jay Adkins,
 Joshua Frater, 8. Zachery Frank, 9. Nathan Lennan, 10. Partick Morgan-Elliot, 11. Tom Pincus,
 Con Foely, 13. Harry Parker, 14. Ryan Leeson, 15. Nick Connolly. Reserves: Losefo Mikaela,
 Hugo Marks, Elisha Palupe. Coaches: David Enfantie, Paula Farmer. Manager: Bernard Parish.

### Colts I:

Losefo Mikele, 2. Zachery Halliday, 3. Michael Tucker, 4. Thomas Holt, 5. Mitchell Loughlan,
 Dylan Marshall, 7. Matt Holt, 8. Daniel Lane, 9. Daniel Newlands, 10. Hugo Marks,
 James Houston, 12. James Scanlan, 13. Matthew Thompson, 14. Joshua Broekman,
 Daniel Cash. Reserves: Angus Leaney, Andrew Rae, Patrick Crowley, Samuel Caslick.
 Coach: Daniel Hodge.

### Colts II (1):

Andrew Fraser, 2. Joseph Cheihk, 3. Gavin Hughes, 4. Jackson Chadwick, 5. Con Botha,
 James Honey, 7. Mitchell Burling, 8. Peter Steyn, 9. William Bruce, 10. Thomas Sadler,
 Pierre-Philippe Lafontaine, 12. Robert Reckenberg, 13. Andrew Jones, 14. Garrick Ruddell,
 Daniel Baum. Reserves: Nick Young, Andrew Shaw, Trent Brittain, Christian Willmett,
 Ephrim Aumua, Jarred Edwards, Andrew Manners. Coach: James Blanshard.

### Colts II (2):

1. Zach Kelly, 2. Jonathon Ursell, 3. Dermot Hogan, 4. Findlay Burgess, 5. Wayne Ironside, 6. Samuel Cook, 7. Jack Walsh, 8. Robbie Write, 9. Beau Gray, 10. Samuel Rafter, 11. William Thams, 12. James Eddy, 13. Faser Dunne, 14. Hugh Tait, 15. William McInnes. Reserves: Jake Schmidt, Andrew Crane, Rishan Goonawardena, Angus Cunningham, Duan De Bruin, Matthew Habermann. Coach: Scott Young.

The medical support team of Catriona and Heather Arthy performed outstandingly at all matches.

Women's XV:

1. Erin Coghlan, 2. Sarah Hind, 3. Kathleen King, 4. Kelsie Preston, 5. Kendelle Wray, 6. Patrizia Cocchis, 7. Sydnee Chang, 8. Tracey Woodside, 9. Donna Scott, 10. Amanda Heathwood, 11. Louise Thomas, 12. Amelia Neagle, 13. Natasha Gaffney, 14. Taya-Gae Leemeijer, 15. Tricia Brown. Reserves: Michaela Francke-Ryden, Kendelle Wray.

Five UQ girls competed in the ARU National Women's Championship. They were Kathleen King, Sarah Hind, Tricia Brown, Amelia Neagle and Megan Watson. The team was coached by Jerry Scott, and Cam Wray also from UQ was the trainer.

This strong UQ influence lifted the Queensland Women's team to National Championship success at the titles from July 1-5. The Queenslanders beat the Brumbies 5-0 in the Final to recapture the title they relinquished to Sydney in 2010.

The Queensland Reds team won the Inaugural Super 15 Title defeating the Canterbury Crusaders 18-13 before 52,113 rabid fans at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane. The Reds squad included eight Uni Representatives: James Horwill (C), James Hanson, Guy Shepherdson, Ian Prior, Jono Lance, Luke Morahan, Rod Davies and Mike Harris.

Earlier in a pulsating Semi-Final the Queensland Reds defeated the Auckland Blues 30-13. 'Rocket' Rod Davies the Uni winger with the jet shoes delivered by scoring a hat-trick of tries. This was the first time a Queensland player had scored three tries in the professional era.

Following the Final, a 40 man Wallaby squad for the impending Tri-Nations Series was named. This included James Horwill, Rod Davies, Luke Morahan and James Hanson from the Queensland Reds, Stephen Moore from the ACT Brumbies and Nathan Sharpe from the Western Force.

In the Australian U20 World Cup hosted in Italy in June. The Australian team Coached by David Nucifora consisted of two Uni Representatives Simon Morahan and Tevita Kuridrani. Australia finished third overall. University player Simone Sawene was selected for Fiji U20.

For the Club the Centenary Year celebrations will conclude with a proposed touring party of forty seven to Hong Kong and the United Kingdom. Games have been scheduled for Cambridge and Oxford Universities.

The return University v Brothers clash (Round 13) on July 30 2011 at St Lucia looked to be a repeat of the first round clash at Crosby Park with the Club almost repeating another whitewash of our great rivals. Premier Grade finished strongly but time ran out with the score 22-24 enough for the Club to retain the Templeton-McLean Cup on a points differential (+5) over both rounds. Uni won the first round 20-13. An interesting sidelight was a cameo appearance in the second half by Wallaby Matt Giteau, following a request by the ARU administrators for some match playing time available to Wallabies prior to the forthcoming Tri Nations series. Scores at St Lucia (30/7/2011):

Premier Grade	Defeated By Brothers	22 -24
Reserve Grade	Defeated Brothers	51-17
Second Grade	Defeated Brothers	20-13
Third Grade	Defeated Brothers	46-20
Fourth Grade	Defeated Brothers	55-5
Premier Colts	Defeatedbrothers	48-5
Colts I	Defeated Brothers	31-10

Also at home, Colts II and Colts III were winners against Wynnum and Ipswich respectively, and the Women's XV defeated Norths 24-12.

### Tragic Death of Halley Appleby



Minute of silence

The Club's Premier Grade game against GPS at Yoku Road, Ashgrove on Saturday 16 July 2011 produced a tragic accident. Hooker Halley Appleby died in hospital after receiving a legal front-on tackle. Medics hurried onto the field and pronounced a serious spinal injury; Halley was rushed to the Royal Brisbane Hospital. There it was determined

> that a fracture of his spine had ruptured an artery causing haemorrhage to his brain. Halley died in hospital. A u t h o r i t i e s agree that it was a freak accident.

Halley had come to the Club straight out of Nudgee College, having won a two year scholarship in the Club's Academy. During the two years in the Academy and afterwards he played for the Club and gave 100% effort across the board. He was the Club's Colt of the Year in 2008.

Everyone at the game (including Halley's parents Gary and Sue and his brother Josh) and his girlfriend Rebecca, who was overseas at the time, were devastated by what had happened. Both players and supporters alike were shocked and saddened at his passing and gave support to Halley's family. There were outpourings of grief from all over the Rugby community in Australia and beyond. Busloads of his fellow players and friends went to Nambour to attend his funeral.

Some sentiments expressed by fellow Club members were:

Tim Buchanan – UQRFC Premier Grade Captain:

"Halley was the kind of player you really wanted to play with. He was such a fun-loving person always with a smile on his face".

Cameron McIntosh – UQRFC Rugby Manager and former Colts Coach:

"To have meet Hal is to have known him for life. The most genuine, hard working and fun loving kid I have had the honour of coaching. I'm truly proud to have had him in my life as a player and a friend."

Michael Zaicek – UQRFC Deputy President:

"Halley was a great player and a champion bloke, the kind of guy you are proud to coach. We are all devastated by his loss".

Mick Heenan -UQRFC Head Coach:

Halley was a fine young man. He was a pleasure to coach. He was universally liked and respected, both for the attitude he brought to training and games, and for his genuine and vibrant personality.

Jim Tucker, writing in the The Courier-Mail on July 25, 2011 said:

"WALLABY winger James O'Connor spoke yesterday of the "great honour" he felt representing the memory of his late mate Halley Appleby in a Tri-Nations Test. While all Wallabies wore black armbands as a show of respect for the University hooker, there was special significance for his former Nudgee College First XV teammate.

"Halley was such a bubbly guy. He was very close to the hearts of many and it's devastating," "It was a great honour for me to wear that armband for him."

Over the weekend, Rugby players across Brisbane from under-7s to Premier Grade paid their respects with armbands or a minute of silence for a footballer tragically lost at 21.

Appleby was powerful and he was fearless as a University hooker but a hard-to-detect spinal defect is believed to have contributed to the end of a vibrant life.

A review of match footage from the University-GPS match at Ashgrove on July 16 has confirmed that Appleby was met by a legitimate front-on tackle.

Counsellors and Doctors spoke to players at both clubs last Monday night as Queensland rugby's

tight community gave them strength to begin healing in their individual ways. Strapping footballers were told to cry and let their grief flow unbridled to help deal with the tragedy.

They did too, as they learned of the likelihood that the instability in his neck had made Appleby's death more a freak accident of life than a Rugby injury. There were no undue forces or awkward crushes of bodies. His head came forward towards his chest in a tackle and perhaps, in that instant, movement in his spine nicked the artery that was to trigger a freak, yet fatal, event. Parents and players across all levels of Rugby are still trying to process the accident as just that.

The No. 2 hooker's jersey at University has been retired across all Grades for the rest of 2011, and the No.16 replacement's jersey will not be worn in Premier grade.

Appleby's parents Gary and Susan presented the match day jerseys to Uni's players before Saturday's match against Gold Coast at St Lucia.

Their strength humbled everyone in the sheds. They spoke of how much it meant to their son to be a part of the Club which was reciprocated with the fresh wave of emotion that showed what he meant to the Club. University won 35-17. The result was almost incidental to the part the game played in helping the healing a little bit more."

The following Saturday, a brave University of Queensland team has honoured the memory of Halley Appleby with an impassioned 35-17 victory against the Gold Coast Breakers at St Lucia on Saturday afternoon.

Playing in front of a packed home crowd, University ran on to the field to a standing ovation, with both teams wearing black armbands and observing a minute's silence prior to kick off.

An hour before kickoff, University was also presented with their jerseys by Gary and Sue Appleby, who also watched the match from the sideline.

Coach Mick Heenan said:

"It was a wonderful game in the circumstances. I already knew they [the team] were quality human beings, but the way they conducted themselves this week and supported the Appleby family - I am just so proud of them. This match was always going to be a difficult, emotional one. Before the match I told the boys to honour Halley by focusing on the detail, which was how he played the game. And they did just that."

Special mention must be made of the heroic and devoted actions of University's outstanding Sports Trainer/Nurse Heather Arthy, who was present at the match between Uni and GPS, providing, as she always does, first aid for on-field injuries to players.

On 16th July 2011, Heather showed considerable bravery in persisting under extremely difficult circumstances with the resuscitation of our critically injured player Halley Appleby, who suffered a severe head knock from a hard but legal tackle.

The Club, Halley's family, and his team mates are very appreciative not only of the incredible professional care and concern which Heather displayed, but also of her bravery above and beyond the call of duty. Gary and Sue Appleby are very grateful to Heather, and contacted her regularly in the days and weeks afterwards to reinforce their appreciation of her desperate efforts on their son's behalf in such a terribly traumatic situation.

The Club also records its appreciation and thanks to those off duty medical personnel who

came forward to assist, and who have supported the nomination of Heather for an Australian Bravery Award.

Wallaby veteran and Uni old boy Nathan Sharpe managed a rare appearance for the Club in its 39-18 defeat of Sunnybank on 6th August 2011, and then along with other Club and representative players, he generously assisted that evening at the Halley Appleby Memorial Ball.

The following weekend saw the Club joining Halley's former Junior Club, the Noosa Dolphins, to play a double header at the Dolphins' home ground. In this 15th QRU competition match, the Club's Premier Grade defeated Sunshine Coast 47-15 to win the Halley Appleby Shield in what was a memorable commemorative event.

James Horwill became the ninth Club player to captain the Wallabies when he was chosen to lead Australia for the Tri-Nations decider against New Zealand on 27th August 2011. James replaced Rocky Elsom, who remained in the team.

Cheered on by a record crowd of 51,858 the Wallabies defeated the All Blacks 25-20.

James Horwill (c), Stephen Moore, Nathan Sharpe, and former player Drew Mitchell were selected for the Wallaby 2011 World Cup campaign in New Zealand. Three other former players - Tim Usasz, Tom Court and Adam Byrnes - were chosen for the USA, Ireland and Russia respectively.

The Premiership fixtures concluded with the 18th competition match on 3rd September 2011 with University winning its 31st Club Championship with 555 points. Sunnybank came second with 533 points.

On 28th August the Welsby Cup was won by Easts 16-13 over Brothers, with Easts having somehow bounced back from the previous week's 13-57 belting by Uni.

The Club's Premier Grade again won the Minor Premiership and retained the Horsley Trophy.

### The 2011 QRU Points Table for Brisbane Club Rugby was as follows:

Premier Grade (formerly First Grade): University 73 **Brothers** 67 Sunnybank 66 GPS 63 Easts 63 First Grade (formerly Reserve Grade): Sunnybank 79 University 69 G.P.S. 66 Logan City 53 **Brothers** 52

Second Grade (formerly Third Grade):

University	72
Brothers	65
Sunnybank	63
Easts	56
GPS and Souths	55
Third Grade (former	rly Fourth Grade):
Sunnybank	71
Souths	65
Brothers	54
GPS	54
University	53
Fourth Grade (form	erly Fifth Grade):
Wests	63
University	48
GPS	43
Easts	39
Sunnybank	31
The Women's XV:	
Easts	74
Sunnybank	40
University	33
Wests	27

The University Rugby Football Club also entered a Fifth Grade side in the Queensland Sub–Districts Normanby Cup, but it failed to make the Semifinals.

GPS 27 defeated Brothers 21 in the Grand Final.

In the Wyatt Cup, the University Med XV defeated Uni Ag/Vet XV 18-17, while in the inter-College Final for the Francis-Kassulke Cup King's College 29 defeated St Leo's College in a thriller at St Lucia.

Premier Colts:			
Sunnybank	77		
University	76		
GPS	74		
Rugby Gold Coast	61		
Norths	50		
Colts I:			
Sunnybank	72		
GPS	$(\mathbf{a})$		
GIU	62		
University	62 60		

Norths	36
Colts II (A):	
University	76
Redcliffe	68
Easts	66
Colleges	62
University N <sup>o</sup> 2	45
Colts II (B):	
GPS	38
Souths	38
Sunnybank	34
Wynnum	26

The Club's prospects for the 2011 QRU Finals series looks promising with eight teams out of ten qualifying. Howard Hickey's 2010 hopes of having two Uni Colts teams in the Grand Finals in 2011 have been exceeded, with Premier Colts, Colts I, and Colts II reaching their respective Grand Finals.

In the Senior ranks, Second and Fourth Grades have also qualified for their GFs.

Sir Henry Newbolt offers his advice:

Set the cause above renown Love the game and not the prize And honour, as you cast him down The foe who comes with fearless eyes.

The Club looks forward to its next one hundred years, and to playing Rugby with sportsmanship, skill, courage, and team spirit, and to uphold the great traditions of our game. Others are also sure to ask - as did Mark Loane - "If it's only a game, why do we keep the score?"

The ghosts of great men of a century past will give the answer: It's Much More Than a Game ...

	Major Semi Final	Minor Semi Final	Preliminary Final	Grand Final	
Premier Grade	Brothers 30 D University 23	Sunnybank 51 D GPS 13	Sunnybank 40 d University 13	Sunnybank 35 v Brothers 24	
First Grade	Sunnybank 40 d University 26	GPS 24 d Logan City 7	GPS 33 d University 7	GPS 36 v Sunnybank 12	
Second Grade	University 26 d Brothers 5	Sunnybank 28 d Easts 24	Sunnybank 26 d Brothers 20	University 15 v Sunnybank 12	
Third Grade	Sunnybank 36 d Souths 25	GPS 6 d Brothers 10	GPS 41 d Souths 18	Sunnybank 23 v GPS 21	
Fourth Grade	Wests 38 d University 18	GPS 15 d Easts 8	University 30 d GPS 27	Wests 20 v University 13	
Premier Colts	University 26 d Sunnybank 20	Gold Coast 30 d GPS 26	Gold Coast 29 d Sunnybank 28	University 38 v Gold Coast 15	
Colts 1	GPS 25 (5 tries) drew Sunnybank (3 tries)	University 40 d Easts 17	University 36 d Sunnybank 18	University 38 v GPS 15	
Colts 2 A Division	University 54 d Colleges 26 (1v4)	Redcliffe 22 d Easts 17 (2v3)	No Preliminary Final	University 29 v Redcliffe 22	
Colts 2 B Division	GPS 24 d Wynnum 20 (1v2)	Souths 53 d Sunnybank 17 (2v3)	No Preliminary Final	GPS 11 v Souths 3	
	Easts 22 d Sunnybank 5	Wests 24 d University 5	Wests 12 d Sunnybank 5	Easts 20 v Wests 5	

## STOP PRESS 2011 Final Results

The 2011 UQRFC end of Season Tour to Hong Kong and England:

v Hong Kong	Draw	12-12
v Oxford University	Win	25-8
v Cambridge University	Win	22-19

## **CHAPTER 15**

## TOURS – THE CLUB TAKES WING – ITS OVERSEAS JOURNEYS

### THE TOURISTS (Incoming)

The Club has always practised the great Rugby tradition of hospitality to its visitors, and over time has hosted many touring sides from within Australia and from abroad. Until the first major overseas tour of 1983 the Club's touring opportunities were limited to Intervarsity, representative selection in Australian Universities teams, State and Australian teams, some intra-State competitions under QRU direction, and the occasional Club internally initiated venture to some reasonably accessible or affordable country venue. Incoming tours, apart from some Interstate teams (mainly Sydney University and Australian University billets) and overseas visitors such as the Californian Universities, were limited largely due to the then high costs of travelling by air.

By the eighties the diminishing costs of air travel to Australia from an increasing number of Rugby playing overseas countries resulted in a significant increase in the number of teams which now saw Australia as a possible, and in many cases, preferred destination. While Australia had been a regular destination for New Zealand teams eager to tour, requests to the Club for matches and hospitality were now being received from all over the globe. Initially the Club was positive in its response to applicants, provided the intended timing of the visit was reasonable with respect to the Club Competition, examination schedules, the availability of players generally, and the state of Club finances.

After opening the Clubhouse at the end of the 1978 season, the Club had been learning its way with managing this new asset. By the early eighties there was a confidence in the use of the facility and the practicalities and limitations of it as a venue for Club activities. The lighting of the main (No5) Oval had been upgraded to a level adequate for scheduling night matches – though a large increase in capacity would be needed to meet the competition lighting standards required by the mid-nineties. These factors resulted in the Club agreeing to host some impressive visiting teams.

The Club was to learn from its overseas experiences – the tourists to UK and Ireland in 1983 became most mindful of the antics that the hosting Clubs could play in their pursuit of home town advantages. In fact, the tourists came to realise that the pre-fixture hospitality proffered was best left to the dirt – trackers; as good as the hosts were, victory celebrations surpassed anything else on offer. In particular the tourists came to realise that any formal, semi-regal reception was, more than likely, simply a trap.

Accordingly, the Club became more than happy to organise its own "traps" for visiting teams, and to return the favour, when Queen's University arrived in 1984 the Club was able to arrange a "vice-Regal" reception (of a sort). At the time, Angus Innes (the old one) and then Member of Parliament accepted the Club's request to "return the favour" and host the QUBFC tourists at Parliament House. Thankfully, Angus performed superbly, and the visitors were trumped. It was a wonderful favour much valued by the Club.

While this history records so much that warrants celebrating in this Centenary year, the Club has had periods where lesser bodies may have despaired and literally "thrown the game away." The fact that the Club has persevered through its times of adversity can be seen as a mark of the character of the Club's members and their ultimate resourcefulness.

Given that the Club has won more Premierships than any other Brisbane Club, and probably is justified in having the record for representative players, some may scoff at the notion that the Club has been through tough times. Accordingly, some may find credence in the observation that such matters are only relative, but there can be no doubt that the years when the Club's successes have been meagre have struck resolve into the players' determination to reverse their results.

Although the past may reflect the Club's resilience, there are some who are pessimistic about the Club's future in the modern professional game. Given the extent of change that professionalism has brought to Rugby at Club level, there are good reasons to doubt whether the Club can regain its winning provess. Or if it can, at what cost this will be to the Club and the Code at large? "May you be born in interesting times" goes the much parodied Confucian curse with which we may well believe we are now afflicted; however, there is another adage that may be appropriate to remember:" Where there is a will there is a way." Certainly, the members of the 2010 squad demonstrated the will right throughout the season – a repeat in 2011 may yet reveal the way again.

It has been mooted that the Club undertake a substantial tour at the end of 2011, and preliminary organising has taken place with the recently staged Ladies' Day as part of the proposed fundraising activities. If the organisers are successful and the tour is well supported, the future benefits to the Club will be manifest. The more successful earlier Club tours bear testimony to this conclusion.

For much of its existence the Club's strength has always been underpinned by its touring prospects with selection in the annual Intervarsity XVs open to most, and Australian Universities tours on offer to those members pursuing representative honours. Of course the Club's strength carried the enhancement of selection in those ultimate tours by the Wallabies, and less frequently, Queensland.

Since the Club began to organise its own overseas tours, commencing with the 1983 mammoth UK and Ireland sortie, fairly regular undertakings have proved their attraction for Club members and convincingly added to its reputation and its attraction in the recruitment of new players. No other Club has a prominent and permanent advertisement displaying some of its touring history in pride of place at the University's most popular hostelry, the RE. As well as featuring Duncan Hall and Bobby Nasser as celebrated players, the RE montage includes the Match Day Programme of one of the Club's most important overseas matches – the 1983 tour game against Oxford University. This remarkable match was historic and was witnessed by none other than stalwart Norbert Byrne and the former UQ Vice-Chancellor and Governor-General of Australia, the then Provost of Oriel College, Sir Zelman Cowan. Both were guests of honour for the game.

This particular tour created a healthy tradition for the Club and provided tremendous opportunities and experience for its younger and developing players. It emphasised the regard in which the Club is held by its contemporaries at the leading universities in the United Kingdom and Ireland, and underlined the importance of our tour matches for them. Further, it has produced guidelines for the Club to follow in its touring arrangements, and the necessary playing strength, experience and discipline of its touring parties. These matters were re-emphasised on the Club's 1987 tour of Ireland.

There have been many players whose individual development has been greatly assisted by the participation in the Club's tours. The Club's benefit from the preparation of players engaging in off season tours is amply measured by one undesirable Club statistic – the last Reserve Grade Premiership won by the Club was achieved by the George Fielding and John O'Hare-coached 1987 side, many of whom had undertaken the tour of Ireland in January that year. There have been several tours since, and where playing success has been attained against quality opposition, the Club has claimed recognisable benefits in the following seasons.

## THE RED HEAVIES ON TOUR

There is something about the camaraderie of Rugby that makes it such a wonderful game, and there is no better way to strengthen the bonds of friendship than to tour with your mates. Whether it be a train trip to Sydney for Intervarsity or a full-blown overseas tour, these experiences are never forgotten.

The University of Queensland Rugby Club has embarked on many tours interstate for Varsity matches, but overseas touring did not begin until 1983 when the Club embarked on an ambitious trip to Britain with a party of 60 players. Such was the success of this inaugural tour that overseas trips have been a regular feature of Club activities ever since, and one reason players like to join the "Red Heavies."



We are leaving Old Durham Town

## The Great Britain Tour - 1983

### THE TOURISTS:

Peter L'Estrange - Tour Manager	Paul Kelly
Danny Broad - Assistant Manager	Mark Kennedy
Alan McLoughlin - Assistant Manager	Peter Keogh
Francis McKeown - Assistant Manager (Coaching)	lan Lennon - Assistant Medical Officer
Guy Sanders - Tour Captain	Stephen Logan
Michael Talbot- Tour Vice-Captain	Michael Lynagh
Bernard Smithers - Tour Medical Officer	Anthony Lynch
David Lee - Assistant Medical Officer	Paul McConnell
Darren Anderson	Allen MacPherson
David Blanch	Thomas McVeigh
Jon Broadley	Mark Manteit
Timothy Brusasco	James Meaney
John Canning	Mark Milliner
Peter Cooke	David Nucifora
Mark Davies	John O'Hare
Michael deLacy	Andrew Philp
Craig Dougall	Richard Purssey
Henry Douglas	Peter Rogers
Laurie Fisher	Anthony Shields
David Freeman	Phillip Stubbs
Trevor Giles	James Sturgess
David Gross	lan Thomas
Alan Hall	Kurt Wagner
Lindsay Hall	Kim Weller
Gaven Head	Peter Welsh
Michael Hellen	Otto Wilhelm
Kevin Holt	Brett Williams
Joseph Hughes	Guy Williams
Craig Hume	James Williamson
Randolph Jones	Robin Wilson
Anthony Kanowski	Philip Winter

## A Tour Report was penned by Craig Hume:

The excitement, romance, camaraderie and sobriety of a Rugby tour are something no A.F.L. recruiting officer with a fist full of dollars can offer a Rugby player. We can never express enough gratitude to the people concerned with the tour's organisation. To them, all members of the tour party are eternally grateful for their inexhaustible dedication and ability to give us a tour of a lifetime.

The tour management, the Big Boys with the Big Hearts - Fr. Peter L'Estrange, Danny Broad, Slim McLoughlin, Frank McKeown, Mick Talbot, and Guy Sanders deserve the accolades of the tourists.

After a lengthy yet thirsty flight, we arrived on the Royal soil, brimming with confidence and motivation – as indicated by our willingness to explore picturesque Hyde Park just a few hours after stumbling from the plane. Within two days, the "Red Heavies" were ready, willing and rearing to go against Durham University, the English Universities champions.

Durham University, with a small horde of England Under-23s and former English Schoolboy players took the field with the Red Heavies, determined to make our first game a game to remember. Neither side was able to penetrate the opposition defence; Kim Weller, Guy Sanders and Jon Broadley were outstanding. UQ led 3-0 for most of the game, a credit to the hard slogging effort by our forward pack. Our running game failed us through bad passing. With one minute remaining, Durham evened with a penalty. Then, to our dismay, from the kick-off Durham scored, winning the game 7-3. Debutants Lindsay Hall and Darren Anderson were very impressive.

It was then off to the Emerald Isle to meet Queen's University, Belfast. Irish hospitality wooed us in more ways than one, and as the song goes, "I left my heart in old Belfast". Belfast was our first chance to see the might of many of last year's Under-19 mean machine, pitched against a Northern Ireland Under-20 side! Our forwards, mesmerised by coach "Spotto" Davies' pre-game pep talk, rucked and mauled like men possessed. The numerous raids on their try line were continually repelled, and while the Irish won 10-6, once again the UQ was glorious in defeat. Outstanding for the UQ Under-20 side were Jim Sturgess, Otto Wilhelm, John Canning and Brett Williams.

The following day the Firsts and Seconds were scheduled to meet Queen's University Belfast, which was to tour Australia in 1985. With the stout hearted performance of the Under-20s, our Firsts took to the pitch determined to enhance our developing reputation. Unfortunately Queen's was a most daunting team, brilliant in all aspects of the game. In particular their running game was strikingly similar to Queensland's on Big Match Days at Ballymore; their backrow overly formidable and their backline, sheer class. We were beaten 22-4. Peter Cooke scored a fine try after some impressive running Rugby by Michael Lynagh and Peter Welsh.

With loving memories of our close Irish associations, we reluctantly departed for Cheltenham, leaving behind many broken hearts, countless pints of black mead, and the priceless memory of a Lord Mayoral welcome at Belfast City Hall.

Our spirits were still climaxing as our brilliant Seconds posted the first win of the tour against St Paul's and St Mary's Combined Teachers' Colleges, 16-6. Mark Smithers registered his name in the club's Hall of Fame by posting a vintage try. Craig Dougall and Tom McVeigh also scored tries. The night approached: our bellies filled and livers assaulted as we progressed to the Prince of Wales Stadium, Cheltenham. All prayers were directed to a First's win. We were far outweighed and with a minute percentage of ball retained, put it into heart-pumping attacking Rugby with the "Garry Owen". We were rewarded with a fine try by wing John O'Hare who flung himself under the high ball to score wide out. Lynagh slotted the conversion and later two more penalties. UQ was leading 12-6 well into the game but regrettably this was not to be our night of triumph. Noddy Lynagh left the field with a facial gash and Cheltenham with the aid of ex-England half, Peter Kingston, finally crossed. Sadly, we lost 16-12.

We entered Rugby heaven, Wales, still confident of a win by our First XV. Reminiscing, it may have been our precious visit to Cardiff Arms Park, the bastion of Rugby's heart and soul, or that Geoff Davies our First Grade Coach back home was a Welshman, that spurred our First XV to its great victory over Cardiff University, 18-9.

In the most bothersome weather; relentless rain, freezing snow and Cyclone Tracey winds, the Red Heavies knuckled to the task and elected to run with the wind. Brett Williams, Jon Broadley, Lindsay Hall and Guy Sanders scored great tries. The second half meant facing a harrowing wind and full might of the Gaelic pack. Our forwards responded in a way that would bring any Five Nations crowd to its feet. Cardiff was unable to cross the line. We'd won 18-9! The Thirds were just beaten, but in the conditions, it was no disgrace. Our Second XV revelled in the conditions and won handsomely.

With renewed confidence we left to play Bristol. Perhaps another highlight was the opportunity to be welcomed at the County Championship Final played in Bristol between Gloucestershire and Yorkshire. Against Bristol University the Seconds and the Thirds scored meritorious victories. In typical English fashion, without warning a blizzard blew across the pitch, making conditions appalling. Bristol managed to score two goals from a close range – and the Firsts lost 6-0.

We travelled to Cambridge hoping to maintain our reputation with a win over the Varsity Champions of 1983. Cambridge University was a fairytale land, its breathtaking buildings and narrow cobbled streets were something out of Evelyn Waugh's novel Brideshead Revisited. An early injury to Andrew Philp, the tourists' fabulous lineout jelly bean was a bitter blow. Cambridge managed to capitalise on all the lineouts, and with a kicker whose magic boot knew no distance, were impressive in winning 28-3.

The Seconds retained much prestige with a come-from-behind win 26-12. Veterans Jim Meaney and Mick Talbot led the team with the experience that amounts to an unmeasurable number of years, and with youthful exuberance around, the new dogs were taught old tricks.

The final game of the tour against Oxford was a most entertaining encore. Sir Zelman Cowen, now Dean of Oriel College and ex-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Queensland attended the game along with a large, vocal crowd. Oxford, a glamour side with such illustrious names as Hugo McNeill (Irish and British Lions fullback) and Phil Crowe (ex-Wallaby) managed to score only one try and the University of Queensland thanks to Mark Manteit's secret love of soccer equalised and "returned the glow to their suntans" (Daily Telegraph). This was the first day that Michael Lynagh and the Uni backline really got it together, and often sent the Oxford defence reeling. Oxford unfortunately possessed a sharp-shooting goal kicker who won it for them 18-10.

Once again the Seconds recorded another victory, making it 5 out of 7 for the tour. The Thirds were narrowly beaten by St Catherine's College.

The tour ended on a very high and emotional note with the retirement of the University of Queensland Football Club's Rugby perennials, Jim Meaney and Mick Talbot - thanks, Dads!

The tour exposed much of the raw, young talent in the Club, which promises UQ Rugby a very rosy future. The tour also rekindled and created many new and cherished friendships, something only a Rugby tour can offer. But what makes this tour so special is the people associated with it - the Managers, the Coaches, the players and our supporters. (Yes, you too Norbert!)

Finally, we must pay tribute to the behind-the-scenes men, to David Wood, Skroo Turner, our billets, bus drivers and hotel managers. Thanks for the tour of a lifetime! Look out USA, 1985!

Craig Hume

### **RESULTS:**

OPPONENTS	VENUE	RESULT	SCORE
Durham University Seconds	Durham	Lost	4 - 6
Durham University	Durham	Lost	3 - 7
Northern Ireland Under-20	Belfast	Lost	6 - 10
Queens University - Belfast	Belfast	Lost	4 - 22
St Paul's and St Mary's Combined Teachers' Colleges	Cheltenham	Won	16 - 6
Cheltenham Rugby Football Club	Cheltenham	Lost	12 - 16
Cardiff University	Cardiff	Won	18 - 9
Bristol University	Bristol	Lost	0 - 6
Cambridge University	Cambridge	Lost	3 - 28
Cambridge University Seconds	Cambridge	Won	26 - 12
Oxford University	Oxford	Lost	10 - 18



Training at St Lucia before the UK Tour



1983 UK Tour - Danny Broad, Ian Lennon and Kurt Wagner



UQ v Oxford 1983



UK Tour 1983 - David Nucifora and Laurie Fisher



UK Tour 1983 - Mick Talbot, Danny Broad, Mick deLacy and Phil Winter



Fr. Peter L'Estrange (Mgr) and Mark Manteit - Cardiff Arms Park in background



1983 UK Tour - Tom McVeigh, Mark Smithers, Tony Kanowski, Trevor Giles, Mick Talbot and Guy Sanders



1983 UK Tour v Cambridge Uni



1983 UK Tour v Bristol Uni



1983 UK Tour v Oxford



UQ on the attack v Cambridge

## THE USA TOUR - 1985 THE TOURISTS:

Ian East - Tour Manager Terry Batch - Coach Alan McLoughlin - Assistant Manager Kim Weller - Assistant Manager Jon Broadley - Assistant Manager Estelle Forrest-Winchester - Physiotherapist Mark Anderson Timothy Brusasco Craig Chowdhury Greg Cuskelly Brett Duncan Peter Dunn Bruce Elliott Derek Frail Lindsay Hall

lan East

Michael Hellen Gary Hogan David Holt Duncan Hughes Randolph Jones Michael Lynagh Gavin Mayes David Porter Brian Purssey Scott Robertson Howard Rozon Christopher Sherwood David Wadsworth Brett Williams Guy Williams

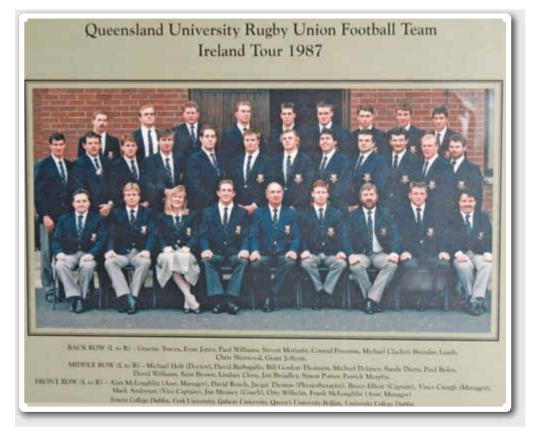
#### **RESULTS:**

OPPONENTS	VENUE	RESULT	SCORE
University of Hawaii	Manoa	Won	31 - 6
University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA)	Los Angeles	Won	25 - 6
University of California - Long Beach	Long Beach	Won	28 - 0
Stanford University	Stanford	Won	67 - 0
Berkeley University	Berkeley	Won	13 - 9

"Oh say does that Star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the Home of the brave!"

The answer to the question in the song may indeed be doubtful following the visit of thirty equally free and brave 'Red Heavies' to the shores of the United States in January this year. Five matches and five wins – a fine touring record.

The Americans were still suffering from the shock of losing the America's Cup when along came the young and spirited University of Queensland Team which set California alight with its attractive style of Rugby.



## Ireland Tour – 1987

The touring party of 30 left Brisbane on Monday evening, 5 January 1987, bound for Ireland and games against the five Irish Universities. We arrived in London on Tuesday afternoon, and training runs were held in nearby Hyde Park on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, with the balance of Wednesday free for sightseeing. Thursday saw the departure from London for the one hour flight to Dublin, where we would play Trinity College, currently the top University side in Ireland.

### Dublin

Saturday 10th January was our first match day. The weather, whilst basically fine, had turned extremely cold, and we took to the heavy ground with the following:-

M. J. Clacher, P. Murphy, E. Jones, S. B. Brown, D. J. Williams, J. W. C.Broadley, L. P. Close, B. N. J. Elliott (c), C. Sherwood, M. J. Delaney, B. T. Lumb, C. J. Freeman, S. Moriarty, M. A. Anderson and W. A. Gordon-Thompson. O. H. Wilhelm and P. B. Boles were late withdrawals from the selected side.

We were defeated 30 points to 9, although the score somewhat flattered Trinity.

UQFC Scorers: S. Moriarty try, M. Delaney penalty, conversion.

### Cork

On arrival in Cork late on Monday, we found the city frozen. Players were billeted out and the next day assembled at the University for Lunch. An inspection of the Mardyke ground was held, and the match cancelled, with the playing surface frozen solid, and covered in snow to boot. Temperatures the previous night were the coldest in Cork's recorded history at -8 degrees C. Nevertheless, a training run was held on the all-weather hockey pitch and Cork University gave us traditional hospitality that evening.

### Galway

Wednesday, 14th January saw us leave Cork via Blarney Castle for Killarney in the scenic south-west. After three days in Killarney where we trained with the local Rugby side, the tour then continued with the coach journey from Killarney through Limerick and via the spectacular Cliffs of Moher to Galway.

The team for the game on Sunday 18th January at Galway v University College Galway was;

P. L. Williams, E. Jones, O. H. Wilhelm, P. A. (Sandy) Dunn, P. B. Boles, S. Porter, D. Roach, D. P. Barbagallo (c), C. Sherwood, M. J. Delaney, G. Traves, C. J. Freeman, M. J. Holt, G. R. B. Jephcott and W. A. Gordon-Thompson.

*G. Traves* was injured during the game and replaced by *M. Anderson. C. Sherwood* was replaced during the second half by *Ian Barry*.

Galway, with a couple of Connaught provincial representatives as guest players, proved a better side in the conditions and won an unspectacular game 12 - 6. Our points were scored by Mark Anderson - try and Michael Delaney – conversion.

### Belfast

Next morning we started our coach journey to Belfast, and we arrived late in the day and met our hosts Queen's University at the University Sports complex, known as the "Dub". Billets were allocated and management installed in the Europa Hotel. Only after being booked in did we learn that the Hotel had been bombed 26 times in the past two years!

On Tuesday 20th January, the team attended a Civic Reception by the Lord Mayor of Belfast, who presented the Club with a plaque and the players with badges.

The team for that afternoon was:-

M. J. Clacher, P. Murphy, O. H. Wilhelm, S. B. Brown, D. J. Williams, J. W. C. Broadley, L. P. Close, B. N. J. Elliott (c), C. Sherwood, M. J. Delaney, B. T. Lumb, G. R. B. Jephcott, S. Moriarty, M. A. Anderson and W. A. Gordon-Thompson.

UQ ran to an early lead with a Delaney penalty and was leading 6-3 with only a minute to go, before Queen's equalised with a second penalty. During our stay in Belfast a strong British Army presence was noticeable in the city streets, a response to the political 'troubles' which had continued for some years. It was however both unnerving and surprising to play our game with an Army helicopter hovering near the field for most of the game. We think that it was attracted by the quality of the Rugby played!

## **Dublin Again**

Next morning saw the touring party leave Belfast by coach for Dublin where we were to play University College Dublin (UCD).

On Saturday 24th January, the team had a final training run at the Wanderers' Club, relishing the use of a scrum machine. The team for the Sunday game was:-

M. J. Clacher, P. Murphy, O. H. Wilhelm, S. B. Brown, P. B. Boles, J. W. C. Broadley, D. J. Williams, B. N. J. Elliott (c), C. Sherwood, M. J. Holt, M. A. Anderson, C. J. Freeman, S. Moriarty, B. T. Lumb and W. A. Gordon-Thompson.

After two loses and a draw the players were thirsting for a win, and played the best Rugby of the tour. After dominating early, stiff resistance was encountered from UCD and at half time the score was 3-3. Then we got into gear with three second half tries including a pushover try. The forwards gained quality possession, the backs ran well and UCD was unable to stem the tide. A feature of the game was the tremendous tackling by UQFC and our opponents were unsettled by this on numerous occasions when they looked dangerous.

Final score was 17-9 with tries to W. Gordon-Thompson, O. Willhelm and B. Lumb, and a conversion and a penalty kicked by Chris Sherwood. The players were jubilant and the team proud to have played well and to win strongly against a quality side.

The tour was a great result overall, despite two losses and the cancellation of one game. The touring party conducted themselves well both on and off the field, and were great ambassadors for University Rugby.

I would like to record the contributions made by Bruce Elliott as Tour Captain and Mark Anderson as Vice-Captain. Both were outstanding on the tour and provided fine leadership and example for the other players. The experience of the tour will immensely benefit some of the younger players, and no doubt evidence will be seen during the 1987 season.

Whilst it is difficult to single out individuals, there were a number of players whose playing form on tour deserves mention, and these include Bruce Elliott, Mark Anderson, David Williams, Conrad Freeman, Sean Brown and Jon Broadley. The Club can be justly proud of their efforts.

The value of having a Physiotherapist on tour was once again demonstrated, and Jackie Thomas performed her duties in a most competent fashion. Michael Holt, whilst touring as a player also made a significant contribution to the welfare of the team in his capacity as Medical Officer. I believe that on a tour of this type, a Doctor is an essential member of the touring party.

Thanks also to the McLoughlin brothers who as Assistant Managers performed their tasks admirably. That there were no administrative crises on tour was largely due to their application and efficiency.

Coach Jim Meaney worked well with the team, and it must be said that but for the atrocious weather conditions at various times, he would have achieved a greater measure of success. Overall, the Club can be justly pleased with its decision to send a touring party overseas. It can be assured that the cause of Queensland University Rugby has been materially advanced in Ireland, and that the benefits from the tour will accrue at St Lucia.

Vince Creagh Tour Manager



A Big Hand for Killarney



Practice for the Big Hand



Trinity College Dublin - Snow on the fields

# THE USA & CANADA TOUR - 1990

## THE TOURISTS:

Andrew McIntyre - Tour Captain	John Kent
Stuart Rees - Tour Manager	James MacPherson
Arch McArthur - Tour Medical Officer	Robert Martin
Peter Anderson	Allan Morrison
Stephen Barber	William Morrow
Michael Beale	Douglas Perrers
John Biggs	Bradley Rose
Michael Clacher	William Siganto
Todd Clements	Peter Wallace
Craig Forster	Anthony Walsh
Conrad Freeman	Kim Weller
Matthew Hood	Benjamin Williams
Ross Israel	David Williams
Grant Jephcott	Jonathan Wolfe
Mark Kennedy	

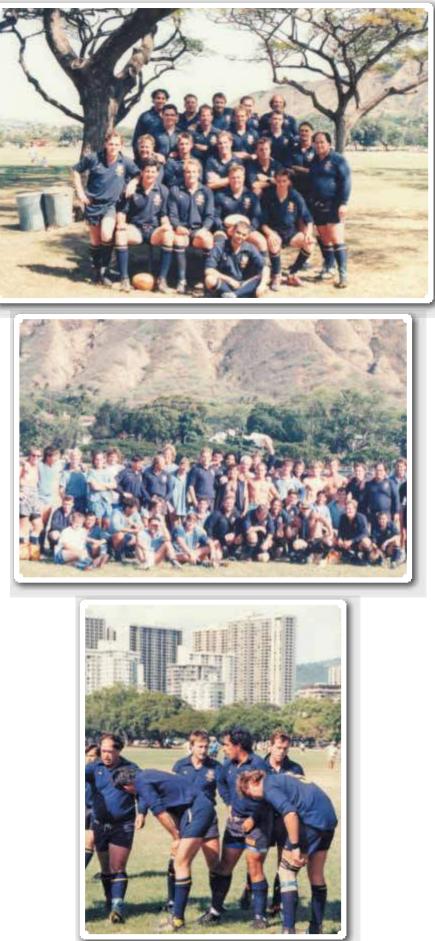
## DEPARTURE: 3 FEBRUARY, 1990

<b>RESULTS:</b>	Honolulu Harlequins Rugby Club, Hawaii	Won 19-3
	Belmont Shore, Long Beach, California	Drew 15-15
	University of Victoria, Vancouver Island, Canada	Lost 31-4
	University of British Columbia, Canada	Snowed out.



A Toast to the Tour

# SCENES FROM THE TOUR



## THE THAILAND TOUR - 1996

The Club was invited to participate in a Rugby tournament to honour King Bhumibol of Thailand on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of his ascension to the Throne.

The tournament was held in December 1996 in Chiang Mai. A warm up match was played against the Corsaires International RFC on 8th December, and the Tournament commenced on 11th December.

### THE TEAMS COMPETING:

The University of Queensland, Australia Sandhurst Royal Military Academy XV, England Keio University, Japan Thailand National XV Malaysian National XV

### THE TOURISTS:

Mark Donato – Tour Manager Alistair MacLeod Tom Bennett – Coach Andrew McCready Steve Cook - Tour Captain James McKenzie Michael Bennett **Richard Nyholt** James Blanshard Liam Prescott David Finch David Robertson Ian Hume Tim Sayer Stuart Hume Andrew Stabler Hamish Innes Jon Taylor David Kerr Simon Walsh Julian Madgwick Paul Williams Tim Mathers Mick Zaicek

Beautiful Chiang Mai, the venue of the 1995 Southeast Asian Games, hosted one of Thailand's biggest Rugby competitions ever.

Six teams saw action in two groups. Group A featured two national sides, that of Thailand and Malaysia, with England represented by the Sandhurst Military Academy.

In Group B, Australia was represented by the University of Queensland, Japan by Keio University, and a strong Bangkok Barbarians team that included the cream of the British Club Corsaires, Southerners, Thais, and 10 top New Zealanders who have shone in inter-Club competitions.

The University of Queensland team won a surprise victory over the Bangkok Barbarians by 27 points to 15 after chalking up a 14-7 halftime lead.

Having taken to the field in the morning, UQ staved off a challenge by Japan's Keio University, wining by 37 points to 29 after leading 10-7 at halftime.

Thailand defeated Sandhurst, earning the national team a meeting in the final with Queensland.

In the final, Uni proved too good for the Thai national team, defeating it 32-10.



## THE UK / IRELAND TOUR - 1999

It's difficult to imagine a Rugby tour that isn't a lot of fun, and the UQ Rugby Tour of '99 was no exception. As expected, the tour had many highlights that will long be remembered by the 33 strong touring party. Those memories are our privilege and therefore. in accordance with the Golden Rule of touring that 'what goes on tour stays on tour', this is my 'Official Report'.

On the field, we had victories in three of our six matches with great wins against Queen's University, Belfast, 70-10(12 tries to 2); Dublin University (Trinity College), 28-15 (4 tries to 2) and Hampshire County U21 in Southampton, 29-12 (5 tries to 2). We had the narrowest of defeats against Bective Rangers RFC Dublin 14-15 (2 tries each).

Whilst we were defeated well on the scoreboard by the University Blues sides of Cambridge (captained by Angus Innes. Jnr) and Oxford (captained by David Keleher of Sydney Uni). 7-59 (9 tries to 1) and 13-31 (4 tries to 1) respectively: we were indeed not disgraced. In fact, the last 40 minutes of Rugby for the tour saw us finishing the stronger side against Oxford.

These tour results compare favourably with previous Club tours to the UK in '83 (recording 1 win from 7) and '87 (1 win and 1 draw from 4). It must be remembered that these tours have taken place during our off-season (UK mid-season), amidst atrocious weather conditions and with a development squad of players. In addition, whilst we played under an International Code of Rules, the local' interpretation always presents the need for flexibility, adaptation and a healthy level of tolerance. Penalties were awarded at over 25 per match at an average of 2:1 against us.

Both Cambridge and Oxford were class acts. Tony Rodgers, the Cambridge Coach for the past 18 years, has crafted a tremendous record of 14 Blues victories against Oxford - including the current run of five straight. He earned three Blues for Cambridge as a player.

It was pleasing to see the esteem in which our old boys are held, with accolades-a-plenty for current players, the Innes Brothers (Angus & Hamish) and Chris Hart at Cambridge and Shaun Barry at Oxford, along with former Cambridge skipper Tom Murphy (now Harlequins) and former Oxford player and coach Brendan Nasser (now back in Brisbane). It was great to catch up with these guys at Cambridge along with other Red Heavies in Brad Free (Saracens). Pat Howard (Leicester). Tony Rees (finally retired) and Chris Sherwood (in Dublin).

The Cambridge and Oxford matches were always billed as the 'Test' matches of the tour, with no delusions as to the enormity of the task of playing against the sides which had contested the Blues match some two months earlier before a full house at Twickenham. We were honoured to have had the opportunity to play these very talented postgraduate teams, otherwise heavily committed with two matches per week against 1st Division and Invitation sides.

## THE 1999 UQ TOURING PARTY TO THE UK/IRELAND COMPRISED:

Props:	Richard Nyholt Julian Madgwick Ross Larssen Andrew Johnson (replacement)
Hookers:	Ben Ammundsen Gareth Forde Tom Sexton David Finch
Second Row:	Rudi Vedelago Mick Zaicek Grant Hay Stephan Barber
Back Row:	Peter Sartori Julian Purcell
No. 8:	Troy Stead (Capt)
Half Backs:	Aaron Macksey Ben Dormer
Fly Halves:	Ben McGrath (vice-Capt) Andrew Sexton
Centres:	Gus (Philip) Hamilton Mick Burke Gerry Patane
Wingers:	Peter Collins Tim Mathers Dan McGrath
Fullbacks:	Brad Jamieson Alex Barnes
Coach: Mangers:	Bruce Elliott Sandy Dunn Simon Tutt.
Physiotherapists: Medico:	Cath McDougall, Kate Gazzard Dr. Dennis Sexton.

Report by Bruce Elliott

# THE THAILAND TOUR - 2001

The University of Queensland Rugby Club was invited to participate in the Invitation King's Cup International Sevens Tournament in Thailand. The tournament was played at the 25,000 capacity 700 Year Stadium situated in Chiang Mai. His Majesty the King, who turns 74 in December, has graciously presented a beautiful trophy for the tournament, which will be an annual event.

There has been keen interest from around the World with teams from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Korea, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, England, Wales, Australia, Fiji, and Netherlands having entered teams. A selection of the other teams participating includes Fiji, the Penguins from England, the Crawshays from Wales, and The French Barbarians.



Uni 7-a-side team with the Tournament Trophies

Players from L to R: Neil Hunt, Robin Goodliffe (International Referee), Luke Foster, Andrew James, Cameron Wray, Michael Hynes, Scott Whitehead, Nathan Johnson, Toby Spencer, David Duley, Sam Ingham-Myers, David MacCallum, Albert Karo, Darren Rees (Referee), Tim Usasz, Andy Tucker (Coach), Mai and Tong (Liaison Officers).

