

Tech Waratahs

Yearbook 2005

Back to Back Premiers



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

IDRU 1ST GRADE MINOR PREMIERS 2005
IDRU 1ST GRADE PREMIERS
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"Not a bad effort, I must say."

Season 2005 can only be described as a tremendous success, given the above* results. First grade defended their premiership, taking out the inaugural "Austar Cup". Second grade were gallant in defeat, whilst thirds created club history by reaching the semi-finals for the first time, before courageously going down in the preliminary final.

I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Paul Darby, Rick Boyle and the entire first grade squad for taking out back to back titles, a feat harder than it sounds. They finished the regular season as minor premiers, another first for the club and something they should be extremely proud of. Most pleasing was the ease in which the new members of the squad fitted in and gelled so quickly, testament to the talents of the whole squad.

Congratulations to Tony Cheetham, Mark Fox and the entire second grade side for making their second consecutive grand final. Unfortunately, they went down, but showed enormous character and strength to come from behind in the second half. Every player, should be extremely proud of their efforts throughout the season.

Congratulations, also, to Dave Stretton, Rod Horan and the third grade squad for a record breaking season. As mentioned above, the first third grade side from our club to participate in the semi-finals, most wins in a season by a Tech Waratahs third grade side including six wins in succession before being defeated by eventual premiers, Engadine Heathcote.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate those players, who were selected in representative sides this season. To Josh Darby, my sincere congratulations on your selection for the N.S.W Country Cockatoos, along with the N.S.W Under 80/80 squad that toured to Thailand. I would like to make special mention of Daniel Read, who captained the Illawarra development squad in the carnival in Canberra, just reward for his perseverance. Also, congratulations to Paul Darby for being awarded IDRU "Coach of the year" at the annual presentation dinner. An award well deserved. Thanks, also to Paul Darby and Rod Horan for my winning nomination in the IDRU "Senior volunteer of the year" award, very much appreciated.

Once again, I must acknowledge our wonderful group of sponsors. Firstly, Wiseman Park Wollongong City Bowling club Ltd, in particular, President Bob Bartlett and his board of directors for their continued support of our club. Special mention, must be made of Secretary Manager, Wayne Fulcher for his support and valuable assistance throughout the year. I offer a warm welcome, to Zoran Talevski, of Mortgage Altitude, who joined the club this season as sleeve sponsor. Zoran, I hope this is the start of a long rewarding partnership for both parties. To Unanderra HardwareMan, in particular, manager Nathan Short, Mark Dalli, proprietor of Hogs Breath Café,

Wollongong, Tyson and Kurt Zeidler, of Tyson Zeidler Automotive Services and management of Hasties Toptaste Meat, we offer our sincere thanks for your continued support. I urge all our members to support the above businesses where possible, because without their support we would be unable to function.

I would like to acknowledge the support and assistance given by Sharon Bilboe and Karen O'Sullivan of TAFE N.S.W, ITSA general manager, Amanda Hall and food services manager, Tim Box. I would also like to thank Mark & Jenny Moore, of Relax-a-wash for continually supplying a service second to none.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their efforts throughout the season. To Warren Read, for his tireless efforts throughout the year. To Craig Franklin, for his financial prowess. To Harry and Carly, who once again managed the best canteen in Illawarra rugby, special thanks for a job well done. To Mick Hurley, who took on the task of designing and maintaining our website, your efforts throughout were appreciated, especially by former members not residing locally.

Special mention and thanks must go to Zlatko Manovski, for the motivation and determination shown in renovating the clubrooms earlier this year. Zlatko, led a band of merry renovators after training, with the outcome, just outstanding. Zlatko you should be very proud of your efforts, along with those that participated.

The junior club had another successful season in 2005. Special thanks and praise must go to Tony and Michelle Leeder-Smith, for their tireless efforts leading the club, sometimes blind, after the sudden resignation of Gordon Hurry. To Dean Boers and the remainder of the junior committee, I offer my thanks and congratulations. Congratulations, also to the coaches, managers, parents and players for their efforts throughout the year.

Once again we were lucky to have retained the services of Julie Hill. Julie's contribution towards the clubs on field success cannot be measured and I would like to pass on the thanks of the committee and players alike. To Ronny Wessel and Gerry Stort, for your contributions, we are most thankful.

To Mark Bye, for his legal advice throughout the year and to Mark Johnston for his tireless efforts with judicial proceedings, I offer my sincere thanks.

I offer my congratulations in advance, to those players who received awards at our presentation evening, or reached personal playing milestones throughout the year.

To those members who were married or felt the joys of parenthood, I offer my sincere congratulations. To those members recuperating from injury or illness, my best wishes for a speedy recovery and to those members who lost loved ones, my sincere condolences.

It would be amiss of me not to mention the efforts of Paul Darby over the past eleven seasons. As you would be aware, Paul announced his retirement from coaching after the grand final. Paul has either been coaching or served on the committee over that time and will be sorely missed. Paul's dedication to the position was beyond reproach, often driving home from the Newcastle region for training, only to be up and back in Newcastle first thing the next morning. I know, all those that have been associated with Paul, are better people for the experience. I know he is looking forward to standing on the sidelines, having a beer, enjoying watching the rugby and spending more time with Lee and Annaleise. "Meet", on a personal level, I would like to thank you for all your assistance and advice you have given to me over the past

eleven years, it has been invaluable, [not that I'll miss the 3am end to training sessions]. I know what you'll say "you idiot".

