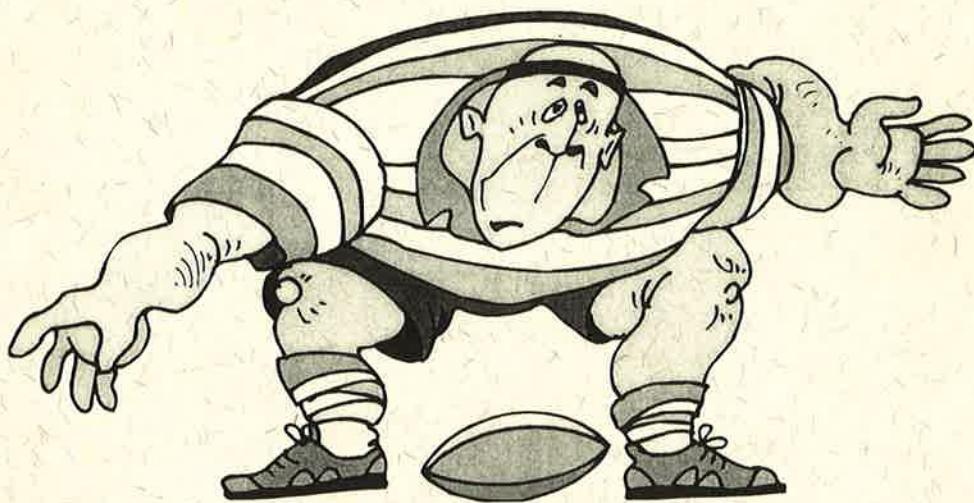


# **TECH-WARATAH**

## **RUGBY CLUB**



# **2001 YEAR BOOK**

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

After the success we tasted last year, season 2001 was always going to be challenging. Although 1st's were unable to retain the Prime Cup, 2nd's were able to grab a semis berth for the first time since the club's merger. 3rd's after sitting in the top five for the majority of the season missed out by one spot[their best finish], while our 19's, even if grossly understaffed never gave up all year. Our all conquering womens side took out the two pieces of silverware up for grabs this season[Preseason and Premiership]. Whilst in the Juniors, they were able to snare both the u13's and u15's titles.

That's basically a run down of the rugby performance for this year, but contrary to most peoples beliefs, that is only one part of Wollongong Tech Waratahs Rugby Club.

Firstly, I would like to start with this years committee. These are the people that give their time so that our members can have a game of rugby. I would now like to thank each and everyone of them. They are; Rick Boyle, Craig Franklin, Rod Horan, Penny and Brett Ramsay, Mark Bye, Steve Tresidder, Peter Wallace, Rod Petty, Bec Coen, Donna Liggins and Barry McVicar.

I would also like to thank and congratulate the hard working members of our Junior committee. Under Andrew and Julie, they had another successful season. To the coaches and managers, the ladies in the canteen, players and parents you can all feel very proud of what you have achieved in 2001. Congratulations to Lee Martin and Ben Olsen for taking out the u13's and to Andrew and his u15's for their premiership. That is two years in a row for all three coaches.[Look out Eddie Jones]

Sponsorships basically keep the club afloat and we are lucky to have on board some fantastic sponsors and I thank them dearly for their continued support. They are:-Cabbage Tree Hotel, Keira ville and Gwynneville Pharmacies, Jeffrey M. Jones Solicitors, Bourbon Street Niteclub, H.P Security, Kara's Smash Repairs, Gardner Perrott and Oil Oi!Oi! Petroleum. We also thank ITSA[College Union], in particular Amanda Hall and Ron Bade for their Continued support.

To Christine for her efforts in organising what I still say is the best canteen in the district. To all that helped staff the canteen on games days go my sincere thanks.

To the coaching and training staff, the standard of play throughout the club was of an attacking and entertaining brand and for this you must take the credit. To Roger Rumbel, club and first grade coach thank you for your efforts this season. Once again your variation in training methods were enjoyed by all. To Steve

Tresidder, Rogers assistant we thank you for your contribution. To Paul Darby and Keith Wilson congratulations for guiding 2nd's into the semi- finals for the first time. To Will Madden, more like an organiser than coach, unlucky for his side not to make the semis, thank you for your time and efforts. To Stretto, who battled all year with numbers, but never gave up .Thank you. To Wolf and Ziggy, premiership winning coaches, you have made all in the club proud. To the perspective team managers, once again a fine job done, especially with the intrduction of those idiotic sign-on sheets. To Rick Boyle, John Marland, Melissa Petty and Barry Pike your efforts were appreciated by all. To Bronwyn, Ronny and Julie for mending and taping the players asll year on game days and training nights. It goes without saying your contibutions were appreciated by all.

To the players, in the way they represented themselves both on and off the paddock, you should be congratulated. To those players who received representative honours throughout the year along with Larissa Pickalla, Kasey Manning, Phil Gould, Lee Martin and Moana Kinikini for their individual district awards, you are to be congratulated. To the previously mentioned IDRU Womens Premiers, we are all very proud of your achievements this year. Anybody that witnessed their 12-10 come from behind win to defeat Uni[First time since the inception of the womens comp] would agree with me it was one of the most exciting games of rugby all year. Special mention must go to Wolf and Bec Coen for their efforts at a district level organising the womens competition.

As a club we are fortunate to have a small band of members who I believe deserve more recognition. They are;- Zlatko Manovski. Harry Hawksworth; Brett and Penny Ramsay, Tony Gorgijovski and Melissa Petty. Their efforts go mostly unnoticed but are much appreciated.

On a more personal note, I would like to thank those people close to me for their assistance, support and encouragement throughout the year. To those members gettin married in the off season I send them my best wishes. To those members expecting Little Tech-Tahs I also offer congratulations and send my best wishes.

In closing, I would like to remind members of the clubs A.G.M which is being held on Tuesday , 16th October commencing at 7pm at the Tech function centre. This is the perfect opportunity for the small bunch of members who like to hide behind doors and whinge and complain about how the club is managed to stand up and have a say in how your club is run. Let's not forget it is your club

Yours in Rugby.  
Wayne Ireland

Tech Waratahs Rugby Club  
Club Managers Report  
2001

## Rugby Review

The season just completed is one that added a number of positive gains to our club the rugby standard overall is improving with the availability of a pool of players increasing to lift the standard overall throughout the club.

Our rugby club is continuing in the process of changing from one that accepted defeat on the field as the normal way of our game to one that considers anything less than doing our very best is not acceptable at all.

This is a very healthy and positive outlook for any sporting group and may I suggest if we don't continue to strive for this vision our objectives and all our efforts are doomed to failure.

Each grade of course has its reasons why they didn't achieve the goal of a premiership and its not my intention to reason those in this report, sufficient to say that as a rugby club we are given the status of having a very competitive club that can't be taken lightly in any grade by our opposition.

The player's register indicates we had ninety-nine male and eighteen female players actually take the field to represent the club. This is another strong indicator of a healthy club continuing to build its player base for the future.

Apart from struggling to gain a sufficient pool of under nineteen players early in the season all other grades were able to look to the bench for reserves, which makes the whole team that much more flexible in selections and coping with the numerous hurdles the individual teams and the club has to face throughout the season.

Numerous club players were selected for the various representative teams, which contribute to the depth of knowledge and skills of the rugby brought back into the club. This aspect is always encouraged in our club as it provides others that are not in our club a very positive outlook of the clubs ability to attract and hold such players.

Of course it would be remiss of me if I didn't make special mention of our premiership winning ladies team who showed the way and brought great credit to themselves and the club by winning their competition.

Club appreciation must go to those few ladies who stuck in there at the beginning of the year when we only had five or six players, they did the work to attract others and build a team of champions. The coaches Wolf and Ziggy also deserve credit for their part in getting their team into a position were they could win, well done.

It is not my intention in this report to specify any details about each grade as this is done elsewhere throughout the team coaches and managers reports, sufficient to say that overall the club has taken another step building toward that time when all teams will have the ability, strength, numbers and attitude that will take the Illawarra District Rugby Union competition to another level with one club winning it all. I know this sounds a bit much but that should be our goal.

As your club manager it falls upon me to try and head off difficulties that are certain to happen for one reason or another through the season and in the rugby side of things. This year I have to say we had a very dedicated group of coaches and support staff that worked very well together to gain the best results they could under the circumstances presented to them each week.

