

HUNTERS HILL RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT 1971 SEASON.

PATRON: Alderman Don Farrant (Mayor of Hunters Hill)

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Club Coach: Mr. John Francis. Registrar: Mr. Michael Moss.

Club Captain: Mr. Tony Brunson. Publicity Officer: Mr. Paul Farrant

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Senior Selection Committee: Messrs. John Francis, Michael Moss, &
Tony Brunson.

Delegates to Metrop. Sub-District Assn: Messrs. Michael Moss & Paul
Farrant.

Delegates to Eastwood Dist. Junior RU: Messrs. Fred Tuynman & Grant
Williams.

Delegates to West Harbour Assn: Messrs. Ross Harrod & Geoff Schulties.

JUNIOR TEAMS:

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>COACH</u>	<u>MANAGER.</u>
Under 8 team	Mr. Ray Bortolussi	Mr. Fred Tuynman
" 9 "	Mr. Michael Clifton	-
" 11 "	Messrs. Grant Williams & D. Head.	Mr. Fred Stubbs
" 12 "	Messrs. David Head & Grant Williams	Mr. Grant Williams
" 14 "	Mr. John Kavanagh	Mr. Cliff Watson
" 15 "	Mr. Kevin Bull	Mr. Harry Swain
" 18 "	Mr. Geoff Schulties	Mr. Ross Harrod

Ladies Committee: Mesdames Tuynman, Reynolds, Psaltis, Hitchcock,
Mayes & Harrod.

REPORT OF SENIOR CLUBS' PLAYING PERFORMANCE-1971 SEASON

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The club as a whole performed very creditably during 1971. To finish as high as sixth position in the overall Sub District Club Championship was indeed an excellent club performance. Congratulations to all team members - both players and also reserves.

The top five clubs in the Sub District Championship all field four teams each Saturday. Consequently, these clubs have the opportunity to score more points towards the Club Championship than the three team clubs.

Hunters Hill was the leading three team club in the championship. Points scored by the top 10 sub district clubs were as follows:-

1. Colleagues	700 points	6. Hunters Hill	440 points
2. Lindfield	650 "	7. Petersham	428 "
3. Lane Cove	602 "	8. Newington O.B.	394 "
4. Kings O.B.	484 "	9. Briars	388 "
5. Knox O.B.	444 "	10. Sydney H.O.B.	388 "

1ST GRADE

Our 1st XV showed outstanding form for the major part of the season. The team was defeated only on two occasions.

Physical fitness and devotion to training played an important part in the team's success, particularly in the early part of the season. Interest and enthusiasm tended to wane in the latter part of the season, however, the team was able to last the distance and so become eventual winners of the Barraclough Cup.

The team was ably lead by Peter Wincote for most of the season and then by Tony Brunsten after Peter was injured.

Tony Brunsten won the annual award for the Best and Fairest Player. This was a just reward for a consistent performance throughout the year. Details of the team's performance were:-

<u>Competition Points</u>	<u>Points Scored</u>	<u>Points Against</u>
28	270	110

Final Versus Newport - won 14-12

Grand

Final " C.B.C. - won 11-3

2ND GRADE

Another creditable performance, however 2nd XV's form certainly was not consistent.

Although the team was disrupted on many occasions, the players

stuck to their task well and eventually made the Final. Unluckily they were defeated in this Final. They would have had an excellent chance of winning the Stockdale Cup.

The lack of a regular coach made the task difficult. Additionally, many players could not train regularly and the complete physical fitness of many players left a lot to be desired.

Paul Farrant and Ian Hansen, at different times, both led the Stockdale Cup team, and Paul Ivory won the annual trophy for The Best and Fairest Player. Paul's effort was a good one as he missed many of the early games.

The teams performance during the season was:-

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Points Scored</u>	<u>Points Against</u>
	24	177	73
<u>Final:</u>	Versus Old Ignations	Lost 5 - 6	

3RD GRADE

The Third XV finished second in the Northside Division of the Blunt Cup Competition behind Manly Savers (who entered only one team).

A large contingent of players turned out during the season with the thirds. It was indeed heartening to see many reserves turning up each week. A special vote of thanks to them.

Although their form was patchy, the team won their way through to the Final after an excellent win over C.B.O.B's in the Semi Final.

Garry Parr and Terry Rust led the team on different occasions and Garry Parr and Alan Clark tied for the Best and Fairest Award.

The season's performance was:-

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Points Scored</u>	<u>Points Against</u>
	18	124	85
<u>Semi Final:</u>	Versus C.B.O.B.	won 6 - 3	
<u>Final:</u>	Versus Manly Savers	lost 6-14	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My heartiest congratulations to all Members of the Hunter's Hill Rugby Union Football Club for yet another Football Season.

Last years Seniors pulled out the Premiership in the Barraclough Cup and were Semi-Finalists in the Blunt and Stockdale Cups. A very good effort boys! May I add that this effort was the first in the Clubs history and I am sure that it would not have been possible if John Francis (our Coach) had not done such a mighty job.

