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G.P.S. OLD BOYS' RUGBY UNION CLUB

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**49th Annual Report
and Financial Statement**

47TH ANNUAL REPORT - SEASON 1977

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CLUB COACHES:	1st Grade A. Roberts 2nd Grade J. Small 3rd Grade D. Newstead ✓ 4th Grade P. Mears Under 18 B. Loel
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HONORARY AUDITOR:	G. R. Edmonds

Gentlemen,

Your Executive has much pleasure in reporting upon those activities and highlights of the Club during the season recently concluded.

COMPETITION RESULTS.

The 1977 Season for our Club, in sharp contrast to the results of the previous year when we won almost all of the Competition Cups and Trophies short of Grand Finals, was one of the leanest, if not the leanest, in the Club's long history, with teams and their players veering from brilliantly cohesive and gritty exhibitions to what can be kindly described at best as appalling, disinterested, 'don't care', with the justifiable exceptions of 4th Grade, who were most unlucky to be 'knocked out' in their second Semi after a season's general performance which others might well have emulated as to a regular standard of effort and the Under 18's who stuck to the job manfully despite regular losses and finished the season improving strongly. Certainly, winning Cups etc. is not the sole aim of the Club and certainly Rugby means a lot more too, and players appeared mostly to enjoy playing, but rather more team effort and spirit and much less individuality, and a much greater regard also for the Club's reputation standing and future would have made a lot of people a lot happier, not the least of these being our regular Superstars and the playing public at large.

In short, with notable exceptions, the standard of play and mental attitude to the game and the Club itself fell significantly below our norm, and it was not the fault of the Coaches, Trainer or the Selectors either. One can express the hope very strongly that "it was just one of those years:", and not likely to be a continuing situation.

CLUB HOUSE

The unanimous authorisation of Club Members to the Committee to proceed re Ashgrove was implemented with expedition and we commenced training there in early Feb. and it will be agreed by all that the Club is happily settled into its fine new Headquarters, assisted by our most co-operative partners Valley District Cricket Club, and looking forward to the gradual development of a multi-sporting complex

without equal in the State, and enjoying the undoubted advantages of very sports-minded and well-disposed neighbouring suburbs and schools. Naturally, this future development will only take place as priorities and finance permit, but we must always keep our sights high in this on-going operation. We had some very well attended house games, not the least being one Under 18 match (when a quite substantial sum was made on the sale of food and refreshments) and our new home was much admired by many, it is certainly a large and beautiful setting. The official opening in mid-year was one of the best and happiest of Club functions within memory, and the Arts and Crafts Day, a tremendous success, and described by some visitors from other Clubs as the biggest and best Rugby Home Game cum Club Function yet staged in Queensland. It is the aim to make it a regular item on the season's calendar. Another very happy event was our recent Club Annual Dinner and Presentation of Trophies, our first ever in our own home in over 92 years history.

THANKS

The Club expresses its appreciation to the following people and groups for their much valued assistance during the year:

Our Patron, Mr. Frank Parkes, for his advice and personal attendance and support in so many ways.

The Coaches and Selectors, Tony Roberts, John Small, David Newstead, Peter Mears, Brian Loel, Bligh, and Onus Maynes.

Greg Smaborook, the Club Captain, the Team Captains, The Team Managers and those special team workers Doug Forbes, Peter Marshall, 'Patto' Paterson, Tony Booth and George Bickenstaff.

Ross Mortimer and Graham Edmonds in their highly competent respective capacities as Honory Club Solicitor and Honorary Auditor.

Dr. Keith Moodhead and Dr. Bryan Todd as our Club Honorary Doctors.

Barry Abrahams as Bingo co-ordinator and as the man never known to decline a job whatever/whenever it may be.

'Beef' McAfee as Hon. Assistant Treasurer.

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John Madden as Honorary Assistant Secretary
Les. Dodwell, one of the greatest workers for Junior Rugby
in Queensland, for his work for our Juniors especially,
and for Ascot/Clayfield Affiliates.

The Club Members who did the leg-work in selling
Doubles, Art Union tickets and Raffles around 3 Hotels
Ballymore, Ashgrove and to the public in general.

The Members and supporters who so generously billeted
visitors, and those who had functions in their homes.

The donors of the trophies at our Annual Presentation
and the donors of liquid refreshments and cash, without
whose great generosity we would not have been able to
function so well.

Jim Toohey, Doug Forbes and Barry Abrahams for their
valued practical work in regard to the Club premises
fittings and ancillary gear.

Owen Edwards, David Clark and Athol Flynn for the
great job done in making 'new' goal posts out of our
old ones.

The Club Registrar, for his dedication and in
recordings and compiling the Club's records.

Max Roberts, Allan Weller, Kim Weller and Brian Weller
and Hamilton Hotel for the use of their well-known
hotels in our fund raising activities.

The Q.R.U., the Q.J.R.U. and the Q.R.U. Club for their
support and assistance to our Under 18's in regard to
chook-raffles after games.

The Season's very consistent supporters over all grades,
especially the Ladies and the many Dads too. The
enthusiasm and knowledgeable support of the Ladies means
a great deal to Players and the Club itself.

Graham Lawrence for his continued donations of printing
material, his trophy and the '10% for G?P?S. casket
winnings from the Friday Gang" organisation. It must
come in a big winner, one day, Graham.

The Editors of "The Gallopers Gazette", Messrs. Thomson
and Fraser.

Brian Loel for his continued generosity in regard to laundering the Club's jerseys, and his tremendous job with the Under 18's.

Bill Schooley, Brian Loel, Noes Burrows, and their respective wives, and Les Dodwell and Dick Roberts for a really great job in organising, training and supporting the Under 18 fraternity did whenever the opportunity arose - Great Club Man.

Athol Flynn and Mark Williams for their ever-ready practical assistance whenever there is the opportunity. Two more men who have never been known to decline a job.

The Bingo roster members - the regular monies raised are very very important to us.

The Management of Ashgrove Junior R.U. Club for their good fellowship and their generosity. We look forward to closer and closer liaison with them.

The recruitment efforts for 1978 around the Schools by Tony Roberts, Brian Leel, Chris Carbury, Greg Shambrook and Bill Schooley in particular.

Robin Thomson for the tremendous volume and variety of work done over and above his Secretarial work.

The Members and the ladies who worked so very well in the Club House bars and the food preparation and serving areas.

The Referees for their great fellowship and Rugby advice.

John Keating, the Ground Curator for his co-operation and friendly manner.

A Special word of thanks and congratulation to our Junior Affiliates - Players, coaches, Managers, Parents and Supporters - In the Junior Grand Finals they fielded their greatest number ever of contesting teams - Five and won four of the Grand Finals (Double their previous best). May they come on to 'Jeeps' in the years ahead.

GENERAL

It will be recalled that in the last issue of "The Gallopers Gazette" I appealed to the whole stratum of the Club's membership and support to come forward and give what help each could, in each his or her own way, to the success of the great Ashgrove

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enterprise; it is indeed gratifying, and very warming proof of the soundness of the Club's heart if proof ever be needed to reflect upon what has been given in this regard to date, and the range covers a cheque for some thousands of dollars from a benevolent Member who wishes to remain entirely anonymous, to a score-board cum Ashgrove Ground Membership cum a full set of jerseys in each future year from another great member to the two youngsters who gave up a Saturday afternoon to instal the glass-washing machine to a long time Life Member who volunteered to help periodically with Bingo on Friday evenings, to the donor of a magnificent big fish to raffle, to the great Club Member/Supporter family who among them built the fine score-board, made unbelievable light scones to sell, made and iced a cake of unique attractiveness to raffle and acted, as general workers on and after Arts and Crafts Day, to the Juniors and their Coach who ran the car-park so well, the the raffle-operators who made money for us for such diverse but important things as score-board numerals, Q.R.U. House Match fees, and the Ashgrove "farm-in" and "A" grader's Dad who gave us a handsome cheque for Club Trophies, the Bingo operators, the chook and meat tray rafflers (National, Embassy, Hamilton (Juniors), Ballymore (Juniors, alternating each week-end with Easts) and, very prominently, the Ladies Committee and the other ladies - Mothers, Wives and Supporters who now do so much to make Ashgrove "go". And there are other generous givers too, and one knows that there will be more, as our success requires an on-going indeed a "snow-balling" effort. The warm thanks of the Club is conveyed to many generous members and supporters.