### Club Review

Once again, it goes without saying, if you don't have a dedicated committee that sets up and administers the functions required to survive, maintain and build our club it wouldn't be around very long.

This year we have been fortunate to have a few new members put up their hand to be elected and take on the various positions required to implement and control the workings of our club.

Most committee members do the job because they want to help the club and its members do the very best we can, they all deserve our thanks because a lot of the work is done behind the scenes that members never see, so on your behalf I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your personal and collective efforts this year.

I would be lying if I said we didn't have a few drama's throughout the season, as with most things they pass and we get on with the job required to do the best we can for the benefit of the club overall. Generally speaking once an issue is dealt with it provides a building block for future reference and decision making, so it's not all negative.

The committee was informed that the Tafe and Student Association are considering the building of extensions onto the present complex at Saunders Oval; this may have an impact on our current facilities. It is very early days but the club committee has to ensure that any future changes must contain the considerations of our rugby club.

Financial matters are always an important aspect of the club and this year we were very fortunate to continue at the same level as last year. Although I must admit things did get a little difficult when our previous major sponsor basically forced us to find another prior to the season starting.

The Cabbage Tree Hotel took up the challenge which has been difficult in that they were new owners and have a lot of work to do in refurbishing their

establishment so to agree to be our major sponsors for this year was very much appreciated.

In this regard I believe the club is fortunate in having a life member that has put a great deal of time and effort into this aspect of negotiating and arranging sponsorships. On behalf of the club I take the opportunity to thank Barry McVicar for all his hard work.

The clubs canteen is another facility that is very important to the financial position of the club. We also have member in Christine Bruton who does take responsibility for the operation of the canteen with the assistance of many others who lend a hand when they can; Christine and all the others your efforts are appreciated, thank you.

A major ingredient of the clubs future is its juniors, which really deserves recognition from all of us. This part of the club is self-sufficient and has its own committee to administer the junior side of things within the overall context of Tech Waratahs.

The work and effort that goes into this part of our club in my opinion has to be given much more credit with stronger alignment to ensure a seamless and recognisable structure that we are all one in the same.

To the juniors committee, the parents who help and the players that make up the teams, thank you for another successful year. Please keep up the great work you do, not only for rugby, the clubs future and the development kids that play.

A thank you must go to all the club sponsors who either provide the upfront funds to purchase items, equipment and pay accounts or generously give by goods or services, which saves the club having to buy those items. The list of sponsors will appear elsewhere in the annual report please try to repay them by supporting their business.

One of the things that really stood out this year more so than in recent seasons is the number of ladies that have come along to support the teams and of course the increased number of kids. I think this makes a day at the rugby club all that more enjoyable and adds to the reasons why we exist.

I do know we are working on the old concept for next season that we try to arrange our immediate after game function to stay at the clubrooms, so the ladies and kids can stay, enjoy and be part of the club atmosphere after the games.

As with any report this is just a summary and more than likely I have forgotten someone or something that should have received a thank you or a mention but alas I'll have to apologise in advance if that is the case, believe me it wasn't intentional.

Rick Boyle

## TREASURERS REPORT 2001

This year, I continued in my role of Treasurer.

With the hasty retreat of our previous sponsors, it was a welcome relief to have the Cabbage Tree Hotel, so readily offer major sponsorship to our club. It goes without saying that we would like to thank them for their support this season.

Our thanks also extends to our other loyal sponsors this year namely H P Security, Jeffrey Jones, Bourbon St, Brambles, Karas Smash Repairs and Crown Petroleum. The sponsorship committee headed by Barry McVicar, worked hard to raise funds to float the club and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

A special thanks goes to all involved in organising special club functions, such as Kembla Race Day, The Club Ball and Karaoke Night. These events are necessary in raising revenue for the club, and it goes without saying that much effort went into there organisation, and they were enjoyed by all who attended. Congratulations to all those responsible, for giving their time to arrange these events.

Additionally, I would like to mention that we had an eight hundred percent increase, in the profits gained via club raffles over the season. Thank you to everyone involved in their implementation, and to all those who continually supported the club through these fund raisers. Last year we were sadly lacking in this department, and it is pleasing to see that many people put their hands up to help this season.

The canteen continued to bring good returns for the club over the season. Congratulations to Christine and all others that helped in the running of the canteen. Many people are involved in operating the canteen and BBQ on game days, both for the senior and junior clubs. All involved should be acknowledged for their efforts.

The junior committee must be commended for their efforts in running the junior club. Through their commitment and hard work, the junior club was self sufficient regarding their financial status. We appreciate the diligent nature in which they have operated the junior club, and would like to extend an invitation to work closer with them over the coming year. I'm sure there are ways we can benefit each other, through a closer working relationship. Well done.

I would like to thank the committee for their support, in enabling me to carry out my role this year. I will be nominating for the position of treasurer on the next committee, and look forward to a successful year for the club, both on and off the field..

Yours Sincerely,

Craig Franklin  
Club Treasurer



## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

As 2001 draws to the end for another successful year for "Tech-Tahs", another premiership trophy in the cabinet.

The women's rugby team showed a gallant performance to trounce and humble arch rivals University in the grand final. All spectators and members of the club were overwhelmed and proud of the girl's effort. Well done to Wolfy, Ziggy and the team for flying the flag high for the club in 2001.

Despite not being able to defend its premiership [enough said!], 1st grade finished not far off the mark in a tidy third position. Injuries and the like proved to be a bigger hurdle than the team anticipated, in trying to get to Win stadium on a particular afternoon.

Throughout the 2001 season, all 1st grade players would be unanimous in saying what a boost it was seeing 2nd grade do so well before taking to the pitch. A champion team rather than a team of champions, this team promised so much and didn't disappoint. Paul directed the team throughout the season overcoming sometimes bigger, stronger, faster and more agile opponents, with 2nd grade mostly coming off all smiles. Mid season the team sacrificed a lot of key players, promoted to to 1st grade in the club's best interest, which inturn rocked the boat. They still managed to hold out and survive two weeks of the semi-finals. 2nd grade [really] I believe polished the club's overall strengths, congratulations to the team.

Will Madden's 3rd grade hovered around fourth and fifth all season, although were unfortunate not to make the semi-finals. They often provided a solid start to a Saturday afternoon of rugby for "Tech-Tahs" at Saunders Oval. Players backed up whenever needed, on field and off.

A sturdy performance by our under 19's side. My applause to the men who stuck it out for the season. When the winning and rewards come, these times will be fondly remembered.

Ideally a rugby club should consist of only players, coaching staff and supporters. Being Club Captain allowed me to comprehend how many people are involved in Tech Waratahs Rugby Club. The makings of a solid rugby club doesn't always come directly from on field performances. Whether it's Christine or Lee running the canteen or Wayne marking out the field, so much more goes into the club that the majorities of players realises or appreciate. Only a few examples, of the dedication, supporters and Co put in for half a year every year, always looking after the club's best interest.

2001 season, the first that all three grades have won on a particular afternoon on a couple of occasions. This epitomises the growing strengths and well rounding of the club in all facets. The task is now at hand for 2002 to improve and challenge it's current qualities.

Rugby regards  
Phil Gould.

## CLUB AND FIRST GRADE COACHES REPORT

Well another season is completed, unfortunately for first grade a season where we saved our worst game for the end 19 – 0 LOSS very disappointing and only two wins from another premiership. I did say last year that we would find it much harder to win back to back premierships. Anyway enough of that.

The Club as a whole performed very well and had a good year with second grade under the guidance of Mr. Paul DARBY and Keith Wilson reaching the finals and could have gone even further I believe without the injuries they suffered. Third grade also, coached by Will Madden had a better year and will only improve in 2002. Sadly U 19s coached by Stretto lacked numbers at training and at most games and were just not competitive, lets hope this improves in 2002.

I take this opportunity to thank the players who have supported me during the season. Many of you playing out of your preferred position but playing there and playing well, thank you. A special thanks to a number of you who played with injury, sometimes severe injury. Not the least of which was the injury to that tough nut Lee Martin who played the last two games with screws and pins in a broken hand and a hair line fracture to the jaw.

I also thank my assistant coach Steve Tresidder, my manager Rick Boyle and President Wayne Ireland. All three of these blokes are powerful workers for the club and their achievements sometimes astound me.

