

# 2015 Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd Annual Report

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## Club Board – 2015

### Patron

William Currie

### President

Graeme Hearl

### Board of Directors

Hilton Chapman Andrew Dainton, Andrew Lennon,  
Hayden Rorke, Dr Elizabeth Swinburn, Hugh Trollope

### Honorary Secretary

None Appointed

### Honorary Life Members

H D Boland, C C Pike, H Crow, C Burton-Smith, T J Harrison, G A Wilson, G H Townend,  
P C Harrison, R G Hill, B F Shirvington, L D Evans, R A Davidson, G M Fountain, J B Carroll,  
J S Neal, N J Campbell, R N Heather, W D Twible, R A Pearson, S W Rhall, W G Gibson,  
A B Frew, D L Logan, P J Kearney, D A Ditton, J H Knox, Mrs. F Warman, W G Hearl,  
F E McMahon, A C Rea, J E Kable, H Naughton, T Allan, B J Wilson, P Serisier, C Blunt

### Hall of Fame

C Pike, D Logan, M Spalding, R Davidson, C Blunt, B Allan, T Allan, M Hartill, B Kable,  
J Kable, A Summons, S Mortlock



## Gordon's Future!

## Gordon Rugby Honour Board

<b>Club Championships</b>	1949, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1993, 1998
<b>1st Grade Premiers</b>	1949, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1976, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2007 Trevor Allan Cup Winner, 8 times runner-up
<b>2nd Grade Premiers</b>	1961, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1981, 10 times runner-up
<b>3rd Grade Premiers</b>	1959, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1993, 2008, 2009 14 times runner-up
<b>4th Grade Premiers</b>	1949, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1958, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1999, 2000, 2007 9 times runner-up
<b>1st Grade Colts</b>	3 times runner-up
<b>2nd Grade Colts Premiers</b>	1974, 1981, 1995, 1998 8 times runner-up
<b>3rd Grade Colts Premiers</b>	1986, 1987, 1988, 1996, 2009 5 times runner-up
<b>4th Grade Colts Premiers</b>	1987, 1988, 1990, 1996, 2009 2 times runner-up
<b>Under 19's</b>	1995 2 times runner-up

## Representatives

In the 79 year period 1936 – 2015 the Highlanders have produced 34 Australian Internationals, 4 of whom were Australian Captains. The Honour Board reads:

F. O'Brien, D. Carrick, T. Allan (c), B. Piper, A. Tonkin, B. Wilson, R. Davidson (c), B. Johnson, J. Phipps, P. Phipps, A. Summons, E. Purkiss, R. Meadows, K. Yanz, D. Logan, N. Latimer, D. Shepherd, R. Batterham, B. Taafe, P. Sullivan (c), D. Burnett, L. Monaghan, J. Ryan, S. Cutler, M. Hartill, A. Daly, A. Blades, A. Ekert, A. Murdoch, A. Dempsey, C. Blades, M. Hardy, J. Langford, T Wallace, S. Mortlock (c).

There have been 79 Gordon players represent at the State / Provincial level, 2 players V.Ratu and D. Harvey have represented in Australian Sevens, 4 players J Wilson, D. Haylet-Petty, B Whittaker and J. Turner have represented in the Australian Under 21's. J Dempsey represented in Australia Under 20's and 6 players have played for other national teams: M. Graham (NZ), S. Rokobaro (Fiji), M. Hercus (USA), and A. Mower (Scotland), Jack Parfitt (Hong Kong), M Parfitt (Hong Kong Under 20's) and E Olmstead (Canada 2015 World Cup and Under 20's).

## 2015 Representatives

### Australia

#### Australian Under 20's

#### NSW Waratahs (Super Rugby)

Jack Dempsey

#### Macquarie University North Harbour Rays (National Rugby Championship)

Jack Dempsey, Nick Fraser, Harry Rorke, Sione Ala, Ruairidh Wilson, James Wilkinson,  
Mark Johnson

## 2015 President's Report

As many of you will be aware I am standing down from the Board at the Annual General Meeting later this year. It has been a great honour to have served on the Board since late 2012 and I wish my successor and the 2016 Board every success.

Being the only surviving member of the Board since the Extraordinary General Meeting of October 2012 ("EGM"), I would like to share some perspectives on the Club in the intervening period.

### Some Historical Background

Whilst it is neither appropriate nor necessary to go into details about all that has occurred over the last three years (or, indeed, in the years prior to 2012), it is common ground that 2012 was a year of some significant turmoil within the Club.

By 2012, the Board was operating with only three Directors; there was significant discontent within both the wider membership and the playing ranks; we were losing quality players at a rapid rate to other Clubs; our Colts' program was imploding; and, we had suffered a serious disconnect with our junior base.

It had also become clear by late 2011 there were very significant financial problems facing the Club. I have been informed a number of other clubs were also seriously discussing our removal from the Shute Shield at the time. Indeed, sections of the media were predicting our imminent collapse. None of the problems were capable of immediate or, indeed, easy resolution.

The membership resoundingly endorsed a change of direction at the EGM and elected, as new Directors, Dr David McGilvray, Mark Hartill, Peter Hearl, David Cains and myself. We also saw Peter Sherwood and Peter Matthews appointed as advisors to the Board.

I wish to place on record my belief this Club would not have survived, nor be where it is today, without the efforts of Dr David McGilvray, Mark Hartill, Peter Sherwood, Peter Hearl, David Cains,

Peter Matthews and those who supported them, not to mention the entire Friends of Gordon (“FOGs”) network. Through a combination of hard work, business acumen, financial guidance, not to mention financial support, these long standing members and their FOGs compatriots laid the foundation for the financial and cultural stability which we presently enjoy.

In the period since the EGM, the Club has been able to retire approximately \$ 325,000 of historical and other debt which related to the period prior to the EGM. Just think what we could have done with those funds over the last three years!

As at the date of this year’s AGM, (leaving aside the debt to Graham and Penelope Boyle and the internal debt to the Pat Serisier Fund) the Club’s only outstanding debts will be the sum of \$ 23,825 owed to two players and \$2,464 to four creditors, all under an agreed Scheme of Arrangement.

Whilst I would prefer to emphasise the Club’s improvement and success on the Rugby field, I feel it is important the membership have a very clear understanding of the reality of modern club rugby: namely, regardless of the quality of your rugby program, without financial support, financial stability, a strong volunteer support base and cultural strength, clubs simply cannot function and cannot hope to survive.

## **The Board**

Since I joined the Board in October 2012, a number of members have contributed significantly on the Board, apart from those referred to above. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Josh Whittaker, Rob Bruce, Beau Wilson, Hilton Chapman, Hugh Trollope, Hayden Rorke, Liz Swinburn, Andrew Lennon and Andrew Dainton.

As you would expect of a rugby club, those of us on the Board all have different ideas, different methods of working and different opinions on how issues should be addressed. Whilst this has led to some robust discussions, the focus has always remained on what is right for the Club. Fortunately, we haven’t taken the Snow Naughten option of “sorting out” those differences under the nearest tree.

## **Mingara**

As the Club’s largest single sponsor, we remain deeply indebted to Mingara Leisure Resorts (the operators of The Pearl on the site of the old licence club). The three year agreement reached with Mingara at the time of the sale of the old licence club expired this year. I am pleased to report to members that, following negotiations with Mingara, they have agreed to a further two year sponsorship at the rate of \$80,000 per year. This is a terrific outcome for us and certainly allows us to approach planning for 2016 with a level of renewed confidence.

Paul Barnett, the CEO of Mingara, and his Board have been great supporters of the Club over the last three years. The contributions which Mingara have made to us over that period through the Club Grants scheme have been irreplaceable.

Members may be interested to know the way the Club Grants scheme works is that we cannot use any of the funding for payments to players, coaches, or other such expenses. In fact, the Club does not actually receive any of the money directly from Mingara. The arrangement being that, as and when invoices are received for goods and services (such as playing kit, insurance coverage, equipment costs and the like) they are referred to Mingara, who approve the invoice and then pay them through the Club Grants scheme.

### UTS



Our relationship with UTS remains strong, we did have a reduction in the amount of funds UTS have made available to us in 2015.

Fortunately, prudent investment of earlier funding has allowed us to continue our UTS scholarship program without impediment and, in 2015 we had eleven players engaged. This is the highest number we have ever had and represents a very significant component of the Club's recruitment strategy.

Once more, Gordon contributed significantly to the UTS Seven-a-Side team at the University Games in October. Unfortunately, accumulated injuries and a last minute withdrawal, robbed the squad of its most dangerous attacking players, and whilst the players all battled manfully, they were eliminated at the semi final stage.

The existence of the UTS scholarship arrangement is a significant point of difference for the club, and has been particularly instrumental in re-establishing our Colts' program as a viable alternative to some of our competitors.

In the circumstances, it would be very remiss of me not to acknowledge the terrific support we have had from Liz Morgan-Brett, Aimee Purcell and Fudge Atshan at UTS. Equally so, I would like to acknowledge the fact the UTS scholarship arrangement was originally established through the FOGs network, primarily through work done by Peter Sherwood, David Hale and Peter Matthews. The Club owes them a very great debt in this regard.

### Sponsorship

Sponsorship revenue has continued to be a focus for the Club and Hayden Rorke has done a wonderful job in consolidating existing sponsors and introducing new ones. Sponsorship comes in many forms: from "in kind" or contra assistance, such as that which we receive from:-

North Shore Gym	Lindfield Corporate Centre	Lyon Nathan (Tooheys)
Victor	Coke/Power Aid	DKF Richard Hill
Forte Wealth	Mat Glascott	Eastern Road Dry Cleaners
Storage King	Dentists @ Pymble	Mercury Creative

to direct financial support, such as we receive from:-

Mingara Leisure Resorts	UTS	Curran Property Group
The San Hospital at Wahroonga	Australian Brokers	Amadan Beef
Alta Private Wealth Management	Rhino Racks	L J Hooker Wahroonga
Premier Northpack	Sony Music	KFC Lindfield

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to a combination of both, such as we receive from:

Pure Essentials	The Willoughby Hotel
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It all counts and it is all essential to our ability to function.

The Club is extremely grateful to all of our sponsors and we trust they are getting full value from their involvement with us. One of the best things we, can do to show our appreciation for our sponsors, is to avail ourselves of their services wherever possible. It also never hurts that when doing so, you let our sponsors know of your connection with the Club.

### **Club Activities**

During the course of this year, the Club hosted a number of very significant events. These started with our ANZAC Day match at Chatswood Oval against the Warringah Rugby Club and our involvement across three Dawn Services at Chatswood, Roseville and Hornsby. It was very pleasing to see the younger generation continue to respect and honour the traditions which were laid down by many of the Club's founders, including our first Shute Shield premiership winning coach, the late "Slab" Allan, a World War 1 Military Medal and Cruix de Guerre recipient, who created our Highlander tradition, and the late Albert Chowne, VC.

The Annual Lunch was a tremendous success. Matt Pyne, Liz Swinburn and Hayden Rorke are all to be congratulated for the exceptional work they did in making the day so memorable. As did club



“Hall of Famer” Stirling Mortlock. I would also like to especially thank NAB who came on board as our naming rights sponsor. Their contribution was invaluable and is very much appreciated.

The lunch was well supported by a number of our village clubs, not to mention the FOGs network that came from far and wide. We are also very grateful to Rod Kafer, who acted as MC; Bill Pulver, the CEO of the ARU; Nick Farr Jones, Chairman of NSW Rugby; and, the always entertaining Alan Jones, former Shute Shield Premiership winning coach, former Wallabies’ coach and renowned broadcaster. They all spoke passionately about rugby and all of them contributed to a terrific day.

