

TECH RUGBY CLUB



THE REDS

YEAR BOOK

1992

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had a successful season in 1992 and but for a number of narrow losses (notably Vikings 7-8 and 10-14) could well have been playing in the semi-finals. Our imported players, Scott, Trevor and Mark added flair and interest to the Illawarra Competition, as well as making us much more competitive. They were also instrumental in assisting our young players to gain confidence and develop their skills.

Another pleasing aspect of the season was that the Club's playing numbers increased to the extent that reserves were selected for 3rd Grade in the final round of the competition. The increase in numbers was no doubt due to an extensive off season training and advertising program. The Club extends its thanks to John Maxwell from the Randwick Club and Bob Dwyer, the Australian Coach.

I congratulate Tony Naulty for his efforts in his initial year as a 1st Grade Coach.

Thanks to the Players, Coaches and hard working Committee that made 1992 so successful, and a special thanks to the Players and Supporters from 1991 who stuck with us after such a bad year.

Congratulations to Barry McVicar on achieving his Life Membership.

Many thanks to our Sponsors without whom we would not be able to function.

LEW POGSON

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 1992 season was the beginning of the road back. As ever, TECH is noted as being the most sociable and well organised Club in the Illawarra District. Some of our members went a little overboard this year with the socialising and at times the attendance was disappointing - but on the whole a great year.

I take this opportunity to thank my fellow Committee members for their support and help throughout the year and also special thanks to a few hard working Club members who gave freely of their time - their efforts do not go unnoticed.

All looks well for the 1993 season. We have the potential in our Club and with a little Club spirit and good coaching I predict the next few years will see the "REDS" as a force to be reckoned with.

My congratulations to the incoming Committee and my heartfelt thanks to all. I have had a great year with TECH RUGBY CLUB.

TANYA C WOODS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Once again thanks for the opportunity to act as Honorary Treasurer for your Club. It was a fairly active year socially and player wise.

Thanks must be made to Ean Torpy for his tight and efficient running of the Bar which had a 6 - 10% increase in takings for this year.

My job was made very easy in the collection of members subscriptions and I must thank Mark Hazel for his untiring efforts to chase members for money.

These subscriptions are primarily used to pay our yearly IRDU commitment, which rose by 15.8%. Members subscription receipts rose by 18.4% without having to increase subscriptions from the 1991 season and rebating over \$600.00 to members who took advantage of pre-season training at the TECH gym.

With all this we had a shortfall of subscription payments of 31.3% which has been covered by profits made behind the Bar and raffles at the Tatts.

The current recession "we had to have" has also not helped as can be seen by a reduction of monies from raffles at the Tatts. Thanks to all those workers who gave up their Fridays to sell tickets.

Anyhow, 1993 is going to be a better year for the Club and with this optimism in mind I'll sign off.

Yours in rugby

PETER LEINER

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Well my fellow TECH RUGBY enthusiasts yet another year has passed us and without saying it has been one of the more successful seasons in recent years.

Perhaps the previous years drought left a bitter taste in many peoples mouths and as a result players came out with a hunger and determination to win not seen in the Club for quite a while.

Commendation must go to all the Coaches, Under 19s - Lou Pogson, 3rd Grade - Rick Boyle, 2nd Grade - Davy Jones and 1st Grade - Tony Naulty. If it wasn't for the abovementioned our teams would not have been as successful as they were. Lou Pogson was the Under 19s Coach only after the appointed Coach had disappeared early in the year so Lou - "Thank You" for the hard work and long hours devoted to training and preparing the Under 19s. All this after taking on the Club's Presidency, a truly super-human effort - "Well Done" Lou. To Rick Boyle - "congratulations" on turning the "thirsty thirds" into a mean scoring machine. To turn a team renowned for being sluggish and only longing for liquid capped with a thick head on it into a competitive well oiled team that actually trained - YES I mean trained. Davy Jones - even though your team didn't have the success that the other teams had it certainly wasn't through lack of coaching ability or insight into the game we all love. And now to the man who had taken the most difficult job of all - the Coach of a 1st Grade team that had not won a game in over a year. This task was a tall one and upon recalling the early weeks of the year when a full team couldn't properly be organised the look of anguish remains firmly planted in my mind. But in total contrast the victory against University over-rules any bad memory from throughout the year. Tony Naulty - "Congratulations" on what was your first year as 1st Grade Coach, a truly successful year.