### FIRST-ROUND RESULTS:

Pool A: 1 .Australia d Netherlands 19-12

- 2. Australia d Hong Kong 24-14
- 3. Australia d Singapore 35-0

### **SEMI-FINALS**

Cup Division: Fiji d Australia 38-12

### FINALS

Cup Division: Fiji d Penguins 33-19

### QUARTER-FINALS

Cup Division: Australia d Thailand 29-24

The Fijians were crowned champions of the first King's Cup International Rugby Sevens tournament yesterday after beating the Penguins of England 33-19. The Cup Final was played in front of a large crowd of locals and foreigners at the Chiang Mai 700th Anniversary Stadium.



UK TOUR PARTY 1983 - LAST TRAINING SESSION BEFORE DEPARTURE

# **CHAPTER 16**

# UQRFC -THE WOMEN'S XV

The University of Queensland began playing Women's Rugby in 1994 and the Club has been the most successful in Brisbane. University was one of eight Clubs in the inaugural QWRU competition, along with Norths, Souths, Easts, Wests, Kawana, Sunnybank, and GPS. In that first year, several Clubs travelled to Newcastle for the National Championships and 10 Queenslanders won selection in the Australian team.

In 1996 the first Interstate championship was held and Queensland was victorious. In fact, the Queensland team was unbeaten in the first 13 matches between 1994 and 1998.

In the Brisbane Women's Rugby competition the University Women's XV has been the most successful, winning five of the first seven premierships. Four UQ girls were selected in the Australian team (Wallaroos) for the inaugural Women's World Cup in Holland in 1998, and eight went with the Wallaroos in 2002 to Barcelona, Spain. The Wallaroos finished fifth on both occasions.

National championships are now held every year, with eight teams - NSW, Queensland, ACT, WA, SA, Victoria, NT, and Australian Services. An Australian team is also selected to play an annual fixture against New Zealand, the number one team in the world.

A host of State and international players have had their start at St Lucia, including flanker Deena Aiken, a foundation player, who now lives and plays Rugby in London, and does Rugby development work in Africa. She has fond memories of her first match back in '94:

"I can remember the first game we ever played for Uni. It was against Kawana Waters and it was the greatest day of my life. I had always wondered what you would see inside a scrum. It was all such a mystery wondering what it would feel like actually tackling someone and then being smashed in return. I was completely shocked to realise that you are so caught up in trying to win that you don't really feel anything. That is until two days later when I no longer had to imagine - it felt like being in a car accident. It is so strange that 15 years on, knowing full well what I will feel like after every game, I still find playing Rugby the safest place in the world for me. Whenever I am on the field, the rest of my life, all the demands, and all of the pressures just fade away. I think only about winning and then celebrating with my friends. I love it like nothing else I have ever known, and I dread the thought of not being able to participate."

Another outstanding player for University has been halfback Karen Bucholz. A Sport and Recreation Officer with the Qld University of Technology Student Guild, Karen lives and breathes sport. She has been Director of the Northern Conference University Sports Games and was a Trainee Manager at the World Universities Games in Sicily in 2000. Karen is a dual International, having represented Queensland and Australia at Touch, as well as Rugby. Karen is also an Accredited Level 1 Athletics, Rugby, and Touch Coach.

Cathy Boulton had a meteoric rise when she first started playing Rugby. A centre or winger blessed with natural speed and agility, Cathy took up the sport in 1996 and went straight into the Queensland and Australian teams. A Physical Education teacher, Cathy says that the whole Australian team is improving rapidly:

"The New Zealand girls, who are ranked number one in the world, have been amazed at how quickly we have picked up the game, considering we have really been playing for only a few years. We are lucky to have such excellent coaching and we all enjoy it so much, so it's not surprising that we're getting better."



Carmel Davoren



Deena Aiken

### WALLAROO REPRESENTATIVES:

- D. Aiken
- M. Bochmann
- C. Boulton
- T. Brown
- K. Bucholz
- K. Cran
- C. Davoren
- K. Donnelly
- M. Gladwin
- P. Ili
- B. Laidlaw
- B. Lynch
- L. Wilkes

### QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVES

D. Aiken J. Beard M. Bochmann C. Boulton T. Brown K. Bucholz N. Butler M. Cummins J. Cutts K. Donnelly H. Dyer M. Gladwin S. Hind P. Ili K. Kapitske M. Kearney

- K. Kilpatrick
- K. King
- B. Laidlaw
- A. Neagle
- K. Pollard
- R. Siulepa
- E. Stokes
- N. Wanrooy
- L. Wilkes
- K. Wilson



Mieke Gladwin

### Trish Brown - Current Australian Women's Sevens, Queensland, and Wallaroo player.

I started playing at UQ in 2001 - my first Coach was Carl and I've never seen a more passionate Coach. I would remember his prematch talks and the tears that would well up in his eyes as his fist beat upon his heart.

The long and enduring success and consistency of the women's team - I think since I've been playing we have only missed out on the Finals a couple of times (once being when we were stripped of our points for apparently playing unregistered players).



The Grand Final v Norths that we won was then lost after Norths protested. They had scored a try almost on full time and their kicker was wasting time...They were down by a point...the Ref told the kicker to hurry up as she was almost out of time. Then she ran out of time so the Ref didn't allow the conversion. We won by a point and from there the protests flowed in! In the end we were stripped of the Premiership, but we all still claimed it. I remember our Premiership win in 2006...we wore our jerseys out all night and celebrated in traditional Uni style!

The girls are a second family to me. We train together, socialise together and support each other on and off the field. There is so much pride and passion in our team - we play for the Club, our team-mates and ourselves. We hold our heads high and leave nothing out on the paddock. I would never consider playing for another Club - Uni is my home!

### Kelli Donnelly - UQ, Queensland, and Wallaroo Representative

I really can't think of any memorable quotes even though I know Perise Ili used to come out with some great 'blonde' comments. The Club nights were always memorable, especially when I first joined the Club and the women dominated the verandah area with drinking games and lots of laughs.

### Cameron Wray – long-time Trainer and supporter of the UQ Women's XV (Currently still Head Trainer at UQ Rugby)

"In a Semifinal a few years ago, Jocelyn Muller and Chi Pham had a head clash and were lying on the ground bleeding. While I was trying to administer first aid to Chi, she pulled a lip gloss out of her pocket and applied it there on the field while she lay bleeding"

### Tanya Osborne - UQ touring Sevens team and past Queensland and Wallaroo Player

"Although I was registered at another Club, I did play a few games with the Uni girls over the years. When it was time to play against the girls you knew you were in for a good hard game. They were strong across the park and played as a close group, coached by a great guy, Bill Gordon Thompson. So I felt privileged when I was asked to play for the girls on different occasions. That's when you realise they are close off the field as well. They do a lot of things together. So, whether playing for the girls or against them, I became good friends with them, and was happy to go along and catch up with them when they have a "Uni girl get-together" Adrian Buzolic was the UQ Women's Coach in 1996, taking over from Bill Gordon-Thompson. The Women's XV were Premiers for the first two years of the women's competition and at the time were the quiet achievers of the Club with their success.

Adrian rates coaching the women's team as the most enjoyable time of his Rugby career. It was different as well, as Adrian said when giving the "Player of the Season" award to Natalie Wanrooy at the end of season Dinner.

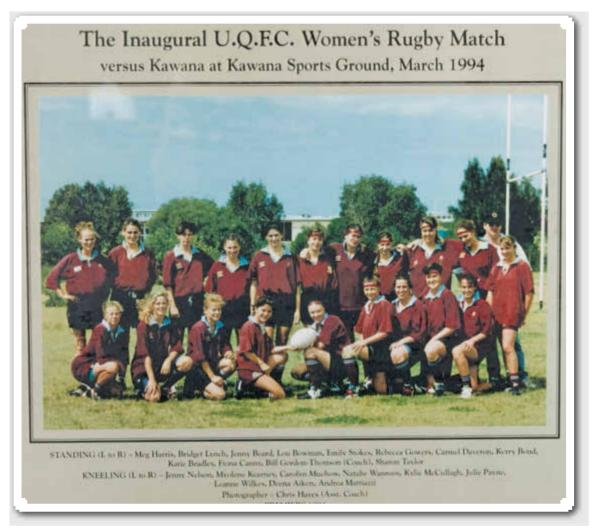
"This award isn't for being the highest point scorer, or for being the most spectacular, or for being the most dedicated to training or playing. It is for the whole package, and goes to someone with the heart of a lion, the tenacity of a tiger, and the size of a gnat!"

Later in the evening an amusing incident took place when one of the Senior Grade players publicly aired his remorse about his team's Grand Final loss. In an emotional release, he apologised to his team mates and the Club at large, saying "we played like girls…"

His ongoing words were immediately drowned by a chorus from the Premiership-winning Women's XV with the immortal words "You wish".

The 2009 Red Heavies Women's Coach Peter Rizzo says his aim is to encourage all women to explore their skills on the Rugby field.

"Rugby is traditionally known as a game played by men, but it is becoming increasingly popular among women particularly given the success of the Australian Women's team at the Rugby World Cup," he said.





Premiership Celebrations - 1994



Premiership Celebrations - 2006

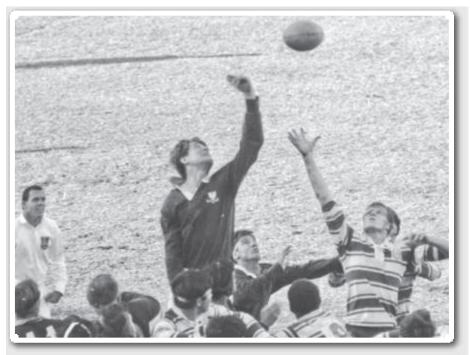
"Rugby has a lot to offer and is suitable for all women, regardless of their sizes or shapes. You don't have to be a statuesque super athlete or an Amazon to play the game, although any super athletes or Amazons are welcome to come along."

The Captain of two-time Premiership winning Women's XV side Sarah Hind hopes that the new season will bring about a host of brave new female faces to the Club.

"This is the perfect opportunity for women who have been curious but never had the chance to play Rugby, to come down and get a feel for the sport and what's involved," she said. "It's not just about the game either. There is also a social aspect that is really important. It's about having fun, meeting new people, and socialising. On top of that, Rugby is a great way to improve your fitness and get into shape."

# **CHAPTER 17**

# THE MEN IN WHITE -NOT JUST A BADGE AND A WHISTLE



Referee Kevin Crowe concentrating on the lineout - Uni v Brokers 1966

## A Referee's Overview of University Rugby 1947-95

By

Kevin John Crowe OAM

To become a Referee, your motivation must come from somewhere. Some are appointed at school mainly because an injury prevents them from playing, or in preference to being bashed around by some egomaniac from another school. In my case it was different, as I played Rugby League at St James' Christian Brothers College pre World War Two. When it was my turn to enlist I chose the Royal Australian Navy where Rugby is the preferred sport. So started my passion for the game, and on discharge I elected to play Rugby in my district with the New Farm Rugby Football Club. Playing in C1 Grade I had no idea of the make-up of the First Grade competition except when we played on the same day as the First Grade team. However, that year at the Exhibition Ground New Farm v West End C1 Rugby teams played the early curtain-raiser to the University v Brothers First Grade Grand Final. This was my first introduction to University Rugby, and I was spellbound by the skills of a young Tom Ryan (should have been a Wallaby) at half-back, thick-set Darryl Johnstone at five-eighth, Mal Quatermass, Peter Bridgman in the centres, Eddie Ahern (wing) and Clem Windsor the 1947-48 Wallaby full-back, ably supported by Arch Winning, Eddie Dunn, and Col Erickson in the pack. But it wasn't until1948 that I was to feel the sting in that back-line when I was promoted to First Grade, not in my preferred position at five-eighth but at outside centre. My Coach said that would give me space to use my speed, but what he didn't tell me was that I would be marking Peter Bridgman. On matchday both sides ran on at the Exhibition Ground for the toss and the obligatory three cheers and handshake, and Peter looked down at me and smiled possibly thinking this was going to be an easy day at the office. It didn't make much difference because had I played five-eighth it would have been against the brilliant Vic Carroll. In those days University set the benchmark for Rugby in Queensland, and the representative side was laced with these elite players. It seemed to be a never ending supply line.

I had a chance meeting with probably the finest Rugby player ever to play for University or for that matter Queensland and Australia, J M (John) O' Neill when he was in his last year at St Joseph's Nudgee College, and I was working with a building contractor at the College. I had heard of John's Rugby prowess, but I was amazed to see him coming off assembly one morning dressed in his Honour Blazer, all pockets decorated with his achievements in Rugby, cricket, athletics and swimming. I was to have the great pleasure of playing against John in Club Rugby, and with him in representative Rugby. Although the New Farm Rugby Club only qualified twice to play against University in Finals Rugby - once in a Semifinal and once in a Horsley Trophy Final - both Clubs had some memorable competition tussles. Other University players who I had the pleasure to be associated with at representative level were Viv Hancock, Arch Winning, Con Primmer, Neil Gow, Jack Carroll, Ashley Girle, Ross and Glen Sheil, Ian Brusasco and Howard Hickey. It was at the trials to go to South Africa in 1953 I broke my knee-cap in three places and Dr Lars said no more Rugby for you young man, it was also at these trials that Ross Sheil, playing his best Rugby, had to forfeit the tour to concentrate on his medical studies. It was a hard decision for a young man, but his opportunity came in 1956 when he played his only Test against the Springboks.

My future looked bleak until in 1954 at the Exhibition Ground watching the Fijians play, Eddie Bonis suggested I should take up refereeing. He said "you get a better view of the game than we do." How very true. Up to this stage the University Club had played in every Grand Final since the War, all against Brothers, winning four, and it was then three more in a row. Refereeing First Grade Rugby in 1957, I was to see an old adversary Chilla Wilson playing exceptional Rugby as leader of a University side that was sweeping all before it. It contained players of the calibre of Ken Donald the Ipswich Grammar sprinter, John O' Neill, Gil Shearer, Tom Baxter, Mal Brew, and Ken Waller. Chilla, playing in his distinctive scrum cap, read the game so well that at times he was too quick to the breakdown. Falling off-side and penalised, he would look at you and say 'there are two teams playing out here.' Leading Queensland in the same creative style, it was inevitable he would lead the Wallabies, which happened in 1958 on the tour to New Zealand, taking with him Tom Baxter from the University Club. Needless to say, University won the Premiership. At the close of the decade University boasted elite players such as Howard Hickey, Lloyd McDermott, Julius Chan (future Papua New Guinea Prime Minister), Vince Creagh, and one of the unluckiest players in Queensland Rugby, Travis Lindenmayer - a superb flanker.

In 1960 with University Rugby strong across the nation it was inevitable that a challenge from New Zealand Universities would come from across the Tasman. Before that however, the Queensland Rugby Union invited the University Club to play the Rest, in a Queensland selection trial. It is worth listing the University Side:

			Fullback Franzmann		
Winger K Donald		<b>Out-Centr</b> H Adcock	e	In- Centre Gil Shearer (Capt)	Winger J Hamilton
			Five-Eighth F Bennett		
			Halfbac G Ohlrid		
			No 8 G Struthers		
Flanker		Lock		Lock	Flanker
J Condon		E Anning		D Connors	A Ryan
	<b>Prop</b> M Alp		Hooker P Morris		<b>Prop</b> arkin
Reserves		J Mc Bride		A Becconsall	
Referee: K J Crowe					

Later, when the Australian Universities team was picked it included H Adcock, K Donald, R Finemore in the backs and M Alp, P Morris, D Connors in the forwards. The reserves were J O'Neill, G Shearer and G Struthers. I was appointed to control this game as my first international.

The Australian Universities Team was:

### Full-back R Cowper

Winger S Boyce		t <b>-centre</b> Perrett		<b>In-centre</b> H Adcock	<b>Wing</b> K Donald
			Five-Eighth M Marsh		
			HalfBac R Finem		
			<b>No 8</b> J O' Gorman		
Flanker		Lock		Lock	Flanker
P Crittle		Stone		D Connors	G Chapman
	Prop		Hooker		Prop
	M Alp		P Morris	G Vaughan	
Reserves	J O' Neill	D May	G Shearer	G Struthers	P Wakeford

### Referee: K J Crowe

Australian Universities were outclassed by a bustling New Zealand combination, and the margin would have been greater than 23-8 had the usually reliable Kiwi Diack been on target. The Australians had a unusually high injury rate and it wasn't until mid second half with J O'Neill and G Shearer on as replacements that the backline started to click. The crowd was 5000.

## THE REVIVAL

In the late 1950s some monumental happenings took place at the University Club. Ashley Girle an outstanding past player became a Coach, not only for University but also Queensland. He breathed new life into the Club. Arriving at the same time was Jules Guerassimoff from Rockhampton, and in 1961 the dynamic Brisbane Grammar School centre Dick Marks. Jules' contribution was considerable at Club and representative level; Club 1958-80, Queensland 1962-72, and the Wallabies 1963-67, whilst Dick's Rugby at Club level was shorter, his Wallaby career covered 1962-1967. Dick's greatest contribution came later when he changed the landscape of Rugby as National Coaching Director. In 1962 I was asked by the Queensland Rugby Union to coach a Queensland U23 squad on a tour to Sydney. University players in the squad were Graham Duhs, Leo Williams. Allan Becconsall, and Keith Jennings. Jules Guerassimoff was selected but withdrew. The squad came home undefeated.

In 1965 I refereed my first Grand Final between University and GPS; it was a hard fought affair going down to the wire. With minutes to go University got a penalty forty metres out ten metres in from touch. David Crombie, University's place kicker, lined up for a kick at goal, taking his time he ran in with a silenced Normanby crowd riveted. Hitting the ball sweetly, he watched it dipping as it skimmed the cross bar for a conversion, University winning 17-15. Another very talented player Rick Trivett arrived at the University Club via Warwick and CEGS in the mid sixties, playing at five-eighth. He was an immediate success playing brilliantly for the Club and Queensland, and threw the National selectors into a dilemma for the First Test against the British Lions in 1966. New South Wales had the Test combination at half and five-eighth, but the selectors compromised, selecting Rick at inside centre. It nearly came off, in the dying minutes of the Test with the score at 11-8 to the Lions, an opportunity to score went begging when with the line open, the outside centre was dropped, and Rick played one more Test. Jules Guerassimoff played in both Tests.

Dick Marks, Jules Guerassimoff, Ross Teitzel and David Taylor toured the British Isles in 1966-67, with Stuart Gregory launching his 16 Test career in 1968 along with David Taylor against the All Blacks and France. Under-rated Keith Bell came in against Scotland, and Bustling Bruce Brown against the All-Blacks in 1972. Mark Loane at eighteen years of age played his first Test against Tonga. Recalled in 1974 against the All Blacks, he would be a fixture in the Wallaby side until 1982 finishing the British Isles tour as Captain. There has rarely been such a dynamic player in Australian Rugby as Mark Loane, and my favourite moment was when he led Queensland to a monumental victory over New South Wales in 1979. Refereeing the game at Ballymore, it was inspirational to see him lead charge after charge at the Blues line, and with the score at 44-10 the Ballymore crowd chanted 'we want fifty'. Mark, coming under a high garryowen from thirty metres out from the New South Wales try line, arrived at the same time as the courageous Laurie Monaghan attempted to mark the ball, slamming Laurie into in-goal and setting up a five metre scrum. With the Reds put-in, the crowd was hysterical as the Reds won the ball, quick hands to the blockbusting Paddy Batch who powered into the corner for a try. The conversion to make it fifty shaved the up-rights; for Mark and his team 48-10 looked good.

## **BIG CHALLENGES AHEAD**

Up to 1980 I refereed University in seven Grand Finals, and each one of them produced exciting Rugby. I felt when appointed to these games that the least of my concerns was University's attitude to the game; the team was well coached, disciplined, skilful and well led. My greatest concern was the opposition trying to unsettle this standard through overvigorous play. In 1980 Duncan Hall settled into the back five for University, a mirror image of his famous father Duncan Snr. It was not long before Duncan was a Wallaby, playing comfortably at No 8 or lock as he joined Mark Loane in the National side. 1982 saw the durable prop Andy McIntyre make the first of his thirty- eight Test appearances, and his attitude, particularly playing in such a high pressure position as the front row, portrayed the ideals of University Rugby.

After that, my appointment as a Regional Coaching Director distanced me from Club Rugby in Brisbane, But no matter where you were in the Rugby world in the early eighties you were aware that a phenomenon took place, when a Gregory Terrace schoolboy Rugby star Michael Lynagh burst onto the Club scene, joining University. This mild mannered young man's actions spoke louder than words; he was to dominate the National scene for the next decade, quickly establishing his trademark as a reliable goal kicker and world class fly-half, before achieving towards the end of his illustrious career the Wallaby captaincy. His durability took him to three World Cups and seven Bledisloe Cup campaigns. Accompanying him some of the way was Peter Slattery the livewire half-back, Cameron Lillicrap who started his Test career with his book-end University partner Andy McIntyre, and outstanding flanker Jeff Miller who was also prominent in this period. If I were asked to name the best University players I have seen in my time, (excluding John O'Neill) there would be six. 1940-50 Arch Winning, 1950-60 Charles Wilson, 1960-70 Jules Guerassimoff, 1970-80 Mark Loane, 1980-95 Michael Lynagh. It is unfair that when making judgements like this, the real engine room of any team, the front-row, never comes into consideration. Therefore it would be unjust not to mention the champion front-rower

Andy McIntyre for his decade of Test Rugby.

In 1995 Professional Rugby was upon us, and all the old ideals of loyalty, mateship and pride went out the window. It wasn't long before the Rugby nurseries nationwide were being raided, and the stream of rich Rugby talent from the schools and colleges that was available to Clubs such as University was now being earmarked for Rugby Academies, Sevens Rugby, Super Rugby Franchise and National Rugby Contracts, not to mention Asian and European Rugby. This makes the future of grass-roots and Club Rugby unstable and insecure, and throws out a challenge to the University Rugby Football Club if it is to abide by its University's motto – Scientia Ac Labore.

### From Bryan O'Callaghan

When Gilbert Shearer contacted me and asked me to contribute a small piece for inclusion in the history of the University of Queensland Rugby Club, my first reaction was that he had pulled the wrong rein. I reminded him that it was my brother Frank who knew more about writing Rugby history than I did, and that he had passed away in 1997. However, he assured me that he knew all about Frank, but he was interested to learn what reminiscences a Referee might have had concerning his experiences with the Club.

I must preface my comments with the reminder that I retired from active refereeing in 1962, so to many of your readers, this will be ancient history.

I took up refereeing in 1948 after injury following a brief and unspectacular career in lower Grades of Brothers Club after the War. Around that time, there were some famous old Rugby Clubs such as Eagle Junction, New Farm, YMCA (later Souths) and more, that are no longer in existence.

The names of University players who come to mind during my refereeing career include international Representatives such as the incomparable John O'Neill, Ross Sheil, along with Ken Donald, Charles Wilson, Tom Baxter, Rick Trivett, Dick Marks, Jules Guerassimoff, and others like Kerry Larkin. As I write, other names come back such as Trevor Manteit, Ashley Girle, Neil Gow, Howard Hickey, David Crombie, Norm Mayne. Many of these, because of our association through Rugby became personal friends.

I have very fond memories too, of Coach Dr. Max Hickey with whom I had some very educational discussions concerning the Laws of the Game and of their application.

I could not let any reference to the University Rugby Club pass without praising the contribution to Queensland and Australian Rugby by Norbert Byrne.

I referred earlier to the demise of the Eagle Junction Rugby Club. I remember refereeing a match between University and Eagle Junction at the old oval at Kalinga. In those days the Touch was run by the reserves of both teams, with a handkerchief (often used) as a flag. Talk about coarse Rugby - those were the days! But back to the game. Uni was leading by a very substantial margin – can't remember the exact score, but it was something in the order 45-6, with about 5 minutes to go and the Junction's Captain was still exhorting his troops "Come on, we can still do these bastards".

I also have great memories of my on field discussions with the inimitable Charles Wilson. Quite often his method of inquiry as to the reason for a penalty awarded against his team was the always polite "I beg to differ, Sir" or alternatively "What for, Pray?" Very different from some of the comments heard these days when, incidentally I think both Referees and players talk too much.

My association with the University extended to another sporting Club, that being the University Cricket Club, with whom I played through the Grades from the late 40s to the mid 50s.

This, of course, had some relevance to my critics (there had to be some) whenever I officiated at matches involving University. However, it posed a bit of a dilemma to that sector when it was University v Brothers. For the record, I refereed two Grand Finals where University was involved – 1959 v Brothers – Brothers won. In 1962 it was University v Souths – University won in extra time. Some food for thought there? Don't think so. I always considered myself to be totally neutral, be it Inter-Club, Interstate, or International. I think it is a matter of great regret that Referees internationally are not now allowed to officiate in a Test match involving their own Country. Referees, by definition, are supposed to be neutral and, although there may be exceptions, I believe the vast majority are.

As I noted previously, I retired from active refereeing in 1962; but for some years after that I served as a QRU Selector and occasionally as State Team Manager – but that's another story. During that time I was privileged to be in a position to assist many fine young men, a considerable number of whom came from the University Rugby Club.

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge the contribution to Queensland and Australian Rugby by the UQRFC, and also to express my appreciation of the many courtesies extended to me by its members.

Bryan O'Callaghan 5.2.2011

### **Colin Waldron – Recollections**



On reflection, I believe that I have refereed the University of Queensland Rugby Club more than any other Club in my twenty years as a Referee.

My Rugby career was born at Brisbane Grammar in 1962 and then continued at QIT. QIT was a very successful Sub-districts Club which proudly entered the QRU Grade competition in the early 1970s and then around 1982 became a part of a new Club called Colleges which was well-

coached by former successful Schoolboys and Queensland Under 19 Coach Lester Hampson. Colleges was absorbed by GPS, and QIT revived in a new venture as Norths-QUT in the late 80s. I feel it is important for a Referee to have experienced the playing side to assist him to properly interpret the laws of the game.

My refereeing career commenced as a corollary to coaching teams at Grammar while a Boarding House Master. My first game was the Under 13 Fs, Grammar v Nudgee College in 1966.

My first contact with the University Club was as a spectator at Normanby in the early sixties. I had heard about the famous Semifinal, Uni v Army in 1959 when Referee Alan Finlay had abandoned the game after sending one UQ player and four Army players from the field, and then was required by the QRU to restart the game. Pandemonium! This time University was playing Souths and mass send-offs were again the order of the day with Alan Finlay again officiating. I can recall to my astonishment that after the third Souths Player was sent off, the stand-in Captain, Alec Evans, asked Alan "what now Ref?" and he received his marching orders with "no questions, you can go too." It is a little difficult to believe that Alec was the fourth dismissal. However men were men in those days. I believe that Leo Williams was still on the field, as was Dick Marks, but I don't believe Jules Guerassimoff lasted the distance. My subliminal recollections of this game were obviously my stimulus to become a Referee. Apologies for any inaccuracies as time enhances the imagination and the events. I asked Kerry Larkin (a wine drinking pal and ex-Red Heavy) if he was there or had retired, and he answered as all front rowers would – "probably, but a Ref wouldn't understand!"

My first very memorable UQ game was the Under 18s Grand Final in 1972 and it started a long relationship with the Club, in particular with Norbert Byrne and John O'Hare, whose brother Peter was playing on the wing for University. This was my first "big game" and Brothers beat Uni narrowly after Uni was denied a match-winning try on fulltime. Uni accepted my ruling of a forward pass well although there was a hushed atmosphere from the grandstand populated by disbelieving Uni supporters. Uni had been undefeated throughout the season, but still I walked off feeling that things went fairly well. However, I was quickly corrected as Norbert, the UQ Coach and also an Optometrist by profession disputed the quality of my decisions, my parentage, my bias towards Brothers, and my visual capabilities in an edifying critique of my performance. With this start, my refereeing career looked bleak.

I survived and in 1973, I refereed the University U19 Grand Final (much the same team and Coach) but against a different rival, GPS. In another nail biter GPS just got home, and even though Uni had missed some kickable penalty goals I thought it best to steer clear of Norbert!

In the next couple of years I refereed a number of University v GPS games in which I believe GPS triumphed in most cases, culminating in the Second Grade Grand Final in '78 between the two Clubs. What a close result, with University scoring an equaliser try on fulltime which meant extra time. Finally, for Uni an extra time win, and I could face Norbert again! Then

followed the biggie", the most memorable games of Rugby that I have refereed or seen – the 1979 Grand Finals. For sheer theatre and drama, no one could have written the script better.

This game would have to be the pinnacle of the rivalry between the two great Rugby Clubs. It was indeed an honour to be involved in a game which included 10 Wallabies and at least another 10 who played for Queensland. All participants lived up to their status and presented one of Rugby's unforgettable contests – all 200 minutes of it. Refereeing was a breeze; Buddha Handy and Tony Shaw for Brothers with Geoff Shaw and Mark Loane for Uni - no need for a Referee. Buddha and Geoff always were helpful with their praise and suggestions, while Tony and Mark certainly saw more than I ever did and were quick with the solution. A Graham Noon field goal was the difference in the end. Would Tony Shaw opt for a Paul McLean field goal in the last minute to tie it again instead of going for the win, if given the opportunity again? Is not Rugby a wonderful game?

The 30th reunion of the famous 1979 Grand Final was a terrific occasion and it was wonderful to catch up with so many friends, some I see often and others not so often, and their memories.

After the 1979 Grand Final I refereed three Queensland Uni v Sydney Uni annual games, numerous clashes with Brothers and two more Grand Finals in '82 and '83 which were both won by Brothers. The '85 Preliminary Final saw better news with a clinical performance from a University side full of new talent including Michael Lynagh, Jeff Miller, David Nucifora and Greg Martin, eliminating Brothers from the Grand Final for the first time in nearly10 years. I have been privileged to meet so many Rugby tragics who have enhanced my life.

I must mention two University greats though.

Bob Templeton had a great influence on my refereeing, particularly with his advice while we were touring with the "The Rest" team to play the British Lions at the International Board's Centenary celebration. Michael Lynagh was the other University participant. Tempo said that in most situations the players can sort out the real issues; just set even balanced parameters, treat them with respect, and sit back and enjoy the game. He also added, "Believe in yourself and you will achieve your goals".

The other was Greg Martin who taught me by example that the game was serious and winning is important, but you must have fun. A Referee must have a sense of humour.



### **Andrew Cole**

It was a privilege to have my refereeing career span both the amateur and professional eras. Although full time professional Rugby takes players and officials away from Club Rugby for some of the season, it certainly wasn't the case when I first started. What a great grounding it was, and this is where most of my memories about University Rugby Club are from.

Despite starting in 1977 I only progressed to Seniors in 1983, and during this time witnessed the powerhouse Rugby Clubs and their rivalries. In those years and through the eighties nothing surpassed the traditional rivalry and intensity of the University v Brothers contests. Both teams were overflowing with representative talent, but with a huge desire to put everything on the line for their Club jumper, going at each other for 80 minutes for every little battle won in order to win the war.

The Grand Finals of the late 70s and early 80s in front of a packed Ballymore are etched in memory for all the intensity and rivalry they bring, and the legendary contest of the drawn Grand Final in 1979. There are other reasons of course. Having reffed the Second Grade Grand Final in 1990 where Easts downed Uni, I was looking forward to First Grade, not only to see University and Brothers go at it, but also to observe and learn from the best Referee the game has known, the late Kerry Fitzgerald. What a shame he isn't around to share a few stories. A few minutes into the game with play moving downfield the "pre-game" entertainment landed on the field. It was quite bizarre scene as Kerry blew the whistle when he realised what was happening, and the parachutists collected and scurried for the sideline. Interestingly, that was the last time these two teams met in a Grand Final, and the last time Uni won the Premiership until the dominant team of 2010.

My earliest memory of being involved in a Uni v Brothers clash was the 1984 Fifth Grade Grand Final. As was often the case, players would finish their careers in Fifth Grade, still keen for a game, but not the time to dedicate to First Grade. Many players who played First Grade and representative Rugby would end up in Fifth Grade. For example the former First Grade winger John O'Hare captain-coached this side from No.10. A professional colleague and one-time Referee, he used all his skills just within earshot of the Referee. Former Wallaby Chris Handy was a member of the Brothers side. As was the case with very experienced players and a very inexperienced Referee, the players had a fair bit of influence on the game. Brothers won in a tight contest and the two Captains approached as I blew full time. They were distracted by each other and happily debated the contentious decisions as we left the field. At the time it suited a very "green" Referee!

Skip forward to the late 80s and one had to earn one's credibility in First Grade before being appointed to a Uni v Brothers game. Regardless of where these teams sat on the table they provided a great test for any Referee, particularly one new to the Grade. Teams were full of tough, hard, physical, no-nonsense men. University included players such as Brendan Nasser, Andy McIntyre, David Nucifora, the Rees brothers, Tony and Darren, Cameron Lillicrap, and Jeff Miller, players who would survive in any era and seemed to save their best for Brothers. Part of your pre-match thinking was how to keep 15 players on the field especially if the Rees brothers were playing. Darren, one of the most experienced Brisbane players at judiciary matters, inmate turned warden, is now a very good Referee in Brisbane Club Rugby, and Tony was Vice-President of University Club in 2010.

No story recounting memories of the Uni Rugby Club would be complete without mentioning my refereeing colleague Scott Young and his strong ties to the Club. He came through the College system at King's College (1984-86) which has produced a number of prominent Uni players over the years, including the first ever Uni Rugby Club Wallaby Eric Francis back in 1914. Scott has coached the King's College Rugby team from 2008-10 in partnership with former First Grade lock James Blanshard, winning two Premierships. The victorious teams included current Red Heavies Ian Prior, David Burns, Jono Lance, Mitch Wade and Luke Morahan. Scott and James also teamed up to coach the University Colts 2 teams in 2010. Scott has strong memories of the characters of Uni Rugby in the 90s. Although not as successful on field, they still maintained all the qualities of the typical Uni Rugby man. An example was Angus Innes who enjoyed many a debate on the field and just as many over beers in the Clubhouse afterwards. It is a wonder he got a word in on the field with resident commentator and wannabe Referee Richard Burgess at flyhalf. Scott did warn coach Geoff Shaw before one game, and putting it politely, that "Burgo" had used up all his tolerance credits. He obviously listened to his Coach and showed he could play just as well in silence. Other quality Clubmen included Ben Wakely, Rudi Vedelago, Nick Stiles, Brad Free, and

Tom Murphy. Tom went on to captain Cambridge University.

My other memories include Greg Martin being awarded four tries in a game against Brothers in a normal Club round game at Ballymore, possibly 1991. He scored at least three of them but convinced me with his post-try celebration that the fourth should be awarded. Only he and the Brothers player chasing the rolling ball in-goal know who got there first.

In the Grand Final of 2004, Captain and prop Nick Stiles provided a lighter moment when late in the match, and with Uni under the hammer at scrum time, he was relieved when the call came to substitute two of the Gold Coast front rowers. His mood soon changed however, as he ruefully smiled and remarked that the two fresh players were twice as big as the players they replaced.

One of the best Club games I was ever involved in was between University and the Canberra Vikings in 2003 at Uni. Plenty of tries, end-to-end Rugby, with both teams positively entering into a running game and turning it on for the small crowd in attendance. At the other end of the scale, and it is amazing where you bump into past Uni players; I was in Dublin for the 2000 Six Nations and the warm up game was at Lansdowne Road. The home team Lansdowne played Garryowen, and both teams tried to live up to the away team name, with Lansdowne winning a kick-a-thon contest on a typical cold, wet and windy day. Former Red Heavy Gus Hamilton was at least a familiar face I could talk to during the game, and catch up with as we thawed out afterwards. As an outside back Gus didn't have a lot to do that day!

You can't go anywhere in representative Rugby without coming across past Uni players heavily involved at all levels of playing, coaching and administration. From Dick Marks and Geoff Shaw in the early days to Steve Rowley, Bill Ross, Chris Roche, Jeff Miller, Pat Howard and current HPU ARU boss David Nucifora. There are also many great schoolboy Coaches including Graham Noon and Michael Cook. Not always amenable meetings, but always good for a laugh and a beer eventually.

Nowadays Referees progress through Club ranks and hopefully pick up a second tier Interstate game (Academy teams playing each other) to impress for promotion to Super Rugby ranks and then Internationals. SANZAR and the IRB have big inputs into who actually gets through to the top games. Previously however the pathway was much more clearly defined, if not written, and much more controlled by domestic Rugby. Promotion to First Grade, get some experience, then appointed to University v Brothers, move to minor representative Rugby; all going well Qld v ACT was next, followed by Qld v NSW, and if you got through all that you might get appointed to Internationals. In the progression over these hurdles, teams were always full of University players, many mentioned above who moved into coaching.

In 1991 I was appointed to Qld v ACT and the Queensland side was captained by Michael Lynagh. It contained five other Uni players in the run-on side in Greg Martin, Peter Slattery, Brendan Nasser, Cameron Lillicrap and David Nucifora. Plenty of advice in that lot, but they were overshadowed by opposing forwards, Rod McCall and Geoff Didier, who took turns in telling me when to blow the whistle. Mostly I obliged and thankfully these games were more one-sided than recent Reds v Brumbies clashes. At the end of that season I was thrown into the supposed World Cup trial Australia B v New Zealand B at Ballymore. Any thoughts that the players would treat it as a trial soon disappeared as the players showed little flair, more intent on getting one up on their trans-Tasman rivals. Six Uni players were in the run-on side (Martin, Slattery, Nasser, Miller, Lillicrap, Nucifora) captained by Jeff Miller. Eion Crossan from NZ kicked seven goals in a 21-15 controversial win, Australia being denied a try which should have been awarded.

1993 saw me appointed to the NSW v Qld game at Concord Oval. Phil Kearns captained NSW and spent the whole game shaking his head, didn't say much, just shook his head, and probably was still shaking his head into the night as Qld won 27-18. Some familiar Uni names in Pat Howard and Peter Slattery were there, but upfront it was a real battle, with Kearns, Ewen McKenzie and Tony Daly up against David Nucifora, Cameron Lillicrap and Matt Ryan. Ryan, from Brothers, was threatened with a citing in a process much looser than it is today, and in an act of "rucking" that was more commonplace then than it is now.

Other Queensland memories include Uni flyer Mark Anderson on the end of a 75 metre last minute team try to snatch a thrilling win over Cardiff, 17-15 in 1993. Many Super Rugby battles followed in the professional era, Qld v NSW, or the Brumbies, and featured many University players I really enjoyed refereeing such as Peter Hynes and Drew Mitchell who would amaze with their all-round skills and want to run the ball. Others such as Nathan Sharpe, Nick Stiles, Mitch Chapman, Stephen Moore and Fletcher Dyson were always doing the real tough work in close and mixing it with the opposition to allow the backs to shine, but at the same time possessing exceptional ball playing ability.

On a personal note, my son David, while studying at UQ, chooses to play his Rugby there and I've thoroughly enjoyed watching from the sidelines. It is very evident that the spirit and culture of Uni Rugby Club is alive and well today. From the lower Grade Colts he has moved on to be part of the Premiership winning "Barbarians" teams in 2009 and 2010. The perfect mix of serious Rugby and enjoyment, led by Coach Andrew Bradford, is embraced by all involved and is a great reflection on how Rugby can be enjoyed just as much in today's professional era. If the culture of University Rugby Club can filter down and be embraced in the lower Grades in 2011, the future looks bright for the next 100 years.



Referee Andrew Cole issuing a yellow card



Referee Kevin Crowe in full flight along with David Taylor



Referee Kevin Crowe close to the action



Lynagh clears - Waldron looks on

# **CHAPTER 18**

# TAKE TEN – SOME OF OUR PLAYERS REMEMBER THEIR TIMES

 ${f T}$  he Club's one hundred year history has been collated from numerous sources - from within the Club, and from relevant external avenues.

In fact, so many contributions have been collected that it is impossible to fit them all in, as there are obvious size and cost constraints involved in the printing and production of this book.

Nevertheless, we have taken some special contributions from ten former players of distinction, covering that part of the Club's history which could loosely be described as the Seventies, Eighties, and Nineties. They are: Forwards: Mark Loane, Bill Ross, Jeff Miller and David Nucifora; Backs: Tony Parker, Greg Martin, Pat Howard, Michael Lynagh, Geoff Davies and Geoff Shaw. Each contribution was recorded separately.

These are the questions which were put to our contributors:

- Q1. What were your most memorable matches for University?
- Q2. How would you describe the rivalry with Brothers (and other Clubs) in the time you were a player?
- Q3. What influenced your decision to play for the Club?
- Q4. Do you remember any interesting or amusing moments involving the Club's players, Coaches, or supporters?
- Q5 a) Who would you rate as the better Club players you played with at Club, State or Test level?
  - b) Who were the most difficult opponents to play against?
- Q6 Did you have any involvement at UQ other than Rugby e.g. Years of Study?
- Q7 Are there any other observations on Rugby that might be of interest, or pertinent to our history?

#### MARK LOANE



Others have talked about the great open clashes with Brothers and that was always the standard. Four sides in my opinion would never ever give you a game. You had to take it. You could never say you were lucky. These sides never laid down. Brothers, the All Blacks, Canterbury, and Northern Transvaal. What a pleasure to play any of them - pure Rugby.

On reflection I think some of my fondest memories were Under 19 with Chilla Wilson. I was just out of Nudgee and it was a pleasure to meet other players from other schools and to be in the same team. It was my first taste of diversity. Chilla Wilson, the Coach, has been one of the most significant mentors in my entire life. I always loved the Uni Rugby field. Designed by Prof Mahoney according to Oxford. No cricket pitch in the middle and surrounded by the athletic track. The position on the river, one of the top three in terms of beauty. The other two are Stellenbosch and Rockhampton which is surrounded by lagoons.

Generally the friendship and guidance of men who were older than me, Chilla, Bob Templeton, Ken Donald, Eric Anning, Howard Stack, Bruce Brown, Harold Shand, and Leo Williams, all Uni men, has been one of the great pleasures of my life.

Obviously the rivalry with Brothers stands out in all our minds as the main game. Still I loved the rest of it. Easts, who were always keen to knock us down a peg or two; Souths, always tough; Wests had their moments. I always appreciated the brave attempts of lesser Clubs with minimal resources to get up and out there, QUT, Redcliffe, and to a certain extent Teachers, who never even had a Clubhouse.

I played for Uni because Steve Cerutti, probably the best schoolboy Rugby player I have seen then or now, and John Henderson, who had played in the undefeated Nudgee team of 1970 gave a lead. Most Nudgee people went to Brothers, but this was something different. I have always liked difference and that decision was one of the best I have made in this life. If you are at Uni why not play for Uni?

Amusing moments? There was always the idea of the mystical Uni Rugby player; talent, intelligence, and a quirky way of looking at the world. I remember Paddy Batch developed this theory that training actually worsened playing capacity. Billy Alvers was flogging us one night and Batchy went and sat down. I thought he was injured. It was just before a Grand Final. He said 'no, I am not injured but the more I am training the worse I am playing. If you want me at peak for the Grand Final I have to stop training' He was right.

In general, let me say something about my Coaches; Chilla Wilson as above, John Wolfe, Keith Jennings, Ashley Girle, Geoff Davies, and of course Bob Templeton. Tempo took over during some pretty lean years at the Club. His influence was such that he attracted players of quality such as Geoff Shaw. Bill Alvers, on Geoff's arrival at the Club, said 'Hey you over there! Stick with me and you can play A Grade!' [Geoff was at the time the Australian Captain, and in my opinion then the best centre in the world.]

Tempo was at the heart of Uni, Queensland, and Australian Rugby for decades. His contribution was so immense in terms of time and intelligence, and so encompassing, that in a strange way it is sometimes difficult to acknowledge. I count his influence and the friendship of the Templetons, Tempo and Jo, as one of the two or three greatest gifts to me in life.

Players: Too many to name. During the lean years Jimmy Wilson, Vince Boman, Billy Bruce, Mark Smithers, Skroo Turner all played above their weight. In the good years the whole pack in 78 and 79 - the backs can look after themselves! John O'Hare played three times above his weight.

### A few further thoughts:

I think the most significant memory I have of the Uni Rugby Club was the beauty of the landscape. People rarely acknowledge how important that is to a sense of wellbeing. The beautifully constructed field, the athletic track surrounding it, the rest of the University. I must have run around the river track literally a thousand times. At night the chill in the air, the breeze wafting up from the river, occasionally the mist rolling in. Could there be a more beautiful place to train at and play Rugby? I think I would also like to emphasise the influence and friendship of high quality older men.

With regard to Brothers, Queensland and Australia were lucky to have them. I have no doubt that their extraordinary competitive spirit and desire to win played an extremely significant part in the resurgence of Queensland and Australian Rugby in the 1970s and beyond. That spirit was distilled in their leaders Michael Richard Cocks, David L'Estrange, Tony Shaw, and Paul McLean. I can never recall a Brothers side at any level giving a game away! They provided energy like a high octane fuel that drove many sides other than Brothers.

### **BILL ROSS**



We had many great matches in the University jersey. The 1978 Grand Final when we led all game to be beaten after the bell, and both the 1979 Grand Finals with their replays and extra time, with G. Noon finally slotting a field goal to win after two hundred minutes.

Getting flogged at Bottomley by Easts when we had the top side, and copping prolonged abuse from some feral supporters was also memorable.

Nothing compares to the 1979 Premiership which capped off two very successful years under Bruce Brown's coaching. In that period, we had the

rare distinction of defeating Brothers in all Grades at Crosby Oval. On the first occasion the great majority of our Club stayed on at Crosby that night to celebrate. It had to be said that very few from their teams stayed; however, there was at least one Brothers bloke who remained because Brownie thought this chap had stolen his wallet, so Brownie vigorously and decisively remonstrated with him. In fact, it turned out that Brian MacNish had the wallet so he could generously shout us a round.

If you played Club Rugby in Brisbane in the seventies and eighties as I did, there were three benchmarks or sides that were the test of whether you could be deemed a success:

Club, Brothers. State, New South Wales. Country, New Zealand.

To have success at these different levels, these were the teams you had to beat. Without doubt, Brothers at Club level were the ultimate test and there was never an easy game.

A lot of the guys we played against at Brothers were also team mates in Queensland and Australian teams as we tended to dominate these sides at the time. We knew the Brothers players well and became reasonably close to most of them, or as close as you can be to a bunch of maniacs! The rivalry was always strong, but interestingly a lot of these guys are very close friends to this day, though they do get constant reminders from me that they are, and will remain, mostly unclean.

I first watched University play when I was ten years old. My brother Darby played for the Under 19 sides in 1967 and 1968 and I continued to watch him play in the Grades till the end of the 1972 season. He initially played Reserve Grade before David Crombie retired and then played A Grade. Uni was a very strong Club then.

There were a lot of characters at the Club at that time.

My first year at the Club was 1975 and Bob Templeton was my A Grade Coach. He was a legendary figure then and remained so until his death in 1999. Billy Alvers was the Club trainer

and he was uncompromising, but very good at what he did in the conditioning arena. His PR skills probably would not stand up to 2011 scrutiny, but that's the way it was then.

Bruce Brown was the Coach who took over from Tempo and he remains a great stalwart of the Club to this day. He engendered a wonderful spirit in the side, was well liked, and hence you wanted to play well for him. We were, not surprisingly, successful. Brownie wouldn't shout if a shark bit him, but at the time we managed to have quite a few drinks with him in spite of this. (Editor's Note: In fairness to Bruce, it should be recorded that on 28th August 2011 when he won the First Prize of \$10,000 cash in the UQRFC UK Touring Fund Raffle, he immediately donated the money to the Touring Fund.)

Without doubt Mark Loane was a standout player and character from my era or any era, a leader who inspired his colleagues to perform to their absolute best. Personally he never compromised on his performance at any level of competition. Paul McLean was an opponent who could dominate a game and turn the flow of a game by his singular influence at any level. Tony Shaw was another incredible competitor with so much passion and a binding will to win. They are Frank O Callaghan's Holy Trinity - with A.A. Shaw no doubt holding up the Unholy end of the Trio.

Observation- Sadly it's a byproduct of the professional era, but you don't see representative players back in Club colours as much as you would like. In my era, hungover or mildly injured, it was always a given that coming back from a Queensland game or Test match on a Saturday, you nearly always fronted up to the Club match the next day.

#### JEFF MILLER



There were two that stand out in my memory. The first was when I was playing for Teachers -Norths in a game on Ballymore No 2. I was nineteen at the time playing A Grade and we came up against a red hot Uni team captained at the time by Mark Loane. I will never forget that day as Loaney repetitively took the ball off the back of the scrum, running straight for me. I tried everything to bring him down but each time he would carry me easily back across the advantage line. In one memorable run I went high on Mark and he must have carried me fifteen metres down the field! When Loaney wasn't running at me I tried my very best to smash the No 10 on the day - Michael Lynagh. Not once did I get close. It was from that day that I thought "I want to play with these guys."

The other game would have been our 1990 Premiership where I co-captained the side with my good mate, David Nucifora. It was against Brothers, and early in the game I got slippered at the bottom of a ruck on the side of my head. I remember getting up to chase the next breakdown and felt my ear flopping as I ran. Luckily we were able to strap it up and I was able to finish what was a very physical and competitive match. Embarrassingly for me, before the presentation of the Hospitals Cup I took the strapping off my head and had to walk up to receive the trophy with one hand on my ear and one on the Cup. This was our third Premiership in a row and a fitting tribute to a team that had worked so hard over a long period of time.

Fierce. I don't know any other way to describe it. You always knew it was going to be a physical encounter and that you would be lucky if you came out having not been punched, kicked, and rucked more than a few times. I will never forget one game at Ballymore in the early 80s when Brothers had a pack with Tony Shaw, the Nightingale brothers, Michael Crank, Danny Tighe, Mark McBain and Rod McCall. Brothers tapped the ball down from a lineout and the ball bounced in front of Peter Lavin, the halfback. I was flying through the line after the ball. Peter looked at the ball then me. Unbelievably, instead of going for the ball he did a magnificent round house kick to my head that knocked me down to the ground. He was sent from the field but it just typified to me that against Brothers you never knew what to expect. To complement the very physical nine (I include Lav in the pack because he really was like a ninth forward) they had some very talented backs, with none better than Paul McLean, Brendan Moon and Ross Hanley.

Aside from that game described above, it was following my mentor Chris Roche. I always admired Chris and the way he played the game. He decided to leave Teachers and said "why don't you come too?" I think the way that we were both welcomed to the Club spoke volumes for the character of players at Uni. Two backrowers arrive at the same time wanting to play First Grade, and I will always be grateful for the way the incumbents Bruce Elliott, Jon Broadley and Lindsay Close treated me.

Greg Martin's bird calls for backline moves. Hearing crowing, twitting and clucking come from the backs during one game at Ballymore was a surreal experience! I consider myself to be very fortunate to have played with some very talented players. Many of them were not only world class but world champions! Without doubt, the Brothers pack of the early eighties. They were a genuine pack that played for each other and looked after each other.