Arts and Crafts Day was a success, both financially and socially, so much so that for most anyway the playing lapses were quite overshadowed. It must certainly become an Annual Event (but if possible not including the lost games segment). It is very difficult to select a few outstanding impressions of the day, when so many gave so generously in time, "goodies", skills and sheer purchasing power; however in my view these stood out - The smoothly efficient efforts and skills of the Ladies Committee, the number of Ladies, apart from the Ladies Committee, who cooked and gave and worked so hard and well at the refreshments and food counters with Ian Fraser, the youngsters who manned stalls from toffee apples to cake raffles, the Juniors segment of the Club who were everywhere from car

parking to general helpers, the efforts and zeal of our new Assistant Secretary and the local Ashgrove/The Gap people who came along; and, it so happens that one of my major ambitions has been to see Ladies, children, Juniors and local residents attracted back to the Club. (And now it is known for certain that we did in fact attract a pleasing number of local people.) Well, quite apart from collective personal observations, the Ladies Committee, very acutely noted the number of local addresses/telephone numbers given for goods sales and raffle ticket sales.

Once more and presumably again too, as your President, I express my warmest thanks and admiration to Club Members Officials, Supporters and Members of the Committee for all they did throughout the year, and to wish them Greetings for the Festive Season now approaching and a Happy New Year.

D. Lacy Jones,
For the Committee.

"VALE JOHN RICHARD HARRIS"

On 12th June G.P.S. and Rugby Union lost one of the finest examples of what our sport is all about. John Harris played life much as he played rugby, with tremendous application, great vigour and good hearted comradeship, mixed with a fair measure of mischief but not one particle of malice.

In life he possessed a great ability to see where a helping hand was needed and doing something positive about it. He gave himself and his talent generously without fuss and with no thought of reward.

The packed St. John's Cathedral who paid tribute to him provided ample evidence of the contribution he made to society and in all to short life, but an even greater tribute is the deep feeling of personal loss felt by the great number who considered him their dearest friend.

Joe Gibson, as Q.R.U. President, very fittingly said of John, "He made Ballymore a better place to be." It could as truly be said - he made our world a better place to be.

As a tribute to John and in his memory a number of his friends have grouped together and donated a magnificent Shield as a perpetual trophy to be known as "The John Harris Memorial Trophy". The engraving thereon reads as follows:-

The recipient shall be a player possessing the qualities of sportsmanship, courage and modesty. He should display a willingness to subordinate his interest to those of his fellows and his team and generally assist others along the pathway of Rugby and the broader pathway of life.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fifteen Committee Meetings were held during the season and attendance at those meetings were as follows:-

President:	D. Lacy Jones, Esq.	12
Hon. Secretary:	R.J. Thomson, Esq.	15
Hon. Treasurer:	R. Anderson, Esq.	15
Members:	R. Farquhar	12
	I. Fraser	14
F	H. McMaster	9

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

The Club is proud to offer congratulations to the following players who represented Queensland during the year.

Queensland Senior	Queensland Junior
R. Hayes	C. Loel
D. Hillhouse	
G. Shambrook	
D. Brand	
D. Regeling	
D. Rathie	

RUGBY ADMINISTRATION

The Club again recognises the strong part played by our members in the administration of Rugby in Australia.

J.R. Gibson, O.B.E.	President of the Qld. Rugby Union. Member of Management Committee Aust. Rugby Union
L.J. Charters, Esq.	President Australian Junior Rugby Union President Queensland Junior Rugby Union
W. Bligh, David Clark, D. Lacy Jones D. Lacy Jones	Who represented the Club at Q.R.U. Council Patron, Qld. Junior Rugby Union Patron Ascot/Clayfield Rugby Union Club
L.H. Dodwell, Esq.	Vice President Queensland Junior Rugby Union.

Garry Ferguson, Esq.	President, Ascot/Clayfield Rugby Union Club.
D. Boucher, Esq.	Member, Management Committee, Q.R.U. Representative on Q.R.U. Grades Committee.
David Clark Esq.	Assistant State Coach and Member State Coaching Panel
Michael McAfee	Representative on Q.R.U. Grades Committee
Brian Loel, Esq.	Represented the Club on Q.J.R.U. Council.

STATISTICAL RECORDS - 1977 SEASON

Gentlemen,

My apologies for incomplete records this season.
Several players will be affected as records are not
available for the following games.

Second Grade

Points scorers and players v Souths 10.7.77

Third Grade

Point scorers and players	v	Surfers Paradise	13.8.77
" " " "	v	Q.I.T.	21.8.77
" " " "	v	Ipswich	27.8.77

Fourth Grade

Point scorers and players	v	Redcliffe	18.6.77
" " " "	v	Redcliffe	14.8.77
" " " "	v	Ipswich	27.8.77
" " " "	v	Souths	10.9.77

The statistics as shown have been compiled from Club
records and the official Queensland Rugby Union
records.

D.J.P. Park
Registrar.

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200 CLUB GAMES - CURRENT POSITION

D. Park	194
J. Evans	190
Dugald Clark	183
I. Fraser	170
J. Garde	166
R. Bernays	151
L. Graham	148
D. Boucher	129
A. Abrahams	125

100 POINTS - 1977 SEASON

Dugald Clark	196
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DUGALD CLARK'S POINTS SCORING RECORD

In the 1976 Annual Report details of Dugald Clark's points scored to the end of that season were included and show a total including under 19 of 1,021 points. This year Dugald scored 196 points bringing his A-Grade total to excess of 1,000.00. The only other Club Member to achieve this was David Clark.

100 FIRST GRADE GAMES - 1977

R. Nevichow	105
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100 FIRST GRADE GAMES - CURRENT POSITION

G. Brand	81
P. Sinclair	78
G. Shambrook	74
D. Devenport	47
D. Willhouse	45

HIGHEST TRY SCORERS - 1977

R. Bernays	16
E. Fawkner	12
R. Hayes	10
A. Austin	8
D. Regeling	7

RESULTS OF MATCHES

1ST GRADE

April 3	v. Teachers Norths	Won	16.6
April 11	v. Wests	Lost	6.19
April 17	v. University	Won	16.13
May 2	v. Souths	Lost	15.19
May 15	v. Easts	Won	13.6
May 22	v. Q.I.T.	Won	17.4
May 29	v. Brothers	Lost	9.13
June 5	v. Q.I.T.	Won	31.4
June 13	v. Easts	Drew	9.9
June 18	v. Wests	Lost	6.10
June 25	v. Brothers	Won	16.3
July 3	v. Easts	Won	35.7
July 10	v. Souths	Won	26.8
July 17	v. Brothers	Lost	11.28
July 24	v. Wests	Won	18.12
July 31	v. University	Lost	10.19
August 7	v. Teachers Norths	Won	25.4
August 14	v. Brothers	Lost	12.15
August 21	v. Q.I.T.	Won	29.10
August 28	v. Souths	Won	21.13

Sept. 4	v. Wests	Lost	7.24	(Semi final)
Sept. 10	v. University	Won	14.12	(Semi final)
Sept. 18	v. Wests	Lost	19.27	(final)