In closing, Season 2006 will bring a new set of challenges with it for our club. I fear for the future of Illawarra rugby, given the direction the board of the IDRU are heading in. Only time will tell, but I urge all officials, players and supporters to join with me in keeping our club, the premier club in Illawarra.

I wish everyone a very safe and joyous off season.

Yours in Rugby
Wayne Ireland.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2005

The club would like to express our sincerest gratitude to this year's sponsors. **Wiseman Park Wollongong City Bowling Club**, were again our **major sponsors** in 2005. We appreciate your support, and also the hospitality you provide, when we attend the bowling club.

Our appreciation also extends to the many other sponsors associated with our club this year. These being:

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- The Hardware Man.
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- Tyson Ziedler.
- Hasties Toptaste Meats.

Money was spent this season preparing the playing field, and also improving the 'club house' area. The ground held up pretty well, and more work will be carried out in the off season, to get it ready for 2006.

The canteen was again managed well by Harry Hawksworth. This is a huge job, and there are many people that have given a lot of time to help stock, and run the canteen. Thanks to everyone involved. Also thanks Harry for organising the game day raffles.

The club would like to recognise the following people for their efforts in organising social / fundraising events throughout the year:

- Adam Sharman & Tim Olsen - Joker Poker.
- Zlatko & Lidija Manovski - Trivia night.
- Ben & Stacey Olsen - Tech Ball.

Finally, I would like to commend the club on an excellent year across all grades, and look forward to a successful 2006 season.

Yours Sincerely,

Craig Franklin.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

What a time to be a Tech-Tah. I'll start off with first grade, as it should be. Congratulations to all of you boys, you surely deserve every accolade you get. Anyone who has watched you boys play would put your wins down to superior skill, but everyone at the club knows the hard work you put in at training. Every time I looked over I would see you boys hitting those bags until, by the end of the year, you had worked yourselves into a frenzy; urging each other on, asking each other if you want the title, pushing yourselves to the absolute limit. No-one was willing to give an inch and with that came what you all richly deserved. The cup is with us for another year and I'm sure, if the same commitment is shown next year, it will spend its hat-trick year where it belongs, in our clubhouse.

To second grade, once again I find myself writing this bit with a heavy heart, but from my heart I would like to thank each and every one who has played seconds this year and for all your support on and off the field. Once again we made the grand final and once again we lost. I can go into a long winded story of why that happened, but in a nutshell you can't give away 29 points in one half of a grand final and expect to win. Unfortunately we had saved our worst half of the season for then. A lesser team would have folded, but it goes to show you the spirit of this team to come back and get within striking distance. Unfortunately that was just not good enough. As a team we knew that anything but a grand final win would be bitterly disappointing, that's why I believe that next year we will take that disappointment and turn it into our drive to finally succeed in taking what we deserve.

To thirds, one of my duties as club captain is to announce what may be going on at the club, or to congratulate achievements. Congratulating you boys on Thursday nights after your semi wins would be one of the best feelings I've ever had at our club. To see your faces of pride and glee put a big smile on my face and a lot of other people as well. I know that there were a lot of boys in thirds that had never played in a semi and all of you deserve every accolade on your performances this year, but I also know the sting of defeat and seeing the spirit of you boys, especially near the end of the year, I know nothing will stand in your way for next year.

While I'm talking about spirit in a club, once again I witnessed first hand how strong it is in our club. For example, when thirds made the semis their next game was at 11 in the morning, if it was any other club there would have been a few wives & girlfriends there to cheer them on, but with us the whole club turned out, except for a small percentage that had to work. I stayed for the first grade final between Shamrocks and Uni and would say these teams didn't have as much support as our thirds on a day that firsts and seconds weren't even playing.

To be club captain of Tech Waratahs, especially while we're this strong, is fantastic, but to be club captain of our mighty club, with all the integrity that has been seen once again, is once again truly an honour.

1st Grade Managers Report for 2005

2005 will certainly set the benchmark for the future with regards to on field results for the whole club. The 1st grade team were very consistent throughout the whole season with 12 wins and 2 losses in the Astar Cup.

It could be said that we should have contested the Spartan Cup a little more seriously. We consider the decision to withdraw from two games against Shamrocks can and should be levelled at the IDRU who in their collective wisdom had us drawn to play Shamrocks 6 times in a matter of a few weeks.

It was not our goal to consider this alternate cup very seriously, our objective was to defend the 1st grade premiership won in 2004. The squad members used throughout the season were limited and consistent as the core players were relatively injury free. (excluding Sam Graham and to a lesser degree Tim Filan)

But it must be said those players who were asked to step up from seconds to firsts did so with great effect, allowing the team to function with certainty in controlling our style of play in such a way that the coach and captain could feel secure. We were also very fortunate having a number of players with 1st grade experience and skills able to sit on the bench and be available if required.

