

GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OLD BOYS RUGBY UNION

FOOTBALL CLUB

28TH ANNUAL REPORT

AND

BALANCE SHEET

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OFFICE BEARERS - 1958

<u>PATRON:</u>	Mr. A. C. Dibden
<u>PRESIDENT:</u>	Mr. W. H. Boyd
<u>VICE-PRESIDENTS:</u>	Messrs. H. Edwards, L. S. Lewis, A. Ware, H. Hope, J. Hamlyn, H. Bere, D. McLean, R. McLean, C. Kaus, H. Roberts, B. F. Luton, N. Baldwin, L. Charters, J. Hall, T. C. Blue, J. Fadden, R. Hope, A. C. Dibdin, E. Broad, K. Percy, W. McLean, J. Irwin, G. Duckworth, C. Thompson, C. Fox, J. Walsh J. P. Higgins M. Lawrence (Snr.), A. G. Harding, G. Marles, J. Radford.
<u>HON. SECRETARY:</u>	Mr. J. H. Frew.
<u>HON. TREASURER:</u>	Mr. H. Kieseker
<u>HON. REGISTRAR:</u>	Mr. H. Bere
<u>HON. AUDITOR:</u>	Mr. L. Saunders
<u>HON. MINUTE SEC.:</u>	Mr. Mark Williams
<u>Q.R.U. EXECUTIVE</u> <u>OFFICER:</u>	Mr. W. H. Boyd
<u>Q.R.U. COUNCIL</u> <u>MEMBERS:</u>	Messrs. M. Williams and T. Simpson.
<u>CLUB EXECUTIVE</u> <u>COMMITTEE:</u>	The President, Mr. W. H. Boyd, Hon. Secretaries, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Registrar, Messrs. T. Simson, J. Greene, A. Flynn, M. Williams, C. G. Jones, R. Roberts, J. Herbert.
<u>CLUB NOMINEE:</u> <u>Metropolitan and</u> <u>State Coach.</u>	Mr. P. Robinson.
<u>HON. DOCTORS:</u>	Drs. K. B. Fraser and T. Biggs.
<u>LIFE MEMBERS:</u>	Messrs. R. J. Willcocks, J. A. Bell, C. Kaus, R. Stephenson, J. East, H. C. Lavery, R. H. Nicol Dr. K. B. Fraser, Dr. B. W. Biggs, J. McMaster J. Williams, H. Bere, J. A. McIntyre, T. Simson and K. Percy.

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Gentlemen,

Your executive submits for your consideration the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for 1958.

Our Club was honoured by the election of our president, Mr. W. H. Boyd, to the chairmanship of the Q.R.U. This position he has carried in the most competent way and through his efforts has added even new laurels to our Club.

At the last Annual General Meeting there was much discussion on our financial position. We were pleased to report that the situation is much improved this year. The support from the members in paying the playing fees more regularly and prompter payment of club dues, was a very noticeable factor (even though some we received on 5/- deposit and the balance later.)

We cannot boast of winning any premierships last season. However it is generally felt that the club as a club, and after all this is the most important thing in Rugby Union, had a good year.

Unfortunately we did not manage a trip away last season but this is certainly well in mind for early this season.

#### Competition Games.

Our Club entered three Teams this year, "A" Grade, A Reserve, and "B" Grade. All teams began the season rather raggedly but in usual style picked up by the end of the season, they however left their run a little too late.

Our congratulations to Souths on winning "A" Grade Premiership; University, the Reserve Grade; Teachers, "B" Grade; and Norths, "C" Grade.

#### Training and Coaching.

The Teams trained on the Tuesday and Thursday night of each week, at New Farm Park, with of course every amenity, e.g. hot showers, steam baths etc.

The coaches were, Peter Robinson with the "A" Grade, who found it necessary to resign half way through the year. His

position was filled by none other than John Herbert, who is affectionately referred to by all, as "the old man of Rugby". John Herbert did a great job, deserving full marks for his complete unselfishness which he has shown through many years with the Club in every aspect.

Reserve Grade was trained by Athol Flynn, who as usual did his keen and thorough best, even though he lacked some support from the reserve grade side in their attendance at training. In fact the reserve attendance was by far the poorest.

"B" Grade, trained by Bruce Mill who did a good job and his young team did very well in the year, all things being considered.

#### Team Comments.

##### "A" Grade.

Once again the "A" Grade commenced the season full of enthusiasm and with big ideas of winning the premiership and, once again, the premiership was not to be won by G.P.S.

With the inception of the new "play-the-ball" rule the team showed great promise in the trial games and the "knock-out" competition and many of the loyal supporters backed the team to win the elusive premiership. However, as the season progressed, the standard of football and the will to win deteriorated and in the latter of the season the team was fortunate, mainly due to some excellent football by the Boyd brothers, to defeat the supposedly weaker teams in the competition.