RESULTS OF MATCHES2ND GRADE

April 3	v.	Teachers Norths	Lost	0.20
April 11	v.	Wests	Won	8.0
April 17	v.	University	Lost	0.23
April 24	v.	Surfers Paradise	Won	11.3
May 1	v.	Souths	Drew	9.9
May 8	v.	Gold Coast	Won	9.6
May 15	v.	Redcliffe	Lost	3.14
May 22	v.	Ipswich	Drew	10.10
May 28	v.	Gold Coast	Won	9.8
June 5		Bye		
June 13	v.	Easts	Lost	4.11
June 18	v.	Redcliffe	Lost	0.13
June 25	v.	Brothers	Won	18.13
July 3	v.	Easts	Lost	0.19
July 10	v.	Souths	Lost	11.13
July 17	v.	Brothers	Won	24.6
July 24	v.	Wests	Won	7.3
August 7	v.	Teachers Norths	Lost	3.15
August 13	v.	Surfers Paradise	Lost	6.18
August 21		Bye		
August 27	v.	Ipswich	Won	14.6

3RD GRADE

April 3	v.	Teachers Norths	Lost	6.13
April 11	v.	Wests	Lost	0.6
April 17	v.	University	Lost	0.35
April 24	v.	Surfers Paradise	Won	42.12
May 1	v.	Souths	Lost	10.24
May 8	v.	Gold Coast	won	19.7
May 15	v.	Redcliffe	Won	10.4
May 22	v.	Ipswich	Won	12.8
May 28	v.	Gold Coast	Won	19.7
June 5	v.	Q.I.T.	Drew	10.10
June 13	v.	Easts	Lost	3.15
June 25	v.	Brothers	Lost	4.21
July 3	v.	Easts	Lost	11.17
July 10	v.	Souths	Lost	0.10
July 17	v.	Brothers	Lost	3.24
July 24	v.	Wests	Won	14.7
July 31	v.	University	Lost	4.33
August 7	v.	Teachers Norths	Lost	7.10
August 13	v.	Surfers Paradise	Lost	10.16

August 21	v.	Q.I.T.	Won 14.8
August 27	v.	Ipswich	Won 20.7

4TH GRADE

April 3	v.	Teachers Norths	Won 13.4
April 11	v.	Wests	Won 22.12
April 17	v.	University	Lost 0.24
April 23	v.	Brothers	Lost on Forfeit
May 1	v.	Souths	Lost 0.6
May 8	v.	Q.I.T.	Won 15.0
May 15	v.	Easts	Lost 6.15
May 22	v.	Ipswich	Won 26.10
May 28	v.	Teachers Norths	Lost 7.12
June 5	v.	Q.I.T.	Won 16.6
June 13	v.	Easts	Won 9.0
June 18	v.	Redcliffe	Not available
June 25	v.	Brothers	Lost 3.22
July 3	v.	Easts	Lost 0.9
July 10	v.	Souths	Won 15.9
July 17	v.	Brothers	Lost 3.12
July 24	v.	Wests	Won 14.3
July 31	v.	University	Lost 3.24
August 7	v.	Teachers Norths	Won 35.6
August 14	v.	Redcliffe	Won 50.3
August 27	v.	Ipswich	Won 48.0
Sept. 3	v.	Easts	Won 23.3 (Semi Final)
Sept. 10.	v.	Souths	Lost 3.6 (Semi final)

POINT SCORERS - 1ST GRADE

	<u>TRIES</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>PEN</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Dugald Clark	-	23	36	14	196
R. Hayes	10	-	-	-	40
D. Regeling	7	1	2	-	36
A. Austin	8	-	-	1	35
E. Fawkner	7	-	-	-	28
R. Bernays	2	-	-	-	8
P. Davenport	2	-	-	-	8
P. Garbett	2	-	-	-	8
M. Lamond	2	-	-	-	8
D. Blackford	1	-	-	-	4
M. Creagh	1	-	-	-	4

	<u>TRIES</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>PEN</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
D. Hillhouse	1	-	-	-	4
R. Nerichow	1	-	-	-	4
P. Sinclair	1	-	-	-	4

POINT SCORERS - SECOND GRADE

	<u>TRIES</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>PEN</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
T. Jesser	-	7	9	-	41
D. Burrows	3	-	2	1	21
E. Fawkner	5	-	-	-	20
P. Garbett	1	-	3	-	13
J. Allen	2	-	-	1	11
P. Burrows	2	-	-	-	8
A. Abrahams	1	-	-	-	4
S. Davies	1	-	-	-	4
I. Hillhouse	1	-	-	-	4
M. Obeshardt	1	-	-	-	4
T. Wheatty	1	-	-	-	4
D. Blackford	-	-	1	-	3
D. Newstead	-	-	-	1	3

POINTS SCORERS - THIRD GRADE

	<u>TRIES</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>PEN</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
R. MacAfee	2	3	9	-	41
R. Bernays	5	-	-	-	20
I. Hillhouse	4	-	-	-	16
M. Mastrisos	-	3	2	-	12
S. Atkinson	1	3	1	-	13
J. Allen	2	-	-	-	8
Joseph	2	-	-	-	8
J. Sheehan	2	-	-	-	8
C. Thomas	2	-	-	-	8
R. Whitten	2	-	-	-	8
D. Stevenson	2	-	-	-	8
S. Davies	1	1	-	-	6
T. Dixon	1	-	-	-	4
K. Bolton	1	-	-	-	4
R. Mortimer	1	-	-	-	4
D. Newstead	1	-	-	-	4
T. Wheatly	1	-	-	-	4
P. Meares	-	-	1	-	3
D. Boucher	-	1	-	-	2

16. POINTS SCORERS - 4TH GRADE

	<u>TRIES</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>PEN</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
P. Meares	5	4	7	-	49
L. Graham	2	1	-	2	16
J. Rae	3	-	-	-	12
R. Bernays	2	-	-	-	8
I. Hillhouse	2	-	-	-	8
R. King	-	1	2	-	3
T. Levander	2	-	-	-	8
P. Nordich	2	-	-	-	8
J. Sheehan	2	-	-	-	8
P. Stanton	-	4	-	-	8
P. Daley	-	3	-	-	6
R. Armstrong	1	-	-	-	4
S. Davies	1	-	-	1	7
P. Garbett	1	-	-	-	4
R. Macafee	-	2	-	-	4
Peck	1	-	-	-	4
P. Renkert	1	-	-	-	4
S. Atkinson	-	1	-	-	2

PLAYER APPEARANCES

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>Total</u>
A.	21	-	1	-	22
A. Austin	-	14	5	-	19
A. Abrahams	-	20	0	0	20
M. Asprey	-	2	5	3	10
R. Armstrong	-	2	4	3	9
S. Atkinson	-	-	5	2	7
K. Aaron	-	-	1	10	11
B.					
E. Bernays	5	2	2	3	12
P. Bissett	5	4	1	5	15
D. Blackford	7	9	-	-	16
G. Brand	18	-	-	-	18
D. Burrows	4	18	-	-	22
P. Burrows	-	5	1	-	6
J. Brand	-	7	-	-	7
D. Boucher	-	8	8	1	17
K. Bolton	-	1	16	-	17
K. Burns	-	1	-	4	5
D. Brown	-	1	-	-	1
R. Beavis	-	-	2	6	8
G. Boyce	-	-	-	5	5

PLAYER APPEARANCES

<u>C.</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>Total</u>
C. Carberry	22	-	-	-	22
Dugald Clark	21	-	-	-	21
M. Creach	1	2	1	1	5
A. Carew	1	-	-	2	3
D. Cronin	1	-	2	-	3
D. Clark	-	-	-	2	2
<u>D.</u>					
R. Davies	14	1	2	-	17
P. Devenport	23	-	-	-	23
S. Davies	-	13	2	3	18
T. Dixon	-	3	6	-	9
P. Doumany	-	-	1	-	1
P. Daley	-	-	-	1	1
<u>E.</u>					
W. Edwards	-	-	11	3	14
<u>F.</u>					
E. Fawkner	11	8	-	-	19
I. Fraser	1	8	2	-	11
P. Frame	-	1	14	3	18
H. Fraser	-	-	1	3	4
<u>G.</u>					
P. Garbett	13	2	1	3	19
T. Garde	4	10	-	-	14
E. Gibbon	-	7	12	-	19
M. Gray	-	1	-	-	1
D. Gwin	-	-	2	2	4
L. Graham	-	-	-	7	7
D. Gibbon	-	-	-	1	1
<u>H.</u>					
R. Hayes	19	1	-	-	20
D. Hillhouse	15	-	-	-	15
D. Hockings	1	18	-	-	19
I. Hillhouse	-	5	8	2	15
P. Hovey	-	-	10	5	15
I. Hogg	-	-	1	-	1
Hybers	-	-	-	1	1
<u>I.</u>					
T. Jesser	-	19	-	-	19
D. Jackson	-	1	1	-	2
R. Jones	-	-	12	3	15
L. Jones	-	-	4	9	13
Joseph	-	-	1	2	3

