



**WARATAH
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**



WOLLONGONG

**YEAR BOOK
1985**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After twenty five years in the Rugby Union wilderness, the **Waratah Rugby Club** emerged in 1985 as a competitive force in Illawarra rugby, displaying new strength on the field in all three senior grades and Under 18's.

A new attitude, a new enthusiasm and a new confidence were the hallmarks of our 1985 season - a season where we set out to prove that we were no longer content to be the also-rans, but would be one of the front-runners, and force the other Clubs to match us. We achieved this every time we took the field in 1985, and many opposition clubs could not match the standard we set.

Our fight back from the brink of oblivion to where we are today required an enormous amount of work and effort from a large number of people. Every person who took on a position on the **Club Management Committee** knew the workload they were accepting, and met that workload head on. The work was done, and the results are on the board for all to see.

At last years Annual General Meeting, two new positions were created. **John Dawson** and **Don Muir** accepted nominations for the positions of **Development Officers**, and immediately went to work to recruit players. The number of new players in our 1985 ranks is testimony to the great job they did.

I would like to mention the work done by our **Secretary** and **Treasurer**, **David Norris** and **Peter Leiner**. David handled the enormous workload he was given without blinking an eye, and Peter not only kept our financial affairs in order, but, as **Club Registrar**, also kept our playing records completely up to date. Thank you Peter and Dave for a job more than well done.

In a Committee that did everything that was asked of it, special mention should be made of a few people who made a special effort. **Kay Kent**, in her first year on our Committee, did an excellent job of her **Communications Officer** role, culminating in this excellent Yearbook. Additionally, she organised our **Continental Night**, (thanks to all the girls for a top night), and was always keen to help with anything we attempted.

Gary Graham was a tower of strength. We held two major fund-raising raffles and Gary organised and co-ordinated both of them so successfully that our Club's financial position is healthy. He also did the **Gear Steward's** job, providing the oranges, staminade, buckets, corner posts and all the other gear we take for granted. He also ran the bucket, helped mark the ground, sold raffles at the Pub, was a driving force in the 2nd Grade forwards, and didn't miss a training run. The Club owes Gary a giant vote of thanks for the enormous contribution he has made in 1985.

Brian Simpson was on hand to help with everything his shiftwork would allow, and on a couple of occasions drove from Sydney especially to attend our meetings. He also sold a huge number of tickets in our Bali raffle, thereby ensuring its success.

My thanks also go to all the people on the **Thursday raffle roster**, and all who have helped throughout the year. These weekly raffles are our bread and butter and will continue throughout the summer.

In a year of **Waratah achievements**, none was greater than the achievement of our **Second Grade** side in reaching the **Preliminary Final**, or the achievement in his first year of coaching of **Henry Rarere** to get them there.

The **Final** was the highlight of our year, and proved what can be done with some determination, some organisation, and a blend of youth and maturity. **Henry** deserves great credit for taking his side further than any other **Waratah 2nd Grade** side has ever gone, and providing an insight into things to come in the years to come.



Henry and his 2nd Grade team have put the "easy game against the Waratahs" firmly and permanently in the past.

Don Muir and **Jim Pettit** combined to mould a very competitive **First Grade** side who were in semi-final contention until the last couple of games. We were fortunate to have the services of some top class footballers from overseas. **Nick Vatselios** and **Steve Schultz** joined us from New Zealand, and we hope they will be with us for many seasons. **Harold Clark** travelled from South Africa to spend the latter part of the season with us, and demonstrated great skill in the halfback position. One of the most enjoyable aspects of the year was getting acquainted with **Jim Committee**, who spent the year with us from Zimbabwe. Jim was friendly, polite and considerate. He was a marvellous footballer, and made many friends in Wollongong. My sincere thanks go to **Peter Darby** and his family for looking after Jim so well for the duration of his stay.

Our **Third Grade** side finished in the middle of the table under the guidance of first **Mark Hotchkis** and then **John Dawson**. It was a year of learning for most of the players, many of whom showed a great amount of ability, and are assured of progression through the grades as they gain more experience.

Our **Juniors** again performed well under Coach **Dave James** and Manager **Graeme Collinson-Smith**. Their **Semi-Final** draw against **Tech** while playing a man short was full of merit and reflected credit on every player.

Three **Juniors** achieved remarkable **Representative** success, with **John Kinnear** playing for **NSW Combined Schools**, **Joe Ewart** touring **Fiji** with **NSW Under 18's**, and **Warrick Giddey** achieving the ultimate sporting honour when selected to represent **Australia** in the **Tests** against **New Zealand**, and then in the **Australian Combined Schoolboys** squad to tour the **United Kingdom** in November.