Those players who represented Illawarra did the club proud and a special mention to Josh Darby with his selection into NSW Country and the under 85 kilo representative team.

Our club was very fortunate in acquiring the services of a number of new 1st grade players who added a great deal of individual talent to an already talented group of players. Trevor Longbottom, Aita Meafou, Aaron Pickett, Jimmy Taingahue and the welcome return of Brad Veigel, each of these players made a difference to the overall effectiveness of our team.

Given that Paul Darby has announced his retirement as coach it allows me to say with sincerity that he will be missed in this role. Paul's skill as a coach is not only his rugby knowledge but also the way he goes about the job of administering all the required inputs and difficulties of individuals into a supportive, cohesive, and winning team.

Paul's efforts have been dually rewarded with two 1st Grade Premiership (back to back) Medals, which is a corner stone in our club history and just to support what we already knew the IDRU also recognised him and awarded him Coach of the Year 2005.

The club has raised the bar once again this year in many ways, but we must not forget it takes time and effort by individuals to make it all work. Our committee and executive have taken the brunt of all the issues that surfaced during the year and I can tell you from experience you don't know half of what's gone on and been dealt with, on our behalf. So to Wayne and his team as 1st grade manager thank you, I'm sure I speak for all. Special congratulations to our President Wayne Ireland for being awarded the IDRU Senior Volunteer in Club Rugby for 2005. Once again this just reinforces what a dedicated member Wayne is for our club.

The off and on field treatment provided by our club strapper Julie Hill is undoubtedly worth bottling, she does what's needed to get the players over their injuries and back

into training or onto the field. She doesn't get to see much rugby as she is generally in the sheds early and is normally the last one out after the game. Julie, the players appreciate your efforts and skill and we hope you're around for a long time doing what you do so well.

Julie is ably assisted by Ron Wessel on occasions when needed. Gerry Stort is our fella in the middle at most games and provides that much needed supply of water to the admiration of all players, many thanks Gerry.

Since becoming 1st grade manager some years ago I have always stated the personal pride I take from doing the job and being involved with the players. This pride is not over jealous enthusiasm for the job of picking up after grown men which is a small part of an opportunity to mix and enjoy the emotional ups and downs of a great group of men, that like what I like, including rugby.

"Yes" I am a few years ahead of them but in the heat of rugby I hope it evens out just a little, it does in my mind anyway. I will get great pleasure out of bragging to anyone that listens "Tech Waratahs is the club in Illawarra" look at the overall performance of our club culminating in three 1st Grade Premierships in the last six years. Why wouldn't I be a very proud Life Member and 1st Grade Team Manager.

To all those involved in supporting the club, like wife's, girl friends, and all the kids thank you, especially from all the members of 1st grade.

Rick Boyle
1st Grade Team Manager
2005

1st Grade Report. Season 2005

Well once again it's hard to believe that season 2005 has come and gone. At the beginning of this season I expressed my view that it would be a lot harder to defend the Premiership than to win it! I think I was correct.

So much has happened it's almost impossible to remember everything, but as usual it is time for the praise that is so deserved at this time of the year, especially this year. I will try and keep it as brief as possible as to reflect on everything that has happened would take up half of the year book. You will have to put up with the details and my self indulgent ravings on Presentation night.

The Summary:

The beginning of the season was certainly a bit different than last year as the rep program didn't affect us as much, having said that we still wore the worries of injuries to our rep players and the effect it would have on our season. Our first round hit out v Kiama saw us off to a shaky start going down 18-8 at Saunders oval, not a great way to start the season but reinforced my prediction that it was going to be tough to defend this trophy. Round 2 had us down at Shoalhaven and a much better display saw us come away with a 19-8 win. Round 3 was the first 'Spartan Cup' game v Shamrocks and as you will no doubt recall was a 'shocker' for us. Ross Dummett pulled a hammy before going on, which meant a re-shuffle of the entire backline. My preparation of the team was poor and the score 31-10 down reflected this. Everyone was a bit down but never beaten. We talked about where we were at this stage (losing 2 out of 3 games) and that it was time we all, myself included, pulled our fingers out, and this we did. Rounds 4, 5 & 6 had us back on the winning podium and we were sitting on 18 points behind Kiama on 23 and Uni on 19. Then came Uni! We were pumped and prepared for our clash with the 'neighbors'. They were on a high and still undefeated, what can I say, we made enough mistakes to lose three games! I think it was at this stage, strangely enough, that we knew, well at least I knew we could do this. We played a very ordinary game v Uni and still only lost 13-7 coming home with a whet sail. They were ecstatic at their win and rightly so, we were disappointed, and rightly so, but we knew after that game, oh yes we knew.

That loss had us on 19 points with Uni and Kiama on 23 (Uni on top). The next 10 rounds (Spartan Cup included) saw us undefeated and leading up to the last round with an unassailable lead (56 points) over second placed Uni (50 points) which secured the club's first ever Minor Premiership, well done guys, I know we didn't say much about it but I for one have never been prouder!