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	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>J.</u> T. Jesser	-	19	-	-	19
D. Jackson	-	1	1	-	2
R. Jones	-	-	12	3	15
L. Jones	-	-	4	9	13
Joseph	-	-	1	2	3
<u>K.</u> T. Kennedy	2	9	-	-	11
M. Kastrisos	4	2	4	5	15
R. King	-	-	1	1	2
S. Kennedy	-	-	-	3	3
<u>L.</u> T. Lynch	2	5	4	1	12
M. Lamond	16	3	-	1	20
J. Loel	-	18	2	-	20
R. Lyne	-	12	7	-	9
T. Levander	-	-	-	2	2
<u>M.</u> D. Markwell	-	7	-	7	14
R. Mortimer	-	-	7	2	9
P. Meares	-	-	1	14	15
R. Macafee	-	-	13	3	16
P. Marshall	-	-	2	4	6
M. Murphy	-	-	4	2	6
J. Miles	-	-	1	5	6
M. Macafee	-	-	5	10	15
B. Mackay-Payne	-	-	-	1	1
Mayes	-	-	-	5	5
A. Macafee	-	-	-	4	4
McGuire	-	-	-	1	1
A. Milne	-	-	-	12	12
O. Maynes	-	-	-	1	1
<u>N.</u> R. Nerichow	23	-	-	-	23
D. Newstead	-	-	17	-	17
P. Nordich	-	-	3	8	11
C. Nantes	-	-	2	1	3
<u>O.</u> M. Obeshardt	10	8	0	-	18
<u>P.</u> R. Perrins	2	7	2	1	12
D. Patterson	-	-	-	8	8
Peck	-	-	-	8	8
D. Park	-	-	-	5	5
<u>Q.</u> L. Raff	3	13	4	1	21
D. Rathie	12	1	1	-	14
D. Regeling	11	-	-	-	11
P. Renkert	-	-	-	1	1
J. Rae	-	-	-	5	5
Roberts	-	-	-	1	1

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>S.</u> G. Shambrook	14	2	-	-	16
P. Sinden	23	-	-	-	23
M. Shambrook	-	-	11	1	13
C. Shambrook	-	-	2	-	2
D. Stevenson	-	-	7	12	19
J. Sheehan	-	-	3	4	7
P. Stanton	-	-	-	3	3
<u>T.</u> R. Thomson	18	5	1	-	24
C. Thomas	-	1	3	-	4
J. Toohey	-	-	1	9	10
<u>U.</u> P. VanDerBroek	-	-	15	1	16
<u>V.</u> T. Wheatley	1	5	3	2	11
G. Willis	-	3	6	4	13
R. Whitten	-	1	6	3	10
P. Watt	-	-	5	7	12
T. Woodward	-	-	1	1	2
A. Wallace	-	-	2	9	11
W. Walker	-	-	-	3	3

FIRST GRADE

The result for 1977 was no doubt disappointing for a number of club supporters as the 1st Grade had contested the previous five Grand Finals.

Perhaps now that the "spell" of our club automatically making the Grand Final has been broken we may get some benefit from it. There has, for some time, been an air of acceptance that Jeeps has "a place of right" in a grand final, which air of acceptance obviously does not exist in clubs such as Wests and Teachers. Those clubs, in successive years, have won the grand final after not having made the final five in the previous year. Though it is interesting to note that Teachers, strengthened by the inclusion of two Wallabies, fell back to fifth spot this year. Although supporters become disappointed in what they term as unsatisfactory achievements of the team they support one must also spare a thought for the players in that situation. The pressure on the players in losing the previous two grand finals to Brothers and Teachers was enormous, and there is a tremendous personal let down for them as a result of such a loss. Consequently it becomes a little harder each new season to start fresh and full of determination to get the right to contest and hopefully win another grand final. In that situation there appears to be an element of "everything to lose and nothing to gain". Although the players

were again disappointed this year in not making the grand final and of course winning the premiership, they perhaps have not been as flattened by this loss, because there is not as much pressure in losing a preliminary final as in losing a grand final, as by the previous losses and in my opinion this will result in improved performances by the A Grade next year.

The loss of Peter Sinden who is going overseas to further his studies and also Mac Lamond who has indicated that business commitments will prevent him from completing another full A Grade season will be felt in the forwards. Fortunately and, perhaps a little unusually, Jeeps have in the under 18s this year two very promising props in Chris Todd and Michael Burrows both of whom are destined for A Grade at an early date. In the second row as well as having David Hillhouse, Graham Brand (awarded "The Best Forward for 1977") and Robin Thomson we have players such as Fred Willis, a vigorous and underrated forward, and John Lynch from the 1976 juniors both of whom have enormous potential; and so perhaps the loss of Peter Sinden and Mac Lamond will not be felt as severely as it was originally thought.

Throughout the season we had a number of outstanding performances both individually and by the team. The season again got off to an excellent start when we beat the premiers 34-0. Unfortunately the draw did not favour us after that, the second game was against Wests on Easter Monday and the records should reveal that G.P.S. have never won an Easter competition fixture in recent history and 1977 was no exception. In fact the defeat at the hands of Wests was the first of four out of five games we were to suffer at their hands which can only be a tribute to the premiers. We then went into the unfortunate situation of having two byes in three weeks with a game against Q.I.T. sandwiched inbetween the byes, and the game against Souths at the end of that month produced the teams second loss out of four games, and without making excuses, no doubt the poor build up at the start of the season attributed to the loss. Although we had fine three-quarters all year, and enormous depth in that regard, people who followed the team closely would be aware of how we were plagued with injuries in that part of the team. Ross Davies was an acquisition to the club. However he tore his hamstring and came down with glandular fever in the

first month, Dugald Clark played more games in this season than he had previously and again was an enormous asset to the club. In fact he only missed a couple of games and well deserved his award as the club's best back. In the centre Greg Shambrook unfortunately broke a bone in his thumb in the early game against Souths (the break was not assisted by three or four supporters diagnosing it as a dislocation and trying to pull it back into place) and Shammy also had problems with carked thighs throughout the season and he played fewer games A Grade this year than he had in his previous seasons with the club. David Rathie made a welcome return to football but also had some injury problems especially towards the end of the season which prevented him from playing for the club consistently. Rob Hayes who won the best Colt award and is the most exciting prospect in the club although he played quite a number of games, he too suffered firstly a carked thigh and then a bad shoulder injury towards the end of the season which kept him sidelined for about three weeks. Rob's keenness to play for the club was well exemplified by the occasion when he was selected as a reserve with the Queensland Under 23 side to play on a Sunday. The 1st Grade was also playing that day and Rob was disallowed by the Q.R.U. for playing with the 1st Grade. He therefore turned up at Ashgrove on the Saturday afternoon with his boots and volunteered to play and in fact did play for the 2nd Grade. On another occasion when we were playing against Wests at Toowong without reserves as the 2nd Grade were playing at the same time at Redcliffe, Rob Hayes was injured in the first minutes of the game and perhaps should have left the field, however, he elected to play on for the good of the team and doing so he aggravated the injury to such an extent that when the Queensland team which played the following day had a late withdrawal he, as first back reserve, was overlooked.