When I first came to the Club in 1983 and you looked at our team on paper we should have won just about every Premiership but it took until 1988 for this star-studded team to actually go all the way. I put it down to two things. The first and most important was the coaching of Bob Templeton and Jake Howard. Two outstanding Rugby brains, but even more so outstanding human beings. It took these two gents to make the individuals accountable to each other and develop a truly motivated and inspired team.

The other defining factor came from a Welsh import and from a local boy - Tony Rees and Brendan Nasser respectively. These two brought some genuine toughness and spine to the team and the pack finally developed an uncompromising attitude somewhat similar to the Brothers packs of the late seventies and early eighties. It was no coincidence that University provided a significant contingent of players and Coaches to the successful 1991 Rugby World Cup winning side.

### **DAVID NUCIFORA**



There were many memorable matches over a long period of time. The U19 Grand Finals we won in 1980 with Ashley as Coach and Chilla as Manager stand out. Beyond that it was my A Grade debut in 1982 when I had the opportunity to play with Loaney, Andy Mac and Duncan Hall, to name a few. All the Grand Finals that we played in through the eighties were memorable, but obviously being a part of the team which won three consecutive Grand Finals in 1988, 1989 and 1990 will always be a special memory.

It was fierce and something that had started long before I got to the Club, but something you wanted to be a part of. The matches against them were

some of the toughest footy I ever played. As a young bloke in my early twenties playing against Shaw, the Nightingales, D'Arcy and co, you learned a lot in a hurry. These days the rivalry still continues off the field, with plenty of friendly jibes whenever you get the chance.

My brother had gone to play at Uni a few years earlier and I therefore knew a lot of people down there already. A lot of my school mates also decided to head there, so not only was the football of good quality but also the social side of the Club was outstanding.

Sunday night at the Clubhouse watching people throw themselves under the Bar shutter to avoid the Bar closing was a regular method of torture for Fred the Bar manager. Then my mate Trevor stole Fred's car and parked it in the long jump pit so he couldn't leave. That progressed to kidnapping Fred's daughter Sandra and holding her hostage in the coldroom so Fred definitely couldn't leave! Fred was a resilient bugger and I can't believe he lasted as long as he did.

There were all the post Grand Final celebrations that always had a host of things going on. One such was taking the Wests Bulldog for a walk. That didn't please the new Club Manager, Pat Shaw when the dog arrived at the Trophy night. I still don't know how it got off the roof at Wests. The list could go on and on.

As for better players that's tough because we had so many. I was lucky to have played with guys like Andy Mac and Crapper in the front row as they helped me develop as a player. Duncan Hall was definitely one of the toughest along with Chris Roche. The best on a week-to-week basis regardless of what team we were playing in was Jeff Miller.

The Brothers teams in the early and mid-eighties were tough, and a positional rivalry with Mark McBain was always good, as was the competition with Tommy Lawton right throughout my career.

I studied for a Bachelor of Arts from about 1981 to 1984 but I was not a conscientious student and failed to finish, much to the despair of my parents.

Looking back on my years playing for the Club, 1979 to 1994, it was a massive part of my life where I formed so many lifelong friendships. There are people I may not see as much of these days but they were people you shared a lot with both on and off the field. We worked hard to be successful and learned a lot about the importance of a team, and how that was relevant in so many other areas.

#### **GREG MARTIN**



Most memorable - All the Grand Final wins-1981-U 19,1982-Third Grade, 1988, 1989, 1990 A Grade, and 1994, 95,96,97 Fourth Grade. All were special - has anyone won more Premierships than nine? Overall, I played for 18 years - I just loved playing Rugby.

Brothers Club was Uni's major rival. As a young bloke I couldn't understand the ferocity and brutality of those Brothers packs of the early to mid eighties - their backs never troubled me because they weren't allowed to touch the ball.

I first became interested in Uni when some mates from the Grammar year above me played in U18, and I played a few games while at school in 1980.

Fashion parades, Annual Dinners, in fact every night was super, especially Sunday nights in the eighties when we were the best nightclub in Brisbane. I remember 1983 when I had a Monday 9am lecture and used to sleep on the high jump mats in the dressing shed and go to the lecture still in footy shorts.

Best: M. Lynagh, J Miller, C. Lillicrap, Andy Mac, M. Cook, M. Anderson, Peter Slattery, D. Anderson, Bobby Nasser, C. Roche, Duncan, Rowls, when do I stop?

As for study - Bachelor of Human Movement Studies, 1981-86.

My favourite silly on-field moment was during the 1990 Grand Final when the Parachutists were late and nearly hit David Heath six minutes into the game. Another favorite was after the 1985 Grand Final loss to the Wests Bulldogs. About 1 am on the Monday Heathy, Noddy and I unbolted the big Wests Bulldog from their Clubhouse roof and brought it back to Uni.

### **TONY PARKER**



Two memorable matches stand out. The U-19 Grand Final, when we beat Easts by some thirty points. During the Finals we scored over one hundred points for, with only ten or so against.

My first game in the senior Grades was in 1981. I was disappointed at being picked in Third Grade after getting the nod on the Australian Unis tour to Japan ahead of Guy Sanders. Fortunately for me Lenny Stone pulled a hammy at training and I played in the Reserves, scoring thirty points in our one hundred point win over QIT. John, I think you were on one wing! Fortunately I was picked from the Reserves to make the Queensland side.

The Brothers games were always fierce. I played my only Grand Final in 1983 against them but I don't recall too much of the game; however I'm informed that while concussed I scored our only try in the second half.

My brother, David played for the Club. He was on the bench for the famous 1979 Grand Final and replay. I was at University studying, and as it was the closest Club to home I could hitch home.

Chilla Wilson and Ashley Girle as a coaching pair – they were knowledgeable and great characters.

Giles, Dirt Nucifora and Kenno trying to stop the grille coming down at closing time at the Clubhouse on the Sunday nights after the game, and the activities after the famous Fashion Parades.

Noddy Lynagh was gifted, Loane was incomparable. I enjoyed playing with Jeff Miller, who was fiercely competitive, Graham Noon and Andy Mac. Ross Hanley was an underrated player, extremely quick. Peter Lavin was a tough, uncompromising competitor who typified the Brothers playing group at that time.

I studied Medicine from 1978-1984.

My Club Rugby days helped create lasting friendships in Brisbane, and at Sydney Uni as well.

### MICHAEL LYNAGH



My first memorable match was for A Grade against Souths at St Lucia in 1982. I played against Andrew Slack. I also seem to recall one game against Easts that was particularly memorable but which year that was I'm unsure. Of course, also the Grand Finals that we won.

Club rivalry was pretty intense. The Rugby was of a high standard, as there were two very good teams littered with good players. It was also very physical.

I played for Uni because I was attending University. The other reason, and the main one, was that I didn't fancy tackling Mark Loane, so I thought that it would be better to play with him than against him!

As for amusing moments, anything that Greg Martin, David Nucifora, Tim Brusasco, Kim Weller, Billy Morrow, Steve Rowley and all the other characters at the Club did or said. Particularly the day after Grand Finals!

The better players I played with include Mark Loane, Chris Roche, Andy Mac [although I never understood what he did], Bunter Shaw, Nuci, Billy Ross, Greg Martin, Duncan Hall ... I would like to name them all.

As for difficult opponents, all the teams were pretty tough at times. We seemed to have a great rivalry with Brothers, but at various times we had some good battles against Souths, Wests and Easts.

I went to Uni from 1982 – 1986.

It was a great place to play Rugby. There were a lot of very good players at the Club and a great many characters all through the Grades in the different eras. It seemed to me that the Club not only loved to play good Rugby, but also to have some fun and enjoyment while doing so.

#### PAT HOWARD



Paddy was contacted soon after he had delivered a delightful address at the 2010 Club Corporate Breakfast. His response basically summarised that. In so doing, Paddy indicated that he highly regarded the commitment of his family, particularly his Dad Jake, towards winning the three consecutive Premierships of 1988, 1989 and 1990. How much the Club is indebted to Paddy's mum, Margariete, and to Jake cannot be estimated, particularly when one considers that the Coach of the Club's next Premiership in 2010 was Patrick's best man, Mick Heenan. It has not been well known that Mick, whose coaching efforts during 2010 give credit to his alias, "Mandrake (the Magician)," lived with the Howard family from 1991 to 1993. Quite

evidently, that residency/internship is now likely to become sought after for future Rugby Coaches.

Patrick suggested that playing Fourth Grade – "trying to replicate the Greg Martin era of Internationals 'giving back' to the lower Grades" has been very enjoyable.

He went on to say: my most memorable matches were the 1991 Colts 1 Grand Final replay 31-0, and the Grand Final the week before which was 9-9 after one hundred minutes.

At UQ I graduated in Pharmacy and also obtained an MBA.

Why did I play for Uni Club? My family and study were at UQ already – there was no choice.

We had plenty of fun. David Kerr playing in a tuxedo in the early nineties as five eighth comes to mind. It was a Fourth Grade match and I am not sure he had been to bed.

As for rating top players, Michael Lynagh was a stand out. I also have seen three very good half backs, Peter Slattery, Brad Free, and the very underrated Shaun Barry.

#### **GEOFF DAVIES**



My response is made courtesy of John O'Hare, who has tracked me down and solicited my contribution. To him I must say:

"Well done in taking on this thankless task, although I'm sure that it will be much appreciated. Can't think of anyone else I would entrust it to."

The most memorable is my first game for the Club, strangely enough against Brothers. Two weeks off the plane from Wales, having played Fifths and Fourths the first week, Thirds the second and not having played for two seasons, being picked by Tempo in A Grade (and earning the undying wrath of Bruce Brown for having bypassed his Reserve Grade). Tempo said we'd

play the buildup low key but somehow Frank O'Callaghan came up with the headline of 'Godsend for Uni. When asked who this Brothers team were, Tempo told me they were priests from the local Seminary! At the end of the game I told him that they didn't show too much Christian spirit, and quickly came to the conclusion that the great man was quite capable of telling porkies!

I was always disappointed in the way that Brothers played the game and you would have to say that they got away with things that, to my mind, continued in Queensland long after the rest of the world had moved away from such antics. Enough to say that they would not be able to play like that today. The rivalry between the Clubs was intense and off the field there were genuine friendships; unfortunately, my view of them is coloured permanently by the number of players who I coached and saw being the victims of foul play.

Soon after arriving in Brisbane I was invited to an upmarket tennis party at Ascot and was amazed to see this unwashed guy with huge legs and ripped footy shorts arriving. It was Michael Sexton. Any team that had guys like this in it was my sort of Club.

Secco took me to training the following Tuesday and introduced me to Tempo who bought me a drink at Harpoon Harry's. This was definitely my sort of Club!

Getting into coaching was done in the time-honoured way - Could you give John Wolfe a hand with the Under 18s before Seniors' training? There really was a John Wolfe - I met him some three years later. The Under 18s were a great bunch and I was hooked, and stopped searching for John Wolfe!

An amusing episode would have to be the time I inadvertently locked Wayne Smith inside the Ballymore dressing room with me and the A Grade team after losing the Major Semifinal against Easts. Knowing that we would soon be playing Brothers in the Grand Final we needed to find a bit of mongrel to cope with the inevitable aggression, and I didn't hold back. Wayne wrote a very amusing story about it in the Courier the following day and has used it twice since in the Australian to emphasise such things as the changing relationship between players and reporters. He also gives Brothers lots of serves, so good on you Wayne.

I coached some twenty Wallabies in my time at the Club – I think that the 1988 Premiership team had eight of the squad that won the World Cup in 1991, and that team went on to win a further two Premierships under Steve Rowley and Jake. I also coached A Grade in the early eighties with great Wallaby Captains such as Mark Loane and Geoff Shaw, emerging stars such as Jeff Miller and Chris Roche, and young prospects such as Michael Lynagh and Greg Martin.

The list of great and very good players like Jon Windsor is long and I surely admire them, while hurting for those others who were unfortunate in their omission from the representative sides. Players like Duncan Hughes and John O'Hare would never let you down and were top players; however, I have been asked many times who were the best over the years. I realise that I do show my bias towards those with freakish skills, and of course they are in the backs. Michael Lynagh and Peter Slattery will take some beating.

It would be unforgivable to omit Geoff's contribution to the recruitment of Tony Rees (and the inevitable thereafter, his younger brother, Darren.)

What follows is the brief contribution from the former Great Britain Water Polo Captain Phil Howden, who was another star recruit, and for whose presence at the Club we are forever indebted to UQ Water Polo Maestro Gus Wiles, and the supreme perseverance of Lou Sarri.

Email message to his Dentist - Bill Bruce, (with photos.)

Bill

These photos are BIIIIGGGG I have others as well, those were the days, - we were KNOWEN then!!

I think you wanted to see me at the end of the month, last appointment in November if I remember correctly. However I'm not quite sure when that is exactly in your diary.

Regards PC (Pommie C)

Will send a couple more later, including the famous Third Grade lineout, when Kung called 'cumquat' in the lineout. I was totally bewildered and you shouted from the backs "That's YOU!"

Phil Howden.

As with many organisations the Club has generated new and idiosyncratic uses of the English language among its members. Phil above records "KNOWEN" as being one application, deriving from an indigenous phrase introduced in the early seventies that grew in popularity into several different but related uses during the early eighties. Its early roots have been traced to that unsung wordsmith, Bruce Brown, who popularised the phrase, "known gay," which was applied in conversational discussions of weak or inferior opposition front rowers, wingers and other outside backs, unpopular referees, administrators, would-be politicians, and members of the team who displayed a pronounced reluctance to develop adequate tackling skills. "Gay" became dispensable during conversational use, encouraging the more widespread use of "knowen" and "knowUN" where the second syllable was emphasised and pronounced more loudly.

Another word was the Club-generated, rather singular descriptive, "mystic." The popular use seemingly arrived towards the closure of the Sixties and may have had its origins in the popular song, "The Age of Aquarius" from the contemporary and controversial musical "Hair." The sentiments expressed in this song – "mystic crystal revelation and the mind's true liberation" were encapsulated in the single word, "mystic." Again, the peculiar airs and mannerisms developed by certain outside backs, wingers in particular, as well as some fullbacks, led to their recognition as displaying "different behavioral patterns" that generally gave rise to concerns from the eight members who labored in the engine room of the team. Collectively, such players became "mystics." In the minds of the converted, "mystics" they shall remain.

The early Seventies produced another unique use of phraseology by the Club's cognoscenti, "a bit off." The popularity of this terminology in conversation when referring to all manner of unsatisfactory happenings grew rapidly and widely among Club members and further afield into the public domain. Unfortunately dark connotations grew alongside its original banal intentions and there is no record of its use in the Queensland Parliamentary Hansard; its utterance by an Honourable Member in interjection was stricken from Hansard by the Speaker and its future use was forbidden. Its demise as a popular description within the Club began then, and its use today is rare. Its more common, colloquial use occurs with a much more limited intent, frequently applied in discussion of the offerings at Club barbecues.

#### **GEOFF SHAW ("BUNTER")**



Representative Playing Career; New South Wales (1966-76) 28 games; Queensland (1977-80) 46 games; Australia (1969-79) 28 Tests.

What was your last representative match, and against whom? It was against an Italian Selection XV in Venice, at the end of the Queensland tour to Europe and UK in 1980. I can't remember a thing about the game, except that it was played at night. What I do remember was the sensational food we had at the post match function where the mothers of the players had whipped up this feast. It was superb. I guess in that way, I finished my career exactly as I started being warded away from the smorgasbord by my Coach.

Did you retire with any unfulfilled ambitions? No. Ending anything in your life is inevitable. You have to move onto the next stage. I'd had roughly 13 years of representative Rugby - I'd travelled all over the world, I'd had a great time, but at the age of 30, I'd bought a business, my wife and I had just had our first baby - it was clearly time to "hang'em up", or more accurately, throw them in the bin.

What is your favourite memory of the game? The Bledisloe Cup in1979. At that stage I hadn't been available to play for Australia for two years – I had kept on playing for Queensland, but because I couldn't afford the time to tour I didn't think it was appropriate to play just domestic Tests. But realising that for the first time we had a forward pack that was at least the equal of the Kiwis, I couldn't get out there quickly enough! Loane, Shaw, Cornelsen, Handy, Pilecki, McLean - they were a very uncompromising lot. None of them were intimidated by the All Black aura. I guess the icing on the cake was that I finally had a chance to play a Test alongside Andrew Slack-I'd played with him in the centres for Queensland for four years – but it was great to extend that partnership to the National level. My most memorable Club games were the 1979 Double Grand Finals. They do not get any better. The Club Grand Finals against Brothers were played with the

intensity of a Test match. I did not realise how strong the rivalry between Brothers and University was until I arrived in 1977, nor did I realise how fiercely competitive the contests would be. There was plenty of history. Everyone was vying for positions in the Queensland team and the contests were no holds barred. Players were prepared to die out there. There were no backward steps taken, while everyone had total respect for his opponent. Never would a player make a derisive comment about an opposition player in the press.

What influenced you to play for University? Bob Templeton had encouraged me to come to Queensland, and when I did I stayed with David L'Estrange of Brothers Club. The previous season (1975) Brothers were the top side while University had come about sixth. I wanted to play for University to help push them up the ladder rather than join the top team. I started playing for University at the beginning of the 1977 season. Life was always interesting with Tempo and then Brownie took over in 1978. I was mainly in charge of the backs and come August, Brownie came over and suggested "it was time for the forwards to meet the backs!"

Who would you rate as the better Uni players you played with at Club, State or Test level? They were all outstanding, but Mark Loane, Guy Sanders, Duncan Hall, Bill McDonnell, Chris Roche, Andy McIntyre, and Billy Ross spring to mind immediately.

Who would you rate as difficult to play against? When I was playing for NSW against Queensland I can recall playing against the likes of Barry Honan, Jimmy Creagh and David L'Estrange, although "Lizard" was at outside centre. Andrew Slack at Souths Club was a player we had great respect for, and we were never sure what he would try next.

Dennis Owens, the former State halfback who played for Easts was an eternal pest who would always try to belt me at some time in the game. What was worse was that he would tell me before every Uni-Easts game that he was going to "belt me" or "I'll get you today" and he always did! Sometimes I'd say to "Spider" McLean the Easts Captain "Tell Owens to hurry up and hit me so I can enjoy the game."

Another difficult player was Tony Shaw. My style of play as an inside centre involved hitting the ball up the middle. Invariably I would run into Shawry. I would get either tackled, bitten, kicked, or all of the above!

Unfortunately these days I see my former on-field opponents too often, much to the detriment of my liver! But it is always good to see the old foe. And it's strange – by 4am, you've never played a bad game, you've never missed a tackle, you should've played a lot more Tests... Nostalgia is a seductive liar as they say!

What are your thoughts of Rugby in the modern era? The professional aspect of the game was always inevitable. During the interim period – between what we knew as the amateur game – and what we have now – it was essential the people managing the transition maintained the basic ethos that stands Rugby apart from other codes of football, and even other sports. Rugby is a game that caters for all shapes and sizes, from all walks of life. As well, the guy that you might be packing against in a scrum today is the same fellow you could be doing business with in twenty years' time. Currently, I think that the ethos is still in place, but it's an ongoing consideration. It would be very sad if the friendship aspect ever died.

Of all the people you played with and against, is there one who stands alone as the greatest player you have ever seen? Phillipe Sella, the French centre. Unfortunately I never had the opportunity to play against him, but in my mind he is the greatest all-round Rugby player I have ever seen. His main asset was his ability to capitalise on any opportunity on the field. He had incredible vision and spontaneity. The mere fact that he has played 100-odd Tests makes him one of the game's icons anyway. I probably also had a soft spot for him because he wore the No. 12 jersey.

Of the players I played with, the Dogmatic Doctor Mark Loane would be my pick as a forward, "Spoofer", Paul McLean would be the best back. The lot of any sportsman or woman is relative to the period of time in which they are playing or competing. Therefore it's very hard to compare them. It's like weighing up the merits of two great players – who was better Paul McLean or Michael Lynagh? You can't really say because for the most part they were playing at different times under different circumstances. My last season of A Grade Club Rugby was 1982 when Michael Lynagh came straight from school and by-passed Colts. Noddy was still very youthful and I never realised that he would reach such glorious heights at the international level. His first season was too early to call for me, but what a magnificent career followed. IT'S MORE THAN A GAME...

# **CHAPTER 19**

# THE CLUB – ACCORDING TO SOME OF OUR MEMORABLE OPPONENTS

**J**im Meaney first learned of the Club called Brothers in 1961 when he was a pupil at Gregory Terrace.

"The very first Brothers player I saw was Harry Roberts. He was standing on the verandah of the secondary school alongside the Headmaster, Rev. Brother Campbell. A school assembly was being held and we were lined up in the midday sun with our hats on. Harry Roberts was announced as the school's latest Wallaby and I cannot remember if 'Doc' revealed that Harry played for Brothers or whether Harry mentioned the fact. I was in my first year at the College in the Fifth Grade. My class teacher was Rev. Bro. Rhule, whose surname was definitely the most appropriate of any teacher I had at school. He was also the Coach of the first Rugby team in which I played, the Fifth Grade As. It was to be many years before I again played for a Fifth Grade A team.

Whether it registered that Harry Roberts played his local football for Brothers was not so important; what was important on that day for me and my classmates was that he was a very important and powerful person. "Doc" announced that to celebrate Harry's selection as a Wallaby it was traditionally Harry's privilege to request and Doc's pleasure, as Headmaster, to grant a half-holiday to the College pupils.

This announcement had followed a morning of conjecture and whispered inside knowledge among the Fifth Graders. It confirmed the power of Wallabies in which the young students had been schooled and generated some notions of awe in the ability of this Wallaby to get the half-holiday approved. According to Fifth Grade wisdom, the only other person who had done so was the Archbishop. So, it was then agreed that becoming a Wallaby was a truly wonderful thing. It may even have been better than becoming a Kangaroo. This caused some debate amongst the Fifth Graders because one of their classmates, Terry Cavanagh had an elder brother, Noel who played for the Brisbane Brothers Rugby League Club and was becoming a Kangaroo. He might be better than Noel Kelly, Brian Davies or even Duncan Hall. Though there was no disagreement that it would be tough to better this Wallaby, Harry Roberts.

There were another seventy-three pupils in that Fifth Grade class and every single one of them, from that day forth came to believe in the power and strength of that Brisbane Rugby Union Club called Brothers. Unknown to them it was in that year that the Brothers Club had welcomed to its playing ranks another future Wallaby; his name was Alex Pope (despite the name he had no connection with the Archbishop, nor any connection to the College, and unlike Harry Roberts, he would never be powerful enough to secure a half holiday for the Terrace boys.)"

But more about Popey and other Brethren shortly - here are some observations from several other respected opponents, starting with the famous former Wallaby skipper Andrew Slack.



Andrew Slack (Former 1984 Grand Slam, 1986 Bledisloe Cup Winning, 1987 World Cup Wallaby Captain and Queensland Captain 83-87)

My first A Grade game of Rugby was against Uni in 1975. I believe it was in late March. I'd like to recall more of it but Jim Wilson hit me around the eyebrows with a tackle so late it was about mid-April by the time he got to me. As a consequence, my memory remains blurred.

It was my first lesson that these hail fellows well met, intelligent, artycrafty, don't-take-your-footy-so-seriously types, actually meant business when you were stuck in combat with them between those personalitychanging white lines.

Thankfully, over the years, I've spent more time outside than inside those lines with many players from this great Club, and discovered that had I been more intelligent, wittier, slightly eccentric, courteously opinionated and had an even worse dress sense than I already possess, I could have fitted in a treat.

As my Rugby career developed, I used to hate to play against Brothers because I was nervous I mightn't get home undamaged, but Uni was worse because Mark Loane would probably be playing. Picture, if you will, a cement truck driving at you very quickly. That was the dogmatic doctor - unlikely to sidestep you, and no chance of passing the ball so you couldn't pretend to fall for the dummy. To avoid trying to make the tackle was clear cowardice.

Some years later, it was Michael Lynagh whose twinkle toes and sublime all round skills embarrassed those unfortunate enough to be charged with keeping him in check. In terms of complete footballers, Uni has turned out plenty. There's a strong argument to suggest Noddy was the best of them all.

Superstars aside though, the whole experience of an afternoon's Rugby and post-match shenanigans with the boys from UQ was what made, and hopefully still makes the game so special.

Almost 25 years after Rugby retirement I remain indebted to the personnel of UQ Rugby. If I need cataracts sorted I see Loaney, a filling replaced, John O'Hare, dodgy ear nose or throat looked at, Tony Parker, dog spayed, Paddy Batch, my possessions liquidated, Billy Ross, a sign painted, Steve Rowley, and on and on it goes. It's a Club that has most things covered.

Congratulations for what's it's been to so many people, and may the history of University of Queensland Rugby stretch many decades into the future.

Here is a contribution by **Jack and Peter Evans**, former GPS players and members of a famous Brisbane Rugby family.

Their grandfather W T Evans was a remarkable athlete who represented Australia in Rugby in 1899, long before the University Rugby Club was formed. He carried the nickname Poley, and as so often happens, his son J W Evans was also given the name of Poley. This second generation Poley (known as Young Poley) did however play for Uni in the 1930s and early 1940s.

#### Jack and Peter recall some family and Rugby history:

With a father who toured Japan with Australian Universities in 1934 and who was a University Club Premiership winner in 1932, 1934,1938 and 1941, it was not a natural progression that his sons would play for GPS. But Dad was his own man – even though he was a Grammar Old Boy, he still sent us to CEGS because it was "just down the road".

This was all the more surprising because his father W.T.Evans (the original Poley) had been on the Grammar School Board of Trustees.

W. T. was not a Uni man because he played before your Club existed, but he would have been a very useful member of your team. He was regarded as the greatest Queensland sportsman of his time, and represented either Queensland or Australia in Rugby, Cricket, Bowls, Table Tennis and Swimming.

So we followed another path and played for GPS. Our time playing against Uni was enjoyable if not very productive. During the middle part of the season we were very competitive, but once the Finals arrived, even though we were still competitive, David Crombie usually kicked the winning goal just before or just after the bell.

Your humble President Bruce still manages to mention the details to this day.

David Clark finally found the formula in 1972. Don't pick the Evans boys and win the flag. It worked!

However, we want to say that in playing Uni - more than with any other Club - our games were always clean (even including Jules) and fair and enjoyable.

We wish you well for the next hundred years.

Jack Evans 1966-76 Peter Evans 1970-80

**Ted Heinrich** played for Randwick (1958 -64), NSW (59-64) and Australia (1961 – 1964). He played 10 Tests which included two tours to South Africa and two tours to New Zealand.

Ted then moved to Queensland in 1974 and coached Wests Colts in 1975 and then Wests Reserve Grade for 3 years. Ted witnessed Uni's rivalries with other Clubs first hand, especially with Brothers, but also noted how everything was forgotten when representing State and nation. Ted offered these thoughts about the UQ players he played with for Australia.

"Jules Guerassimoff: Jules took my spot after the First Test against South Africa in 1963. He was a magnificent player who played so well and justified the Selectors' decision to replace me. I was never able to displace him.

Rick Trivett: Rick was a clever player who was quick on his feet, and when we were playing for NSW we had to be so careful lining up our defence against him.

John Wolfe: John was a big strong runner who played his position well and was very reliable.

Lloyd McDermott: Lloyd was an exceptionally good winger with great speed, balance, and ability.

Dick Marks: Dick was a hard fellow who tackled me with such a good forceful tackle in an Interstate game. I required seven stitches after my teeth went through my bottom lip. I spent the rest of my career wanting to square up but he was always one step away!

Leo Williams and Eric Anning were also Queensland players for whom I held a healthy respect.

#### ALEX POPE



When Alex Pope was contacted regarding this History of the Club he responded in the following manner:

"During a ten year career with Brothers from 1961 to 1971, Uni was always the team to beat – the ENEMY!

We always had a healthy respect for Uni and if we did not beat Uni we reckoned we could not legitimately claim to be Brisbane's best Rugby team. They were always the toughest games – and generally the most enjoyable.

The Red Heavies were always going to pressure us, particularly in the tight five with the likes of Bruce Brown, Keith 'Dinger' Bell, Jules Guerassimoff, Stuart 'Sandshoe' Gregory, Dave Taylor and Charlie Woodward in the backs. Uni always had good forwards and if they could get Charlie moving, their backline would function with speed on the wings through Camel McNicholl and the Miller boys; however their backs were rather enigmatic and not consistent - thankfully for us.

The games were not spiteful, just two very competitive sides hoeing into each other. One game I remember Dave Taylor blindsided me with a good right cross, freeing quite a bit of claret from a cut under my right eye. Off I went for stitches but our Wallaby halfback Mick Barry, being as pugnacious as ever, had seen the incident and like a good mate found Dave's nose in extremely close proximity to his elbow. Crowy saw this delicate encounter and immediately ended Mick's day on the paddock. The next day Dave and I passed each other on the way to lectures and as we exchanged pleasantries about how well we both felt, we both took off our sunglasses. Dave had two black eyes and a broken schnooz and I had similar shaded mascara and thirteen stitches across my face. We were both over it by then and had to have a laugh at the outcome of our facial remoulding and our most becoming looks.

The Brisbane competition was so lopsided that between Uni and Brothers in 1968 we contributed thirteen players to the Queensland rep side. This was not a one year aberration as the two Clubs also had fifteen players in the Qld touring team to New Zealand in 1971 (of which might I say eleven were from Brothers). This situation was obviously not healthy for a balanced growth of the code in Brisbane, but at the time and given that we were part of the strength, we loved it and saw nothing wrong with it.

After spending years in serious competition with Uni and just one week after another tough Grand Final in 1971, I left for London and booked into a student Residential College called London House. The concierge on welcoming me to the hallowed halls of this esteemed tertiary English institution advised me that I would be sharing a room with another Australian by the name of Charles Woodward - and did I know him? You go a million miles to get away and end up sharing digs with the bloke I had marked the week previously in Brisbane.

The intensity of our wars were behind us and we all played with Hampstead Rugby Club in London for several years with Charlie, Bruce Brown (Hampstead Club Captain), Mac Lethbridge, Tubby Jekyll, and Fritz Geddes, all Uni boys. These Rugby days were some of the most enjoyable I have had - so far. I was lucky enough to captain Brothers in those halcyon days, and we had a classic love/hate relationship with Uni.

We loved playing them and winning when we did because Uni, along with GPS, seemed to us to be the glamour Clubs in Queensland: on the other hand, we hated losing because it showed up our

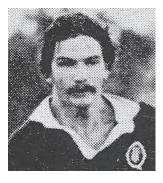
inadequacies and threatened our belief in ourselves as Queensland's premier Club side.

If we won it was a bonus; but it was always a stern test and the torrid nature of those games equipped the players of both sides to be able to handle the pace and rigours of representative games when they came our way."

#### DAVID L'ESTRANGE

Another well known and respected backline character approached to contribute on behalf of the Butcher Boys, David L'Estrange, made this most considered response:

The 1966 Grand Final was first game of Club Rugby I ever saw - I was in Year 12 at the time. It was between University and Brothers, and Brothers won against the odds if I remember correctly. It was an epic game and I witnessed the intense rivalry between these two teams for the first time. Apart from the Brothers players who had attended my own school (Marist College Ashgrove) I was not aware of the names



of any of the other players from either Brothers or Uni apart from Jules Guerassimoff, who, the previous year, had very generously donated a Springbok jersey to our College 1st XV for a Best Player award. That was the extent of my interest in, and knowledge of, the University Rugby Club and Brisbane Club Rugby generally prior to leaving high school. This was about to change.

For the next three years of my Rugby career I had the privilege of playing Uni in a Grand Final each year (1967 was at the Colts Under 19 level). I use the word privilege because when you played Uni at any time you knew you were in for a hard game, but with Grand Finals it was especially difficult. If you happened to win against Uni you knew you had given your all. Any physical contest can bring out the best and worst in us, but I believe those three Grand Finals in a row against Uni brought out the best in both teams, and I am told, produced some great Rugby. As is often the case with adversaries, enduring respect and long standing friendships was a welcome consequence of the hard-fought battles.

The 1969 Grand Final was the toughest Club game I that I have ever played in – and it was the only one of the seven Grand Finals I was involved with where Brothers lost. Each team's Wallabies (six players from each Club) had just returned from the South African Springbok Tour (the last before apartheid sanctions were imposed) but they were not selected for the Grand Final. At the end of eighty minutes the game was drawn. Twenty minutes of extra time was played and Uni prevailed. It was the longest twenty minutes of pressure I had then experienced. A lasting memory of that game was the sheer willpower and strength of mind of Jules Guerassimoff, Uni's Captain. There was no way he was going to lose that match. None of the relatively young Brothers players had been to this place of pain and pressure before, but Jules had, and he literally imposed his incredibly tough uncompromising personality on his players, and I am sure on some of the Brothers players (well, at least on this one). I salute you Jules. You taught me a good lesson that day.

#### Uni Players:

#### **Jim Creagh**

Jim and I (and Uni's Keith Bell) made the Queensland touring side for the Wallaby Cup in our first year of Club Rugby - 1968. The Wallaby Cup competition comprised four sides – New South Wales, New South Wales Country, Victoria and Queensland. The Queensland team travelled by train in those days and our first match was against NSW Country at Cootamundra. Neither Jim nor I were on the run-on side for this game but we observed from the bench the ominous presence of a rather large (some might say overweight) inside-centre who had a very impressive game. We learned afterwards that he was only nineteen years old and his name was Geoff Shaw. We could tell he was destined for better things on the Rugby field and beyond.

After we returned we got down to serious Club Rugby. Jim was a centre and I was full-back. I am very grateful that I did not have to play opposite Jim in the centres in the late sixties. He was a brilliant player. He was tall and athletic, he had speed, he could swerve, pass, and chip kick with ease. He made the game look easy. I enviously observed his game from the relative safety of fullback. When I was selected in the centres in 1971 my great fear was not how I was going to adapt to a position I had never played before, but how was I going to manage marking Jim Creagh! I think Jim's interest in Rugby was on the wane by that stage, and thankfully, I had only a few games against him in the centres and I 'allowed' the more experienced Alex Pope to take all of the responsibility to counter Jim's brilliance.

#### **David Miller**

David was a gifted Rugby player. He came on the scene after I had played a few years of Club Rugby. On his day David could do anything he wanted to on the Rugby paddock; but I am sure Rugby was just a game for David. It wasn't his life, and so he too went off to do other things. What a pity.

#### Paddy Batch

Paddy 's year of entry to Club Rugby marked my year of exit, though I do recall how dominant he was when he first played. Paddy didn't know how good he was. I remember when Paddy started playing for Uni - we had special tactics to counter his unusual lawnmower style of running over opposition players.

#### **Geoff Shaw**

I had retired from the game by the time Geoff Shaw came to Queensland in 1977. After first seeing Bunter play in that NSW Country game against Queensland at Cootamundra in 1968 I followed his representative career with great interest, and was lucky enough to later play alongside him in the centres on several Wallaby tours. I learned a lot about Rugby (and life) in my years as his centre partner. There was no subtlety about Bunter's game. His game plan was very simple. He was not a Jim Creagh by any means. But his strength was in his consistency in all aspects of backline play and in his tenacity to dominate the opposition. And with his size he could pretty well dominate any player he came up against. But brawn was not his only weapon – his Rugby brain and pure instinct were superb. I thoroughly enjoyed playing alongside him in the centres. He was a player you could always depend upon and would never let the team down when the pressure was on. We had some memorable encounters together against the All Blacks in the 1974 Test series in Australia. By this stage of his career he had picked up the not-so-subtle art of sledging and he used it as a legitimate tactic; much the same as the Australian cricketers do. I was very pleased that I never had to play opposite Geoff in a Rugby game.

When Geoff and Lindy first arrived in Brisbane in 1977 they stayed with us at our Tarragindi home. I tried to encourage Geoff to play for Brothers as I knew the great asset he would be to the club. Uni was indeed fortunate to get the benefit of this great player and Rugby icon.

#### Interesting moments:

If I am ever asked (which is virtually never) about memorable moments of Club Rugby, I enjoy relating a game against Uni in 1969 and in particular my encounter with Bob Morgan, a very good robust loose forward. I was unaware at this time that Bob didn't like players who carried handbags. And apparently he also didn't like hand baggers who attempted to avoid tackles by sidestep. Had I known I would have gladly run right into his tackle. But as it turned out I tried to sidestep it and failed to avoid an arm that was pointing somewhat upwards and which I negligently ran into and spun around a few times. Perhaps the raised arm was pointing to where I was to end up – in the dressing sheds. And there I stayed, unconscious, for the rest of the game. I am told that what ensued on the field afterwards was not typical of the gentlemanly behaviour my fellow teammates usually displayed in those days. I am sure Bob just wanted to introduce me to the rigours of the game and to make me more appreciative of the role and function of a loose forward. He certainly did, and I have to thank him for that.

#### Years at UQ:

I studied Law at UQ from 1967 to 1972. I did not discuss Rugby with Uni players – it really wasn't the done thing in those days.

One thing I thought was curious was that even though I went to UQ I was not eligible to play in Intervarsity Rugby games - the reason given was that I didn't play for the Uni side.

#### Observations:

I am not sure whether this observation is at all accurate or even shared by others of the Brothers fraternity. It is that the Brothers sides of the late sixties (and most likely from the Club's beginnings) had some sort of complex, arising from the (then fading) religious prejudice of the times. I think this produced a 'them' and 'us' siege-mentality attitude, and as we know from our State of Origin League cousins, this can give a team an incredible desire to be successful. This may also explain the enormous and disproportionate passion engendered by the Brothers sides when playing against Uni at that time. I know by the time I finished playing Rugby in the mid to late 70s, the religious element of playing for Brothers had dissipated along with the general secularisation of the community.

Another observation is that Uni players of that era did not really take the game as seriously as Brothers players. I don't mean this in a negative sense, rather the opposite. Rugby was a great part of their lives, but it did not dominate their lives. Again this observation may just reflect my own myopic view of the world based on my own personality, but I have tried to rationalise why many great Uni Club players with superior ability to those who reached international representative status, had given the game away prematurely.

Perhaps the influence of the higher goals of University itself permeated the administration of its Rugby Club and introduced a degree of balance into the lives of its players. If it did it seems to hark back to the days when Rugby was amateur and was played for the pure love of the game." Not all the members of Brothers or Uni Club restricted their playing days to the one Club. Throughout their existence, both Clubs have had former members of the "enemy" join their ranks.

#### **DES CONNOR**



Many feel that Des Connor was the best scrumhalf they have ever seen. His ability behind the scrum, his coolness and refusal to be overawed by the occasion, as well as his superb passing, amazed students of the game. After twelve Tests for Australia in the Fifties, Des Connor took a teaching job in Auckland where he so impressed the All Black selectors he was picked for twelve Tests in the All Blacks jumper.

"I joined Brothers in 1954 after leaving Marist College Ashgrove mainly because my cousins Tom, Peter, Paul, and Damien Sweeney were all playing at Brothers. I was teaching and studying the Physical

Education Diploma course at University. Some lecturers eyed me with suspicion when they realised I was with the 'enemy' and not playing for Teachers or Uni.

Because of injury to Arthur Apelt I was thrust into the Brothers First Grade side in only the second game of the competition, and I believe it was against Uni at the Exhibition Ground No 2. University contained stars like Johnny O'Neill, Ashley Girle, Howard Hickey, Malcolm Brew, Chilla Wilson, Ross and Glen Sheil. In 1954 Uni and Brothers made up ninety-five percent of the Queensland team. I don't recall much of the match as it was played at a pace well above anything I had ever experienced.

I'm sure everyone in the Uni side targeted me as the newcomer, so I saw a lot of the Uni forwards that day and from that day onwards. I played with a lot of respect for the Uni teams. I believe Chilla Wilson targeted me especially, but after each tackle he made sure I was alright.

Colin Forbes the Australian prop and Brothers leader seemed to be taking on the whole of the Uni tight five, while Chilla was everywhere, and I chased Howard Hickey down the wing on a number of occasions to no avail. I had never seen a winger run so fast, until of course Ken Donald arrived on the scene.

Over the next five years the Brothers/Uni clashes were always the Rugby and social highlights of the Rugby year. Uni were to win four Premierships 1954 to 1957 and Brothers the 1959 flag. Because the Rugby playing community was relatively small, the opposition players were well known to all and rarely was there a flare up or any "nasty" incidents. Any minor fracas was sorted out amicably.

Probably the highlight of all the Brothers/Uni clashes was the last game I played for Brothers. It was the 1959 match for the premiership. Uni's forward pack included really good players such as Kerry Larkin, Mal Brew, Eric Anning, Travis Lindenmayer, Mike Alp, David Bedgood, Mike Conners, and John Nelson up against our Brothers pack, in which Kevin Ryan was keen to finish with a Premiership. Both sides had very talented backlines and the play flowed up and down the field at a frantic pace. Brothers led 13-11 with minutes to go and Uni was parked ten to fifteen metres from the Brothers try line with menacing intent. Somehow Brothers stole the ball in a maul and it came to me to kick the ball into touch and seal the championship. As soon as it crossed the line the final whistle blew, and both sides collapsed in complete exhaustion, which was the way all these matches finished. Uni would reverse the result in the next year's Grand Final against Brothers and win 11-6."

#### **JACK BUCHANAN**

Jack Buchanan had played A Grade for Uni before he joined Brothers, and now living at Bowral in Southern NSW, has fond memories of it:

"I was in the second year of a Civil Engineering course, an impoverished twenty year old country boy from the Mary Valley. I arrived at Uni via Downlands College, with a Commonwealth Scholarship, which required my joining the Army on graduation. This condition lapsed with the end of the war, but I still had to scratch for a living, mowing lawns on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. No Victas in those days – it was hard work. Not that I was unusual, a lot of others were doing the same, but something had to give, and unfortunately it was my Rugby. This was to be my only season with the University team. My exam results were so poor in 1945 that I had to give the game away and apply myself to my studies.

I have a cherished photograph of the team – nineteen earnest and rather serious young men, with one exception – Larry Lowth, the vice-captain, who was a leader when in party mode. Seated in the centre of the front row with four trophies at his feet is Clem Windsor, from that great Brisbane medical family, Queensland and Australian fullback, a member of the all-conquering 1947-48 Wallaby touring team to Britain and France, and a quiet and serious fellow. The legend on the photo names him Captain and Coach, but I can't remember any coaching. Neither do I remember much formal training, except John Roe's occasional run on the playing fields along Gilchrist Avenue, opposite Victoria Park.

In the front row he is accompanied almost exclusively by future medicos – Henry Flanagan (Dentistry and then Medicine), Tom Ryan, Larry Lowth, Ted McGuiness, Fergus Wilson, and Ed Ahern. Hilary Pike – he became a dentist. There are a bunch of dentists and another engineering student, John Roe. Standing there, short, square and powerful is Keith "Arch" Winning, great Queenslander and "baby" of the 47-48 Wallabies. Other future Queensland reps in the team include Mal Quatermass, Tom Ryan, and Ed Ahern.

You have to put that '45 premiership into context. Rugby at the time was at a low ebb, with so many players in the Forces and a limited competition. Matches were played mostly at the Exhibition Ground, still occupied by the Army, and our toughest rival at the time was YMCA, with Eddie Bonis and the tough forward, Graham Cooke. I presume we were financed by compulsory Sports Union fees, but we certainly had very little money, as evidenced by the motley gear worn by the players in the photo.

At twenty I was a pretty innocent young man, but being a member of this wonderful team expanded my life enormously. I couldn't afford to stay at one of the Colleges and my socialising was strictly limited. I do recall a hall down at the bottom of Alice St where all you could get was stout, but we enjoyed it. I also remember travelling by train down to Sydney for the Intervarsity match, which we lost 22-21, and I didn't get a game. Nevertheless, it was a great trip - I remember a dance somewhere on the Sydney campus and some pleasant company that night. But most of all I remember the train miles clacking away to endless renditions of Rugby songs - new to me but probably as old as the game itself.

Jack spent the next two years concentrating on his studies, graduating as a Civil Engineer in 1948. He got a job with John Wilson and Partners in Eagle St, and early in 1949 bumped into Kevin Bourke, a 1947-48 Wallaby, who suggested he have a run with Brothers. He "went down to the trials, caught the eye of Joe French and was graded in A Grade, but then entered a golden era, winning four Premierships over the next five years. Thus finished a memorable career, with five titles at two Clubs."

So it appears that drinking stout can be beneficial, even if it's in "a hall down at the bottom of Alice Street."

#### PAUL McLEAN



Paul describes the rivalry between Brothers and Uni during his time in the blue and white stripes from 1972 to 1983.

"In my experience, the University games were always the most enjoyable. It may have been because I always knew more players (and had more friends) in the Uni teams than any others, which I suspect was probably the case for most Brothers players of my era. If that was the case, then it probably explained the intensity of the rivalry - you always compete harder against your 'mates'. And when some of those teams were of similar quality, the games were very good, and in some cases, high quality. The rivalry started long before me, but it provided the spine for Queensland Rugby's resurgence through the 70s, 80s and 90s. Together they consistently produced the best players, and without doubt set the benchmark to which all other Clubs would eventually aspire." In responding to enquiries regarding his opinion of memorable matches between Brothers and Uni Paul rated his choices:

"Without doubt, the Grand Finals of 1978 and 1979. Uni probably had the better team in '78, and we won, and we probably had the better team in '79, and probably should have been beaten in normal time in the first GF. When you talk to young people today, they still can't believe the extraordinary circumstances which unfolded in 1979. The game was all but lost for us, with a minute to go – when I copped a normal pass around ankle height from our halfback Peter Lavin after a scrappy lineout. With absolutely nowhere to go, I managed to hoist a high ball towards mid-field – Paul Mills plucked it from the air high above Rowles and passed to Dave Logan who scored mid-way between the sideline and the posts. The siren goes, we kick the goal, and stay alive – just! We managed to stay alive for another 120 minutes over the next week, but couldn't get ahead. Interestingly, we had a chance to draw the replay match in the final minute of extra time, when we were close to the posts. Our Captain Tony Shaw decided we'd go for the try to win the match. A noble decision, definitely crystallised by the thought of a possible third replay! We took the challenge, but came up short. All credit to Uni."

Paul remembers an on-field Finals incident:

"It still makes me laugh. It was a 1978 Semi or GF (can't remember which) – Tony Shaw was kneeling upright after a ruck had finished and most players had moved on, and I glanced back to see Stevie Rowley give Shawrie a very neat and sharp left hook to the chin, as he too departed the ruck area. Shawrie was surprised, as Steve was involved in the ruck, but "the musk-rat" obviously saw a window of opportunity to get his revenge in early, and took it!"

From his days on the paddock Paul recalls that:

"Fortunately I had the pleasure of playing more 'with' some of the great Uni players than 'against' them. Paddy Batch, Geoff Shaw, Andy McIntyre, Billy Ross, Graham Noon – were all wonderful players, but the two who stood out on the world stage were Mark Loane and Michael Lynagh. I probably played one hundred and fifty games with Mark and only perhaps a dozen against him – some others didn't have that luxury."

Paul attended the University of Queensland, studying Economics during the years 1972 to 1975.

### ROD McCALL



The 1983 Reserve Grade Grand Final saw some rough heads take the paddock for Brothers against a Uni team which featured a number of the players who had travelled to the UK and Ireland at the beginning of the year. One of the Brothers pack was an inexperienced lock who now heads the QRU - Rod McCall. He describes his early times against the Club.

"When I came to Brothers Club in the early eighties the rivalry between Brothers and Uni was firmly entrenched. To me it was the Club football version of the rivalries between Queensland and NSW

and the Wallabies and All Blacks, but no less intense."

Rod remembers his first Grand Finals against the Club:

"In my first year of senior Rugby I played in the 1983 Reserve Grade Grand Final, and after a quick celebration with the team, got ready to sit on the bench for the First Grade Final between Brothers and Uni. I came out of the dressing rooms to see Tony Shaw and Duncan Hall in the tunnel doing the toss with the Referee. Without doubt it was a tense moment, but lost in comparison to the 1982 GF when Mark Loane and Tony Shaw were ready to rip into one another at the coin toss.

Other games that stand out for me were losing the 1990 Grand Final to Uni, but probably my favourite game against Uni was in 1992 at Crosby. It must have been a rare week off for Queensland, so representative players could play for their Clubs and both teams were close to full strength. We got pretty fired up for the game and climbed in from the kick-off. It was a torrid game and Brothers came away with a well deserved win.

Rod has an enviable playing history: 127 A Grade games for Brothers, 107 for Queensland, and 40 Tests for Australia.

He recounts:

"Obviously I spent a lot of time away on tour with many Uni players and they were always great tourists. But I must mention Jake Howard. In my mind Jake was one of the real heroes and driving forces behind Australia's first Rugby World Cup win in 1991. Jake, along with Tempo, was able to use his hardnosed disciplined approach to mould the pack into one that could match it with any other forward pack around, and this enabled our brilliant backs to flourish during those years. And who could forget the 1990 GF with the parachutes coming in after kickoff; not sure if that was also the game the sprinklers came on; and Marto's many daring escapades overseas including riding on top of the cab in Argentina.

Although I missed out on playing with or against Loaney, I would have to say that Michael Lynagh stood out as the best Uni player I saw in my time. He single-handedly won the 1990 GF for Uni and I lost count of the times I was playing for Queensland or Australia and under immense pressure on our line and we were able to get the ball to Noddy and next thing we were in the opposition's quarter. He was in the top three players I played with or against, and the other two were Horan and Eales. I played against Uni at a very strong time for the Club and obviously rated players like Jeff Miller and Brendan Nasser, but Peter Slattery and Cameron Lillicrap were also world class and probably didn't get the recognition at the highest level that they deserved.

Tony Rees and I always had good tussles and I always found it hard jumping in a lineout with Tony holding on like we were jumping out of a plane and I had the only parachute. Apart from the stars Uni had a lot of good hard forwards such as Jon Broadley, Sean Tweedy, and Brendan Nasser, who made lying on the ground a dangerous pastime.

I was fortunate to play Rugby at a time when the game was very strong in Queensland and Australia. An integral part of that was the strength and dominance of Uni and the many star players it produced."

#### **BRENDAN MOON**



In 1977 Ashley Girle had the responsibility of guiding the Club's Colts sides and that year marked resurgence in the popularity of the Club with intending players; both Senior Grades and the Colts were literally swamped with aspirational candidates for the few teams nominated. In the early part of the season, before Billy Alvers began to sort the wheat from the chaff, the sidelines for Fourth and Fifth Grades were crowded with kitted up tyros.

The Colts weren't much different. The intra-Club pre-season trials were inconclusive affairs and the lack of combination and fitness variability

did not assist the assessment of the potential of the new players in the inter-Club matches. This version of the events that unfolded may be plausible but only one first year Agriculture student knows the true facts behind his decision to leave the Uni Colts to their own devices and play for Brothers that season. It seemed that it was no time at all before he became a household name and a fixture in his State and Australian teams.