The last few rounds saw Uni fall apart a bit and with our big win over Camden rounded the season off nicely, Minor Premiers, nice! Another Spartan Cup game v Shamrocks and it was off to the Major Semi v Uni, under lights at Bezeckerly Stadium. All but at full strength with Tim Filan on the bench returning from injury, remember that Tim? I will never forget the look on your face when Trevor went down 10 minutes into the first half! What can I say.....the boys were very focused throughout the warm up and in the sheds. We made a point of the first 10 minutes of the game being our worst, the whistle went and despite the cheap shots and crap the Uni imports decided to dish out we stuck to our guns and despite a couple of 'soft' tries by Uni we had secured our appointment at WIN Stadium.

The rest is history! There is not much more to say about grand final day other than the whole of Saturdays preparation saw a dedicated, loyal and committed group of players all set for the same goal. The relaxing time at the club house was just that, but when it was time to change and start preparing it was something vary rarely witnessed. The culmination of six or seven years of thrashings, a couple of Premierships and a long hard season saw this team focused in a way I have not witnessed before and all the accolades you have received since are all well deserved.

The Wraps:

The whole scrum and everyone who played in there at any stage of the season. We are not a big scrum but undoubtedly the most powerful, if you have any doubt about this, ask *All* the opposing scrums! I will elaborate on individual performance on Presentation Night.

All the backs and again anyone who played there at any stage of the season. Again I will elaborate on individual performance on Presentation Night.

The Special Wraps:

Wayne 'Bruto' (No.5 son) Bruton. As unbelievable as it seems Bruto played first grade in rounds: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 16 and all of these games but 3 at scrum half, not to mention being on the bench for the rest after playing seconds. What can I say? No one could have asked more from a player who unselfishly gave 100% in a position he does not usually play in. No amount of thanks can suffice.

Ben 'Benny O' Olsen. Well Captain I don't know enough words to express my thanks. Totally professional in every aspect of the word on and off the field. There is no doubt I will miss the 'looks and nods' that say more than any words can, especially the last hand shake when leaving the change rooms as you led the lads out to battle, (not to mention the 'tactical' meetings at the Treasury)! Keep it up mate you deserve every accolade you receive.

Brendon Hurley. Brendon came back from injury early in the season and battled on for the best part of the first round. He had players from seconds 'tapping' him on the shoulder all season and when we finally spoke about it, the look of determination (pain) and the effort put in from that point on said it all. The commitment, determination but more importantly loyalty displays your fine character, and why you will be a key player in this club for many years to come.

Joshy. Again you have had a great season. Your selection in the NSW Country side and then the NSW 80/80 side are testament to you ability. It was through 'foggy' eyes that I watched you collect your medal for player of the grand final. I am sure the little fella in your arms will be a half back of the future for our club and if he is half as good as his dad, then the club will continue to succeed for many years to come. I would like to thank you for your outstanding efforts throughout the season, firstly as your coach, but more importantly as your dad.

The Very Special Wraps:

Ronny 'Olphart' Wessel. This is season 34 old mate and they just keep getting better, I look forward to sharing many seasons to come. It's as simple and as important as this, "thanks mate".

Rick (I'll kill the prick) Boyle. Is it over? How many times have we said that? Once again I cannot say enough to thank you for your tireless efforts in the support of the

club and myself. Maybe it's time we stood on the sideline with a beer (before 5.00pm) and enjoyed the spectacle. Thanks again.

Wayne 'Wayno' Ireland. I recall saying this last year mate and here we are again. Congratulations on another successful season on and off the paddock. Not too many people are aware of the enormous effort you put into the club let alone your support to me, your winning of 'The Volunteer of the Year' award was well deserved indeed. Again I look forward to being able to share a beer on the sideline while we watch the mighty red black and whites continue on their winning way for many years to come.

It would be amiss of me not to mention the outstanding efforts made by Ross Dummett who unselfishly withdrew after round 13. Ross was dealing with his own demons at the time and felt it was impacting on the team and the club. It takes a very special person to do that, especially a person who is so passionate about his sport. The text messages were at times confusing Ross, but inspirational all the same.

The Extra Special Wraps:

Once again I find myself leaving the most important wraps for last. As you all know last season was to be my last, certain circumstances convinced me to continue for one more year and this would have been impossible had it not been for the encouragement and support of my dearest Lee, and Annaleise. With training beginning in February and the season finishing in late September, that is a very very big hole out of the year and nothing, I mean nothing gets done in between. I know for a fact that had I decided to continue next season the support would have again been there, just as it has been for the last 32 years. To Annie who cares enough to write a personal note to each and every 1st grade player, what can I say. I vividly recall Brendon walking up to me in the change rooms after the game with a soggy piece of red and black paper that he had taken onto the field in his pocket with your words of encouragement on it, nothing needed to be said. So to my two biggest fans I can only thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Well that appears to be it, a bit long winded but bad luck! The last 11 years have been a buzz. I have seen kids grow into men and have kids of their own. I have had the privilege that only Rugby Union provides, and that is the nurturing of friendships that last a lifetime. I have seen a club grow from 'easy beats' to Minor Premiers, and back to back Premiers with a capital 'P'.