Don Regeling, after making the most promising start to any football season, and playing magnificent football up until the Queensland Under 23 game in May, suffered a number of injuries with a result that Don only played nine A Grade games for the Club this season. He, like David Rathie and Greg Shambrook appear to have been treated cruelly by the State selectors. After participating admirably in the major games throughout the year they were discarded from the overseas tour. Fortunately all three of them have the ability and guts to show the State selectors they were wrong. We had Peter Gark

played his best football for our club towards the end of the season, but only completing half a season of football, after spending some weeks in hospital, and Eric Faulkner who broke his nose at training and missed a round and a half of football. Andrew Austin who played every game up until our second game against Souths, in the beginning of August, sprained his ankle then missed three games and unfortunately never found his original form. Andrew was awarded the trophy for the most improved player and there's no doubt in my mind that he will develop into one of the finest fullbacks our club has produced, and that puts him in the category of David Clark and Lloyd Graham, and also one of the finest fullbacks in this State. He has all the natural attributes for a fullback and also the dedication to develop those attributes fully.

I would like to thank Dugald Clark and Chris Carberry the team's captain and vice-captain for their assistance throughout the season. Chris played every game but one and missed that for personal reasons, not through injury, his contribution to the team was very significant. He also made contributions to other teams including the Juniors and no doubt will be prepared to do so in the future. He is the most knowledgeable scrummager in Australia and perhaps in 1978 all teams will be less reticent about asking for his assistance.

Peter Sinden, Roy Nerichow and Peter Devenport (awarded "The Best and Fairest" Player for 1977) call for special mention being three players who played every game for the club this season which is an excellent effort. Players such as David Burrows, David Blackford, Mark Oberhart and Peter Bissett who played for the team regularly and also, after playing their 2nd Grade games, were prepared to sit on the bench as reserves weekend after weekend deserve special mention.

To the selectors and committee also for their support throughout the season I thank them and wish the team the best of luck for 1978.

SECOND GRADE

Have you heard the one about the new deodorant called "VANISH"? You spray it on, disappear, and no-one knows where the stink is coming from.

The marketers of "Vanish" were indeed busy among the Jeeps fraternity over the last 6 to 9 months, judging by the preponderance of disappearing acts done by so many whose help, as it turned out, was needed so badly. It is to be hoped that among the fair weather supporters, the some-time players who believe training is a bore not to be suffered, the training attendees who believe turn up is good enough and the hell with actually doing that nasty physical work, some at least will reject the "Vanish" salesman's pleas before next season, and will help put Jeeps back on top, where a few of us still firmly believe we belong.

Strong words perhaps? Old Smally doing his sour grapes thing? Well, ask yourself the following questions:-

1. Could I have played, or played more, this season?
2. Could I have trained, at all or more than I did, this season?
3. Could I have assisted with team coaching or management?
4. Could I have assisted the Club Committee in some way?
5. Could I have attended, as spectator/supporter, more Jeeps games, particularly lower grades?
6. Could I have done something, or more, towards promoting Jeeps at school level or anywhere else?
7. Could I have used the Club more?
8. Could I have introduced a new player to the Club?

If you answer yes to any of the above, you have let down your Club in one of its most important and traumatic years: that of moving to new premises.

If you answer yes to more than one of the above, you did use your can of "Vanish" didn't you?

I make the above statements as an angry indictment, on behalf of a group of 30 or so who deserved better than they got.

I had close contact with all members of that group and in fact the majority of them spent at least some time with me in the Seconds, so I have close personal knowledge of the efforts they made, and the disappointments they felt.

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As far as Seconds went, we were on paper a poor Jeeps Two Team. Yet the guts, determination and spirit that that side showed at times, and the brilliance with which they whitewashed Brothers, the ultimate premiers, twice, showed we really did have Premiership potential. Unfortunately, our Club depth was so sparse, the insatiable appetites of First-Grade and Representative football so demanded, that far too much became demanded of too few.

We produced some rotten performances through the season, then confounded the critics with some great ones. At least we can say we won our last game, and enjoyed it. I won't mention all who deserve mention. Each of you individually knows how you performed and what you can do to improve. Special mention must however be made of the team leaders, Trev Jesser, John Garde and Ian Fraser, and the very deserved trophy winners, David Burrows, Denis Boucher and Lex Raff.

Plus of course the winner of the Seconds own "Winners Trophy", James Loel, who may be forcibly spectating the opening game next season. Also Doug Forbes, thank you and thanks to all who worked and tried, and made the season worthwhile.

John Small

THIRD GRADE

Firstly, congratulations to the trophy winners:-

KEN BOLTON (BEST & FAIREST) was a tireless worker in the tight and his mauling ability alone will take him on to bigger and better things. EDDIE GIVEN (BEST FORWARD) was Mr. Consistency. Every team needs an Eddie Given, not only for his performance on the field, but also for his attitude and general team spirit. ROBBIE JONES (BEST BACK) will develop into a first class player for Jeeps. Robbie, a young player with a lot of attacking ability, also displayed the right attitude and good team spirit.

There were others with heaps of potential to grace our ranks and we will all watch with interest their development. Thanks must go to PAUL FRAME who only came down to watch and ended up playing most of the season. Our Manager, JOHNNY MADDEN, also deserves praise. The cold XXXX at the end of the games saved many a life.

As for results, well, there is only "best" and "the rest". We weren't the best. However, if we had started the season with the team we finished up with, I am certain a lot of things would have been different. To be stone motherless and come up six places was a fine effort under the circumstances.

My effort was a long way short of what I would expect from myself and from what others expected of me. To all those who spent some time in the thirds, stay with us, better times lay ahead.

D. J. NEWSTEAD, ESQ.

FOURTH GRADE

Well, we didn't win it, but we had a lot of fun trying. Who will ever forget Parkie hanging upside down over the line at Ashgrove, unable to score because he was held in the air by the ankles? Or Ferret, clad in floral board shorts at Ipswich, walking off in disgust after missing with his third attempt to dribble the ball into touch? Or Lloyd Graham, charging through Easts pack like a stampeding elephant to score in the semi-finals? Or the whoop of joy from play and spectators alike when the world's most dedicated trainer, Patto, scored his one and only try against Teachers-Norths?

In what was Jeeps worst year I've known in the lower grades, I was more than pleased to reach the second semi-final. It just goes to show that you have to build your house on a firm foundation and, with no under 19's and no 5th Grade, we got what we deserved.

We began the season on a poor note - with no coach, not enough players and spirit at an all-time low. The very depths were reached when we actually had to forfeit against Brothers. But gradually they began to emerge from hibernation and Lloyd's comeback prompted me to offer my services as coach. We went from strength to strength and, from being 9th at one stage in the first round, we finished fourth on the table.

Those who saw us beat Easts in the knock-out semi-final will agree that we certainly showed some improvement. From going down 30-0 to Ipswich in a trial, we finished the season lacing them by 50 points. In fact we amassed 149 points in the last 4 games and completed the season with the best defensive record in the club.

I particularly enjoyed watching the progress of our younger brigade - "Zorba" Kastricsios (who went right to the top), Andrew Milne, Gary Boyd, Ken Byrne, Peter Joseph and Mike Shambrook - all are potential first graders.

Those who trained hardest were rewarded with the greatest enjoyment of their Rugby and, for the fortunate, the trophies. Alan Wallace reckons his 'Best Forward' award meant more to him than anything, and that includes becoming a Doctor.

The "Old School" gave us that invaluable 4th grade asset- experience (which compensates for lack of fitness). Lloyd, Dick Bernays, "Bale" Sheehan, "Country" Stanton, Doug Stevenson, Lyn Jones, Peter Nordisch, "Membrane" Armstrong, Jim Toohey, Peter "Biscuit" and John Miles - all had their moments of glory which made spectators nostalgic.

Guest stars included "Raincoat", "Parkie", "Weetbix", "Whitto", "Monthly", "Professor", "Onus", "Theissie", "Lavender and heaps of others.

My Special thanks to the Wren Bligh and Onus Maynes for organising this rabble when I couldn't make it, to Doug Forbes for his liniment and John Madden for his support. A vote of thanks, too, for Tony Booth, without whose fitness training we would never have had any success (I mean, look what it did for Lloyd!)