The Club is very proud of these young men, as I know their families, friends and team-mates are. On behalf of the Club I would like to offer them congratulations, and to wish **Warrick** an enjoyable and successful tour of **Britain**.

Our Club is now functioning well with the **Figtree Hotel** as a home base, and I would like to express the Club's appreciation to **Dennis** and **Nora Lawson** for their help and co-operation throughout the year.

I would also like to thank the **Illawarra Master Builders Club** for their continued valuable support.

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As you read this report you will already know the identity of Clubman of the Year.

In a year of achievements, many people were in consideration for this prestigious trophy. Any of the people mentioned above did more than their share, and could have conceivably and fairly received the award.

The selection of Graeme Collinson-Smith however, was inevitable. The simple fact is that Graeme, in his efforts over two years to foster and encourage young men to play rugby for Waratahs, has done more than any other single individual to assure a successful future for our Club. Graeme's work has gone much deeper than simply recruiting juniors.

He has assisted with their development, helped with transport, attended to all their training sessions, represented our Club at District Junior Meetings. More than that even, he has gained their confidence, and the confidence of their parents, so that the players are happy to play rugby union, and their parents are happy for them to do it. Every Club would like to have a bloke working for them as Graeme works for us. On behalf of the Club, Graeme, thank you.

1986 is a brand new year - a year to build and capitalise on the groundwork of 1985. We will set new goals for 1986, and then work towards achieving them. There are many things we can do during the summer - keep fit, recruit players, think rugby.

Thank you, Waratahs, for the opportunity to be Club President in 1985, and let's enjoy the summer while we plan for 1986.

Mick Wilkins

TREASURER'S REPORT

Well what can I say except that your Club is in a sound financial position thanks to the hard work put in by your Committee and a total consolidation of income and expenditure.

I would like to thank Gary Graham (Fiji and Bali Raffles), Steve Creenaune (1984 Calcutta), Kay Kent (Continental Night), and Ron Wessel (Canteen) plus all the Club members who put time in at the Figtree Hotel doing the Thursday night raffle.

Again the Under 18's raised money through raffles conducted by Graeme Collinson-Smith to help cover their own expenses which helped reduce laundry costs and subsidies to the Under 18's. Further fund raising ventures are planned and 1986 should see us kick off on a very sound financial footing.

The only sour note is again the reluctance of some Club members not to pay their subscriptions even though they are quite prepared to play all year. The numbers are considerably less than last year but this point is still of some concern to your Committee.

Thanks must go to all Club members for making this a successful 1985.

Peter Leiner

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Over the past twelve months the Waratah Rugby Union Club has been more than successful, it has emerged as one of the leading Rugby Union Clubs on the Leisure Coast, on and off the field.

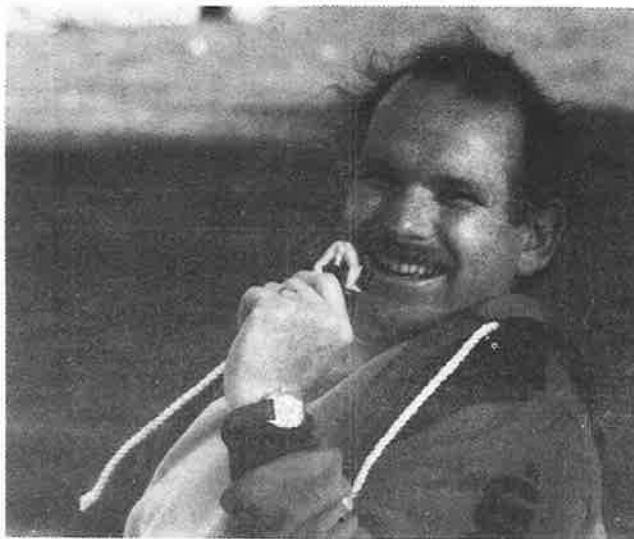
This has been due to the efforts made by every member whether they be a player, Committee person or supporter, every person associated with the Tah's has helped us succeed.

The 1985 season appeared to be a time of consolidation financially and from a competitive point of view. The point of consolidation was realised when we fielded three strong Grades and an Under 18 team in the competition, resulting in the Under 18's making the Semi Final and the Second Grade reaching the Finals.