My thanks are also extended to those hard working Coaches and Managers in the Junior Teams from the under 8's to the under 18's and although no Premierships were won, I am fully satisfied that the boys have played the game of Rugby to its fullest. After all the Team is not disgraced if you play like true sportsmen and this was shown throughout all the Teams.

The Ladies committee again helped us to make our boys happy on Saturday morning and indeed were so successful that our finances from the drinks were very profitable. Thank you very much Ladies and Friends.

Our Social Evenings were very successful also and may I thank those many people who assisted to make the nights so enjoyable. Without your support this Club could not function.

We, as a Club, must not forget the wonderful work Rex Shapter and his Associates have done to keep our finances in balance with their raffles and we thank them very much. I hope that all the Parents will agree with me that we have helped the boys enjoy their football and with your help we can make them true Sportmen. Come and support them and join us for another successful season. We want your help, if not physically then financially. Any donation will be accepted. We also need boys of all ages from under 8's to under 18's for this Season. The fees again will be kept at a minimum. Jumpers and Footballs will be supplied.

In closing may I also thank the Groundsmen of Boronia Park for their efforts in maintaining the oval during the season.

Let us hope that this Season is going to be the best ever!!

LONG LIVE HUNTER'S HILL RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB.

The President.

UNDER 8

The Under 8's were a very unlucky team this season, as in my opinion they should have been in the semi finals. Due to some bad miscalculation in the point score they were eliminated. The team became very football minded in a very short period and during their games they never gave up. The parents must realize that they never had a full team even during the important games. Steven Tuynman (the Captain) certainly gave some outstanding performances - he averaged about 3 tries per match which is a very good effort. Robert Cutler combined extremely well with some very dashing tries.

Guy Johnson did a might job behind the scrum, Geoff Herbert was very dominant in attack and produced some very good football. Danny Tait, Denis Fitzpatrick and Peter Kalder were very effective in attack and defence.

Chris Whitnell, Andrew Braitling, Andrew Bourne, Richard Mostyn, Phillip Ball played some very good football. Mark Gianoutsos, Arthur Psaltis and Chris Berryman amongst the youngest of the team improved with every game.

UNDER NINES'

Players: Scott Corish, William Braitling, Jeffery Berriman, Cameron Molloy, Samuel Clifton, John Carr, Nicholas Johnson, David Sudano, Andrew Shillington, Mark Woods, Paul McDermott, David Suckling & William Fraser.

This team was comprised of only eleven players for the Competition Season and were naturally very severely handicapped.

With the aid of 'under eight' players doubling up when possible, the team managed to finish in the middle of the competition and performed exceptionally well under the circumstances.

The new players pick up the basic fundamentals of the game quickly, being assisted by the old boys.

The boys generally performed as a team although most of the points were scored by three players, these being Geoffrey Berryman, Andrew Shillington and Sam Clifton.

Their attendances at training was good and they endeavoured to learn as much as possible in the limited time available.

David Suckling, William Braitling, Scott Corish, William Fraser and Paul McDermott improved tremendously and Cameron Molloy was the most improved player in the team even though hampered by injury.

With a full team these boys should perform well in the coming Season providing they are given the right encouragement.

UNDER 11

Players: G. Anschau (Capt.), S. Berriman, M. Clifton,
A. Curtin, S. Cutler, M. Donnelly, D. Edmondson,
B. Fitzpatrick, J. Fountain, M. Lowe, M. McGain,
E. Psaltis, B. Reynolds, G. Sanford, R. Stubbs,
M. Suckling, P. O'Conner, S. Tait, C. Vitnell,
N. Vitnell, A. Wallis, T. Wood.

The Under 11's started the season on a very low note after last seasons success, losing four out of the first five competition games. The team finally captured some of its past form and fought back to miss a place in the final four by one point.

Although not an outstanding performance it must be remembered that of the 22 registered players nine were under 10's. The keenness of these younger boys on the field was an inspiration to the team.

During the season the team scored 139 points and had 82 scored against them.

Congratulations must go to Andrew Curtin and Paul O'Conner both of whom represented Hunters Hill in the Eastwood District Under 11 team which toured Victoria, and to Colin Vitnell who captained the very successful Eastwood District under 10 side.

I am sure all the boys would like to thank Fred Stubbs who did a tremendous job as Manager of the team and also David Head and Mick May for bringing some Sanity to their coaching.

UNDER 12

Players: W. Allen, M. Clifton, T. Fitzpatrick, J. Gallagher,
T. Lehany, A. Lindsay, C. Nelson, W. Priestly,
P. Sanford, S. Wood, S. Woods (Captain)

The Under 12's with only 10 registered players showed a spirit and determination far above any team I have seen this year. Fielding an average of 13 players sometimes as low as 9 they scored 95 points and had 136 scored against them.

The highlight of the Season for the boys was defeating the previously unbeaten Eastwood side and thus entering the Grand Final of the Eastwood District Under 12 knockout competition.