It was also very pleasing to be joined on the day by David Begg, the President of the Manly Rugby Football Club, and Matthew Curll also from Manly, as well as Len Ancliff and John Liddell from Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club. Unfortunately, Tony Crawford the President of Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club, and Phil Parsons, the President of Warringah Rugby Football Club, were unable to join with us on the day due to prior commitments. The fact we were blessed by the presence of a number of our long standing Shute Shield opponents, is testament to the camaraderie which has built up between the four clubs involved in the Macquarie University North Harbour Rays franchise (of which we each own 25%).

We hosted a very successful Ladies Day organised by the players at our final home game against Manly. Club Captain Will Shirvington did a wonderful job (helped greatly by Louise Ferguson) in getting this up and running and getting so many players and their girlfriends involved.

We also hosted the Gordon Junior representative sides’ Presentation Day following their successful State Championship efforts in June.

The Club’s own rugby Presentation Night held on 22 August was a great success. The following players who reached significant milestones this year were acknowledged on the night:

Matthew McDougall	100 First Grade games
Terry Preston	200 Club games
Andrew Chapman	100 Club games
Hugh Copley	100 Club games
Osaiasi Naati	100 Club games
Erik Moss	100 Club games
Mark Johnson	100 Club games
Michael Manners	100 Club games
Henry Carmichael	100 Club games



Rohan Pixley	100 Club games
Chris Hipsley	100 Club games
Neil Smail	100 Club games

## **Volunteers**

Clubs like ours cannot function without a whole range of people. It is not just players, coaches, physios, and the like who contribute to our success each week.

Without the efforts of a wide range of volunteers, many of the things we take for granted simply would not happen. Accordingly, I would like to acknowledge the work over many years now of people such as: Dick Huey, our official timekeeper; Dr Myles Coolican and Dr Liz Swinburn, our Honorary Doctors; Tim Carroll, James Herd and Graham Boyle, our ground announcing team; those volunteers who have ran the line when officials were not available; those volunteers who have helped set up the ground each week, and taken it down; and those players, particularly injured players, who have helped with the barbecue on a week to week basis.

Our team managers warrant special mention and, in this regard, Ivo Clark, Al Kirkby, Kev Kenny, Peter Hearl, Ben and Pricilla Clark and Steve Quoyale in Grade and Michael Antico in Colts deserve the highest praise.

## **Gordon Juniors**

As always, we are delighted for the juniors' success in the annual State Championships. This year the juniors won the Under 12's, Under 14's and Under 15's: a sensational effort on any criteria.

Gordon continues to have the largest and most successful junior base in Australian Rugby. That makes our junior players targets for every other club in Sydney and, potentially, interstate Super 15 franchises.

It is very pleasing, therefore, to see the juniors holding their representative Presentation Days at Chatswood Oval over the last two years at the time of our last home games. Equally pleasing is the practice which we have been developing over the last few years of junior representative sides training with our Grade teams in the lead up to the annual State Championships.

Whilst the Club certainly cannot claim any "ownership" of our junior footballers, it is disappointing other clubs find it easier to poach our juniors rather than develop their own. This is an area in which the Club needs to be constantly vigilant and it is essential we maintain our historical links with our village clubs, the schools in our catchment area and the Gordon Juniors' representative programs.

A number of rival clubs (and not just our immediate neighbours) are already talking to some of our junior footballers. Hopefully, the camaraderie, success and experiences which the boys have had through the junior rep program will continue to keep them within the Club as they progress to Colts and Grade. We cannot, however, afford to be complacent in this regard and must

continually ensure that we offer our aspirational players the best coaching and the best rugby experience we can.

### **Colts**

The resurrection of our Colts' program this year has been not just one of a number of achievements this year: it is the highlight of 2015. The hard work done in 2014 by Tony Dempsey and his team has been built on significantly this year. As members will be aware, two years ago we had one Colts side. Last year we had two Colts sides but only won a handful of games across both teams. This year we fielded four Colts sides every week and ended the year with all three competitive Colts teams making the semi-finals.

First Grade Colts were eliminated in a nail biting semi-final by eventual premiers Sydney University. They showed enough, however, to suggest they will be a genuine title contender in 2016. Second and Third Grade made it to the preliminary final stage and, despite having their chances, both were eliminated by Randwick.

The Club can be immensely proud of the efforts of the boys and the coaches during the season, particularly as many of them were first year Colts with every little experience of playing a full Grade/ Colts competition plus semi-finals at this level and with this intensity. The coaching staff of David Telfer, Robbie Barnard, Grant McClelland, Steve Phipps, Sam Phipps, Tim Calvert and Michael Antico is to be commended for ensuring the boys remained focused and competitive throughout the season. We look forward to all of our players returning to either Colts or Grade ranks next year.

### **Grade**

Grade had a mixed year, to say the least. In First Grade we registered eight wins, including the Club's first victory against Sydney University since 2009, under lights at Chatswood Oval. Indeed, up until the second round clash with Sydney University, First Grade was still a serious chance of making the semi-finals.

Whilst we can all complain about the bounce of the ball and other factors over which we have no control (and I do more than most), the fact is we didn't do as well as we all hoped we would do when the season started. I am sure all of the boys (especially in First, Second and Third Grade) will be disappointed they did not make the semi-finals and I'm equally sure they will be looking to make amends in 2016.

First Grade coaches Geoff Townsend, Mark Philp and Tim Wallace continued to work hard all year to instill in the players the need for a professional approach, notwithstanding the essentially amateur nature of the Shute Shield competition.

One of the more pleasing aspects of our First Grade squad this year was the fact virtually every week we fielded a team comprising never less than eleven Gordon juniors. Indeed, most weeks we had at least twelve juniors in the run-on side. That is a record which very few, if any, other Clubs could match.

The injury toll in Grade this year was horrendous. At various stages throughout the season we had up to two teams of players with First Grade experience out for extended periods. Whilst most of these injuries were simply bad luck, the coaching and medical and strengthening and conditioning staff are all actively reviewing the injury toll to ensure our pre-season work for the 2016 season addresses any preventable injuries.

Second Grade had a disappointing season by comparison with the highs of 2014. They probably suffered more than most other grades from what was an inordinately high injury toll higher up and simply could not produce the quality of football or the ability to come back at the death which the 2014 team were able to produce. Expo Meija, Kingsley Seale and Alex Prendergast toiled away all year but sadly (like the players) their efforts were not rewarded on the scoreboard.

Similarly, Third Grade were also disrupted regularly as a result of injuries higher up, but still managed to score some memorable victories during the season. "RG", Kieran Lewis and Greg Lee worked hard and kept smiling to the end of the year. No doubt the support from those occupying "The Friends of RG Stand" helped!

Fourth Grade were yet again a week to week proposition and it is a wonder Ian Crothers and Jack Leary were able to field a squad every week. They, like the other grades, suffered a high injury toll but, as is usually the case in this Grade, they also suffered from a steady stream of unexpected absences. That it was possible (albeit with some assistance from Colts, other grades, the coaching staff and our good friends at Manly Rugby Club on one occasion) to field a competitive and willing team every week says a lot about Club spirit.

Club Captain Will Shirvington deserves much praise for his work off the field, not only ensuring we were always well represented at after match functions (often having more numbers than our opponents, even for our away games) but also in creating a cohesive social group across all grades.

### Macquarie University North Harbour Rays



Geoff Townsend and Head Colts Coach, David Telfer, formed part of the coaching staff for the Macquarie University North Harbour Rays in 2015. They were joined by GRFC alumni Julian Huxley.

As well, six of our First Grade squad were selected by the Macquarie University North Harbour Rays, namely, James Wilkinson, Harry Rorke, Jack Dempsey, Mark Johnson, Sione Ala. Terry Preston (originally selected but injury ruled him out)

In addition, a number of our Grade and Colts players were selected for the Emerging Rays Development Squad, namely: Ash Goddard, Sean Dillon, James Lough, Pat Curtin, Kurtis Quinn, Nick Fraser, and Ruairidh Wilson all making the cut. This competition is a great opportunity for emerging players and both Nick Fraser and Ruairidh both had game time in the NRC.

### **The Gordon Rugby Foundation**

Some members may be aware many years ago the Gordon Rugby Foundation was established with a view to providing financial assistance to our players through developing facilities and helping to develop their rugby skills. Unfortunately, other priorities took hold and the Foundation was never fully implemented.

As a result of significant work which has recently been undertaken by John Boughton, with some input from Peter Hearl, it is hoped the Gordon Rugby Foundation can be reinstated within the next twelve months. By working closely with the Australian Sports Commission, the intention is the Foundation will provide a tax deductible means for members and supporters to show their support for the club in a very meaningful way.

More detail with respect to the Foundation will be available at the Annual General Meeting.

**Graeme Hearl**  
**President**  
**Gordon Rugby Football Club**

### **Financial Report - 2015**

The Finance, Administration and Governance Committee are pleased to report the Club's financial position has continued to improve. Strengthening the club's financial position continues to be the club's number one priority. The club has met all its commitments under Schemes of Arrangement entered into, and are well on the way to realizing the settlement of historical debts, with the exception of the repayment of the Pat Serisier Fund and the Boyle Loan.

Our unofficial motto continues to be "*If we don't have it, we won't spend it*". It is a very simple approach that continues to serve us well.

Our financial objectives are underpinned with a strong governance focus.

**Andrew Dainton**  
**For and on behalf of the Finance, Administration and Governance Committee**

## 2015 Rugby Reports

The 2015 season is one which saw the Gordon Rugby Club re-establish itself within the Shute Shield competition. As with all re-building ventures it is the foundations that you need to get right and for the first time in 5 years GRFC was able to field four teams across the Colts competition. The work done by David Telfer and his coaches from recruitment to performance across the park is a major reason why this club is on the improve and is heading back to being one of the premier clubs across the Shute Shield Competition. The lack of Colts numbers has hugely impacted our Grade teams in recent years and with up to 30 players eligible to move into the Grade ranks for 2016 the board is very excited about our prospects with a specific focus on improving our Club Championship ranking.

In addition to our Colts success our First Grade team was very competitive all year and had some tremendous victories. This young team is gaining experience and with another 1<sup>st</sup> Grade season under their belt I have no doubt that some of the very close losses we had will turn into victories in season 2016. Geoff Townsend and his assistants had to deal with significant injury concerns throughout the year and it is a credit to the coaches and those players that came up from the lower grades and performed outstanding against bigger and more experienced sides. A big thank you must also go to the lower grade coaches who continually get disrupted when injuries occur. A special mention to Ian Crothers who put in a huge amount of work to ensure that we put a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade team on the park every week in the face of such a significant injury toll.

Work has already started for season 2016 with our strength & conditioning team specifically focussing on injury prevention and getting our players ready for the rigour of a long season. I have no doubt we will be one of the best prepared clubs for season 2016. The board wants to ensure that we continue to improve both on and off the field. GRFC not only wants to produce better players but also assist in developing our coaches. As a result we have appointed Mark Philp as our Director of Coaching. Mark will remain an assistant to Geoff Townsend our Head Grade Coach but will also move between Grade and Colts and help develop our volunteer coaches to improve their coaching capability. Better coaching produces better players.

Once again thank you to all our players, coaches, support staff, sponsors and supporters. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. A special mention must go to the FOG's who have assisted the rugby program throughout season 2015 and are very supportive in making GRFC a successful rugby club. Our foundations are in place; we are a more professional club and ready to give this Shute Shield competition a real shake in season 2016.

