

GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OLD BOYS' RUGBY UNION
FOOTBALL CLUB



Eighth Annual Report
and Financial Statement



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The Eighth Annual Report and Financial Statement

OFFICE-BEARERS, 1938

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Club Captain: Mr. L. S. Lewis.

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ANNUAL REPORT

Gentlemen,

Your Committee has much pleasure in submitting its Eighth Annual Report and Financial Statement. Season 1938 was one of disappointments, caused mainly through our inability to field an "A" Grade side of full strength owing to Interstate and International matches. Nevertheless, the Club performed creditably and it can truthfully be said that a marked improvement has been shown. The season under review was a very successful one; the excellent club spirit has been maintained and, while this continues to exist, the Club has little to fear for the future.

THE ALL BLACKS.

During the season we had the opportunity of witnessing the best football that has been seen in Brisbane for some considerable time. The match—New Zealand v. Australia—was a classic, one that filled each one of us with pride at being connected with such a grand game as Rugby Union.

The Q.R.U. Executive are to be congratulated for the splendid hospitality extended to "Brussey" Mitchell and his side, but it was most disheartening that the public of Brisbane did not support the matches as they might have done. The expense of bringing a team to Brisbane is great, and if the public desires to witness good football it behoves them to give the body promoting the fixture all their support.

COMPETITION MATCHES.

The "A" Grade side commenced the season in great style and was successful in winning the Old Buffers' Cups, after a match against Eagle Junction which was possibly the best club game of the season. The side was just beaten for a position as one of the finalists in the Welsby Cup, and were then forced to contest the semi-final of the Premiership Competition without its three star players, viz., Lewis, Ide, and Oxlade, who were in Sydney playing against New Zealand.

Your Executive realises the difficulties which confront the Q.R.U. Executive in drawing fixtures, but, at the same time, considers that the playing of a semi-final match at such a time was an unjustifiable penalty to impose upon a club that supplies three players to represent Australia.

Our "B" Grade side showed considerable improvement on its previous season's display and was very unlucky to miss qualifying for the semi-finals.

Their performance was rendered all the more creditable by the fact that they were called upon to fill many vacancies in the "A" Grade side during the season.

The two "C" Grade teams were severely handicapped through the lack of coaching, but nevertheless showed grit and determination in fulfilling their fixture engagements.

The opposition encountered in these grades was much heavier than our own boys, most of whom had just left the Secondary Schools.

COACHING.

Coaching has been a serious problem, and your Executive views the scarcity of Coaches with concern.

An earnest endeavour is being made to have a Coach for each grade in the ensuing season, and members could help in this matter by suggesting to your Secretary anyone who would be likely to assist in this capacity.

FINANCE.

The position of the Club's finances are as set out in the attached Statement of Receipts and Payments.

From this Statement it will be observed that your Club commenced the season with a credit balance of 9s. 3d. and closed the year with a credit balance of £3 10s. 11d.

This position may be regarded as entirely satisfactory in view of the fact that all expenses incurred during the 1938 season have been liquidated, there being no outstanding liabilities to drain the resources of the incoming season. As in previous years, there are still a few members who have not yet honoured their monetary obligations, and it is to be hoped that those concerned will not fail the Club in this regard.

SOCIAL.

Once again we have to thank a number of energetic ladies for the whole-hearted support they gave to the Club. The Social Committee consisted of Misses Betty Greenup (Hon. Secretary), Joan Robinson (Hon. Treasurer), Barbara Bryen, Winnie Denman, T. McCarthy, and Diana McIntyre.

The efforts of these ladies were not rewarded with the support of the members of the Club, and it must have been disheartening to them that the players, as a whole, showed little interest in the dances that they arranged.

By far the most successful function was the dance at which the New Zealand and Maryborough teams were entertained at the Leader Hall. Our linking with the Brothers Club in this function proved a very happy union, and a most enjoyable night was had by all.

The Exhibition Hotel was the venue of many convivial gatherings during the season and again in the summer months, which functions, in the main part, were well attended.

Your Club was given the responsibility of entertaining the Maryborough side which played its first match in Brisbane as a curtain raiser to the New Zealand v. Queensland game. In addition to entertaining our visitors at the dance already referred to, your Executive and players arranged an outing to Mt. Coot-tha which was thoroughly appreciated by the visitors.

On Saturday evening, 17th September, the Club held its second Annual Dinner which provided a very happy and spirited (?) conclusion to the season.

SOCIAL GAMES.

Six social games were played during the season—four in Toowoomba, and two in Brisbane.

The games in the Downs City were played during the Easter vacation, when our "A" Graders rose to great heights in defeating Toowoomba G.P.S. and a strong Toowoomba representative fifteen. Our combined "B" and "C" Grade side were not successful and went down narrowly to Toowoomba on each occasion.

A most enjoyable time was spent in Toowoomba, and the hospitality extended to us by Messrs. Alan Dunn, W. Hatherell and the Toowoomba players was greatly appreciated.

Our next social game was against the baby centre of Rugby Union—Maryborough. Although the G.P.S. side was a little too strong for the visitors, an open and spectacular game resulted.

We are looking forward to visiting Maryborough during the incoming season, when many friendships will be renewed.

As a curtain raiser to the Test Match—Australia v. New Zealand—a G.P.S. "B" Grade side tried conclusions with Gatton College. The Gatton boys played very positive football and at half-time appeared to have the game well in hand, but the experience of our boys stood them in good stead and they were able to register a narrow victory.