Brendan Moon was asked how he would describe the rivalry between Brothers and the Club in his time as a player – this is his reply:

"In the late seventies my memory of the Uni Brothers clashes were that they rivalled Interstate clashes in physical intensity. Whilst many close friendships were forged either through previous associations at school, at University, or in business off the pitch, these were in the main left in the dressing rooms when we ran out. The most titanic of struggles took place at Crosby, St Lucia and Ballymore. It was worthwhile noting whilst we physically assaulted each other for eighty minutes on the weekend with no quarter given we invariably ended up at training on Tuesday with the State squad as brothers in arms (for want of a better phrase). The manner in which Mark Loane, Andy Mac, Bill McDonnell used to rip in and be ripped into by Tony Shaw, Dick Cocks et al made the relative shelter of the backline seem quite civilised. And whilst the physical mayhem of the forwards was something to behold, Bunter and Billy Ross sledging at every opportunity always provided light comic relief and a bit of a distraction."

"Benny" Moon remembers the 1979 Grand Finals as the most special of matches:

"It is a wonderful reflection on the history of both Clubs that people still regard the 79 GF as the greatest two Rugby matches in Brisbane's sporting history when you ask people to nominate the greatest Test matches or the greatest Interstate matches, there is plenty of discussion but not a lot of agreement. You mention the 79 Grand Finals, and the vast majority nominate them as the toughest and the greatest spectacles.

The other memorable matches in my mind were always the season openers between the two Clubs where the vanquished side from the year before endeavoured to square the ledger. The 78 GF was one of those matches which could have gone either way; Brothers seized the opportunity that day, but Uni to its credit bounced back with a vengeance the next year."

Brendan remembers the late Seventies and early Eighties when Uni teams boasted top flight wingers, whose ranks include the Batch brothers, Paddy and Terry, Vinnie Boman, John O'Hare, John Collins, Jon Windsor, Trevor Johnson and Nigel Kassulke. He made the following comments on some of his Uni opponents:

"Of all the Uni players I played against, Jon Windsor stands out as not only a most difficult opponent, but also the only winger to wear high-sided French Cap Rugby boots. Put more kilograms on his frame and he would have been a regular in the State side. I have always said Graham Noon was the greatest ball in hand fullback I played with - found space with ease coming into a backline, and always maximised the time and space his support players had when he delivered the ball. Unassuming and just a wonderful teammate.

I think it is fair to say that Uni had backlines with more creative flair than did most other backlines in the competition. In the mid-eighties it was the youth brigade of Parker, Lynagh, Cook, Kassulke, and Martin that ran rings around the opposition. They were the highest quality players possessing great skills; however, not with the same physical presence and approach of their predecessors of the late seventies.

Batchy and I only ever really marked each other seriously in 1978 when he was devastating with his ability to run through defensive lines. Sometimes I felt that my only way to defend against him and Loaney was to fall prostrate in front of both of them and hope they would trip over me."

"I studied Agricultural Science 77-82, played Interfaculty Rugby and Rugby League in bare feet, and just loved giving it to the Law Faculty and Human Movements. The biggest brawls and the toughest matches were the annual Aggies v the Vets. I have a memory of Paddy Batch playing in one of them." There's no argument that in missing out on Brendan's membership of the Club, history was just a little unkind to the Red Heavies, so we are pleased to include his contribution to this recounting of our history.

#### **MICHAEL CRANK**



During compilation it was remarked that what this segment of the Club's history really needed were the contributions of members from the front rowers' Club. Now, it can be truthfully told that there were many names mentioned as candidates, and there was some debate regarding the pros and cons of who would be the most suitable for these pages. Since the Club was fortunate to secure the coaching services of Mark McBain, there were some who felt that

his front row experiences against the Club may be coloured by his exposure to the Club's culture during his coaching tenure. An alternative view emanated that such exposure would naturally be extremely beneficial for any candidate whose only previous qualification for inclusion was experience in a Brothers front row. Verily, coins were tossed... and retossed... for the following valuable comments we are obliged to Brothers former tight head, Michael Crank:

#### Steve Rowley and Buddha

"In 1980 a Queensland B side travelled by bus on a Wednesday to play the very powerful Canterbury (NZ) provincial team on a cow paddock at Bli Bli. The field was bordered by a Ti Tree swamp and there were some beehives at one end of the field. Buddha was the Captain and Steve was fullback. I was a raw nineteen year old reserve prop hoping not to get a run but simply enjoy a few beers after the match, as after all Canterbury was the benchmark in those days. My plans went out the window when Buddha stepped in a pothole in the first couple of minutes and broke his foot. I was on early - welcome to senior rep footy.

The fact that we managed to beat the mighty Canterbury team pales in comparison with the bus trip home. Buddha and Steve held court at the back of the bus for the entire journey back to Brisbane. The fact that they got on so well was a little remarkable to me, because at Brothers the only time a forward talked to a back was when he had something you wanted, usually a drink or some food. Tony Shaw was quite firm on that. Backs were to be tolerated. But I digress.

Steve and Buddha were a formidable pair on the trip home. We had cartons of XXXX cans (all heavy of course) as well as a couple of bottles of Bundy. We all had to shotgun cans and swig rum. Steve was in his element and started up the singing as only he can. (Oh Lord Won't You Buy Me A Mercedes Benz was a special) .Chris decided to then insist that we did the shotguns whilst standing on our heads. (No mean feat considering we were flying down the highway at 100 km per hour) The sight of Buddha with his foot bandaged, upside down at the back of the bus is one not easily forgotten, nor is the sight of Steve Rowley standing on his head with beer going in through his mouth and coming out through his nose, still with that enormous grin on his face. We had a great trip back, all due to two of the greatest characters ever to play the game. I went on to enjoy many more great times with Steve and Buddha. It's still great to catch up with Steve all these years later. I pity all those professional players who don't get to experience leadership like that on display from Rowles and Buddha.

#### Duncan Hall and Michael Crank in a match in Fiji in 1983.

It was my debut match for Queensland against a Western Districts side in Nadi. I was playing tighthead and the very experienced Duncan Hall was packing behind me in the second row. We were going OK in the scrums but Duncan probably felt that I could do with some extra encouragement and insisted that I work harder on the engagement and go in with greater gusto. He was supporting me by providing extra weight and propelling me into the

opposition front row.

What he failed to realise was that every time we came together in the front row, I was clashing heads with their hooker and loosehead prop. They had closed the gap between their heads and I was copping a double headbutt to both sides of my head. Consequently I felt a little dazed after every scrum. Being my debut match for Queensland I wanted to impress so every time Dunc urged me to go in harder, I obliged. I didn't think it was my place to argue with a more experienced player. As the game went on the ball got slipperier and slipperier due to the sweat from the very hot conditions. Just what I needed .... More scrums, and more urging from Dunc.

Needless to say I didn't last the match and was replaced by Andy Mac midway through the second half. I bet Dunc didn't dare give Andy the same 'encouragement'.

I had a headache for 2 days and bruises on both sides of my head. Duncan thought it was hilarious.

#### Playing Andy Mac in the early eighties.

Andy was an extremely difficult opponent at scrum time because of his physical strength and sound technique. Matches against him were always challenging. There were occasions however when I managed to get the better of him. They were days to savour. On one particular occasion when he had Lindsay Hall behind him in the second row I managed to do quite well and move the mountain around a little. I knew that I was having a win because Andy would get up Lindsay after each scrum where Brothers went forward. It was as if it was all Lindsay's fault. That seemed to spur us on all the more and Mark McBain and myself joined in with Andy to berate Lindsay. Not only was Lindsay copping it from Andy, he now had to contend with two smart arses from the opposition giving it to him as well. Andy also saw the funny side of it and had a smile or two. I don't think that Lindsay was all that impressed with us enjoying a joke at his expense.

#### **David Nucifora**

Nuci was extremely tough and ultra competitive. I'm sure he would do whatever it took to beat an opponent or win a match, even if that meant resorting to a little skullduggery along the way. (He would have fitted in perfectly at Brothers). He certainly enjoyed a beer and a few random acts of mindless mayhem off the field as well.

During a match at Crosby in the late eighties he was at his niggling best, annoying the opposition as only he could. There were many frustrated players in Butcher's stripes trying to restrict his effectiveness. There was a ruck at the Albion Park end on the twenty-two close to the squash court side of the field, and the opportunity to curtail David's involvement in the match presented itself. I was about to join the ruck at speed when I saw David's head on our side of the pile up. I seized the opportunity and went in hard carrying my clenched fist low aiming to make contact with Nuci's prominent nose. As luck would have it, he sensed my intentions and lowered his head at the crucial instant and my fist smashed into the top of his extremely hard head. I recoiled in pain as a bone in my hand shattered, rendering my hand useless for about four weeks. At the time I played on meekly and my mood was not improved by the smirk on Nucifora's face.

He told me after the match that Shaun Hourigan (Easts) had done a similar thing the week before. Nuci's rock hard head had caused players from two Clubs to miss several matches. He went on to pester other unsuspecting teams for the rest of the season."



#### CHRIS "BUDDHA" HANDY

Now despite the best efforts to exclude any inappropriate contributions from the front rowers' club, the following matter was compelling. Chris "Buddha" Handy had a most interesting introduction to the University- Brothers rivalry. In 1968, while captaining the Gregory Terrace First XV under the coaching of University Club stalwart, Norbert Byrne, Chris was enlisted to play for Uni Third Grade which was depleted by end of term holidays. While Blue and White runs through his veins, there is some "Red"

blood there as well. His son, Sam was a promising player for University in the 2000s until he to returned to the Brothers fold.

Buddha was right in the thick of it for Brothers throughout the seventies and marvels at the intensity and closeness of their 1978 and 1979 Grand Finals, where the rivalry between the two Clubs reached its pinnacle.

While Brothers had their enforcers, Chris marvelled at the Club's marauding breakaway, Jules Guerassimoff who was renowned for harassing Brothers flyhalves. What many did not realise was that a Brothers halfback, if he had foolishly undertaken a dive pass to clear the ball, he became not just a sitting duck, but a prized target for the unerring Jules; it was not uncommon for Jules to treat the prone halfback as the doormat at the portal to the fiveeighth. Now, it's well known that Chris played his senior Rugby at front row but it's not so well known that in his junior days he was a highly regarded halfback. It's purely conjecture, but we wonder how much influence Jules had in directing the development of this future International prop,

Regardless of the manner of his joining, Buddha paid his dues in establishing his credentials in the front rowers' club. His passion and competitiveness were always in evidence against the Club, no more so than the claret he so regularly shed during our friendly encounters. His durability was unquestioned and he continued into the mid-eighties to inspire the combatants in the Fifth Grade.

#### DAMIAN FRAWLEY

With two of his closest friends, Michael Lynagh and Michael Cook both at the Red Heavies, it was somewhat disappointing that another student at the University and a former schoolboy Premiership-winning tyro decided to make his pitch for representative honours from Crosby. Damian Frawley played with Brothers from 1983 to 1987, representing Queensland from 1984 to 1986 and Australia from 1986 to 1988. Leaving Queensland for employment in Sydney he then played for Sydney University from 1987 to 1990, representing New South Wales during those seasons, and played a final season in 1991 with Eastern Suburbs.

Damian remembers playing the 1983 Grand Final and remarked that "Every game against Uni was a fairly fierce battle" but he found one match at Crosby was his most entertaining memory of those matches due to an ongoing personal duel between Tony Shaw and Chris Roche – a competition neither would win.

The big second rower commented:

"I always used to enjoy going back to the Rugby Club and watching what Greg Martin, Mick Hellen and Mark Milliner (my brother-in-law) would get up to late at night." Damian was impressed with the Club's front row, "with Nuci, Lillicrap and Andy Mac..a great combination and always hard to manage...the competition between them and the Brothers three, Crank, Macca and Dan Tighe was always fierce."

"Jeff Miller was one of the cleanest and hardest players pound for pound I ever played against and a true gentleman off the field... Duncan and Lindsay Hall were always tough guys ...bred to be tough."

Damian's closing comments echo those of so many others whose enjoyment of their playing years is so memorable:

"A vibrant Club competition can only be helpful to the greater good of Rugby, and it allows many people the opportunity to enjoy the on and off field interaction that we were so privileged to be part of all those years ago."

#### JOHN EALES

The Brothers Club attracted another University student to its ranks – this time a rare talent who played A Grade Cricket for University, but who as a Rugby player would gain fame as Australia's Captain, and recognition as the leading second rower in world Rugby. His contribution to our history is greatly appreciated. John Eales had this to say:



#### The 1990 Grand Final:

"I had just turned twenty at the time and aside from Rod

McCall, Mark McBain and Dominic Maguire we had a very young and inexperienced side. It was a great test for us and I learned an enormous amount from that loss. The main lesson for me was that performance on the day was worth more than any reputation. We lost that match 19-12 but led 12-10 in the second half and gave ourselves a great chance of winning. One reason that we didn't win was that a lot of the younger, less experienced guys in the team didn't really believe that we could win that day. The match was tough and uncompromising and really showed me the competitiveness of Rugby at that level. But as a young player, having played a big game like that, it prepared me well for Reds matches and Test matches in the future, and increased my confidence in my own ability to match it with some of Australia's best players. One of the things I remember clearly about the game was when the skydivers landed on the field after the kickoff. It was only a brief distraction, but in hindsight it was quite amusing."

#### University players as opponents and teammates:

"I learned an enormous amount playing with and against some of the great University players. Not more than twelve months earlier, many of them had been among the Australian players I most admired. Players like Michael Lynagh and Peter Slattery made a lot of us look good at different stages of our career, and others like Cameron Lillicrap and Jeff Miller were great guys to have played with. I particularly struck up a great friendship with Brendan Nasser; I think we became such great mates because our backgrounds were very similar. We both came from large Catholic families and both loved Rugby and had a particular interest in Cricket and the history of both sports. I played against his brother Edmund a lot through my junior sporting years. Throughout the World Cup campaign during 1991, Brendan and I spent a lot of time together, including rooming together before the Final. Throughout the tournament we struck up our own competition playing snooker against each other in many dodgy pubs and Clubs around Ireland, Wales and England. The afternoon before the World Cup Final we had our final match. The game score was something like eighteen all and Brendan beat me on the black ball on the final game of that tour. He still won't let me live it down.

I also very much enjoyed being led by Peter Slattery when he was Captain of Queensland and enjoyed quite a bit of success. Peter was in some quarters a controversial selection as Captain at the time, but he proved to be an outstanding leader of the Reds in his own style. While I greatly enjoyed playing with Cameron Lillicrap, he was a much bigger influence on my career off the field than he was on the field. He was my Physio as I twice came back from serious shoulder injuries, and I know that without him, my comebacks wouldn't have been as successful and my treatment wouldn't have been as much fun, although it might have been less painful.

The Queensland teams of those years were very much a close-knit family and my memories are much better for not only knowing many of the players, but also the families of those players. Jeff Miller was very influential in my career in that I played with him as a player, but then also worked with him when I was Captain of the Wallabies and he was the Assistant Coach. Jeff's influence within that World Cup winning team of 1999 has always, I believe, been underestimated. He was a great foil for Rod Macqueen and in many ways was wonderful at implementing a lot of Rod's ideas. Jeff always understood the role of an ex-player as a member of the coaching staff. He knew when and where to draw the line, and drew it expertly.

The influence of that University team, with Greg Martin as one of the best commentators in the sport and David Nucifora as the current ARU High Performance Manager, has continued through Australian Rugby over a very long period of time."

While John studied his B.A., majoring in Psychology at the University and played A Grade with the Cricket Club, he had grown up watching Rugby as a follower of Brothers and said "it had always been my intention to play there."

John believes that "Sport goes in cycles...one era doesn't necessarily translate to the next. That's what makes it interesting." Additionally he stated, "*Rivalries within competitions are vital. They provide the stories within the stories and they generally reveal so much about the personality of a competition. Brothers and University have always had a great rivalry. This was something indoctrinated into me when I first started at Brothers, and it would still be to this day.*"

#### TONY SHAW



The current President of the Queensland Rugby Union is Tony Shaw – does he need any other introduction? This is his contribution:

University-Brothers Rivalry:

I knew strong rivalry existed between Brothers and Uni as soon as I walked into Crosby Park as a seventeen year old, straight out of Gregory Terrace. The old school rivalries were rekindled under different banners.

I played two years of Under 19s in 1971 and '72, playing against Uni nd Final. Uni has always been THE team to beat, irrespective of their rankings

in the 1972 Grand Final. Uni has always been THE team to beat, irrespective of their rankings on the ladder. The fierce rivalry continued through all my playing days, particularly in the late 70s and early 80s.

Most memorable Matches against University:

The most memorable match/matches were the 1978 and 1979 Grand Finals. We won the '78 GF with a late try, after Uni had all the running. The '79 GF was a draw and after 20 minutes of extra time the game was still drawn, forcing a replay the following week.

With a drawn result in the second GF after eighty minutes, we went to extra time again. Uni was leading by three points close to the end of the extra time period. Brothers had forced a five metre scrum, just to the right of the Uni posts with our put-in to the scrum.

I looked to Paul McLean (who could have kicked a field goal on either foot, to level the game and share the Premiership) to tell him that we (the forwards) were going for the try, and of course the outright Premiership. Paul simply nodded agreement, not that he could have persuaded me otherwise.

Our No 8 Mark Nightingale's pick-up and drive for the line from the scrum was thwarted by the Uni defence, which won the ball from the subsequent ruck and reefed it downfield out of danger.

The clock ticks on and Uni wins.

My view was then, and still is to this day, that we had to have a go. I'm very comfortable with that decision to go for the try, because after playing our closest rivals all year in tough battles and two Grand Finals, both into extra time - it deserved an outright winner, whoever that might be.

I loved playing and captaining Brothers against Uni, particularly when Mark Loane was playing and also captaining Uni. That was a great challenge because he always gave his all and was a leader who inspired his team to perform. Brothers players looked to me to challenge Mark.

Mark had attended Nudgee but still couldn't quite understand this mongrel Brothers bloke's attitude to winning, pretty much at all costs, despite the fact that we'd often be playing together for Queensland or the Wallabies. I don't think Mark in those days ever quite understood or came to grips with the Brothers culture/ethos.

Mark also queried why, when he'd see one Brothers bloke out and about, there would always be a tribe of other Brothers players as well. I suppose that was the pack mentality, or what Mark used to refer to as the "Neolithic Tribalism".

We were a close bunch and it didn't matter whether you played First Grade or Fourth Grade, you were part of the tribe.

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Whether Tony was ever invited to request a half holiday at a school assembly is probably academic – but there is no doubt that he has confirmed those long ago Fifth Graders' conclusions that yes, it was wonderful to be a Wallaby; yes, Wallabies were, and still are, very powerful individuals, and yes, they were right to respect the power and strength of the Brisbane Rugby Union Club known as Brothers.



Liam Shaw lines up James Hanson



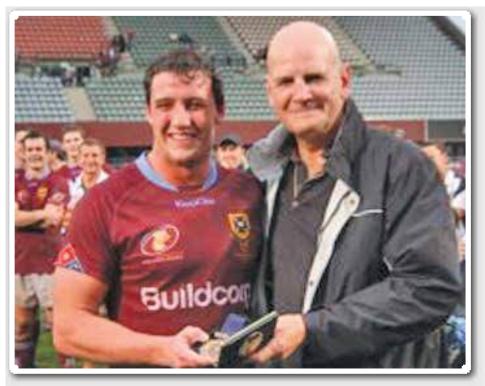
Stephen Moore v Brothers



Uni v Brothers action – checking his carotid pulse



Mark Anderson receiving a Brothers welcome



Mitchell Wade receiving the Tony Shaw Medal for Player of the Match - 2010 Grand Final



L-R Jim Sturgess and Michael Clacher ready for the throw at Crosby Park

# **CHAPTER 20**

## THE FOUNDATION, THE CLUBHOUSE AND FUNDRAISING

**B**y a Trust Deed dated 22nd June 1994, the Club brought about the creation of the **University of Queensland Rugby Football Club Foundation Trust** (Foundation) which set up a Trust Fund. Clause 4.1 of the Trust provides that the Trust Fund is established and shall be maintained exclusively for the purpose of providing money, property or benefits to or for the sport of Rugby Union football at UQ.

A Board of Trustees administers this Foundation. Members of the Honorary Board of Trustees of the Foundation presently are: Bruce Brown (Chairman), Eric Anning (Secretary), Steve Wilson, Howard Stack, Jim Creagh, Graham Turner, Richard Trivett, Tim Crommelin, Mark Loane, Gilbert Shearer, John O'Hare, Richard Goodmanson, William Ross, Jon Broadley, Mark Anderson and Michael Lynagh.

All contributions by individuals, Companies, and Trusts that are made to the Foundation are tax deductible against income derived in Australia in that year, in terms of the Australian Income Tax Assessment Act.

The Trust Funds (presently \$1.4 million) are prudentially managed and are invested on the advice of a professional fund manager.

The Foundation's MISSION is:

- To further the sport of Rugby Union at UQ
- To make the Club at UQ the Club of choice in Brisbane with the skills and means to meet the challenges of modern Club Rugby
- To maintain and enhance the Club's proud traditions.

Better Rugby Union opportunities at UQ assist in the recruitment of undergraduate and post-graduate (both domestic and international) students to study at UQ and to stay at UQ Colleges. Playing Rugby Union at UQ aids and encourages peer interaction and social understanding among the relevant students. The Club aims to provide facilities to allow students to enjoy Rugby Union at UQ (it paid for the building of its Clubhouse on campus). The Club wishes to involve the Club's alumni more closely with the Club and to give them an opportunity to provide financial help. These aims are compatible with the aims and objectives of UQ to provide opportunities for its students and graduates.

As the earnings from the Trust Fund have grown, the Foundation has increased its assistance to Rugby Union at UQ through the Club.

The Trustees are conscious of the considerable challenges ahead for the Sport of Rugby and the Club. They hope that their passion for Rugby and the development of young Queenslanders will reach other community minded individuals, corporations, trusts and foundations, and continue to make the Foundation a success. They will be working hard to bring this about.

Club stalwart and present Chairman, Bruce Brown, was the driving force behind the creation of the Trust and he has been very successful in tapping fellow supporters for donations; put simply he has raised most of the Trust's capital.

The Donors to the Foundation are:

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Bruce Brown was recently asked to name some successful Club businessmen in his time. He said "there are so many – I really cannot say". However, when pressed, he mentioned several who came to mind.

"Steve Wilson is our No 1 Foundation Donor - the only one in the Diamond category. Steve played with Uni for most of the 1970s, from U18 A through to First Grade, and was on Committee during that time. He is Chairman of national stockbroker Wilson HTM, and has served on various Boards including Telstra, Brisbane Airport Corporation, and the Queensland Tourist and travel Corporation. Steve was also a Board Member of the Queensland Rugby Union in recent years.

**Graham Turner** (Skroo) has been a great supporter of our Club. He did Vet Science at UQ and was a backrow forward who joined the Club in 1967 and was No 8 in our Premiership winning U 19 team in 1968. He then played in the lower Grades for a few years prior to departing for London for 10 years, where he played a little Rugby but basically put in place the foundations for the very substantial global travel business Flight Centre that he runs today. On his return to Australia he played again for the Club, mainly in Second Grade but with some First Grade games .He stopped playing, at least for a while, when he received a serious injury in 1986. These days Skroo is a very fit bloke who still pays touch footy and goes on long distance bike rides.

**Richard Goodmanson** (known as the Commander) was one of the characters of the 1970s. While Richard played for Uni for only a few years I remember he amazed all of us in his first year in 1972 when he closed every Bar, was last man standing at every party, worked full time in the Army, and still managed to complete an Economics Honours Degree at night. He also played a lot of Rugby, playing for Combined Services as well as captaining an undefeated team at the 1975 Intervarsity. It was no surprise that he went on to become an extremely successful international businessman and today sits on the Boards of two major Australian companies.

**Peter Joseph,** a second rower from Downlands, made his mark in the Club in the 1960s. Peter joined up in 1962 after spending his first year after school at Wests, where he captained the U 19 team. While he is most remembered for his off field leadership, he was a member of the victorious First Grade side which defeated Souths in the Grand Final in 1962. Peter was one of the real characters of the Club in his time. He was a key figure in organising the Commerce Faculty in the Interfaculty Rugby competition.and for a time was the Club Chairman. He ran many of the Club's social functions with his good mate Peter Quinn - another Downlands boy who ran a pub that supplied the booze. There was a certain lack of precision in the financial management of these affairs that did generate some mirth. Beyond those student days, Peter made his mark in the commercial world and built a very successful business career as a merchant banker. He is currently the Sydney-based Chairman of a number of prominent corporations and foundations.

Andrew Brice was a joint founder with Graham Wood in 2000 of WOTIF - the number one online accommodation website in Australasia, with a growing international presence in a dozen other countries. Although he has been a supporter of the Club for some time, in our Centenary year he has emerged as a very significant sponsor, providing funds to facilitate a total and much needed Clubhouse refurbishment. Andrew has also made funding available for other important Club areas including IT systems and database management. Both Andrew and Graham are great supporters of The University of Queensland, and share a vision that University sporting Clubs are a most important part of the fabric of the University, and an extremely important element in retaining the support and loyalty of students in later life. The Club shares that vision and thanks them for the wonderful support given.

### **CLUBHOUSE FUND RAISING**

In the mid-seventies, the Club raised money to build its present Clubhouse. Foundation Memberships were sold for \$250, a not inconsiderable sum in those days.

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# **CHAPTER 21**

# THE CLUB ENTERTAINS -BALLS, FASHION PARADES, AND THE CALCUTTAS

The Seventies brought with them a competitiveness among the Rugby Clubs to stage the best Balls. At the time Jules owned a property at St John's Wood which was quite the place to hold a Ball. As a part of the original colonial homestead in the district, the house contained what could only be described as a Ballroom – where better for the Red Heavies to disport themselves in Black Tie attire with elegant ballgown clad partners? To the much appreciated Russ Duigan band, belting out "Brown Sugar" and Tempo cavorting to "You are My Sunshine", the Club's first Ball of the Seventies was a great hit. In fact it was such a good time that Jules repeated it the next year, which was even better if you ask Dick Lumley.

In fact the foggy departures from St John's Wood that year convinced many of the Club members that the Ball should become an annual event.

So in 1975, with nervous anticipation, the Club returned to the Queensland Lawn Tennis Association Club at Milton, the scene of the 1969 Annual Dinner celebrations. It was unusual for a function venue to accept a repeat booking from a sporting Club – perhaps there had been a change of management – but in any case the Ball was a great success.

And their popularity endured – new venues were sought (the reputation of these Club celebrations often preceded them). Some of the establishments to have been graced by the Club include the Colmslie Hotel, The Brisbane School of Arts, The National Hotel, and "Moomba" at Annerley Road. Kim Weller even hosted a Club Cocktail party upstairs at the Embassy Hotel, on one occasion.

But traditions, no matter how young, die hard. In a few years Russ Duigan was again belting out "Brown Sugar," Bob and Jo Templeton were enjoying the Sunshine, Lenny Stone was conniving with Billy Bruce to buy more cartons of Bundy (40 ounces please) and good times continued to be had by all.

The Balls continued into the eighties, and sporadically into the nineties and early 2000s. The Club premises were used on several occasions, but no matter which venue was chosen, the Club members continued to demonstrate their affinity with the Bundaberg product. However, never has a Ball been supported as strongly as the 2011 event, held at the Sebel Citigate Hotel (formerly the Crest Hotel) in King George Square. The Halley Appleby Memorial Ball was attended by 750 people and held in memory of the late Halley Appleby who died playing the Rugby he loved on 16th July 2011. The Ball was a wonderful celebration of Halley's life and the tributes reflected the fine man he was. Funds raised at the Ball will help set up a Halley Appleby Scholarship to provide an opportunity for non-student Rugby players to further their careers with Uni Club.



### THE FASHION PARADES

What on earth would convince a Brisbane-based Rugby Club to hold a fashion parade that has nothing to do with the Melbourne Cup?

These Club functions began as an opportunity for the girls to have a day out – as we were to see, the day out became prolonged somewhat into a day and night out – initially just for the girls, but the boys were not slow in joining the act.

Cathie Creagh had more than a bit of experience in managing these sorts of events, so it wasn't long before the Club fashion parades were the talk of the town and the limited tickets were hard to get. To satisfy the demand, the parade could no longer be held at the Club and spread its wings in amazing style. The biggest it was to become happened in the mid eighties when Brisbane's then prime venue, the Fountain Room, hosted the event. Several thousand attended and the conspicuous consumption of sparkling wine led to the Club's exclusion from that venue for any future event. As the French say , "quel dommage!"

Perhaps the success of these parades was in no small part due to the male models selected from the playing ranks....

It is a matter of record that the parades were not simply financially successful, but continued to be an annual event – not to be missed.

### THE CALCUTTAS

The now famous Calcuttas originated in 1979 on the Thursday night before the A Grade Grand Final against Brothers – the Clubhouse was still in its teething stage and this presented a new opportunity to entertain non-playing Foundation Members in the pristine amenities to which they had contributed financially.

#### How does one run a Calcutta on a Rugby match?

It's not simply a matter of horses for courses!

At the time Tempo was mentoring David Chester, an auctioneer at Australian Estates, and persuaded him to auction off the players to the gathering of punters and their syndicates. The first prize would be awarded to the owners of the player scoring the first try in the match. The sale of tickets realised a substantial main prize pool, and some of the luckier syndicates who had invested in the purchase of large numbers of tickets were rewarded with several highly fancied players in the draw.

Those who were not so lucky in the draw of the tickets were still able to bid for their choices, who thanks to the large pool, were still offering good value for the main prize. The evening was enormous fun for punters and players alike; some of the less fancied forwards even brought large bids – and rolling mauls were not a popular tactic back then!

So it remained for the successful bidders to attempt to cosset their chosen players while downplaying the chances of those who been bought by competing punters - all the while waiting for the kickoff on the following Sunday.

Since their inception the Calcuttas have grown in popularity, and are conducted whenever Uni First Grade has made the Grand Final. However in 1987 one was staged to mark the Grand Final appearance of Reserve Grade, and a large crowd was drawn to the Clubhouse.

Though you no longer see an Unders and Overs table at a Club gathering, while the Calcuttas survive there is no doubt that the Club still attracts its share of punters.



Howard Stack and Jim Wilson - Fashion Parade

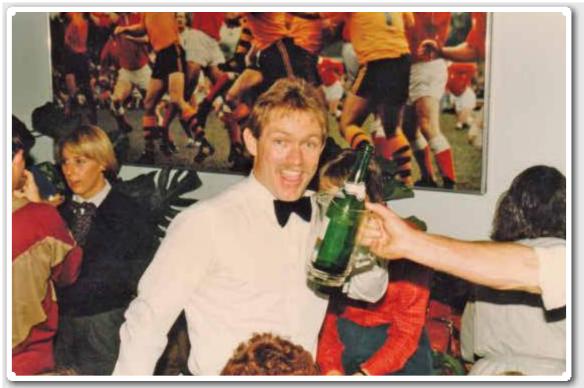
FASHION PARADE SHOTS



Sally Loane looking good



Tony Parker all dressed up



Phil Lucas in full flight

#### **CHAPTER 22**

### THE CLUB PATRONS, MEDICAL, AND OTHER SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERS

#### **CYRIL CONNELL**

Today's students have many opportunities to be acquainted with the gymnasium now recognised as the Connell Building. Its namesake was formerly a senior officer in the State Education Department, a position known as the Senior Inspector of Schools. He then became the Registrar of the University of Queensland. Cyril had been a representative Rugby League player and maintained a love for the game that became manifest in his son, Cyril Jnr. Until his recent demise Cyril Jnr had a most important role in the modern Queensland Rugby League as a recruitment adviser with the Brisbane Broncos. It is likely that the extensive network developed by Cyril Snr in his days with the Education Department was an important element in the recruitment program for the Broncos.

However, it was Cyril Connell Snr as a senior administrative officer, the Registrar no less, who in the early 1960s would turn up at the oval at 5.45pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays in his dark coloured suit, and take the first U19 teams through their paces.

#### CLUB PATRONS - 1970s and Onwards

On the Clubhouse wall, unnoticed by most, is a brass plaque that attests to the opening of the Clubhouse on Friday 15th December, 1978. The plaque details the office bearers of the Club at the time of the opening and records that the Club Patron was Professor Gordon Greenwood. It may have been seen as appropriate to name the Clubhouse in his honour but the University has found a more significant and a perhaps more architecturally attractive building for that purpose.

The Club was most fortunate that a new Patron was ready to follow Gordon. The University Deputy Chancellor, Dr Ivor Cribb was a wonderful successor to Gordon. Ivor's long association with the University over the years, and with so many of the Club's members, their families, their friends and associates, made his acceptance of the position so beneficial for the Club and its development. In this record of its Centenary, the Club wishes to record its great appreciation to Ivor and his wife Margaret for their unstinting support and guidance.

It is somewhat uncanny that the Club has welcomed its current Patron, Douglas Porter from his post as the University Registrar – thankfully for him the Club now boasts competition for the coaching positions with the underage teams. Given the ongoing challenges for the Club in this modern era we recognise that we are most fortunate to have the experience and expertise of Douglas, who is both committed and available.

#### MEDICAL OFFICERS

Over time there have been so many medically qualified and medical student Club members, players or not, who have given freely of their professional services to Club members, and

not infrequently to their opponents. It may be that, given the length of the medical course, for so long six years, the Club could rely on having medical undergraduates in its playing ranks. There is no doubt that during the halcyon days of the fifties and sixties that the playing ranks were swollen with young medicos. The evidence of this is included in other parts of this Centenary History but it is an historical fact that the Club has been well serviced by its Medical members.

What passes for apocryphal tales among the Club's elderly survivors rings true even among today's warriors. But what was known as the "magic sponge" has grown in sophistication: half-time oranges are now regulated sports beverages, injury prevention and support strapping are not restricted to match days, mouthguards have become the sole province of dental surgeons, lumbar massage techniques require advanced qualifications, and psychotherapy is as important as physiotherapy in recovery management.

It's not something that's happened overnight. Fergus Wilson can be well recognised as a pioneer in Sports Medicine. Renowned Orthopaedic Surgeon Peter Myers, a former Reserve Grade Captain, most intelligently saw his future capabilities aligned with Ferg. Then others recanted the "Rumble" creed and chose not to play but to serve; that is, until the 1983 UK tour when the British Home Office wasn't certain if we were a Rugby tour or a concerted venture to establish private medical facilities in the Home Countries. If anyone really wants to know please contact Dr Doug Graves.

Some of the practitioners who have supported the Club deserve special mention for their dedication and selflessness. Greg Ohlrich gave unstinting service at St Lucia; Peter Welsh is another whose love of the game led him to provide his expertise not only to the Club's injured but to Brisbane Rugby, following Peter Myers as Ballymore's resident medico. There is no honour board for the Doctors, so we take this opportunity to mention some others: John O'Neill, David Lee, Tom Dunn, Geoff Holt, Michael Holt, Alison and Bob Miller, Trevor Jamieson, Bob Morgan, Mark Smithers, Rob Tuffley, John Tuffley, Peter O'Hare, Ian Johnson, Pat See, John Buckley, Barry Rigby, Greg Anderson, Ian Lennon, Greg Smith (current Queensland Reds doctor), George Fielding, Tony Parker, Bruce Monsour, and Doug Cavaye.

With the change to Professional Rugby in the late 90s the management of medical treatment also changed. The Club is now assisted by its association with the St. Andrew's Hospital Accident and Emergency Centre where Dr. Jeffrey Conn and Dr Neville Blomeley, ably assisted by Dr Charlie Elliott in his continuing honorary capacity, kindly co-ordinate the management and prevention of injuries at the Club's home games.

The Club is also enormously appreciative of the many Physiotherapists who have generously and most professionally managed players' preparation for training and playing at home and on tours, and post game treatments for the past four decades.

We regret that we are unable to provide a comprehensive list of all those wonderful professionals who have been so generous with their time and expertise – but the value of their contributions is inestimable.



Gordon Greenwood



Ivor Cribb



Douglas Porter



Bill Alvers fine-tuning Peter Cooke



Seated L-R: Steve Rowley, Prof. Greenwood (Patron), Howard Stack. Standing: Jules Guerassimoff



Mike Hughes, Bruce Brown, Rob Morgan and Dave Usasz



Harold Shand accepting a flag, with Phil Kirby on the right

#### **CHAPTER 23**

## THE CLUB'S WALLABIES, WORLD CUPS AND OLYMPIC GAMES

T o produce this History of the Club and to ignore the impact of the World Cups upon the organisation and its members would have been an error – but it almost happened. Without revealing the details of how this segment grew and became included, it may be considered that in the modern era the Rugby World Cup has become the most significant event for players and for everyone else involved in the game of Rugby.

Whether you agree with this or not, as a player, your date of birth now determines your potential and your future. The World Cups will continue to be played four years apart, as are the Olympic Games. In the foreseeable future the Olympic Games will include Rugby Sevens in their schedule of sports. Maybe this agenda will grow to once again include the fifteen-a-side game. If that happens, Rugby players who aspire to compete at the highest levels will have two choices – the Rugby World Cup or the Olympic Games. The years of these competitions are now set, and it is likely that a player's birthdate will influence the event in which he wishes to compete.

The 2011 World Cup has been scheduled to be contested in New Zealand and the 2015 RWC will be held in England. The Olympic Games will have Rugby Sevens teams compete in Rio de Janerio in 2016. Between now and then there will be sufficient time to produce a different group of players from each major Rugby nation at least. However young or old these groups will be is a matter for conjecture, but there is no doubt that Sevens squads are being developed to include younger and younger individuals. Whether a young Sevens player can capably develop into an international fifteen-a-side member within the ensuing twelve or eighteen months remains to be seen. Experience to date indicates that it is unlikely.

So, where does an Olympic Gold Medal winning Rugby Sevens player go in the interim, particularly when his "Sports" manager needs to eat?

Many would urge that it is time for the Code's administrators to review the role of players' managers, and to set down a strong Code of Conduct for the protection of players. This would be particularly relevant for those who are younger and therefore more easily influenced by an older business adviser.

History gives us the opportunity to look back and admire those four-yearly global contests to secure the Webb Ellis Trophy, which Aussies love to refer to as "Bill." In particular, it provides the opportunity to recognise those Club members who participated, and to recall those moments that we all enjoyed and admired.

1987 saw the first World Cup staged in Australia and New Zealand, and Australia ran fourth although the competition was conducted at a level that was merely a shadow of the intensity that the Cup matches now demand. This year will be the seventh time the Cup has been staged. To date only twelve Club members have played in the competition matches, let alone the Final. This season promises much and the Club will be represented at the RWC by four members, James Horwill (Captain), Nathan Sharpe, Stephen Moore and Drew Mitchell. The twelve members who have played at the World Cup are, in order of seniority:

Andrew McIntyre, Michael Lynagh, Jeff Miller (who has also been an Assistant Coach under Rod Macqueen), Cameron Lillicrap, Michael Cook, Brendan Nasser, Peter Slattery, David Nucifora, Nathan Sharpe, Drew Mitchell, Stephen Moore and James Horwill.

Bob Templeton and Jake Howard have also coached Australia at the tournament.

THE University of Queensland RUGBY CLUB WALLABIES

	YEAR	PLAYER	SCHOOL
FIRST	1914	E.FRANCIS	I.G.S.
SECOND	1929	T.LAWTON	B.G.S.
THIRD	1931	J.G.CLARK	G.T.
FOURTH	1931	P.A.CLARK	G.T.
FIFTH	1931	F.J.WHYATT	B.S.H.S.
SIXTH	1933	W.G.S.WHITE	B.G.S.
SEVENTH	1937	V.W.WILSON	GYMPIE S.H.S.
EIGHTH	1938	C.I.A.MONTI	ST.JOSEPH'S Hunters Hill Sydney
NINTH	1939	V.M.NICHOLSON	T.S.S.
TENTH	1947	J.C.WINDSOR	G.T.
ELEVENTH	1947	K.C.WINNING	B.G.S.
TWELFTH	1951	C.J.PRIMMER	B.G.S.
THIRTEENTH	1952	W.I.HATHERELL	T.G.S.
FOURTEENTH	1952	J.M.O'NEILL	N.C.
FIFTEENTH	1956	A.G.R.SHEIL	T.S.S.
SIXTEENTH	1957	K.J.DONALD	I.G.S.
SEVENTEENTH	1958	C.R.WILSON	B.G.S.
EIGHTEENTH	1958	P.M.JAMES	B.G.S.
NINETEENTH	1958	K.K.LARKIN	C.E.G.S.
TWENTIETH	1958	T.BAXTER	B.G.S.
TWENTY-FIRST	1961	R.T.POTTER	DOWNLANDS
TWENTY-SECOND	1962	L.C.McDERMOTT	C.E.G.S.
TWENTY-THIRD	1962	R.J.P.MARKS	B.G.S.
TWENTY-FOURTH	1963	J.GUERASSIMOFF	ROCKHAMPTON GRAMMAR
TWENTY-FIFTH	1963	J.K.WOLFE	T.S.S.
TWNETY-SIXTH	1964	R.K.TRIVETT	C.E.G.S.
TWENTY-SEVENTH	1965	N.C.MAYNE	B.B.C.
TWENTY-EIGHTH	1966	R.G.TEITZEL	C.E.G.S.
TWENTY-NINTH	1968	D.A.TAYLOR	C.E.G.S.
THIRTHIETH	1967	R.C.S.MANNING	B.B.C.
THIRTY-FIRST	1967	D.C.CROMBIE	C.E.G.S.
THIRTY-SECOND	1968	S.C.GREGORY	B.B.C.
THIRTY-THIRD	1968	K.R.BELL	C.E.G.S.
THIRTY-FOURTH	1972	B.R.BROWN	B.B.C.
THIRTY-FIFTH	1973	M.E.LOANE	N.C.
THIRTY-SIXTH	1975	P.G.BATCH	MARIST ASHGROVE
THIRTY-SEVENTH	1978	W.S.ROSS	B.G.S.
THIRTY-EIGHTH	1979	G.A.SHAW	WOLLONGONG C.B.C.
THIRTY-NINTH	1979	D.M.HALL	N.C.

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FORTIETH	1981	A.J.PARKER	G.T.
FORTY-FIRST	1982	A.J.McINTYRE	B.G.S.
FORTY-SECOND	1983	C.ROCHE	B.S.H.S.
FORTY-THIRD	1983	M.P.LYNAGH	G.T.
FORTY-FOURTH	1983	J.S.MILLER	DE LA SALLE – Scarborough
FORTY-FIFTH	1984	C.P.LILLICRAP	B.G.S.
FORTY-SIXTH	1985	N.T.KASSULKE	MARIST ASHGROVE
FORTY-SEVENTH	1986	M.T.COOK	G.T.
FORTY-EIGHTH	1987	G.J.MARTIN	B.G.S.
FORTY-NINTH	1989	<b>B.P.NASSER</b>	G.T.
FIFTIETH	1989	M.B.PALM	B.B.C.
FIFTY-FIRST	1989	P.J.SLATTERY	B.S.H.S.
FIFTY-SECOND	1991	D.V.NUCIFORA	B.G.S.
FIFTY-THIRD	1993	P.W.HOWARD	MARIST ASHGROVE
FIFTY-FOURTH	2000	F.J.DYSON	JOHN PAUL COLLEGE
FIFTY-FIFTH	2000	N.B.STILES	G.T.
FIFTY-SIXTH	2001	N.C.SHARP	T.S.S.
FIFTY-SEVENTH	2004	D.A.MITCHELL	ST PATRICK'S, Shorncliffe
FIFTY-EIGHTH	2005	S.T.MOORE	B.G.S.
FIFTY-NINTH	2006	J.VALENTINE	NARRABEEN SPORTS HIGH
SIXTIETH	2006	J.E.HORWILL	B.B.C.
SIXTY-FIRST	2006	M.J.CHAPMAN	B.G.S.
SIXTY-SECOND	2008	P.J.HYNES	B.S.H.S.
SIXTY-THIRD	2009	L.J.MORAHAN	T.S.S.
SIXTY-FOURTH	2010	R.W.DAVIES	I.G.S.
SIXTY-FIFTH	2011	J.E.HANSON	G.T.
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#### 1. FRANCIS, Eric

1894-1983 University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 2 caps. 1914 NZ School: Ipswich Grammar School Born on 17th June 1894 at Coorparoo

In 1913 Eric Francis was Senior Prefect at IGS where he excelled at cricket and Rugby. One year later he was playing Rugby for Queensland and Australia, and the following year he was in the Army. Such were the times.

In 1914 Eric joined his elder brother Stan in the newly formed Queensland University Rugby Team. In Club football Eric played fullback while Stan was at centre. Eric had a fair turn of speed and a strong kicking game, Eric Francis played two Tests for Australia in 1914 as a winger. After the War he was named 12th man for Queensland in a cricket match.



#### **2. LAWTON, Thomas** 1899-1978 University of Queensland, Past Gra

University of Queensland, Past Grammar, Queensland, Western Suburbs (Sydney), Sydney University, New South Wales, Oxford University, Blackheath, Waratahs, Valleys, Australia Tests: 14 caps. 1920 NZ- (1t 3C), 1920 NZ- (1g), 1925 NZ-(2c), 1927 I+(1 goal), W+(3 goals), S-(1 goal); 1928 E- (1 goal), F+(1 goal); 1929 NZ+(2p), NZ+(1c 2p), NZ+(2p); 1930 BL+; 1932 NZ+(2c 2p), NZ. Queensland Games: (13) 1919, 1929-32, NSW (38) including Waratahs eight Tests and 31 games 1920-28 School: Brisbane Grammar School

Tom Lawton was born on 16th January 1899 in Waterford, Logan. Tom Lawton was a nearmythical person. He was gifted, a legend in his own time and seemingly did it all. In 1919 Tommy's long celebrated career as a stand- off half started with Queensland against NSW with the resumption of the Interstate series after The Great War. As a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford Uni he captained the Rugby team and won Blues in 1921-1923. When the code was revived in Queensland in 1929 Tommy returned home, and he captained the fully restored Australian team to a unique three-Test clean sweep series against New Zealand. As Australian Captain in 1932, he made it four straight wins for himself against the old foe before his career ended later that year.



#### 3. CLARK, James Goode

1908-1979

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 5 caps.1931 M+, NZ-; 1932 NZ+, NZ-; 1933 SA-. Queensland Games: 15 Games 1930, 1931, 1932, 1934 School: St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

Jim was born at Mount Perry in the Bundaberg district of Queensland on 9th September 1908.

Jimmy Clark would play five Tests for Australia and would be

in another thirteen non-Test matches. His first and only captaincy was against the New Zealand Maoris in1931, and it was also his first Test. Clark was quite fast and agile. South African guru Danie Craven used to say that the hardest tackler he had known in his career was Australian breakaway Jimmy Clark.



4. CLARK, Phillip Andrew
1910-1973
University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities, Australia
Tests: 0 caps. 1931 NZ Tour
Queensland Games: 1931, 1932, 1933
School: St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

Phillip was the younger brother of the Club's third Wallaby Jimmy Clark.

He was a utility back, but had a short Australian career and never played a Test. He toured with Jim on the 1931 New Zealand Tour where he played two matches. He was however in three University Premiership sides, and toured Japan with Australian Universities in 1934.



#### 5. WHYATT, Frederick Joseph

1910-1968 University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 0 caps. 1931 NZ Tour. Queensland Games: 14 - 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1935, 1936. School: Brisbane State High School

The first International from Brisbane State High School was born on 25th March 1910 in Oatley NSW.

Fred Whyatt was a lineout specialist who played for Queensland as a second rower and No.8. Despite his size Whyatt was one of the fastest forwards in the State. He played three games on the 1931 New Zealand Tour, and fourteen matches for Queensland up to 1936.



#### 6. WHITE, William George Searle

1913-1969 University of Queensland, Queensland, Sydney University, New South Wales, Australia Tests: 10 caps. 1933 SA-, SA+, SA-, SA-, SA+; 1934 NZ+, NZ=, 1936 NZ-, NZ-, M+. Queensland Games: 1931, 1932 School: St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, Sydney and Brisbane Grammar School.

Born in Mackay on 10th February 1913, "Bimbo" White was a boarder at St Joseph's College Hunters Hill in Sydney in the 1920s, and moved to Queensland with his family after he left school. Records show he also played and went to school at Brisbane Grammar School in 1929. He played for University of Queensland and Queensland in 1931 and 1932 and was selected to tour with the Wallabies on the 1933 tour of South Africa. A portly second row forward, he threw his considerable bulk into scrums and mauls fearlessly in all five Tests on tour. Noted for obtaining the ball ceaselessly in the lineouts, Bimbo performed strongly against New Zealand on the 1936 Tour to NZ.



#### 7. WILSON, Vayro William 1912-1962 University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities, Australia Tests: 5 Caps. 1937 SA-; SA-; 1938 NZ-; NZ-; NZ-.

Queensland Games: 1935-39

School: Gympie High School

Vayro was born in 1912 in Gympie on 18th January, and first came to public attention when he made the Australian

Universities team in 1934. He was equally proficient in the front row and the second row. In 1937 the mighty Springboks came to Australia and Vay Wilson was in the Australian Team to play them at the SCG. In 1938 New Zealand toured and Vay Wilson found himself Captain for all three Tests. Selectors stuck with Wilson for the ill-fated 1939 British Isles Tour.



#### 8. MONTI, Carrabo Italo Ansell ("Bill")

1914-1977 University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 1 Cap. 1938 NZ-; 1939 British Isles Tour (Abandoned) Queensland Games: 1937, 1938, 1939 School: St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, Sydney

Better known as Bill and often recorded as W Monti in the records, Bill was born in Richmond River, NSW on 30th June 1914.

This strapping lock forward came to the fore in the late 1930s with a big reputation of being able to handle himself in the toughest melee, as well as being a more than useful tight forward and lineout jumper. After leaving school Monti moved to Brisbane to the University of Queensland to pursue his studies in dentistry. In his one and only test Monti made his name in the second half when he ended a fracas by knocking out Hawkes Bay flanker "Snow" Bowman. Monti was selected in the 1939 Wallaby team to the British Isles, and received the dreadful news on arriving in Britain that War had been declared and that the tour was cancelled.



#### 9. NICHOLSON, Vaux Morriset

1917-1976 University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 0 Caps. 1939 British Isles Tour (Abandoned) Queensland Games: 1938, 1939 School: The Southport School

From an outstanding Rugby family, Vaux was born on 18th November 1917 in Beaudesert.

Vaux possessed blistering pace and a bewildering step. He was a star performer in the 1938 and 1939 interstate matches and was one of four wingers chosen for the 1939 British Isles Tour. On returning to Australia Nicholson resumed Rugby with University and played brilliantly. He enlisted in the AIF, was sent to Malaya and arrived just in time to be taken as a prisoner-of-war. He was sent to a prison camp in Borneo and suffered terribly at the hands of his brutal captors.



