

GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OLD BOYS RUGBY UNION

FOOTBALL CLUB

29TH ANNUAL REPORT

AND

BALANCE SHEET



29th ANNUAL REPORT SEASON 1959

OFFICE BEARERS 1959

PATRON: Mr. A.C. Dibdin

PRESIDENT: Mr. W.H. Boyd

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HON. REGISTRAR: Mr. H. Bere ✓

HON. AUDITOR: Mr. L. Saunders ✓

Q.R.U. EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Mr. W.H. Boyd ✓

Q.R.U. COUNCIL MEMBERS: *J. Colquhoun*  
Messrs. T. ~~Simson~~ and A. Flynn

CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The President Mr. W.H. Boyd, Hon. Secretaries, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Registrar and Messrs. ~~J. Harris~~, ~~J. Herbert~~, ~~J. Greene~~, C. Jones, A. Flynn and ~~H. Kieser~~ *Robert Panton, Couls, Parbo*

CLUB NOMINEE FOR STATE & METROP. SELECTOR: *B. Thompson*  
Mr. ~~P. Robinson~~

LIFE MEMBERS: Messrs. R.J. Wilcocks, J.A. Bell, C. Kaus, R. Stephenson, J. East, H.C. Lavery, R.H. Nicol, Sir Kenneth Fraser, Dr. B.W. Biggs, J. McMaster, J. Williams, H. Bere, J.A. McIntyre, T. Simson, K. Percy

*Coaches A Bob Temp*  
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*Selectors Dick Roberts, John Green.*

*B. Clive Gammay*



Gentlemen:

Your Executive submits for your consideration the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for 1959.

Over all the 1959 Season, though not in itself outstanding, brings the Club to the threshold of a new era. The coming season should see us firmly established at Finsbury Park with full amenities and in a sound position to attract new numerical and financial strength. The past season was by far the most successful ever financially as you will see by the Balance Sheet, with one of the main points being the record payment of Club subscriptions.

Training commenced at Finsbury Park although lack of proper changing facilities were a handicap. We unfortunately had no Premiership successes, but our teams played with a good spirit and contributed no small amount to the successful season enjoyed by the Rugby code as a whole. A trip by two Club teams to Armidale was very much enjoyed by all those who were able to go. Though there was a shortage of players for the trip and the Club lost money through this, further week-ends of this nature are planned.

Again, your President Mr. W.H. Boyd did a fine job for Rugby as Chairman of the Q.R.U. Executive and Mr. Athol Flynn as Manager of the Queensland team in Sydney bought further recognition to the Club.

#### Competition Games:

Three teams were entered in "A", "Reserve", and "B" Grades but late in the season a shortage of players caused the forfeiture of several "B" Grade games. This is viewed very seriously by the Q.R.U. and usually comes about through loss of interest by players in the lower Grades. It is essential that all members advertise the Club, get as many new members as possible, and help maintain the interest and enthusiasm of other members in every way possible.

The "A" Grade played extremely well in the first round to be leaders and were unfortunate to be beaten by 2 points in the Keith Horsky Cup Final by Brothers. Many team changes hampered both the "Reserve" Grade and the "B" Grade teams and the "B" Grade suffered accordingly, while the "Reserves" had some good wins.



## Training and Coaching:

Training commenced with several nights of gym. work organised by John Herbert and then the individual coaches took over. Bob Templeton put a lot of time and effort into the "A" Grade and was rewarded with some fine play on many occasions. Dick Roberts looked after the "Reserve" Grade and Howard Kieseker and Ian Nicol the "B" Grade. All were hampered by lack of attendance at training and how can a coach, coach if there is nobody at training?

## Selectors:

Changes in the Constitution bought a new selection panel consisting for each team, of the coach and two independent selectors. Messrs Ian Nicol and John Greene were appointed and carried out their duties most ably.

## Home Ground:

At the present time the plans of your Clubhouse are with the Brisbane City Council awaiting approval, and the building will commence as soon as permission is received from this body. Further efforts will have to be made to raise funds as costs will be in excess of £2,500. A Sub-committee of Messrs. Jones and Flynn investigated many possibilities to ensure that the Club will get the best value for its money, and although rising building costs have made it necessary to reduce the size from our original 20-square building, provision is being made so that extensions can be carried out as finance comes to hand.

As you know lighting has been installed at the ground and this can be extended to both sides of the field. It all takes money.

This is your ground and clubhouse and it will take an earnest effort by every member to raise the funds necessary to build and maintain them.