And now after "brown-tonguing" all the Coaches in the hope of getting a beer or four out of them I must turn my focus on the men of TECH RUGBY - the Players. The men that can proudly take the blame for the success of our Club this year. Each and every one of you can hold your heads up high and be proud to say "I play for TECH RUGBY". The guys that literally laid their bodies on the line, the guys that made the Club possible and competitive.

And so to pay tribute to the final group of people, the people who do a hell of a lot of work behind closed doors, mostly without any appreciation or credit. I happen to be talking about the Committee. The decision makers, the money spenders, the thinkers and stinkers (Hazel & Oggy) and most of all Tanya - our beloved Secretary who has had to put up with a bunch of foul mouthed rugby heads and tolerated it with a smile regardless of the situation.

Anyway I think I've babbled on enough and so I'll say "THANK YOU" to all the people who helped out throughout the year and hope to see you all do it again next year when we'll come out bigger, stronger and harder.

Best Regards

PETER NIKOLOVSKI

COACH'S REPORT

1ST GRADE

The 1992 season started with a lot of promise after good numbers to pre-season training and a good showing in the Kiama Sevens and the Vikings Knock Out. There was also signs of improved form in the trial matches against Campbelltown, University and Shamrocks.

Unfortunately when the competition proper began we started with five losses on the trot - not a good start to the season but thankfully the fellows never gave in. Club Captain and 1st Grade Captain Peter Nikolovski led the charge towards a winning attitude in games and at training we able to turn things around. The players efforts were rewarded mid-season and with the arrival of our imported players from overseas to strengthen our ranks this eventually made us the most feared team in the competition for teams hoping to make the final five. If not for a couple of close losses (notably three by one point) we could have even made the semis. Possibly we did not deserve to be there and I believe the players are better for the experience and now know what is required to be successful in 1st Grade Rugby for which we will build on in the upcoming seasons.

Overall performances from individuals were pleasing, most notable in the Forwards from Peter Nikolovski, Dave Scott and Troy Taylor who have come through the Junior ranks and progressed to be regulars in the 1st Grade team. Hopefully next year more forwards from the Under 19s can progress to the same level as these three players. In the Backs Adam Bailey, Paul Jones and Kieran Pogson were others of the younger brigade to progress to 1st Grade status and as with the Forwards we hope the Under 19 Backs can come through to 1st Grade next season as well.

A lot was said in the papers and around the other Clubs about our imported players being good, to which they were, but the other players in the team deserve a lot more credit than they have received. Trevor Revan, Mark Ellis and Scott Richardson provided a lot of guidance on the field however they were inspired by the rest of the team's enthusiasm and without that they probably would not have been as good as they were.

So you could say that the 1992 season was a little bit inconsistent but the improvement from previous season was very noticeable around the District. With the average of the players in the Club being very young, except for the occasional 3rd Grader who may have been born before 1962 making him 30 or so, we lacked a bit of experience but that will come with time.

Looking into the future it looks very bright and with a bit of hard work you the Players can become a formidable Club. Unfortunately it will not come easy, you will not be able to sit back and wait for things to happen, you will all have to become catalysts.

Congratulations to all the recipients of the various awards for the season and I would like to extend my thanks to all the Players, the 1st Grade Manager, Tony Cheetham, the Coaches of the other Grades, and also the hard working Committee who have played their role in the resurgence of TECH RUGBY CLUB in 1992.

TONY NAULTY



1ST GRADE - 1992

BACK ROW: D SCOTT, T TAYLOR, P NIKOLOVSKI, T NAULTY (COACH), M ANDERSON.
THIRD ROW: P JONES, S OGDEN, S RICHARDSON, R HERITAGE, J MAUGHAN.
SECOND ROW: M TOLHOPF, A WILLIAMS, G EVANS.
FRONT ROW: A BAILEY, M ELLIS, T REVAN, D BIRCH, T CHEETHAM (MANAGER).

COACH'S REPORT

2ND GRADE

Well boys the year has ended. For a year that promised so much but delivered so little - what can I say ? We had our chances (pronounced charnces).