I will end this report by saying I have a vile bitter taste at the back of my throat. Those of you who know me would be aware I don't like to lose. "Only those who have been to the deepest darkest valleys can appreciate the beauty of the view from the highest peaks". I want to appreciate the view.

Roger RUMBEL  
Club/First Grade Coach

## First Grade Managers Report

The season certainly had its ups and downs with the usual difficulties of injuries, players being unavailable for critical games, losing the services of our big mate Kris Leha and of course the kick-boxing fixture held at our sponsors.

But despite all that I believe we had the talent and players to win the premiership. I know I wear rose coloured glasses and am bias but we as a team were the only opposition that could have beaten the eventual winner.

I don't want to labour the point but that final was the worst game we played in two years and of course the refereeing was an absolutely pitiful display of the laws and interpretation of the game.

I said it last year and I stick by it, the first grade squad currently in our club can win the Illawarra District Competition all they need is the motivation and dedication to want to win it.

Some of the highlights of this years games,

- We had 36 players take the field in first grade throughout the season.
- We won 13 games and lost 6.
- We scored the highest points tally in one game in our club history 94/7 (Camden)
- We finished the competition in second place
- We scored 86 tries, 64 conversions, 10 penalty goals, 1 field goal = 591

The team members throughout the season generally should be congratulated for the way they played; on a number of occasions they showed great determination to achieve a win, especially over some of our old rivals.

The first grade team was strongly supported by the second grade players and their coaches, it goes without saying but without that backup and the willingness to either step up or sit on the bench after your own game as a reserve makes it that much more difficult.

We are fortunate in having Roger Rumbel supported and assisted by Steve Tresidder as our coaches with Bronwyn Taylor and Ron Wessel working on the injuries. As your team manager you did a great job and I for one sincerely hope you are back next year.

The truth is we have unfinished business and the playing members of this years squad and hopefully a few others should seriously consider and decide early in the new year that they want to claim the 1<sup>st</sup> grade premiership trophy in 2002.

Rick Boyle  
First Grade  
Team Manager

## SECOND GRADE REPORT

Season 2001 has been and gone.....how time flies when you're having fun. At the beginning of the season we decided on four goals for seconds: Firstly and hopefully why we all play and coach, to have a good time. Secondly, to provide the players with every opportunity to progress to firsts and even further. Thirdly, to take the team as far as it could go within the competition. Fourthly, and what I consider to be by far the most important, to provide the first grade coaching staff a pool of players that at any given time could more than competently step up, back up or progress into a permanent position within the first grade squad. Did we achieve these goals? In my opinion we did, and even more.

Second grade is a very difficult grade to coach, far more so that I had imagined. At times we had had teams that I believe would have given any district first grade team a run for their money, even our own. Other times we didn't. One of the most enjoyable aspects, albeit frustrating, was having to do last minute reorganising when first grade suffered a late change of plan. Roger, some of those decisions, as you will well remember I'm sure, had to be made after a phone call from yourself sometimes as late as Friday evening or even Saturday morning and were often pre-empted by you saying "sorry to do this to you", well mate, that's what made the job interesting!!

Some may say it was a disappointing result for seconds to be knocked out in the semis, in a way I suppose it was, but what is disappointing about a team that made it further than any other second grade team has in the clubs history, or further than any second grade team from Tech or Waratahs have for the last fifteen or so years. No, I am not disappointed, what is the word I'm looking for?.....Proud! Yes that's it, proud! Proud of the players and their dedication to the team, club and the game. Proud of the respect the team and the players earned both from within the club and certainly from their opponents.

As usual when writing these reports at the end of the season, you begin to reflect on all the highs and lows that occurred during the season, the experimental position changes, some that worked and some that didn't, the awesome feeling at the end of a win when we were able to sing the club song loud and proud, the one or two seven ounce light beers at the after match functions, the analysis of what went wrong after a loss. All these things are what I enjoy about coaching and the seasons emotions come flooding back.

Well, I find myself rambling again as I often do so I must get on with it. There are many people I would like to thank for their efforts throughout the season. I obviously can't mention everyone as there were many players that 'visited' our team during the year and I think the world of each and every second grader without exception, so firstly I will say a very special thanks to everyone who played in the mighty seconds. Another very special thanks to Bron who once again worked tirelessly to keep the lads on the paddock, thanks Bron, sincerely. To Steve Tresiter for his support in setting up at training, half time

stats etc. etc. To Ronnie (Olfart) Wessel for his valued advice, how many years have we been doing this together for, thirty me thinks. To Wil and Mel for not killing me when I quite often named one of their players in seconds before letting them know. To Nige for having a good, and much more controlled captain's year (despite one or two indiscretions), to Rick, Roger and of course Wayno, another one down mate! And of course John Marland, John, thanks for your professionalism, friendship and just being able to relieve the pressure on the organising side of things.

Now last, but by no means least Keith. I believe we had had one of the most interesting seasons one could hope for. Sometimes we would look at each other and just start laughing, or know exactly what had to be done or what changes had to be made. I even tried on my old ski pants to wear to training but I was told to take them off as I would scare the kids! Thanks for the season mate, we had some really good times and some very good results. I really appreciated your input and the hard work you put into our backs.

Sorry, as usual, one last special thanks. Reedy, you're a bloody legend. Always there, never complaining, giving 120% always, even when you were crook and when times got tuff. Keep up your dedication, determination and spirit mate and you will become a permanent fixture in the first grade side.

Well I have woffelled on enough to take up the regulatory page and a bit. Until next season....

**GO YOU GOOD THINGS !!**

### Third Grade Coach's Report 2001

We started with a bang that's for sure but seemed to get right out of the groove at the pointy end of the season and were Semi-final contenders for the major part of the year, but I just couldn't convince the IDRU to cut the season short! I know we may have lacked a consistent game plan and I've had serious words with the coach already. But forget the negatives- bygones! We did win well enough to be in a position to smell a semis berth and that means we were better than just "competitive". We can and will win games next season that slipped through our fingers this year.

Congratulations and thank you to 3rd's for their work at training- something that counts big time for me. Often the first out, ready to go and usually the last in. Individual thanks to those [especially Rock, Stuey and SACK] who at time took the reins and said "come on lets get on with it!".

Melissa Petty deserves more praise. Come game day she thinks I have dementia and stress disorder rolled into one, but if that was the case I'd forget to panic! Seriously though Melissa is a great organiser and displayed great insight through the season and her advice was sought every week by me as the team was constructed then restructured then reconstructed! The lady also kept you blokes registered and in clean jumpers-Sincere thanks Melissa.

Forget the semis berth, we had another birth-Congrats to Richie and Tracey and their future Tech-Waratahs cheerleader.

Thirde was a bit of a nursery again anyway this year. Introduced to the game were Popper, Parkesy, Tim and Bourkey. Each of these players furthering themselves per game. Michael "Fun" Parkes needs special mention for gaining a place consistently in second grade. A maniacal chaser who's never-say-die pursuit of the grubbered ball took many oppositions by surprise. A highlight for me was Poppers intercept 5 metres off his line and the sprint that took him to their 25.

Mentioning every one would be drawn out and laborious! Well you're not going anywhere so suck it up! I'll defy convention and begin with those mirror carrying, comb-waving winger and fullback positionably handled by Popper Hutcho, Bourkey, Corey, Truey, Luke Thompson, Mitch O'Dwyer and of course "Old Trusty"... John Maughan. The centres for season 2001 were [ in varying combinations] Chris Allen, Dave Vincent, Bernie Wett, Mick Parkes, Steve Matteson and even [don't tell the pigs] HK.

Our Fly-halves were mostly Behry [smoke..quick] and Truey but Murray Tolheph, Ross Dummett and Mick Vlandys had stints there also. Scrum halves included Bones, Bubbles, Muzz, Maughnie, Jason Crimmins and Dave Vincent was good value for money too punters.

Now into the single figures- Zlatko Yeah Baby Yeah, Bubbles, Greg McAndrew, Mick Merrick, Grub, Cameo, Nigel Stokes, Wylie Pearson and Stretto. Stretto was very loose.

So how good was our tight? The cricketers had the Invincibles, the league had the Unbeatables but we had the Uncontestables!! Never before in the history of human conflict did so many...pull the pin! With Cooneys, Robbos, Tonys or Shane Macs big trunks pumpen away and immovable objects like Ritchie, Stuey, Rock, Wylie, Feders, Dublin[is that a water cannon in your pocket] Kev, Ross Walker, Matt Crimmins, Gordon Hurry or even Frogger D against you, you're only going one way. Many thanks to all U19 players who backed up and who next year we might see playing grade permanently.