And so for the last time, to my beloved Tech Waratahs I once again leave you with this:

"To every man there comes in his lifetime that special moment when he is tapped on the shoulder and offered a chance to do a very special thing, unique to him and fitted to his talents and strengths.

What a tragedy it would be if that moment finds him unprepared or unqualified for the work which would be his finest hour".

"Once again you were tapped on the shoulder, this time to face a stronger and better foe. Opportunity found you both prepared and qualified, and it was truly your finest hour".

Go you good things!

Paul Darby
1st Grade Coach 2005

SECOND GRADE REPORT

Once again it is my pleasure to write the second grade report and to reflect on the seasons achievements.

To make the grand final for the second consecutive year was a good result for us, as the entire squad really put in a very committed effort, both at training and on the playing field throughout the year. Unfortunately, we had to be content with the runners up tag once again.

So much for the bad news, let's look at the positives. Again we have made sure that the club is in a very sound position for years to come. With strong performances in all of the vital positions, our young side showed that all of them would be first grade players with weaker clubs.

Dave McConnell and Alex Matulick were a tower of strength up front in the engine room, Sam Buckthought and Mitch Bevan added to the youth of the pack, combining with our older reliables, Daniel Tully, Zlatko Manovski, Greg McAndrew and Greg Thomas. They provided me with a more than capable forward pack throughout the year.

In the backs, we were well served by another group of young players who played very well throughout the year. Luke Darby and Nathan Gainsford formed a very lethal combination at the scrum base, with their good work being capitalised upon, leading to strong performances by Wayne and Mick Bruton. Other players who helped us out during the year, whilst coming back from injury were Mal Duffin, Lee Martin, Brad Newton and Trevor Longbottom. To these players, I thank you for your contribution to the team.

I would like to congratulate Paul and his first grade squad for once again taking out the premiership, well deserved boys. To Stretto and his men, well done on a great year

To my manager Mark Fox, for his help throughout the season both at training and on game days, I thank you. To the committee of the club, congratulations on another big year.

I'm hoping that next year is even better for the club.

Tony Cheetham.

Tech – Tah's 3rd Grade Report 2005

What a fantastic ride we had in the mighty thirds this year.

A season that promised so little, but delivered so much!!

We developed from a team that was not expected to win more than two or three games at the most, to contesting a game that could have seen us make it all three grades appearing on grand final day.

While we did not make it through to the big one, we did set some records and make some club history along the way.

After losing our first five games of the season, we went on to win more games than any other third grade team ever. I believe we only dropped two more games for the remainder of the regular draw.

We also became the first third grade side in club history to qualify for the semi finals. Having been associated with the club for over ten years, I can't tell you how much of a thrill it was to finally see the "Thirsty's" contesting the big end of season matches. We certainly were not there to just make up the numbers either. Winning our way into the final was an outstanding effort, and it was a fantastic testament to the team's belief in itself, that there was so much disappointment in the team at missing the Grand Final. We lost to the team that eventually won the premiership and I am still as convinced as I was a few weeks ago, that if we had won the final, we almost certainly could have beaten Kiama the minor premiers to win the Grand Final.

I need to say a huge thank you to Rod Horan. Red was the team manager for the season, but was so much more than that. Every coach needs an associate to sound out ideas and give insights on a week to week basis. The level of support Red provided to me and the rest of the team was massive, and the success we enjoyed this year is due to a huge degree to his knowledge, good humour and some hard yakka. Cheers Red you are a bloody legend.

My thanks also to everyone else who helped out with training and advice, particularly Adam Sharman who brought his tremendous experience to the team. Over the last few years, we have always had good forwards in third grade, but struggled to maintain a competitive backline. Sharmo (plural) helped turned that around this year and the results speak for themselves.

A coach of course is only as good as his players allow him to be. I was really lucky to have a fantastic blend of youth and experience in the thirds this year and when we clicked it was exciting to watch. To each and every one of you my thanks for allowing me to be part of the most enjoyable year of third grade Rugby I have been associated with. We put together some great matches this year and the highlights are many.

We beat Shamrocks, not just for the first time in the club thirds history but in both rounds, and if there is anything sweeter for this club than putting forty plus points on the Vikings, I don't know what it is.

My thanks to the players for playing out of position when required, when sitting on the bench and sometimes not getting on, for your application at training and on game day and for the privilege of being your coach.

To all those third grade guys who helped out on match days helping to set up the field , chopping onions , selling raffle tickets etc ... Thanks guys . Rugby clubs cannot exist without you and what you do is what makes rugby the great social experience it is. A special mention, to Condo', who without fail after every home game spent 1 - 2 hours on the BBQ.

Onya' Condo' ... you are a champion on and off the paddock.

My thanks also to Darb's and Cheeto' for their support and assistance throughout the year, and from everyone in third grade our congratulations again on taking the firsts and seconds to the Grand Finals.

Finally to Wayne and the club committee, your support for the team was brilliant, in a year made extremely difficult by some woeful planning and scheduling by the so called IRU management. The third grade team's success despite their best efforts, was a reflection of the huge amount of work put in by you on our behalf, and I want you to know it was truly appreciated.