This team seemed to thrive under adversity and towards the end of the season the boys were playing very strongly.

Under 12 Continued.

Congratulations to Stephen Woods for his selection in the Eastwood District Under 12 Side.

I would like to give special thanks to Stephen Woods and William Priestly for their non-stop efforts both on the field and at training.

UNDER 14

Players: S. Kavanagh (Capt.), G. Watson, J. Sanderson, A. Ducker, B. Watson, M. McKinnon, G. Lindsay, A. Gothard, T. Muggleston, R. Crammond, W. Vout, M. Etherton, P. Berryman, G. Squires, A. Edwards, G. Oughton. A Herman.

These boys can look back on the 1971 Season with the satisfaction of knowing that their abilities gained the respect of all opposing teams. No team could afford to take them cheaply and when beaten it was usually because of an inability to defend with vigour and purpose.

Good service was given by the forwards with splendid defence from Geoff Lindsay, John Sanderson, Tony Ducker and Warren Vout. "New boy" Geoff Squires gave a strong attacking display. Hooker Brett Watson's consistency in giving the team more than their share of the ball meant inside backs Steve Kavanagh and Glenn Watson were able to capitalise in good form while long striding Tim Muggleston and bustling Tony Edwards were always dangerous in attack.

Steve Kavanagh and Glenn Watson were chosen to represent the district in the State U/14 Championship and were unfortunately beaten in the final. A very fine effort.

UNDER 15

Players: Robert Pluis, Lyall McCarthy, Rod Tuynman, Ross Hanson, Lloyd Hanson, Anthony Woods, Gregory Small, John McIntyre, Ian Swain, Grant Millard, Bruno Labasso, Gregory Keane, Noel Rizzo, Terry Dorahy, Jim Thom.

This team never realised its full potential. Only once was it really beaten and this was against the eventual premiers. In other games there was only a few points in the result. In these games it was a lack of application at the vital point of the game.

The better placed in the competition the team they were playing the better they played. The players themselves deserve congratulations for the way they attended training regularly. Several of the players will have to learn to tell the time as this point caused their team-mates and team manager many anxious moments before games.

There were some outstanding individual performances throughout the year, notably Ross Hanson, Terry Dorahy, Rod Tuynman, in the forwards and Jimmy Thom, Ian Swain and Robert Pluis in the backs.

Several players showed great improvement during the year. If these players such as John McIntyre, Grant Millard, Bruno Lobasso, and Lyall McCarthy, keep improving at the rate they did in the 71 season H.H.R.F.C. will benefit in the years to come.

There were two forwards who with a bit more attention to training and fitness would be a great strength to any team. One is Lloyd Hanson who doesn't yet know his own potential. A big lad Lloyd started to come into his own towards the latter half of the season and if he starts off the new season as he finished the last season he should make representative sides. The other player Noel Rizzo spoils his football by trying to emulate Cassius Clay. He has much more potential than he showed and if he gets serious he should be an asset to the side in 1972.

Our full back was our smallest player but our biggest problem. He is a gifted player who could tackle the biggest of opponents all the time and who would then, through lack of application and concentration make the easiest of situations into a monstrous problem. All Greg needs is confidence in himself and he should have a good season in 1972.

I would like to thank those players who filled in when we were short, Brad Stewart and Greg Keane.

Really I would like to thank the team managers, Harry Swain, Geoff Hanson, and Fred Tuynman without whose help and dedication the team would not have functioned so smoothly.

UNDER 18

Players: Pat Hagan (Capt.), John Simpson (V. Capt.), Gabi Mogradi, Greg Wainwright, Stephen Quayle, David Harrod, Colin McCarthy, Stephen Pasfield, Mal Lemmon, Garry Holmes, John Rann, Jim Sanderson, Jim McConochie, Alan Southcombe, Grant Beauman, Neil Sheffield, David Webster, Matt Strange.

The Under-18 Team started the season in good strength with a line-up which, on paper, should have been capable of taking out the West Harbour competition, which includes the teams from the Parramatta, Western Suburbs and Eastwood areas.

In proof of this, they did, during the competition defeat both the finalists, Ashfield to the tune of 25-8 and Dundas by 9-6, which was the first time a Hunters Hill Team had ever beaten a first grade Dundas side, but in between these high grade performances they managed to lose matches to almost all of the weaker teams.

The reason for this was not hard to find as most of the boys were still at school and with School football, Saturday Football and all the representative games they took part in as a result of both competitions, they got a little stale and in fact could not field a full team in two of their last three matches.

However, although they failed to make the semi-finals, the boys enjoyed good football and the good fellowship associated with it.

The team had five representatives chosen for the West Harbour zone team and two of them, namely John Simpson and Pat Hagen were also chosen for Combined C.H.S. Firsts and Seconds respectively.

However, this was not a two-man or a five-man team and the individual ability of all players was such that the Senior Club would like to see all the 18's try out for the Sub-District Teams in 1972.