

GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OLD BOYS' RUGBY UNION
FOOTBALL CLUB



Seventh Annual Report
and Financial Statement



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be held in the Y.M.C.A., Edward St., Brisbane,
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The Seventh Annual Report and Financial Statement

Office Bearers, 1937

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ANNUAL REPORT

Gentlemen,—

Your Committee has much pleasure in submitting its Seventh Annual Report and Financial Statement. The year under review was one of varying fortunes but it can be truthfully reported that in all respects the Club experienced its most successful season. In Q.R.U. competition matches the G.P.S. teams performed creditably, a healthy club spirit prevailed and a marked improvement was noticeable in training attendances. The Club's excellent record of sportsmanship and good behaviour was maintained and a further improvement was effected in the financial position.

THE SPRINGBOKS.

As a club affiliated with the Queensland Rugby Union, it was our pleasure to assist in the entertainment of the Springboks who visited Queensland early in July. We are indebted to Mr. Philip Nel and his men for their clever displays of Rugby and are grateful to them for the impetus given the game in this State.

The Q.R.U. Executive are to be commended for their wisdom in earmarking a large share of the profits of this tour for ground improvements, and as a result lower grade players will directly benefit by better playing surfaces and more congenial accommodation at Eagle Farm and Kalinga.

COMPETITION MATCHES.

Thirty-eight players wore the Club's colours in A. Grade matches during the season. This state of affairs was chiefly the result of an unusual number of transfers and several injuries that seriously handicapped the selectors in their attempts to build up a combination.

Despite these setbacks the A team annexed the Welsby Cup and reached the final of the A Grade premiership. A number of promising young players were developed, several of whom are destined to gain representative honours in the near future.

The B Grade side were unfortunate in being without the services of a coach. They were also called on to provide players to fill vacancies in the higher grade despite the fact that care was taken to avoid this whenever possible. Occasional victories were enjoyed but their failure to win the majority of their matches meant the loss of the Club's chances of winning the R.N.A. Cup as the champion club.

To the C1 Team belongs the honour of winning the first

premiership in the history of the Club. Playing in the C2 Grade competitions they enjoyed an undefeated record and in addition to the premiership were successful in winning a special knock out competition for which they received a cup donated by Mr. Stan Phillips. This splendid record was the reward for strict attention to training, a determined will to win and a keen club spirit which was displayed by every member of the side.

Your Executive recommends that these players be kept together as one team if at all possible during the coming season as it is believed that they will eventually prove a combination capable of winning an A Grade premiership.

Those members who were unable to gain a place in a higher team were accommodated by the formation of a C2 team which functioned successfully in keeping players fit and ready to fill vacancies as they occurred from time to time. These members are to be admired for the manner in which they bravely fulfilled their fixture engagements against much stronger and heavier opposition.

The Committee is proud to record that four teams—one more than any other club—were fielded throughout the season and although occasional matches were played with one or two players short no match was forfeited in any grade.

FINANCE.

Again this year your Executive is in a position to present a Financial Statement which discloses a healthy state of affairs. From the attached Statement of Receipts and Payments it will be seen that the Club has a credit balance of 9/3 at the bank and although this amount is small it is pleasing to know that liabilities carried forward from 1936 season amounting to £6/6/- have been met and also that there were no sundry creditors at the close of the season under review. The attached Statement of Income and Expenditure discloses a surplus of income over expenditure amounting to £7/0/6. Interesting items of expense are:—Training grounds, £21/18/-; Ipswich Players' Fares, £11/6/6; Postage and Telegrams, £6/0/11; Materials, £15/18/9. Due to the laxity of certain club members the amount still outstanding for subscriptions, etc., is £7/6/-, and we hope that these members will realise their obligations at an early date.

SOCIAL.

In accordance with a recommendation made at the last Annual Meeting, a Ladies' Committee was formed. It consisted of Misses Frances Doneley, Alison Knowles, Diana McIntyre, Joan Robinson, Mary Trotter and Betty Greenup.