**Andrew Lennon**  
**For and on behalf of the Rugby Committee**



## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Report 2015



Back-Row : Kev Kenny (Manager), Tui Tuisavaii, Jordan Goddard, , Will Shirvington, Ruairidh Wilson, Harry Rorke, Luke Rissman, Pat Curtin, Lucas Simkin, Sione Ale, Matt McDougall, Al Kirkby (Manager)  
Front Row: Geoff Townsend (Head Coach), James Wilkinson, Nick Fraser, Jack Dempsey, Tobias Gukibau, Erik Moss, Mark Philp (Asst Coach)  
Absent: Peter Hearl (Manager), Ivo Clarke (Manager), Tim Wallace (Asst Coach), Mark Johnson, Terry Preston

The season commenced with optimism for an improved season after a strong finish to 2014 and this was vindicated after a strong win to commence the competition.

Unfortunately our momentum was disrupted by a string of 5 consecutive losses against top level teams, 4 of which could or should have gone our way, Also throughout this period we lost a number of front row players to long and short term injuries and for two weeks had to rely on our Colts to play both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

To the credit of the team we were able to resurrect our season throughout the next series of games and were in contention for finals but we suffered a massive blow post Round 12, one expected and one not when we lost both co-captains in Terry Preston and Tom Matthews. A blow from which we failed to recover from, preventing us getting the necessary victory or two to reach the playoffs.

In summation another improved season where our victory total left us just short of finals contention and it also enabled us a chance to blood a number of new players from Colts to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. With a number of talented players graduating from Colts to Grade there is good reason to be confident with how the club will perform through all Grades next season.

To 1<sup>st</sup> Grade players who won awards and achieved milestones throughout the year congratulations and hopefully those achievements can be improved upon next year. We also had a number of players rewarded for their efforts by selection in the North Harbour Rays and Emerging Rays teams. Those players Nick Fraser, James Wilkinson, Mark Johnson, Harry Rorke, Jack Dempsey, Ruairidh Wilson, Sione Ala, Terry Preston (originally selected but injury ruled him out) for the Rays. Sean Dillon, Nathan Kelly, Ash Goddard, James Lough, Pat Curtin, Kurtis Quinn and Ben Butler for the Emerging group. Also further kudos to Jack for securing a full contract with the Waratahs.

We must also mention the efforts of all involved with putting together a competitive team. Coaches Tim Wallace and Mark Philp ensured our team was always well prepared for all games. The Management foursome of Al Kirkby, Ivo Clarke, Peter Hearl and Kev Kenny were ever present, great company and provide the necessary blend of levity and seriousness. Liz, Nathan, Jules on the Medical team were brilliant and were kept busy particularly early in the season. Karl and Mon's contribution to preparing our players was and is important for our ongoing success. To the Board your efforts in contributing to turning around the fortunes of the club over a short period of time has been significant, those efforts at the expense of work, family etc can be difficult but well respected by all.

The club is heading in the right direction and efforts to get our Colts back to prominence will and should ensure our club returns and remains in the upper echelon of Shute Shield clubs. It's now important that all Grades are now in position to contest for finals on a regular basis and this should commence next season.

**Geoff Townsend – Head Coach, Mark Philp and Tim Wallace – Assistant Coaches, Ivo Clarke, Alan Kirkby, Peter Hearl and Kevin Kenny – Team Managers**





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Report 2015



Standing: Alex Prendergast (Coach), Lefu Iaopo, Oscar Woods, Luke Heavey, Lachie Mitchell, Henry Broad, Alec Palmer, Tim Lloyd, Rohan Pixley, Kingsley Seale (Coach), Justin Rodgie, Lachie Camp, Oliver Campbell, Steve Quoyle (Manager)  
Seated: Jim Handlin, Michael Manners, Hugh Cropley, Andrew Chapman, Mark Williams, Beau Hape, Tom Parrish

2015 Pre-Season started early in November 2014. After a 10 year hiatus in Junior and Suburban rugby I was impressed to see a solid start with reasonable numbers showing up for what could be said was a very early pre-season (Subbies start around February with a smoke and a beer....). But, it was during that pre-season that several freak injuries literally pole axed our start to the season. By round 4 a 57-7 drubbing by Wests at Concord after 3 straight losses could have written the side off. 2nd Grade was being held together by wire and strings. But, sometimes, through adversity and disruption comes brilliance. Round 5 against Manly at Manly could have been a disaster. It should have been a disaster, but it wasn't. Manly got the shock of its life when Gordon 2nd Grade began to fire and was it not for the shocking start, 3 quick tries to Manly in the 1st 15 minutes, to see Gordon eventually going down 21-7 says something. There was spirit in this team. Warringah were more than a little bit lucky to scrape past us 22-15 in a match where 2nd Grade realised, "hang on we are competitive".

Now I realise that in 2014 2nd Grade made the finals but what this review doesn't go into was the massive losses to injury we were sustaining in all the Grades. Some too gruesome to mention. As each week went by 1st and 2nd Grade players were being felled by freak accidents. I watched as Henry Carmichael's ankle twisted into a small divot at Naremburn oval at training. Straight to hospital and surgery. We couldn't win a trick. Luckily the heavens opened on the long weekend and we were given a reprieve for our 1st round game against Uni and another against Souths. Some much needed mending was required. Finally we got across the line against a solid South's

side in a mid week fixture at Beauchamp oval. We followed that with a gutsy win over a fast finishing Parramatta. Somewhere in there 1st Grade beat Uni at home in an incredible match where some players were heard to say "they had never beaten Uni, EVER". That side was full of 2nd Grade players. Despite the injuries this 2nd Grade side was keeping its chin up. You should never drop your guard when playing Penrith and another solid performance saw 2nd Grade win, 62-7.

It wasn't to be. The Front Row injury rate took its toll and a horrific head stomping at Randwick saw the game slip away. Three unusual errors in our 5/8 zone saw 3 quick tries and we were cooked. 2nd Grade's season was in the balance. At the lower part of the table we could have gone straight to the bar and let the season unfold but instead we took Easts at Chatswood oval 31-29. A last minute goal by Henry, who had overcome his ankle injury, secured a memorable win. They beat us convincingly 35-19 in the 1st round so the boys had made some significant changes and the young colts who came through and bolstered the side were magnificent! Without the club spirit shown by these young players we were shot.

1st Grade will tell the tale of woe from here. The Rats took us in round 2 when we forgot that defence was paramount to our earlier wins. Norths, after smashing us 45-10 in round 1, copped our vitriol in round 2 at Bear Park and just scraped past us 19-14. In this game our turnovers at crucial moments and just plain bad luck let us down. We lost that game, they didn't beat us. A win gone missing.

From here our last few games were played with great heart and enormous spirit. We led Uni early in the game then lost 4 key players to horrific injuries and the game slipped away. If my memory serves me correctly we had 65 injured players in Grade. By the time we played Manly at home 6 of the 7 1st Grade backs were technically our 2nd team. These awesome young men kept Manly 1st Grade (Grand Finalists) to within 7 points with 10 minutes to go.

I would like to thank all the players for what they put in during 2015. To the Colts who stepped up, thank you. Pix and Sharkie get a special mention. Two players who just get the job done. No fuss, no issue, positive feedback and a will to play the game hard every single time. Congratulations go to all the 2nd Grade players who also stepped up to 1st Grade. Some of you may never have dreamed it but each of you deserves the honour.

Lastly a very special mention to John Latta. I have left this to last because it sums up the season for 2nd Grade. John travelled from the UK to play Rugby in Australia. A good, solid front row from the old country. He landed on the Thursday and turned out for us against Parramatta, lasted 60 minutes and ruptured his Patella tendon (knee). After 40 years in the sport this is only the 2nd time I have seen this. The 1st was in the trials to our big kiwi Matt Gordon. Thank you John and everyone else who did in tough in 2014.

To Expo and Kingsley, whose schedules were awful, but still managed to give all the time they could. To the managers who took up the call and everyone who supported us.

**Alex Prendergast, Expo Meija, Kingsley Seale – Co Coaches,  
Ivo Clarke, Al Kirkby and Steve Quoye – Team Managers**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Report 2015



Standing: Ben Clarke (Manager), Luke Gardner, Greg Lee (Forwards Coach) Scott Purcell, Ace Naati, Ash Goddard, Grant Hutt, Tom Parrish, Hedley Eccleston, Justin Rodgie, Andrew Boyce, Priscilla Clarke (Manager), Aaron Hutt, Richard Grant (Head Coach)

Seated: David Alofaki, Oscar Woods, Oliver Campbell, James Fletcher, Hugh Cropley, Alec Palmer, Lachlan Camp, Campbell Brister

Absent: Kieran Lewis (Backs Coach), Dominic Woodward, Adam Vilimaa, James Hackney, Max Bessiere

The Third Grade season was not up to standard, recording seven wins for the season, when measured by the club's traditional expectations. The Third Grade team had the capacity to match it with any opposition in the competition; however we lacked the ability to do it for the full 70 minutes week in week out. As a yard stick, if we compare our performances against the top teams in the competition and the grand finalists we have much to do to be a real threat in the 3rd Grade competition.

Whilst our results this year were ultimately disappointing the effort at training and during the games could not be questioned. Herein lies the true spirit of the Gordon Rugby Club. Not that all was lost though. In adversity, tough people stand up for what they represent, opportunities are created and potential is unmasked. A number of exciting young players were unearthed that will make visiting Chatswood a delight in future winters.

To all the players involved in Third Grade during the year (and there were many – over 50 players were used throughout the year), thank you for your efforts at training and every Saturday. Credit



must be given to the players, both senior and new to grade, who despite our performances still managed to maintain a fantastic team spirit and camaraderie.

Many people contributed to the season and space prevents a full expression of what your efforts mean to the players and coaching staff. A huge thank you to the people who volunteer their time for the club, all your work is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed, to the coaches and managers of the other grades, thank you for sharing your knowledge, enthusiasm and advice throughout the year.

To my co-coaches, Greg Lee and Kieran Lewis, whose love and passion for the game is unquestionable, and their contribution to the team this year was outstanding. I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to coach with them this year.

Many thanks to our amazingly good humored and vigilant managers Ben and Priscilla Clarke Saturdays would have been immeasurably more difficult without their efforts.

Congratulations to our award winners for 2015:

- 3rd Grade Best and Fairest – Lachy Camp
- 3rd Grade Sportsmanship Award (Players Player) – Scott Pursell

Also congratulations to our Leading point scorer James Hackney and Leading try scorer Max Bessiere.

There is a determination from many at the club to ensure we return to more successful times, and certainly many of the ingredients already exist. Enjoy the off-season and look forward to the resurgence of Gordon Rugby in 2016.

Once again I would like to thank all the players, coaches and volunteers for their considerable contribution during the year. It is such a pleasure, and an honour, to be associated with a wonderful bunch of people as we have throughout the club.

**Richard Grant (RG) – Coach, Kieran Lewis, Greg Lee – Assistant Coaches  
Ben and Priscilla Clarke – Team Managers**



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Report 2015



Standing - Aaron Hutt, Jack Leary, Brendan Donnelly, Mark Philp, Esmat Wardak, Campbell Brister, Eddy Davies

Seated - Billy Naati, James Igoe, Ambrose Milgate, James White, Ace Naati, Werner Pinaar, JP Bae  
Absent: Ian Crothers (Coach)

While it would be true to say that 2015 was another very tough year for Gordon 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, it would also be true to say that it was actually an improvement on the previous year. To illustrate this point, below are a few comparisons between seasons 2014 and 2015.