Secondly, as a result of a lot of hardwork and the sale of the Club's "house" the Waratahs are financially sound.

The above achievements have been no easy feat but through the enthusiasm and the will to win coming from new players, Clubmen and supporters the Waratahs can make the 1986 season the YEAR OF THE WARATAHS on and off the field.

Dave Norris



1st GRADE REPORT

The 1984-85 off season was a fairly crucial period for the **Waratah Rugby Club**. We had just run last in 1st and 2nd Grade, and 3rds didn't beat too many home. There was talk of amalgamation with another Club, and several former 1st grade players were talking of defecting to another Club.

To say the future did not look good was an understatement. On top of all that we had spent more money than we could afford and still did not have an experienced 1st Grade Coach.

The driving force behind our revival was newly-elected President, **Mick Wilkins**. Dawso and I were elected Development Officers and we spent more money advertising for players in New Zealand and South Africa.

We came up with four (4) imports, 2 each from each of the above countries - **Nick, Steve, Jim and Harold**. The expense of acquiring these players proved well worth while, and one can only wonder what would have been the result had we have had Harold for a full season.

After a slow start, pre-season training gathered momentum and a few new faces emerged plus most of the old ones.

Although Jim and I had been a bit apprehensive about taking on the 1st Grade team, we approached our 1st competition game against Kiama quietly confident. Although the team had not played a trial together, we came out of the match with a 4 all draw. Not bad against last years Grand Finalists.

Before the season started I had decided if we finished half way up the ladder we would have achieved satisfactory progress for one year. All of a sudden one Draw and we were Semi Final contenders.

Unfortunately, 1 win and 4 losses, we weren't looking so good. A few of us still believed we had a chance and we next played one of our best games of the season in a draw with Shoalhaven at Shoalhaven. At this stage we were the only team to come away from Shoalhaven with a competition point. This game also marked the return from injury of Nick. What a coincidence. From there we had a run against the easier teams in the competition and with 3 rounds to go could still have made the Semi's. At this stage lack of experience, lack of numbers at training, and lack of discipline and commitment let us down, and we bowed out of contention in one of our worst games of the season against Camden.

Although we ended the season playing two good games against Vikings and Port, the season was over, but we had achieved our goal and finished in the middle of the competition with the **second best defensive record behind Port**.

1986 will be a better year. There were a few success stories during the year - these included Steve, George, Nick, Jim and Harold, and I only hope the rest of the Club realises the personal expenses involved in playing sport in another country. We would not have finished where we did had it not have been for these five. Brian Colby and John Kinnear, who came up from the Under 18's - John's contribution to the team effort was enormous and once again I congratulate John on his various representative achievements during 1985.

Nearly every player who played 1st Grade lifted his game to standards set by the more experienced overseas players and if they absorb what they have learnt this year next year, **we will make it to the Showground!!**

Don Muir



2nd GRADE REPORT

I was proud to be Coach of 'Second Grade' this year. The players proved to me and to themselves what could be achieved through teamwork, willingness to learn and dedication to training. By finishing third in the competition and reaching the Preliminary Final, the 'team went further than any other Second Grade side in the Waratahs' history.'

At the start of the season I was determined that my first priority would be to select players who wanted to win and who were prepared to commit time and effort to learn how to do so. I also decided to trust in my own assessment of a player's ability, and feel that results indicated my choice of certain players after I was told on numerous occasions "You can't possibly win with some of the blokes you've got in that side".

Some observations on the players :

1. To the older players in the team - Ron Chittick, Ian Kent, Gary Graham, Peter Darby, Mick Wilkins, Ron Wessel, John O'Donnell and Peter Leiner - thank you for providing the solidity and the experience. I am sure you all enjoyed the season far more than you would have thought possible at this stage of your careers. Special thanks to Kenty who is one of those unsung players whose skills are only properly appreciated by the forwards around them.

2. To Ray Sullivan, John Lalli, Chris Leiner and Jim Clabour - you are all permanent first graders of the future. I hope you go on to realise that potential.

3. To Chris Norris, who went into the second row to help the side out and then made the position his own - thank you for a top effort.

4. To Steve McGillivray, who was the Club's leading points scorer with over 100 points - you are a matchwinner Steve. Believe in yourself and others will too.

5. To Ron Chittick, my Vice-Captain - thank you for your support and for your preparedness to kick backsides when necessary.