Club members generally showed a lack of appreciation

of the efforts of these girls by their failure to support the Club dances and boat picnics which were convened during the year. Those who did attend were rewarded by the enjoyment of very pleasant gatherings. A most successful dance was arranged in honour of the visiting N.S.W. footballers.

Unless these entertainments are successful financially, it is impossible for the Committee to provide improved training facilities or to reduce subscriptions and playing fees in any way.

An occasional Smoko was held during the season and at intervals during the summer. These were usually well attended and greatly assisted in developing an improved club spirit.

A Golf Tournament was also arranged during the off season and despite a wet Sunday about eighteen members participated.

On Saturday evening, 25th September, the Club held its first Annual Dinner. There was a good attendance of members and a very happy evening was spent. It is to be hoped that we can look forward to this dinner as an annual event.

SOCIAL GAMES.

A team comprising players from all grades visited Gatton in May and met a College XV. The G.P.S. side was defeated in this game by a team that delighted the onlookers with their splendid display of football. As usual our members were hospitably received and we thank Professor Murray, Messrs, Roderick and Bosworth and the students for a most enjoyable day. A return game was played as a curtain raiser to the Springboks v. Australia match and on this occasion it resulted in a comfortable victory for a stronger G.P.S. team.

On Saturday, 17th July, the A Grade side journeyed to Toowoomba and played the Past Grammar Club. The G.P.S. team was almost at full strength but it suffered defeat at the hands of the local fifteen. The players stayed the night in Toowoomba and returned to Brisbane on Sunday. We have to thank the players and officials of Past Grammars for a very pleasant week-end. Trips to Gatton and Toowoomba and other country centres are always popular with members, for not only do they provide an opportunity for a game of football which is free from the seriousness of competition matches, but also for much fun and enjoyment in one another's company.

TRAINING.

Reference to the Financial Statement will show that £22 was spent during the year in providing training grounds for members. The expenditure of this sum of money is always

justified provided that members are keen to make use of the facilities available.

The attendances at training during the season showed considerable improvement but there were still a number of members who welcomed excuses to take nights off. Success comes only to those who train assiduously. Every footballer at present playing Rugby Union has a chance of inclusion in the team for England in 1939, but only those who are keen to do well can hope to be considered when the time comes.

TROPHIES.

At the commencement of the season trophies were promised by Dr. Fraser, Messrs. R. E. Nixon-Smith, C. Hockings and T. Foggitt.

At the suggestion of the Committee, these gentlemen kindly donated cash instead, out of which funds a miniature cup was purchased for each member of the A side that won the Welsby Cup. As a result collective success was rewarded as against individual performances.

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS.

The Club, as in previous years, again secured its share of intercity and interstate representation.

Messrs. L. Lewis, B. Douglas, B. Buchanan, S. Jones, R. Bentley, C. Hockings, R. Dent, C. McCarthy, D. Leggett and B. O'Connor represented Brisbane; Messrs. L. Lewis, B. Douglas, R. Bentley and C. Hockings played for Queensland, while Messrs. Lewis and Douglas represented the Australian XV. against the Springboks. To these players the Executive extends its congratulations and trusts that the coming season will see them retain their form.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We also extend our congratulations to the Eagle Junction and Bretts-Windsor Clubs on their A Grade successes and again to Bretts on their B and C Grade premierships. We congratulate Nudgee College on their outstanding successes in G.P.S. football.

RUGBY UNION GOLF CUP.

Again we have to record that the Annual Rugby Union Golf Tournament for Dr. Fraser's trophy was won by a G.P.S. member. On this occasion George Knauer played excellent golf to lead the field and Brian O'Connor was successful in winning the morning round.

THANKS.