Although the team had its worst season in many years, it still managed to produce an international in Alister Boyd, and also a fair proportion of State Representatives.

The halves put up a sturdy performance throughout the season and had the remaining members shown as much "guts" as these two players, the season may have finished some three or four weeks later.

The team makes no excuses for its failure and all the players realise they will have to put up a better performance in the coming season if they are to hold their positions. One factor which may be attributed to the failure of the team is the lack of club spirit. This is apparent not only in the "A" Grade,

but also in the minor Grades. The players are not wholly responsible for the lack of club spirit. The problem is one which must be overcome by the Executive and the players alike if the club is to function successfully on and off the field.

In conclusion, the team thanks its staunch supporters for their unfailing help and support and apologises for its failure.

JOHN HARRIS,  
Vice Captain.

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### "B" Grade

A lack of "killer" instinct cost the B Grade a place in the final four. On at least three occasions they were well in front at half time and eased up to get beaten without scoring in the second half. This could be due to a certain amount of light-heartedness and laxity at training. It could also be due to having almost new teams each week, not allowing any combinations to settle down. They finished the season well, winning the last three games comfortably.

However, these were not entirely "B" Grade successes as quite a few reserve graders were called upon to help out. David Clark, John Adams and Clive Garnsey were players who must have got quite used to playing twice during a weekend. Of the regular "B" Graders, two "little" men, Don Rylance (back) and Jake McRoland (forward) gave consistently good performances, and were rewarded accordingly at the end of the season.

A couple of late season finds, Doug Bell and Jim Sanderson, performed extra well, and Peter Krebs and Bruce Cameron always tried hard.

Special thanks are due to our coach, Bruce Mills, who never seemed to lose heart, even with bad attendances at training, and to Maurice Shaw, who worked really hard to get a complete team in the field every game.

BRIAN GARNSEY  
Captain.

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RESERVE GRADE

Despite early keenness and good results, the Reserve Grade Team failed to make the final four. This would be attributed mainly to lack of condition, but in fairness also to the fact that the members of the Reserve Grade were called on to play "A" Grade on many occasions, quite often playing two games in a weekend. Team-work could not be developed under these circumstances. Whilst it is the function of the Reserve Grade to hold in reserve players for the "A" Grade, satisfactory results cannot be expected whilst the players are being chopped and changed.

Enough criticism - Players whose form deserves mention are Des. Ross, Cec. Abotomey and Bill Horsley who led a heavy, virile pack that with condition would have been head and shoulders over any other Reserve and quite a few "A" Grade packs in the competition. In the backs, John Adam and Harvey Blue showed considerable promise and David Clark played some solid games as fullback. Veteran John Herbert again was not found wanting when high stepping, quick thinking tacticians were required.

The team's thanks and gratitude goes to Coach Athol Flynn, whose patience and fortitude were sorely tried by lack of attendance at training.

We hope to see this year many new faces and all the old ones at regular training and in first class physical condition.

R. S. ROBERTS.  
Chairman.

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Selectors.

In accordance with our constitution, five selectors were elected at the Annual General Meeting. They were Maurice Shaw, Mark Williams, John Greene, John Herbert and Bruce Mills.

All five did an excellent job, and chose the best team available, even though like the coaches they were severely hampered by the lack of attendance at training of the lower grades.

### Home Ground.

Your Executive is pleased to announce that finality has been reached with the City Council negotiation of our lease of Finsbury Park. The lease is for 10 consecutive winter seasons, thereby giving us sufficient time to build this into a permanent Home Ground. Preparations have been made for lights, and it is the intention of the Executive for the Club to train and if possible play at Finsbury this season.

Negotiations are taking place at the moment to erect a 20 sq. Clubhouse with all facilities, and if necessary finance is available this also will be completed in the new year.

### Finance.

As previously stated our financial situation is much improved on last year. This however does not mean that we are wealthy, far from it. The club fees were better subscribed this year, however there were still a few who swung the lead, this attitude of laxity toward club fees must cease, and it is imperative this season that we not only have the fees paid, but they must be paid by the end of March. If this is not done then the facilities and amenities that your Executive are working for will not be possible.

### New Jerseys and Club Ties.

There has been a strong feeling for some time regarding our jersey, so this season the jersey has been changed to the traditional Rugby Hoops. Our colour of course will remain the same.

The manufacturers of our club Ties have informed us that supplies should be available at the end of February, and as soon as it is possible they will be on sale to all club members.