Next season looks like being a big one for the Club, with a full complement of teams and coaches, so I'll see you all at "The Grove".

Peter Meares.

UNDER 18

The team, after a promising start, had a bad slump following injury to players in specialist positions. They then ended the season on a winning note. Coach Brian Loel had a difficult task in moulding a team with so many backs playing in unacustomed positions. The forward had a better record with most coming through injury free. Despite the injury problems a team was fielded for each game. Special mention for Ben Schooley who filled in capably.

The forwards developed into one of the best packs in the camp and Chris Todd, Michael Burrows, Colin Loel, Ricky Roberts & Mark Raff played consistent football all season. Colin was selected in the Brisbane U-18 team. Joey Ross, Randall Duhig and Mal Thomson were the players who filled in any position requested. Tony Arnold, Shaun and Bill Morgan all turned in consistent performances in backs.

At the latter end of the season, several of next years members from both Churchie and Ashgrove Marists had games with the team. All performed well and this augers well for next year.

The season finished with a social game against a visiting New Zealand team. This was followed by a social evening at Mr. Schooley's.

With a tour to New Zealand planned for next season, fund raising an important aspect of the year. Messrs. Loel, Burrows, Schooley did much work in organising fund raising.

TROPHIES FOR 1977 SEASON

Humphrey Bere Memorial	-Club Captain	G. Shambrook
J.R. Harris Memorial		T. Jesser
L.J. Charters	-100pts for season	D. Clark
Robinson's Sports Store	-Highest Try Scorer	R. Bernays
K. Bevis Trophy	-Best Colt	R.Hays
Walter H. Boyd Memorial	-Best Club Man	(W.Bligh (J.Madden
	-1000 pts for Club	D. Clark
Presented by the Club	-100 Club Games	D. Markwell
	-	P. Devenport
		D. Hillhouse
M. Williams	-100 A-Grade Games	R. Nerichow
D.G. Forbes	-50 A-Grade Games	G. Brand
		P. Sinden
		N. Lamond

1ST GRADE

A.C. Dibden Memorial	-Best & Fairest	P. Devenport
President's Trophy	-Best Forward	G. Brand
F. Parkes -	-Best Back	D. Clark
R.A. Nicol Esq.	-Most Improved	A. Austin

2ND GRADE

R.S. Roberts Trophy	-Best & Fairest	D. Burrows
A.H. Flynn	-Best Forward	L. Raff
G.D. Rylance	-Best Back	D. Boucher

3RD GRADE

T. Levander	-Best & Fairest	K. Bolton
H. Noble	-Best Forward	B. Given
D. Newstead	-Best Back	R. Jones

4TH GRADE

G.E. Lawrence	-Best & Fairest	P. Mears
Bill Browns Sports Store	-Best Forward	A. Wallace
R. Anderson	-Best Back	D. Stevenson

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UNDER 18

Ascot-Clayfield Club	- Best & Fairest	N.Burrows.
J. R. Harris	- Best Forward	C. Todd
I.R. Colquhoun	- Best Back	M.Castrisos
Bill Alvers	- Best Junior	W. Morgan
	Club Man	
E.Devenport	- Most Improved	B.Schooley

TREASURER'S REPORT

R.A. Anderson

I present for your consideration and adoption the Club's audited Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31st October, 1977.

The Club transferred from Finsbury Park to the Ashgrove Ground during the year and entered into a joint venture with Valley District Cricket Club to provide clubhouse and associated facilities for the two sporting clubs. This move resulted in the sale of the Finsbury Park club house and ground lights and the following major commitments and expenditures:-

Purchase of 50% of Ashgrove clubhouse	\$
and associated facilities	46,500
Field Lights - Ashgrove	10,538

While part of these cash commitments have been paid, \$37,200 remains outstanding on which interest must be paid.

The greatly improved facilities at Ashgrove are a major improvement for club members. However, the increased costs of these facilities together with generally higher charges has again resulted in major increases in many costs during the year. This expenditure further stretched the Clubs resources.

The collection of members subscriptions as usual was very difficult. Five members have subscribed for Ashgrove Ground Membership. The Committee requests that urgent support be given by all members in all categories. Subscriptions are intended for the running of the club and this will require even greater expenditure during 1978 year.

The Finance Sub-Committee of the Management Committee continued to operate for the purposes of organising and conducting fund raising activities to assist the Club in meeting its commitments to Valley District Cricket Club. This Committee and the Club urgently needs further strong support of members, past and present, and supporters to raise the funds to meet the liability of \$37,200 and for other expenditure now being planned.

G.P.S. OLD BOY's RUGBY UNION CLUB

BALANCE SHEET - 31st OCTOBER, 1977

1976			
\$	<u>MEMBERS FUNDS</u>	\$	\$
300	A.C. Dibdin Perpetual Trophy	300	
-	J.R. Harris Memorial Trophy	300	
387	Ashgrove Park	-	
225	Tour	4,156	
<u>24108</u>	General	<u>31,304</u>	
<u>25020</u>			<u>\$36,060</u>
Represented by:			
	<u>NON CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
9419	Clubhouse - Finsbury Park	-	
	Joint venture - Ashgrove	46,500	
	Field Lights - Ashgrove	10,538	
1203	Training Equipment		
600	Ballymore Life Membership	600	
	Debenture Stock - Esanda Ltd.	300	
	Loan - Queensland Rugby Union	<u>220</u>	
<u>11222</u>			58,158
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
1557	Bank - Working Account	3,099	
	- Investment Account	2,381	
	- Tour Investment Account	3,931	
	- Joint Venture Accounts	1,050	
160	Cash on hand	-	
9520	Sundry Debtors	5,534	
<u>2332</u>	Stocks	<u>2,095</u>	
<u>15847</u>		<u>18,090</u>	
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
1899	Sundry Creditors	488	
<u>150</u>	Security Deposits	<u>-</u>	
<u>2049</u>		488	
<u>13798</u>			17,602
	<u>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
	Valley District Cricket Club	<u>39,700</u>	<u>39,700</u>
<u>\$25020</u>			<u>\$36,060</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1977

1976		\$	\$
\$			
<u>INCOME</u>			
9,925	Sales	14,894	
9,228	Less Cost of Sales	<u>10,302</u>	
69			5,492
	<u>Hotel Raffles:</u>		
5,053	Gross Proceeds	5,414	
2,221	Less Expenses	<u>1,753</u>	
2,832			3,661
	<u>Functions</u>		
3,058	Gross Proceeds	6,361	
3,741	Less Expenses	<u>4,486</u>	
217			1,875
	<u>Clothing and Equipment:</u>		
739	Sales	736	
510	Less Cost of Sales	<u>1,494</u>	
229			(758)
	<u>Subscriptions:</u>		
1,475	Senior	1,852	
77	Junior	63	
-	Ashgrove Ground	<u>1,000</u>	
1,552			2,015
151	Donations		3,847
3,104	Doubles		1,001
98	Interest		421
1,014	Rent - Ground Hire		1,453
1,881	- 52 Finsbury Street	.	-
-	Bingo		884
-	Art Union		1,280
-	Raffles		3,920
14	Sundry Income		<u>52</u>
1,789			\$25,233

1976				31
\$	<u>EXPENSES:</u>	\$	\$	
	Ashgrove Joint Committee	1,020		
22	Advertising	27		
65	Bank Charges	49		
480	Cleaning	1,084		
303	Insurance			
1,554	Interest	2,500		
377	Electricity	647		
342	Football Expenses	685		
121	Jerseys	1,245		
220	Jersey Repairs	-		
2,507	Postage, printing & stationery	1,492		
850	Queensland Rugby Union Affiliation Fees	904		
200	Match Fees	680		
140	Fines & Levies	82		
250	Donations & Honorarium	220		
307	Repairs & Maintenance	150		
655	Expenses - 52 Finsbury Street	-		
200	Rent - Finsbury Park	-		
291	Trophies (less donations)	296		
201	Juke Box Hire	113		
1,040	Trainers Fees	700		
95	Tallebudgera Camp	-		
334	Air fares	-		
91	Film & Videotape Hire	256		
287	Traffic cones and tackling bags	-		
-	Training Films	288		
-	Scrum Machine	415		
654	Sundry Expenses	427		
11586			13,281	
203	SURPLUS FOR YEAR		11,952	
	Extraordinary items			
6,321	Surplus on sale of property 52 Finbury St			
-	Deficit on sale of Finsbury Park (5,057)			
	Department of Sport Subsidy 3,845			
6,321			1,212	
6,524			10,740	
17,584	Add accumulated funds as at 1/11/76		24,108	
24,108				
-	Transfer to Tour Fund (3,931)			
	- From Ashgrove Park Fund 387		3,544	
\$24,108			\$ 31,304	

ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

1. The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and are not adjusted to take account of the current costs of specific assets and the effect of those costs on the income and expenditure for the year.
2. It is impracticable for the club to establish full commercial controls over most types of income prior to the initial entries in the accounting records. The controls and checks established by the committee ensure that all material items of income are brought to account.

QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION

STATE COACHING PANEL

11 November, 1977

This is to inform all affiliated clubs that the State Coaching Panel will be holding their annual, three day, Residential Coaching Course on the Australia Day long weekend, January 28th, 29th and 30th, 1978.

The Course will be held at the 1st Battalion Workshop Regiment, Appollo Road, Bulimba, with accommodation included. The panel insists that all people taking part in the Course do so on a residential basis.

Cost of the Course will be \$20 which will cover accommodation, all meals and all costs involved in the course. People wishing to register and attend the course must do so by paying this amount to the Q.R.U. Secretary by Monday January 22nd.

The Panel requests all clubs and Sub-Unions to publicise this course as much as possible amongst schools, other clubs and members in their area.

R. I. Templeton
Chairman

THE GRAFTON TRIP

or The Green Machine Exposed.

Trip Down: For the first time in three years, the club went on tour. And, as with all tours, the participants returned with sore heads; a fund of stories; and the opinion that tours are the greatest way to get to know other club members and to get into the spirit of the club.

The touring party assembled at Ballymore on Fri. 16th Sept. and immediately decided that the hired minibus was too small so Steve Davies bravely (?) volunteered to drive his car down and take the overflow. We had arranged also to meet visiting tourist, Gavin Ledingham in Grafton. "Are we all here, Manager Beef?" Beef: "Yea, we're all here, let's go." After we had got 150 metres, Ray Lyne flagged us down from a passing taxi. Beef one, tour all.

Once on our way for real, tour veteran Membrane uttered the immortal words which have launched many a tour ...
via "This will not be a monumental piss-up"

The Mt. Gravatt pig pen was the first stop for supplies after the sobering effect of these words had worn off, and the blue and white mobile esky was in full trundle - the tourist's thanks go to Bill Kennedy of QUF for supplying the amazingly durable cool carriers & dry ice! Bartlett's Barn was the first necessary stop followed by the Tweed Heads fruit stall where some thoughtful garden-types in the crew supplied nitrogen fertilizer for the fruit - pity it was already picked.

A little later hunger struck, so we pulled in at the "Burger King", little roadside stall, where the King himself - a vege cook - sees god through yoghurt. Comment as 18 less-than-sobri green siphons walked through the door. "Oh, wow man! Order: 11 B & E's. Comment: "Oh, wow man, fantastic. What's a B & E? Fortunately Lex was there to duck behind the counter and help him out with the cooking.

The driving was taken over by Beef, followed by "Leadfoot Ed" who ensured we made the last 1000 miles in a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. and so we arrived at Grafton.

Grafton: Here we were met with a happy friendly greeting from our jovial Motel Manager, Turnkey Bob: "Righto, no crap from you blokes, or I'll come up and sort youse out." In view of the serious rugby to be played next day, the boys all retired to their rooms - for beers (and BP Zoom in Room 202)

Next morning, as the first game was at 12.15, it was deemed necessary to sober up with a short swim for the icebergs led by tour 2nd veteran, Paul Frame (still in touring hat) and a short cocktail hour for the remainder, thence into the mobile esky and off to the game

GAME ONE: Bubbling with the confidence boom of early morning XXXX we ran on against Ballina to the grunts of "Green Machine, Green Machine" Tactics were brilliantly devised - i.e. Give it to Matty" However the plan was thwarted by narrow fields and intimidatory tactics (bloody great tree stumps as goal posts and land mines posing as rabbit holes in the field) Despite Matty's brilliance, Gavin Ledingham's defence, Gumby's great hands, Beef's effort to redecorate the field (in the 1st half!), Lex's death wish, and a brilliant record half field goal from Steve Davies, we went down 3-all. (Some local rule about first team to score - winning).

Beef (self appointed captain), after some interesting line-out calls (to himself when we had three dominant line-out jumpers in Hocko and the Lolinski brothers) went into a sulk after the game and refused to join the rest in recovery beers at the Royal. (Memo for future Grafton tours: stay at the Royal, what other N.S.W. pub opens all day Sunday starting at 6a.m.)

Quote of the tour, by little girl aged 9, in Beer Garden of Royal, running up to Marshall Lean with 20c piece in hand: "Mummy says I've got to give this back to you, mister." Whatever happened to the Armstrong boiled lolly technique?

GAME TWO: The Green Machine only just made it back from the Royal in time to rejoin Beef for the record game against Toowoomba Rangers. T.R. take one look at their stumbling opposition and chuckle confidently. BUT: by half time, score is G.M.7 T.R. 0, after a brilliant try off the side by Lex, the human dynamo, and yet another field goal from Steven Davies, after great service from tyro $\frac{1}{2}$ back, Ben Schooley. Quote from Lolinski II, "I think our cover's blown, boys", N.B. the mid-field tactics talk after the try was in reality not a tactics talk at all but a comfort stop for the tour veteran.

Sideline support from "Here have another Stammaid" Bean and Beavo was the highlight of the first half. In the second half the tour veteran Membrane was replaced, which proved the turning point in the match - or could it have been that condition began to run short? Lead-foot Ed couldn't hack the pace and was replaced by Rowdy (he never stopped talking) Milne as the pace ground down to an unlucky 7-11 loss.

And so the Machine retired to FMTB's (Friendly Manager Turnkey Bob's) place to watch the Sydney League C.F. on Beef's colour telly and a few recovery ales to tune up for.....

Saturday night: Your reporter is relying almost entirely on heresay for details here and disowns any errors of fact. This is due to the other southern veteran on tour forcing numerous large baths (alias Schooners) of Toohey's "Old" into said reporter's trembling hand.

First the Machine visited the Grafton RSL, swearing all were old soldiers - which may as well have been true for all the life there was in the place. Then on to the South Grafton RSL where we were expected. Here it was observed that not only were there many representatives of the fair sex, but also about 200 other rugby players. This cut down the odds for all except Beav who adopted the "pick the ugly one" technique, Bean and Gemby with their "tag team dancing" approach, Lex with his "restart my heart" line, Hocko (prize for non stop effort) and the whole lot staring at that blonde bird on the dance floor.

But the action was outside, started by our roly-poly team manager who answered nature's call, unfortunately on the leg of an innocent bystander who was trying to chat up a bird and who was subsequently seen to walk away shaking his leg. The magic esky was piloted back by this same round person who was duly pulled over by the law for crossing the bridge on both lanes. Lolinski 1 had the brilliant idea of mixing Beef in with the rest of the troops so as to confuse the cops, everyone owning up to being the driver and some genius asking why they couldn't turn on the siren. Turned out they didn't want to arrest anyone, just get the bus off the road. Beef: "Can I drive it?" Law: "No" So everyone pushed the bus to the side of the road and stumbled off into the dark.

Derek and Beef lost the rest owing to a pause for a Magoo when yet another police car became interested in their erratic progress. Beef owed up to having a cold and a very sympathetic policeman bundled them in the back and obligingly returned them to FMTB's. Ve-rry lucky.