My hope is that you all enjoyed yourselves this year and achieved your individual goals. I enjoyed the season but relish in this successful era that the club finds itself.

Yours in Rugby,  
Will Madden



## UNDER 19'S REPORT

Lack of numbers on a consistent basis was always going to make this a tough season for the 19's , and unfortunately that was the case.

We were unable to muster numbers for training on most occasions and this made any sort of cohesive approach to matches on the weekend impossible.

A little fitness .. a few more players and a large dose of commitment and the past season could have been a much different proposition.

While we unable to post any wins throughout the year , there were definitely some positives for the team and the club to build on for next year.

Despite the fact we started almost every game anywhere from one to five players short of a team ( mostly the latter ) , we were competitive for at least a proportion of every match we contested. I believe on several occasions only fitness ( reminding us that even 19 year old Wallabies train to attain ) and numbers robbed us of the chance of victory.

I was extremely proud of the way the players who did turn up week in and week out showed their dedication to the side .. by playing undermanned .. injured and in some cases with pressure not to. Every one loves to win .. but to play for and with your mates when the odds are very much stacked against you , something our guys did on many many occasions throughout the season .. stands us very good stead as a club for the future.

I particularly want to thank the 17's who suffering the same malaise as the 19's , combined their limited playing strength with ours midway through the season and despite playing well above their age , showed great maturity and skills and at no time were they in any way overshadowed by their teammates or opposition.

There is absolutely no way I would have been able to get through the season without the fantastic assistance of the team Manager Barry Pike. Barry had the most unenviable task every week of doing the ring around to try and get sufficient numbers to make it worthwhile for us to even turn up on the Saturday , and most weeks he was able to ensure that the guys who wanted to play got a game. As a team Barry and I had exactly the same problems last year with the 17's and I am eternally thankful for his patience , assistance and good humour in very trying circumstances.

I would also thank the clubs Head coach Roger Rumble , for his support , when I needed it throughout the season , without which I would have found it difficult to complete the season.

To Ronny , the strappers and all the other support staff again my thanks. Finally to the players my biggest thanks. It was tough for everyone involved this

year , but we did get through it together. We had a go and more importantly we had a few laughs. My greatest hope is that next season you have a full compliment of playing staff , so that you have the opportunity to show the club and the rest of the competition the rich vein of playing abilities that I know you possess.

The fact that these players were willing to play the game despite the prospect of almost certain losses each week , showed me that they represent what is the very best of the Tech – Tahs club and indeed showed the spirit of what Rugby itself is all about.

I appreciate the chance the club and the players gave me this year and look forward to a bigger and better season in 2002.

Dave Stretton  
19's Coach.

**THE CHAMPIONS**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**TO THE**

**TECH-WARATAH**

**WOMEN'S TEAM**



----- CHAMPIONS -----

**CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS.** Everyone one of you should be thoroughly proud of yourselves, winning both the pre-season competition and the grand final.

It was not easy but (I was going to write sheer good coaching got us through, but modesty prevents me) through a lot of effort from all we won a hard fought grand final.

We started the year down on numbers but by the time the grand final rolled around we had a squad of fifteen girls who were dedicated to each other which was evident by the way the team performed during the finals.

Right from the start all the girls were as keen as mustard, although getting them all to training at the same time proved to be a challenge. The best trainer was my 15 year old daughter, Samantha, who while not playing did all the fitness work with the team then had no hesitation in holding the tackling bags, becoming the tackling bag herself or helping wherever she could. We usually had a core of 8 to 10 girls on each night with Tracey not missing one night, well done Tracey.

The season started well with the girls winning the pre-season competition, although we lost Heidi with a sore knee, a small dislocation. This victory filled all the girls with confidence for the season ahead. We started the season proper well and finished in second place behind University who beat us twice.

We unearthed some very talented players during the season with Sally, Julia, Amy and Tara all going ahead in leaps and bounds. Along with Tracey, Rainey, Emma, Louise and Jodie continually improving each week, coming to grips with the laws and type of Rugby Zyg and I wanted them to play, along with Donna and Leia providing the cornerstone for the forwards we developed into a brilliant attacking team. Once again the old stagers of the team, Becky, Heidi and Larissa, dug deep when it mattered and all three were brilliant during the finals. Kasey was the surprise packet, she continually amazed with her speed and drive and developed into very potent attacking weapon.

A short word on the grand final. The girls were just brilliant, with just 30% of the ball they dug deep and repelled University sending them to their second successive grand final loss. I must compliment the whole team on their 12 to 10 come from behind win; you have done yourselves and your Club proud.

Once again we dominated the Illawarra awards with Kasey being voted by the referees as best player of the year and Larissa being leading points scorer.

On the representative scene Larissa, Heidi, Donna, Leia, Tracey, Becky, Kasey and Sally were all selected for the Illawarra team. Heidi and Larissa were also selected in the NSW Country side while Larissa was also selected the Lloyd McDoremott Development side. Well done girls.

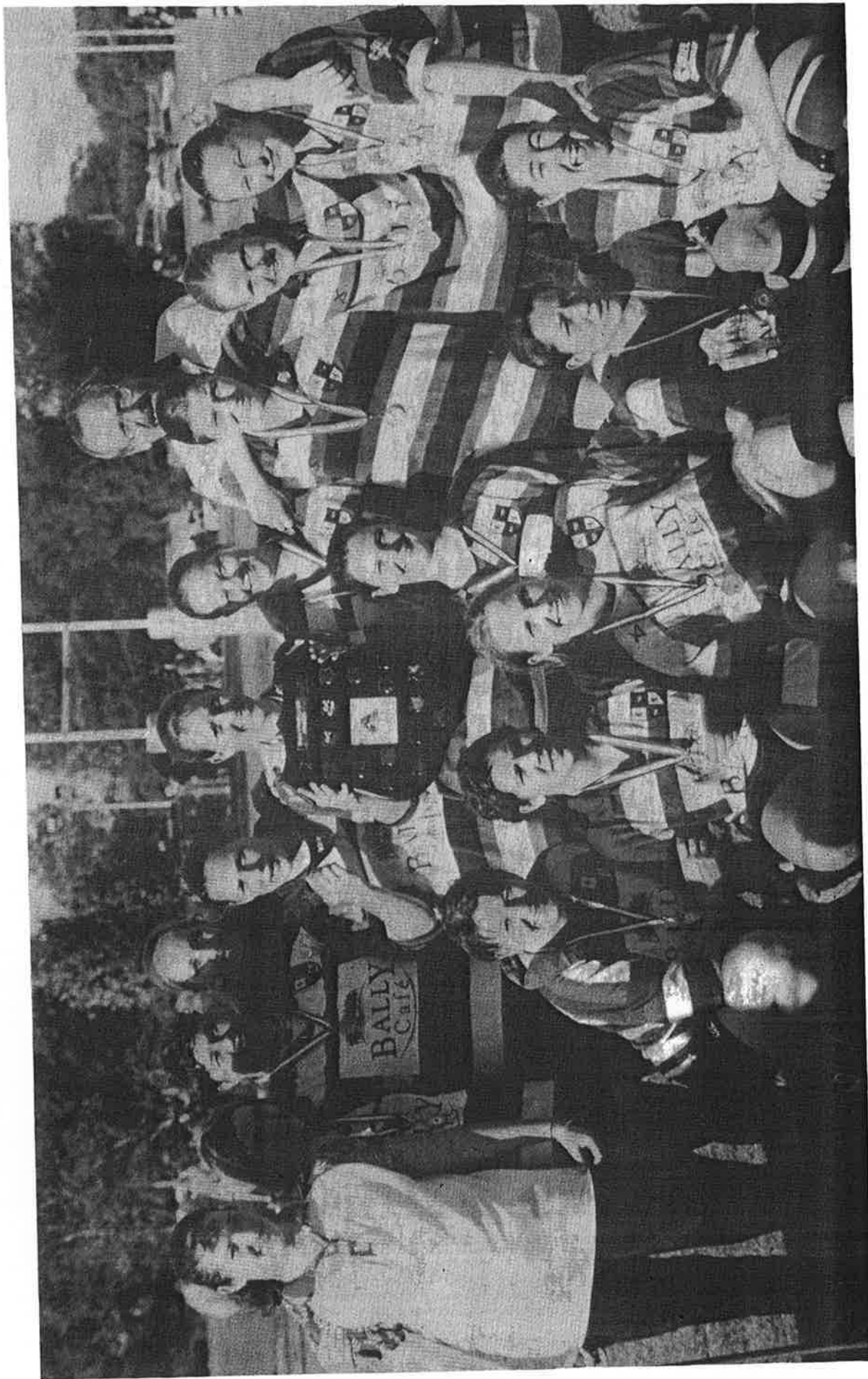
I would like to thank Zyg for all his effort during the year, it was greatly appreciated.