TRAINING.

"There are no short cuts to football success." Such are the words of one of Australia's best-known footballers.

Each player owes it, not only to himself and his Club, but to his team mates to step on to the field in perfect physical condition.

The Club, during the season, provided every facility for players to attain this state—a good training ground, showers, and an experienced masseur.

This entails a considerable amount of expense and it behoves each player to take seriously this branch of his football.

The attendances at the commencement of the season were excellent, but, as the season progressed, a gradual slackening was apparent.

Every player, down to those in lowest grade, has a chance of making the "A" side, and this should be the goal of all lower grade players—a goal which can only be reached by strict attention to training.

TROPHIES.

A very keen supporter of the Club, who desires to remain anonymous, kindly donated a handsome Cup, to be awarded as your Executive thought fit. It was decided to donate the Trophy to the most improved player during the season. Mr. Jack Dixon was successful in winning the Trophy, and to him we extend our congratulations and also a hope that his improvement will continue to be as rapid. A Trophy, donated by Mr. C. Greenup for the most enthusiastic member at Gymnasium training, was won by Noel Baldwin, to whom our congratulations are also extended.

CLUB'S LOSS.

The Club suffered greatly as the result of the transfer of Mr. C. Greenup and Mr. C. Lavery to positions which necessitated them resigning from the administrative side of the Club.

Clive's work for the Club as Secretary was untiring, and the improvement shown must in a large measure be attributed to him.

Caulder's work on the Committee over a long period has been of inestimable value, and it was indeed a blow to lose two such solid supporters in one season.

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS.

A fine record has been set for the Club to live up to—eight Intercity, five Interstate, and three International representatives in one season is certainly an achievement, and something of which each and every one of us can feel justly proud.

Our congratulations are extended to the following: Messrs. L. S. Lewis, W. Ide, B. Oxlade, G. Denman, Jack Dixon, C. McCarthy, S. C. Jones, and H. McMaster, who represented Brisbane. Messrs. L. S. Lewis, W. Ide, B. Oxlade, G. Denman and S. C. Jones, who wore the State's jersey, and Messrs. B. Oxlade (3), W. Ide (2), and L. S. Lewis (1), appeared in Test matches against New Zealand.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We extend our congratulations to the University Club for their "A" Grade, "B" Grade and R.N.A. Cup successes, and to Greenslopes, Eagle Junction and Mayne for their Premiership victories in "C1," "C11" and "D" Grade respectively.

THANKS.

The Club offers its sincere thanks and gratitude to Messrs. R. E. Nixon-Smith, J. East, J. M. G. Buchanan, H. R. Denman, C. K. Lea, T. Doneley, E. Klassen, H. E. Roberts, S. Lewis and C. R. Greenup for their generous donations; to Jack Williams, W. Porter and B. Harrison for their zeal and enthusiasm as Coaches; to P. Dosling for his constant attention to injured players; and to Mr. J. Stephens for his work as honorary Auditor.

We appreciate the excellent feeling existing between the Valley Rugby League Club and ourselves and desire to thank them for the use of their training ground during the Exhibition period.

To Dr. K. B. Fraser and Dr. T. R. Biggs we are extremely indebted for the honorary medical attention given to our injured players.

Our thanks are due to the Queensland Rugby Union, The Referees' Association, and the Press for many courtesies and favours, the Q.A.T.B. for their invaluable first aid, to our Ladies' Committee for their able assistance and energetic work, and to Mr. Tom Gorman for his genial hospitality, kindly interest and generous donations.

OBITUARY.

The Executive, on behalf of the Club members, extend its sincere sympathy to our President (Mr. C. K. Lea) in the sad loss of his father (Mr. F. C. Lea). Mr. Lea was one of the grand old men of the Rugby Union game, and the memory of his unselfish service will be cherished by all with whom he came in contact.

CONCLUSION.

At all times your Committee members have acted in what they considered to be the best interests of the Club and have worked harmoniously. On their behalf, the undersigned extend to the incoming Committee their best wishes, a hope that the Club will continue to prosper, and that Season 1939 will be the most successful in the history of the Club.

For and on behalf of the Executive,

C. K. LEA (President).

JACK F. T. HALL (Hon. Secretary).

SEASON 1938—TROPHY WINNERS. .

" A " Grade—

Premiership—University.
Welsby Cup—University.
Old Buffers' Cups—G.P.S. Old Boys.
Ambulance Cups—Eagle Junction.

" B " Grade—

Premiership—University.

" CI " Grade—

Greenslopes.

" CII " Grade—

Eagle Junction.

" D " Grade—

Mayne.

R.N.A. Cup (Teams Championship)—

University.

QUEENSLAND PLAYERS IN TEST MATCHES—

AUSTRALIA v. NEW ZEALAND.

V. Wilson (Captain), B. Oxlade, E. S. Hayes, J. Howard,
L. S. Lewis, W. Ide, E. Bonis, A. Monti, and J. McDonald.

QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS.

L. Walker, C. Andrews, Les. Walker, L. S. Lewis, M. Stark,
W. Ide, C. McNamara, V. Birmingham, E. Bonis, J.
Gibb, V. Wilson, A. Monti, B. Oxlade, D. Rodger, J.
McDonald, G. Denman, V. Nicholson, E. S. Hayes,
A. Eason, M. Creed, B. Schulte, S. C. Jones, J. Gibb,
G. Cooke, and R. Salter.