The year started reasonably well considering that none of us knew each other. I thought that after the first three or four rounds we would give a lot of a people a big fright - but this was not to be. With so many games in which we lead but failed to finish I thought "Look Out Wollongong Here We Come !" - But ...???

To those handful of people who turned up at practice and matches my heartfelt thanks goes out to you and to the others - next time you have a shave and look in the mirror just think about the year that almost was. I hope whoever coaches you next year has more success because there are a few people who deserve it.

So in ending I wish each and everyone the very best for Christmas and a good year in Rugby in 1993.

DAVY JONES



2ND GRADE - 1992

BACK ROW: S TRUMAN, D VIDINS, J CRAWFORD, J JONES, E STIMSON.

SECOND ROW: T SIRC, S MARLAND, M POGSON (CAPTAIN), G LUYTEN,
J COX.

FRONT ROW: P MALADY, M MCCARTHY, J LAMMERS, D JONES (COACH).

COACH'S REPORT

3RD GRADE

It is with a certain amount of regret that I write this paper for our Annual Year Book on the exploits of the 1992 - 3rd Grade Side.

The reason I say this is because we could have produced a much more consistent performance over the season if only the players had realised that more dedication was required. Dedication would have changed them from "just a 3rd Grade side" into a team which others would respect and envy.

"Oh well" what could have been was not to be ! The 3rd Grade side has many individual players who are very talented but Rugby is a team game and all players must know and understand each others strengths and weaknesses. If we build on these strengths and weaknesses it broadens the skill of the whole team.

The rule changes have given me reason to re-think some of the old coaching methods and tactics and I believe the teams that can accept the change of emphasis in certain aspects of our game will gain the benefits on the field.

The 1992 - 3rd Grade Side were very lucky to have a Manager, in Ian Haigh, who looked after the necessary administrative aspects of the team. Ian was ably assisted by Graham Woods and both helped me considerably by listening to my whingeing and bitching, about "something or other", each and every week. I would also like to thank Peter Leiner for his assistance with coaching duties during the season.

The "3rds" are a very important part of any Club and I am pleased to say we were able to complete our commitments throughout the season. However we did have a couple of occasions when I had to rely on some of the "Oldies" to make up the numbers.

There are a couple of things I feel should be mentioned in this Annual Year Book. I personally want to thank those players that did attend training on a regular basis - I did appreciate your efforts (it was unfortunate that others didn't feel it necessary).

Secondly, there were two players who deserve special mention - Dave Evans and Wayne White. Dave travelled extensively all over Australia and New Zealand but he never let the side down on a Saturday. If he said he'd be there, he was and on more than one occasion played a big part in the team's effort. Wayne travelled from Cronulla every week to play for us which was a feat to start with - but on occasions, through necessity, he was changed to a different position to fill a "gap". I recall on one occasion he went from Outside Centre to 2nd Row to Front Row all within 30 minutes and not once did he ever say no - THANK YOU WAYNE.

For those players who will be back to play next year may you get a Coach who has the knowledge and skill to assist you and give you the motivation to become a team of Winners. May God give him the patience and understanding to produce such a team - and not accept anything less !

Best Regards

RICK BOYLE



3RD GRADE - 1992

BACK ROW: Y RANGUIIRA, I RUTERA, W WHITE, D EVANS, M HAZEL, P SHERLOCK,
THIRD ROW: C AVORA, S LUCAS.

SECOND ROW: T TIERE, B BARKER (CAPTAIN), W KNOWLES, L PORTER, T FENN.

FRONT ROW: I HAIGH (MANAGER), C ROURA, A WAREMAKI, T MAKEA, J HAYWARD, M MCCARTHY, R BOYLE (COACH).

COACH'S REPORT

UNDER 19s

The team that should have been ! The Under 19s this year had many players with outstanding skills and had those skills been moulded into a team we would have been unbeatable. This was not the case and with the loss of three or four key players towards the end of the season we finished well out of the top five.

Thanks to the boys for their enthusiasm and attendance at training.

Also thanks to Peter Leiner and Rick Boyle who filled in when I was unable to train.

LOU POGSON



UNDER 19s - 1992

BACK ROW: A WILLIAMS, P ROSIAK, A CARROL (MANAGER), J PETRE.

SECOND ROW: D ROBINSON, S NFWING, D TIBBLES, K POGSON, C WEBSTER, G HURST, I GIASON.