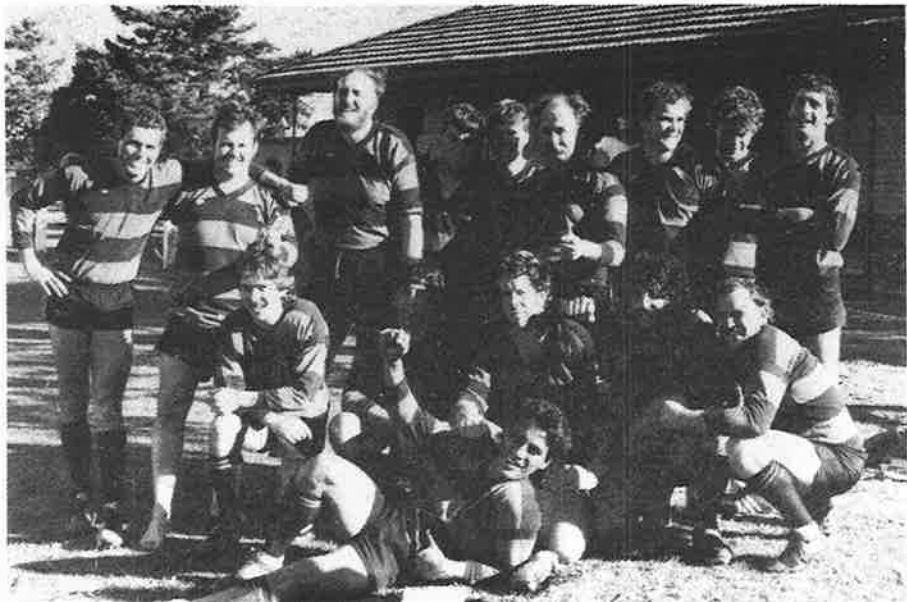
6. To Brett Ramsay, the initially reluctant halfback who went on to win the team's Best & Fairest Player trophy - thank you for being prepared to learn from constructive criticism. How far you want to go in this game is entirely up to you.

7. To Spiro Lozenkovski, the winner of the Most Improved Player award - it was one of the rewards of coaching this year for me, to see a player who had never been on a Rugby field before grow in the space of his first season into a dominant and highly respected member of the team.

In addition I would like to offer my thanks to all the other players who filled in so capably as required during the season and to the first graders who trained with us and stood by as reserves during the final two games.

I learnt a lot during 1985 about coaching, about motivation, about dedication, about team spirit and about human nature. I hope the players did too.

Henry Rarere



THIRD GRADE REPORT

Many positive things came out of the 1985 season for Third Grade, despite disappointing overall results.

Player numbers were good with more than 15 players available for many games. The team spirit displayed by those who sometimes did not get a full game was most appreciated.

Another pleasing aspect was the performance of Under 18 players such as Craig Askham, Paul Klein, Brian Colby, Todd Goodwin, Don Faulds and Joe Ewart. These young players all handled the transition to grade football well and should go on to higher honours in future years.

It must be said that the most disappointing aspect of the season was the inability or unwillingness of many players to train regularly. The number of games that were lost by close margins can be

directly attributed to this. My special thanks go to the regular trainers - Russell Hancock, David Norris, Paul Klein, Stuart Jenkinson, Craig Askham, Cliff Sullivan, Richard Pearson and John Hayward.

Best and Fairest honours for the year went to hooker and captain, Tony Johnstone, closely pressed by Russell Hancock and Rod Coleshill. Congratulations T.J. Most improved player of the year was winger Cliff Sullivan. It is very rewarding for a coach to see a young guy develop his skills in the course of his first season of rugby as Cliff did, and I wish him well for the future. I am also keen to see more of new second rower Des Kerr in 1986.

Thank you to all those who played Third Grade in 1985. Try to stay fit in the off season as fitness is the first step on the road to success in the higher grades, and to play First Grade rugby should be every Waratah's ambition.

John Dawson



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UNDER 18'S REPORT

The 1985 season resulted in many admirable achievements both of the individual and team level. The standard of rugby displayed by the boys, and their enthusiasm for the game, clearly indicates the important contribution they will make to the Club's grade sides in the future years.

The boys should all be congratulated for their efforts at training and on the playing field. The boys earned the respect of all teams in the competition, and only for Shoalhaven, they defeated every other side including a win and a draw against the eventual competition winners. Not for representative fixtures and school commitments, the Waratahs could have easily been the premiers.

Another pleasing aspect of the season was the willingness and keenness to train on a regular basis. This was one reason for the marked improvement in the standard of play during the year. Thanks must be given to many of our Grade players, in particular **Ron Wessel, Brett Ramsey, Gary Graham and Les Sperring**, for their assistance at the Under 18's training sessions of many occasions.