The Club offers its sincerest thanks to Dr. K. B. Fraser, Messrs. T. Foggitt, R. E. Nixon-Smith, C. Hockings, J. M. G. Buchanan, R. J. Willcocks, S. Lewis, H. C. Lavery, C. K. Lea, H. E. Roberts, A. R. T. Doneley and Alan Lucy for their

generous donations; to Messrs. J. Williams and W. Harrison for their sustained interest and untiring efforts as coaches and to Mr. C. K. Lea for his work as honorary auditor.

We are indebted to and thank the Valley Rugby League for the use of their training ground during August.

We very much appreciate the honorary medical attention so generously given to injured members by our President, Dr. Fraser.

Our thanks are also due to the Queensland Rugby Union and Referees' Association and the Press for many favours, and to Mr. Tom Gorman for his hospitality. Also the Q.A.T.B. for attending to our injured players. We appreciate the ready assistance rendered by our Ladies' Committee and thank them for their energetic work.

We owe much to Mr. C. Hockings, of Ipswich, for securing members from that centre and thank both him and his wife for their kindly interest in our welfare.

OBITUARY.

The Executive, on behalf of the Club members, extend their sincere sympathy to Dr. Fraser and to Don MacDonald and Ted Phillips in their sad bereavements.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the Club has shown a steady increase in numbers. During the season under review it reached the record figures of 107 financial members. Your Committee has been in close touch with the sports masters of the Great Public Schools, and as a result a number of young players have been recruited.

We appeal to those members who have decided to retire from active football to continue their membership with the Club. A strong body of past players can do much by assisting in the coaching of players and the administration of the Club or merely by lending enthusiastic support.

The Referees' Association are always pleased to welcome ex-players who are desirous of participating in the important work of refereeing fixture games.

CONCLUSION.

The Committee Members have worked harmoniously together during the year, at all times acting in what they considered to be the best interests of the Club. On their behalf the undersigned extend to the incoming Committee their best wishes and express the hope that their efforts will meet with much success.

For and on behalf of the Executive,

H. C. LAVERY (Chairman)

C. R. GREENUP (Hon. Secretary).

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Period 28th January, 1937 to 22nd January, 1938.

RECEIPTS.			£	s	d	PAYMENTS.			£	s	d	£	s	d
To Balance, 28th January, 1937	..	..	1	5	3	By Royal National Association—								
" Subscriptions, 1936	..	..	1	7	6	Hire of Ground, 1936	..	..	4	4	0			
" " 1937	..	..	25	5	0	" " " 1937	..	..	21	18	0			
Donations	..	..	26	12	6	Queensland Rugby Union—						26	2	0
" Playing Fees	..	..	25	6	11	Affiliation Fees, 1936	..	..	2	2	0			
" Socials—	..	..	26	4	6	" " " 1937	..	..	2	2	0			
Picture Benefits, 1936	1	16	0			Insurance Fund	..	..	2	2	0			
" " 1937	28	18	0			Materials	..	..				6	6	0
Smoke Concerts	..	..	30	14	0	" Printing and Stationery	..	..				15	18	9
Dances	..	..	15	18	6	" Y.M.C.A., Hire of Room	..	..				8	5	8
Dinner	..	..	10	6	6	" Travelling Expenses—	..	..				0	10	6
Boat Trips	..	..	10	18	6	Players' Fares, Ipswich	..	..	11	6	6			
			3	13	6	Team Transport	..	..	4	9	11			
			71	11	0	Wreaths	..	..				15	16	5
						" Bank Fees and Exchange	..	..				1	1	0
						" Reserved Seats, Springboks,	..	..				0	15	6
						Ladies' Committee	..	..				
						" Trophies, Welsby Cup Minia-	..	..				0	17	11
						tures	..	..				
						" Presentation	..	..				5	2	0
						" Socials—	..	..				0	17	0
						Picture Benefits	..	..	13	1	0			
						Smoke Concerts	..	..	18	5	6			
						Dances	..	..	9	7	9			
						Dinner	..	..	12	3	5			
						Boat Trips	..	..	5	15	0			
						Medical Expenses	..	..				58	12	8
						" Advertising	..	..				2	17	0
						" Telephone, Trunk Line Calls	..	..				0	2	0
						" Postage and Telegrams	..	..				1	5	7
						" Balance at Bank	..	..				6	0	11
												0	9	3
												£151	0	2

K. R. TANNER, Hon. Treasurer.

26/1/38.