FRONT ROW: S RICHARDSON (BUCKET BOY !), D VIDINS, P DANIEL, T HOWE, D MITCHELL, G HEIJO,

L POGSON (COACH).

LIST OF REGISTERED PLAYERS

1992

Malcolm Anderson
Charlie Avora
Nick Bently
Rick Boyle
Julian Crawford
Paul Daniel
Dave Evans
Trevor Fenn
Andrew Gordon
Andrew Gripton
Kevin Hamlin
Raparti Heritage
Geoff Hurst
Wayne Knowles
Paul Lucas
Mark Luyten
Richard MacRae
Barry McVicar
Tommy Makea
John Martin
Simon Marland
Shaun Newing
Darryl O'Hara
Ian Perry
Matthew Pogson
Trevor Revan
Peter Rosiak
Terrie Royan
John Scott
Phil Sherlock
Stan Sitoou
Matt Sylvester
Mark Thompson
Josh Tito

Tony Arnold
Adam Bailey
Dave Birch
John Briguglio
John Cox
Mark Ellis
Greg Evans
Dennis Gardiner
James Gordon
Mark Groben
John Hayward
Shane Honey
Justin Jones
Jason Lammers
Stephen Lucas
Darryl MacDonald
Mick McCarthy
Shane McVicar
Paul Malady
John Maughan
John Neden
Peter Nikolovski
T Opo
Joshua Petre
Les Porter
Scott Richardson
Charlie Roura
Ian Ruttera
Matthew Scott
Doug Simm
Eddy Stimpson
Toko Tamata
Tony Tiera
Andrew Todd

Craig Arthur
Bill Barker
Adam Boardman
Brad Button
Mikel Dacko
Allan Emanuel
Bruce Faires
Craig Gibson
J Green
Phillip Hal
Mark Hazel
Toby Howe
Paul Jones
Andrew Lawler
Garry Luyten
Troy MacDonald
Rod McCullen
Will Madden
Tony Marau
Daniel Mitchell
Jim Neilson
Shaun Ogden
Darryl Parrish
Kieran Pogson
Yalo Ranguira
Duane Robinson
Andrew Royan
Dave Scott
Bill Shaw
Anthony Sirc
Michael Strudwick
Troy Taylor
Dave Tibbles
Murray Tolhopf

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Tepate Tomoare
Steve Truman
Cameron Webster
Nick Williams

Tony Tomoate
Dave Vidins
Wayne White
Rob Worden

Ean Torpy
Amu Waremakei
Adrian Williams

MARK HAZEL

TOTAL GAMES PLAYED

PLAYER	TOTAL AT START OF SEASON	1 S T	2 N D	3 R D	U / 19	TOTAL FOR SEASON	TOTAL GAMES PLAYED
M Anderson	151	19	3	-	-	22	173
T Arnold	181	-	-	1	-	1	182
C Arthur	42	9	1	-	-	10	52
C Avora	-	-	4	17	-	21	21
A Bailey	34	20	-	-	-	20	54
B Barker	93	2	2	15	-	19	112
N Bently	-	-	-	-	13	13	13
D Birch	83	19	2	-	-	21	104
A Boardman	12	-	1	-	6	7	19
R Boyle	438	-	-	4	-	4	442
J Briguglio	-	-	-	-	2	2	2
B Button	-	-	-	1	16	17	17
J Crawford	13	3	17	4	-	24	37
J Cox	-	9	14	1	-	24	24
M Dacko	-	-	7	1	7	15	15
P Daniel	-	-	-	1	13	14	14
M Ellis	-	15	-	-	-	15	15
A Emanuel	-	-	-	1	13	14	14
D Evans	-	-	1	11	-	12	12
G Evans	19	12	11	-	-	23	42