10. WINDSOR, John Clement ("Clem")
1923-2007
University of Queensland, Middlesex Hospital,
London Irish, Leicester, Queensland, Australia
Tests: 1 Cap.1947 NZ-; 1947-48 Britain, France and North
America Tour.
Queensland Games: 1945, 1946, 1947
School: St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

Born in Brisbane on 2nd February 1923, Clem was Captain of University in 1945, winning the first post-war Grand Final

against Brothers by 15-10. As full-back, he made the Queensland Team in 1945, 46, and 47. In his first Interstate match against NSW Queensland won 24-15 and Clem was outstanding. In 1947 Windsor fronted up against the All Blacks for Queensland and in a hard-fought encounter the All Blacks won 22-15, with Windsor playing the greatest game of his career. His tackling was faultless and he was selected for the Second Test at the SCG and then the 1947 /48 British Isles Tour. The toughest games on tour were against the Welsh teams and the hardest was the torrid encounter against Cardiff. Windsor produced an immaculate display at full-back. Heroic in defence and solid as a rock, his touch finding, handling, positional play and tackling marked him as one of the best men in the side.



11. WINNING, Keith Charles ("Arch")
1928 - 2003
University of Queensland, Past Grammar,
Queensland, Australia, GPS and Randwick
Tests: 1 Cap. 1947 Britain, France and North American Tour,
1951 NZ-.
Queensland Games: 1945, 1946, 1947, 1950.
School: Brisbane Grammar School

He was born at Maleny on 2nd February 1928.

A nuggety and extremely strong back row forward with outstanding leadership qualities, Arch made his debut for Queensland against NSW on 18.8.45, with Queensland winning 19-14. Arch was included in the 1947 Wallabies to Britain, France and North America. He scored two tries in the 1950 Grand Final with Uni going down to Brothers 21-10. He captained Australia in June 1951 in his only Test, which was against NZ. The Wallabies lost 8-nil in a quagmire.



#### 12. PRIMMER, Conrad James

1924-

University of Queensland, GPS Old Boys, Queensland, Australian Universities, Australia Tests: 2 Caps. 1951 NZ-;NZ-. Queensland Games: 1951 School: Brisbane Grammar School

The son of New Zealand migrants from Timaru, he was born in Brisbane on 24th March 1924.

Conrad Primmer saw active service in the Navy, played Rugby for Australia, established a distinguished career in Medicine and remained a great Rugby supporter, being the man responsible for re-establishing Rugby in Rockhampton. Tall and rangy, he was ideally suited for the second row. In 1951 Primmer first played for Queensland against NSW who had an array of lineout jumpers in Rex Mossop and Nick Shehadie. The scrum-capped Primmer showed up well against the talented New South Welshmen and he was selected to play for Australia in the First Test against the touring All Blacks in June 1951. Injury prevented Primmer from playing the Second Test but he returned for the Third Test. The following season Primmer injured his knee badly in a University College game and this injury ended his playing career.



#### 13. HATHERELL, William Ian ("Lou")

1930-1987 University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 2 Caps. 1952 Fj+; Fj-. Queensland Games: 1952, 1953. School: Toowoomba Grammar School

Born in Toowoomba on 9th September 1930, Lou Hatherell was a tough rangy forward from the Darling Downs who played two Test matches in 1952 against the touring Fijians and retired from Rugby to concentrate on his dental career. During this two test series he was conspicuous in rucks and mauls, never shirking

the task of containing the rampaging opposition. He was selected to tour to NZ in that same year and to tour South Africa, but he declined because of his University studies.



## 14. O'NEILL, John Michael1932-1995University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia, AustralianUniversities

Tests: 4 Caps. 1952 NZ+;NZ-; 1956 SA-;SA-.

Queensland Games:1952-60

School: Nudgee College

John O'Neill was born on 26th April 1932 at Warwick, Queensland.

O'Neill's entry into first class Rugby was nothing short of sensational. He was picked for Brisbane in 1951 to play against

NZ. In 1952 he was in the centres for Queensland against Fiji, a 19-24 loss. On the basis of his form he was selected for the Australian Tour of NZ of 1952 at 20 years of age, 5'8" and 12 st 7lbs. He was squat and fast and above all versatile, with the ability to handle all back positions except half-back. John O'Neill played both Tests against the touring 1956 Springboks at full-back. O'Neill was safe and sure. He last played for Queensland in1960, he played four Tests for Australia, and was in five non-Test representative games. He was a brilliant player, a utility back of rare ability.



#### 15. SHEIL, Ainslie Glenister Ross ("Ross") 1933-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities, Australia, Rosslyn Park and Oxford University Tests: 1 Cap.1956 SA-. Queensland Games: 1952-1957 School: The Southport School

Known as Ross, he was born on 4th November in 1933 in Melbourne.

Ross represented the Uni of Queensland from 1952 – 1957 when Uni won the Premiership five times during this six year period. Ross was also a member of the Queensland XV from 1952-1957. He was selected for the Australian Universities team which played NZ in 1954, Japan 1956 and the Australian Barbarians 1957. His one and only Test came in 1956, when he was selected for Australia against South Africa in Sydney, resulting in a 9-nil victory for South Africa. In 1957 he played against the All Blacks in Queensland once again at fly-half. Ross was a surgeon, and gained world acclaim when he performed the first liver transplant in Sydney in 1968.



#### 16. DONALD, Kenneth John

1936-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 9 Caps. 1957 NZ-; 1957-1958 [Northern Hemisphere Tour] W-; I-; E-; S-(1t); 1958 M=(1p); M-(2p); 1959 BL-(2p);BL-(1p). Queensland Games: 1957-70 School: Ipswich Grammar School

Ken Donald was born at Ipswich on 9th August 1936, and was a speedster with exceptional evasive skills. A man of great heart

and determination, he always gave his all when playing for his State and country. His debut Test was against the 1957 NZ team. He was then selected on the eight month long tour to the British Isles, France and North America, and later selected in two Tests against the 1958 Maori Team. In 1959 the British Isles toured Australia and he was an automatic choice on the wing. That year he scored 235 points for the University of Queensland. In 1970 he was selected for the Queensland team against Scotland. Ken Donald had a remarkable run in Rugby; he played nine Tests and 12 non-Test games for Australia.



# 17. WILSON, Charles Roy ("Chilla") 1931University of Queensland, Army, Queensland, Australian Universities, Australia, Edinburgh Academicals, Edinburgh Wanderers, London Scottish, Surrey County, Middlesex County, London Counties, South East Counties, Blackheath and Western Districts (Brisbane) Tests: 4 Caps. 1957 NZ-; 1958 NZ-; NZ+; NZ-.

Born in Brisbane on 4th May 1931, Chilla and his brother Fergus attended Marist Brothers Ashgrove and then Brisbane Grammar School.

Queensland Games:1952-1959 School: Brisbane Grammar School

Chilla's first appearance against a touring team was in 1952 for Queensland. In 1957 Chilla played his first Test for Australia against the touring All Blacks. In 1958 he was Captain when Queensland beat NSW 10-6 for only the second victory over them since the War. This performance vaulted him into the captaincy of the 1958 Wallabies to NZ. This gallant team won the Second Test by 6-3, and Wilson shone in the Australian pack. He captained his country three times in Tests and was Captain in eight other matches. He later managed the Australian tour to NZ in 1982, to Italy and France in 1983, and the Grand Slam Tour of 1984.



#### 18. JAMES, Peter Michael

1935-2008 Souths, University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 2 Caps. 1958 M=; M-. Queensland Games: 1956-58. School: Brisbane Grammar School

Born 14th December 1935 in Brisbane, Peter James had his first Test on 28th June 1958 at the SCG against the NZ Maoris. The selectors stuck with the same three-quarters for the next Test in NZ. He was a tall heavy set player, not particularly fast, but

he had great hands and he was a clever tactician. Peter enjoyed Premiership success with University in 1956 and 57, and then headed to London.



#### 19. LARKIN, Kerry Kelsall

1936-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 2 Caps. 1958 M=; M-. Queensland Games: 1955-60 School: Church of England Grammar School

He was born in Brisbane on 22nd June 1936.

Kerry Larkin obtained two Test caps against the NZ Maoris in 1958. His father Frank A. Larkin represented Queensland in

1929, and then became a Rugby Referee, controlling the Wallabies versus NZ 1932 Test match. Kerry's performance in his two Tests was without fault, but he was not able to play in his preferred position as hooker, playing as a prop. Playing for Queensland against the British Lions Kerry broke his collar-bone, which finished his 1959 season. In 1960 Kerry played for Queensland in the Interstate series against NSW for the last time.



#### 20. BAXTER, Thomas

1935-University of Queensland, Oxford University, Queensland, Australia Tests: 1 Cap.1958 NZ-. Queensland Games: 1956-58. School: Brisbane Grammar School

He was born in Brisbane on 28th April, 1935.

Baxter was first picked to play fly-half to Des Connor in the 1956 Qld game against South Africa. He was rewarded with a Wallaby Tour in 1958 and played seven of the thirteen games on tour. His performances were such that he was picked as centre in the final Test. Baxter was 23 years at the time was 5'10" and weighed 12st 7lbs. This tour marked the end of Baxter's Rugby days in Australia. He was honoured by being awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and received two Blues at Oxford in 1958 and 1959.



#### 21. POTTER, Robert Thomas

1941-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 1 Cap.1961 Fj+. Queensland Games: 1961-1963 School: Downlands, Toowoomba

He was born on 20th April 1941.

Bob Potter was a tall, robust and courageous wing three-quarter. He played just one Test match against Fiji in Sydney on 17th June 1961 when Australia won by 26-14. He played soundly and set up Ellwood's try.

Bob had been selected as a nineteen year old in the Queensland and Australian teams of 1961, and he was awarded a Blue that same year. Bob played for University and played in the 1963 Grand Final which University lost to Teachers. He was an outstanding player who then retired from Rugby to concentrate on his Law studies.



#### 22. McDERMOTT, Lloyd Clive

1939-University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 2 Caps.1962 NZ-, NZ-. Queensland Games: 10, 1961, 1962 School: Church of England Grammar School

Lloyd McDermott was born on 11th November 1939 in Eidsvold.

Lloyd was the first Aboriginal footballer to play Rugby for Australia and later became the first Aboriginal barrister to be admitted to practice in Australia. McDermott made his representative

debut for Queensland on 7th June 1961 at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground, and was then selected for the Queensland match against France. In the 1962 season, McDermott showed the benefit of his two representative games. His electrifying pace and his swerve made him a dangerous opponent. When the All Blacks arrived to play Queensland on 22nd May 1962 under lights at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground, the All Blacks won 15-5, and McDermott was then included in the Test team. McDermott ended his association with Rugby after Uni won the 1962 Premiership.



#### 23. MARKS, Richard James Pickett

1942-

University of Queensland, Teachers, Queensland, Australia Tests: 17 Caps. 1962 NZ Tour, NZ-, NZ-; 1963 E+, SA Tour, SA+, SA+, SA-; 1964 NZ-(1t), NZ-(1t), NZ+; 1965 SA+, SA+; 1966-67 [Northern Hemisphere Tour] 1966 W+, S-; 1967 E+, I-, F-, I-. Queensland Games: 1962-69, 1972 School: Brisbane Grammar School

Dick Marks was born in the sugar town of Bundaberg on 6th September 1942.

Soon after leaving BGS, Dick made his mark as a centre at University Club, playing in the inaugural Queensland U19 team in 1961.

Dick's first experience of International Rugby was against the touring All Blacks in 1962, for Queensland. He was still 19years of age, but was fast, could break the line, and was a ferocious tackler.

Dick's debut for the Wallabies was against NZ at Carisbrook on 8th September, 1962. It was a 0-3 loss. He was selected again for the Second Test a hard fought game which Australia lost 8-16.

His Third Test match was in 1963 against the touring English team, and Australia won in pouring rain and treacherous conditions, 18-9. Marks was an automatic choice to tour South Africa in 1963. In Rhodesia, according to Peter Johnson the Australian hooker, Dick brought the house down when a virtually blind physiotherapist joined the team. Dick "offered to turn off the light so he could read one of his braille books." Dick played in three of the four Tests, of which Australia won two against all predictions.

Marks then played all three Tests in Australia's 1964 tour to NZ. Peter Johnson was once more impressed with the 'train smash" tackling of Marks.

In 1965 South Africa came to Australia and Marks played against them in the two Tests and for Queensland. Australia was very competitive in world Rugby at this time, winning the series in a clean sweep, 18-11 and 12-8.

In 1966 the British Lions toured and Dick partnered Bob Honan in the Queensland match and captained the team. Marks was selected in the magical 1966-67 four month tour of the British Isles and this tour was the pinnacle of his career, playing in every test against England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and France, and sixteen of the non-international games.

When he came back from the tour in 1967, Ireland toured and Marks captained Queensland against them and played in the only Test. He had done it all by this time, and his was a proud record. He had played fifty-one matches for his country, including seventeen Tests.

He was highly respected by his peers, so much so that when Rothmans set up its National Director of Coaching position for the Australian Rugby Union he was appointed in 1974. What Marks achieved during his twenty two year tenure at his job has been described with great accolades, as he was primarily responsible for elevating the standard of players and Coaches in Australia to where it is today. Another author provides a summary: "Dick's achievements have been at the highest level across the entire Rugby spectrum of playing, coaching, educating, selecting, broadcasting, administering, authoring, and public speaking"



#### 24. GUERASSIMOFF, Jules

1940-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia, and Canberra Royals Tests: 12 Caps. 1963 SA+, SA+, SA-; 1964 NZ-, NZ-, NZ+; 1965 SA+; 1966 BL-, BL-; 1966-67 [Northern Hemisphere] E+, I-, F-. Queensland Games: 74 (1962-72) School: Rockhampton Grammar School

Guerassimoff was born at Thangool on 28th June 1940.

Jules was a no-nonsense type player possessed of superlative fitness, speed off the mark, and a damaging tackle. Jules and his erstwhile partner, the late Greg Davis terrorised the inside backs of the world when they were at their peak.

Guerassimoff's first Test was against South Africa on 10th August, 1963 at Newlands, Cape Town, an unexpected 9-5 victory. It was the first defeat for South Africa in 16 Tests. The fierce tackling by Guerassimoff and breakaway Greg Davis was the decisive factor in Australia's win. After the match, Davis said, "I could not have played nearly as well without Jules. He was tremendous. I knew that if I went for a man or the ball and missed, Jules would be there to succeed." This single match cemented his place in future Wallaby teams.

In 1964, after the Wallaby tour of NZ, Guerassimoff was accorded a rare, perhaps unequalled achievement, certainly for an Australian. He was selected as one of the greatest players of the year in the almanacs of New Zealand, South Africa and Australia.

Jules played in the series win of 1965 against the touring South Africans, playing in the First Test win. In 1966 the British Lions toured and he and Davis linked up again, but lost both Tests. Jules made the 1966-67 tour to the British Isles, France and Canada and played in three of the five Tests against England, France and Ireland. After the tour, he threw himself into his Club Rugby with University and his representative games for Queensland, playing for the State until 1972.



#### 25. WOLFE, John Keith

1943-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities, Australia and Eastern Suburbs (Sydney) Tests: 0 Caps. 1963 SA Tour Queensland Games 1963-65 School: Church of England Grammar School and The Southport School

John Wolfe was born in Sydney on 20th March 1943.

A tall burly fullback or winger, John was a 20 year old Commerce student at the University of Queensland in 1963 when he was selected in the Queensland team that made a ground-breaking tour of New Zealand.

Against Wanganui, Wolfe proved a good strong runner on the wing, scoring a try in

Queensland's 29-3 victory. On returning to Australia, Wolfe took part in the Wallaby trials and won a place in the touring team to South Africa.

Though raw, Wolfe was a keen trainer and showed improvement on tour as he gained opportunities. Against Southern Universities he marked the great Jannie Engelbrecht. By the time the Second Test at Newlands arrived, Wolfe was in the running for Test selection on the right wing. However, Wolfe fractured an ankle at training and Dick Marks came in on the wing.

In 1964, Wolfe toured New Zealand with the Australian Universities team. In 1965, he toured with Queensland to Fiji and was outstanding against Suva, running powerfully for two tries in Queensland's unlucky 11-12 loss.

John Wolfe was a popular member of the University Club and during his time with the Club he enjoyed a number of Premiership wins, although there was one aberration in 1966. Uni firmed as a red-hot favourite for the Premiership by crushing Brothers 22-3 in the major Semifinal in which Wolfe scored a try. Brothers then won the Grand Final 36-9 in a boilover.



#### 26. TRIVETT, Richard Keal ("Rick")

1943-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities and Australia Tests: 2 Caps. 1964 New Zealand Tour, 1966 BL-; BL-. Queensland Games: 1963-67 School: Church of England Grammar School

He was born in Brisbane on 2nd October 1943.

Rick went straight into the Queensland team in 1963 as fiveeighth after one year in Colts. He was a fixture in the Queensland team where he formed successful halfback combinations with both Laurie Lawrence and the unlucky Norm Mayne, whose opposition for the Australian team was Ken Catchpole.

Rick made his only Wallaby tour to New Zealand as Phil Hawthorne's deputy. One of his best performances was for Queensland against the 1964 Junior All Blacks which featured such notables as Andy Haden, Chris Laidlaw and Grant Batty. Rick not only carved them up with his brilliant running, but was like a scythe in cutting down many of the promising overlaps made by the highly favoured opponents.

Rick could kick but much preferred an aggressive running game at five-eighth. His all-round package of skills enabled him to play anywhere in the backline, and with his physical toughness and confronting defence he could even have played on the side of the scrum.

Rick Trivett played in two Tests and two non-Test matches. Both Tests were against the British Lions in Australia in 1966 as a centre.

Then in 1967, he received his career-ending Achilles injury.



#### 27. MAYNE, Norman Colburn

1942-

University of Queensland, Wests, Queensland, Australia Tests: 0 Caps Test Reserve v Sth Africa (2) 1965 Queensland Games: 1965-69 School: Brisbane Boys' College

He was born on 30th August 1942.

In 1965 the giant-killing Wallabies were to play at home for the first time since winning Tests against the Springboks and All Blacks on their own turf.

Their opponents were to be the mighty Springboks. Queensland had played a heavy representative season, ending in a tour to Fiji. With Laurie Lawrence now off the scene following a transfer to North Queensland, Norm Mayne, the pocket-sized University half-back with enormous heart and Rugby brain, came into the side. Norm was possessed of a superb pass and this great asset plus his fine all-round game and ability to take the right options warranted his selection as Test reserve for both home Tests against South Africa. Australia won both Tests, 18-11 at the S.C.G., and 12-8 at Lang Park. With Ken Catchpole halfback and Phil Hawthorne (fly-half) combining so well, Norm's progress was stalled.

Bob Templeton agreed: "Norm Mayne could have gone on to become a great Test scrumhalf." Norm maintained his high level of play for Queensland and his Club throughout the sixties, winning a number of premierships and stamping his authority with immaculate performances which were integral to Queensland and Uni success. Norm played A Grade from 1964-71, and then provided great leadership to the lower Grades until 1977.



#### 28. TEITZEL, Ross Gordon

1946-University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 7 Caps. 1966-67 [Northern Hemisphere Tour] 1966 W+, S-, 1967 E+, I-, F-, I-, NZ-. Queensland Games: 1965-69 School: Church of England Grammar School

He was born on 20th March 1946.

A veritable man-mountain known to team-mates as "Boris" on account of his size, Teitzel joined the Queensland University

Rugby Club which then had the services of the biggest forwards in Brisbane. They were dubbed the "Red Heavies" with Leo Williams and Mike Alp as props, Eric Anning at second row, Jules Guerassimoff and David Taylor in the back row.

In 1965, Teitzel made his debut for Queensland in Sydney against New South Wales. When the British Lions arrived in 1966, Teitzel was a reserve for both Test matches. With the Wallaby tour of the British Isles at the end of 1966, Teitzel was a great success, playing in five Internationals at just 20 years of age.

In 1967, Teitzel played for Australia against Ireland in Sydney and New Zealand in Wellington.

Because of Veterinary Science studies, Teitzel retired from Rugby in 1969. Wallaby Coach Des Connor bemoaned Teitzel's unavailability for the South African tour, saying; "We were dealt a hard blow when two great prospects in Keith Bell and Ross Teitzel announced that they would not be able to tour. We needed the magnificent size and bulk of Ross Teitzel, who stood 6ft 4 inches and weighed about 245lbs. to give us solidarity to our scrum where it was so urgently needed."

The loss of Ross Teitzel just after he had turned 23years of age was a great blow to Australian Rugby. He represented Queensland from 1965 to 1969 and Australia in 1966 and 1967, playing a total of 28 matches for Australia including seven Tests.



#### 29. TAYLOR, David Aubrey

1944-University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities and Australia Tests: 5 Caps. 1968 NZ-; NZ-; F+. 1968-69 [Short Tour Of Britain] I-; S-. Queensland Games: 1965-69. School: Church of England Grammar School

David Taylor was born on 11th November 1944 in Brisbane.

From 1965, David played for the University of Queensland Club in his favoured No. 8 jersey under the tutelage of the inimitable Ashley Girle.

David was first selected for Australia on the 1966/67 Grand Tour to the British Isles, Ireland, France and Canada. Although he was of Test match quality, he had to sit in the shadow of the experienced John O'Gorman for the five Test matches.

In 1968, he made his debut against the All Blacks in Sydney. Later that year he again toured with the Wallabies to Scotland and Ireland.

At 24 years of age and by now an established Test fixture, David was set for a long and illustrious career until tragedy struck while he was playing for Queensland against Victoria in 1969 and a serious neck injury forced his premature retirement. David had everything a player in his position required. He had the basic skills, he was a good lineout jumper, he had a prodigious kick, he had good field vision, he cover defended well, and he was a key runner off scrum and lineout maneouvres.

David played in five Tests from 1966-68 and 17 non-Test matches.



#### 30. MANNING, Russell Charles Sylvester

1945-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 1 Cap. 1967 NZ-. Queensland Games: 1965-68. School: Brisbane Boys' College

He was born on 10th January 1945 in Brisbane.

Russell was renowned as a safe fullback under the high ball. He

fielded kicks well, was generally unflappable and possessed a very long kick to touch. In addition, he was a useful kicker of long-range field goals.

At the State level, Manning faced stiff competition from a number of useful fullbacks in Peter Vincent, John Murphy and David Clark. He got his first opportunity for Queensland in July 1965 in the first match against NSW at Normanby Oval. Queensland won 17-15. Manning retained his position for the return match two days later but Queensland lost 18-11.

Manning was again the Queensland fullback for the Interstate games in Brisbane in 1966 and then appeared in Queensland's matches against NSW Country and Australian Combined Services.

Manning played all six matches for Queensland in 1967 taking advantage of any loose kicks by the opposition to respond with siege-gun kick returns.

The Australian selectors named Manning as the Wallaby fullback for the one-off Test against the All Blacks at Wellington in 1967 as Jim Lenehan had failed in the one-off Test against Ireland, and the Selectors preferred Manning's dependability to Arthur McGill's attacking flair. It was a 9-29 loss to Australia.

After the tour Manning played just two more matches for Queensland in 1968 before retiring to follow a professional career in law.



#### 31. CROMBIE, David Charles

1944-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities and Australia Tests: 0 Caps. NZ Jubilee Tour 1967. Queensland Games: 1966-89. School: Church of England Grammar School

Born on 22nd June 1944.

Half Blue 1964. Full Blue 1965.

David Crombie was a hooker and prolific goal kicker. He was selected for the 1967 Jubilee Test, regarded as a one match tour of New Zealand where he was a reserve. David also played for an Australian XV against Fiji in 1969. Crombie was unlucky never to be selected in more Wallaby sides after featuring prominently in Selector discussions. He toured with Australian Universities teams to NZ in 1964 and 1969 and was in a number of University Premiership teams, culminating in the 1969 Premiership. Uni was coached by former University Wallaby John O'Neill and defeated Brothers in extra time 22-14. Crombie contributed two conversions and a penalty goal. In 1970 he coached the University U19 team to a Premiership.



#### 32. GREGORY, Stuart Carlton

1946-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Eastwood, New South Wales and Australia Tests: 16 Caps. 1968 NZ-;F+; 1968-1969 [Short Tour] I-;S-; 1969 SA-;SA-; 1971 SA-;SA-; 1971-1972 [Short Tour] 1971 F+;F+. 1972 F=;F-. 1973 Tg+;Tg-. 1973-1974 [Short Tour] W-;E-. Queensland Games:1967-72, NSW (1), 1973 School: Brisbane Boys' College

He was born in Brisbane on 18th August 1946

Stuart Gregory was affectionately known as "Sandshoe" and was an outstanding lineout jumper in an era before lifting became legal.

After playing well for Queensland, he was selected for the First Test against New Zealand at Ballymore on 22 June 1968. It was a narrow 18-19 loss for the Wallabies and Stuart Gregory was outstanding.

Australian Coach Des Connor had used a two-man lineout for the first time in the Southern Hemisphere and Queensland Referee Kevin Crowe, with little more than a minute to go, awarded a penalty try against Australia for obstruction. This gave victory to the visitors. Gregory had shown he was a powerhouse with his lineout skills, and from then on was a fixture in the Australian pack.

Next up, the Uni lock was in the Australian victory over France 11-10 in 1968, then toured Ireland (3-10) and Scotland (3-9) and played both Tests.

Gregory then toured South Africa in 1969 and played in the First and Third Tests, which he also played in when South Africa toured Australia in 1971. Gregory was in the Queensland team which defeated the British Lions 15-11 in 1971.

He toured France and North America in 1971 and was in the two Tests against France, (13-11 and 9-18)

In 1972, France arrived and he played in both Tests (14-14 and 15-16).

The year 1973 ended his time at the top. He played in the two Tonga Tests, winning the first 30-12 and losing the second 11-16. He retired after the short tour of Wales (0-24) and England (3-20) in 1973, leaving behind a fine record, and having played 16 Tests for Australia.



#### 33. BELL, Keith Radcliffe

1948-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities, Australia Tests: 1 Cap. 1968-69 [Short Tour To UK] S-. Queensland Games:1968-73 School: Church of England Grammar School

Keith was born at Goondiwindi on 10th June 1948.

He played for University from 1967 to 1973, winning three Premierships. Bell would play for Queensland 63 times from

1968 to 1973. His first appearance against another country was for Queensland against France in 1968 playing as No. 8. It was an 11-31 loss. As Howell et al put it in 'They Came to Conquer': "Jules Guerassimoff, Keith Bell and Bruce Brown were the pick of the locals".

His was a rapid ascent, as he was picked in 1968 for the tour of Ireland and Scotland, and he played in the Test against Scotland (lost 3-9). This would be his sole Test, though he was a Test reserve five times. He played as a prop.

Bell was unavailable for the 1969 tour of South Africa and was missed.

In 1970, Bell toured N.Z. with Queensland. In 1971 Bell was prop for Queensland against South Africa (lost 14-33) and flanker against the British Lions.

In 1973 he played for his State against Tonga (won 18-10). This ended the career of a versatile, solid and dependable player whose record for Queensland was outstanding.



#### 34. BROWN, Bruce Robert

1944-University of Queensland, Queensland and Australia Tests: 2 Caps. 1971 France Tour; 1972 NZ-, NZ-. Queensland Games: 49, 1965-71 School: Brisbane Boys' College

He was born on 18th August 1944 in Brisbane.

Bruce Brown was a tough, unyielding 100 kg (15 stone 10lbs) 180cm (5'11") prop forward, and a member of five Premierships teams for University in the years 1964, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1970. Bruce made his debut for Queensland as a 21 year old in 1965 and represented Queensland 49 times over the next seven years. Performances for Queensland ensured selection for the Wallaby tour to France in 1971 but he did not play a Test. He gained his first cap on the 1972 New Zealand tour, playing in the First Test at Wellington on 19th August, 1972. Bruce also played in the Third Test at Auckland.

Bruce Brown coached First Grade from 1978 to 1980, reaching the Grand Final in his first year and losing narrowly to Brothers, 19-15. He was the proud Coach of the 1979 team led by Mark Loane, defeating Brothers in one of the greatest Grand Finals in history. Only after two matches and 200 minutes of torrid Rugby could the sides be separated. Bruce Brown has also been President of the Club since 1994.



#### 35. LOANE, Mark Edward

1954-University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities, Australia and Natal (South Africa), Junior Springboks. Tests: 28 Caps. 1973 Tg+;Tg-. 1974 NZ-; 1975 E+(1t);E+;J+

1975-76 [Northern Hemisphere] E-;I+. 1976 Fj+;Fj+;Fj+ 1976-1977 [Short Tour] F-;F-. 1978 W+;W+(1t). 1979 I-;I-; NZ+; Arg-; Arg+. 1981 F+;F+. 1981-82 [Northern Hemisphere] I+;W-:S-. 1982 E-;S-;S+. Queensland Games: 89, 1973-82

School: Nudgee College.

He was born on 11th July 1954 at Ipswich.

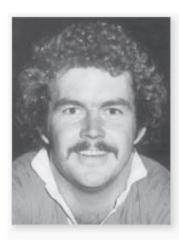
Mark Loane is held by most to be the premier No.8 in Australian Rugby history.

In 1973 as a raw-boned kid not long out of school, he portentously entered the Queensland team under the great Jules Guerassimoff who led the side to one of its rare wins against a Wallaby-laden New South Wales. It was the start of things to come and as Mark Loane's career flourished, so did the victories against the old rivals begin to mount. By the year that Mark became Captain, unimagined winning results like 42-4 were being posted and the fanatical supporters would set up the chant, "We want 50!" These were the halcyon Ballymore days, and within the Holy Trinity of Loane, McLean, and Shaw, the deified Loane was at the apex.

Rugby is a power game and this player exuded power. Striding onto the field like a colossus, his performance would be an 80 minute display of speed and strength characterised more by a relish for physical contact than by any appreciation of fine motor skills.

Mark Loane's first Test was against Tonga, three weeks short of his 19th birthday, and he thus became the youngest player since Bill Cerutti in 1929 and Frank Hutchinson in 1936 to play for Australia. His debut was on 23rd June 1973 at the SCG and it was a 30-12 victory.

From 1973-1982 he played in 28 Tests including six as Captain. One of the ambitions of his life was realised in 1979 as he was selected as Wallaby Captain, in a one-off Test against NZ, which Australia won 12-6. His career ended in 1982 against the visiting Scottish team, the Second Test a runaway 33-9 drubbing by the Wallabies. It was a good time to sign off as a winning Australian Captain. A brilliant medical career and desire to test himself against the best in South Africa while it was in isolation restricted his statistical record, but as a fiercely determined competitor, Mark Loane was almost without peer.



#### 36. BATCH, Patrick Gerard

1953-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities and Australia Tests: 18 Caps. 1975-76 [Britain & America Tour] S-, W-1976 E-, Fj+(2t), Fj+, Fj+(1t), 1976-77 [Short Tour] F-, F-; 1978 W+, W+; NZ-(1t), NZ-, NZ+. 1979 Arg+(1t). Queensland Games: 1972-79 School: Marist College Ashgrove

Paddy was born on 19th January 1953 in Innisfail.

A product of that great Rugby nursery Marist College Ashgrove, Paddy Batch went on to become one of the most colourful, exciting and powerful wingers ever to play for Australia.

Paddy, along with Mark Loane, stands in the memory of all who were lucky enough to have seen them in full flight as awesome human missiles, matched in the modern era by perhaps only Jonah Lomu. Batch, who had tremendous speed, a wonderful swerve and a complete disregard for any person ahead of him, was able to smash through many of his less powerful opponents.

Paddy Batch played 14 Tests for Australia as well as 43 Australian representative games. Paddy's first Test was against Scotland at Murrayfield on 6th December, 1975. It was a 10-3 victory for Scotland. On the 1975-76 tour of Britain, his overpowering size and blistering speed made him a difficult opponent to mark. He also used his hips with such dexterity that defenders were unable to apply a firm grip on him as he wriggled out of their tackles.

After graduating from the University of Queensland with a Degree in Veterinary Science, Batch was forced to move south in 1977 to seek employment. A year without football made Batch more determined than ever to regain his Queensland and Test jersey when he returned to Brisbane in 1978. In the following two years Batch played against Wales, New Zealand and Argentina before announcing his retirement.



37. ROSS, William Scott
1956University of Queensland, Queensland,
Australian Universities, Australia and Oxford
University
Tests: 13 Caps. 1979 I-; I-; Arg+; 1980 Fj+, NZ+; NZ-; NZ+;
1982 S-, S+; 1983 USA+(1t), Arg-, Arg+, NZ-.
Queensland Games: 50 Games. 1976-83
School: Brisbane Grammar School

Bill was born on 28th December 1956 in Brisbane.

After two outstanding seasons with the Australian Schoolboys team Bill Ross rapidly progressed through the University Club ranks to the State team in 1976 as hooker. What a year to make the team! Queensland emphatically asserted its dominance over NSW that year with the now legendary 42-4 thrashing of the Blues at Ballymore.

Bill was a skilful, all-round forward who often popped up in the backline, passed well, and could coolly off-load in the tight. He was a brilliant striker of the ball and an accurate lineout thrower.

Billy Ross was awarded his first cap in the two Test series against Ireland in 1979. He was selected for the end of season tour of Argentina and played in the winning Second Test team. He retained his position for the home series in 1980 against the All Blacks in which Australia retained the Bledisloe Cup, winning the First and Third Tests.

In 1981, Bill took up an offer to study and play Rugby at Oxford University for that year. 1982 saw the centenary of Rugby Union football in Queensland and the Reds celebrated with a sound defeat of the visiting Scottish team 18-7. Bill then played both Tests against Scotland (7-12, 33-9)

His final season with the Australian team was 1983. Bill scored a try in the easy victory over the USA at the SCG. He then played both Tests against the visiting Argentina side(3-18, 29-13) and then played his final Test later in 1983 in the one-off Test against the All Blacks before retiring from representative football.

Bill Ross played 23 matches for Australia, 13 of them Tests. Throughout his post-playing career, he has been ever-immersed in Rugby football, being at various stages manager of the Queensland Reds team, a Selector for the Reds, on the Classic Wallabies Committee, and recently helped establish the Vintage Reds organisation. He is also now a QRU Board member.



#### 38. SHAW, Geoffrey Arnold

1948-

Illawarra, New South Wales Country, New South
Wales, Australia, Crusaders - Port Elizabeth (South Africa),
Eastern Province, London Scottish, University of Queensland,
Queensland, Sunnybank.
Tests: 28 Caps. 1969 W-; South Africa Tour: SA-(R); 1970
S+; 1971 SA-, SA-, SA-; 1971-72 France Tour: F+, F-; 197374 United Kingdom Short Tour: W-, E-; 1974 NZ-, NZ=, NZ-;
1975 E+, E+, J+, J+(1t); 1975-76[Northern Hemisphere] W-,

E-, I+(1t), USA+, 1976 Fj+, Fj+, Fj+; 1976-77 [Short Tour], F-, F-; 1979 NZ+. Queensland Games: 47 Games.1977-80, NSW (22) 1969-76 School: Wollongong Christian Brothers College

Geoff Shaw was born on 27th December 1948 at Kiama.

"Bunter" was a talented centre who could match it with the world's best. He was strong and solid, could read a game well, and was a punishing tackler. For much of the time he provided a team with stability as he was remarkably cool in tight situations. People liked to play with him because he would never let anyone down. His rare skills were soon recognised as he made the Test team against Wales as a 20 year old in 1969 (9-16). That same year Geoff Shaw was off to South Africa with the Wallabies.

In 1970, he played against Scotland, partnering Stephen Knight in the centres. Australia won that sole Test 23-3. Geoff played three Tests in 1971 against the touring South Africans, then it was off to France and North America, playing both Tests against France.

Shaw married in 1972 and took his wife Lindy with him to South Africa, the British Isles and Europe. He made the Eastern Province Currie Cup team and the Junior Springboks. In 1973 he toured England, Wales and Italy, with the Wallabies, playing in eight of the nine matches and both Tests. NZ came to Australia in 1974 and he played all three Tests - one drawn and two narrowly lost.

Japan arrived in 1975 and Geoff played both Tests, captaining Australia in the Second Test when John Hipwell was injured. In the 75-76 tour of the British Isles and the USA, John Hipwell was again injured and Geoff would captain Australia in the England, Ireland and USA Tests.

When Fiji arrived in 1976, Geoff captained Australia in all three Tests which led to his selection as touring Captain to France and Italy that same year. In 1976, Geoff moved to Queensland and would play 47 matches for his adopted State. Geoff's final Test was against New Zealand in 1979, and his final match for Queensland against NZ 1980. Both matches resulted in victory.

Geoff Shaw had played 68 matches for Australia, which included 27 Tests. He captained Australia in nine Tests, as well as in 12 other matches. Geoff has put much back into the game, working first for the QRU in various coaching and leadership roles, and now for the Australian Rugby Union.



#### 39. HALL, Duncan Michael

1956-

Brothers, University of Queensland, (Italy - Club), Queensland, Gordon, New South Wales and Australia Tests: 15 Caps. 1980 Fj+, NZ+, NZ+, NZ-; 1981 F+, F+(1t), 1982 S-, S+, NZ-, NZ+, 1983 USA+, Arg-, Arg+, NZ-; Italy And France Tour: It+. Queensland Games: 75 Games 1975-84 School: Nudgee College

Duncan Hall Jnr., was born on 16th March 1956 in Brisbane.

In 1975, the 19 year old Duncan Hall made his debut as a flanker for Queensland against ACT in his first season of senior Rugby. The youngster had a quiet disposition that belied his steely determination.

After 1978, when David Hillhouse departed to pursue a career as a pilot, Duncan was able to take his place as Peter McLean's locking partner. He figured prominently in the record 48-10 win over NSW, and was heroic in the rucks and mauls in Queensland's unlucky 18-15 loss to Ireland.

These performances won Hall a spot on the Reserve bench for the Tests against Ireland and the All Blacks, and eventually selection in the first Wallaby team to tour Argentina at the end of the 1979 season.

With Mark Loane's departure to South Africa in 1980, Duncan made his Test debut against Fiji in Suva; he then played all three Tests against the All Blacks when Australia retained the Bledisloe Cup.

Bob Templeton paid this tribute: "Duncan Hall was very dedicated and the catalyst against the All Blacks in 1980". Hall's strength in the rucks and mauls was never more evident than in Queensland's historic victory over the All Blacks at Ballymore.

In 1981, Hall played both Tests against France as a lock partnering Steve Williams. In the second Test at the SCG, Hall crashed over for his first Test try.

Hall toured Britain and Ireland in 1981/82 but was not chosen for the Tests.

In 1982, he played both Tests against Scotland in Australia, and was then named vice-Captain for the tour of NZ. The Wallabies narrowly lost the First Test 21-16 and were leading 19-3 at halftime in the Second Test. Shortly after the break, Hall was brutally kicked in the back and had to leave the field.

Hall returned in 1983 for the one-off Test against the USA, and for both Tests against Argentina. At the end of the season he toured Italy and France with the Wallabies.

Duncan Hall was a very underrated player and great servant of Queensland and Australian Rugby. He played 75 games for Queensland between 1975-1983, and played 15 Test matches and 39 other matches for Australia between 1979 and 1983.

He was vice-Captain of the 1982 Wallabies and captained Australia in two tour games.



#### 40. PARKER, Anthony Joseph

1961-University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities and Australia Tests: 3 Caps. 1981-82 [Northern Hemisphere] 1983 Arg-R, Arg+, NZ-; 1983 Italy and France Tour. Queensland Games: 1981 – 1984, 35 Games School: St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

Tony was born in Brisbane on 12th April, 1961.

Tony Parker was 179cm in height and weighed 79 kg, a typical halfback. Tony was renowned for his fearlessness, clever reading of the game, and his deceptive speed.

Parker was first picked in the Queensland team to play France in 1981. France won 18-15 and it was a tough introduction as France played a confrontational style. Both Tony and Paul McLean held firm and worked smoothly together.

He went on to play three Tests for Australia, two versus Argentina in 1983 (3-18), (29-13) and one against New Zealand (8-18) also in 1983.

Tony would play a total of 15 non-Test matches, ten appearances against English, Irish, Welsh and Scottish teams in 1981, and five matches on the tour of Italy and France in 1983.

Though he played for Queensland against Fiji in 1984(15-19) he retired at the end of the 1984 season to further his medical studies. Paul Johnston and then Peter Slattery would take over his mantle.



#### 41. McINTYRE, Andrew John

1955-University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities, Australia, Anzacs. Tests: 37 Caps. 1982 NZ-, NZ+, NZ-; 1983 Italy And France Tour; F=, F-; 1984 Fiji Tour; Fj+, NZ+, NZ-, NZ-; UK Tour E+, I+, W+, S+; 1985 C+, C+, NZ-, Fj+, Fj+; 1986 1987 World Cup I+, F-, W-; Argentina Tour, Arg-. Queensland Games: 1980-1989, 60 Games School: Brisbane Grammar School

Andy was born in Toowoomba on 23rd December, 1955.

Andy McIntyre was solid and dependable, a person who would never give up amidst adversity, and a player who did the hard slogging with little praise and publicity. He was 102kg and 180cm.

He played 38 Tests for Australia and the front row combination of "Topo" Rodriguez, Tom Lawton and Andy McIntyre was perhaps the finest that Australia had produced to this point in its Rugby history.

Andy's first Test was at Christchurch in 1982 and Australia performed creditably going down 16-23. The Wallabies shocked the All Blacks by winning the Second Test 19-16, but were soundly beaten 16-33 in the Third Test

Andy played the 1983 Tests against France, the first drawn 15-15, but France won 15-6 in the Second Test. It was a tough tour but McIntyre felt the team spirit for 1984 was forged on this trip. Alan Jones emerged as Australian Coach in 1984 and he wanted a front row of strength and power as the basis of the scrum. He got that in Andy, Tom Lawton, and Enrique Rodriguez. There was a short tour to Fiji and then New Zealand came to Australia in 1984. Australia won the First Test 16-9, but lost the next two 9-15 and 24-25. Jones and the boys were on course for a history making tour of the British Isles, the 1984 tour now known as "The Grand Slam Tour". The 1984 Wallabies won all four Home internationals, but the pushover try against Wales was something special. "We would have beaten anyone that day", said McIntyre.



#### 42. ROCHE, Christopher

1958-

Teachers Norths, University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 17 Caps. 1982 S-, S+, NZ-, NZ+, NZ-; 1983 USA+(1t), Arg+(1t), NZ-; Italy and France Tour; It+, F=(1t), F-; 1984 Tour; Fj+, NZ+, NZ-, NZ-; UK Tour I+. Queensland Games: 1980-1984 School: Downlands College Toowoomba and Brisbane State High School

Chris was born in Clifton on the Darling Downs on 9th September 1958.

Chris Roche was short in stature but a giant-hearted performer. Chris was one of those dynamic openside flankers who regularly put their bodies on the line for the team. Roche was aptly christened Le Lion in 1983 by admiring French critics who marvelled at his dynamic displays on a difficult tour.

Chris always played above his weight and in 1983 became the first Brisbane Rugby player to be awarded the prestigious Rothmans Medal twice.

Roche made his debut for Queensland on 20th July 1980 in Queensland's hard-fought 9-6 win over Manawatu at Palmerston North, and then became a fixture in the team. Ballymore supporters were astonished at his courage in diving into the rucks to secure possession.

He was then rewarded with selection in the 1981-82 Wallaby team to tour Britain and Ireland. Before the tour, Michael O'Connor and Chris played a big part in the defeat by Teachers-Norths of his future Club, University, in the 1981 Preliminary Final. Teachers-Norths then lost to Brothers 36-13 in the Grand Final.

When Queensland crushed the touring Scots 18-7, Roche was outstanding and he was selected for the opening International at Ballymore, and then for the return clash in Sydney to square the series. Roche then played all three Tests on the 1982 tour of New Zealand and he was particularly outstanding in the Second Test which Australia won 19-16.

In 1983, Roche and Jeff Miller swapped Clubs and joined University. He played in the Tests against the USA and Argentina and then toured to France with the Wallabies.

In 1984, a new era dawned in Australian Rugby; Dwyer was out and Alan Jones was the new Wallaby Coach. Roche played in the Test against Fiji in Suva, then followed up with

the Bledisloe Cup series against the All Blacks when the Wallabies went within a whisker of wresting the Cup back. Roche played fiercely and was chosen for the Wallaby tour of Britain and Ireland following the series. Roche played the Irish international and was given an outing in the final game against the Barbarians who were determined to restore British pride. The Wallabies had to go all out to win 37-30. This was his final game for the Wallabies.

In a Wallaby career from 1981 to 1984, Chris Roche played 48 matches, including 17 Tests in which he scored three tries. He captained Australia in two tour matches.

Bob Templeton who coached Roche at all levels offered this opinion:

"Chris Roche was a dynamo, an amazing competitor with remarkable courage. He was the burrowing type, a scavenger in the thick of everything. Roche always had the respect of the players."



#### 43. LYNAGH, Michael Patrick

1963University of Queensland, Queensland,
Australian Universities, Australia, Anzacs and Trevisio-Benetton(Ita - 91-92).
Tests: 72 Caps. 1983 Italy And France Tour; 1984 Fj+; UK
Tour E+(1t, 2c, 1p), I+(1fg, 1p), W+(1t), S+(3c, 5p), 1985
C+, C+, NZ-; 1986 F+(1fg, 1c, 6p), Arg+(23 Points), Arg+
1987 World Cup F- ; Argentina Tour Arg=, Arg -; 1988
England, Scotland and Italy Tour, E+, S+, I+ 1989 NZ-, Bl(1c, 4p), 1991 W+(2t, 6c, 1p), E+(4c, 4p), NZ+(2c, 2p), NZ

Tour, NZ-(1p); World Cup, ARg+(3c, 2p), W.Sam+(3p), W+(2p, 4c, 1t), I+(1t, 2c, 1p), NZ+(1c, 2p)-, World Cup Final E+(2p, 1c); 1992 S+(1t, 1c, 3p), S+(1c, 5p), NZ+(2p), NZ+(3p), NZ- (3p, 2c), SA Tour, SA+(1c, 3p); Ireland and Wales Tour, I+. 1993 Tg + (1c) Canada and France Tour C+(3p2c), F-(2p1c),F(+) 1994 Ir+(1t,2p,1c),Ir+(5p,1c), It+(2t,1c) 1995 Arg+(2t,4p,3c) Arg+(5p) World Cup SA-(1t, 2p, C) C+ (1t, 2p,3c) E-(5p, 1c) 911 Points Queensland Games: 1982-1994 100 Games. School: St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace.

Michael Lynagh was born in Brisbane on 25th October 1963.

He was capped for the State as an eighteen year old straight from school, but it was in the following year of 1983 that he became Queensland's permanent five-eighth. At the end of 1983, Michael toured Italy and France with the Wallabies, but with Mark Ella in the number 10 jersey, his Test debut had to wait. Michael made his debut for Australia against Fiji on 9th June 1984 in Suva at the age of twenty. Dick Marks had this to say about Lynagh:

"The five-eighth position requires as comprehensive a range of skills as there is in the game, and nobody had a more complete package than Michael Lynagh. His classic pathway to Wallaby status included an Australian Under 21 match in 1982 against New Zealand as a curtain-raiser to a Test. In the feature game his mentor Paul McLean celebrated his valedictory

performance with two points-scoring records. He knew that the player who might obliterate them had just starred in the trailer".

In January 1983 Michael Lynagh was a member of the Club tour to the UK and Ireland and in those games he played gave ample expression to the promise that he possessed. Despite his inexperience in the conditions his performances were those of a player very much his senior.

In 1984 the new Australian Coach Alan Jones introduced him to the Test team in the centres. The experiment of a second five-eighth was an immediate success and the Ella, Lynagh, Slack troika featured as the key unit in delivering Australia's first Grand Slam later that year.

On Mark Ella's retirement Noddy took over his beloved pivot position in 1985 and wore the mantle of world's best five-eighth for a decade. This illustrious reign saw him captain Australia, and become a member of Australia's first successful World Cup team. By the time he left Australia to play in Italy, he crowned his amazing career with the world record of 911 points from 72 Tests.

In all he would play 104 matches for Australia and exactly 100 games for Queensland. Calculating, conservative, and thoughtful, Michael Lynagh was expert in all disciplines of his sport and left a mark that might possibly never be equalled. At 31 years of age he called it quits after captaining Australia against Argentina and to the World Cup in South Africa, all in 1995.



#### 44. MILLER, Jeffrey Scott

1962-

Teachers-Norths, University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities, Australia, Anzacs and Collesferro (Italy) Tests: 26 Caps. 1983 Italy And France Tour; 1987 World Cup; 1989 L+, L-, L-; NZ- 1991 W+, NZ Tour; World Cup, W.Sam.+, W+, I+. Queensland Games: 69 Games School: De La Salle, Scarborough

He was born in the tiny town of Kingman, Arizona in the United States of America on Independence Day, 4th July in 1962.

Jeff Miller was known as "Ginger" because of his hair colour. Jeff epitomised the bravery of the open side flanker, first to the breakdown, ferreting in the ruck, fearlessly going down on the loose ball, and being trampled underfoot by a legion of sturdy studs.

Miller played his first game for Queensland in 1982 against the World XV in Queensland's centenary year and then lined up against New South Wales in Townsville where Queensland won 22-16. In 1983, Jeff Miller switched from Teachers-Norths and turned out for University.

At the end of the season, Wallaby Coach Bob Dwyer chose Miller for the Wallaby tour of Italy and France. In 1985 he toured Europe with the Queensland team and was the star performer.

1986 brought a turning point in Miller's career as he was chosen for the long Wallaby tour of New Zealand. Miller was selected for the Second Test at Carisbrook, Dunedin where a controversial "no try" decision by Referee Derek Bevan robbed the Wallabies of a win and spoiled Miller's debut. The series and the Bledisloe Cup hinged on the third Test at Eden Park, Auckland and it was in this match that Miller made his mark as Australia won convincingly by 22 points to 9.

During the 1989 season, Miller had a once in a lifetime opportunity to play against the British and Irish Lions and he figured in all three Tests. For the one-off Test that followed at Eden Park, Miller was partnered by the recalled Simon Poidevin.

In 1991 Miller played his last game for Queensland against Wales and was chaired off by Michael Lynagh and Cameron Lillicrap. "Playing for Queensland was always just the greatest thing and something I never thought I'd do". When Miller played in the Test against Wales, he was named "man of the match."

Miller went off to the World Cup and played against Western Samoa and Wales in the pool matches, then backed up against Ireland when the Wallabies "got out of jail". The Australian players were stunned when Miller was omitted for the Semifinal against the All Blacks.