In 2014 Gordon 4<sup>th</sup> grade finished with a record of 1 win and 17 losses. Of our 17 losses, only once did we finish within the 7 points of our opposition's score to earn a bonus point. We finished in last place on the ladder with a total of only 6 competition points. In 2015 4<sup>th</sup> grade finished with a record of 2 wins and 16 losses. Of our 16 losses, we finished within the 7 points of our opposition on 4 occasions. (We twice lost by just 1 point, once by 2 points and once by 7 points.) If you add these 4 games to the 2 that we did win, it would be fair to say that in 6 games we either won, or were in a position to win, right up to the final whistle. (The number of games where we could make this claim would be only 2 if we look at season 2014.) In 2015 we finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place on the ladder (ahead of Penrith) on a total of 15 competition points. So, it was a somewhat more competitive season for 4<sup>th</sup> grade than what we experienced in 2014, but still a long way off from where we'd like to be.

In total, 99 different individuals pulled on the boots and ran out in 4<sup>th</sup> grade this year. This number is a bit 'inflated' as 44 of these players only played one or two games, many of them being Colts players, as well as members of the Coaching staff, who were helping out on the odd occasion. Of these 99 players, only 13 players played in 9 games (50% of games) or more. As per 2014, herein lies the key issue for us in that it was very difficult to build consistency or any momentum as the team changed drastically from week to week with players dropping in and out of the squad. Looking to next year, our key focus to achieve improved results in 2016 will need to be a growth in player numbers. If we can grow the regular 4<sup>th</sup> grade playing group by about 10 or 15 we will be in a much better position to compete against all clubs in the competition. The second key factor to achieve an enhanced performance will be to have the bulk of the playing group committing to training regularly. While we started the year well on this front, the numbers at training dropped as the season went on making it difficult to compete in the last few weeks.

On a more positive note, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade had 3 of our regular players achieve the 100 club games milestone this year, so congratulations to Ace Naati, Chris Hipsley and Neil Smail for this fantastic accomplishment. Also a big congratulations to our major prize winners at the Presentation Night – James White who took out the 'Players Player/Best & Fairest' award and Tom Buchanan for being awarded the 4th Grade 'Sportsmanship' award.

I would like to thank all the higher grade coaches for their support this year. In particular, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade crew of RG, Greg and Kieran who were a great asset to me from a coaching perspective, and Priscilla for lending a hand with the Management tasks on the sideline. I'd like to also thank Nathan the Physio who ran water for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade each week – something that is probably not one of his responsibilities. Also big thanks to my Assistant Coach Jack Leary. Jack's support, particularly with the backs, was greatly appreciated as was his company on the sideline. Looking forward to a successful 2016 for Gordon 4<sup>th</sup> Grade!

**Ian Crothers – Coach, Jack Leary – Assistant Coach**



## 1st Grade Colts Report 2015



Back-Row: Brett Van Zyl, Jake Pierce, Sam Mete, Nic Burkett, Hosea Fotukava, James Dainton  
Middle Row: Josh Mitchell, Ben Butler, Nathan Kelly, James Grant, Marcus Hundt, Jack Margin, Jack Bowditch, Sean Dillon, Kurtis Quinn, Andrew Lennon  
Front Row: Robbie Barnard (Assistant Coach), Alex Barker, Grant McLellan (Assistant Coach), James Lough (Captain), David Telfer (Head Coach), Dave Smerdon, Billy MacLean (Manager)

When it comes down to it I would say that in 2015 the 1sts Colts managed a pass mark. Having been involved the year before in a minor role it was a great honour to be shown faith by the board to be put in charge of the Colts Program. Whilst the competition didn't commence until Mid-March there was significant work behind the scenes to get this great club's colts program returning to where it should be. After only winning 1 game in 2014 it was fair to say that the challenge was making Gordon an appealing option to the school leavers of 2014. However an emphasis was placed on retention of key juniors and we managed to do this retaining upwards of 15 Gordon Juniors.

The off-season commenced in North Shore Gym under the tutelage of new Strength and Conditioning coach Karl Goodman. Karl's programs were designed to ensure the players would last the gruelling season whilst aiming to minimise the risk of injuries along the way. Starting on-field in Mid-November we were very lucky to have use of three school fields in our catchment. I would like to thank Loreto Normanhurst, Shore and Knox Grammar for allowing Gordon Colts to use your fields throughout the off-season. Player-wise we had majority of Colts stay around from 2014 added with some very strong new-comers meant that competition for spots was fierce. This allowed training to be taken to the next level and was the backbone of a strong culture formed by Gordon Colt's class of 2015.



After only having fielded two teams in recent times the target was to get a third side up and running in 2015. This was achieved in February when our training moved to Naremburn Park and we quickly realised that we would be able to field 5 sides if we needed! This led to the introduction of our Under 19s side competing in the Sydney Juniors Under 18 Colts Competition. It is testament to the direction the club is going that we were the only club North of the Harbour to be able to field 4 sides for the entire 2015 season. In pre-season our leadership group was announced with Ben Tracy and Josh Mitchell appointed Colts Captains. The Captain of the Colts is was to be James Lough which is an excellent achievement in his first season outside of school.

The competition began for the boys up at Mingara and we commenced with a win against Eastern Suburbs meaning we had equalled the win record from the previous season. Complacency was not to be an issue though as we quickly earned the respect from the rest of the competition posting wins over Eastwood, Parramatta, West Harbour, Warringah, and Southern Districts. Of note was our rain-delayed game on a Tuesday night against Sydney Uni. Whilst we ended up going down 28-27 it was safe to say that this game made the competition stand up and take note that Gordon was back in the frame as a legitimate threat to the competition.

Unfortunately as the season wore on the boys struggled to get themselves up on a week to week basis which isn't uncommon from first year Colts. The boys put in every week and we ended up finishing the regular season in 5th spot and a date with Sydney Uni in the first week of the finals. This was to be one of the best games of Rugby I have been involved in as a player or coach. Whilst we went down 45-36 the boys gave Sydney Uni a fright and it is unfortunate we couldn't finish higher on the ladder as I am sure we could have done some damage to other sides.

Positives from the season are that we have a large number of players returning to Colts and all of these players will be better for the experience. Focus has been on retention of juniors again and significant emphasis is on making this program sustainable in the long-term. I would like to thank all of the coaching staff for the season as without them we couldn't of had all colts sides in the finals or finished 4th in Colts Club Championship. Particularly I would like to thank Robbie Barnard and Grant McLellan for their tireless effort throughout the season making the pilgrimage from the Central Coast three times a week to get involved at this great club. I would also like to thank the GRFC board for the support throughout the year and am hoping we can continue this in 2016.

**David Telfer – Head Coach – Robbie Barnard and Grant McClelland – Assistant Coaches  
Billy MacLean - Manager**

## 2nd Grade Colts Report 2015



Back row: Jono Burke, Lapana Vitale, Josh Thorndyke , Dave Serukai , Tom Kennedy  
Middle row: Josh Roche , Angus McClelland , Josh Mitchell, James Grant , Hamish Phipps, Lachie Brock, Andrew Lennon ( Colts Director)  
Front Row: Mawin Jansen, Steve Phipps ( Coach) , Sam Hutton ( Captain) , Sam Phipps ( Coach) Kirt Anthony  
Absent - Rob Lacinski

The 2015 Season for 2nd Grade Colts was a great year.

We started the season proper off a bit slow, following a great preseason, with a draw against Easts, but it didn't take long for us to get into our stride.

The players who took part in our 2015 campaign all showed passion, pride and dexterity every time they put the "TARTAN "on

We had a great mix of players, ones returning from 2014, ones playing straight out of school and guys who had a GAP YEAR that decided Gordon was their club. THEY MADE A GREAT TEAM.

As the season's journey progressed it became more and more obvious that we were the team that the Opposition started to take note of, especially from the results of the previous year.

This year a new "game book" was implemented by Colts Head Coach - Dave Telfer and once the players got their heads around it, they realised that it was the winning way.

We finished the year by playing Semi Final and Final's Footy which was a great result for this team. Sam and I would like to thank our Skipper, Sam Hutton, who led the team all year. He is a fearless leader and led the team from the front.

We would like to thanks Dave, Robbie, Grant, Tim and Mike for all their assistance this year, especially Robbie and the effort he put into all the Colts Forward Packs.

We would also like to thank Karl and Mon for their S+C efforts throughout the year.

Billy, thanks for being the best Manager.

We also want to thank Matty Pyne for all the work he did behind the scenes throughout the season plus the efforts that he and Dave Bezer did at our home games.

In summary, we had a great year both on and off the Park, which is a great foundation for this great club moving forward.

**Steve Phipps and Sam Phipps – Co Coaches, Bill Maclean – Team Manager**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Colts Report 2015



Back Row: Sam Reimer, Luke Arnarnart, Jordan Thomas, Brandon Marsh, Dave Balcomb, Tim Taylor, Hugh Morgan

Standing: Mike Antico (Coach), Alex Harper, Oliver Harradine, Nick Stevens, Tom Skelly, Lachie Phillips, Jack Blamey, Ruben Mackellar, Dylan Bindczus, Aaron Hutt, Jonah Taylor, Jordan Small, Eden Taylorwood-Roe, Tom Parrish, Andrew Lennon (Director)

Seated: Sam Frankham, Brandon Fernandes, Sean Fagan, Will Makeig, Ben Tracy, Tim Calvert (Coach), James Kwok, Will Lee, James Byrne

On ground: Joe Stageman, Jackson Garrels, James Ridge, Patrick Sutton

From a club perspective, it is deeply satisfying to have the opportunity to write this report regarding Gordon Third Grade Colts. From dwindling numbers in the 2014 season, enormous credit and thanks must be given to the directors and David Telfer for undertaking a prosperous recruitment campaign throughout 2014. Evidence of the club's appeal to school leavers and young rugby players alike is that for 18 weeks this season we regularly fielded 3 Colts sides, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade with 10 reserves, and an U/19's side, with reserves.

More pleasingly, every Colts side Gordon fielded was at the very least, competitive, if not victorious; more often than not every match of the season. I am sure that few within and outside the club would have expected Gordon 3's to push through the first 11 rounds undefeated. It was a

remarkable achievement and something that all the players can look back upon with pride – beating every single club in competition. The 3 standout performances were the 52 – 0 demolition of Eastwood at TG Milner, the 10 – 0 defensive victory against Sydney University away and a gutsy 22– 14 win against Randwick at Chatswood.

The 3's regular season ended with 15 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses, placing second on the competition ladder. Despite these impressive numbers and the platitudes received from other clubs, the ultimate goal of any team is to win grand-finals. I think that the 3s players will feel a tinge of disappointment that they didn't deliver on the lofty expectations they earned during the season. To lose both finals matches, the first in comical circumstances and the second in just a brutal onslaught from a physical Randwick side, didn't finish the season in a fitting manner. I hope that the playing group learn that success in the early part of the season allows you the opportunity of playing finals football, but it is really the last 7 rounds when the best teams assert their dominance. We need to individually grow to allow the team and the Colts squad to realise their potential. With one tough finals campaign under their belt, all the players in 3s squad will deliver in the future when required to the Gordon Rugby Club.