I would like to personally congratulate the success of **John Kinnear** (NSW Combined Schools), **Joe Ewart** (NSW Under 18's) and **Warrick Giddey** (NSE and Australian Combined Schoolboys). Many of our boys also were selected in the Illawarra and Southern School Squad - **Scott Cooper, Brett Ayre, Don "Duck" Faulds, John Kinnear, Dean Clark, Joe Ewart, Mark Zanon and Michael Weane**.

These are certainly outstanding representative honours particularly for one Club side.

Special mention should also be made of **John Kinnear, Brian Colby, Craig Askham, Todd Goodwin, Mark Zanon, Roger Parrish, Doug Patton** and our Dapto farmer, **Paul Klein**. These fellows were regular players in the Grade sides on Saturday. Two games a weekend certainly shows their keenness to play rugby. Well done boys.

Finally as Coach, I would like to thank all the boys and the Waratah Club for their strong support during the year. I have thoroughly enjoyed the season, in particular being associated with a great group of young fellows. Special thanks must also go to **Graeme Collinson-Smith** for his assistance as Manager. Graeme covered a lot of organisation which could not normally be performed by one person. Thanks to all.

Dave James

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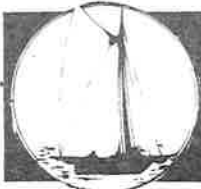
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AWARDS FOR 1985

BEST & FAIREST

1st Grade - Nick Vatselias
2nd Grade - Brett Ramsey
3rd Grade - Tony Johnstone
Under 18's - John Kinnear

MOST IMPROVED

1st Grade - John Kinnear
2nd Grade - Spiro Lozenkovski
3rd Grade - Cliff Sullivan
Under 18's - Brett Ayre

HIGHEST POINT SCORER

Steve McGillivray (102)

HIGHEST POINT SCORER - UNDER 18's

Todd Goodwin

MOST CONSISTENT

Brian Colby

BEST CLUBMAN

Graeme Collinson-Smith

200 Club Games

I. Kent
G. Steele
R. Wessel
M. Wilkins

100 1st Grade Club Games

L. Barker
S. Creenaune
M. McConnell

Previous Winners

BEST AND FAIREST PLAYER — 1st. GRADE (IMBC Trophy)

Previously presented to —

1963	John Steele
1964	Ted McMilan
1965	Reg Piper
1966	Alan Elliott
1967	Alan Bateman and Terry Churchin
1968	Kerry Medway
1969	Mick Twemlow
1970	Dave Johnston
1971	Ron Brady
1972	Tim Young
1973	Tim Young and Graeme Collinson-Smith
1974	Mark Hotchkis
1975	Len Barker
1976	Mark Hotchkis
1977	Graeme Collinson-Smith
1978	Ron Wessel
1979	Mark Hotchkis and Paul Murray
1980	Paul Murray
1981	Mark Hotchkis and Paul Murray
1982	Mark Hotchkis
1983	Mark Hotchkis
1984	Bill Barker

2nd. GRADE (Jack Cooper Trophy)

1969	Rick Deem
1970	Stuart Baikie
1971	Dennis Barnes
1972	Pat O'Shea
1973	Phil Tindall
1974	Barry Doyle
1975	Joe Browne
1976	John Hayward
1977	Geoff Wells
1978	Jim Harpley
1979	Ian Kent
1980	Dave Middlebrook
1981	Mick Wilkins
1982	Jim Cla-Bour
1983	Colin Steele
1984	Brett Ramsey

MOST CONSISTENT (Wales Bank Trophy)

1977	Graham Dougherty
1978	Brian Warnock
1979	Bill Barker
1980	Tony Johnstone
1981	Kosta Delimahalis
1982	Glen Beckford
1983	Rob Grewar
1984	Peter Darby

BEST TRAINER

1979	Mick Wilkins
1980	Mark McConnell
1981	Ian Kent
1982	Mick Wilkins
1983	Wade Davis
1984	Gary Graham

3rd. GRADE (I.M.B.C. Trophy)