Most of all I would like to thank Becky for all the work she did during the season liaising with the girls ensuring everyone would turn up, checking referees were available, getting her mother to wash the jumpers and also captaining the side so well all season. Without her input it would have been a lot more difficult to have such a successful team.

Hope to see you all back next year and thanks for the effort.

**WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS**

# 2001 WOMEN'S GRAND FINAL WINNERS



## THE GOLD COAST "BUDDA" TOUR 2001

With the season at a close and looking back at what was considered a successful season for the Tech-Tahs, we come to the part of the year where it's time to forget about "what could have been" on the rugby paddock. To now getting down to some serious male bonding action and where better to do it than on the sunny Gold Coast.

Well it all started early about 5.30am on Friday morning at the Tech Grounds. Where the looks on the majority of people were excitement and keen to get the show on the road. But also on a few faces were looks of "I wish I was still in bed" from their previous night escapades. But after the traditional 5.45am beer on the bus all knew its time to get it on. And get it on we did. After check in at Sydney Airport and boarding passes handed out. The rules of engagement were explained to those who have never been on a 'end of season' trip before which we call the trip "virgins" and re-explained to the veteran end of season travellers which we call "forwards".

This year's 'virgin' came down to only 1 person able to fit into this prestigious category and this was 'cutlet' the brother of 't-bone'. He had the honour of being handcuffed to the kettle all weekend.

But most importantly the weekend was dedicated to Wylie, one lone soul who is now travelling down the road to eternal sadness, 'oops I mean bliss!' to be married in the month of November. He also had the honour of being chained leg to wrist for the majority of the weekend as well.

Once we had all boarded the plane and waiting for "Keith" to be re-issued with another boarding pass due to the fact he lost the first one we were all able to take off to our destination. Upon arrival the room Captain's proceeded to check in at reception where we were greeted by one very nervous Hotel Manager who could not believe he was letting 32 rugby players staying at his hotel. But once the standard 'you'll have no problems with us mate' reply which was to try and calm the hotel manager down also cast a hint of doubt into Zlatko's mind of what is he getting himself into organising such a weekend. 'Well there goes the mortgage' Zlaty!!

Once the rooms were assigned people placed into their respective rooms we could all understand the manager's apprehension. But no time to think about that we quickly proceeded to Billy Beachouse for a refreshing ale or two before getting ready for our night at "Draculas Theatre Restaurant".

As they say time flies when your having fun and before we knew it we were dressed and off to Draculas. Upon arrival we were greeted by a gay rollerblading version of Evil Kinevil called "Ken Evil" who showed us to the entrance where we all boarded the ghost train which made its way to the bar.

Once seated and show underway we were all pleasantly entertained by a high quality show made up of singing, dancing with a bit of comedy thrown in as well. But not all felt the quality of show was quite up to their standard and during the intermission provided some quality entertainment of their own. This all started by Draculas entertainers running through the crown chasing another with a chainsaw. Their fatal mistake was chasing a path via our table. AS they proceeded past, a flying fist of fury owned by 'chopper' Reedy grabbed the blade of the chainsaw looking at the performer in a stern look of 'mate, you'll have to get past me first'. Then the chainsaw tug-of-war began between Reedy and Draculas love child. Words most properly could not describe the disappointment on the young performers face as Reedy took the thunder out of his performance.

Once the calm of laughter was restored the second part of the show went off without a hitch and then all proceeded off to Jupiter's Casino to do our hard-earned cash.

Upon awakening with foggy memories of the night before we had set off to wash the cobwebs out of Wet and Wild Waterworld. AS our reputation proceeded us from the night before we were not to be out done, as it was time for us to get into our version of fashions in the field which entailed getting dressed up into female costumes. An array of cosies were displayed but the hit of the day was Robbos black one piece underwire floral number. This was hotly contested by HK', Tweedies, Zlako's Bikinis and Mimi's blue one piece with matching blue hair.

After a great day of swimming and entertaining fellow tourists we headed back to the hotel where some wanted to watch the AFL grand final and some wanted to try their luck in the Casino Room 23A. Casino Room 23A had a miniature roulette wheel in operation awaiting some unsuspecting punter to try their luck against the house. And if the rumours are correct only the cunning pommy skills of Harry managed to emerge in front where some lost more money in Room 23A than Jupiter's Casino.

The night quickly followed into a game of Zom and Erk at the establishment called "The Beergarden" where the loser was made to do embarrassing tasks in front of the whole establishment. A few examples are T-Bone told the whole western end of Cavill Mall he was gay at the top of his voice and HK Edmunds had to stick his head in the bottom of a pot plant for 5 mins until a security guard mistakenly thought he was intoxicated trying to spew into the bottom of the pot plant was told politely to move along.

Sunday was another early start and all met at the Australian Shooting Academy with the majority sporting some serious hangovers. But once explained the details of operation the Apprentice Dirty Harry's proceeded to fire a .22 calibre 9mm and 45 calibre semi auto pistol at a 20-metre target. Once this was finished we tried our dammed hardest not to spew by catapulting ourselves strapped into the famous



Gold Coast sling shot bugee. Surprising all had guts of steel not one showed what they had eaten from the night before.

After all was done a bit of free time was had in either the form of shopping or catching up on some well-needed sleep. Before we went to do it all again at 'The Beer Garden' to watch the ARL Grand Final. There was some fierce rivalry between the Parramatta and Knights supporters throughout the game. And also some fierce rivalry shown between the holders of the sacred Buddha. He was being dished out at a fierce rate this was not helped by the fact that the drinking kitty was injected with an extra \$100. But all were pleased with the outcome and moved on to the various nightclubs Surfers had to offer. Throughout the night we ran into Big Kev at the local convenience store complaining how they didn't have any baked beans in stock. Once we hit Big Kev a few 'I'm excited' he left in more a frustrated state then he started in.

Monday came as quick as a blink and another early start to get a few formal proceedings out of the way in the form of "Kangaroo Court" then the room Captains headed to reception to check out. Once again greeted this time by a not so nervous Hotel Manager who was getting happier by the minute as the room checks were passed with flying colours and glad to see the weekend went off without any incidents.

Once on the bus headed to Coolangatta Airport the guys were reviewing the weekend that had past laughing and joking and taking the piss out of each other. A great sign the weekend was truly a success. Once aboard the plane Grub decided to grab some sleep that he didn't get all weekend and was made into what looked like a B grade movie terrorist with the help of a black texta and lipstick from willing female tourist aboard the plane. As he was in a far away place dreaming not knowing he was the centre of attention people were queuing up to take photos of his newly acquired look. The stewardess was happy to have us as it made their flight a lot more enjoyable despite the fact a small core of individuals decided to play cricket with them.

Once landed and back to Wollongong the subject of conversation had the boys thinking of next year's trip. The only thing holding us back was getting over this one.