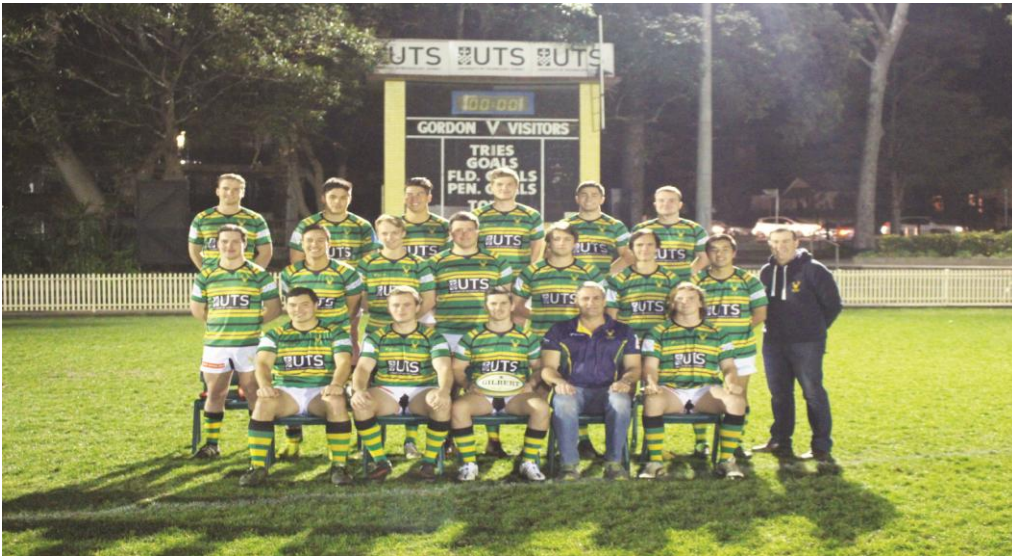
My thanks go to Ben Tracy for his captaincy and Will Makeig for his vice-captaincy during the season. As leaders of the group, you carry with you a responsibility to bring your fellow players into the Grade ranks and strive for finals finishes. Special mention should also be made of Dave Balcomb, at fullback, for his invaluable 108 points in the season.

To veterans now moving to grade, you all had an outstanding season. Grade presents different challenges that you as hardened footy players have the ability to confront. The club needs your services in 2016 and beyond. To all returning 3s colts players, the benchmark has been set: 71 points and second place, but with 2 losses in the finals. Our goal next year must be to individually improve before the season starts so the team can exceed these marks. Hit the gym, get fit and do the groundwork, ready to bash some foe in 2016. See you on field in Staggy colours in a few months.

**Tim Calvert and Michael Antico – Co Coaches**



## Under 19's Colts Report



Team Names Not Provided

After what was uncertain start to year due to not knowing in the early pre-season whether we would in fact have sufficient numbers to potentially even field a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Colt's side, things started a little slowly. Once it was clear that not only we would have the numbers for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Colts side but more than enough for a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Colts side, the wheels were set in motion to ensure that all the new young talent that had joined the club would get the opportunity to pull on the Tartan and run out for the club each week.

Great credit must go to the Club officials for all the work that was done in the early weeks to ensure that every player, in fact had a game to play each week. With no 4<sup>th</sup> grade comp we run this team in the SJRU newly formed Under 18s competition, with a few additional games with some of our "Subbie" neighbors like Lane Cove.

Luckily we were granted dispensation for a number of Under 19s players play in the Under 18's comp. While we had sufficient overall numbers we did not have enough players that were still under 18, so hence the Mighty Gordon under 19's team was born.

Unluckily for a few of the boys, being under 18-19 did mean that we really needed them to stay and play in the Under 19's team as we did not have many options of playing other older player to fill the team. Some of them could certainly have played and held that position in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade colts teams but didn't get many starting chances as we could not start any more of the older players. This certainly did not stop many of the boys regularly sitting on the bench in the higher grades and many got plenty of game time backing up each week.

We started the season well with some good early wins and some great individual performances. A stand out from round one was our crushing win over Manly at Chatswood Oval. Winning by over 50 points and setting us on the road for the rest of the season.

With not many teams in the comp it meant we played a few teams a number of times so we had some good opportunities to really test how we were progressing.

Southern Districts were the Under 18's comp winner and were by far the stand out team all year, going through undefeated. We had 3 epic battles against them and pushed them right to the end of the match on each occasion, only narrowly losing each time. We gave them a real scare in the 2<sup>nd</sup> last round when they come from behind to snatch victory right on the bell to keep their undefeated record intact.

For me our stand out performance, and the game that really showed our character was our match at Concord Oval against West Harbour (The comp runners up). Due to injuries right across the Colts ranks at the time, our numbers were light and we just managed to pull together 15 players to run out that day. The rest of the colts were playing at Easts so our supporters consisted of a few parents and a couple of spirited girlfriends. We ran out against a much bigger side that had a bench that was larger than our supporter base. The big "Brothers" from the West, threw everything at us and kept on coming. We managed to match all that they had and stayed with them blow for blow. Our fearless captain Tim Taylor ended up with a gash to the head, after making a try saving tackle, and spent some time on the sidelines getting some running repairs leaving us with 14 men for some time. Even with only 14 we managed to return serve each time they scored and stayed with them through a couple of great team try's and 2 sideline conversions from our goal kicker Tom Skelly. The Gordon boys eventually started to tire after competing against a bigger stronger side with an endless bench for the whole match and Wests scored right on the bell to get away with a 26-28 win. Despite the narrow loss the boys earned great respect from their opposition and came away with their heads held high from what was a truly memorable match. As coach I could not have been more proud of the boys that day for the spirit in which they approached that game and how they pulled together as a unit.

We managed to finish of the season in great style having our revenge against Wests in the final round defeating them at home. The singing of the team song was loud and proud under the Trumper stand that day!

Some stand out performers for the Under 19's were our best back and Captain Tim Taylor. Best forward Jordan Small, who managed to back up numerous times each week in the higher grades, to rack up a very impressive game tally for the season. Olly Harradine who was a late starter but managed to show that he is a player to watch out for in the coming years. Also we a number of the younger players that played when their school games allowed and hopefully they will be regular starters for Gordon in 2016.

Special thanks also to Henry Carmichael, one of our grade stars, that leant a very valuable hand doing some coaching while he was sidelined recovering from injury mid-season.

Over all we enjoyed a good season and showed that Gordon will certainly have some playing solid depth in the years to come, as many of these young talented players transition into grade in the future.

**Michael Antico - Coach**

## 2015 Sevens Program

### 2015 Southern Districts 7's Winners! February



Gordon Rugby Grade side was the champions of the Southern Districts 7's competition in early February. They beat a strong Southern Districts Grade side in the semi-final to qualify for the final against Easts where Gordon took the game and the title 15-12.





Colts also entered a strong team and as we found on the day, were the only Colts team in the competition. They played some very physical Rugby and put it to the Grade teams from West Harbour and Souths. The boys should be very proud of their competitiveness in a fierce competition.

## **2015 University Games – UTS 7's September**

Well unfortunately we missed out on Gold but to be honest we did pretty well considering the cattle we had. Kurtis Quinn was injured on the Saturday before Uni Games and he played about 2 mins on Thursday but was no good. We lacked genuine pace and it's a shame that so many potential players did not eventuate. Next year we need to rectify this problem early in the year... hopefully some of the Riverview flyers like Mete and O'Reilly can be enrol for UTS.

Luke Papworth, Pat Curtin, Josh Mitchell, Will Connelly and Andrew Bligh had excellent tournaments (all Gordon boys)... as did Loughy. Again too many backrowers and not enough real pace. Will Davies who was looking to be a game breaker for us (plays for Syd Uni) had to go home mid-week due to a crisis at home. We missed him in the semi final against Uni. If we had Quinny fit and Davies and one more flyer we would have won gold for sure.

## **Expo Meija - Coach**

## **2015 Bowral 7's October**

We won first game due to scoring first try after a 14 all draw against Southern Districts A. We then went down to Ozbocks - an invitation side mostly from Canberra but with players from all over the place who have a South African background. They fielded a Colts' side, a Women's side and a Men's side. I think they eventually won everything with their women towelling up SUFC in the final and I think their men beat Manly. We then went down to Southern Districts B in our final pool game.

The boys played well in patches but never quite gelled. They had limited preparation and a couple of last minute drop outs didn't help. In the end, we fielded a mix of 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade Colts from 2015 nearly all of whom are going up to grade next year. That was the selection criteria we adopted. We also had one "ring-in": a soon to be school leaver who will be joining us in Colts next year. We wanted to get the boys used to paying with each other and also to keep them in the club spirit as a counter to the attraction of other clubs who I'm sure will be in their ears, but especially against the allure of sub-district football in 2016.

Lost the Plate final to Southern Districts B, in a much improved performance. Not the results we wanted, but an all day gutsy effort by all the boys against teams which were all bigger than we were and, in the case of the Ozbocks boys, seven-a-side specialists.

Coach Steve Phipps did a great job on the day, as did all the boys, and they did the club proud by showing the flag. They played the game in the right spirit and tried hard all day. Steve and Sam Phipps are to be congratulated for getting behind our involvement and getting the team organised at fairly short notice. Unfortunately, Sam had to pull out at the last minute with illness.

Many thanks to Hayden Rorke for arranging the kit and a very big "thank you" to FOGs for the loan of their marquee, without which we would all have fried. Also thanks to Juliette, one of our physios, who did the strapping.

This is a great tournament, played on the best club rugby fields I've seen in and around Sydney. Well worth the involvement

## Steve Phipps – Coach, Graeme Hearl - Water boy

### 2015 Macquarie University North Harbour Rays Report



The second year of the National Rugby Championship (NRC) did not deliver the results us supporters of the Macquarie University North Harbour Rays were wishing for in terms of our win/loss ratio. However the player and coach development, rugby entertainment and player satisfaction outcomes were once again delivered handsomely.

As stated in Club President Graeme Hearl's Report, 6 First Graders, 7 Colts, 2 coaches and 1 doctor from the Gordon Rugby Club were contributors to this year's Ray's campaign. This is a terrific result for the Club when we revisit the primary reasons Gordon became a foundation member of the Rays along with Manly, Norths and Warringah back in 2013/14:

1. Provision of a pathway to representative rugby and onto professional rugby for Gordon players, coaches and volunteers.
2. Recruitment tool for Gordon through its membership of an NRC franchise and team.

All in all seven Ray's players were signed to overseas contracts, one to a Super Rugby contract and 2 to Australian Sevens contracts from matches played in this year's NRC. The rugby played was highly entertaining, with many games high scoring affairs, due in no small way to the trial laws, which encourage try scoring as conversions count as 3 points with penalty and dropped goals only counting 2. There were only 3 or 4 attempts at penalty goal in 39 matches played.

The first two years of the NRC have thrown up plenty of issues to sort out with the ARU and the NRC Commission. Not least of these are the distribution of current contracted players, a funding model that is equitable for all franchises/teams and tangible involvement of the Super Rugby

franchises, particularly the Waratahs in relation to the Rays. I am hopeful that these issues can be meaningfully resolved in upcoming review of the competition.

Members should note that the NRC is committed for a further 5 years and as such is here to stay for now. The NRC may well be panel beaten as a result of the current review and look a little different to the model we've witnessed these last two seasons. Remaining directly involved gives Gordon that extra tool to attract players, coaches, managers and all manner of volunteers, that make a rugby club operate, to our club.

I can assure Gordon members from the conversations I've had with the players that they all want to play in the NRC. They value selection to this representative level of rugby and cherish the opportunity of pitting their skills against and alongside currently contracted players and the best of the rest.

I thank the club for providing me with the privilege of sitting on the Ray's Board on its behalf. Bring on season 2016.

**Mike Brown - Gordon Representative**  
**North Harbour Rays Ltd Board**

### Medical Report and Physiotherapy Report – 2015



Northern Sports Physiotherapy made a return to Gordon Rugby on the eve of the start of the 2015 season. Unfortunately we were not part of the pre season preparation, so it took a few weeks to get to know the individual players and the management group. A pre season trip to Goulburn and some early season injury events ensured we got to know some of the players well, and established good communication lines with the coaching staff.

Looking back on the season, we had some significant season ending injuries in the grade teams. This included two rare patella tendon ruptures, a major pec tear and many high ankle injuries. Along with the regular and expected soft tissue and bone breaks. Working with Liz, we established a great routine for side line management of head injuries, using evidence informed concussion assessments and treatment protocols, starting on game day, and flowing through to training, and return to play. Establishing our expectations and protocols early, remaining consistent with treatment and return to play meant that all players and coaches knew what to expect with head injury management. Creating a culture around injury management expectations, rehab and return to play was a goal of our first season with GRC, and something we hope to build on in 2016.