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# GENERAL ACCOUNT

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance C/F	6.14. 2	Printing & Stationery	28. 8. 9
Club Fees	182. 6. 0	Gear	163.17. 5
Donations	21. 0. 0	Trophies	38. 2. 9
Trophy Donations	44. 3. 0	Loss on Annual Dinner	17. 4.11
Sale of Doubles	35. 7. 0	" " Armidale Trip	29. 0. 0
Laundry Fees	51.11. 0	Electricity - Finsbury Park	3.17. 9
Bulimba Quiz	7.10. 0	Hire of Grounds	9. 9. 0
Net Proceeds Socials		" " Projector	2. 2. 0
27/6, 8/8, 12/9/59	51. 2. 6	Q.R.U.	33. 3. 0
Net Profit "PirateNt"	99.13. 0	Centenary Year Parade Float	19.13. 4
Donation-Home GroundA/c	8. 8. 0	Bank Charges	1.15. 0
Excess of Ex. over Inc.	23.11. 3	Transfer to Home Ground A/c	184.12. 0
	<u>£531. 5.11</u>		<u>£531. 5.11</u>

## INJURED PLAYERS FUND

Balance C/F	50.14. 6	Bank Charges	1. 0. 0
		Balance in Bank	49.14. 6
	<u>£50.14. 6</u>		<u>£50.14. 6</u>

## HOME GROUND ACCOUNT

Balance C/F	516.18. 4	Paint	5. 6. 5
C. Thompson Donatn.	8. 8. 0	Electric Light Fittings	45.13. 8
B. Loel "	51.11. 0	Light Installation	4. 0. 0
"Pirate Night"Barbeque	99.13. 0	Cement and Sand	15.19. 9
Trans. from GeneralA/c	25. 0. 0	Hire of Ladders	4. 0. 0
Held over from 1958		Erection of Flood LightPoles	40.13. 2
Season Art Union Net		Soil Pipes	2. 4. 0
Profit	54. 5.11	Timber	5. 7. 6
		Site Permit Application	1. 0. 0
		Goal Posts	20. 0. 0
		Dressing of Goal Posts	9. 0. 0
		Bank Charges	1. 0. 0
		Balance in Bank	601.11. 9
	<u>£755.16. 3</u>		<u>£755.16. 3</u>

(Sgd.) R. FORD-JOHNSON (Hon. Treasurer)

I certify that I have examined the books of account in relation to the above statements and find them correct. (Sgd.) L.T. SAUNDERS (Hon. Aud.)

In addition to the above amounts there is held on behalf of the Finsbury Park Home Ground in the Trust Account of Messrs. Cannan & Peterson an amount of £618.17. 0

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## "A" GRADE

Many new faces were to be seen in our 1sts this year and consequently our team was young and inexperienced. The trials revealed that we had many promising young players but no one felt that the team would be a success after we were beaten convincingly in our main trial game by the powerful Varsity side. The knock-out round results gave still further doubts as to our strength but suddenly in our opening fixture the team reached a level of brilliance which even the strong Varsity team could not match and we defeated them most convincingly. This Varsity team incidentally had just returned from Sydney and had defeated Sydney Varsity quite well. The boys maintained form well and at the end of the first Premiership round were leaders with Brothers and thus qualified to play off for the Horsley Cup. This game was subsequently played later in the second round and after a magnificent game in which no quarter was asked or given Brothers won very narrowly, the lead changing six times during the game.

The second round was one in which we suffered defeats which should never have happened. I say this because every one of them was lost by sheer carelessness in the closing minutes when our side was well in charge of the game. This result was brought about by two factors; inexperience and physical condition. Condition at this stage of the season was no excuse but was brought about by the laxity of training attendances, especially by our leading players. Losing these games at such a vital stage in the competition cost us our chance of making the finals and grand finals. None of these games were lost by more than three points and I feel that we had a team capable of pulling off the grand final. However, our officials and supporters should not be disappointed for the boys played a brand of football which at times rose to great heights, and if they can continue to improve our First XV will be a force to be reckoned with in the coming season. I stress though that players must do individual training themselves while the coach is waiting for other members to arrive, instead of sitting about talking. For instance, if a player is weak in tackling he should get a companion to practise with and so forth. Nothing succeeds like hard work and practice.

Positions in the forward pack were keenly contested and resulted in the biggest and best pack produced for years. They gave our three-quarters more than their share of the ball in all matches and generally performed well.

The backs showed tremendous potential at times, but then at other



stages played to the other extreme. We have many promising young three-quarters who first must attain a peak of fitness they have never reached before, and then they must master the basic principles of the game before they start learning tricks -- then they will become great interstate and international players.

I must congratulate A. Boyd, B. Boyd, R. Smith and B. Wright for attaining their State jerseys, and Ian Mackay for making the Brisbane side. We were sorry to see Ian break his wrist in the inter-city game and felt he would have gone into the State side. We hope to see him this year again. I thank all members of the team -- we had a most enjoyable year and I hope we may see many of you back again this coming season.

Remember there is no easy way to success -- so train and play hard.

R.I. TEMPLETON

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#### R E S E R V E   G R A D E

The Reserve Grade failed to make the finals last year for the same reason as in previous seasons. Injuries in the "A" Grade continually broke up combinations, and unfortunately as the "B" Grade were very weak the Reserve Grade were unable to draw many players from this source.