1963	A.C. Smithers
1964	A.C. Smithers
1965	C. McClintock
1966	F. Isaac
1967	R. McAlpine
1968	Dave Johnston
1969	Kevin Callaghan
1970	J. Miller
1971	Doug Webb
1972	Doug Webb
1973	Barry Doyle
1974	Paul McCann
1975	Graham Smith
1976	Martin Ryan
1977	Bryan Leo
1978	Bryan Leo
1979	Dave Middlebrook
1980	Stuart Baikie
1981	Ron Wessel
1982	Graeme Collinson-Smith
1983	Tony Arnold / Tony Naulty
1984	Ron Wessel

BEST CLUBMAN (Bill Kench Trophy)

Previously presented to —

1964	Peter Head
1965	Reg Reeves
1966	Geoff Wells
1967	John Millar
1968	Chris Tyrrell
1969	Doug Roser
1970	Adrian Russell
1971	Bruce Carr
1972	John McGoldrick
1973	Neil Tew
1974	Gavin Steele
1975	Mick Wilkins
1976	Mick Fraser
1977	Mick Greenhaigh
1978	Mick Wilkins
1979	Paul Murray
1980	Steve Creenaune
1981	Graeme Collinson-Smith
1982	Gary Graham
1983	John & Donna O'Donnell
1984	Ron Wright

HIGHEST POINT SCORER (Frank Arkell Trophy)

1975	Ron Gordon (74)
1976	Ron Gordon (57)
1977	John Cadauro (64)
1978	Brian Silver (65)
1979	Jim Pettit (76)
1980	Mark McConnell (61)
1981	Ross Whiting (65)
1982	Gene Ross (77)
1983	Jim Pettit (64)
1984	Gavin Steele (34)

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

1985 was a very successful year with, for the first time in the Clubs history, two sides, the Under 18's and Second Grade making the Semi Finals. It was also the first time 2nd Grade has ever made the Semi's. 2nd Grade also achieved something a Waratah side has not been able to do before, they scored over 250 points in a year. On the other side First Grade had the second best defensive record in the competition.

The Club was helped this year with the arrival of 5 players George Kena, Steve Schultz, Nick Vatselios from New Zealand, Harold Clark from South Africa and Jim Committee from Zimbabwe. Thus the Club having the services of these good players, old players who had missed the last few sessions (John Karmaretsos, Steve Creenaune, to name two) returned to the Club and 1985 also saw many very good Under 18's play grade, with Brian Colby and John Kinneer becoming regular 1st Grade members, but players the calibre of Paul Klein, Don Faulds, Doug Paddon, Mark Zanon, Todd Goodwin, Joe Ewart and the mighty Brett "Bubble" Ayre, all showed strong Club spirit which goes well for the future of the Club.

1985 saw Len Barker, Steve Creenaune and Mark McConnell play their 100th 1st Grade game and Ron Wessel, Mick Wilkins and Ian Kent play their 200th Club game. Half way through the year the Clubman of the Week Award was introduced and became a much sought after award - it was given to the person who by their efforts on or off the field enhanced the reputation of, or helped the Club in some way.

The other awards I have the pleasure of awarding as Club Captain are the Comic Awards for efforts on and off the field during 1985.

These awards are entitled this year ...

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REVENGE

Now looking at next year, the Club needs a theme song, so if anyone thinks they can develop a song please do so.

Well that's it for 1985. One of the better ones in the Club's history. 1986 will be bigger and better.

Bill Barker

See ya next year.

AND THE WINNERS ARE

GOLDEN SPONGE AWARD

Steve McGillivray

MIGHTY MOUTH AWARD

Bronwyn Hart

LOVER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Len Barker

TRENT NATHAN FASHION EXCELLENCE AWARD

Gary Martin

GOLDEN GOWN AWARD

Gary Graham

WHOSE A NAUGHTY BOY AWARD

Mick Wilkins

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER AWARD

Rod Coleshill

DUMMY SPITTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

John Kamaretsos

THE BEATEN UP TEDDY BEAR AWARD

Ron Wessel

STRINE AWARD

Steve Schultz

GOLDEN BOOTS AWARD

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SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

1985 was a fairly good year, both on and off the field, with a couple of good social functions held. Being part Irish, we started the 1985 social season with the 1984 kids Christmas party at Stuart Park. Santa was a rather jolly chap, no whinges??, with plenty of little helpers and myriad kids with ice-cream all over themselves, so all in all it was a good day; and who could forget the ladies sack race, I was going to say old bag race, but thought better of it, I value my health too much. Perhaps we should run the Calcutta on the ladies race next year, it would be more fun than the other one.