With Pre Season due to start very soon, we look forward to remaining part of the performance team. This season we are offering the player's pre season screening, to help identify potential areas of concern and provide specific treatments to address them, and minimize injury risk. We are also working closely with Strength and conditioning to ensure proper, specific preparation of the players. We are available, and look forward to building our communication lines with the coaching staff of all grades, offering advice and guidance on things such as load management, recovery, return to play rehab and any bio mechanical issues they may have identified in the players.

**Dr Elizabeth Swinburn MBBS, FACEM**  
**Nathan Scultorpe – Northern Sports Physiotherapy**

## Presentation Night Awards – 2015



Congratulations to all award winners named below;

### Colts Awards

#### Under 19's

Best Forward: Jordan Small

Best Back: Timothy Taylor

#### Colts 3

Best Forward: Patrick Hutton

Best Back: David Balcomb

#### Colts 2

Best Forward: Sam Hutton

Best Back: Kirt Anthony

## **Colts 1**

Best Forward: Nic Burkett

Best Back: Alex Barker

## **Colts Highest Points Scorer**

Kirt Anthony

## **Grade Awards**

### **4th Grade**

Best & Fairest: James White

Sportsman Award: Thomas Buchanan

### **3rd Grade**

Best & Fairest: Lachlan Camp

Sportsman Award: Scott Pursell

### **2nd Grade**

Best & Fairest: Rohan Pixley

Sportsman Award: Mark Williams

### **1st Grade**

Best & Fairest: Jack Dempsey

Sportsman Award: Terry Preston

## **Grade Highest Points Scorer**

William Shirvington

## **Perpetual Awards**

### **Willoughby Cup**

Greatest Contribution to the Club (player and non-player)

Justin Rodgie

### **Volunteer of the Year**

For outstanding services by volunteers

Michael Antico

### **Pat Serisier Colts Rookie of the Year**

James Lough

### **Most Improved Colts Player**

Sam Mete

### **Charles Blunt (Snr) Colt of the Year**

Josh Mitchell

### **Dan Robinson Memorial Award - Grade Rookie of the Year**

James Wilkinson

### **Most Improved Grade Player**

Harrison Rorke

### **Rob Allen Sportsman of the Year**

Erik Moss

## Honour Awards

### 100 First Grade Games

Matthew McDougall

### 200 Gordon Club Games

Terry Preston

### 100 Gordon Club Games

Andrew Chapman, Hugh Cropley, Osaiasi Naati, Erik Moss, Mark Johnson  
Michael Manners, Henry Carmichael, Rohan Pixley, Chris Hipsley, Neil Smail



## Sponsorship, Membership and Marketing Report 2015

For season 2015 we welcomed a number of new sponsors with special mention of one of our major sponsors, Curran Property, based in Victoria Ave, Chatswood. They have been a very active addition to the landscape for the Club.

Any people associated with the club who are looking to sell or buy property should seriously think of contacting Glenn Curran at Curran Property, or myself at the club. Glenn has sold properties, referred by Gordon Rugby contacts, for record prices.

We acknowledge following new Sponsors in 2015:

- IPMG
- Pure Essentials
- Curran Property
- Victor
- Matt Glascott
- Premier Northpack

We acknowledge the terrific on-going support of our Continuing Sponsors for 2015:

- Mingara Leisure Group
- University of Technology (UTS)
- SAN Hospital
- North Shore Gym
- Lindfield Corporate Centre
- Lion Nathan (Tooheys)



- KFC
- Australian Brokers AEI Group
- Amadan Beef
- Coke/Powerade
- DKF Richard Hill
- Forte Wealth
- Alta Management
- Rhino Racks
- The Willoughby Hotel
- LJ Hooker
- Eastern Road Dry Cleaners
- Sony Music
- Mercury Creative
- Storage King
- Dentists@Pymble
- KF Plastics
- The Runaway Spoon

In tough economic conditions, sponsorship is never easy to obtain. However we managed to gain a small increase over the previous season. We continue to look for opportunities to grow our sponsorship base and build ongoing partnerships.

Membership numbers have shown a slight growth on last year and we are looking to get the Gordon Junior Rugby Community even more involved in the 2016 season.

We have continued our great relationship with the North Shore Times, averaging an article per week during the playing season. We will continue to work closely with them to promote positive information and matters relating to Gordon Rugby.

Our social media sites continue to be developed to meet the requirements of this fast moving and ever changing sector of communication.

**Hayden Rorke**

**For and on behalf of the Sponsorship Membership and Marketing Committee**

Club Sponsors 2015



## Community Liaison Committee – 2015

This year has been particularly productive. There were many events during the season and further progress in building and maintaining links with our local junior clubs.

ANZAC day again proved a successful day. The club played Warringah and first grade wore specially designed jerseys. All Grades and Colts played at Chatswood on this day, utilizing Beauchamp Oval for a couple of the games. Despite some logistical issues it was very successful and hopefully we can use this model again in 2016.

The Ode was read by Glenn Curran from Curran Property as an ex serving member of the Army. A trumpeter played the Last Post and Reveille before the game. In the morning prior to the game some of our current players laid wreaths at the local RSL clubs, Hornsby was represented by Sam Reimer, Hayden Rorke and Ian Crothers, Roseville by Henry Carmichael and Hugh Trollope and Chatswood by Graeme Hearl and Will Shirvington.



The ARU again held the Australian U20 game at Chatswood hosted by GRFC. This was on a Tuesday night under lights against a Barbarian team. There was quite a crowd to watch and hopefully with the council planning on installing lights in the off season will become a regular fixture.

Ball kids from all the local junior clubs assisted were arranged through Terry Preston. The boys and girls who participated in this seemed to enjoy this and the players certainly appreciate their involvement.

The NAB Gordon Rugby Football Club Annual Lunch was a highlight of the year. Again held at UTS Aerial Function Centre, we had 330 attend. Alan Jones spoke in his usual entertaining fashion and made the most of having Billy Pulver in the audience. Alan then had to leave for another event and

Billy was able to have his reply! The lunch was most capably MC'd by Rod Kafer. Stirling Mortlock and Nick Farr-Jones then also participated in a Q and A.



We had much more involvement with the junior clubs this season. The Gordon representative teams had a jersey presentation evening at Chatswood Oval midweek. With 9 teams and parents attending it was organized chaos. The bar was open and all the boys had a sausage and drink. Hopefully this will become an annual event. The players seemed to enjoy being in the change room the “big boys” use and the results from Under 10’s through showed how much talent there is in the local area.

Later in the season Chatswood hosted the Gordon Juniors representative teams Presentation Day. This was done after first grade played and most of the players were there for the match. This added greatly to the atmosphere this day. The players certainly appreciate the support.

For the first time this year we allowed the junior clubs to play some Sunday games at Chatswood Oval. Unfortunately rain interfered with Chatswood juniors club’s plans for the whole day of games. This is something we will try to arrange in advance from the beginning of the season and offer to all the junior clubs at some point.

Ladies Day was again very successful. Thanks to the assistance of Will Shirvington and the player committee. There were many players and girls back at the Willoughby Hotel after the game to continue celebrating.



The players decided to support the PARTY programme as their charity. This stands for prevention of alcohol related trauma in youths. The players raised \$1800 for this. The money will support one



country area to have one programme locally. In return the PARTY managers are hosting a day for GRFC players in December.

Presentation night was again very successful. Held at the Aerial Centre UTS again. Over 120 people attended including players/ coaches/parents.

Planning is already ongoing for 2016 and the major change for preseason is having Willoughby Council allocate to the club Thompson reserve. This has a new all weather surface so there will be no excuses for missing training! Hopefully this will also be able to be used in season.

Thanks to all those who have been involved; Hayden Rorke, the FOGS, Mike Brown, Will Shirvington, and Graeme Hearl.

**Dr Elizabeth Swinburn**  
**For and on behalf of the Community Liaison Committee**

## Friends of Gordon “FOGS” 2015 Report



I am pleased to report we currently have 94 financial members in the Friends of Gordon “FOGS” Alumni raising over \$35,000 in 2015. Each new FOG continues to be presented with a specially designed tie (the one that goes with every shirt!) and is recognised on the Gordon Rugby Football Club website at <http://gordonrugby.com.au/friends-of-gordon>.

The Friends of Gordon “FOGS” Steering Committee met in late November, 2014 and identified the following as the key priorities for 2015. The amounts in brackets were recommended budget allocations based on what we thought at the time would be our 2015 revenue;

1. Invest in the development of Gordon Rugby Coaches by providing financial assistance for them to achieve higher levels of accreditation
2. Invest in improving players skills by assisting the Rugby Club in purchasing training equipment for use by Grade, Colts and where appropriate, the Gordon Junior Representative teams
3. Invest in the development of talented players through the creation of a Scholarship Fund to provide educational and assistance (tertiary or technical) to talented individuals from the Gordon Juniors or the country. This fund will compliment Gordon Rugby’s existing Scholarship Agreement with UTS; however the alumni funds will not be available for a player attending UTS. Its purpose is to provide opportunities for talented players who may

be attending other tertiary institutions, wanting to take on an apprenticeship or other technical training that develops their life skills

4. Invest in the broadening and strengthening of developing talent within the broader catchment area by supporting the Central Coast Academy of Sport
5. Invest in helping today's generation of players understand and appreciate the traditions and history of Gordon Rugby through hosting a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Team Dinner with guest speakers, and a Colts Father and Son Dinner with guest speakers.

In line with the above and our Charter, spending for 2015 was as follows;

- ✓ Paid the 25% deposit including the VIP Guests lunch tickets for the 2015 NAB Gordon Rugby Season Lunch
- ✓ Purchased 175 Backpacks for players (Grade and Colts) who had fully paid their 2015 Players Registration Fees by the start of the season
- ✓ Paid for the development of coaches by providing assistance in attending courses or in the development of Juniors
- ✓ Paid the GRFC 2015 Sponsorship commitment to the Central Coast Academy of Sport as part of the commitment to nurturing development and providing a pathway to Gordon for talented central coast players
- ✓ Provided catering at "FOG Marquee" for FOGS, their guests and Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd Sponsors on Grade home games
- ✓ Purchased a new Barbeque for the Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd and purchased a new Barbeque for the "FOGS" so we could improve the quality of our match day catering at "FOG Marquee"
- ✓ Provided a Colts Parents Barbeque
- ✓ Purchased and distributed "FOGS Alumni" caps to "FOGS" attending a home game
- ✓ Purchased wreaths on behalf of the Gordon Rugby Community to lay at the ANZAC Day ceremonies held at Chatswood RSL, Roseville RSL and Hornsby RSL and paid for the Willoughby Band bugler to perform at Chatswood Oval on match day
- ✓ Paid for the Gordon Rugby Football Club General Manager to be up trained on the club's website
- ✓ Purchased a wreath on behalf of the Gordon Rugby Community for the funeral of Gordon Life Member Ross Pearson OAM
- ✓ We have put aside funds for non UTS Scholarships for 2016 which is currently under discussion with the Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd Board.

In addition, a couple of FOGS were able to assist with employment opportunities for players during the year, opportunities which were greatly appreciated and greatly enhances the club's reputation as a club that seeks to provide support wherever it can in developing playing and life skills.