Sorry I can't be with you for the presentation night, I hope you all have a great time, and as my final coaching instruction for 2005 , every third grader is to have at least one beer or a bourbon for me.

Cheers

Stretto'

Dave Stretton
Third Grade Coach

JUNIOR REPORT

The 2005 rugby year has been a rebuilding year for the three committee members [Tony, Dean and Michelle], however, we have stood our ground and now are looking forward to an easier 2006.

Competition highlights have been;

- Two teams making the finals series this year
- 10 Tech Waratahs players making representative teams. [5 in Under 11's]

Committee highlights for the year have been;

- \$3000.00 sponsorship through Telstra.
- \$1250.00 confirmed from Telstra for 2006
- A very successful trivia night held at Towradgi Bowling Club
- Several other sponsorship leads for 2006.

We have held our 2005 annual general meeting and are pleased to announce all positions for committee members in 2006 have been filled.

Dean Broers
Treasurer

Lights

Camera

Action





Chad flies above the pack



Sammy plucks one out of the air



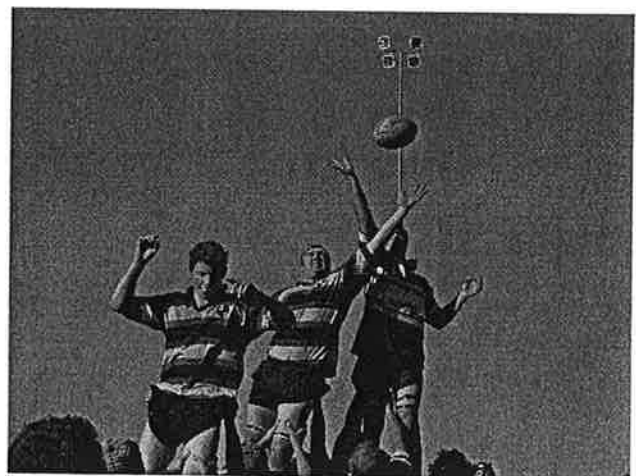
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Trev makes another break