In an illustrious career Jeff Miller gave his all in 69 games for Queensland and 26 Test matches. Bob Templeton was a fan, saying,

"Jeff Miller was one of the truly outstanding openside flankers. He was very committed and quick to the breakdown. I can see him now when we thrashed Wales. He was the catalyst. He was everywhere. After retiring from Rugby, Miller moved into coaching and was Assistant Coach to Rod Macqueen when the Wallabies won the World Cup in 1999 in Wales. He then became CEO of Queensland Rugby, and when Andrew Slack resigned as Coach of the Queensland Reds, Miller returned to coaching as Head Coach of the Reds in 2004. During Miller's reign his team was decimated through the Western Force's raids on the Reds, in midseason 2005. Eddie Jones would take over in 2007 from one of Queensland's favourite sons. Jeff is now involved with the classic Wallabies.



#### 45. LILLICRAP, Cameron Paul

1963-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia 7caps. 1984 Uk Tour; 1985 Fj+ 1987 World Cup; I+, F- 1987 Arg Tour; 1991 NZ Tour; World Cup W.Sam.+; 1992 Ireland and Wales Tour Queensland Games: 50 Games, 1984-94. School: Brisbane Grammar School.

Cameron was born in Brisbane on 19th April 1963.

Cameron Lillicrap was selected to play for Queensland very early in his career, making his debut in 1984 against the New Zealand provincial side, North Auckland. In that same year he received his call-up to the ranks of the Wallabies in a tour to Fiji, and was then chosen for the United Kingdom tour.

In 1985 he made his Test debut playing against Fiji in Sydney, Australia winning 31-9.

While he continued to serve his apprenticeship at national level behind Rodriguez and McIntyre, he helped the Queensland team to be a dominant force in Australian Rugby.

Former Queensland Coach Connolly was effusive in his praise of Lillicrap, finding him to

be very professional and helpful. He says that "Lillicrap's contribution to Queensland Rugby from 1984 to 1994 cannot be underestimated. As part of the Queensland pack at this time, the scrum stamped its authority on all the teams they played and Cameron Lillicrap was an important cog in that machine". This dominance reached its fruition and he stated one of the highlights of his playing career was to be part of the Queensland team that won the Super 10 Final in Natal by 21 to 9.

Lillicrap was part of Australia's 1987 World Cup team, playing against Ireland and France, then going on the Argentinian tour. He played against the British Isles in Sydney in July 1989, a match won 30-12 by Australia. Unfortunately he was injured and missed the rest of the series.

In 1991 as part of the World Cup squad, he played against Western Samoa for a 9-3 win and joined the celebrations as Australia won its first World Cup, beating England 12-6 at Twickenham.

Cameron Lillicrap played 19 matches for the Wallabies, seven of these Tests. He would be regarded by many as one of the finest loose-head props to have played for Australia. This powerhouse player continued his involvement with the Wallabies by becoming the physiotherapist for the Australian team.



### 46. KASSULKE, Nigel Thomas

1961-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia, Stellenbosch University, Durban Collegians Tests: 2 Caps. 1985 C+(1t), C+. Queensland Games: 1985. School: Marist College Ashgrove.

He was born in Beaudesert on 2nd August 1961.

Nigel was educated at Marist College Ashgrove and coached in the Premiership First XV by Barry Honan. Nigel followed the path of his uncle Bryan Kassulke who also attended the College and then played for the University in the mid-fifties, representing Queensland in 1953-55 as a centre.

Nigel played in University's champion U19 side in 1980 with future Wallabies Tony Parker and David Nucifora, under Coaches Ashley Girle and Chilla Wilson. In 1982, Nigel played for Australia U21, but on the wing, not in his favoured out-centre position.

On 15th June1985, Nigel played the first of his two Test matches against Canada at the SCG, won by Australia 59-3, and he scored a try. In the Second Test at Ballymore, he retired with a torn anterior cruciate ligament of the knee just before halftime with Australia leading 19-9. Australia went on to win 43-15. The injury ruled him out of Rugby until the 1987 season. Nigel then enjoyed being a part of University's triple Premiership success which culminated in the 1990 National Club Championship victory over Randwick at Ballymore.

Nigel was a very fast and elusive player who had the ability to cut an opposing team to pieces. Unfortunately a serious injury at a crucial time led to his premature retirement from representative football.



## 47. COOK, Michael Terrence

1962-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities and Australia. Tests: 11 Caps. Queensland Games: 40 Games, 1984-1988 School: St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace.

He was born in Caulfield, Melbourne on 23rd April 1962.

Michael Cook was a heady centre, mobile and well balanced, and a strong tackler. In 1985 Michael played for Australian

Universities against Fiji (losing 24-26), but had his revenge in the Queensland team that took Fiji apart (47-6).

When France came in 1986, Cook made his debut in the only Test France played. He was paired in the centres with Captain Andrew Slack. Australia won by 27-14 and Michael Cook made a grand entry with some cracking tackles that left the Frenchmen sore and sorry.

Australia made a tour of New Zealand in 1986 and Cook was an automatic selection.

In 1987 he was selected for his second Test against Korea, scoring a try in Australia's 65-18 victory. This was followed by a World Cup match against Japan, won 42-23. However, disaster struck, and Michael Cook's tournament ended with a broken arm. He came back later in the year, accompanying the Wallabies on a nine-match tour to Argentina.

His finest year and last at the top was 1988. England toured and Cook was in the Queensland team that gave the tourists a run for their money before losing narrowly, 18-22. Then he found himself in the First Test against England, Australia winning 22-16. Michael was in the Second Test also, won convincingly by Australia 28-8.

Next up were three rugged Tests against the All Blacks, the first lost 7-22, the second a draw 19-19 and the third lost 9-30. The year ended for Cook with a fifteen match tour of England, Scotland and Italy. He played all three Tests, England (19-21), Scotland (32-13) and Italy (55-6).

In total he had 11 Test caps and 18 non-Test caps. For his size he was a punishing tackler, handled the ball well and was cool under pressure. Dependability marked his game. Michael has been a successful schoolboy First XV Coach, and is now Director of Rugby at Marist College Ashgrove, where he teaches Physical Education.



## 48. MARTIN, Gregory Joseph

1963-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities, Australia, Rieta(It) and L'aquila(It). Tests: 11 Caps. Queensland Games: 65 Games 1983-91 School: Brisbane Grammar School.

Greg was born on 30th June 1963 in Brisbane.

Greg Martin first gained his reputation as a brilliant running

and defensive fullback for his Club, University - a reputation he enhanced while playing for Queensland and Australia.

In Greg's playing days at University he was acknowledged by his team-mates as a real match winner and a master of all the tricks of the trade. His big step made him a hard man to stop and he had a wonderful ability to chime into a backline. This attack was equally matched by his excellent defence and a big left foot kick which frequently relieved pressure. All these qualities stood him in good stead when playing for his State and Country.

Martin made his debut as a Wallaby in the First Test against the touring British Lions in July 1989, a game in which he is remembered for scoring a brilliant try in the second half.

One reluctant claim to fame which involved David Campese occurred in the Third Test against the Lions in 1989. It was Greg who was the unfortunate recipient of the famous "now pass" from Campese, who had caught the ball and went to run, but then unexpectedly "passed" the ball to Martin. It hit him on the shoulder, then bounced forward where it was swooped on by the Lions winger Ieuan Evans, who was awarded an opportunist try. The fact the Lions won the Test 19-18 meant that the incident made headlines for a long period of time.

Greg Martin played 11 Tests and 11 non-Test matches. Greg was part of the wonderful Queensland team in 1990 which saw Queensland win 11 games with only one loss (to Auckland) and in which Martin was an important and vital member.

Bob Templeton, that legend of Australian Rugby stated:

"Greg Martin was one of my favourite players. He was full of courage and extremely respected by his peers".

Greg has continued his involvement in the game, particularly in his role as a commentator on Cable TV and as a sought-after speaker at Sporting functions where he is noted for his wicked sense of humour.



## 49. NASSER, Brendan Paul

1964-

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australian Universities, Australia and Oxford University.

Tests: 8 Caps. 1989 France Fr+, Fr-;1990 Fr+,Fr+,Fr-, USA+, NZ-1991 NZ Tour; World Cup W.Sam+; 1992 Ireland and Wales Tour.

Queensland Games: 43 Games. 1988-92.

School: St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace.

"Bob" was born on 6th June 1964 in Brisbane.

Nasser graduated from one of the nurseries of Australian Rugby-St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace. Even in his schooldays Brendan had the reputation of being a very powerful No 8 with exceptional skills and strength. He was a very effective player when involved in moves from the base of the scrum and was almost unstoppable when close to the try-line.

He played 45 games for Queensland as a flanker or a No 8, and from there progressed to his first of eight Test caps and seven non-Test matches in 1989. His first Test was at Strasbourg in France and it resulted in a 32-15 victory.

Nasser's representative career continued for the next two years and during that time he played five Tests against France, both home and away (1990), USA 67-9, and also the 1990 Test against New Zealand at Eden Park, won by the All Blacks 27-17.

In all games in which Brendan Nasser played he earned a reputation for being a skilful, clever and fair player.

Opposing teams were always wary of him when set pieces were close to the try-line or when he took the ball at the end of the lineout. He was always a popular team member and his fellow players regarded him as an excellent team man who gave 100% effort in anything he attempted.



## 50. PALM, Mitchell Brice

1967-University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia and Frascati(It) Tests: 0 Caps. Queensland Games: 1988/89 School: Brisbane Boys' College.

He was born on 22nd July 1967 in Bundaberg.

Mitchell Palm attended Brisbane Boys' College where he was a talented goal kicking five-eighth and a prominent member of the First XV. On leaving school he attended UQ and joined the University Rugby Club which had the services of the Australian five-eighth Michael Lynagh. To a certain extent Mitchell modelled his play on that of Lynagh. When Lynagh was available, Palm played at centre, but otherwise figured at fiveeighth and was the team's goal kicker.

After representing Queensland in the U19 team in 1986, Mitchell was chosen for First Grade in 1987. Palm scored 126 points from goal kicks alone. He followed that effort up with 128

points in the 1988 season and in 1989, he totalled 175 points.

In 1988 he was selected as a reserve for Queensland as deputy for Lynagh. When the All Blacks toured in July and when Queensland played them as the last game of the season, it proved to be the swansong for long-serving State Coach Bob Templeton, and Ballymore was full to capacity to farewell him. An injury to Lynagh gave Palm his chance and he came on and kicked two penalty goals in the home side's 27-12 loss.

In 1989, Palm toured Argentina with the Queensland side under new Coach, John Connolly and made his run-on debut against Mar Del Plata, scoring 19 points in his team's 29-7 win. He had three further games on tour and amassed a total of 50 points.

Mitchell Palm was then selected for the end of season Wallaby tour of Canada and France after playing a major role in University's 1989 repeat Premiership win over Souths.

After making his Wallaby debut in Canada he played three non-Test matches in France.

On returning to Australia, Palm had scored 90 points in Club fixtures for University until he badly injured his knee. This unfortunately led to his premature retirement in 1990.



### 51. SLATTERY, Peter John

1965-

Western Districts, Queensland, Australia,
University of Queensland,
Manly (Sydney), Nippon Steel Kamaishi
Tests: 17 Caps. 1990 USA+R; 1991 W+R, E+R, NZ Tour;
World Cup W.Sam+R, W+(1t), I+R.; 1992 SA Tour, Ireland and Wales Tour, I+, W+. 1993 Tg +, Canada, France Tour C+,
Fr-, Fr+ 1994 Ir+, Ir+,And It R+ 1995 World Cup C+,Rom R+
Queensland Games: 1985-1995. 109 Games
School: Brisbane State High School

"Slats" was born on 6th June 1965.

After leaving BSHS Peter Slattery initially joined Wests. Peter had that cheeky approach to the game, characterised by blindside dashes to link with his loose forwards. Blessed with quick reflexes, he possessed a lightning service and he was a gifted attacking player and a courageous tackler. "Slats" was like a sheep dog, always yapping at his flock of forwards, driving them on in the rucks and mauls.

Slattery made his debut for Queensland against King Country in New Zealand on 1st May 1985, and was so impressive that he was selected for the main games back at Ballymore. Slattery impressed with his smart service to Michael Lynagh when Queensland defeated Canterbury (21-7) and New South Wales (26-18), and he was rewarded with a reserve position to Nick Farr-Jones - a role that was to become all too familiar over the next eight years.

In 1988, Peter Slattery linked up with the great Michael Lynagh at University and won a Premiership after playing in all nine matches for Queensland.

In 1989, after being reserve for the British Lions Tests, Slattery was selected as understudy to Farr-Jones on the Wallaby tour of France and Canada in late 1989.

The following season, Slattery made his Test debut against the USA at Ballymore when he came on for Farr-Jones off the bench and capped his performance with a try. He repeated the dose against Wales the following year. When the Wallabies scored a 40-15 win over England, Slattery again had a run when Farr-Jones came off. After these cameo appearances for Australia, Slattery was a certainty for the 1991 World Cup. He came off the bench against Western Samoa and was retained for the crunch match against Wales at Cardiff Arms Park – his first start in Wallaby colours! Farr-Jones was back for just 16 minutes against Ireland before he limped off. A composed Slattery came on and played soundly in Australia's "get out of jail" escape after Gordon Hamilton's try almost stole the match for Ireland.

Slattery was rewarded with the Queensland captaincy in 1992. Explaining the decision, John Connolly said: "It may have surprised some people but Peter is the ideal man. From a Rugby point of view, he's a world class player and the most experienced in the side with more than 70 games for Queensland. As a bloke, he's very well respected and as a skipper, he's inspirational".

Slattery responded by leading the side to win the Super Six competition, and ended the season by playing in the wins in Ireland (42-17) and in Wales (23-6).

In 1993, Slats suffered a broken jaw in a Club match against Norths, but was able to play three Tests at the end of the season on his second Wallaby tour to Canada and France. In 1994, Slattery led Queensland brilliantly to win 21-10 in Durban against Natal in the Super Ten Final.

Later that year George Gregan took his place for a Test against Italy, and he was retained for the Bledisloe Cup match in Sydney. When Gregan pulled off "that" tackle on Jeff Wilson, it was obvious Australia had found a new Test half-back.

Peter Slattery played his 100th game for Queensland against Canterbury in Christchurch and Michael Lynagh followed in the last game of the season against Western Samoa at Ballymore.

During the 1995 season, Slattery led his Queensland team in the Super 10 competition and they triumphed again this time in the Final against Transvaal (30-16) at the Ellis Park cauldron. With the 1995 World Cup to be held in South Africa, Slattery found himself selected as No. 2 scrumhalf to George Gregan.

In a wonderful career, Peter Slattery always gave his all. Immensely popular, he played 109 games for Queensland and 17 Test matches for Australia – starting in 10 Test matches – a figure that would have been greater but for the long-serving Nick Farr-Jones. He also captained Australia in a non-Test match.



### 52. NUCIFORA, David Vincent

1962-

University of Queensland, Bay Area Touring Side (B.A.T.S) - USA, Queensland, Australian Universities, Australia Tests: 2 Caps. 1991 Tour; World Cup Arg+R, 1992 Ireland and Wales Tour. 1993 Canada, France Tour C R +. Queensland Games: 1989-1993 School: Brisbane Grammar School

David was born on 15th January 1962.

From Brisbane Grammar School, Nucifora went to the University of Queensland and became a vital member of the University Rugby side.

It took eight years of perseverance and improvement to be recognised and to become at last the Queensland Reds hooker in 1991. He then joined Mark McBain, Eddie Jones, Phil Kearns and Tom Lawton in the scramble for Wallaby honours.

David Nucifora came to the fore in 1991. He played for Queensland against Wales, the Reds surprising everyone with a resounding 35-24 victory. That same year he was in the Queensland team which defeated England 20-14. As well as his hooking, he was demonstrating that he was a fine, mobile forward and was accurate in throwing into the lineout.

After Australia beat New Zealand 21-12, Australia ventured to Auckland in an endeavour to regain the Bleidsoe Cup. One other match was played, a non-Test match against Counties, and David Nucifora got his first Australian representation there, Australia winning 17-12.

The highlight of his career to this point was being selected in the 1991 World Cup squad. David then played against Argentina at Llanelli, where Australia won 32-9 with Nucifora replacing Kearns late in the second half.

In 1992, he was selected on the Wallaby tour to Wales, England and Ireland. In the non-Test match against Munster (19-22), David Nucifora was selected as Captain.

In 1993, his swan-song was an11-match Wallaby tour of North America and France. In the Calgary Test against Canada (43-16) he again came on as a replacement for Phil Kearns.

His record was two Tests and 11 non-Test caps. Nucifora then tried his hand at coaching, beginning with the ACT Brumbies and winning the Super 12. He then coached the Auckland Blues before becoming the High Performance Manager with the ARU. Dedicated and a people-person, coaching was a wise choice.



### 53. HOWARD, Patrick William

1973 -

University of Queensland, Leicester (UK), Sydney University, Australia Tests: 20 1993 NZ Tour,NZ-, 1994 Sam+, NZ+,1995 NZ Tour NZ-,NZ-. 1996w+,W+, SA+,NZ-,SA-, Italy, Scotland, Ireland,Wales Tour It+,S+,W+. 1997 F+,F+. NZ Tour NZ-Argentina, England, Scotland Tour Ar+, Ar-,E=, S+ State Games: Queensland; 1993-95 ACT. 1996-98, 2002-03 School: Marist College Ashgrove

Patrick was born on 14th November 1973 in Sydney.

After matriculating from School, Pat Howard played for Queensland U19 and Australia U19 while attending the University of Queensland studying Pharmacy.

A chunkily built five-eighth or inside-centre with a good step and very safe hands, Pat made impressive representative debuts in the U19 ranks. He was then thrust into the limelight when called to replace an injured Michael Lynagh at five-eighth for a one-off Test against the All Blacks at Carisbrook, Dunedin in July 1993. Although he acquitted himself well, Howard had to wait another 10 Tests before being recalled into the Australian ranks – at inside centre – for a Test against Western Samoa that Australia won 73-3 at the Sydney Football Stadium in August 1994.

Pat's next 18 Tests included four at five-eighth, 12 at inside centre and two off the bench. Unfortunately they were interspersed with a string of serious, time-consuming injuries which included a broken jaw, a broken arm, and a broken leg in 1997 that cost him a Wallaby tour of Argentina, England and Scotland.

One of his recalls was the 1996 Tri-Nations series after Australia had been trounced 43-6 by the All Blacks in Wellington. With George Gregan replacing Sam Payne at halfback and Pat Howard taking over from Scott Bowen at five-eighth, underdogs Australia defeated World Cup holders South Africa 21-16 in Sydney.

Pat became an integral part of the famous ACT Brumbies' backline between 1996-98 and again from 2001-03.

Playing with Leicester (U.K.) in 2001 he was named European Player of the Year and Best Overseas Player.

After retiring, he renewed his links with the Leicester Tigers as Backs Coach in 2004, and Head Coach in 2005. Coaching was always going to be a calling. Pat's mother and father are steeped in Rugby. His father Jake, a Wallaby prop, has worked as Australian Forwards Coach while his mother Margariete is a successful Coach at representative level as well as being the daughter of Cyril Towers, the doyen of centres for the Waratahs in the late 1920s and early 1930s. Pat Howard played 20 Tests for Australia and six non-Test matches. His father Jake played seven Tests and 21 non-Test matches. Cyril Towers played 19 Tests, two as Captain, and 38 non-Test matches. Margariete did not get to play, but her coaching does not reflect that.



54. DYSON, Fletcher John 1973-University of Queensland New South Wales 1998-99 (4) Queensland, Australia

Tests: 10 Caps.

Queensland Games: 49, 2000-04

School: John Paul College.

Fletcher was born in Victoria on 27th May 1973.

He was the cornerstone of the Queensland Reds pack from 2000 until 2004, and marked his first season at the Reds by winning the Rookie of the Year Award.

Fletcher's success in his first season with the Reds was rewarded with his first Wallaby Test cap in 2000 against Argentina at Ballymore. Fletcher played 10 Tests for the Wallabies in what was a highly successful season with a maiden Tri-Nations title and the famous John Eales penalty kick to win the Bledisloe Cup at Wellington.

Although born in Victoria, Fletcher grew up in Queensland before moving to NSW, playing for Randwick and Northern Suburbs. Fletcher played eight games for the Waratahs during 1998-99 before returning north.

In 2004, Fletcher suffered a career ending neck injury. Fletcher has continued his Rugby career on the administration and coaching side, and has also provided Rugby commentary on radio.



## 55. STILES, Nicholas Bryan

1973-

Souths, University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 12 Queensland Games: 1998-2005 School: St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace

Nic was born on 17th October 1973 in Melbourne.

Nicholas was a highly mobile loosehead prop forward who had a long career with Queensland and one glorious season for the Wallabies. He often played like a flanker in the loose,

scrummaged solidly, and supported well in the lineout.

After leaving Gregory Terrace, he joined Souths in 1993. In 1997, Stiles began a long association with the Queensland University team in Premier Grade, playing from 1997 to 2005 with the Club, which he also captained.

A squat 176cm and 95kgs, Stiles showed unusual mobility in the loose and tidied up in the rucks. When Nic gained a permanent spot in the Reds he remained entrenched with a record of 79 successive games for them. In 2001, he captained Queensland against Argentina when the Reds lost narrowly by 35-29.

The Australian Selectors then included him in the Wallaby team that toured Japan and Europe at the end of the 2000 season.

In 2001, Stiles made his Test debut against the British Lions at the Brisbane Cricket Ground. The Wallabies were outplayed by the Lions 29-13. His next two Tests against the Lions were won. Another highlight for Stiles came in the pulsating 29-26 win by the Wallabies over the All Blacks at Stadium Australia in the last match of John Eales' illustrious career, when Toutai Kefu scored the match-winning try in the final minute. After going on the end of season Wallaby tour he played in the internationals against Spain, England, France and Wales.

In 2002, Nic only played against South Africa in the Tri-Nations Test and was then included in the Wallaby end of year tour. He figured in the Test against Ireland in Dublin which the Wallabies lost 18-9.

In 2003, Nic continued to play for the Reds and at the start of 2004 was named vice-Captain of the Reds with Elton Flatley the Captain. Nic would captain the Queensland team in his last game against the Junior All Blacks. He played 95 games for Queensland between 1998-2005, and also played 14 matches for the Wallabies, including 12 Tests. He scored one Test try against Spain. Nic Stiles then took to coaching and was the Queensland University Head Coach from 2005 to 2007.



### 56. SHARPE, Nathan Charles

1978-University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 100\* School: The Southport School Queensland Games: 1998-05, Western Force 2006-State debut v Scotland 1998.

He was born in Wagga Wagga on 26th February 1978.

Nathan Sharpe is the only Wallaby from The Southport School to have captained Australia in a Test.

Sharpe, a lock, is among the heaviest and tallest of the current Wallabies and is also among the most consistent. He is a superb lineout exponent, a destructive runner in the loose, and he can ruck with the best of them. He also captained Australia U19 (1996) and Australia U21 after playing a remarkable three seasons for the Australian U-21 side.

Jim Tucker wrote of him: "His running game is a rarity for a top lock. His hammering charges are always a bankable asset for the Wallabies and work has been put in to extending his value with more off-loads".

His representative career for Australia began in 2002 at 24 years of age. His first Test was at the Colonial Stadium, Melbourne where he ran out against the French who were the Six Nations Champions in 2002. It was a win for Australia by 29-17. The second Test was also won by Australia 31-25.

While Nathan was a key figure in the opening 2002 Tri-nations Tests against New Zealand (6-12) and South Africa (38-27), Nathan then opened the scoring by being driven over in a forward rumble against New Zealand in the return encounter at Telstra Stadium. Australia

won 16-14. The Wallabies lost narrowly (31-33) at Ellis Park Johannesburg, where a shoulder injury ended Nathan's 2002 campaign.

He was back in the thick of it in 2003, starting against Ireland (45-16) and England (14-25).

Nathan warmed the bench in the next four matches: South Africa (lost 22-26), New Zealand (lost 21-50), South Africa again (won 29-9) and New Zealand again (lost 17-21). He was a replacement in each of them, coming on just after halftime in all four matches.

Next in line was the 2003 World Cup and Sharpe started in every one of them. First it was Argentina (won 24-8), then Romania (won 90-8), Namibia (won 142-0), Ireland (17-16), Scotland (33-16), New Zealand (22-10) and then the loss to England in the final by 17-20.

The year 2004 continued in a similar vein, Nathan playing two Tests against Scotland (won 35-15 and 34-13), one Test against England (won 51-15) and then the Pacific Islands (won 29-14).

With George Gregan injured, Australia called on Sharpe to lead the side against New Zealand in the opening match of the Tri-Nations and Bledisloe Cup in Wellington in July 2004. Though only 26 years of age he became the 72nd Captain of Australia. The match was unfortunately lost 7-16. There were three more Tests that year, against South Africa (lost 26-30), New Zealand (won 23-28) and South Africa (lost 19-23). As the 2004 season ended, he remained solid and dependable, a vital member of the Wallaby team.

In 2005, Nathan was the winner of the Pilecki Medal, the award presented to the Reds Player of the Year. Nathan also captained Australia again in 2005 against Samoa, scoring two tries, and was the only Wallaby to play every Test that season. He toured with the Wallabies to the U.K. and France as well.

In 2006 Nathan Sharpe became the Western Force's foundation skipper and he has been inspirational during their six seasons of Super Rugby. During the 2011 season Nathan broke George Gregan's record of 136 for the most games played by an Australian in Super Rugby, as by the end of the 2011 Super 15 season, Nathan had played 147 games. Sharpe started in all 13 Tests in 2006 and played every minute of each Test including the Wallabies' 2006 tour of the U.K., Ireland and Italy.

In 2007, Nathan Sharpe was the 2007 John Eales Medallist, playing outstandingly in Australia and the 2007 Rugby World Cup in France. In 2008 Nathan maintained his Mr. Reliability tag of the Australian pack, again representing at home and on the 2008 Hong Kong and European tour.

In 2009, Nathan played in the Australian home series of Tests but missed the Grand Slam attempt due to a shoulder injury. In 2010 he bounced back from that disappointment to underline his rating as Australia's premier lineout forward on the Spring Tour of Wales, England, Italy and France. Sharpe began the Spring Tour as the fifth most capped Wallaby of all time. He is now the most capped second rower in Australian Test history, having recently eclipsed the career appearance tally of ex-skipper John Eales. Nathan Sharpe has been a tower of strength and has been almost a permanent fixture in the Test starting XV since his debut in 2002.

Late news: Nathan Sharpe has just been named in the 2011 Wallaby World Cup Squad, along with Clubmates James Horwill, Drew Mitchell and Stephen Moore. He played his 100th Test against Wales (21-18) on 21-10-11, the fifth Australian to do so.



### 57. MITCHELL, Drew Allan

1984-University of Queensland, Queensland, WA, NSW. Australia Tests: 58\* State Games: QLD, 2003-2006 Western Force 2007-2009, NSW 2010-School: St Patrick's College, Shorncliffe Date of Birth: 26th March 1984 in Liverpool, NSW.

While attending St. Patrick's College, Drew was selected as an Australian Schoolboy in 2001. Drew then captained Queensland U19 in 2002, with wins over the ACT and NSW. He was a member of the Australian Sevens also in 2002, Australian U21 2003-2004, Australia A 2004-2006, and the Australian Wallabies 2005 and 2007 to the present.

Drew Mitchell has made senior tours in 2004 to UK and France, in 2006 to the UK, Ireland and Italy, the 2007 Rugby World Cup (France), in 2008 to Hong Kong and Europe, in 2009 to Japan and Europe, and 2010 to UK and Europe.

Drew is blessed with searing pace and good footwork. With the passing of years he has become more confident in his attacking skills and is a pleasure to watch in full flight. He ended 2010 by claiming the second Test hat-trick of his career during the Wallabies' record 59-16 thumping of Six Nations Champions France in Paris.

Drew had started Australia's Spring Tour with a try during the thrilling 26-24 win over the All Blacks in Hong Kong.

His try earlier in the season against South Africa at Bloemfontein brought Australia back into the game and the team recorded an historic 41-39 win. Mitchell's try was crucial as Australia broke its 47 year drought on the South African high veldt.

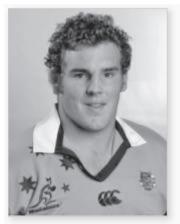
Mitchell also had a strong 2009 performance where he appeared in 12 of Australia's 14 Tests, including all four on the tour of Great Britain and Ireland.

In 2007, Mitchell scored seven tries from five matches at the Rugby World Cup (including his maiden Test hat-trick against Fiji) to finish up as the tournament's second highest try-scorer, despite Australia bowing out at the Quarterfinal stage.

Drew started every Super 14 match for the Reds in 2006, his last season for University and the Reds. He had been with the Queensland Reds since 2003 and had started in the Club's U19 Premiership side in 2002. Mitchell played with the Western Force from 2007-2009 and with the NSW Waratahs from 2010 to the present.

Drew made his debut off the bench against South Africa on 9th July 2005 and scored a try on fulltime. He made his run-on debut for Australia in the Bledisloe Cup match in Sydney on 13th August 2005 and established himself with a brilliant solo try against the All Blacks in a sizzling run that left several All Blacks grasping thin air in his wake.

Late news: Drew has been named in the 30 man Wallaby World Cup Squad, along with James Horwill (Captain) Stephen Moore and Nathan Sharpe.



## 58. MOORE, Stephen Thomas

1983 -

University of Queensland, Queensland, ACT, Australia. Tests: 65\* State Games: QLD 2003-2008, ACT 2009-School: Brisbane Grammar School

He was born in Saudia Arabia on 20th January 1983 to Irish parents.

Stephen Moore combined his studies at UQ with his Rugby and was awarded a prestigious University of Queensland Sporting

Scholarship. He completed a Science Degree in 2006, while his performances on the field as hooker for University were lauded by the critics who stamped him as a future Wallaby.

His debut for Queensland was made as a replacement against the Bulls in Pretoria, South Africa on 19th April 2003. However his representative chances were limited, with Wallaby Sean Hardman preferred to him until 2005. Stephen was a member of the University Grand Final team of 2004 and made many of his trademark uncompromising runs close to the ruck. As a replacement, he made his Test debut on 11th June 2005 in Sydney against Samoa.

He capped off the 2006 year by making his run-on debut for the Wallabies against Scotland at Murrayfield. In 2007, Moore was the first choice hooker for the Wallabies in the domestic Test season and held the role for the Rugby World Cup in France.

He consolidated his position in 2008, starring in the European tour, and he and Matt Giteau were the only players to appear in all of the Wallabies' record 14 Tests.

In 2009 Stephen re-located to Canberra for the Super Rugby Season, and then appeared in all but one of the 14 Tests that Australia played.

2010 saw Moore feature in all 13 matches of Super Rugby before a broken jaw sustained in the final round delayed his Test entry until the Tri-Nations. Towards the end of 2010 Steve was able to play a handful of Club matches for University. Stephen Moore is an outstanding hooker who does well with his throwing duties, and his skills and ball running bring an extra dimension to the forwards.

Late news: Stephen Moore has been selected in the 30 man Wallaby World Cup Squad, along with James Horwill, Drew Mitchell and Nathan Sharpe.



### 59. VALENTINE, Joshua James

1983-

Singleton, Warringah, Souths, University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Date of Birth: 22nd February 1983 In Newcastle. Tests: 6\* State Games: Qld 2003-2006, NSW 2007-2008, Western Force 2009-School: Narrabeen Sports High School.

Josh Valentine was originally from New South Wales but made his debut for the Queensland Reds in 2003 as a halfback. In

2004, Josh joined University and played in the 2004 Grand Final.

In 2005 he was hampered by a series of injuries, but bounced back in 2006 to represent the Queensland Reds Super 14 Team, and then achieved national honours. Josh featured as a replacement against England in Sydney, a 34-3 win. On the Spring Tour he again came off the bench in Tests against Wales, Ireland and Scotland.

In 2007-2008, Josh relocated to the NSW Waratahs and then in 2009, his sole season with the Western Force, played 12 of a possible 13 matches. The 27 year old struck up a strong combination with Test flyhalf Matt Giteau and was selected by Robbie Deans for two further Test caps against Italy and France, both as replacements.

In 2010, Valentine joined his fourth Super Rugby Franchise, the ACT Brumbies, where he is currently playing.



## 60. HORWILL, James Edward

1985 – University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Date of Birth: 29th May 1985, Brisbane Tests: 33\* State Qld: (2006 -School: Brisbane Boys' College.

After BBC, James Horwill enrolled at the University of Queensland. The beefy lock impressed the Selectors from the start and played in the 2004 U19 World Cup in South Africa.

In 2005 James was a member of the Australian U21 team which was runner-up in the World Championships in Argentina.

In 2006, Horwill made an impressive debut season for the Reds, playing every match and then being called up for the Wallabies Spring Tour of Europe. 2007 saw him start every match for the Reds and make his Wallaby Test debut against Fiji in Perth.

Despite his youth, Reds Coach Phil Mooney chose James to captain his State in 2008 because of his non-stop performances and the example he set. He also became a regular in the Wallaby team with his steady qualities recognised by coach Robbie Deans. "Big Kev" missed the end-of-season tour overseas because of an operation on a broken foot, but played in nine other Tests in 2008: Ireland, France (2), South Africa (3) and New Zealand (3).

After a late start to the 2009 Super Rugby due to rehabilitation on his foot injury, James managed to be the only player to start all 14 Test matches.

James Horwill is a rare talent. He leads from the front and with the experience he is gaining he has to be considered as a future Captain of his country. At 2 metres and 115kg, James impresses with his aggression, mobility, jumping ability and sheer brute strength.

As the Queensland Reds Captain in the inaugural Super 15 competition, he led his side magnificiently, and in lifting the trophy high, he lifted the hearts of all Queensland Rugby players and supporters.

STOP PRESS: Just prior to the book printing deadline, James Horwill has been announced as the new Wallaby Captain of the World Cup Team. He thus becomes the University Rugby Club's ninth Australian Captain. James impressively led the Wallabies to Tri Nations victory (25-20) against the All Blacks on 27th August 2011 at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane.



## 61. CHAPMAN, Mitchell James

1983-University of Queensland, Queensland, ACT, Australia Tests: 0\* State Games: QLD 2005-2007 ACT 2008-School: Brisbane Grammar School

He was born on 15th March 1983 in North Sydney, New South Wales.

After leaving Brisbane Grammar School, Chapman became a member of the Queensland U19 team in 2000-01, and also played

First Grade cricket for Valleys, partnering Test opener Matt Hayden. However opportunities in Rugby overshadowed his cricket ambitions and Mitchell concentrated on Rugby.

Chapman could play as a No 8 or Second Rower and he represented Australia at the U21 World Cup in 2002 and 2003 after captaining the Australian Schoolboys in 2001. Mitchell was part of the University team which reached the 2004 Grand Final.

On March 12th 2005 he made his Queensland debut in Nelson New Zealand against the Canterbury Crusaders, and later in June '05 he distinguished himself with an all round game against the Junior All Blacks. Mitchell's ball skills and running skills were apparent when he set up Queensland's only try. He played in all 13 of the Reds Super 14 matches and every Australian Rugby Championships match in 2005, showing his great versatility by playing at lock, blindside flanker and No. 8.

Mitchell Chapman received his Wallaby call up during the 2006 European tour when Dan Vickerman was injured, and he made his debut against Scotland A at Perth's McDiarmid Park. Chapman was selected in Australia's shadow squad for the 2007 Rugby World Cup but was forced to withdraw due to a shoulder which required a reconstruction operation. He returned to Rugby and his first season with the Brumbies in 2008, missing just one match.

In 2009, Mitchell Chapman featured on his second Spring Tour, performing as blindside flanker during the midweek wins over Gloucester and the Cardiff Blues. In 2010 he was chosen as Test reserve against Ireland at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium and ended the season with a great performance in University's 2010 Premier Grade Grand Final win over Sunshine Coast (19-11).



62. HYNES, Peter John 1982-University of Queensland, GPS, Queensland and Australia Tests: 22 State Games: Qld 2003-2010 School: Brisbane State High Date of Birth: 17th July 1982

Peter Hynes is a well-rounded gutsy winger who did not back off in defence or attack. In 2000 he was selected for the Australian Schoolboys squad and in 2001 represented Queensland at the U19 Australian Rugby Championships.

In 2002 he was a member of the Australian U21 team at the IRB World Championships, losing to South Africa in the Final. At 19 years of age he was the youngest member of the Australian Sevens team where his extraordinary pace was on show.

The year 2003 saw his debut for the Queensland Reds versus the Hurricanes in Super Rugby and he followed that up by appearing for both the Australian U21 and Australia A sides.

In 2004 he scored the first ever Reds try in Super Rugby at Suncorp Stadium and made his mark for the next few years as a regular.

The Wallaby debut for Peter came against Ireland on 14th June 2008. He would go on to start in all nine domestic Tests, and then appear in four of the five Tests on the Spring Tour. After his debut against Ireland, he played against France at Sydney (34-14). France at Brisbane (40-10, a try), South Africa at Perth (16-9), New Zealand at Sydney (34-19, a try), New Zealand at Auckland (10-39), South Africa at Durban (27-15), South Africa at Johannesburg (5-53) and New Zealand at Brisbane (24-28).

Hynes went up against New Zealand again on the Spring Tour, missed out on Italy and the Barbarians, but played well against England, France and Wales.

Each game increased his confidence. Peter was a danger whenever he received the ball, was tenacious defensively, and played solidly as a third fullback when required.

In 2009, he played nine additional Tests for the Wallabies, including all five Tests on the Spring Tour. His try in Tokyo against New Zealand, the fourth of his Test career, was a highlight.

Hynes was a mainstay for the much improved Queensland Reds in 2010 in Super Rugby, but missed Australia's domestic programme due to ongoing issues related to knee surgery.



## 63. MORAHAN Luke Joseph

1990 – University of Queensland, Queensland and Australia Tests: 0\* State Games: Qld 2009 2010, 2011 School: The Southport School Date of Birth: 13th April 1990.

Luke Morahan made his debut for Australia on the 2009 Spring Tour, scoring a try with his first touch of the ball after coming on as a replacement during Australia's 31-3 win over the Cardiff

Blues. Morahan had been plucked from relative obscurity by Robbie Deans to feature on the 2009 tour, having taken the position left vacant by Stirling Mortlock's absence.

The speedy 20 year old was selected for the 2010 Wallaby tour of Hong Kong and Europe, after competing for Australia at the Commonwealth Games Sevens in New Delhi India, where he shared in the team's Silver Medal-winning performance. Luke started his first match at senior level for Australia on the 2010 tour during the loss to Munster at Limerick.

Earlier in 2010, Morahan was part of the red hot Queensland backline, scoring tries consecutively in the wins over the Chiefs and the Western Force. The strapping winger produced a game-turning try during Queensland's come-from-behind win over the Chiefs in Hamilton – the State's first win in New Zealand for five years. Luke had made his Super Rugby debut at the end of the 2009 competition and played two matches.

Morahan had already showcased his try-scoring prowess on the IRB Sevens circuit, where he had finished the 2008-09 campaign as both Australia's leading try-scorer. He was the only Australian to finish on the top try-scoring list for the series. He touched down 27 times during the 2008-09 IRB World Sevens series.

Luke was also among the top try scorers in the Premier Grade competition in 2008 (10) despite making most of his appearances off the bench after earlier playing Premier Colts (U19).

In 2010, Luke was a member of the University Premiership winning team which defeated Sunshine Coast in the Grand Final.

In the 2011 Super 15 competition Morahan had a limited number of outings because of a hamstring injury, but he still scored six tries including two of the best against the Bulls from South Africa, the previous champions. After the Super 15 Final, Luke was included in the 40 man Wallaby squad to prepare for the 2011 Tri Nations.



## 64. DAVIES, Rodney William

1989 -

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 1\* (Samoa 17th July 2011) State Games: Qld 2010, 2011 School: Ipswich Grammar School Date of Birth: 18th May 1989.

Rod "Rocket" Davies was born in Rockhampton and attended Ipswich Grammar. He is an exceptionally fast winger who was a schoolboy 100 metre champion. In 2006 he was an Australian

Schools representative, where he played in the same backline as Kurtley Beale and Quade Cooper. In 2010 Davies made rapid career strides which culminated in his inclusion on the Spring Tour and selection for the Wallabies in the midweek matches against the Leicester Tigers and Munster.

The 21 year old made his way into the Wallabies after two seasons in Super Rugby where he had already gained status as one of the quickest men in Australian Rugby.

Davies made his debut for the Queensland Reds against the Chiefs in 2009 at Suncorp Stadium. He went on to make five appearances in his freshman season before later earning a spot in the Australian U20 side for the Junior World Cup in Japan. In 2010, Davies scored his maiden Super Rugby try during the Reds stunning 41-20 upset of the Crusaders in Brisbane. Further tries were scored in blistering fashion against the Lions in Johannesburg (2) (41-26 win), and against the eventual champions, the Bulls (19-12 win), as well as against the Hurricanes in Wellington. Unfortunately, Rod tore his hamstring in the latter match, but he recovered to take his place on the 2010 Spring Tour.

Davies played in the 2011 Super 15 season for the Queensland Reds and produced a stellar Semifinal display against the Auckland Blues, collecting a hat-trick of tries based on sheer speed. The Reds had a convincing win 30-13. He was later selected for his first Test against Samoa. In a shock result, the Wallabies were defeated by Samoa 23-32 in the Tri-Nations warm-up Test match.



### 65. HANSON, James Elliot

1989 – University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia Tests: 0\* State Games: Qld 2010, 2011 School: St Joseph's Gregory Terrace Date of Birth: 15th September 1988.

James Hanson was one of the real comers on the Australian Super Rugby scene in 2011, where his skills and mobility were impressive qualities for the champion Queensland Reds. James

was an Australian Schoolboys representative in 2005, and then represented Australia U19 at two World Cups – in 2006 in Dubai where the Australians were World Champions, and also in the 2007 World Cup in Belfast. In 2008, James was Vice-Captain for Australian U20 in the inaugural Junior World Championships in Wales. James has been a member of the University of Queensland Rugby Club Premier Grade since 2007, and he also made a big impression when he joined the Melbourne Rebels for the solitary season of the Australian Rugby Championships in 2007. Although one of the youngest players in the squad, Hanson picked up the Most Improved Player award at the season's end as he helped the Victorians reach the competition Final

Hanson is an uncompromising scrummager who also offers good value around the field. He boasts success as a Captain having led, as a 21-year-old, University Club to a Premiership in 2010. Hanson made his debut for the Reds from the bench during last year's startling 41-20 win over the Crusaders in Brisbane. James filled a regular place in the match squad in 2010, taking over from the retired Sean Hardman.

James was reserve for the Test against Samoa on July 17th at Sydney. His prowess and development is a credit to all those gym hours, practice lineout throws, and practice scrums. Hanson has a squat, powerful frame whose sure lineout throwing, good scrummaging and physical work were admirable traits throughout the 2011 Super 15 season. He made a strong impact as a starting hooker against the Stormers in Cape Town and as a super-sub off the bench, including match winning tries against the Western Force and the Auckland Blues.

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## **APPENDIX 1**

### The History of The Hospitals Cup

The original Hospitals Football Challenge in 1899 was a fund-raising venture for Brisbane Hospitals. Its trophy, the magnificent Hospitals Cup, became the Premiership Trophy from 1946 onwards.

It was anonymously donated to the Council of the Queensland Rugby Union. The magnificent Cup is among the oldest and most prestigious of Queensland's perpetual sporting trophies.



The donation of the 100 guinea trophy was submitted to the QRU through the Royal Brisbane Hospital's secretary, Mr Arthur Payne in July, 1898. (Editor - today's equivalent monetary value is approx \$20,000)

Annual matches prior to World War 1 were played at one of three venues - Bowen Bridge, the Brisbane Cricket Ground (the 'Gabba) or the Exhibition Ground. The Trophy is contested between the two leading Clubs at the end of the first round of the Premiership fixtures.

Interestingly, the results of the Hospitals Club Matches played between 1899 and 1914 are still listed on an Honour Board displayed on the Lower Ground Floor of Block 7 at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

The donor was probably Dr James O'Neil Mayne (1861-1939) who was born in Brisbane and was an old boy of Brisbane Grammar School. He worked as a doctor at the Brisbane General Hospital from 1891-1898.

A man of substantial independent means, he was well known for his philanthropy and support of the community. Although not a sportsman, he was actively interested in Brisbane's cricket, cycling, rowing and amateur fishing associations.

Dr Mayne gave generously to the Hospital and is said to have donated his salary to the Hospital's Building and Grounds Committee, and to have financed the Hospital's first X-ray machine and Operating Theatre equipment. He remained unmarried, and along with his sister, became a major benefactor of the University of Queensland.

Note: In recent times, some have referred to the trophy as the Hospital Cup. This book accepts and reflects the collective memory of several generations of former players and officials who remember it as Hospitals - plural - and from programmes over the years, such as the QRU Official Programme for the 1979 Replay Grand Final, reproduced on Page 236.



Dr. James Mayne



Mary Emelia Mayne



## **APPENDIX 2**

## **GRAND FINAL MATCH RESULTS**

The Northern Rugby Union (NRU) was the code's Governing body from 1883 to 1892. Over the years the Club's top team has been known by various names – from Senior Grade in the early days, later A Grade, First Grade, and currently Premier Grade.

Year	Premiers	Runners Up	Score
1887 <sup>A</sup>	<b>Ipswich Rangers</b>	Wanderers	5-2
1888	Union Harriers	<b>Ipswich Rangers</b>	16-2
1889	Wallaroos	Wasps	18-4
1890	Wallaroos	Arfomas	20-5
1891	Arfomas	Past Grammar	8-5
1892	Past Grammar	Athenians (Ipswich)	15-5

The Queensland Rugby Union (QRU) was formed in 1893 and controls the code to the present day.

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1893	Boomerangs	Past Grammar	10-0
1894	Boomerangs	Past Grammar	6-0
1895	City	Boomerangs	23-13
1896	City*	Past Grammar	6-5
1897	City*	Milduras	36-0
1898	Past Grammar	City	11-3
1899	Past Grammar	City	26-0
1900	City*	Past Grammar	16-3
1901	North Brisbane	Valleys	23-17
1902 <sup>B</sup>	Valleys	Toombul-Nundah	3-3
1903	North Brisbane	Toombul-Nundah	18-11
1904 <sup>c</sup>	North Brisbane	Valleys	3-3
1905	North Brisbane	Past Grammar	8-0
1906	Valleys	North Brisbane	8-0
1907	Brothers	Valleys	18-8
1908	Valleys	South Brisbane	8-0
1909	Valleys	Brothers	19-3
1910	Valleys	Brothers	6-0
1911	Brothers	Valleys	21-10
1912	Brothers	Eastern Suburbs	20-0
1913	Brothers*	Past Grammar	12-0
1914	Past Grammar	Brothers	11-8
1915	Brothers	Valleys	6-0
1916-18	NO SENIOR COMPETITION		
1919	Brothers	University	20-9
1920-28	NO QRU COMPETITIONS IN	I QUEENSLAND	
1929	Y.M.C.A.	Past Commercials	22-8
1930	University	Valleys	12-8
1931	University	GPS	16-15
1932	University	Brothers	8-6
1933	Y.M.C.A.	University	9-8
1934	University	GPS	20-18
1935	Eagle Junction	Brothers	19-14
1936	Eagle Junction	Y.M.C.A.	20-11

Year	Premiers	Runners Up	Score
1937	Eagle Junction	Bretts' Windsor	6-3
1938	University	Y.M.C.A.	14-3
1939	Y.M.C.A.	University	15-8
1940	Eagle Junction	GPS	6-3
1940	University	Brothers	23-6
1941	GPS		11-9
	GPS	Eagle Junction	10-8
1943 1944	Y.M.C.A.	University GPS	8-3
1945	University	Brothers	15-10
1946	Brothers	GPS	11-6
1947	University	Brothers	8-6
1948	University	GPS	21-18
1949	Brothers	University	13-8
1950	Brothers	University	21-10
1951	Brothers	GPS	17-6
1952	University	Brothers	11-3
1953	Brothers	University	11-9
1954	University	GPS	19-3
1955	University	Souths	18-6
1956	University	GPS	19-6
1957	University	Souths	23-18
1958	Souths	University	9-5
1959	Brothers	University	13-11
1960	University	Brothers	11-6
1961	GPS	University	19-13
1962	University	Souths	18-12
1963	Teachers	University	28-9
1964	University	Teachers	29-9
1965	University	GPS	17-15
1966	Brothers	University	36-9
1967	University	GPS	17-15
1968	Brothers	University	17-6
1969	University	Brothers	22-14
1970	University	GPS	24-6
1971	Brothers	Easts	17-3
1972	GPS	University	23-18
1973	Brothers	GPS	20-10
1974	Brothers	GPS	27-19
1975	Brothers	GPS	23-9
1976	Teachers-Norths	GPS	16-4
1977	Wests	Brothers	15-10
1978	Brothers	University	19-15
1979 <sup>D</sup>	University	Brothers	16-13
1980	Brothers	Souths	19-0
1981	Brothers	Teachers-Norths	36-13
1982	Brothers	University	25-16
1983	Brothers	University	30-15
1984	Brothers	Easts	18-3
1985	Wests	University	10-3
1985	Souths	Brothers	31-13
1987		Souths	20-19
	Brothers		
1988	University	Souths	16-10

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Year	Premiers	Runners Up	Score
1989	University	Souths	34-9
1990	University	Brothers	19-10
1991	Souths	Wests	22-15
1992	Souths	University	44-10
1993	Souths	Sunnybank	27-8
1994	Souths	Sunnybank	19-8
1995	Souths	Easts	27-11
1996	GPS	Souths	12-6
1997	Easts	Souths	18-16
1998	Souths	Wests	34-18
1999	Easts	Wests	16-15
2000	Souths	Wests	34-30
2001	Canberra	Gold Coast	32-10
2002	Canberra	Easts	45-3
2003	Canberra	Gold Coast	29-16
2004	Gold Coast	University	24-18
2005	Sunnybank	Gold Coast	31-17
2006	Wests	Brothers	23-22
2007	Sunnybank	Gold Coast	85-19
2008	Easts	Brothers	22-21
2009	Brothers	Souths	26-19
2010	University	Sunshine Coast	19-11
2011	Sunnybank	Brothers	35-24

#### GRAND FINAL NOTES:

\* Undefeated Premiers

- (A) Grand Final Match replayed a fortnight later after a 2 points all draw.
- (B) Valleys awarded the Premiership due to being on top of the competition points table.
- (C) North Brisbane awarded the Premiership due to being ahead of Valleys on the competition points table.
- (D) Grand Final Match replayed the following weekend after a 24 points all extra time draw.