We continue to forge relationships with other clubs who have “Friends of” organisations again hosting the Warringah alumni at Chatswood in a most memorable afternoon! “FOG Marquee” is erected at all home games, providing the opportunity for our sponsors to not only enjoy games on the field but also mingle with former players and supporters in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. It is a terrific rallying point for a great afternoon of rugby and social banter at Chatswood Oval. During the year we hosted the Willoughby City Gail Giles-Gidney and her team on ANZAC Day, Paul Barnett CEO of the Mingara Leisure Group, the major sponsor of Gordon Rugby, Glenn Curran from Curran Property another major sponsor who was a regular attendee as was Paul Nicholson from Alta Investment Management another key sponsor, Gary Flowers and John Gorman from the North Harbour Rays Board, the President’s of Manly, Northern Suburbs, Parramatta, Eastern Suburbs and Eastwood and members of their Boards, members and partners of the 1995 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Premiership side, to name a few.

“Inside FOG Marquee” which was originally intended to be a monthly newsletter to the Alumni quickly morphed into a weekly one, and hopefully provided all members with the right balance between serious rugby matters and the very social side of our Alumni.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely Peter Bull, Brett Fawcett and Brian Shirvington for their great support throughout the year. Great Gordon men in all aspects! To Graeme Hearl and the members of the Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd Board, our sincerest thanks for being supportive of what the Friends of Gordon are trying to achieve, and to Head Coach Geoff Townsend and his team, who gave us great encouragement to be as involved as much as we could in the rugby side of things.

**Peter Sherwood**

**For and on behalf of the “Friends of Gordon” Steering Committee**

## 2015 Competition Tables

### NSW Premiership Rugby Union - Shute Shield (1st Grade) Shute Shield

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Df	BP4T	BP-7P	BP	Pts
1	Manly	18	16	2	0	623	340	283	12	1	13	77
2	Eastwood	18	15	3	0	776	339	437	12	2	14	74
3	Southern Districts	18	12	6	0	621	387	234	10	4	14	62
4	Sydney University	18	11	7	0	548	380	168	9	5	14	58
5	Warringah	18	11	7	0	567	418	149	10	3	13	57
6	Randwick	18	11	7	0	444	418	26	7	1	8	52
7	West Harbour	18	10	8	0	436	414	22	5	2	7	47
8	Northern Suburbs	18	8	10	0	547	468	79	9	5	14	46
<b>9</b>	<b>Gordon</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>42</b>
10	Eastern Suburbs	18	4	14	0	388	531	-143	6	5	11	27
11	Parramatta	18	1	16	1	418	644	-226	10	5	15	21
12	Penrith	18	0	17	1	140	1192	-1052	0	0	0	2

### NSW Premiership Rugby Union - Colin Caird Shield (2nd Grade)

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Df	BP4T	BP-7P	BP	Pts
1	Manly	18	15	3	0	595	314	281	12	2	14	74
2	Eastwood	18	14	4	0	724	252	472	14	4	18	74
3	Randwick	18	15	3	0	659	306	353	10	2	12	72
4	Sydney University	18	12	6	0	652	346	306	11	6	17	65
5	Warringah	18	12	5	1	542	404	138	6	1	7	57
6	West Harbour	18	9	9	0	516	556	-40	8	2	10	46
7	Parramatta	18	7	10	1	454	427	27	9	3	12	42
8	Eastern Suburbs	18	7	11	0	456	368	88	5	6	11	39
9	Northern Suburbs	18	7	11	0	559	445	114	8	2	10	38
<b>10</b>	<b>Gordon</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>-199</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>
11	Southern Districts	18	3	13	2	444	595	-151	4	3	7	23
12	Penrith	18	0	18	0	108	1497	-1389	0	0	0	0



## NSW Premiership Rugby Union - JR Henderson Shield (3rd Grade)

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Df	BP4T	BP-7P	BP	Pts
1	Eastwood	18	17	1	0	800	166	634	13	0	13	81
2	Sydney University	18	14	3	1	581	274	307	15	2	17	75
3	Eastern Suburbs	18	13	3	2	574	229	345	10	3	13	69
4	Northern Suburbs	18	11	5	2	587	334	253	8	2	10	58
5	Randwick	18	11	6	1	548	352	196	11	0	11	57
6	Warringah	18	11	7	0	493	235	258	6	5	11	55
7	West Harbour	18	10	6	2	502	294	208	8	3	11	55
<b>8</b>	<b>Gordon</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>37</b>
9	Manly	18	4	14	0	363	465	-102	4	4	8	24
10	Southern Districts	18	4	14	0	326	639	-313	4	1	5	21
11	Parramatta	18	2	16	0	271	668	-397	2	1	3	11
12	Penrith	18	0	18	0	83	1449	-1366	1	0	1	1

## NSW Premiership Rugby Union - Henderson Cup (4th Grade) Henderson Cup

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Df	BP4T	BP-7P	BP	Pts
1	Sydney University	18	16	2	0	646	143	503	11	2	13	77
2	Eastwood	18	14	4	0	538	203	335	10	3	13	69
3	Manly	18	13	4	1	454	245	209	8	1	9	63
4	Northern Suburbs	18	12	6	0	452	285	167	9	5	14	62
5	Eastern Suburbs	18	12	6	0	427	232	195	10	2	12	60
6	Southern Districts	18	10	7	1	410	287	123	7	1	8	50
7	Randwick	18	9	9	0	325	330	-5	7	2	9	45
8	Warringah	18	7	11	0	258	380	-122	4	1	5	33
9	West Harbour	18	6	12	0	308	402	-94	5	2	7	31
10	Parramatta	18	5	13	0	272	588	-316	4	0	4	24
<b>11</b>	<b>Gordon</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>-426</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>
12	Penrith	18	1	17	0	148	717	-569	2	2	4	8

## NSW Premiership Rugby Union - W. McMahon Memorial Shield (Colts 1)

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Df	BP4T	BP-7P	BP	Pts
1	Randwick	18	17	1	0	843	244	599	18	1	19	87
2	Sydney University	18	15	3	0	694	338	356	16	1	17	77
3	Eastern Suburbs	18	12	6	0	434	430	4	10	1	11	59
4	Northern Suburbs	18	12	6	0	508	385	123	9	1	10	58
<b>5</b>	<b>Gordon</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>56</b>
6	Eastwood	18	9	8	1	503	449	54	11	3	14	52
7	Parramatta	18	9	9	0	488	473	15	11	2	13	49
8	Southern Districts	18	9	9	0	462	386	76	9	3	12	48
9	Manly	18	7	11	0	441	497	-56	7	3	10	38
10	West Harbour	18	3	14	1	354	682	-328	7	1	8	22
11	Warringah	18	4	14	0	280	768	-488	4	0	4	20
12	Penrith	18	0	18	0	0	504	-504	0	0	0	0

## NSW Premiership Rugby Union - Shell Trophy (Colts 2)

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Df	BP4T	BP-7P	BP	Pts
1	Sydney University	18	17	1	0	759	125	634	15	1	16	84
2	Randwick	18	16	2	0	782	217	565	14	0	14	78
3	Northern Suburbs	18	16	2	0	489	274	215	13	0	13	77
<b>4</b>	<b>Gordon</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>64</b>
5	Southern Districts	18	9	9	0	404	430	-26	10	2	12	48
6	Eastern Suburbs	18	8	9	1	386	463	-77	6	2	8	42
7	Penrith	18	7	10	1	363	579	-216	10	2	12	42
8	West Harbour	18	7	11	0	380	622	-242	6	2	8	36
9	Eastwood	18	6	12	0	411	449	-38	9	2	11	35
10	Manly	18	4	13	1	334	571	-237	5	6	11	29
11	Parramatta	18	3	15	0	339	643	-304	5	2	7	19
12	Warringah	18	1	17	0	197	738	-541	5	3	8	12

## NSW Premiership Rugby Union - Bill Simpson Shield (Colts 3)

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Df	BP4T	BP-7P	BP	Pts
1	Randwick	18	17	1	0	713	149	564	15	0	15	83
<b>2</b>	<b>Gordon</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>71</b>
3	Sydney University	18	15	3	0	589	183	406	12	2	14	59 <u>A</u>
4	Northern Suburbs	18	11	6	1	393	312	81	9	3	12	58
5	Southern Districts	18	8	10	0	353	380	-27	6	3	9	41
6	West Harbour	18	7	10	1	317	464	-147	5	3	8	38
7	Manly	18	7	11	0	242	374	-132	4	3	7	35
8	Eastern Suburbs	18	6	11	1	311	431	-120	6	3	9	35
9	Parramatta	18	6	12	0	300	481	-181	7	4	11	35
10	Eastwood	18	5	13	0	269	507	-238	5	3	8	28
11	Warringah	18	7	11	0	269	391	-122	4	1	5	22 <u>A</u>
12	Penrith	18	2	16	0	194	571	-377	1	5	6	14

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## Club Championship Grade Club Championship 2015

Club	Points
Sydney University Rugby Union Football Club	2905 <a href="#">A</a>
Eastwood District Rugby Union Football Club	2856
Randwick Rugby Union Football Club	2743
Manly Rugby Union Football Club	2504
Northern Suburbs Rugby Union Football Club	2227
Southern Districts Rugby Union Football Club	1933
Warringah Rugby Union Football Club	1918 <a href="#">A</a>
Eastern Suburbs Rugby Union Football Club	1852
West Harbour Rugby Union Football Club	1788
<b>Gordon Rugby Football Club</b>	<b>1753</b>
Parramatta Rugby Union Football Club	1223
Penrith Rugby Union Football Club	221

Symbol A displays to indicate a points adjustment for this team

## Colts Club Championship 2015

Club	Points
Randwick Rugby Union Football Club	922
Sydney University Rugby Union Football Club	832 <a href="#">A</a>
Northern Suburbs Rugby Union Football Club	695
<b>Gordon Rugby Football Club</b>	<b>670</b>
Eastern Suburbs Rugby Union Football Club	550
Southern Districts Rugby Union Football Club	514
Eastwood District Rugby Union Football Club	473
Parramatta Rugby Union Football Club	421
Manly Rugby Union Football Club	385
West Harbour Rugby Union Football Club	316
Warringah Rugby Union Football Club	200 <a href="#">A</a>
Penrith Rugby Union Football Club	154

Symbol A displays to indicate a points adjustment for this team



## Club Point Scorers 2015

<u>1st Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>2nd Grade</u>	
Preston, Terry C	89	Shirvington, William	57
Shirvington, William	72	Pixley, Rohan	35
Dempsey, John	65	Chapman, Andrew J	27
McDougall, Matthew A	45	Hape, Beau	27
Ala, Sione	22	Carmichael, Henry M	24
Carmichael, Henry M	17	Curtin, Patrick	20
Rissman, Luke C	15	Manners, Michael	20
Curtin, Patrick	15	Lloyd, Timothy	19
Simkin, Lucas J	15	Gregory, Alexander	15
Johnson, Mark W	15	Handlin, James J	15
Matthews, Tom	15	Mitchell, Lachlan J	10
Manners, Michael	10	Thorburn, Cameron	10
Chapman, Andrew J	10	Hackney, James	9
Gukibau, Tobias M	10	Tuisavaii, Tui H	5
Rorke, Harry	10	Williams, Mark C	5
Moss, Erik	10	Pasi, William S	5
Preston, Mark	10	Broad, Henry J	5
Tuisavaii, Tui H	5	Bessiere, Maxime	5
Seton, Andrew M	5	Iaopo, Lefu	5
Quinn, Brandon E	5	Preston, Mark	5
Ralulu, Aritema	5	Ralulu, Aritema	5
Papworth, Luke W	5	Rissman, Luke C	5
Pixley, Rohan	5	Papworth, Luke W	5
Fraser, Nick	5	Seton, Andrew M	5
Gregory, Alexander	5	Cropley, Hugh O	5