Augustus on his way to the line



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Zac showing his step



The boys move in



Mick straight through



Uni's nightmare



Nath showing his skills



Benny takes another



Picko goes in for the kill



Copybook tackle from Sharmo



Robby showing all the skills



Who said I look like my dad



Mim goes over for another



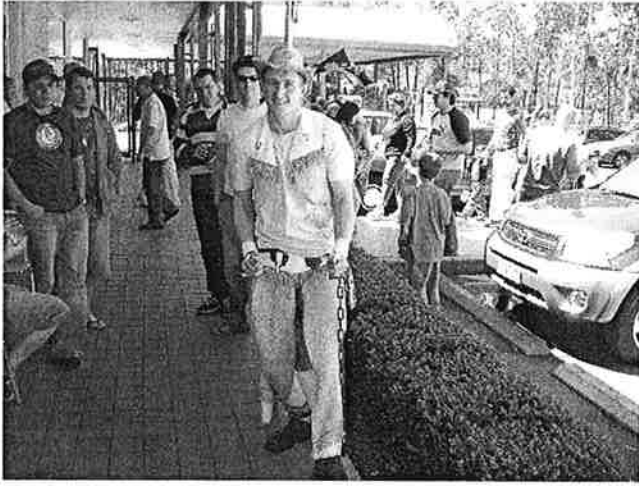
And to think, I was gonna retire

Trip Away

Newcastle

It may never be the same

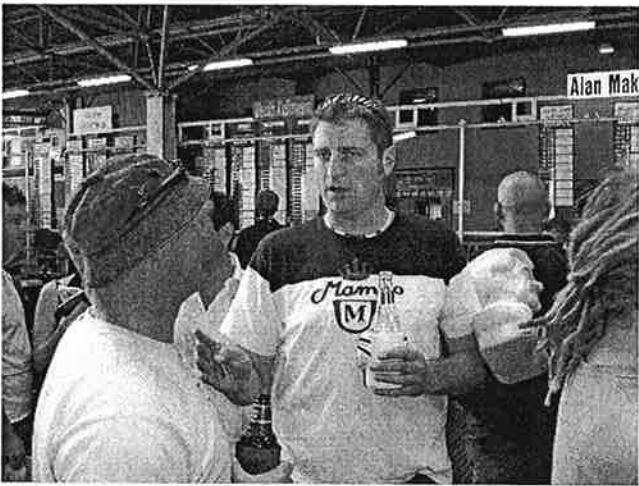




Benny shows off his new outfit



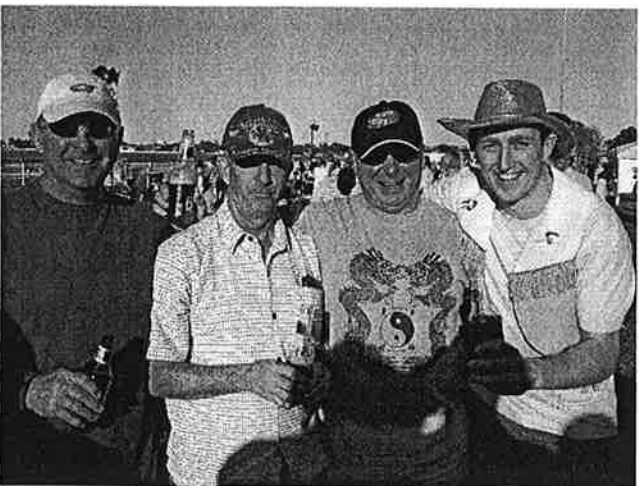
The restaurant never knew what hit them



Greg and Bob give Zlatty some punting advice



Timmy & Vigsy find out the hard way – never sleep



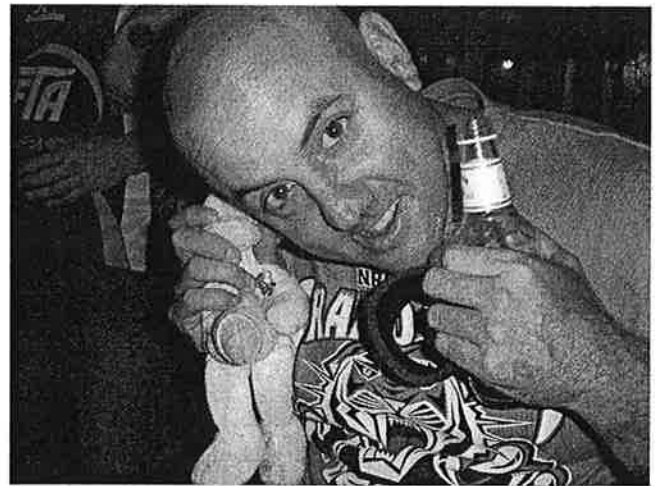
A day in the sun at the races



Robbo prepares for golf



Zlatty thought he connected beautifully



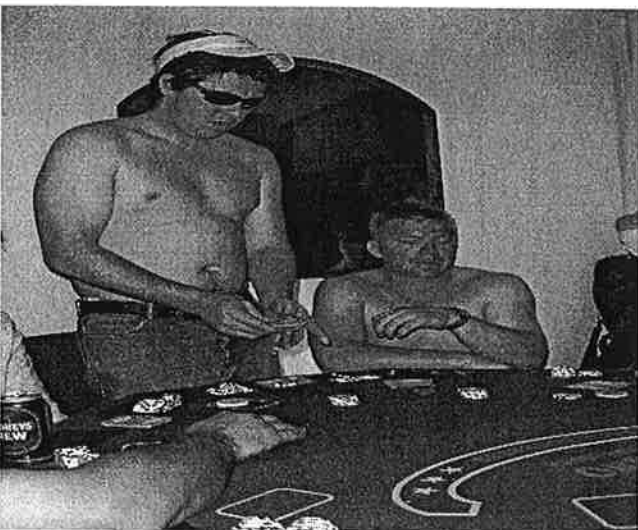
Condo with our good friend Randy Rabbit



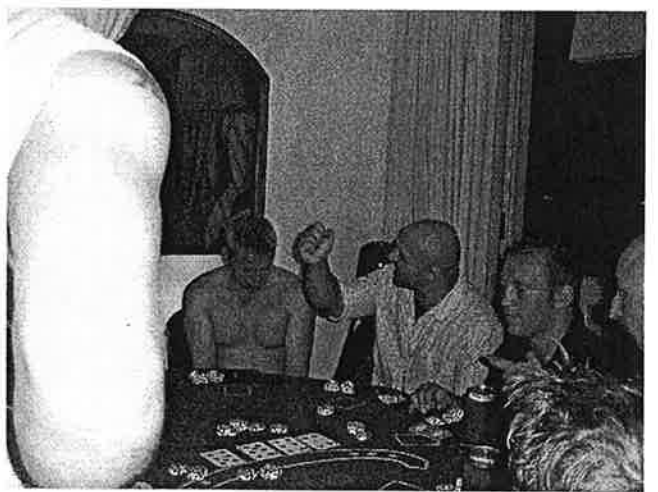
A picture of concentration as Timmy gets his beloved Tigers up