**AND THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO SCARE US!**

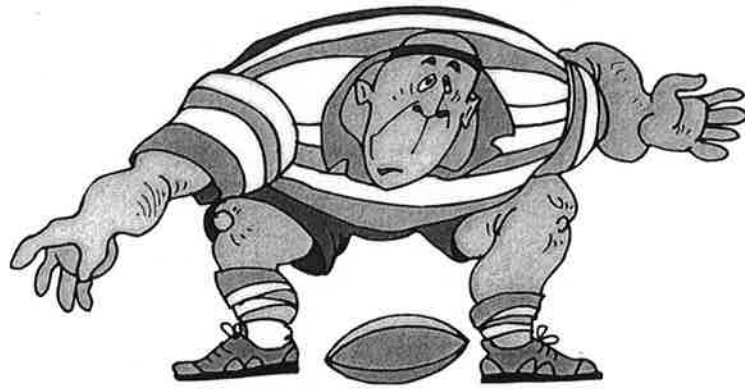


Tech-Tahs-Rugby Gold Coast

28th September 2001

**GOLD COAST TRIP 2001**  
**TECH WARATAHS VISIT WET 'N' WILD**





# A DAY AT THE RUGBY

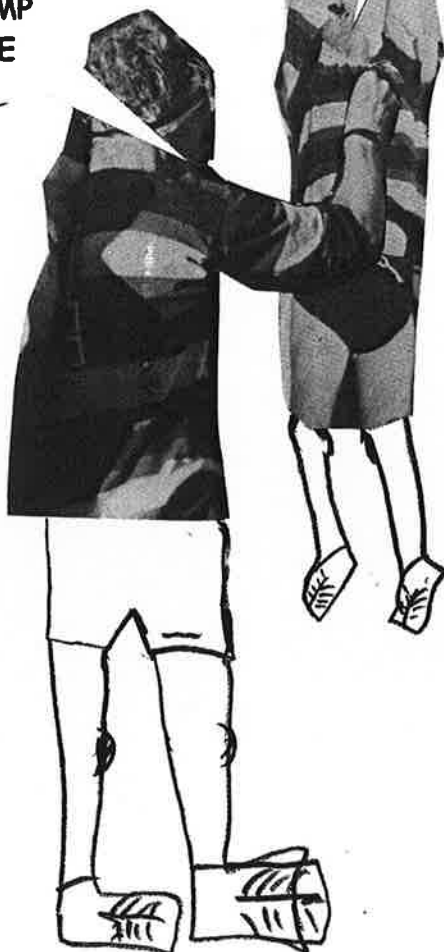


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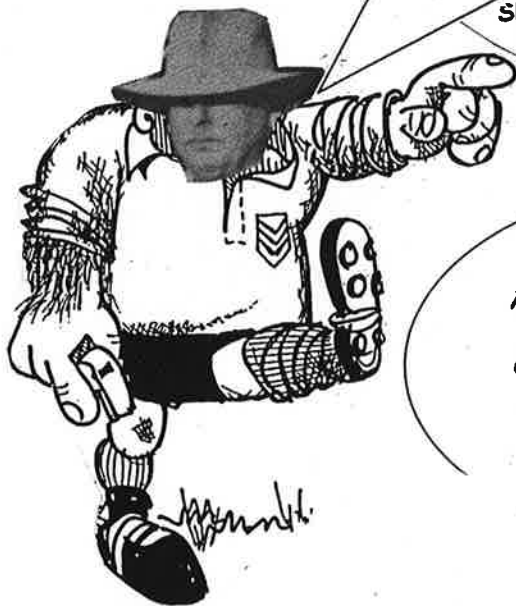
NICE JUMP  
GOULDIE

AHH?  
THANKS  
CRAIGO

IF I COULD JUST  
FIGURE OUT HOW  
TO GET A BIT  
MORE HEIGHT



# DISCIPLINE



THAT'S THE WORST PERFORMANCE I'VE EVER SEEN! HAVEN'T YOU GUYS GOT ANY RESPECT FOR YOUR CLUB OR YOURSELVES? GET DOWN & START GIVING ME PUSH-UPS & I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU STOP UNTIL THE GREEN BILE STARTS SEEPING OUT OF YOUR MOUTHS

YOU GUYS SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES! I'VE NEVER SEEN A PACK OF SORRIER INDIVIDUALS IN MY LIFE. GET OUT OF MY SIGHT, YOU ALL DISGUST ME!



THAT'S THE LAST TIME I'M NOT PUTTING UP WITH THAT CRAP ANY MORE!

IF THEY THINK SOMEONE ELSE CAN DO A BETTER JOB, THEY CAN PICK THEM NEXT TIME!



YEP, I'M WITH YOU GUYS. NEXT TIME THEY WANT THE DRESSING ROOMS CLEANED, THAY CAN GET STUFFED!

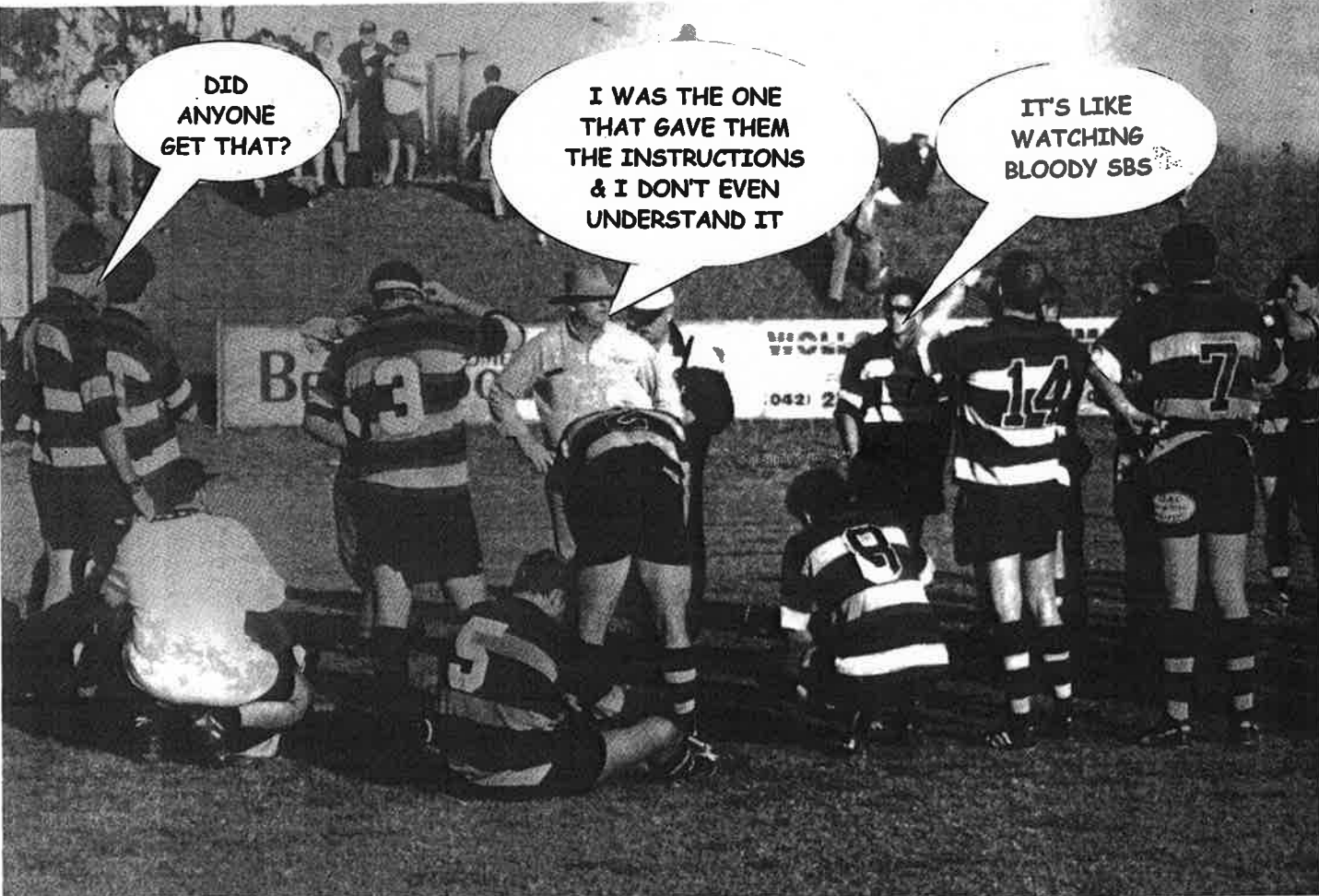


# STRATEGY



MMMMBALLMMM  
MTACKLEMMKICK  
MMMMMMWIN

YOOO MOOST SKIYEE  
THE BOOL OOND  
CONTINYOOUSLY  
POOT PRESHURR OON  
THE FOOLBACK



DID  
ANYONE  
GET THAT?