Once the kids were satisfied it was the big kids turn for a party. This was an altogether different, somewhat soggy affair, which, despite the weather and the intermittent hiccups with the lamb spit, was still a very enjoyable day/night, just ask Moggy Norris! Thanks Bushy for the use of the farm, much appreciated.

The next event on the calendar was the Continental Night, a new innovation this year and a very successful one. Much thanks to all the girls for organising it, for without them it just wouldn't have happened. At risk of upsetting those not named I would like to thank Kay in particular for all the work she did on this night, good one Sunshine.

Apart from several good nights down at the pub the social scene took a rest while all the blokes ran around on the field doing things with the ball, which leads us to the next and the last big event of this season - The Ball.

This was again a good night, although not as well attended as in years gone by. The venue was again the Polish Hall in Gwynneville, albeit better heated than last year. A very good night, which was good as it was not meant to make money but be a night of fun and dancing. The band was Short Notice, better known as Lew and the boys from the Piggy Pub, and very good they were too. Thanks to all who helped in one way or another in organising the night or decorating the hall.

Finally we come to the most irksome task of the Social Committee - the Canteen. This is a very popular spot on Saturdays as long as no one asks for help. I must thank a few people here for their invaluable help during the year, without which it would have been impossible to run the canteen. Les "Sprugger" Sperring, who was always available at nine o'clock on Saturday mornings, though not always bright eyed and bushy tailed, to help with the buying and picking up of all the necessary goodies then setting up the shop; no more bread rolls to butter Les. Kay, Donna and Bronwyn for the bright and bubbly service they gave behind the counter once the games started, missing their husbands playing, although in Kay's case this might not have been too big a sacrifice. To those lovely ladies, Les and all those too numerous to name, who helped throughout the year - my heartiest thanks for a very good year and for all your help; keep up the good work next year and let's make it an even bigger and better year than this.

Ron Wessel

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Bartle, R.
Buckley, G.
Chittick, R.
Clabour, M.
Clark, D.
Clark, H.W.
Collinson-Smith,
Colby, B.
Coleshill, R.
Committee, J.
Creenaune, S.
Darby, Paul
Darby, Peter
Davis, W.
Dwyer, J.
Elliott, A.
Edwards, J.
Faulds, D.
Goodwin, T.
Graham, G.
Green, G.
Grewar, R.
Hancock, R.
Hart, G.
Hayward, J.
Hotchkis, M.

Jenkinson, S.
Johnston, T.
Kamaretsos, J.
Karpenter, W.
Kena, G.
Kent, I.
Kinnear, J.
Klein, P.
Kerr, D.
Lalli, J.
Lalli, P.
Leiner, C.
Leiner, P.
Lozenkovski, S.
McConnell, M.
McGillivray, S.
McMaugh, I.
Mackey, I.
Martin, G.
Murray, K.
Naulty, T.
Norris, C.
O'Donnell, J.
Paddon, D.
Panno, R.
Pearson, R.
Potter, G.
Parrish, J. (Jnr)
Phillips, M.
Ragnoli, P.
Ramsey, B.
Rarere, H.
Reynolds, R.

JUNIOR CLUB MEMBERS (UNDER 18's)

Ainsworth, T.
Askham, C.
Ayre, B.
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Colby, B.
Coughlan, B.
Cooper, S.
Clark, D.
Eager, B.
Ewart, J.
Faulds, D.
Forster, G.
Gajk, S.
Gallagher, M.
Goodwin, T.
Giddey, W.
Idle, A.
Kinnear, J.
Kinnear, M.
Klein, P.
McGee, M.
Negro, A.
Paddon, D.
Phipps, T.
Parrish, R.
Smith, J.
Smede, B.
Weine, M.
Zanon, M.



Peter Leiner (Age 35)

Peter has been involved in Illawarra Rugby all his adult life, either with Waratahs or with Tech. He has played well over 100 games for the Club in all grades and has always been an active worker, accepting the onerous task of Treasurer in 1984 and 1985. Peter is the proprietor of the Soap Box in Piccadilly Arcade and Sun-Gard Auto Tint.

Ron Wessel (Age 37)

Ron came to the Waratahs in 1976 from Tech and this year completed his 200th game for the Club. He has been either a Committee member or Social Secretary each year. Ron is a computer programmer at Huntley Colliery.

Mick Wilkins (Age 36)

Mick's involvement with the Waratahs goes back for enough time to have also completed 200 games in 1985, including over 100 in First Grade. Mick has always been an active Committee member, having twice won the Clubman of the Year award, and is of course, currently President of the Waratahs. Mick is the proprietor of Leisure Trailers at Fairy Meadow.