Sharmo bluffing again



The dress regulations go out the window at Casino Sharmo



The crowing soon turned to tears for Zlatty

NAME	PREVIOUS GAMES	3RD'S	2ND'S	1ST'S	TOTAL 2005	TOTAL GAMES
ASHFIELD GRAEME	0	1			1	1
BEVAN MITCHELL	0	11	14		25	25
BOUGHTON JOSHUA	20		1		1	1
BEAUMONT PAUL	11	13			13	24
BOURKE DARREN	51	4			4	55
BRUTON MICHAEL	62		18	6	24	86
BRUTON WAYNE	153		9	15	24	177
BUCKTHOUGHT SAM	0	3	16	2	21	21
BYE MARK	93	15	8		23	116
CONDON COREY	6	15	4	3	22	28
CONDON PAUL	32	18	1		19	51
CORBETT ROBERT	0	13	2		15	15
COUGHLIN BEN	7	14	1		15	22
CRIMMINS MATHEW	133	2			2	135
DARBY JOSH	78			12	12	90
DARBY LUKE	82	1	17	2	20	102
DARBY NIGEL	111	3	4		7	118
DAVIS PAUL	281	15	8	1	24	305
DAY WARREN	0	1			1	1
DUFFIN KIAIWA	0		1	1	2	2
DUFFIN MALCOLM	15		6	10	16	31
DUMMETT ROSS	78			9	9	87
EDMONDS ADAM	159			19	19	178
FEDERICI STEVEN	92	14	6		20	112
FILAN TIM	15		2	9	11	26
FOYE CHRISTOPHER	103	2	3	10	15	118
FRANKLIN CRAIG	135			19	19	154
GAINSFORD NATHAN	0	1	16	10	27	27
GORGIOVSKI TONY	99	9	13	2	24	123
GRAHAM SAM	35		6	12	18	53
GREER MICHAEL	13	6			6	19
HAINSWORTH LUKE	0	2			2	2
HALE GREG	0	16	3		19	19
HALLOWAY BRYDON	0	1			1	1
HAWKSWORTH HARRY	120			18	18	138
HENDERSON PETER	14	1			1	15
HILL ROBERT	0	5			5	5
HILL ZACHARY	26	2	8	1	11	37
HURLEY BRENDAN	45		1	16	17	62
JEREMIJENKO PAUL	0	10	1		11	11
KELLY AARON	0	13	1		14	14
LAIDLAW DALE	0	1			1	1
LANGER PATRICK	0	2			2	2
LONGBOTTOM TREVOR	0	1	3	17	21	21
MANOVSKI ZLATKO	194		19		19	213
MARTIN LEE	165		4	9	13	178
MATAR KHALED	182	3			3	185
MATULICK ALEX	33	1	17	5	23	56
MAYBERRY LUKE	127	11	3	2	16	143
McANDREW GREGORY	99		12	5	17	116
McCONNELL DAVID	44		16	6	22	66
McLEAN RICHARD	134	1			1	135
McPHEE CHAD	24	9	7	1	17	41
MEAFU AITA	0			12	12	12

NAME	PREVIOUS GAMES	3RD'S	2ND'S	1ST'S	TOTAL 2005	TOTAL GAMES
MERRICK MICHAEL	111	18	3		21	132
MITCHELL JAMES	0	10	3		13	13
NAYAGODAMU EMMANUEL	11		6	1	7	18
NEWTON BRADLEY	0		11		11	11
NORTON BRADLEY	0	11			11	11
NUGENT DANIEL	0	13			13	13
OLSEN BENJAMIN	173			16	16	189
OLSEN TIMOTHY	126		1	17	18	144
OPO NANAUWI	0	1			1	1
PEACE CAMERON	64	3	8		11	75
PEARSON STUART	166	19			19	185
PICKETT AARON	0	1	9	13	23	23
PLAZINSK WOSTER	0	6			6	6
READ DANIEL	154			19	19	173
REEDY RATU	8	2			2	10
RENDELL STEPHEN	12	11			11	23
ROBERTSON GLEN	66	2			2	68
ROSSITT ROBERT	33	12			12	45
RYDER TIMOTHY	44	8			8	52
SHARMAN ADAM	98	10	1	2	13	111
SHARMAN BRADLEY	70	10	2	4	16	86
SHORTUS BENJAMIN	0	14	1		15	15
SMITH PETER	4	10	11	1	22	26
STRETTON DAVID	64	10			10	74
STROM JUDD	0	6			6	6
TAINGAHUE JAMIE	0		1	17	18	18
TATAFU NICHOLAS	36	2			2	38
THOMAS GREGORY	69	1	7	13	21	90
THOMPSON CHRIS	0	5	2		7	7
TOLHOPF MURRAY	83	1			1	84
TULLY DANIEL	143		17	3	20	163
TWEEDIE SIMON	92	1	4		5	97
VEIGEL BRADLEY	32		1	16	17	49
VLANDYS LUKE	51		1		1	52
WALLACE CHRISTOPHER	37	1		3	4	41
WIACZEK STEVEN	0	12			12	12

AWARD WINNERS 2005

- 3rd GRADE PLAYERS PLAYER.....
- 3RD GRADE MOST IMPROVED.....
- 3RD GRADE BEST & FAIREST.....
- 2ND GRADE PLAYERS PLAYER.....
- 2ND GRADE MOST IMPROVED.....
- 2ND GRADE BEST & FAIREST.....
- 1ST GRADE PLAYERS PLAYER.....
- 1ST GRADE BEST BACK.....
- 1ST GRADE BEST FORWARD.....
- 1ST GRADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR.....
- BEST TRAINER.....
- MOST IMPROVED PLAYER.....
- MOST CONSISTANT PLAYER.....
- MOST OUTSTANDING PROSPECT.....
- TRYSOCER OF THE YEAR.....
- POINTSCORER OF THE YEAR.....
- CROOKY OF THE YEAR.....
- STIRRER OF THE YEAR.....
- 100 GAMES AWARDS.....
- 200 GAMES AWARDS.....
- 300 GAMES AWARDS.....
- RICK BOYLE TROPHY.....
- CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR.....



2005 PREMIERS