Players whose form deserves mention are Lea Bright, Bill James, Danny Nutter and Reg Cowles, who were the heart of a fairly strong pack of forwards. Bob Norman was one of our most consistent and reliable players who never missed training, and was very handy in line-outs, although a little unorthodox in open play attempting such unusual tactics punting field goals. In the backs Bob Cashman, David Howard, Harvey Blue and Ivor Colquhoun showed good form but were hampered by inside backs lacking cohesion.

In the writer's opinion, thanks and gratitude must go to the coach Dick ("Play it rough but clean") Roberts whose brilliance and tactical brains were only surpassed by such notable coaches as South African Dr. Davie Craven and Australia's Mr. Rugby, Ian Robert Templeton.

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  
(Coach)

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"B" G R A D E

The less said about the "B" Grade performances last season the better. It was the worst season on record. Even playing Reserve Graders and players from other Clubs, they could still only win 4 games. They had to forfeit 5 times, and very seldom were they able to start a game with 15 players.

The early season roll-up looked very promising with lots of new faces and plenty of talent, but college on training nights and lack of keenness after losing a few early games gave firstly Howard Kieseker and later Ian Nicol, hard jobs as coaches. Players who stuck with the team were Robbie Rae, Richard and Brian Sakzewski, Geoff Curry, Max East and Allan Ott.

Some of the older Club members (including some "A" Graders) did not seem to realise the "B" Grade existed. A few supporters at games, or a few words of encouragement help young players greatly.

1959 is gone and forgotten (we hope!) and we look forward to the 1960 season with hope of great improvements in all departments for the "B" Grade.

B. GARNSEY  
(Captain)

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Trophies:

The following trophies were presented at the Annual Dinner held on 15th September at the Masonic Club:-

Patron's Trophy:	Best & Fairest Player 1959	G. Golding
President's Trophy:	Best "A" Grade Back	B. Wright
	Best "A" Grade Forward	T. Carew
H. Bere & R. Ford-	Best Reserve Grade Back	D. Howard
Johnson Trophies:	Best Reserve Grade Forward	W. James



H. Kiesecker & J.	Best "B" Grade Back	A. Ott
Herbert Trophies:	Best "B" Grade Forward	L. Lennon
Roberts Trophy:	Best Club Man 1959	John Harris
Bill Brown's Trophy:	Most Improved Forward	D. Nutter
Chas. Whatmore		
	Trophy: Most Improved Back	A. Ott
A.M. Robinson		
	Trophy: Most Improved Colt	D. Rylance

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#### Attendance at Executive Meetings (22):

President	W.H. Boyd	17 Meetings
Hon. Secretary	J.H. Frew	18 "
Hon. Asst. Secretary	M. Williams	19 "
Hon. Treasurer	R. Ford-Johnson	18 "
Hon. Registrar	H. Bere	19 "
Members	A. Flynn	19 "
	J. Harris	13 "
	J. Greene	8 "
	J. Herbert	13 "
	C. Jones	12 "
	H. Kiesecker	12 "

#### Thanks & Appreciation:

On behalf of the Club the Executive Committee wishes to extend a sincere vote of thanks to the following:-

- For the donation of trophies - Messrs. A.C. Dibdin, W.H. Boyd, J. Herbert, H. Bere, Roberts Bros., H. Kiesecker, R. Ford-Johnson, Robinson, Whatmores and Browns.
- To - Harry Edwards, Leon Charters, Rube Nicol, Mr. Dibdin and Frank Parkes for their generous donations and keen interest in the Club during the year.
- To - Mr. Boyd for the use of his office for Executive Meetings during the season and his home for a social function.
- To - Brian Loel and Lowes Dry Cleaners for the generous donation of jersey cleaning money for the season to our home ground 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 the Q.R.U. Executive for their willing work in the service of Rugby.
- To - Mrs. Flynn and Athol and Mr. and Mrs. H. Frew for the use of their respective homes for Club barbecues.
- To - The referees for their continued service and their impartial handling of the game.
- To - The Press, Radio and T.V. with particular thanks to Max Hawkins Frank O'Callaghan, Clive Harberg, A.B.C.; Reg. Goss and Tom Foley 4BK; and Jack Clark QTQ9.
- To - Cec Jones, Athol Flynn, Ivor Colquhoun and John Harris for their untiring efforts toward the Clubhouse and Home Ground.
- To - Miss Scott and the typing staff of Cannan & Petersen and to Mrs. B. McPhie of John H. Frew & Co. for their assistance with typing during the year.
- To - Our many generous donors to the general funds and the homeground fund.

#### Congratulations:

We offer our hearty congratulations to Des Connor of Brothers and Ken Donald of University for their selection in the Australian team and to Dave Bedgood of University for his selection as Reserve.

#### Conclusion:

We wish to record our thanks to the members of the Executive, Coaches, Selectors and all Club Members for their loyal support and co-operation during the season, also to wish the incoming office bearers success in the 1960 season.

W.H. BOYD

J.H. FREW

R. FORD-JOHNSON

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