I WAS THE ONE  
THAT GAVE THEM  
THE INSTRUCTIONS  
& I DON'T EVEN  
UNDERSTAND IT

IT'S LIKE  
WATCHING  
BLOODY SBS

# THE BENCH

BLOODY HELLI  
DARB HAS GOT TO  
BE THE WORST  
COACH. HE NEVER  
GIVES ME A GOI



I COULD MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE IF HE  
WOULD JUST GVE  
ME A GOI WHAT A  
SHIT COACH!



HE HAS NOTHING BUT  
HE'S FAVOURITES HE  
WON'T EVER PICK ME NO  
MATTER HOW GOOD I  
PLAY



YEAH!!!!!!  
WE WON!!!!!!  
MY SHOUT!!!!!!



WHAT A  
CHAMPIONI  
ALWAYS THERE  
FOR THE TEAM



YEP. NO DOUBT  
ABOUT IT, HE'S  
THE BEST  
COACH IN THE  
CLUB



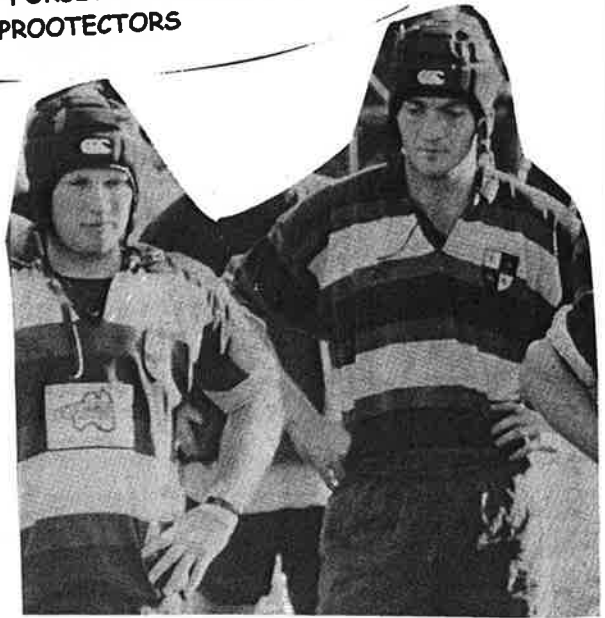
WHAT A GENIUS  
DECISION MAKER!  
ALWAYS ON THE  
BALL





# COPING WITH LOSS

OKEY CHARMO BROTHERS, I WOON'T  
YOUU CHOO GROOBA THE BOOL TRUE  
THEN REGOOTHER OOND SCORR. OOND  
DOON'T FORGIT YOOR GOOM  
PROOTECTORS



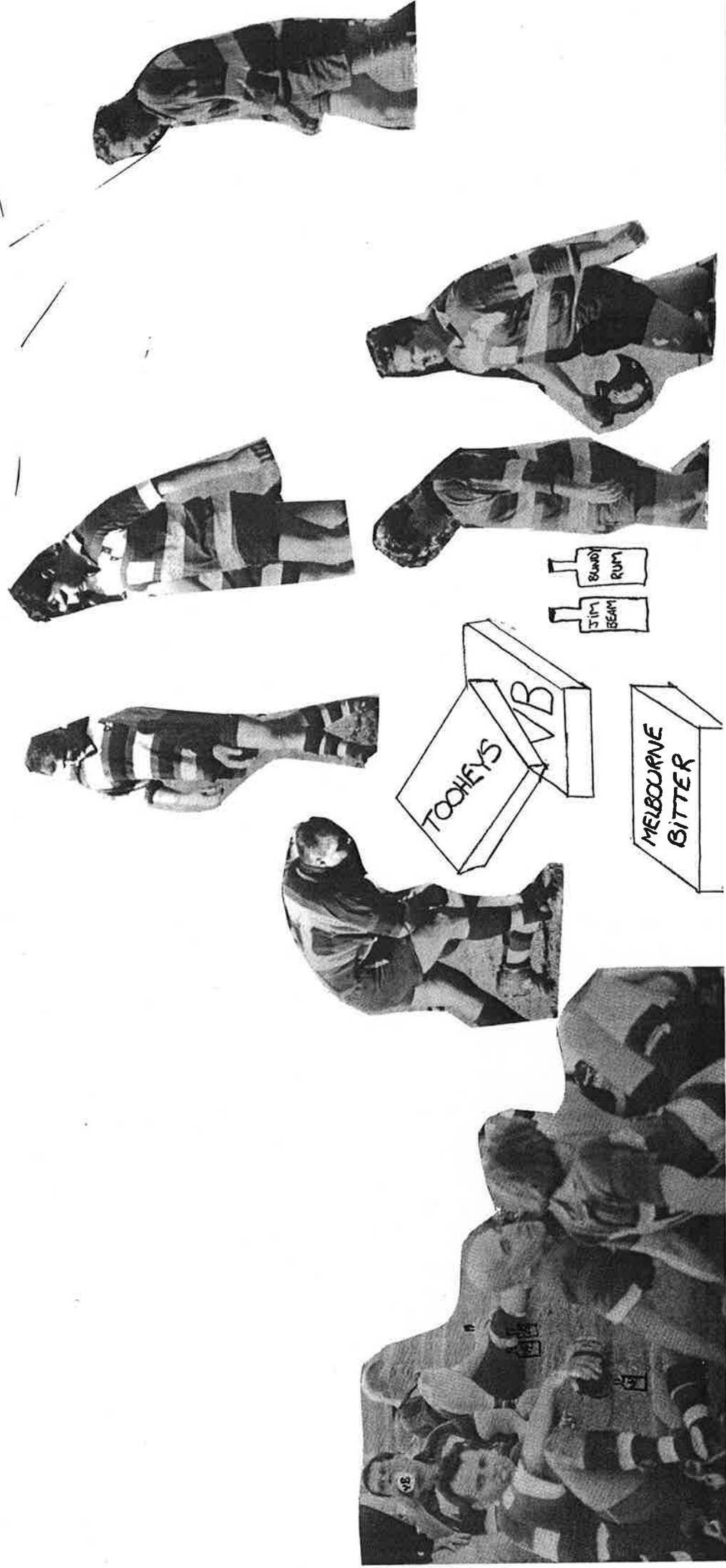
BLOODY HELL, WHEN'S HE  
GOING TO GET OVER  
LOSING THE SHARMO  
BROTHERS TO 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE?

WHO CARES AS LONG AS  
WE GET PICKED!



# THIRSTY THIRDS

WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON HERE?  
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL  
YOU FAT SHITS - AFTER THE GAME,  
HAVE A DRINK AFTER THE BLOODY  
GAME!



Name		Previous Games	1st Grade 2001	2nd Grade 2001	3rd Grade 2001	U/19s 2001	Total for 2001	Total Games
Chris	Allen	23	4	16	2		22	67
Robbie	Allen	38	17				17	72
Adam	Anderson	29			2		2	33
Simon	Anderson	11					0	11
Rob	Andonovski	10					0	10
Thomas	Armstrong	2					0	2
David	Behr	66			8		8	82
Phil	Bernie	4					0	4
Reece	Bratton	32					0	32
Scott	Brennan	8			3		3	14
John	Briguglio	3					0	3
Mark	Brown	14					0	14
Matt	Brown	0			8		8	16
Jim	Brown	0			11		11	22
Mick	Bruton	0				12	12	24
Wayne	Bruton	60	3	16		13	32	124
Chris	Bryant	2					0	2
Scott	Burges	4			1		1	6
Darren	Burke	0			5		5	10
Mark	Bye	62					0	62
Ben	Caldwell	15					0	15
Mick	Cambell	0				14	14	28
Aaron	Carney	0				7	7	14
Paul	Carrigan	23					0	23
Daniel	Cheetham	3					0	3
Wayne	Cooney	14		8	10		18	50
Ben	Coughlin	2					0	2
Adam	Crandell	9					0	9
Jason	Crimmins	96			1		1	98
Mathew	Crimmins	53	6	10	3		19	91
Peter	Dally	0			1		1	2
Ben	Darby	5					0	5
Josh	Darby	0	9	12			21	42
Luke	Darby	40			1	14	15	70
Nigel	Darby	74	1	16			17	108
Paul	Darby	188					0	188
Paul	Davis	199	8	12	1		21	241
Peter	Delaney	54	1	2	10		13	80
Josh	DebDulk	5					0	5
Paul	Devitt	17				1	1	19
Frank	Dietrich	44				8	8	60
Adam	Druy	0				1	1	2
Ross	Dummett	33	14		1		15	63
Adam	Edmonds	92	9	2	3		14	120
Peter	Ernst	22					0	22
James	Etita	0				6	6	12
Kristian	Evans	15					0	15
Steve	Federici	38	1	15	2		18	74
Greg	Fickers	2					0	2
Rob	Fisher	2					0	2
Ben	Ford	0				8	8	16
Chris	Foye	68	14	3			17	102
Craig	Franklin	64	17	3			20	104
Brad	Gallegher	1					0	1
Damon	Garde	35					0	35
Damian	George	43					0	43
Dean	Gilroy	20	14	1			15	50
Daniel	Glenn	15			2	10	12	39