PLAYER	TOTAL AT START OF SEASON	1 S T	2 N D	3 R D	U / 19	TOTAL FOR SEASON	TOTAL GAMES PLAYED
B Faires	-	2	-	3	-	5	5
T Fenn	-	-	2	2	-	4	4
D Gardiner		-	3	3	-	6	
C Gibson	5	-	4	8	-	12	17
A Gordon	80	6	4	-	-	10	90
J Gordon	53	-	-	1	-	1	54
J Green	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
A Gripton	28	3	8	2	-	13	41
M Groben	20	-	-	-	14	14	34
P Hall	1	-	-	1	-	1	2
K Hamlin	-	1	9	6	-	16	16
J Hayward	73	-	5	12	-	17	90
M Hazel	16	-	1	10	-	11	27
R Heritage	-	6	-	-	-	6	6
S Honey	18	3	1	-	-	4	22
T Howe	15	-	1	-	15	16	31
G Hurst	-	-	-	-	3	3	3
J Jones	27	-	12	10	-	22	49
P Jones	41	16	-	-	-	16	57
W Knowles	39	-	1	10	-	11	50
J Lammers	28	6	14	2	-	22	50
A Lawler	5	2	-	2	10	14	19
P Lucas	-	-	-	-	2	2	2

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S Lucas	1	-	1	19	-	20	21
G Luyten	16	-	21	1	-	22	38
M Luyten	-	-	-	-	2	2	2
D MacDonald	36	1	4	5	-	10	46
T MacDonald	16	-	2	2	1	5	21
R MacRae	200	-	17	-	-	17	217
M McCarthy	-	3	10	5	-	18	18
R McCullen	-	-	2	-	-	2	2
S McVicar	76	6	-	-	-	6	82
W Madden	83	4	-	-	-	4	87
T Makea	23	-	-	20	-	20	43
P Malady	132	3	13	1	-	17	149
T Marau	11	-	-	1	-	1	12
S Marland	25	1	15	3	-	19	44
J Martin	6	-	-	2	-	2	8
J Maughan	127	4	5	7	-	16	143
D Mitchell	-	-	-	-	4	4	4
J Neden	-	-	1	1	-	2	2
J Neilson	246	-	-	1	-	1	247
S Newing	-	-	2	2	17	21	21
P Nikolovski	34	17	-	1	-	18	52
S Ogden	25	9	5	-	-	14	39
D O'Hara	28	-	-	6	-	6	34

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T Opo	-	-	-	-	4	4	4
D Parrish	-	-	-	-	10	10	10
I Perry	21	-	-	6	-	6	27
J Petre	-	1	2	3	16	22	22
K Pogson	51	16	1	-	12	29	80
M Pogson	44	4	18	-	-	22	66
L Porter	117	6	4	11	-	21	138
Y Ranguira	32	-	-	17	-	17	49
T Revan	-	15	-	-	-	15	15
S Richardson	-	18	-	-	-	18	18
D Robinson	-	-	-	-	2	2	2
P Rosiak	-	-	-	-	15	15	15
C Roura	-	-	3	4	-	7	7
A Royan	22	3	1	-	-	4	26
T Royan	13	-	7	7	-	14	27
I Ruteru	172	3	9	-	12	12	184
D Scott	54	17	2	-	-	19	73
J Scott	45	13	8	-	-	21	66
M Scott	24	-	-	1	5	6	30
B Shaw	-	-	-	11	-	11	11
P Sherlock	71	-	-	6	-	6	77
D Simm	17	1	11	10	-	22	39
A Sirc	17	1	11	12	-	24	41

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S Sitoou	9	-	6	1	-	7	16
E Stimpson	-	3	4	-	8	15	15
M Strudwick	140	-	-	10	-	10	150
M Sylvester	7	-	2	3	-	5	12
T Tamata	-	8	1	-	-	9	9
T Taylor	59	20	2	-	-	22	81
M Thompson	98	-	-	1	-	1	99
T Tiere	-	-	1	17	-	18	18
D Tibbles	-	-	2	-	11	13	13
J Tito	124	1	6	3	-	10	134
A Todd	21	-	-	1	8	9	30
M Tolhopf	17	16	4	-	-	20	37
T Tomoare	-	-	-	-	2	2	2
T Tomoate	-	-	-	1	4	5	5
E Torpy	423	-	-	3	-	3	426
S Truman	-	6	11	-	-	17	17
D Vidins	-	-	4	3	17	24	24
A Waremaki	74	-	-	18	-	18	92
C Webster	-	-	-	-	9	9	9
W White	8	-	2	15	-	17	25
A Williams	6	5	-	-	15	20	26
N Williams	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
R Worden	-	-	-	-	3	3	3