#### THE LEAGUE YEARS - 1920 to 1929

The top Club team was known as Senior or A Grade.

### **QRL/BRL PREMIERSHIP GRAND FINAL RESULTS**

Year	Premiers	Runners Up	Score
1920	Western Suburbs	Brothers	16-8
1921	Carlton	Coorparoo	12-10
1922	Western Suburbs	Coorparoo	20-9
1923	Coorparoo	Valleys	13-2
1924 <sup>E</sup>	Valleys	Brothers	11-8
1925	Carlton	Coorparoo	24-5
1926	Brothers	Coorparoo	6-5
1927	Past Grammar	Western Suburbs	13-11
1928 <sup>E</sup>	University	Carlton	10-7
1929	University	Coorparoo	12-11

LEAGUE GRAND FINAL NOTES:

(E) Right of Challenge Final held after Grand Final for the Premiership.

# **APPENDIX 3**

# The 1929-2011 QRU Club Competition Trophies

	QRU CLUB COMPETITION TROP	HIES (1929-41)
1932-41	R.N.A. Cup	Club Championship
	Senior A	
1929-41	Doughty Shield	Premiership
1933-	Thomas Welsby Memorial Cup	1st Round Champions
1933-37	Ambulance Cup	2nd Round Champions
1938-53	Dinmore Pottery Cup	2nd Round Champions
1929-41	Old Buffers' Cup	Knock-out Cup
	Senior B	
1930-41	Thomas Welsby Shield	Premiership
1930-	F.C. Lea Memorial Cup	
	Senior C	
1930-41	Overell Shield	Premiership
	QRU CLUB COMPETITION TROP	HIES (1942-45)
1941-45	Presidents' Cup (donated by Club Presidents)	Club Championship
	A Grade	
1941-45	Keith Horsley Memorial Trophy	Premiership
1933-	Thomas Welsby Memorial Cup	1st Round Champions
1938-53	Dinmore Pottery Cup	2nd Round Champions
	Reserve Grade	
1941-45	Keith Horsley Memorial Cup	Premiership
	QRU CLUB COMPETITION TROPH	IES (Since 1946)
1946-48	President's Trophy (donated by QRU President)	Club Championship
1949-56	President's Trophy (donated by QRU President) President's Cup	Club Championship Club Championship
	President's Trophy (donated by QRU President)	Club Championship
1949-56 1957-	President's Trophy (donated by QRU President) President's Cup Doughty Shield ADE (formerly 1st Grade)	Club Championship Club Championship Club Championship
1949-56 1957- <b>PREMIER GR</b> 1946-	President's Trophy (donated by QRU President) President's Cup Doughty Shield ADE (formerly 1st Grade) Hospitals Challenge Cup	Club Championship Club Championship Club Championship Premiership
1949-56 1957- <b>PREMIER GR</b> 1946- 1954-	President's Trophy (donated by QRU President) President's Cup Doughty Shield ADE (formerly 1st Grade) Hospitals Challenge Cup Vince Nicholls Memorial Shield	Club Championship Club Championship Club Championship Premiership Premiership Runners-Up
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#### QRU CLUB COMPETITION TROPHIES (Since 1946) Cont.

### DIVISION ONE-3rd GRADE (formerly 4th Grade)

W.H. Bickley Cup Max Wyllie Memorial Cup

Alan Eason Memorial Cup

### **DIVISION ONE-4th GRADE (formerly 5th Grade)**

1974- Col Kaus Cup

Premiership 1st Round Champions 2nd Round Champions later awarded to Minor Premiers

Premiership

	QUEENSLAND RUGBY	QUEENSLAND RUGBY LEAGUE - BRISBANE DIVISION PREMIERSHIP					
Year	Senior Grade	Junior 1st Grade	Junior 2nd Grade				
1920	Western Suburbs	Carltons	Coorparoo				
1921	Carltons	North Brisbane	Valleys				
	BRISBANI	E RUGBY LEAGUE - PREMIERSHIP					
Year	A Grade	B Grade	C Grade				
	Vic Jensen Shield	Keogh Cup	Shamrock Cup				
1922	Western Suburbs	Coorparoo	Carltons				
1923	Coorparoo	Past Grammars	Western Suburbs				
1924	Valleys	Carltons	Valleys				
1925	Carltons	Coorparoo	North Brisbane				
1926	Brothers	Western Suburbs	Valleys				
1927	Past Grammars	Past Grammars	Western Suburbs				
	Vic Jensen Shield		Shamrock Cup				
1928	University	Brothers	Coorparoo				
1929	University	Carltons	Coorparoo				
	A	Grade CUP Competitions					
Year	Pike Ambulance Cup	Old Buffers' Cup	Kaye Cup				
1923	Brothers	Valleys					
1924	Brothers	Valleys					
1925	Brothers	Western Suburbs					
1926	Brothers	Valleys	Past Grammars				
1927	Past Grammars	Brothers	Coorparoo				
	Pike Ambulance Cup	Presidents' City Cup	Kaye Cup				
1928	University	Past Grammars	Brothers				
1929	Coorparoo	Coorparoo	University				

### 1920-1929 QRL-BRL Trophies

Vic Jensen Shield won outright by University in 1929, Keogh Cup won outright by Past Grammars in 1927.

The Pike Ambulance Cup was a Challenge Match at the end of the 1st Round to raise funds for the QATB, run along the same lines as the QRU-Hospitals Challenge Cup (1899-1919).

The Kaye Cup was awarded to champions of the 2nd Round of the competition.

The Old Buffers' Cup and later the Presidents' City Cup were generally won in a knock-out competition prior to the Premiership competition starting.

# **APPENDIX 4**

# 1929-2011 QRU Premiers (Seniors including Women)

Year	Senior A	Senior B	Senior C			
1929	Y.M.C.A.	Wynnum				
1930	University	Brothers	Valleys			
1931	University	Brothers	Brothers			
1932	University	University	Brothers			
1933	Y.M.C.A.	Eagle Junction	Eagle Junction			
1934	University	Eagle Junction	Bretts' Windsor			
Year	A Grade	B Grade	C1 Grade	C2 Grade		
1935	Eagle Junction	Bretts' Windsor	Eagle Junction	Y.M.C.A.		
1936	Eagle Junction	Bretts' Windsor	New Farm	Teachers		
1937	Eagle Junction	Bretts' Windsor	Bretts' Windsor	G.P.S.	D Grade	
1938	University	University	Greenslopes	Eagle Junction	Mayne	
1939	Y.M.C.A.	New Farm	Mayne	Eagle Junction	Eagle Junction	
1940	Eagle Junction	R.A.A.F.	Teachers	Lagio ounotion		
1941	University	University	Brothers			
Year	A Grade	Reserve Grade	Dioticia			
1942	G.P.S.	Teachers				
1942	G.P.S.	Brothers				
1943	Y.M.C.A.	Brothers				
1945	University	University				
Year	A Grade	Reserve Grade	B Grade	C Grade		
1946	Brothers	Eagle Junction	Teachers			
1940	University	University	West End	Eagle Junction		
1947	University	University	Maristonians	Eagle Junction		
1940	Brothers	University	G.P.S.	Commonwealth Bank		
1949	Brothers	Brothers	New Farm	Brothers		
1950	Brothers	Brothers	Wests	Northern Districts		
		United Services	Northern Districts			
1952 1953	University			Wests		
	Brothers	United Services G.P.S.	Souths			
1954	University		Teachers	Teachers		
1955	University	University	Teachers	Souths		
1956	University	University	University	Easts		
1957	University	Army	Souths	Souths		
1958	Souths	University	Teachers	No Competition		
1959	Brothers	Teachers	Easts	Northern Districts		
1960	University	Teachers	Teachers	Teachers		
1961	G.P.S.	Gatton College	University			
1962	University	University	Teachers			
1963	Teachers	Gatton College	Teachers			
1964	University	Teachers	Souths			
Year	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade			
1965	University	University	Brothers			
1966	Brothers	University	University			
1967	University	University	Wests			
1968	Brothers	University	Brothers	4th Grade		
1969	University	University	Wests	G.P.S.		

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1992         Souths         Souths         Souths         Wests	
1993 Souths Brothers Sunnybank Souths W	omen
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1996 G.P.S. Kenmore Brothers University Brothers So	ouths
1997 Easts Brothers Sunnybank University Brothers Un	niversity
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1999         Easts         Souths         Souths         RAAF Harlequins         Un	niversity
2000 Souths Souths Easts Wests Easts Un	niversity
2001 Canberra Sunnybank Sunnybank Wests University Bro	rothers
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2002 Canberra Souths Brothers Black Rhinos G.P.S. Ea	asts
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/ear		U19 (A)	U19 (B)		NБ	
961		Wests	G.P.S.			
962		University	No Competition		U18 (A)	
1963		University	No Competition		Teachers	
1964		Brothers	No Competition		Teachers	
1965		Wests	Brothers			
1965		University	Wests			
1967		Brothers	Wests		U18 (A)	
1967		University	University		Teachers	
1969		Brothers	No Competition		Brothers	
1909			-			
1970		University	No Competition		University Brothers	1110 ( <b>D</b> )
1971		University	University			U18 (B) Wests
		Brothers	No Competition		Brothers	
1973		G.P.S.	Souths		Brothers	Redcliffe
1974		Souths	Q.I.T.		Easts & Souths	No Competition
1975		Northern Districts	Souths		Wests	No Competition
1976		Wests	Brothers		Easts	Brothers
1977		Brothers	Gold Coast Eagles		Wests	Brothers
1978		Brothers	lpswich		Brothers	No Competition
1979		Brothers	Brothers		Easts	No Competition
1980		University	No Competition		Brothers	No Competition
1981		University	No Competition		Wests	Q.I.T.
1982		Wests	No Competition		University	Wests
Year		Colts I	Colts II	Colts III		
1983		University	University	Brothers		
1984		Wests	Brothers	University		
1985		Wests	Easts	Wests		
1986		Easts	Brothers	University		
1987		Wests	Wests	Wests		
1988		Souths	G.P.S.	Wests		
1989						
		Brothers	University	Teachers-Norths		
1990		Brothers Souths	University Brothers	Teachers-Norths Brothers		
	U21					
/ear	U21 Brothers	Souths	Brothers	Brothers		
Year 1991		Souths Colts I	Brothers Colts II	Brothers Colts III		
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Year	Colts I	Colts II	Colts III		
2003	University	Brothers	University		
2004	Brothers	University	Brothers		
2005	University	Redlands	G.P.S.		
2006	University	G.P.S.	Brothers		
2007	Sunnybank	Brothers	Goodna		
Year	Premier Colts	Colts I	Colts II	Colts II (b)	
2008	Sunnybank	University	G.P.S.		
2009	Souths	Easts	Easts		
2010	G.P.S.	G.P.S.	Wynnum		
2011	University	University	University	G.P.S.	

QUEENSL	AND SUB-DISTRICTS RUGBY	UNION				
				A Grade		B Grade
Year	1			Sunday Truth Shield	•	Edinburgh Cup
1964	1			Bank of N.S.W.	1	
1965				Gold Coast Eagles		Bank of N.S.W.
1966	1			Unknown		Unknown
1967	1			Gold Coast Eagles		A.M.P.
1968	1			Bank of N.S.W.		Embassy
1969	1			Bank of N.S.W.		Ipswich Rangers
1970	QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION SION	I - SECOND DIVI-		Bank of N.S.W.	Reserve Grade	Commonwealth Trading Bank
1971	A Grade	Reserve Grade	Club Championship	Q.I.T.	President's Cup	U.QVet Science
1972	Breakthrough Trophy	Robinsons Sports Store Trophy		Commonwealth Bank	Commonwealth Bank	A.M.P.
1973	Gold Coast Eagles	Gold Coast Eagles	Ipswich Rangers	Bank of N.S.W.	Commonwealth Bank	
1974	Ipswich Rangers	Ipswich Rangers	Ipswich Rangers	Commonwealth Bank	Commonwealth Bank	
1975				Bank of N.S.W.	Kedron Park Teachers' College	
				NOTE: Change in comp	etition structure	
				A Grade	B Grade	
Year				Sunday Sun Shield	Sydney Cup	
1976				Commonwealth Bank	Kedron Park Teachers College	
1977				A.M.P.	Law Clerks	
1978				Commonwealth Bank	U.QMedicals	
1979				Commonwealth Bank	U.QMedicals	
1980				Commonwealth Bank	Commonwealth Bank	
1981				Commonwealth Bank	Wests	
1982				Ipswich Rangers	Wests	
1983				Commonwealth Bank	Commonwealth Bank	
1984				Ipswich Rangers	Sunnybank	
1985				Taxation	Ipswich Rangers	
1986				Commonwealth Bank	Commonwealth Bank	
1987				Ipswich Rangers	Sunnybank	
1988				Ipswich Rangers	U.QMedicals	
1989				Ipswich Rangers	R.A.A.F. Amberley	
				NOTE: Change in comp	etition structure	
				A Grade	B1 Grade	B2 Grade
Year				Sunday Sun Trophy	Sydney Cup	John Barber Cup
1990				Westpac	Police	Caboolture
1991				Ipswich Rangers	Ipswich Rangers	A.M.P.
1992	1			Ipswich Rangers	Carole Park	U.QMedicals
1993	1			Kenmore	Kenmore	Souths
	1			NOTE: Change in comp	etition structure	1
	1				BAN RUGBY UNION - DIVISION 1	
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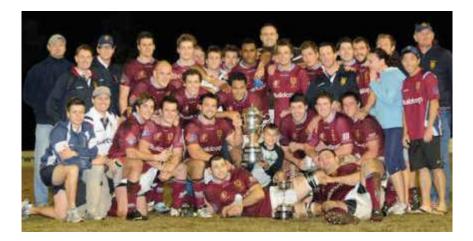
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C Grade							
Sydney Cup							
Unknown		* Waiting for confir	mation from QSRU-F	Ion. Secretary	1		
Point Lookout Lifesavers							
St. Columban's Old Boys							
Commonwealth Bank							
Grammar Old Boys							
,							
Commonwealth Bank							
Kedron Park Teachers							
College							
C Grade							
Edinburgh Cup							
U.QMedicals							
Kedron Park Teachers							
College							
NO COMPETITION							
NO COMPETITION							
NO COMPETITION							Club Champion- ship
NO COMPETITION							Jim Anderson Trophy
Commonwealth Bank							Sunnybank
NO COMPETITION					Normanby Cup	6th Grade	Commonwealth Bank
Wests Old Boys		Under 21's			Brothers	University	Ipswich Rangers
Beenleigh		QRU Club Shield			University	-	Ipswich Rangers
R.A.A.F. Amberley		Law Clerks			Brothers		Sunnybank
Ipswich Rangers		Westpac			Brothers		Ipswich Rangers
Ipswich Rangers					Souths		Ipswich Rangers
Ipswich Rangers					Wests		Ipswich Rangers
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C Grade	C2 Grade						Club Champion-
							ship
Edinburgh Cup	Committee Cup				Normanby Cup		Jim Anderson Trophy
Wynnum					Wests		Redlands
Souths					Wests		lpswich Rangers
Metway Bank					Wests		lpswich Rangers
Metway Bank	U.QVet Science				Souths		Kenmore
	DIVISION 2		DIVISION 3	DIVISION 4			DIVISION 1
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Colts	John Barber Cup		Edinburgh Cup	I.J. Scotney Cup	Normanby Cup		Club Champion- ship
R.A. Tuckey Cup							Sydney Cup
Wynnum	Souths		R.A.C.Q.	Law Lords	Wests		Kenmore
Ipswich Rangers	Logan Workers		Hamilton	U.QVet Science	Brothers		Ipswich Rangers
Ipswich Rangers	Souths		Hamilton	A.N.Z.	Brothers		Ipswich Rangers
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Wynnum	Souths		Hamilton	A.N.Z.	Brothers		Wynnum
Logan City	Souths		Hamilton	Law Lords	G.P.S.		Logan City
NO COMPETITION	Souths		U.QVet Science	Rebels	R.A.A.F. Harlequins		Ipswich Rangers
	John Barber Cup	G.R. Pegg Cup		I.J. Scotney Cup	Normanby Cup		
	Everton Park	Law Lords		B.B.C. Old Boys	Easts		
	Wests	Easts Longhorns		Wynnum	University		
	Easts Longhorns	University		NO COMPETITION	West Moreton		
	1st Grade	2nd Grade			Nermenbu Cur	G.A. Wyatt	
	John Barber Cup	G.R. Pegg Cup		I.J. Scotney Cup	Normanby Cup	Cup	
	Black Rhinos	Murrumba		University	0.CRedlands	U.QMed- icals	
	Woogaroo	Black Rhinos		Browns Plains	St. Leo's Old Boys	Logan City	
	Ipswich Rangers	Wynnum		Browns Plains	Black Rhinos	P.I.D.A.	
	Ipswich Rangers	Wynnum		Pine Rivers Boars	Easts Longhorns	Logan City	
	Wynnum	Wynnum		G.P.S.	St. Leo's Old Boys	Logan City	
	Goodna	Beenleigh		Brisbane Irish	Sunnybank	Sunnybank	
	Pine Rivers Boars	Wynnum		NO COMPETITION	Easts Longhorns	G.P.S.	
	lpswich Rangers	Redcliffe		University	Norths	G.P.S.	



(i) – A Grade – Premiership (1897-2011)

PREMIERSHIP				
Year	Hardgrave Challenge Cup			
1887	Ipswich Rangers			
1888	Union Harriers			
1889	Wallaroos			
1890	Wallaroos			
1891	Arfoma			
1892	Past & Present Grammar			
1893	Boomerang			
Year	Harris Cup			
1894	Boomerang			
1895	City			
1896	City			
1897	City			
1898	Past Grammar			
Year	Dewar Challenge Shield			
1899	Past Grammar			
1900	City			
1901	North Brisbane			
1902	Valleys			
1903	North Brisbane			
1904	North Brisbane			
1905	North Brisbane			
1906	Valleys			
1907	Christian Brothers			
1908	Valleys			
1909	Valleys			
1910	Valleys			
1911	Christian Brothers			
1912	Christian Brothers			
1913	Christian Brothers			
1914	Past Grammar			
1915	Christian Brothers			
1916	Not Contested			
1917	Not Contested			
1918	Not Contested			

1919 Christian Brothers

### (ii) – Hospitals Challenge Cup (1899-1919)

	CHALLENGE CUP
Year	Hospitals Challenge Cup
1899	Past Grammar
1900	City
1901	South Brisbane
1902	South Brisbane
1903	Toombul-Nundah
1904	North Brisbane
1905	North Brisbane
1906	North Brisbane
1907	North Brisbane
1908	Valleys
1909	Valleys
1910	Christian Brothers
1911	Christian Brothers
1912	Past Grammar
1913	Christian Brothers
1914	Christian Brothers
1915	Christian Brothers
1916	Not Contested
1917	Not Contested
1918	Not Contested
1919	Christian Brothers

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	PREMIERSHIP
Year	Dewar Challenge Shield
1920	No Competition
1921	No Competition
1922	No Competition
1923	No Competition
1924	No Competition
1925	No Competition
1926	No Competition
1927	No Competition
1928	No Competition
Year	Doughty Shield
1929	Y.M.C.A.
1930	University of Queensland
1931	University of Queensland
1932	University of Queensland
1933	Y.M.C.A.
1934	University of Queensland
1935	Eagle Junction
1936	Eagle Junction
1937	Eagle Junction
1938	University of Queensland
1939	Y.M.C.A.
1940	Eagle Junction
1941	University of Queensland
Year	Horsley Memorial Trophy
1942	G.P.S. Old Boys
1943	G.P.S. Old Boys
1944	Y.M.C.A.
1945	University of Queensland
Year	Hospitals Challenge Cup
1946	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1947	University of Queensland
1948	University of Queensland
1949	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1950	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1951	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1952	University of Queensland
1953	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1954	University of Queensland
1955	University of Queensland
1956	University of Queensland
1957	University of Queensland
1958	Southern Districts
1959	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1960	University of Queensland
1961	G.P.S. Old Boys
1962	University of Queensland
1963	Teachers
1964	University of Queensland
1965	University of Queensland
1966	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1967	University of Queensland
1968	Brothers Old Boys
1969	University of Queensland

### (iii) – Welsby Cup (1933-2011)

Year	Welsby Cup
1933	University of Queensland
1933	University of Queensland
1934 1935	University of Queensland
1935	
1930	Eagle Junction
1937	G.P.S. Old Boys
1930	University of Queensland Y.M.C.A.
1940	G.P.S. Old Boys
1941	University of Queensland
1942 1943	University of Queensland
1943	G.P.S. Old Boys Y.M.C.A.
1944	
1945 1946	Christian Brothers Old Boys
	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1947 1948	Christian Brothers Old Boys
	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1949	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1950	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1951 1952	University of Queensland
	University of Queensland University of Queensland
1953 1954	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1954 1955	University of Queensland
1955	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1950	University of Queensland
1958	University of Queensland
1959	University of Queensland
1960	University of Queensland
1961	Southern Districts
1962	Teachers
1963	Teachers
1964	University of Queensland
1965	University of Queensland
1966	University of Queensland
1967	University of Queensland
1968	Brothers Old Boys
1969	Brothers Old Boys
1970	G.P.S. Old Boys
1971	Brothers Old Boys

#### (iv) - Club Championship (1932- 2011)

	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
Year	R.N.A. Cup
1932	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1933	University of Queensland
1934	G.P.S. Old Boys
1935	Y.M.C.A.
1936	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1937	Bretts-Windsor
1938	University of Queensland
1939	University of Queensland
1940	Eagle Junction
1941	University of Queensland
Year	Presidents' Cup
1942	G.P.S. Old Boys
1943	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1944	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1945	University of Queensland
Year	President's Trophy
1946	University of Queensland
1947	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1948	University of Queensland
1949	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1950	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1951	Christian Brothers Old Boys
1952	Southern Districts
1953	University of Queensland
1954	University of Queensland
1955	University of Queensland
1956	University of Queensland
Year	Doughty Shield
1957	University of Queensland
1958	Southern Districts
1959	University of Queensland
1960	University of Queensland
1961	University of Queensland
1962	University of Queensland
1963	University of Queensland
1964	University of Queensland
1965	University of Queensland
1966	University of Queensland
1967	University of Queensland
1968	University of Queensland

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ļ	<b>Year</b> 1970	Hospitals Challenge Cup University of Queensland	
	1970	Brothers Old Boys	Y
	1971	G.P.S. Old Boys	1
	1972	Brothers Old Boys	1
	1974	Brothers Old Boys	1
	1975	Brothers Old Boys	1
	1976	Teachers-Norths	1
	1977	West Brisbane	1
	1978	Brothers Old Boys	1
	1979	University of Queensland	1
	1980	Brothers Old Boys	1
	1981	Brothers Old Boys	1
	1982	Brothers Old Boys	1
	1983	Brothers Old Boys	1
	1984	Brothers Old Boys	1
	1985	West Brisbane	1
	1986	Southern Districts	1
	1987	Brothers Old Boys	1
	1988	University of Queensland	1
	1989	University of Queensland	1
	1990	University of Queensland	1
	1991	Southern Districts	1
	1992	Southern Districts	1
	1993	Southern Districts	1
	1994	Southern Districts	1
	1995	Southern Districts	1
	1996	G.P.S. Old Boys	1
	1997	Eastern Districts	1
	1998	Southern Districts	1
	1999	Eastern Districts	1
	2000	Southern Districts	2
	2001	Canberra Vikings	2
	2002	Canberra Vikings	2
	2003	Canberra Vikings	2
	2004	Gold Coast Breakers	2
	2005	Sunnybank	2
	2006	West Brisbane	2
	2007	Sunnybank	2
	2008	Eastern Districts	2
	2009	Brothers Old Boys	2
	2010	University of Queensland	2
	2011	Sunnybank	2

Year	Welsby Cup
1972	Teachers
1973	Brothers Old Boys
1974	Brothers Old Boys
1975	G.P.S. Old Boys
1976	G.P.S. Old Boys
1977	University of Queensland
1978	University of Queensland
1979	Brothers Old Boys
1980	Southern Districts
1981	Brothers Old Boys
1982	Eastern Districts
1983	Brothers Old Boys
1984	University of Queensland
1985	West Brisbane
1986	Southern Districts
1987	Southern Districts
1988	Southern Districts
1989	Brothers Old Boys
1990	Brothers Old Boys
1991	West Brisbane
1992	West Brisbane
1993	West Brisbane
1994	G.P.S. Old Boys
1995	G.P.S. Old Boys
1996	G.P.S. Old Boys
1997	Southern Districts
1998	West Brisbane
1999	Eastern Districts
2000	Eastern Districts
2001	G.P.S. Old Boys
2002	Sunnybank
2003	Gold Coast Breakers
2004	Sunnybank
2005	Gold Coast Breakers
2006	Sunnybank
2007	West Brisbane
2008	Brothers Old Boys
2009	Brothers Old Boys
2010	University of Queensland
2011	Eastern Districts

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP** Year **Doughty Shield** 1969 University of Queensland 1970 **Brothers Old Boys** 1971 **Brothers Old Boys** 1972 University of Queensland 1973 **Brothers Old Boys** 1974 **Brothers Old Boys** G.P.S. Old Boys 1975 1976 G.P.S. Old Boys 1977 **Brothers Old Boys** 1978 University of Queensland 1979 **Brothers Old Boys** 1980 **Brothers Old Boys** 1981 **Brothers Old Boys** 1982 **Brothers Old Boys** 1983 Brothers Old Boys 1984 **Brothers Old Boys** 1985 **Brothers Old Boys** 1986 **Brothers Old Boys** 1987 Eastern Districts 1988 Southern Districts 1989 Southern Districts 1990 University of Queensland 1991 **Brothers Old Boys** 1992 Southern Districts 1993 **Brothers Old Boys** 1994 Southern Districts 1995 University of Queensland 1996 **Brothers Old Boys** 1997 University of Queensland 1998 West Brisbane 1999 Southern Districts 2000 West Brisbane 2001 University of Queensland 2002 Sunnybank 2003 Eastern Districts 2004 Eastern Districts 2005 **Eastern Districts** 2006 G.P.S. Old Boys 2007 Sunnybank 2008 G.P.S. Old Boys 2009 Eastern Districts 2010 University of Queensland

2011 University of Queensland

#### (iii) Welsby Cup Victories 1933-2010

The Welsby Cup is contested between the two leaders after the first round and is played when they meet in the second round.

University	22
Brothers	20
GPS	10
Souths	6
Wests	6
Easts	4
Sunnybank	3
Gold Coast	2
Teachers	3
Y.M.C.A	2
Eagle Junction	1

#### (v) The Caxton Cup – 2010

The Caxton Cup was put up for challenge in each of the 18 sets of Premier Rugby competition fixtures in 2010, with prizes won each week and at the end of the season.

#### The 2010 winner was University.

(v) – Caxton Cup					
Club	Won	Successful Defences			
Souths	2009	0			
GPS	10th April 2010	1			
Norths	24th April 2010	0			
Sunnybank	1st May 2010	1			
Gold Coast	14th May 2010	1			
Brothers	5th June 2010	1			
GPS	26th June 2010	1			
University	10th July 2010	5			

#### (vi) Templeton McLean Cup

Templeton McLean Cup began in 2001. University won 2002, 2003, 2010, 2011. Brothers won all the other years.

## (i) Premierships Won 1887-1919

PREMIERSHIP TALLY QRU COMPETITIONS 1887-1919							
CLUBS	Senior A	QRU CUI Senior B	Junior 1	1887-1919 Junior 2	Junior 3	Junior 4	Total
GLUDƏ	1st Grade	Sellior D	2nd Grade		4th Grade	5th Grade	IOLAI
Drothoro			Zilu Graue				15
Brothers	6	1	0	4	3	1	15
Gregory Terrace			2	2			4
Christian Brothers					1		1
CBC-Gregory Terrace					1		1
CBC-Nudgee					1		1
Valley	5		5	4	2		16
City	4						4
North Brisbane	4				1		5
Past Grammar	4			1			5
Boomerang	2		1		1		4
Wallaroo	2						2
Arfoma	1		1		1		3
Ipswich Rangers	1						1
Union Harriers	1						1
Rosevale			2	1	1		4
South Brisbane			2		2		4
Sandgate			2				2
Alhambras			1	2	1		4
Rockton			1	1	1		3
Mildura			1	2	3		6
Bells (Ipswich)			1				1
Royal Stars			1				1
Stanley			1		1		2
Western Suburbs			2				2
Cambridge				1		1	2
lonas				1			1
Raymond				1			1
Belmont				1			1
Blackheath				•		1	1
Commercials		1				•	1
Poineers		1				1	1
Valley School					1	1	1
Waratah		1			1		1
Kelvin Grove		1			1		1
Toowong					2		2
Rockvilles					۷	1	1
						1	
Windsor				1			1
							0
			_	-			0
Unknown		1	7	7	4	7	26
Total	30	4	30	29	28	12	

				QRU Com	<b>QRU Competitions 1</b>	1929-20	11 Plus Bl	RL Com	petition:	s 1917-	929-2011 Plus BRL Competitions 1917-1918 and 1920-1929	0-1929				
CLUBS	1st Grade	1st Grade 2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Women	U21	Colts I	Colts II	Colts III	U18 (A)	U18 (B)	QSRU	BRL	Total	Club Championship
University	26	23	16	7	8	9	1	15	10	8	2		9	2	130	31
Brothers	20	17	15	4	3	2	2	10	11	5	9	2	9	с	106	24
Souths	6	12	6	13		-		7	4	2	-		6		67	7
Wests	ę	3	9	5	-	-		10	9	4	4	2	œ		53	2
G.P.S.	5	с	e	7	4		-	4	4	5			5	e	48	9
Easts	en	4	5	9		7	-	2	2	2	ŝ				36	5
Sunnybank	3	2	5	2				2	1				4		19	2
Norths	0	0	0	0		1		0	0	0			1		2	0
Gold Coast	1	0	0					0							1	0
Sunshine Coast	0				<u> </u>			0							0	0
Eagle Junction	4	3	2	4	1										14	1
Northern Districts			1	2				-							4	
Teachers	1	4	8	4							2				19	
Teachers-Norths	1									1					2	
Q.I.T.									1			1			2	
Redcliffe												1			1	
Y.M.C.A.	4			+	L										5	1
West End			1												1	
Bretts-Windsor		3	2												5	1
Canberra	3														3	
New Farm		1	2												3	
United Services		2													2	
Army		1													1	
R.A.A.F.		1													1	
Gatton College		2													2	
Mayne			1		1										2	

(ii) Premierships Won – 1929 to 2011

				QRU Cor	npetitions	1929-20	)11 Plus Bl	RL Com	petition	s 1917-	QRU Competitions 1929-2011 Plus BRL Competitions 1917-1918 and 1920-1929	-1929				
CLUBS	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	1st Grade 2nd Grade 3rd Grade 4th Grade 5th Grade Women U21	Women	U21	Colts I	Colts I Colts II Colts III	Colts III	U18 (A)	U18 (B)	QSRU B	BRL To	Total	Club Championship
Kenmore		1												1		
Wynnum		1												1		
Maristonians			1											1		
Valleys			1											1		
Greenslopes			1											_		
Black Rhinos				L										-		
Commonwealth Bank				1										1		
Gold Coast Eagles									1					1		
lpswich									1					1		
Redlands									1					1		
Goodna										1				-		
Pine Rivers										1				1		
Wynnum										1				1		
No Competition				1	4				8			5		18		
Total	83	83	79	62	22	18	5	51	50	30	18	11	40 8			80

### **BLUES AWARDS**

### **A BRIEF HISTORY**

In 1829 the first boat race between Oxford and Cambridge Universities was rowed on the River Thames from Hambleden Lock to Henley Bridge, a distance of about 2.25 miles (3.6km).

There were old Etonians in either boat and, as the crews had no distinctive uniform to identify themselves, just before the start a Cambridge Etonian tied a light blue scarf to the little post at the bow of his boat and an Oxford Etonian tied a dark blue scarf to the bow of his. Thus began a tradition and a basis for the award of Blues for outstanding achievement in University sport, a tradition adopted by English-speaking Universities in many parts of the world.

From the early years of the University of Queensland Sports Union, Blues were awarded to outstanding performers in Intervarsity contests, and more recently the Sports and Physical Recreation Association, through its Blues Committee, has developed a selection method with criteria and standards which ensure that the award of a Blue or a Half-Blue in this University is a highly prized and indeed a rare honour.

The presentation of a Blue or Half-Blue award is made with ceremony at a Blues Dinner and attested by a certificate. In Oxford, the Blue or Half-Blue will probably have received a hand written note from the President of his Club inviting him to take part in the annual match against Cambridge. The annual Oxford versus Cambridge Rugby Match is a huge event and every time a player plays in this annual event he receives the distinction of being a Blue for Rugby in that year. A number of University of Queensland footballers have received Blues when undertaking studies at Oxford and Cambridge, especially those selected as Rhodes Scholars. The great Tommy Lawton who became embroiled in what came to be known as the "Lawton Affair" eventually received three Blues from Oxford after being banned for a period for having played the professional game at the University of Queensland as an amateur.

In Track and Field Athletics, where each University may have two or more competitors in an event, the first string in each event will be awarded a Blue (unless the President considers that the athlete qualifies for a Half-Blue only) and the second and third strings, a Half-Blue. If a Half-Blue manages to win the event, he or she will be given a Full Blue.

To understand the standard required to be honoured with a Blue or Half-Blue award from the University of Queensland Sports Association, a general rule of thumb for the Blues Committee now exists. Athletes who represent Australia at senior level are awarded a Blue, and athletes with similar qualifications at State level, or who attain a particularly high ranking at Australian level in the Junior listings, are awarded a Half-Blue. Each sport has more specific standards, but generally the Blues Committee endeavours to keep the standards from sport to sport similar.

A Blues Honour Board displays all the recipients of the award since the University was founded in 1910 in the foyer of the Indoor Sports Pavilion.

Blues Awards are granted to University Sportsmen or Sportswomen by the University of Queensland Sports and Recreation Association upon application by the University's Sporting Clubs. Blues are awarded for sporting excellence. The nominees must be University Club members who are currently enrolled students at the University of Queensland, or Graduates of the University of Queensland. The rules have changed over the years, as a number of players in early years of the Club received more than one Blue. During the 1930s this, rule was changed when it was decided that in awarding Blues, the Blues Committee were to consider the nominee's achievements in Intervarsity contests and interClub meetings, as well as their character and attitude toward the Club. It was also decided that no members could receive a Blue in any one sport more than once, although they could receive a Blue subsequent to receiving a Half Blue.

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#### DOUBLE BLUES

Winners of two Blues Awards from the University of Queensland

	Half-Blue Football	1940
	Half-Blue Cricket	1940
BROAD, E G	Blue Cricket	1941
	Blue Basketball	1947
CANTAMESSA, R.L	Blue Football	1950
	Blue Rugby	1927, 1928
CARMICHAEL, K.M.	Blue Football	1929
	Blue Rowing	1929
CLARK, J.G.	Blue Football	1929, 1930, 1931, 1932
	Blue Athletics	1920
CLARKSON, V.C.	Blue Football	1920
	Blue Football	1934
DIXON, P.L	Blue Cricket	1936
	Blue Athletics	1956
DONALD, K.J.	Blue Football	1957
	Half-Blue Football	1930
EDWARDS, J.S.D.	Half-Blue Rowing	1932
	Half-Blue Football	1920, 1921
FREEMAN, E.B.	Blue Rowing	1921, 1922, 1923, 1924
	Blue Football	1919
GRENNING, V.	Blue Hockey	1924
	Blue Athletics	1959
GUERASSIMOFF, J.	Half-Blue Football Blue Football	1961 1962
	Blue Football	1951
HICKEY, H.T.	Blue Athletics	1951
	Blue Football	1919, 1921, 1930
LAWTON, T.	Half-Blue Athletics	1919, 1921, 1930
,	Blue Football	1920, 1921
McCULLOCH, A.	Half-Blue Cricket	1922
	Blue Cricket	1925, 1927
McDOUGALL, W.A.	Blue Football	1926
	Blue Football	1936
MONTI, C.I.A.	Blue Boxing	1936
	Half-Blue Football	1941
RICKETTS, L.G.	Blue Boxing	1948
	Half-Blue Rowing	1913
ROWE, A.W.L.	Blue Football	1914
	Half-Blue Hockey	1940
SHARPE. A	Blue Hockey	1941
SHARPE, G.J.	Blue Football	1941
	Blue Football	1928, 1929
VIDGEN, F.G.	Blue Hockey	1930
WILLIAMS, L.G.	Half-Blue Swimming	1960
	Blue Football Blue Swimming	1962 1964
	Bido owinining	

TRIPLE BLUES Winners of three Blues Awards for the	University of Queensland	
W.C. BROWNE	Blue Football Blue Rowing	1920, 1921 1921
	Blue Cricket	1921
E. FRANCIS	Blue Football Blue Cricket	1914, 1919 1921
J.P. McGRATH	Blue Rowing Blue Football Blue Tennis	1928, 1929 1930 1930
G. SHEIL (Glenister)	Half-Blue Tennis Blue Tennis Half-Blue Football Blue Squash	1947 1948 1953 1959

### FOOTBALL BLUES

YEAR	BLUE	HALF BLUE
1912	LLOYD, Norman Austin	
1913	FOOTE, Leonard Hardwick LLOYD, Norman Austin	
1914	BROWN, George Duncan FRANCIS, Eric FRANCIS, Stanley LLOYD, Norman Austin ROW, Allan Warren Linford	
1919	BRAZIER, Felix Howard FISHER, Gordon Arthur FRANCIS, Eric FOWLES, Duncan GRENNING, Victor HALFERTY, John Joseph LAWTON, Thomas	
1920	BROWNE, William Creighton CLARKSON, Victor Charles McCARTHY, Vincent David McCULLOCH, Alfred FISHER, Gordon Arthur HOOPER, Charles Sinclair	BAILEY, George Squires BOULTON, George Oswald BURTON, Herbert FREEMAN, Eric Bernard McLEAN, Charles Robert
1921	BROWNE, William Creighton FISHER, Gordon Arthur HOOPER, Charles Sinclair HORSLEY, John Alan Talbot LAWTON, Thomas McCULLOCH, Alfred	BOULTON, George Oswald FREEMAN, Eric Bernard FRYER, John Denis WHIGHT, Thomas Burnside POWELL, N (N W?) Probably R or L R B Powell or Baden Powell
1922	ALLMAN, Jeremiah Michael BOULTON, George Oswald FISHER, Gordon Arthur VIDULICH, John Joseph	IRVINE, Fergus Albert LYNAM, John Finlay
1923	AHERN, William Henry ALLMAN, Jeremiah Michael DOWER, William HENDLE, John McCAUGHEY, Gordon Hamilton VIDULICH, John Joseph	

FOOTBALL E		
YEAR 1924	BLUE AHERN, William Henry	HALF BLUE
1925	LYNAM, John Finlay BIRD, George Thomas FENWICK, Osborn Thomas GERRAND, Andrew Graham HULBERT, John McLean LYNAM, John Finlay	
1926	BAGLEY, William Walter CARMICHAEL, Kenneth Macfarlane HULBERT, John McLean LYNAM, John Finlay McDOUGALL, William Alexander NEVILLE, Paul Cyril Lobie STURTRIDGE, Gordon Short	
1927	CARMICHAEL, Kenneth Macfarlane HULBERT, John McLean IRWIN, John Samuel YOUNG, William	
1928	CARMICHAEL, Kenneth Macfarlane GEORGE, William Ian HICKEY, Michael Francis HULBERT, John McLean IRWIN, John Samuel NIXON-SMITH, Walter Fife VIDGEN, Frank Grahame YOUNG, William	
1929	CLARK, James Goode IRWIN, John Samuel MINES, Frank NICHOLSON, H VIDGEN, Frank Grahame	ANDREWS, Onslow Rutherford HAMILTON, Robert
1930	CHANNER, Eric Jack CLARK, James Goode HAMILTON, Robert LAWTON, Thomas McADAM, James Bannister McGRATH, James Patrick MINES, Francis NIXON-SMITH, Walter Fife PROCOPIS, George Sandford RISSON, Robert Joseph Henry VINCENT, Fitzgerald Roxburgh WHYATT, Frederick Joseph	EDWARDS, John Samual Donald FOOTE, Stewart Clarence
1931	CHANNER, Eric Jack CLARK, James Goode CLARK, Phillip Andrew FOOTE, Stewart Clarence HALL, Graham HAMILTON, Robert NIXON-SMITH, Walter Fife WHYATT, Frederick Joseph	RISSON, Robert Joseph Henry

FOOTBALL	BLUES	
YEAR	BLUE	HALF BLUE
1932	CLARK, James Goode CLARK, Phillip Andrew EDWARDS, Trevor Rice HALL, Graham HAMILTON, Robert McGUIRE, John Michael VINCENT, Fitzgerald Roxburgh WHITE, William George Searle WHYATT, Frederick Joseph	
1933	CHESTER, Robert Davis CLARK, Phillip Andrew HALL, Graham HAMILTON, Robert HAYES, Reginald William LEE, Charles Que Fong PEARCE, Edward Tom Stanley VINCENT, Fitzgerald Roxburgh WHYATT, Frederick Joseph WILSON, Vayro William	BROWN(E), J FOOTE, Stewart Clarence STUMM, Harley Charles
1934	ATKINSON, Ronald John DIXON, Patrick Leslie	GRIFFIN, Charles Edgar TULLY, John Charles
1935	HALL, Noel Lyster RYAN, John Hartley Pennefather	SALTER, Roger Burnett
1936	MONTI, Carrabo Italo Ansell	EVANS, John William HEMPENSTALL, Thomas Patrick NICHOLSON, Vaux Morriset SILCOCK, Philip Maynard WINDSOR, Morgan Francis
1937	NICHOLSON, Vaux Morriset	ELLIOTT, Richard James WENSLEY, William Neilson
1938	EVANS, John William SALTER, Roger Burnett	PROCTOR, Percy Claude Richard
1939	STUMM, Harley Charles	FAINE, Eric Neville ISLES, Alexander Dennis
1940	BRIDGMAN, Peter GANNON, William John	BROAD, Edmund George DONOVAN, Francis Patrick MARTIN, William Norman O'DRISCOLL, Andrew Florence PROVAN, D
1941	COOKE, Desmond Patrick ELLIOTT, Richard James MORRISON, William SHARPE, Gordon John	RICKETTS, Lionel George
1942		CHENOWETH, Thomas Norman
1943		HOYLING, Noel Henry Vaughan VENTON, Cedric Bruce WINDSOR, John Clement
1944	WINDSOR, John Clement	LOWTH, Lawrence John

FOOTBALL	BLUES	
YEAR	BLUE	HALF BLUE
1945	LOWTH, Lawrence John QUATERMASS, Malcolm Ernest RYAN, Thomas Joseph	FLANAGAN, Henry Patrick McGUINNESS, Edward Francis ROE, John WINNING, Keith Charles
1946	JOHNSTONE, Daryl WILSON, William George WINNING, Keith Charles	ELLIOTT, Charles Edward GOW, Neil Milne LEMON, Alan John
1947	AHERN, Edward Gilles ELLIOTT, Charles Edward ERICKSON, Colin Donald O'DRISCOLL, Andrew Florence PROCTOR, Rex William	CARROLL, John Patrick DUNN, Hugh Alexander ELLWOOD, Robert William
1948	CARROL, Victor Joseph CARROLL, John Patrick DUNN, Hugh Alexander HANCOCK, Viv McLean McNAMARA, Raymond John	CLARKE, Ian Edwin
1949	GOW, Neil Milne MARLES, William Gordon PATANE, John Salvatore PRIMMER, Conrad James ROBERTSON, Duncan	
1950	BRUSASCO, Italo Prospero CANTAMESSA, Remo Lawrence PRIMMER, Conrad James	
1951	HICKEY, Howard Thomas	BOAST, Jack Robert GIRLE, Ashley Edward Albert HATHERELL, William Ian LIGHTBODY, Eric William O'NEILL, John Michael
1952	CLARK, Raymond GIRLE, Ashley Edward Albert HATHERELL, William Ian MURPHY, John O'NEILL, John Michael SHEIL, Ainslie Glenister Ross WILSON, Charles Roy	
1953	RILEY, John	CRAIG, John SHEIL, Glenister THOMPSON, John Richard
1954	O'BRIEN, Edward Ephrem THOMPSON, John Richard	LARKIN, Kerry Kelsall
1955	BREW, Francis Malcolm LARKIN, Kerry Kelsall WALLER, Kenelm George Treviynick	CRIDLAND, George William MANTEIT, Trevor John
1956	BAXTER, Thomas MANTEIT, Trevor John	NUGENT, Michael Anthony TURLEY, Edward George

FOOTBAL	L BLUES	
YEAR	BLUE	HALF BLUE
1957	DONALD, Kenneth John	JAMES, Peter Michael KNOWLES, Michael Cosby OSBALDISTON, George William
1958	JAMES, Peter Michael	BEDGOOD, David John LINDENMAYER, Travis Erwin MURPHY, Thomas Julian
1959	BEDGOOD, David John HAMILTON, John Alexander LINDENMAYER, Travis Erwin	CONNERS, David Charles FINEMORE, Ross Gordon
1960	CONNERS, David Charles FINEMORE, Ross Gordon SHEARER, Gilbert James	ADCOCK, Henry ALP, Michael Hugh MORRIS, Peter John Glasgow OHLRICH, Gregory David
1961	ALP, Michael Hugh MORRIS, Peter John Glasgow OHLRICH, Gregory David POTTER, Robert Thomas	FRANZMANN, Dennis Dominic GUERASSIMOFF, Jules McDERMOTT, Lloyd Clive PARKER, Denis John
1962	GUERASSIMOFF, Jules MARKS, Richard James Pickett McDERMOTT, Lloyd Clive WILLIAMS, Leo Gerard	ANNING, Eric Tunbridge ARMSTRONG, Graeme James BENNETT, Francis Leslie
1963	WOLFE, John Keith	BECCONSALL, Clive Winston MAGUIRE, Michael Andrew TRIVETT, Richard Keal
1964	ANNING, Eric Tunbridge BECCONSALL, Alan Richard TRIVETT, Richard Keal	CROMBIE, David Charles DUHS, Graeme Ernest ELLIOT, Richard Geoffry MAY, Alfred VINCENT, Peter Fitzgerald
1965	CROMBIE, David Charles MAYNE, Norman Colburn	ALEXANDER, David Edward BROWN, Bruce Robert DE LOUGHERY, Michael James MANNING, Russell Charles Silvester TAYLOR, David Aubrey TEITZEL, Ross Gordon
1966	MAGUIRE, Michael Andrew TAYLOR, David Aubrey TEITZEL, Ross Gordon	COOKE, Roger Anthony HULBERT, John McLean
1967	MANNING, Russell Charles Silvester BROWN, Bruce Robert	GREGORY, Stuart Carlton JENNINGS, Keith Samuel McCREADY, Stephen Peter McNICHOLL, Lee Gerard
1968	GREGORY, Stuart Carlton	BELL, Keith Radcliffe CREAGH, James Matthew ESTWICK, Colin Craig
1969	BELL, Keith Radcliffe	GALLIGAN, Brian Graham McINTYRE, Brian Lloyd MILLER, David James SEXTON, Dennis Richard WOODWARD, Charles Herbert

FOOTBALL	BLUES	
YEAR	BLUE	HALF BLUE
1970		MALONEY, Peter Foster McNICHOLL, Paul Bernard MILLER, Richard Ian
1971	MILLER, David James	ROSS, lan David
1972	ROSS, lan David	BATCH, Patrick Gerard CRUICE, John David MEANEY, James McDowell PEARSON, Gary John
1973	LOANE, Mark Edward CREAGH, James Matthew	HARTIGAN, Stephen John HENDERSON, John Spencer WILSON, James Christopher
1974	WILSON, James Christopher	
1975	BATCH, Patrick Gerard	McCASKER, Kim NOON, Graham John
1976		ROSS, William Scott
1978	NOON, Graham John ROSS, William Scott	BOMAN, Vincent McINTYRE, Andrew John
1979		McDONNELL, William Francis MacNISH, Brian James
1980	HALL, Duncan Michael McDONNELL, William Francis	SANDERS, Guy Jon
1981	PARKER, Anthony Joseph SANDERS, Guy Jon	
1982	LYNAGH, Michael Patrick McINTYRE, Andrew John	MARTIN, Gregory John
1983	MARTIN, Gregory John	LILLICRAP, Cameron Paul
1984	LILLICRAP, Cameron Paul	NASSER, Brendan Paul
1985		NUCIFORA, David Vincent STURGESS, James Richard TEMPLETON, Andrew Robert TWEEDY, Sean Michael
1986	NASSER, Brendan Paul	ANDERSON, Mark Andrew
1988		PALM, Mitchell Brice
1989	NUCIFORA, David Vincent PALM, Mitchell Brice	
1990	ANDERSON, Mark Andrew TWEEDY, Sean Michael	HEATH, David Clive HOOD, Matthew David LUMB, Brendan Timothy
1991	KASSULKE, Nigel Thomas	
1992		INNES, Angus Robert
1993	HOWARD, Patrick William	
1994		AIKEN, Deena HART, Christopher Patrick

FOOTBALL	BLUES	
YEAR	BLUE	HALF BLUE
1995		DAVOREN, Carmel MURPHY, Desmond Thomas GALLIE, Price COOK, Steven Patrick BARRY, Shaun Joseph
1996		BLANSHARD, James GLADWIN, Mieke Jane
1997		LAIDLAW, Bronwyn Ann SHARPE, Nathan Charles
	SHARPE, Nathan Charles	
1998	LAIDLAW, Bronwyn Ann GLADWIN, Mieke Jane	PLASTOW, Andrew Roger
1999		BURGESS, Richard Patrick
2000	MURPHY, Desmond Thomas	LARSSON, Ross
2001		ELPHINSTON, Ashley James JOHNSON, Nathan John NYHOLT, Richard Willem Norbert
2002	NYHOLT, Richard Willem Norbert	GOODE, Reece Leonard
2003		GRAHAM, Joshua Dan MOORE, Stephen Thomas
2004		BROWN, Andrew David
2005	BROWN, Andrew David CHAPMAN, Mitchell James MOORE, Stephen Thomas	CUTTS, Jacqueline Maria HOCKINGS, Thomas James HORWILL, James Edward WARD, Benjamin James
2006	HORWILL, James Edward	GILLESPIE, Brett HANSON, James Elliot HOBBS, Michael LINDE, Daniel
2007	GILLESPIE, Brett	
2010	HANSON, James Elliot	BUCHANAN, Timothy PRIOR, Ian

#### QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

ADCOCK, Henry 1960 AHERN, Edward Gilles 1945/7 ALP, Michael Hugh 1960/1/3/4/5 ANDERSON, Mark Andrew 1990/91 ANNING, Eric Tunbridge 1959/63/4/5 ATKINSON, Ronald John 1935/6 BARRY, Shaun Joseph 1995 BATCH, Patrick Gerard 1972/3/5/6/9 BATCH, Terence Joseph 1976 BAXTER, Thomas 1956/7/8 **BECCONSALL**, Clive Winston 1965 BEDGOOD, David John 1958/9/60 BELL, Keith Radcliffe 1968/9/70/1/2 **BENNETT**, Francis Leslie 1962 BOAST, Jack Robert 1950/1 **BREW**, Francis Malcolm 1955/6/7/8/61/2/3/4/5 BRIDGMAN, Peter 1940/6/7 BROWN, Andrew David 2005/06/7 **BROWN**, Barry Charles 1963 BROWN, Bernie M 1930 BROWN, Bruce Robert 1965/7/8/9/70/1/2 BROWN, George Duncan 1914 BROWN, Richard 2007/8 BRUSASCO, Italo Prospero (Ian) 1950/1 BUCHANAN, Jack 1945 **BURGESS**, Richard Patrick 1999 BYRNES, Adam 2010 CANTAMESSA, Remo Lawrence 1953 CARMICHAEL, Kenneth MacFarlane 1930 CARROLL, John Patrick 1951 CARROLL, Victor Joseph 1950 CHANNER, Eric Jack 1930/2

CHAPMAN, Mitchell James 2005/6 CHESTER, Robert Davis 1933 CLARK, James Goode 1930/1/2/4 CLARK, Phillip Andrew 1931/2/3 CLARK, Raymond 1951 CLARKE, Ian Edwin 1948 CLARKSON, Victor Charles 1919 CONNERS, David Charles ("Mike") 1959/60/61 COOK. Michael Terence 1984/5/6/7/8 COOKE, Desmond Patrick 1940 COOKE, Roger Anthony 1966 COURT, Thomas Gordon 2006 CREAGH, James Matthew 1968/1972/73 CROMBIE, David Charles 1966/7/8/9 CRUICE, John David 1972 DAVIES, Bruce Pratt 1989/90 DAVIES, Rodney William 2010/11 DIXON, Patrick Leslie 1934/5/6 (Also GPS) DONALD, Kenneth John 1957/8/9/60/61/1970 DONNELLAN, Brian Terence 1980/81 DULEY, David R 1999/2000 DUNN, Hugh Alexander 1948 DUNSDON, John Frederick 1963/7/8 DYSON, Fletcher John 2000/1/2/3 ESTWICK, Colin Craig 1968/9 FINEMORE, Ross Gordon 1959/60/1 FLANAGAN, Henry Patrick 1945 FLANAGAN, Michael 1998 FOOTE, Leonard Hardwick 1913 FOWLES, Duncan 1919 FREE, Bradley John 1991/1995

FRANCIS, Eric 1914 FRANCIS, Stanley 1914 FRANZMANN, Dennis Dominic 1961 GALL, Leslie 1919 GALLIGAN, Brian Graham 1969 GANNON, William John 1940 GILLESPIE, Brett 2006 GIRLE, Ashley Edward Albert 1952/3/5/6 GOODE, Reece Leonard 2002 GOW, Neil Milne 1949 GRAHAM, Joshua Dan 2003/4/5 GREGORY, Stuart Carlton 1967/8/70/1/2 **GRENNING**, Victor 1919 **GUERASSIMOFF**, Jules 1962/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/1970/1/2 HALFERTY, John Joseph 1919 HALL, Duncan Michael 1975/6/9/80/1/2/3/4 HALL, Graham 1934 HALL, Noel Lyster 1934/5 HAMILTON, Robert 1932 HAMILTON, Jon Alexander 1959/60 HANCOCK, Viv McLean 1948/9 HANSON, James Elliot 2010/11 HARRIS, Michael 2011 HATHERELL, William Ian ("Lou") 1952/3 HEMPENSTALL, Thomas Patrick 1936 HERZIG, Bernard Albert 1919 HICKEY, Howard Thomas 1951/5 HOCKINGS, Tom 2006 HOOD, Matthew David 1990 HORWILL, James Edward 2006/7/8 HOWARD, Patrick William 1993/4/5 HULBERT, John McLean 1966 HUNT. Herman 2006/7/8 HYNES, Peter John 2003/4/5/6/7/8 JAMES, Peter Michael 1956/7/8

JENNINGS, Keith Samuel 1967 JOHNSTONE, Daryl 1946 KASSULKE, Bryan Lawrence 1953/4/5 KASSULKE, Nigel Thomas 1985 KENT, Roy 1919 KNOWLES, Michael Cosby 1957 LANCE, Jono B 2011 LARKIN, Kerry Kelsall 1955/6/7/8/9/60 LAWTON, Thomas 1919/29/30/32 LEE, Charles Que Fong 1933 LILLICRAP, Cameron Paul 1984/5/6/7/8/9/90/1/2 LINDENMAYER, Travis Erwin 1958/9/60 LLOYD, Norman Austin 1912/3/4 LOANE, Mark Edward 1972/3/4/5/6/7/8/81/2 LOWTH, Lawrence John 1945 LYNAGH, Michael Patrick 1982/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/90/1/2/3/4/5 LYONS, Christopher William 2004 MAGUIRE, Michael Andrew 1963/6 MANNING, Russell Charles Sylvester 1965/6/7/8 MANTEIT, Trevor John 1955 MARKS, Richard James Pickett 1962/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/72 MARLES, William Gordon 1949, 1951/2 MARTIN, Gregory John 1983/4/6/7/8/9/90/1 MAYNE, Norman Colburn 1965/6/7 MacNISH. Brian James 1979 MacCALLUM, David Liam 2001 McCASKER, Kim 1975 McCREADY, Stephen Peter 1966/7 McDERMOTT, Lloyd Clive 1962 McDONNELL, William Francis 1980 McGRATH, James Patrick 1930 McGUINNESS, Edward Francis 1945

McINERNEY, James Leslie 1988	PRIOR, Ian 2010/11
McINTYRE, Andrew John 1980/1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/89	QUATERMASS, Ma
McNAMARA, Raymond J 1951	REES, Anthony Phil
McNICHOLL, Lee Gerard 1967/8	RILEY, John 1953
McNICHOLL, Paul Bernard 1970/1	RISSON, Robert Jos
MEANEY, James McDowell 1972/73	ROBERTSON, Duno
MILLER, Richard Ian 1971/2	ROCHE, Christophe
MILLER, David James 1969/71/2/3	ROE, John 1945
MILLER, Jeffrey Scott	ROSS, Ian David 19'
1983/4/5/6/7/8/9/90/1	ROSS, William Scot
MINES, Frank 1930	ROW, Allan Warren
MINNIS, James Charles Ferguson 1933	ROWLEY, Stephen.
MITCHELL, Drew Allan 2004/5/6	RYAN, Thomas Jose
MONTI, Carrabo Italo Ansell ("Bill")	SALTER, Roger Bur
1937/8/9	SANDERS, Guy Jon
MOORE, Stephen Thomas 2003/4/5/6/7/8	SHARPE, Nathan Cl 1998/9/2000/2001/02
MORAHAN, Luke Joseph 2009/10/11	SHAW, Geoffrey Ar
MORONEY, Richard Patrick Talbot 1990/1	SHEARER, Gilbert J
MORRIS, Peter John Glasgow 1961	SHEIL, Ainslie Glen 1952/3/4/5/6/7
MORRISON, William 1941	
MURPHY, Desmond Thomas ("Tom") 2002	SHEIL, Glenister 19: SHEPHERDSON, G
NASSER, Brendan Paul 1986/8/9/90/1	SIALE, Chris 2007
NICHOLSON, Vaux Morriset 1938/9	SLATTERY, Peter J
NOON, Graham John 1975/6/7/8/80	SOUTHWELL, Paul
NUCIFORA, David Vincent 1989/90/1/2/3	STAFFORD, John P
O'BRIEN, Edward Ephrem 1953/4	STILES, Nicholas Br
O'NEILL, John Michael 1952/3/4/5/6/60	2000/01/02/03/04/05
OHLRICH, Gregory David 1960	TAYLOR, David Au
PALM, Mitchell Brice 1988/9	TAYLOR, Ezra L 20
PARKER, Anthony Joseph 1981/2/3/4	TEITZEL, Ross Gore
PARKER, Dennis John 1961	THOMPSON, John I
PATANE, John Salvatore 1949/50	TRIVETT, Richard I
PEARSON, Gary John 1972/3	TULLY, John Charle
POTTER, Robert Thomas 1961	TWEEDY, Sean Mic
PRIMMER, Conrad James 1951	VAALU, Brando 200

Malcolm Ernest 1945/6 ilip 1991 oseph Henry 1928/30 ncan 1949 er 1980/1/2/3/4 971/2 ott 1976/7/8/9/80/2/3 en Linford 1914 n John 1980/1/2 seph 1945/6/8/9 urnett 1938 on 1980/1/2 Charles 02/03/04/05 Arnold 1977/8/9/80 t James 1960/1 enister Ross 953/4 Guy 2011 John 1987/8/9/90/1/2/3 ul George 1983 Patrick 1999 Bryan )5 Aubrey 1965/6/7/8/9 2010 ordon 1965/6/7 Richard 1953/4 Keal 1963/4/5/6/7 rles 1935 lichael 1990 .008/9

VALENTINE, Joshua James WILLIAMS, David James 1988/9/90 2003/04/05/06 WILLIAMS, Leo Gerard 1962/3/4/5 VEDELAGO, Rudi Patrick WILSON, Charles Roy 1952/3/4/5/6/7/8/9 2002/03/04/05/6 WILSON, James Christopher 1973/4 VINCENT, Fitzgerald Roxburgh WILSON, Vayro William 1935/6/7/8/9 1928/31/2/3/4/5/6 WINDSOR, John Clement 1945/6/7 VINCENT, Peter Fitzgerald 1964/5/8/9 WINDSOR, Jonathan Clement 1980 WALLER, Kenelm George Treviynick 1955/6/7 WINNING, Keith Charles ("Arch") 1945/6/7/50 WEEKS, Laurie 2009/10 WOLFE, John Keith 1963/4/5 WHITE, William George Searle 1931/2 WOODWARD, Charles Herbert 1969/70 WHYATT, Frederick Joseph 1930/1/2/3/4/5/6

#### MOST GAMES FOR QUEENSLAND

As at the end of the 2011 season. 109 P. J. SLATTERY 100 M. P. LYNAGH 95 N. B. STILES 89 M. E. LOANE 87 N. C. SHARPE 75 D. M. HALL 74 J. GUERASSIMOFF 74 C. P. LILLICRAP 69 J. S. MILLER 65 G. J. MARTIN 68+ J. E. HORWILL 60 A. J. McINTYRE 50 W. S. ROSS 49 B. R. BROWN 49 F. J. DYSON 47 G. A. SHAW

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QUEENSLAND CAPTAINS

LAWTON, T 1929-1930

CLARK, P A 1933

WILSON, V. W. 1938-1939

WINNING, K. C. 1951, 1953

HATHERELL, W I 1953

O'NEILL, J. M. 1955

WILSON, C. R. 1958

BEDGOOD, D. J. 1960

CONNERS, D. C. 1961

GUERASSIMOFF, J 1963, 1970-71

MARKS, R. J. P. 1967

LOANE, M. E. 1976-1979

SHAW, G. A. 1980

MARTIN, G. J. 1990

MILLER, J. S. 1990

LYNAGH, M. P. 1991

McINTYRE, A. J.1988

SLATTERY, P. J. 1992

STILES, N. B. 2004

SHARPE, N. C. 2005

HORWILL J. E. 2009/2010/11

## AUSTRALIAN CAPTAINS

T. LAWTON	6
J.G. CLARK	1
V.W. WILSON	3
K.C.WINNING	1
C.R.WILSON	3
M.E. LOANE	6
M.P. LYNAGH	15
N.C. SHARPE	2
J.E. HORWILL	7

NOTE: G.A. SHAW captained Australia in 9 Tests, but was not playing with the Club when he was Captain.

### TRAINING AT THE ACADEMY



### THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND ACADEMY

#### **OPERATIONS**

The University of Queensland Rugby Academy (The Academy) of ABN 86783895305 is a business name owned by University of Queensland Rugby Football Inc (Club) an Association incorporated in Queensland on 19th January 1988 (Incorporation Number IA03690) of the same address.

The Academy specialises in the design and delivery of Rugby education and development systems to meet the needs of Australian and international clients. Programs are delivered by world-class Coaches, and supported by The University of Queensland's world renowned School of Human Movement Studies to deliver a pre-eminent package combining sports science, athlete analysis, and supreme Rugby tuition.

Applying best practice recommendations from Australian Rugby Union High Performance Skill Development Models, the Academy is cutting edge.

The Academy has developed a number of fee-for-service products:

#### Elite Player Development Program (EPDP)

- A long-term structured player development program which focuses on the individual player and includes personalised skill development and testing
- Physiological assessment and tailored strength and conditioning programs
- Psychological analysis and intervention programs
- Player profiling, games analysis, and individual feedback

#### 6 Week Elite Women's Development Program (EWDP)

- Based on the same training principles as the Elite Player Development Program (EPDP)
- The program is the first of its kind and offers women in Rugby a new pathway to fasttrack their Rugby skills
- Physiological assessment and tailored strength and conditioning programs
- Psychological analysis and intervention programs
- Player profiling, games analysis, and individual feedback

#### **3 Week High Performance Development Program (HPDP)**

- Based on the same training principles as the Elite Player Development Program (EPDP)
- A live-in program that exposes participants to cutting edge techniques delivered by world class Coaches
- Physiological assessment and tailored strength and conditioning programs

- Psychological analysis and testing
- Games analysis and individual feedback

#### **Elite Player Development Programs**

- 1. Off Season Program (Nov Feb)
- 2. 3-Month In-Season Program (March May)
- 3. 8-Week In-season Program (July Aug)
- Structured player development programs which focus on the individual player and includes personalised skill development and testing
- Physiological assessment and tailored strength and conditioning programs
- Psychological analysis and intervention programs
- Player profiling, games analysis, and individual feedback.

#### **School Holiday Program**

- Six week program conducted over the Christmas school holiday period
- Open to Rugby players aged 15 17 years
- A structured program that focuses on core skill development of younger players
- Introduction to strength and conditioning for Rugby players.

#### Coaching development camps and courses

- Technical coaching development focussing on core, unit, position specific, and individual skills
- Game planning, tactical development workshops, and opposition analysis
- Guidance on the benefits and the structure of effective strength and conditioning programs, nutrition, and psychological assessment.

#### Consulting

- Evaluation of Rugby programs
- Development of Coach and player education programs
- Specialist coaching.

The Academy will continue to invest in the research and development of skill acquisition and Elite Coach education, ensuring that its programs and products remain at the forefront of best practice delivery.

# HISTORY

#### Formation

It was perceived that there was a need, not only at UQ and in Australia but also worldwide, for more Rugby Academies to cater for the desire of players and administrators alike to lift the skill levels of players (especially those elite athletes who had narrowly missed out on the provincial Academies) and Coaches, and to further internationalise the sport. We saw Brisbane as an ideal destination and UQ as the premium place in Brisbane to set up a Rugby Academy.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor John Hay AC, launched the Academy at a cocktail party at the Mayne Centre on 22nd November 2004. People were there from Government (apologies from the Premier and Treasurer), Business, Brisbane Schools, the ARU, the QRU, UQ Colleges and participants.

The Academy was an association by way of an unincorporated joint venture of the Club, UQ SPORT, and The University of Queensland to be owned by the parties in equal one-third shares, run by a Management Committee comprising 2 representatives for each party, and it would have a business goal of attracting more students to UQ and making profits for the parties.. To be able to use the UQ name in a commercial venture is a rare privilege. The parties each contributed \$50,000 by way of seed capital and raised in excess of \$500,000 in sponsorship. Eric Anning was instrumental in the formation of the Academy; he raised money from generous donors such as Graham "Skroo" Turner, Gordon Smith, Ken Talbot, Rod Horwill and Julian Lees, and was the inaugural Chairman of the Management Committee.

Through its involvement in the Academy, the Club aimed to lift the standard of its coaching, play and recruitment.

The Academy runs a number of fee-for-service Player and Coach Development programs both here in Australia and overseas. These range from long-term player development programs to 3 day player and Coach development courses.

Some Clients: Brisbane Boys' College; Brisbane Grammar School; St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace; Downlands College; St. Peter's Lutheran College; Kenmore Bears; Victoria Rugby Union; US Military College (West Point); Boston Irish Wolfhounds; Albright College; Stanford University; University of Arizona; University of Connecticut; Kobe Steel; and Fijian U16 President's XV.

Elite Player Development Program: The program began in late November 2005 with eight players – all of whom were sitting just outside the National and State elite player development pathways; there were further inductions in December with 3 players from the Australian Schoolboys and Australia 'A' Schoolboys in 2005 who had missed selection in the 'Reds' College; this was followed up with one 2005 New Zealand Schoolboy and

two former Victorian Schoolboys (2004) in January; Kobe Steel sent one of their centres over to participate, and two Colts who play with the Sunnybank Rugby Club entered the program in April.

Representative Honours: Some of the players who have participated in the Academy's Elite Player Development Program and who were selected for higher representative honours include:

Aaron Chapman QAS Reds Academy (2009) Australian Sevens (2011) Queensland Reds (2011) James Hanson World Champion Australian U19 (2006) Herman Hunt Melbourne Rebels (2007) Queensland Reds (2007) Queensland Reds (2009) Michael Hobbs **Daniel Linde** 

World Champion Australian U19 (2006) Ballymore Tornadoes (2007)

Daniel Kilmartin QAS Reds Academy Qld U19 (2005)

Ian Prior Australian U20 (2010) Queensland Reds (2011) Jono Lance QAS Reds Academy (2009)

New Zealand U19 (2006) Melbourne Rebels (2007) Auckland Blues (2009)

Greg Willmott QAS Reds Academy Qld U19 (2006) QLD President's XV

Tim Buchanan Queensland A (2010) QAS Reds Academy (2011)

### 2006

Individual player selections:

- 2 Players selected in the World Champion Australian U19 team
- 1 Player selected for New Zealand U19
- 1 Player selected in the Qld President's XV v. NEC (Greg Willmott U19)
- 6 Players (25%) selected in the QAS Qld U19 final squad of 24 for 2006 Trans

### Tasman Tournament

6 Players played Premier Rugby for UQ Rugby Club (2 were U19)

2007

4 Players achieved Contract Selection in the Qld Reds College for 2007

Kazuyuki Takakura (Taka) was sent to UQRA for 3 months between March and May 2006 by his Japanese Top League Club side – Kobe Steel. Taka has since achieved Kobe Steel starting team selection after being a bench player in 2005.

#### 2008

Angus Leahey	Australian Schoolboys
Jono Lance	Australian Schoolboys
Michael O'Leary	Queensland Secondary Schools
Aaron Chapman	Australian Schoolboys
Mitchell Wade	Australian Schoolboys
Steve Hilman	Australia U19
James Willan	Australian A Schoolboys
Andrew Smith	Western Force Academy
Hayden Fletcher	South Australian Schools
Charlie Ingall	Ireland U18
Chris Birkett	Scottish Exiles U 18
Tim Buchanan	Queensland U19
Nick Moll	Grahamstown 1st XV (South Africa)

Because the progress of the student is reviewed on a weekly basis with the aid of video replays, there have been very few complaints by students about the program. The representative honours tell a story.

#### Head Coaches/Academy Director

Nick Leah was the inaugural Head Coach/Academy Director (assisted by Head Coach Nick Stiles -presently Assistant Coach of the Western Force). He was followed by Zane Hilton and David Enfantie.

#### Restructure

As a result of the global financial crisis, the international scope of the Academy's operations contracted and its operations in Australia were somewhat downsized. At an Academy Management Committee meeting held on 16th September 2009, it was agreed to restructure the Academy with the Club solely taking over the running of the Academy on certain terms and conditions.

### **LOCATION & FACILITIES**

The UQ Rugby Academy is based at The University of Queensland St Lucia Campus which is home to the largest multi-sport facility in Queensland.

The University has established itself as a high performance sporting hub and has been endorsed as an 'Elite Athlete Friendly University" by the Australian Institute of Sport, the Queensland Academy of Sport, and participating Professional Players Associations, including the Rugby Union Players' Association.

Currently UQ Sport facilitates internationally recognised high performance programs in Athletics, Rowing, and Volleyball.

UQ Sport facilities utilised by the Academy include:

- Three Rugby fields, each illuminated and near the Clubhouse and dressing room
- A fully equipped weights gymnasium and fitness centre staffed by tertiary qualified exercise physiologists. It contains an international standard Olympic and power lifting area and the latest cardiovascular equipment.
- A Sports medicine facility including physiotherapy, massage therapists and sports physicians
- Change rooms for strapping and hot and cold recovery sessions
- Modern seminar room and AV facility for seminars, presentations and tactical development sessions
- Volleyball courts for fitness and tackling drills
- International standard eight lane synthetic athletics track for speed training and physiological testing
- Eight lane Olympic swimming pool for recovery sessions.

#### GOVERNANCE

The Committee meets monthly and there is strong support for and overview of staff performance.

Our staff has an Organisation Chart and Duty Statement. Although training for and playing Rugby is risky, effort is directed towards minimising risk and speeding recovery.

There are strong financial management policies, with systems in place to protect fees paid in advance.

We comply with Federal and State legislation.

As part of the Academy's mission to lead in the design and delivery of cutting-edge player development programs and to up-skill its Coaches, the Academy provided former Wallaby and Randwick Coach James Holbeck a full-time, PhD research Scholarship in Rugby Skills Acquisition and On-field Decision-Making) at The University of Queensland operating through its School of Human Movement Studies. As part of the stipend, the scholar provides services to the Academy by assisting the Academy Director in product development and course/consultancy delivery.

## **OFFICE BEARERS**

## UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

## PRESIDENTS

UNKNOWN	1911-1926
LYNAM, John Finlay	1927-28, 1930
UNKNOWN	1931-39
McGRATH, H F (Frank)	1940-44
HICKEY, Michael Francis	1945-47
0'DRISCOLL, Andrew Florence	1948-49
UNKNOWN	1950-53
HENDERSON, Robert A	1954
WINDSOR, Dr John Clement	1955-60
ALP, Lyn	1961-62
GREENWOOD, Professor Gordon	1963-69
BYRNE, Eugene Allan Norbert	1970-72
McNICHOLL, Paul	1973
WILSON, Dr Charles Roy	1974
ANNING, Eric Tunbridge	1975-79
STACK, Howard Leigh	1980-81
SHAND, Harold Warner	1982-84
WILSON, James Christopher	1985-86,1989
BRUCE, William Liddell	1987-88
HUGHES, Michael John	1990-92
INNES, Angus	1993
BROWN, Bruce Robert	1994

## **HONORARY SECRETARIES**

UNKNOWN	1911-29
McCALLUM, C	1930
MCGRATH, H F	1931
UNKNOWN	1932-1945
MOORE, Bruce Robinson	1946
STAVELY, Richard W CLAXTON, Colin	1952-53 1954
BILTOFT, Mark	1955
OHLRICH, John	1956
MUIR, John	1957
MOYNIHAN, Ross Peter	1958-1960
FALCONGREEN, Brian SHEARER, Gilbert	1961 1961
STAVELY Richard W	1962
WARD, Bruce	1963
STRAUGHAN, Ian Rothwell	1964
BROWN, Bruce Robert	1965-67
UNKNOWN	1968
MALONEY, Peter Foster	1969
McNICHOLL, Paul Bernard	1970
CLOUSTON, Thomas	1971
STACK, Howard Leigh	1972
CLOUSTON, Thomas	1973
MOORE, Graham J	1974
SHAND, Harold Warner	1975
BATCH, Terence Joseph	1976
SARRI, Luis Roman	1977
BATCH, John Denis	1978
MEANEY, James McDowell	1979
PAXTON-HALL, Paul M	1980
BROADLEY, Jon Walter Colin	1981-1985
CHOWDHURY, Milon Craig	1986
McLOUGHLIN, Francis Peter	1986-1988
WADSWORTH, David Philip	1989
FRASER, John Anthony	1989
SHAW, Patrick Hamilton	1990-1993
PLASTOW, Andrew Roger	1994
COOK, Steven Patrick	1995
GORIN, Martin	1999
MUIR, David	2009, 2010, 2011

Note in the years 1996 – 1998 and 2000 – 2008, the Hon. Secretary's role was carried out by the Club's General Manager.

## CHAIRMEN

UNKNOWN	1911-1963
ANNING, Eric Tunbridge	1964
WARD, Bruce	1965-67
UNKNOWN	1968
WILLIAMS, Leo Gerard	1969
BROWN, Bruce Robert	1970 - 1971
JENNINGS, Keith	1972
McNICHOLL, Paul Bernard	1973,1980
BRYCE, Robert Leigh	1974
MOORE, Graham J	1975-76
CREAGH, Vincent John	1977-1979,1989
SHAND, Harold Warner	1981
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WOOD, David Andrew	1982
WOOD, David Andrew	1982
WOOD, David Andrew EAST, Ian Roderick	1982 1983-1986
WOOD, David Andrew EAST, Ian Roderick MILLER, Charles Edwin	1982 1983-1986 1987
WOOD, David Andrew EAST, Ian Roderick MILLER, Charles Edwin MEANEY, James McDowell	1982 1983-1986 1987 1988
WOOD, David Andrew EAST, Ian Roderick MILLER, Charles Edwin MEANEY, James McDowell FRASER, John Anthony	1982 1983-1986 1987 1988 1990

NOTE: The position of Chairman was eliminated in 1994, and the duties and responsibilities attached to that role were thereafter assigned to the President.

## TREASURERS

UNKNOWN	1911-1959
SILCOCK, Philip Maynard	1930s
MEWITT, Rob	1960,1963
MOYNIHAN, Ross	1961-62
JOSEPH, Peter C	1964-1965, 1967
PALMER, Donald A	1966
UNKNOWN	1968
MALONEY, Peter Foster	1969
GREGORY, Stuart Carlton	1970-1971
MILLER, David James	1972-1973
CARNEY, Christopher James	1974-1976
DOUGLAS, Richard	1977-78
WILSON, Alexander John	1979
USASZ, David Edward	1980
CURRAN, Shane Patrick	1981
KEATING, John Dennis	1982
TIFFEN, Peter	1983-1985
MILLINER, Mark Richard	1986

### IT'S MORE THAN A GAME...

ELLIOTT, Bruce Norman John	1987, 1991
LYALL, Scott Cameron	1988
MANTEIT, Mark Trevor	1989
MALETZ, Peter Eric	1989-90
SHERWOOD, Christopher Stephen	1991
HICKSON, Peter	1992-1995
McADAM, Robert	1996-2003
BANHAM, Russell Francis	2004-2008
MURDOCH, Grant	2009
TOZER, Brad	2010, 2011

## PATRONS

Sir Kenneth Barron Fraser Kt.	1965-66
Professor Gordon Greenwood	
M.A.,Ph.D.(Lond.),F.A.H.A.,F.A.S.S.A.	1967-1986
Ivor Maurice Bridson Cribb A.M.,B.A.,B.Ed.,F.A.C.E.	1986 -1995
Douglas Porter BA Durham, FAIM	1999-

### **Australian Universities**

### THE AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES RUGBY UNION

In the preface to this book, the foundation author, Peter Meares, reckoned that writing this history was "a daunting task." To produce this segment it could be said that its writing has been akin to capturing a chimera behind a smokescreen. Over many decades, for most members of the Club, selection in an Australian Universities team, while usually regarded as a desirable achievement and, generally a highly prized one, has been at times a somewhat mysterious, if not altogether baffling process.

That this has often been the case is in reality quite understandable because there have always been some complicated issues associated with Rugby, and with what is Australian Universities. Within this book there are numerous inclusions of Australian Universities teams playing against visiting teams or making tours themselves. This Club history includes details of members who have been awarded Blues for their participation in those teams. There are photographs of those teams and of some of their members. From these photographs one could infer that the participation in the teams was an enjoyable experience. So just how did these members come to be selected for the Australian Universities teams?

Until November 1984 there was no single controlling body responsible for Australian Universities Rugby teams. The responsibility lay within the Australian Universities Sports Association and was undertaken by a sub-committee of that body, known as the Rugby Committee. This was comprised of elected members from the AUSA and delegates from individual Universities Sports Unions. The arrangements were unsatisfactory and unrepresentative, which caused dissension at best, and at other times outright rorting of the system. So much so, that there were occasions when teams were selected purely on the basis of cost effectiveness and availability. Funding issues were always a problem, and student politics were another issue altogether. It transpired that there were games played, and even tours made, under the Australian Universities banner where the selection criteria imposed excluded all but members of Sydney-based Universities. At times the selections were made in such a manner that only members of Universities from the other States were unimpressed, and actively sought the consideration of their available and worthy players.

In the early eighties David Wood was extremely active in pursuing an overhaul of the organisation and his continuous efforts gained support from Brian O'Shea at Newcastle University. Together they persuaded Sydney University and the University of New South Wales to support their initiatives, and they garnered further support from the Australian Universities Sports Association CEO, Rob Wardell. Finally, a newly constituted body was formed, The Australian Universities Rugby Union. This important meeting was held in Sydney in November 1984 and was attended by voting representatives from all Australian University Rugby Clubs. The elected executive of the Union was:

President Brian O'Shea, Newcastle; Senior Vice-President Andrew Murray, Sydney; Secretary James Meaney, Queensland; Treasurer John Bagnall, New South Wales, and Junior Vice-President Tom Wren, Wollongong. The first executive meeting was held in Sydney on 8th March 1984 and confirmed arrangements for the selection of a team to play Fiji at Ballymore on 20th July. The curtain raiser to that match was confirmed as Australian Services against Queensland B. The QRU had agreed that the AURU Selectors would be given precedence over the Queensland B Selectors in choosing their team.

It was agreed that the President and the Secretary would finalise the necessary arrangements with the QRU executive and that the selected team would assemble at the UQFC Clubhouse on Sunday 14th July. This fixture match on the 1984 Fijian Tour was an important start for the new organisation, and a comprehensive test of the operational procedures introduced to progress the Union. It was not an unmitigated success despite the best efforts of those involved but, despite a loss on the bell arising from a most dubious refereeing decision, the organisation had demonstrated that it was now a serious member of the Australian Rugby Union and validated its bona fides for inclusion in future touring match schedules.

Burgeoning representative programmes into the next season reduced alternatives to just the single fixture against the ACT, and in keeping faith with the Union's member Clubs, selections of that team would be the result of the most comprehensive trials conducted in the history of Australian Universities. These were organised so that Sydney University hosted the series of matches at its oval, all on the one day, prior to the announcement of the representative team by the President.

It must be recorded that the AURU was most grateful for the representative travel arrangements that were facilitated and sponsored by the then manager of Ansett Airlines, Paul McLean.

There were other matches against touring sides at the end of the eighties before the AURU baton was taken up by Rick Trivett and his dedication in this role continues to the present. The most recent match under the AURU banner was undertaken this year in Sydney on Friday 6th May against New Zealand Universities.

The Club seeks and endorses the continuation of this proud tradition.

### THE TEAM OF THE CENTURY AND OTHER SELECTIONS

### THE BEST TEAMS

Bob Templeton was not only a long standing Coach of the Club, Queensland, and Australia, he was for most of the time also a Selector. Since his winning rate is impressive it would be foolish not to acknowledge his judgment when picking "Best of" teams. In 1999, Bob provided his selection of players whom he regarded as "the best of" available to the Club since 1945. ( i.e. since the Second World War – for lovers of Rugby in this country there seems to be agreement that there have been two major eras – pre-war and post-war – what the future holds for aficionados remains in the future).

BOB TEMPLETON'S INVINCIBLES TEAM (NAMED AS U.Q.R.F.C. TEAM OF THE CENTURY ON 29.6.2001)

**15.GREG MARTIN 14. PADDY BATCH** 13. DICK MARKS 12. GEOFF SHAW **11.KEN DONALD 10. MICHAEL LYNAGH** 9. PETER SLATTERY 8. MARK LOANE 7. JEFF MLLER 6. JULES GUERASSIMOFF 5. STUART GREGORY 4. DUNCAN HALL 3. ANDY McINTYRE 2. BILL ROSS 1. CAMERON LILLICRAP **RESERVES:** 

16. JOHN O'NEILL 17. PAT HOWARD 18. TONY PARKER 19. CHRIS ROCHE 20. CHILLA WILSON 21. ROSS TEITZEL 22. BRUCE BROWN 23. DAVID NUCIFORA COACH: JAKE HOWARD This team was selected on a different basis from "the best of" team chosen by Bruce Brown, who named his team only from those Club members with whom he had played or coached. Bruce also has an impressive record as a Selector during his senior coaching years from 1976 to 1980. He'd be the first to admit that his years as an official selector pale in comparison to Tempo but again you'd be foolish to disregard Brownie's expertise, based on his years playing with the Club and his representative experience.

Without any respect for the sentiments expressed by Sheridan through his creation Mrs Malaprop ("Such comparisons are odious") Bruce has chosen the following players from those with whom he played and coached at the Club - entitled Bruce Brown's University XV:

Hooker: Bill Ross

Props: Andy McIntyre and Brian MacNish

Second Rowers: Stuart Gregory and Duncan Hall

Breakaways: Jules Guerassimoff and Bill McDonnell

Lock: Mark Loane

Halfback: Norm Mayne

Five eighth: Rick Trivett

Centres: Geoff Shaw and Dick Marks

Wings: Paddy Batch and Jon Windsor

Fullback: Steve Rowley.

Mike Alp Played his first A Grade Grand Final in 1958. He then played in every A Grade Grand Final side until 1967 – becoming the only Club member to play in ten consecutive A Grade Grand Finals. As records go, it's pretty hard to find a harder one to top.

In Norbert Byrne's opinion:

"The best Clubmen at University in my time have been Col Claxton, John Muir, Ashley Girle, and Howard Hickey.

The best Captains have been Mark Loane and "Chilla" Wilson, manager of the 1984 Grand Slam tour; anyone who can manage Alan Jones deserves a VC.

The best forwards in my time at University have been Bill "Lou" Hatherell, John Patane, "Chilla" Wilson, Dave Crombie, Ross Teitzel, Jules Guerassimoff, Stuart Gregory, Mark Loane, Bill Ross, Chris Roche and Jeff Miller.

The best backs have been John O'Neill, Lloyd McDermott, Rick Trivett, Norm Mayne, Ross Sheil, Ken Donald, Michael Lynagh, Paddy Batch, Geoff Shaw, Graham Noon, Steve Rowley, and Greg Martin.

The best goalkickers is easy - Dave Crombie and Michael Lynagh."

Pat Moroney joined the Club in 1952 and studied Architecture. He was another Nudgee boy who followed in the footsteps of John O'Neill.

"I was two years behind 'Rumble' at school. When he went to Uni he continued to live in the tower at Nudgee and we would see him walking through the quadrangle in his University jumper. I always thought that I'd like one myself. Little did I know that I would end up playing beside him for three years in A Grade. All I had to do was give him the ball. He had great hands, a wonderful kicking game, and was unstoppable near the line. At flyhalf he would kick to the open side wing and put it straight into his arms. I would put him in any best ever Queensland and Australian teams – he starred against South Africa at fullback and on tour to New Zealand he was rated the best winger they had seen from Australia."

The best team from University in my time would be like this:

Props: Andy McIntyre and Cam Lillicrap

Hooker: Bill Ross

Locks: Stuart Gregory and Ross Teitzel

Number Eight: Mark Loane

Flankers : "Chilla" Wilson and Jeff Miller

Halfback: Norm Mayne

Five-eighth: Michael Lynagh

Centres: Dick Marks and Rick Trivett

Wings: Ken Donald and Paddy Batch

Fullback: John O'Neill

Best referee: Bob Burnett

The selections are included for the reader's consideration; elsewhere there are full lists of the Club's representatives, and in the annual team lists you may find other players whose selection would prove worthy of debate. It is easy to forget that some Club members found favour with representative selectors ahead of the Club's first choices. Maybe some selections were made to satisfy the "horses for courses" criterium, or perhaps they were simply based on old prejudices. For example, most followers remember Alan Jones' preferences and what they meant to Chris Roche and Jeff Miller. What is certain is the fact that there are Club players whose consistent performances for the Club made it difficult to justify their omission from representative teams, where the incumbents were clearly the second best choice. One only has to consider the number of players whose representative careers were limited to just the one appearance, or one season, one tour's involvement. There is another certainty - it remains a fact that to its detriment the code is rife with all manner of politics which become manifest at the selection table. Even Tempo, doubtless one of the most genuine in his dealings with his charges, found it impossible to avoid the Selectors' credo: "I voted for you."

So be it at your peril, choose your "best ofs" and remember, if you are challenged on your choice you are the Sole Selector – there's no easy way out.

### THE UQRFC INAUGURAL 1983 UK TOUR - Team Lists

### Durham University R.C.

Mark Kennedy, 14. John O'Hare, 13. Peter Cooke, 12. Tony Shields,
 Darren Anderson, 10. Michael Lynagh, 9. Guy Sanders (c),
 Tom McVeigh, 7. Jon Broadley, 6. Kim Weller, 5. Andrew Philp,
 Lindsay Hall, 3. Randy Jones, 2. David Nucifora, 1. Ian Thomas (vc),
 Mark Manteit, 17. Jim Meaney, 18. Laurie Fisher,
 Mick Talbot, 20. Peter Welsh, 21. Brett Williams, 22. Michael deLacy.

Date: 19/1/83 2:15pm Kick-off.

### The Queen's University Belfast R.F.C.

 Mark Kennedy, 14. John O'Hare, 13. Peter Cooke, 12. Tony Shields, 11. Darren Anderson, 10. Michael Lynagh, 9. Michael Talbot, 8. Tom McVeigh, 7. Jon Broadley, 6. Kim Weller, 5. Andrew Philp, 4. Lindsay Hall, 3. Randy Jones, 2. David Nucifora, 1. Ian Thomas, 16. Mark Manteit, 17. Peter Welsh.

Date: 21/1/83 2:30pm Kick-off.

### Cheltenham R.F.C.

 Mark Kennedy, 14. John O'Hare, 13. Peter Cooke, 12. Tony Shields, 11. Brett Williams, 10. Michael Lynagh, 9. Guy Sanders (c), 8. Mark Manteit,
 Jon Broadley, 6. Tim Brusasco, 5. Andrew Philp, 4. Lindsay Hall,
 Laurie Fisher, 2. David Nucifora, 1. Ian Thomas, 16. Jim Meaney,
 Randy Jones, 18. Mick Talbot, 19. Peter Welsh, 20. Michael deLacy.

Date: 25/1/83 7:00pm Kick-off.

### Cardiff University R.F.C.

Mark Kennedy, 14. John O'Hare, 13. Peter Cooke, 12. Tony Shields, 11. Brett Williams,
 Peter Welsh, 9. Guy Sanders (c), 8. Mark Manteit, 7. Jon Broadley, 6. Tim Brusasco,
 Andrew Philp, 4. Lindsay Hall, 3. Laurie Fisher, 2. David Nucifora, 1. Ian Thomas, 16. Jim Meaney,
 Mick Talbot, 18. Randy Jones, 19. Mick deLacy.

Date: 28/1/83 2:30pm Kick-off.

### **Bristol University**

15. Mark Kennedy, 14. John O'Hare, 13. Michael Hellen, 12. Peter Welsh, 11. Tony Kanowski, 10. Brett Williams, 9. Michael Talbot, 8.Mark Manteit, 7. Jon Broadley, 6. Tim Brusasco, 5. Andrew Philp, 4. Lindsay Hall, 3. Laurie Fisher, 2. David Nucifora, 1. *Ian* Thomas, 16. Jim Meaney, 17. Mick deLacy, 18. Craig Dougall, 19. Randy Jones.

Date: 30/1/83 2:30pm Kick-off.

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Saturday 5th February 1983

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### Cambridge University R.U.F.C.

15. Mark Kennedy, 14. John O'Hare, 13. Tony Shields, 12. Peter Welsh, 11. Brett Williams, 10. Michael Lynagh, 9. Guy Sanders (c), 8. Mark Manteit, 7. Jon Broadley, 6. Tim Brusasco, 5. Andrew Philp 4. Lindsay Hall, 3. Laurie Fisher, 2. David Nucifora, 1. Ian Thomas, 16. Mark Milliner, 17. Jim Meaney.

Date: 3/2/83 2:30pm Kick-off.

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16 17	C. Martin (Corpus Christi) 5. Roberts (Christ's)	J. Meaney	17
	*Denotes Blue	Referee: A. Mason (London Society)	
	Next Game on this Ground: C.U.R.U.F.C. v Re	value Park Wednesday 9th February	

### Oxford University R.F.C.

Mark Kennedy, 14. John O'Hare, 13. Peter 15. 11. Cooke, 12. Tony Shields, Mark Milliner, 10. Michael Lynagh, 9. Guy Sanders (c), 8. Mark Manteit, 7. Jon Broadley, 6. Tim Brusasco, Tom McVeigh, Lindsay 5. 4. Hall, 3. Ian Laurie Thomas, 2. Jim Meaney (vc), 1. Fisher, 16. David Nucifora, 17. Peter Welsh.

Date: 5/2/83 12:00pm Kick-off.

THE UNIVERSITY		QU	EENSLAND
15]* H. P. MACNEILL (T.C.D. and S.E.H.) (Capt.)	FULL-BACKS	15	MARK KENNEDY
	Three-quarters		
14 J. MADGWICK (Abingdon & S.E.H.)	RIGHT WING	14	JOHN O'HARE
13§* P. J. CROWE (The Scots College & Univ)	CENTRE	13	PETER COOKE
12 * D. J. COLEMAN (St. Edwards, Liverpool and Univ.)	CENTRE	12	TONY SHIELDS
11 *C. B. EWART (St. Edward's, Oxford and S.E.H.)	LEFT WING	11	MARK MILLINER
	Half-backs		
10 *S. BARNES (Bassaleg and S.E.H.)	STAND-OFF	10	MICHAEL LYNAGH
9 *R. S. LUDDINGTON (K.C.S. Wimbledon & S.E.H.)	SCRUM-HALF		GUY SANDERS (Captain)
	Forwards		
1 *N. J. HERROD (King Henry VIII, Coventry and St. John's)	PROP	1	LAURIE FISHER
2 *J. P. WEBSTER (Bradford G.S. and Quern's)	HOOKER	2	JIM MEANEY (Vice Captain)
3 *A. BEARE (Haberdashers' Askes and S.E.H.)	PROP	3	IAN THOMAS
4 J. B. THOMSON (Collyers G.S. and Keble)	LOCK	4	ANDREW PHILP
5 *M. F. GARGAN (St. Peters York, & S.E.H.)	1 LOCK	5	LINDSAY HALL
6 *J. P. SEARLE (Kings School, Tynemouth and Hertford)	PLANKER	6	TIM BRUSASCO
7 P. J. EDWARDS (Shire Oak G.S. and S.E.H.)	FLANKER	7	JON BROADLEY
8 *A. W. BROOKS (Phynouth College & Hertford)	No. 8		MARK MANTEIT
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### The University Song - Gaudeamus

### GAUDEAMUS

Gaudeamus igitur,	Let us rejoice then
Iuvenes dum sumus	While we are young
Post iucundam iuventutem;	After a delightful youth
Post molestam senectutem;	After an irksome old age.
Nos habebit humus	The earth will have us.
Vivat Academia,	Long live academic philosophy
Vivant professors,	Long live the professors
Vivat membrum quodlibet;	Long live the member no matter who,
Vivant membra quaelibet;	Long live the female members
Semper sint in flore	May they always flourish
Vivat et respublica	Long live also the Republic
Et quae illam regit;	And he who rules it
Vivat nostra civitas;	Long live our citizenship
Maecenatum caritas;	Our affection for the patron of letters
Quae nos hic protegit	Which protects us here!

Gaudeamus is the worldwide song of all University students. The original Latin dates from the fifth century and contains seven verses. This translation is available courtesy of "A Sense of Union- A History of the Sydney University Football Club"

### THE UQRFC CLUB POINTS SCORING RECORDS

### QRU PREMIERSHIP (A Grade) (Post Second World War)

### 1. MOST POINTS IN A SEASON

1. Donald, Kenneth John 1959 235 (23 tries, 33 conversions, 32 penalties) 2. Crombie, David Charles 1969 228 (2 tries, 38 penalties, 54 conversions) 3. Tuffley, William B 2010 199 (9 tries, 24 penalties, 41 conversions) 1995 4. Emtage, Damon 181 (4 tries, 22 conversions, 36 penalties, 3FG) 5. Lynagh, Michael Patrick1982 176 (3 tries, 25 conversions, 32 penalties, 10 FG) 6. Palm, Mitchell Brice 1989 175 (3 tries, 17 conversions, 38 penalties, 5FG) 7. Miller, Richard Ian 1970 170 (34 tries, 19 conversions, 10 penalties) 8. Cooke, Peter Desmond 1978 150 (2 tries, 47 conversions, 16 penalties)

### 2. MOST TRIES IN A SEASON

Miller, Richard Ian	1970	34 tries
Donald, Kenneth John	1959	25 tries
Allen, Max	1967	24 tries

### 3. MOST TRIES IN A MATCH

1952 v New Farm (28.6.52)	7 tries
1970	6 tries
1954 v Norths (12.6.54)	6 tries
1949 v Maristonians (23.4.49)	6 tries
	1970 1954 v Norths (12.6.54)

### 4. MOST POINTS IN A MATCH

Miller, Richard Ian

1970 32 (6 tries, 4 conversions, 2 penalties)



John O'Neill's Wallaby Jersey



Michael Lynagh's Uni Jersey



Howard Hickey's Uni Jersey

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1977 TROPHY LIST	PATRONS TROPHY For Play and Administration	PRESIDENT'S TROPHY For Outstanding Club Effort	R.I. TEMPLETON TROPHY Best Player – First Grade	B.R. BROWN TROPHY Best Player – Second Grade	J.M. CREAGH TROPHY Best Player - Third Grade	G.J. MOORE TROPHY Best Player - Fourth Grade	BILL SEXTON TROPHY Most Consistent Player - Fifth Grade	A.A. GIRLE TROPHY Best Player - Under 19A	K.C. WINNING TROPHY Best Player – Under 19B	G.B.DAVIES/D.WILLIAMS TROPHY Best Player – Under 18	E.A.N. BYRNE TROPHY Best Tackler – Senior	ROBINSONS SPORTS STORE TROPHY Best Tackler – Junior	LEO WILLIAMS TROPHY Most improved Senior Player	G.M. JONES TROPHY Most improved Player Under 19	G.J. SHEARER TROPHY Most improved Player Under 18	R.J. MEWETT TROPHY Highest points scored - Senior	DAVID CROMBIE TROPHY Highest points scored – Junior	U.Q.F.C. APPRECIATION TROPHY	FINALE	"And he smiled a kind of sickly smile, and curled up on the floor, And the subsequent proceedings interested him no more $-$ "	BRET HARTE

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SPEAKERS' LIST

IT'S MORE THAN A GAME ...

"O God, that men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains!" OTF	"Though I've beaten you an'played you, By the livin' Gawd that made you, You're a better man than I am Gunga Din'' KIPLING
Red & White Wine - XXXX	PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES Bob Templeton
Coffee	"Men of few words are the best men" HENRY V III 1
"People who like this sort of thing will find this the sort of thing they like" ABRAHAI	CLUB CAPTAIN - 1977 Mark Loane
PAVLOVA & ICE CREAM	"You ain't heard nothin' yet folks" AL JOLSON IN "THE JAZZ SINGER" 1927
"Cheer up, the worst is yet to come" P.C	REPLY Geoff Davies
ROAST ROUND OF BEEF	"Then will he strip his sleeve and show his scars, and say "These wounds I had on Crispin's Day"" HENRY V IV i
'DON'T give me the bloody raw prawn - NORBERT BYRNE to a Queensland Selector lat	TO RUGBY & THE CLUB Geoff Shaw
BUTTERFLY PRAWNS	"They are the scum of the earth, they have joined for the drink" DUKE OF WELLINGTON - OF HIS MEN
"Eye of newt, and toe of frog Wool of bat, and tongue of dog" MA	CHAIRMAN Eric Anning

For Play and Administration	
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY	
For Outstanding Club Effort	
BRUCE BROWN TROPHY	
JIM CREAGH TROPHY	
Best Player - Second Grade	
GEOFF DAVIES TROPHY	
PAUL POWER TROPHY	
Best Player - Fourth Grade	
ARTHUR JOHNSON TROPHY Most Consistent Senior Player	
ASHLEY GIRLE TROPHY Best Player - Under 19A	
ARCH, WINNING TROPHY Best Player – Under 19B	
ADRIAN BOOTH TROPHY Best Player – Under 18	
NORBERT BYRNE TROPHY Best Tackier – Senior	
ROBINSONS SPORTS STORE TROPHY Best Tackler – Junior	
LEO WILLIAMS TROPHY Most improved Senior Player	
DR. CHARLES WILSON TROPHY Most improved Player Under 19	
GILBERT SHEARER TROPHY Most improved Player Under 18	
ROB. MEWETT TROPHY Highest points scored - Senior	
DAVID CROMBLE TROPHY	

FINALE

Night hangs upon mine eyes; my bones would rest That have but labour'd to attain this hour

JULIUS CAESAR V-v

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Malley Refectory, University of Queensland.

O thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou has no name to be known by, let us call thee devil!

Red & White Wine t XXXX

### Coffee

## NORMAN LINDSAY -

Eat away, chew away, munch bolt and guzzle, never leave the table till you're full up to the muzzle.

## FRUIT SALAD

# MID SUMMER NIGHTS DREAM 1V-4

These things seem small and indistinguishable

### ROAST LAMB

THE TEMPEST V-1

This is as strange a thing as e'er I looked on

## PRAWN COCKTAIL

# THE PARSONS TALE - CHAUCER

After glotonie cometh lecherie - - - -

MENU

## SPEAKERS' LIST

### CHAIRMAN

# Eric Anning

Crack the Lawyer's voice, That he may never more false title plead, Nor sound his quillets shrilly,

TIMON OF ATHENS IV-III

TO RUGBY & THE CLUB

Bruce Brown

Now are our brows bound with victorious wreaths.

RICHARD 111 1-4

REPLY

I speak not this as doubting any here; For did I suspect a fearful man, He should have leave to go away.

HEN, VI PTS IV-IV

Mark Loane

HEN, V IV-III

Frank McKeown

CLUB CAPTAIN - 1978

Let me speak proudly:- tell the constable we are but warriors for the working-day.

His valour, shown upon our crests today, Hath taught us how to cherish such high deeds.

HEN. IV PT1 V-V

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Vince Creagh

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