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Tony	Gorgijovski	32		1	15		16	64
Phil	Gould	114	19				19	152
Paul	Graham	17					0	17
Josh	Hatcliff	0				5	5	10
Harry	Hawksworth	57	15				15	87
Daniel	Hay	11					0	11
Stephen	Head	14					0	14
Peter	Henderson	1					0	1
Daniel	Hodge	29					0	29
Luke	Holloway	3					0	3
Rod	Horan	3					0	3
Daniel	Houweling	12			3	11	14	40
Gordan	Hurry	11			2		2	15
Tim	Hutchinson	0			12		12	24
Wayne	Ireland	109			1		1	111
Shane	Jackson	29					0	29
Mark	Johnston	8					0	8
Justin	Jones	171					0	171
Dave	Kerr	0			14		14	28
Moana	Kinikini	19	17				17	53
Jason	Lammers	6					0	6
Colin	Langlo	15					0	15
Kristian	Leha	20	3				3	26
Tim	Long	6					0	6
James	Lutui	22					0	22
Will	Madden	115			6		6	127
Zlatko	Manovski	123		4	14		18	159
Simon	Marland	176					0	176
Lee	Martin	108	17	2			19	146
Khaled	Matar	165			1		1	167
Steve	Matterson	39			5		5	49
John	Maughan	247			12		12	271
Adam	Mayberry	60					0	60
Luke	Mayberry	79					0	79
Greg	McAndrew	32		2	14		16	64
Alec	McCall	3					0	3
Andrew	McCall	22					0	22
Michael	McGeorge	14					0	14
Richard	McLean	73	1	3	12		16	105
Shane	McVicar	119		9	2		11	141
Mick	Merrick	40	1	15	2		18	76
Jeremy	Miller	14					0	14
John	Miller	12					0	12
Damien	Mitchell	2					0	2
Stuart	Montgomerie	7					0	7
Paul	Mulchay	0		9	3		12	24
Sasha	Neser	8					0	8
Tim	Nicholls	13			1		1	15
Mitch	O'Dwyer	24	3	14	1		18	60
Darren	O'Shea	0	7	5	1		13	26
Mark	O'Shea	64		3	13		16	96
Cameron	Ogden	91			11		11	113
Ben	Olsen	112	14	5			19	150
Tim	Olsen	59	15	3	1		19	97
Mick	Parks	0		4	9		13	26
Darryl	Parish	56					0	56
Neil	Parsons	7					0	7
Cameron	Pearce	58					0	58

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Stuie	Pearson	107		2	13		15	137
Wylie	Pearson	84		2	13		15	114
Peckman	Keith	0				13	13	26
Rod	Petty	72	10				10	92
Toby	Pike	0				8	8	16
Les	Porter	193					0	193
Steve	Power	65					0	65
Brett	Ramsay	252					0	252
Daniel	Reid	80	8	15			23	126
Jason	Read	13					0	13
Nathan	Reither	12					0	12
Brad	Ritchie	6	8				8	22
Glen	Robertson	50		1	11		12	74
Duane	Robinson	16					0	16
Nick	Ryder	24					0	24
Tim	Ryder	30					0	30
Adam	Sharman	26	19	1			20	66
Brad	Sharman	19	11	6			17	53
James	Sherwood	12				12	12	36
Rob	Sindevski	34			4		4	42
Matt	Sloan	0				1	1	2
Corey	Stamp	16		16	2		18	52
Robbie	Steward	9					0	9
Vasco	Stojanoski	29					0	29
Nigel	Stokes	13		1	4		5	23
Dave	Stretton	8		1	9		10	28
Josh	Sweeny	3					0	3
K	Takeshima	0			1		1	2
Derek	Temara	7					0	7
Greg	Thomas	0	16	7			23	46
Luke	Thompson	27			9		9	45
Andrew	Todd	11					0	11
Ashely	Tolerton	4					0	4
Murray	Tolhopf	0		5	4		9	18
Steve	Tresidder	1					0	1
Steve	Truman	20			13		13	46
Daniel	Tully	62	10	11			21	104
Simon	Tweedie	28	7	15	1		23	74
Dave	Vincent	35		10	10		20	75
Michael	Vlandys	57	12	5	2		19	95
Luke	Vlandys	16			1	13	14	44
Ross	Walker	0			2		2	4
Ben	Weckwerth	34					0	34
Ron	Wessel	422					0	422
Bernie	Wett	96			6		6	108
Ryan	Wheatly	0				2	2	4
Stuart	Wilkins	13					0	13
Ashley	Wilkinson	0				2	2	4
Adrian	Williams	107	5	14			19	145
Nathan	Williams	11	5	5	1		11	33
Keith	Wilson	4					0	4
Reece	Wilson	43		1			1	45
Tony	Wilson	0	5	17			22	44
Ian	Wilson	0			2	11	13	26

Name		Previous Games	Total for 2001	Total Games
Amy	Allen	0	4	4
Robyn	Arnold	9		9
Julia	Bradley	0	9	9
Emma	Bailey	0	13	13
Alison	Brooks	3		3
Lorraine	Campbell	0	13	13
Jodie	Channells	0	13	13
Michelle	Clapham	5		5
Bec	Coen	23	13	36
Tracy	Collis	0	12	12
Leia	Cosgrove	21	8	29
Michelle	Dreesen	2		2
Jenny	Elder	5		5
Tara	Ellem	5	13	18
Kelly	Evans	1		1
Amy	Finch	6		6
Rebecca	Furyk	9	6	15
Sara	Haddad	4		4
Heidi	Hanlon	7	8	15
Letitia	Harris	10		10
Juile	Hill	7		7
Alicia	Hunt	1		1
Inna	Katser	1		1
Joanne	Kelly	0	6	6
Hayley	Lahsbrook	15		15
Fran	Lee	6		6
Donna	Liggins	20	12	32
Belinda	MacKay	2		2
Kassey	Manning	0	13	13
Lil	Madill	9		9
Claire	McDonald	2		2
Sally	McDougal	0	12	12
Emma	Pereira	5		5
Melissa	Petty	6		6
Larissa	Pickalla	10	12	22
Amy	Pocock	0	8	8
Melanie	Povey	17		17
Vicky	Slater	5		5
Janine	Webster	2		2
Alyssa	Wilson	14		14
Louise	Worthy	0	11	11

# AWARD WINNERS 2001

- Women's Coaches Player... SALLY MCDUGALL
- \* Women's Best & Fairest... LARISSA PICKALLA
- U19 Most Improved... MICK BRUTON
- \* U19 Best & Fairest.. WAYNE BRUTON
- 3rd Grade Most Improved... WYLIE PEARSON
- 3rd Grade Best & Fairest... MICK RARIES
- 2nd Grade Most Improved... DANIEL READ
- 2nd Grade Best & Fairest... CHRIS ERA ALLEN
- 1st Grade Best Back... LEE MARTIN
- 1st Grade Best Forward... PAUL GOULD
- 1st Grade Best & fairest... TIM OLSEN
- \* Best Trainer... CRAIG FRANKLIN
- \* Most Improved Player... COREY STAMP
- \* Most Consistent Player... WAYNE BRUTON
- \* Most Outstanding Prospect... GREG THOMAS
- Tryscorer Of The Year... MOANA KINIKINI
- \* Pointscorer Of The Year... LEE MARTIN
- \* Crooky Of The Year... TRUZY
- \* Stirrer Of The Year... KEITH
- \* Rick Boyle Trophy... TONY WILSON
- \* Clubperson Of The Year... B. McVICAR

200 Game Awards 2001 - Paul davis

100 Game Awards 2001 - Adam Edmonds  
Cameron Ogden  
Daniel Read  
Bernie Wett