Audited and found correct.

C. K. LEA, Hon. Auditor.

Income and Expenditure Account for Period 28th January, 1937 to 22nd January, 1938.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
To Hire of Grounds	21	18	0	By Subscriptions .. .. .	..	..
" Affiliation Fees, Q.R. Union	2	2	0	" Donations .. .. .	..	..
" Insurance Fund, Q.R. Union	2	2	0	" Playing Fees .. .. .	..	..
" Materials	14	9	9	" Receipts—Socials, Picture Benefits, Dances, ..	..	..
" Printing and Stationery	8	5	8	" Dinner, Boat Trips, Smoke Concerts ..	..	..
" Hire of Room, Y.M.C.A.	0	10	6			
" Travelling Expenses	15	16	5			
" Wreaths	1	1	0			
" Bank Fees, Cheque Book and Exchange	0	15	6			
" Cost of Reserved Seats—Ladies' Committee, ..	0	17	11			
" Springbok Match	5	2	0			
" Trophies—Welsby Cup Miniatures	0	17	0			
" Presentation	58	12	8			
" Expenses—Socials, Picture Benefits, Dances, ..	2	17	0			
" Dinner, Boat Trips, Smoke Concerts	0	2	0			
" Medical Expenses	1	5	7			
" Advertising	6	0	11			
" Telephone, Trunk Line Calls	142	15	11			
" Postage, Telegrams	7	0	6			
" Balance, being excess of Income over ..	£149	16	5			
Expenditure for period						
	£149	16	5			

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C. K. LEA, Hon. Auditor.

SEASON 1937—TROPHIES AND WINNERS.

Royal National Association Cup—Bretts-Windsor.

A Grade—

Premierships Cups—Doughty Shield—Eagle Junction.
Welsby Cup—G.P.S. Old Boys.
Old Buffers' Cup—Bretts-Windsor.

B Grade—

F. C. Lea Cup—New Farm.
Premiership—Bretts-Windsor.

C1 Grade—

Cup Round—Greenslopes.
Premiership—Bretts-Windsor.

C2 Grade—

Premiership—G.P.S. Old Boys.
Stan Phillip's Cup—G.P.S. Old Boys.

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS LIST.

Queensland players in Test matches v. South Africa—V. Wilson, E. Bonis, V. Bermingham.

Queensland players in Australian XV. v. South Africa—E. S. Hayes, L. Walker, C. Andrews, L. S. Lewis, V. Bermingham, E. Bonis, V. Wilson, W. Douglas, B. Oxlade.

QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS' HONOURS LIST.

v. South Africa—

L. Walker, C. Andrews, E. S. Hayes, E. James, R. Bentley, L. Lewis, C. Hockings, J. O'Shea, T. Green, V. Bermingham, V. Wilson, W. Monti, J. McDonald, B. Oxlade, W. Douglas.

v. N.S.W. in Sydney—

L. Walker, R. McDonald, E. James, E. S. Hayes, J. Howard, L. S. Lewis, J. Horan, B. Oxlade, K. Suter, W. Douglas, V. Wilson, E. Browne, J. O'Shea, T. Green, V. Bermingham, K. Eason, J. McDonald, R. Ebberrn.

v. N.S.W. in Brisbane—

L. Walker, J. Howard, K. Eason, E. S. Hayes, R. McDonald, L. S. Lewis, J. Horan, R. Ebberrn, S. Keats, V. Bermingham, V. Wilson, K. Suter, B. Oxlade, E. Browne, J. McDonald, J. O'Shea, W. Douglas.