Several of the more artistic lads tried to improve the decor back at the motel: i.e. Ben Schooley decided a garden gnome would look nice, but he didn't evade Turnkey Bob's eagle eye; nor did Sharkey Byrne with the rather fetching Paul's Ice Cream wall-hanging.

However, the Lolinski brothers, after climbing down from the tree in which they had spent the last half hour and finding (lo & behold) a bicycle, decided Gumby's room would be the ideal place for it. Little did they know that Gumby had previously utilised this same bike for transport, and they could not quite understand the panic-stricken way he peddelled it right back out of FMTB's place to some distant and suitable unloading site.

Sunday a.m.: Derek: "I've got a headache."

Framey: "Ungph" (difficult to understand as his head was under a pillow - this discomfort gave your reporter untold satisfaction.) At the a.m. team meeting the boys, undismayed by their losses of the previous day, came to the instant decision to return posthaste to Brisbane to give the A-grade some support.

And so, once more, the majority piled into the mobile esky with the overflow - "we'll come later" - Davies and Creagh still in bed, in the two card, and headed for the Royal for cocktails and travel pre-requisites. Then on to Brisbane with "Hit-all-the-bumps" Gumby at the wheel (cries of "where the XXXX are we," mainly from Lolinski II) Gumby's touch of class was revealed when he found the largest possible roadside tourist attraction to give the boys (particularly "Tie-a-knot-in-it" Eddy) an out-door comfort stop.

The club and the tourists owe a great deal to Marshall Lean, who took over the driving for the rest of the way and handled it with restraint and sobriety to ensure we got back safely. Thanks to Beavo's local knowledge, we stopped to replenish supplies at the Dolphins, Tweed Heads, where we nearly lost Lex due to his mechanics instinct to modify a shoddy looking motorbike. Thanks to the brilliant counsel of the tour senior, however, the crown-sergeant allowed him to rejoin the bus.

Time was getting on, so Bean put his foot down and we arrived (probably unnoticed?) at least 10 minutes before half time in the A-grade Prelim. final. Apparently, Ballymore hadn't been opened to free access at the time, but Bean quite rightly ignored this as the mobile esky rolled in to bolster Jeaps support. Although it was unfortunately to no avail, it was noticeable that the Jeaps Southern Tour Group were all back at Finsgrove (or Ashbury or whatever) on Sunday night, still giving their somewhat unsteady support to the Club. May Tours never cease!

Q.I.U. REPORT

The Queensland Rugby season has been a successful one again this year. The Club competition probably produced one of its best ever seasons, with the evenness and standard improving immeasurably. The Queensland side maintained its winning record and remains unbeaten at Ballymore in the last two seasons.

However, rather than talk about the year that has passed, it may well be best to look to what is in the future.

As most Jeeps supporters will be aware, the Queensland team is undertaking its most ambitious tour to date in the early new year. The trip is of approximately 3 weeks duration and covers Japan, Canada and the United States. Although it is argued on some counts, that the money could be better spent, I doubt that is so. Certainly, the standard of football which the Queensland side will experience, especially the The United States and Canada will be surprisingly high. One only has to recall the American Eagles first international against England, (where they went down, admittedly 37 to 11) but scored two tries in the last 10 minutes. Reflecting on the New South Wales country tour of the States some few years ago and remembering that in that year Country beat all-comers and easily took out the Wallaby trophy - the tour by a Queensland team surely must enhance its prospects for continuing its winning record in 1978.

The Queensland representative scene is extremely crowded next year with games against Otago, Nth. Auckland, Counties, Canterbury, Vic. New South Wales, Junior All Blacks & Wales. Bearing in mind the quality of the players that are going to be encountered in the opposition, it is more than apparent that Q'ld. Rugby followers are going to be really treated to a feast of some of the finest football to be seen in this State for many along year. It is appreciated that with such a hectic representative season, that there

may be some adverse effect upon the Brisbane Club competition. The representative matches of the last 2 years, which though not as heavy a programme as for 1978, have not in any way adversely effected the standard of the competition, & have I feel, significantly increased the standard of Rugby played as a result of the representative player experiences. For this reason I doubt that the clubs and the competition will suffer unduly in the new year as a result of the representative itinerary.

Further, in July 1978, Aust. is to tour New Zealand, & having regard to the fact that the majority of the matches which are mentioned above are in the early part of the season, one would assume that if the Queensland team performs to its ability, that we should see a more than usual representation of Queenslanders in the Australian Side.

With regard to the Club Competition for the new year, there have been a number of rather significant changes. Firstly, 2 Clubs, Ipswich & Redcliffe - have been promoted into A-Grade. The arguments for & against this move are many & varied, & I do not propose to enter into any general dialogue in that respect. Should anybody care to discuss the reason that Q.R.U. has taken this step, I would be more than pleased to confer on the same. To the point, the decision has been made. The 2 Clubs in question have assured us that they will be able to provide four full teams which shall, of course, remedy the many defects which the uneven draw of the passed few years have provided. I am sure from that point of view along, that G.P.S. Club supporters will applaud the decision which has been made. With a 10 team competition, there will be 2 rounds of 9 games with 4 byes. The 4 byes are fairly evenly distributed throughout the season, with an emphasis towards the earlier part thereof. On the first 3 byes, a secondary competition involving only 1st & 2nd Grades is envisaged. To be included in this competition, shall be combined sides from the Darling Downs, Gold Coast & Rockhampton Sub-Unions. I do not think that Jeeps will travel far afield in this initial year of this competition, as I think all of their games are either in Bne. or on the Gold Coast. This competition is aimed at providing country players with experience against our allegedly higher standard city players. It is hoped that in the way, the standard of Rugby throughout the State will improve. To ensure that the competition is a success, Clubs are directed that their best sides are put on to the field and that players & coaches regard the games in a serious vein. It is remembered that the State selectors shall view all of the games.

The points for the competition will be on a similar basis to the Bne. Grade competition, and in the event of drawn points, then on a points for-and-against basis. The exact dates for the competition fixtures have not, as yet, been finalised but it is likely that they shall in the

months of April, May and June. The grand final of the competition will be played on Exhibition Wednesday.

The other remaining bye shall be on the Queens's Birthday weekend, which shall supply the Clubs with a long weekend for mid-season tours which they have been demanding over the last passed few years.

Whilst the First & Second Grade teams are engaged in the Cup competition mentioned above, no alternative competition shall be arranged for Third & Fourth Grades. It is up to the individual Clubs to arrange for 'friendlies' to be played for these teams, if they so desire.

It is hoped that by the time that this Report has been printed, that a Qld. Director of Coaching or Development Officer will have been appointed. The appointee will be employed on a full-time basis, with a particular emphasis on development of Rugby Union growth throughout the State & on coaching on all levels. A number of nominations have been forthcoming, of which the majority of a very high calibre, & should ensure that the appointee- and the project as a whole - is a success. The project has been made possible as a result of the monies forthcoming from the Soccer Pools Organisation.

There are other administrative changes which shall take place within the Q.R.U. next year. The competition rules have recently been revamped and should come into force in January of the new year. Further, the competition will be administered by a Sub-Committee of the Union to a large degree. That Sub-Committee is constituted by delegates from each of the Brisbane Clubs as well as the Qld. Referees' Association. Along with other changes, it is hoped that shortly after January of the new year also, that the Council of the Union shall see fit to incorporate, and such incorporation shall also involve certain constitutional changes which, to a degree, are somewhat drastic & also long overdue. Further in the wind, & possibly in the future, is the possibility of a Tennis & Squash Court complex with the ancillary pleasures of a Swimming Pool & Gymnasium. At this stage, this project is certainly embryonic, but it certainly has a number of tantalising and profitable prospects about it. The area on the eastern side of the ground is to be developed into playing fields. All in all, 1978 promises far more than 1977 for the Qld. Rugby Union & that season was an exciting & most rewarding one for all supporters of Rugby Union in Queensland.