Ron Wright (Age 37)

Pommy Ron joined the Waratahs in 1982 after stints with University and Dapto and has been a regular lower grader since, with several First Grade games to his credit. A willing worker for the Club, he was Clubman of the Year in 1984. Ron is a quality control inspector at Lysaghts.

GOLDEN OLDIES

With the great interest now being shown in "Golden Oldie" Rugby for players over 35, it is interesting to reflect on the active players within the Waratahs who would be eligible for this gentler version of the game.

Len Barker (Age 36)

Len has played 100 First Grade games for the Club as hooker and prop and was an Illawarra Representative in the mid-seventies. He spent a number of years in Port Macquarie returning to the Waratahs in 1984. Len is a self-employed electrician.

Ron Chittick (Age 36)

Ron joined the Club at the instigation of Gordon Green in 1983, having not played Rugby since his Primary School days at Newington College. He has played in all grades as a tight forward. Ron is a dairy farmer at Dapto.

Rod Coleshill (Age 36)

Rod is a long serving Club member playing exclusively in Thirds in recent seasons, but was previously a well-established First Grade five-eighth. He teaches Mathematics at Figtree High School and is now involved in recruiting junior players.

Gary Graham (Age 36)

Gary joined the Club in 1980 after a "ten minute" career with Vikings and has now played over 120 games including eleven in First Grade. He was Club Treasurer for 3 years winning the Clubman of the Year Award in 1982. Gary is Assistant Personnel Officer at the University of Wollongong.

It is significant to note that of the eight veterans above, only two (Coleshill and Leiner) are backs, and only one (Leiner again) is currently married. Could it be that the secret of longevity in football is based on being single and being silly enough to stick your head into scrums.



MATCH STATISTICS

Opposing Club	1st. Grade	2nd. Grade	3rd. Grade
KIAMA	Draw 4 - 4	Lost 4 - 16	Lost 0 - 18
BOWRAL	Won 6 - 0	Won 10 - 6	Lost 0 - 13
WEERONA	Lost 6 - 12	Won 7 - 6	Won 4 - 3
CAMDEN	Lost 3 - 10	Lost 4 - 12	Won 7 - 3
VIKINGS	Lost 3 - 7	Won 9 - 6	Lost 4 - 6
TECH. COLLEGE	Won 10 - 7	Won 20 - 3	Won 18 - 10
UNIVERSITY	Lost 11 - 17	Won 24 - 0	Lost 0 - 12
SHAMROCKS	Won 4 - 0	Lost 0 - 7	Lost 0 - 14
SHOALHAVEN	Drew 8 - 8	Lost 0 - 23	Lost 10 - 12
PORT KEMBLA	—	Lost 3 - 7	Won 38 - 15
DAPTO	Won 27 - 9	Won 29 - 0	Lost 3 - 6
TROJANS	Won 7 - 3	Won 30 - 3	Won 17 - 0
DAPTO	Won 11 - 0	Won 30 - 3	Lost 6 - 9
UNIVERSITY	Won 24 - 0	Won 43 - 0	Lost 3 - 6
TECH. COLLEGE	Won 16 - 9	Won 24 - 3	Lost 0 - 17
SHAMROCKS	Won 16 - 3	Won 9 - 3	Lost 0 - 13
CAMDEN	Lost 0 - 24	Won 7 - 3	Won 8 - 3
VIKINGS	Lost 6 - 9	Won 7 - 6	—
PORT KEMBLA	Lost 4 - 11	—	—
MINOR SEMI-FINAL - KIAMA	—	Drew 6 - 6	—
FINAL-CAMDEN	—	Lost 9 - 12	—
TOTAL	166 - 133	Before Semi 267 - 112	111 - 185
Competition Points	24	30	16
Position	7th.	3rd.	9th.
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	6th. OUT OF 13 CLUBS 242 Points		

MATCH RESULTS – UNDER 18

	FOR	AGAINST	RESULT
SHOALHAVEN	0	18	Lost
PORT KEMBLA	Forfeit		Won
VIKINGS	22	13	Won
TECH. COLLEGE	7	6	Won
TROJANS	25	0	Won
SHOALHAVEN	6	10	Lost
TECH COLLEGE	3	7	Lost
VIKINGS	0	8	Lost
TROJANS	8	0	Won
SHOALHAVEN	0	24	Lost
VIKINGS	9	9	Drew
	83	98	
SEMI FINAL V. TECH	3	3	Drew

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