### Trophies and Annual Dinner.

Our Annual Dinner and Presentation of Trophies was held at the Masonic Club, and we were honoured by the presence of Ken Hardy, President of Q.R.U., Secretary and Treasurer of Q.R.U. and representatives of all kindred clubs and of course the Referees.

For the first time we had as our Patron Mr. A. C. Dibden who donated a trophy aptly named the Patron Trophy, which Mr. Dibden presented to the winner personally.

The Trophy Winners were as follows:-

Patron's Trophy : Best and Fairest 1958. Alister Boyd.

President's Trophy: Best A. Grade Forward. Ray Smith.  
Best A. Grade Back. Berrick Boyd.

Jack Williams Trophy: Best Reserve Grade  
Forward Jim Brew  
Best Reserve Grade Back. Harvey Blue.

Tom Simson & Howard Best B. Grade Forward Jake McDonald  
Keiseker Trophy: Best B. Grade Back Don Rylance.

The C. Fox Trophy for the highest try scorer in the  
"A" and "A Reserve" Grades were.

Alister Boyd A. Grade  
Harvey Blue Reserve.

Harry Edwards Trophy: Best Colt 1958  
B. Grader Greg Hobbs.

The Roberts Trophy: Best Clubman 1958 Mark Williams

#### Attendance at Executive Meetings:

		19 Meetings
President:	W. Boyd	11
Hon. Secretary:	J. Frew	18
Hon. Treasurer:	H. Keiseker	11
Asst. Hon. Secretary:	M. Williams	13
Hon. Registrar:	H. Bere	15
Members:	A. Flynn	17
	T. Simson	9
	J. Greene	18
	R. Roberts	13
	J. Herbert	15
	C. Jones	15

#### Thanks and Appreciation.

On behalf of the Club the Club the Executive wishes to extend a sincere vote of thanks to the following.



For donation of Trophies:

A. C. Dibden, W. H. Boyd, J. Williams, H. Edwards, T. Simson,  
H. Keiseker, C. Fox, Messrs Rolly and Jack Roberts.

- To - Mr. Harry Edwards and Rube Nicoll and Keith Percy, for their generous donation and keen interest in the Club during the year.
  - To - Mr. and Mrs. Leon Charteris, for their assistance and the use of their showroom during the year for our executive meetings.
  - To - Maurice Shaw, for his keen interest and active participation as a selector, also for his excellent organisation of the cooking dept. on our 'Big Nite'.
  - To - Brian Loel and Lowes Dry Cleaners for the generous donation of jersey cleaning money for the season to our homeground fund.
  - To - Mr. L. Saunders for his auditing of our books.
  - To - Sir Kenneth Fraser and Dr. T. Biggs for their support and interest.
  - To - W. Love & Son for their assistance through our keen member Athol Flynn.
  - To - Members of Q.R.U. Executive and Baden Abotomey in particular for their service to Rugby.
  - To - Mr. R. S. Colquhoun Esq., Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Straughan and Mr. and Mrs. T. Simpson for use of their respective premises for our Fund Raising Evenings.
  - To - The Referees for their continued service and impartial handling of the Game
  - To - The Press and Radio with particular thanks to Max Hawkins, Nev Davidson, Frank O'Callaghan, Clive Harburg, ABC, and Reg Goss and Tom Foley, 4BK.
  - To - To our friend and keen supporter, Humphrey Bere for the industrious way he has carried out his duties as Club Registrar, and the many other things he has helped with during the year.
  - To - Miss Scott and the typing staff and Carmen and Petersen Mrs. Mark Williams, Mrs. Howard Keiseker, Miss June Simson of Keith Percy's office, Kay, Betty Carol, Fay and Betty at Isles Love for their assistance with typing of correspondence during the year.
- For gifts of money from: Messrs. H. E. Edwards, Leon Charters, K. Percy, A. C. Dibdin, S. H. Hope, Jack Hamlyn, J. Williams, G. Marles, M. Shaw. C. Thompson, and J. Radford.

Congratulations.

To the following for selection to the Wallaby team which toured New Zealand with an exciting performance.

Harry Roberts	Brothers.
Des Connor	"
Ken Ryan	"
Chilla Wilson	Army
Grey McLeon	Toowoomba
Tom Bonten	University

and to Alister Boyd on his selection to the Wallaby side against the Maoris in Brisbane.

To Ray Smith for State representation and Berrick Boyd and Gregg Hobbs as Queensland Colts.

Conclusion.

We wish to record our thanks to the members of the Executive, Coaches, Selectors, and all Club Members for their loyal support and worthwhile co-operation during the season, also to wish the incoming office bearers and Executive all the best for 59.

W. H. BOYD

H. KIESEKER,

-J. H. FREW.

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