<u>3rd Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>4th Grade</u>	
Pursell, Scott J	75	Boyce, Andrew J	30
Hackney, James	67	Veresi, Charles	15
Alofaki, Tevita R	30	Mccoy, Xavier W	12
Bessiere, Maxime	30	Simkin, Lucas J	10
Woods, Oscar J	20	Bruster, Campbell	10
Camp, Lachlan J	20	Pienaar, Werner B	7
Woodward, Dominic	20	Hackney, James	7
Fletcher, James B	15	Smail, Neil	6
Gardner, Luke	15	Taylor, Timothy B	5
Callaghan, Joe	14	Parrish, Thomas B	5
Boyce, Andrew J	13	Donnelly, Brendon R	5
Hutt, Aaron J	10	Hipsley, Chris S	5
Palmer, Alec P	10	Naati, Osaiasi	5
Vilimaa, Adam P	10	Girven, Kurt A	5
Lloyd, Timothy	10	Chapman, Andrew J	5
Rodgie, Justin D	10	Hutt, Grant R	5

Alipate, Feleti	10	Woodward, Dominic	5
White, James	9	Burfitt, Patrick J	5
Hutt, Grant R	5	Milgate, Ambrose J	5
Broad, Henry J	5	Camp, Jonty	5
Hall, Hamish J	5	Ridge, James	5
Handlin, James J	5	Callaghan, Joe	2
Seton, Andrew M	5	Woods, Oscar J	2
Ralulu, Aritema	5	Garnett, James R	2
Olive, Nicholas J	5		
Thorburn, Cameron	5		
Vukinamualevu, Malelili	5		
Williams, Mark C	5		
Goddard, Ashley T	5		

<u>1st Colts</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>2nd Colts</u>	
Smerdon, David	108	Anthony, Kirt M	190
Butler, Benjamin M	70	Hundt, Marcus A	55
Hundt, Marcus A	40	Metete, Samuel P	45
Metete, Samuel P	35	McClelland, Angus	40
Bligh, Andrew	30	Hutton, Samuel J	30
Burkett, Nicholas W	25	Thorndyke, Josh J	27
Fotukava, Hosea	25	Grant, James A	20
Afu, Sione	20	Mitchell, Josh A	20
Quinn, Kurtis A	20	Burke, Jonathon P	20
Kelly, Nathan J	15	Phipps, Hamish S	15
Van Zyl, Brett	15	Slaven, Nick K	15
Barker, Alexander C	15	Lacinski, Robert	15
Bowditch, Jack	15	Vitale, Lapana	15
Mitchell, Josh A	15	Bligh, Andrew	15
Dainton, James W	13	Kennedy, Thomas P	15
Lough, James S	10	Phillips, Lachlan	10
Anthony, Kirt M	10	Serukai, David J	10
Hutton, Samuel J	5	Thomas, Jordan	10
Tabuatamata, Samuel	5	Brock, Lachlan	10
Pierce, Jake H	5	Field, Seb	10
Phipps, Hamish S	5	Meagher, Nicholas D	5
		Sutton, Patrick W	5
		Roche, Josh K	5
		Stageman, Joseph	5
		Skelly, Thomas J	3

<u>3rd Colts</u>	<u>Points</u>
Balcomb, David J	116
Garrels, Jackson R	62
Byrne, James	55
Phillips, Lachlan	40
Metete, Samuel P	35
Frankham, Samuel	25
Ridge, James	20
Blamey, Jack M	15

Stageman, Joseph	15
Hutt, Aaron J	15
Sutton, Patrick W	15
Taylor, Jonah G	10
Reimer, Sam	10
Lee, William	10
Marsh, Brandon	8
Makeig, William	5
Arnarnart, Luke	5
Morgan, Hugh J	5
Taylorwood-Roe, Eden	5
Bindczus, Dylan	5
Fernandes, Brandon F	5
Hudson, Tom	5
Taylor, Timothy B	5
Parrish, Thomas B	5
Bird, Oliver M	5
Tracy, Ben W	5
Brock, Lachlan	5
Harper, Alex	5
Clifford, Dane	5
Kwok, James	5
Fagan, Sean M	5
Afu, Sione	5

## Current Players Club Games at end 2015

		Total Games	Total Colts	Total Grade	Total 1st Grade	2015 Colts	2015 Grade	2015 1st Grade
Sione	Afu	16	16	0	0	16		
Sione	Ala	37	0	5	32		4	17
Feleti	Alipate	28	0	28	0		15	
Tevita	Alipate	11	0	11	0		11	
Tevita	alofaki	15	0	15	0		15	
James	Ampherlaw	10	10	0	0	10		
Cody	Angelos	1	0	1	0		1	
Kirt	Anthony	27	27	0	0	27		
Luke	Arnarnart	10	10	0	0	10		
Jp	Bae	19	0	19	0		12	
David	Balcomb	23	23	0	0	23		
Michael	Balk	180	102	78	0		19	
Alexander	Barker	36	35	1	0	17	1	
Maxime	Bessiere	16	0	16	0		16	

Dylan	Bindczus	15	14	1	0	14	1	
Oliver	Bird	24	23	1	0	10	1	
Jack	Blamey	3	2	1	0	2	1	
Andrew	Bligh	32	32	0	0	14		
Jack	Bowditch	16	14	2	0	14	2	
Andrew	Boyce	44	28	16	0		16	
Henry	Broad	86	15	70	1		13	
Alexander	Broad	7	7	0	0	7		
Lachlan	Brock	24	23	1	0	14	1	
Nick	Brown	2	2	0	0	1		
Campbell	Bruster	14	0	14	0		14	
Thomas	Buchanan	12	0	12	0		12	
Patrick	Burfitt	7	0	7	0		7	
Jonathon	Burke	24	24	0	0	24		
Lachlan	Burke	17	17	0	0	9		
Nicholas	Burkett	17	17	0	0	17		
Benjamin	Butler	42	41	1	0	17	1	
James	Byrne	17	17	0	0	17		
Joe	Callaghan	8	0	8	0		8	
Lachlan	Camp	21	0	21	0		21	
Jonty	Camp	37	1	36	0		13	
Oliver	Campbell	38	26	12	0		12	
Henry	Carmichael	100	57	18	25		4	4
Andrew	Chapman	125	27	61	37		13	15
Dangmo	Chimpla	3	0	3	0		3	
Thomas	Chirnside	24	22	2	0	11	2	
Daniel	Clarke	15	14	1	0	14	1	
James	Clarke	10	10	0	0	10		
Dane	Clifford	1	1	0	0	1		
Hugh	Cropley	122	50	49	23		15	5
Ian	Crothers	9	0	9	0		3	
Patrick	Curtin	22	0	10	12		10	12
James	Dainton	15	13	2	0	13	2	
Oliver	Damas	1	0	1	0		1	
Edward	Davies	15	3	12	0		4	
Richard	Davis	11	11	0	0	11		
Jack	Dempsey	33	0	7	26			13
George	Dickson	9	1	8	0		1	
Sean	Dillon	20	12	6	2	12	6	2
Brendon	Donnelly	40	12	28	0		14	
Hedley	Eccleston	13	0	13	0		13	



Isaiah	Enriquez	12	12	0	0	3		
Penrith	Fa'atau	14	9	4	1	9	4	1
Sean	Fagan	31	30	1	0	20	1	
Nicholas	Faumuina	3	0	3	0		3	
Brandon	Fernandes	27	27	0	0	27		
Seb	Field	14	14	0	0	14		
James	Fletcher	53	29	22	2		22	2
Alastair	Forbes	5	0	5	0		5	
Hosea	Fotukava	18	16	2	0	16	2	
Samuel	Frankham	36	36	0	0	16		
Nick	Fraser	32	0	4	28		4	10
Rinaldo	Gagino	1	1	0	0	1		
Luke	Gardner	55	34	21	0		21	
James	Garnett	9	0	9	0		9	
Jackson	Garrels	17	17	0	0	17		
Aidan	Gerrand	0	0	0	0			
Kurt	Girven	2	0	2	0		2	
Alex	Gluth	127	0	48	79		2	
Ashley	Goddard	10	0	5	5		5	5
Jordan	Goddard	10	0	4	6		4	6
Cleo								
James	Gomez	28	0	28	0		3	
Mathew	Gordon	5	0	0	5			
James	Grant	21	21	0	0	21		
Alexander	Gregory	57	30	23	4		8	3
Tom	Guihot	1	0	1	0		1	
Tobias	Gukibau	134	0	9	125		3	17
James	Hackney	22	0	20	2		20	2
Hamish	Hall	6	0	6	0		6	
James	Handlin	142	41	77	24		9	5
Beau	Hape	36	0	36	0		19	
Thomas	Harding	10	10	0	0			
Alex	Harper	23	23	0	0	23		
Oliver	Harradine	5	5	0	0	5		
Matthew	Hayter	84	52	21	11			
Luke	Heavey	27	0	13	14		9	3
Michael	Hegerty	23	0	22	1		12	
Nicholas	Hewitt	5	5	0	0	5		
Chris	Hipsley	101	56	45	0		5	
Ronald	Hobden	8	0	2	6		2	6
Ben	Hollebon	9	9	0	0	9		

Tom Hudson	1	1	0	0	1		
Marcus Hundt	37	36	1	0	20	1	
Niall Hunt	12	10	2	0	10	2	
Grant Hutt	61	26	35	0		16	
Aaron Hutt	24	22	2	0	22	2	
Samuel Hutton	25	25	0	0	25		
Lefu Iaopo	21	0	8	13		8	13
James Igoe	35	0	35	0		16	
Mawin Jansen	23	23	0	0	23		
Mark Johnson	117	0	55	62		2	16
Kieran Johnson	9	9	0	0	9		
Nathan Kelly	21	17	3	1	17	3	1
Thomas Kennedy	19	19	0	0	19		
James Kwok	19	19	0	0	19		
Robert Lacinski	19	19	0	0	19		
Jonathan Latta	1	0	1	0		1	
Benjamin Lawley	13	0	8	5		8	5
Jack Leary	4	0	4	0		4	
William Lee	28	28	0	0	15		
Kieran Lewis	226	0	210	16		2	
Timothy Lloyd	20	0	20	0		20	
Mitchell Lockley	2	0	2	0		2	
James Lough	17	16	1	0	16	1	
Joe Lovudua	1	0	1	0		1	
Ruben Mackellar	39	39	0	0	19		
Rod Mackenzie	1	0	1	0		1	
William Makeig	41	41	0	0	21		
Michael Manners	114	44	43	27		11	10
Jack Margin	32	32	0	0	16		
Brandon Marsh	15	15	0	0	15		
Tom Matthews	121	39	2	80			12
Angus McClelland	36	36	0	0	19		
Xavier Mccoy	18	0	6	12		4	
Matthew Mcdougall	174	14	52	108			18
Andrew McDuie	5	0	5	0		2	
Nicholas Meagher	19	19	0	0	19		
Samuel Mete	23	23	0	0	23		
Ambrose Milgate	15	0	15	0		15	
Samuel Milgate	47	0	46	1		9	1
Chris Miller	3	1	2	0		2	
Lachlan Mitchell	174	26	96	52		6	8

Josh Mitchell	42	41	1	0	29		
Hugh Morgan	10	10	0	0	10		
Erik Moss	117	30	41	46		1	18
Sebastian Murphy	81	18	38	25		4	
Osaiasi Naati	119	43	76	0		27	
Billy Naati	60	37	23	0		2	
Stephen Neli	4	0	4	0		4	
Scott Nicol	26	0	26	0		8	
Aidan O'Callaghan	10	10	0	0	10		
Julian Okawa	11	9	2	0	9	2	
Nicholas Olive	38	16	7	15		5	2
Dante Otto	7	7	0	0	7		
Alec Palmer	47	14	31	2		16	2
Luke Papworth	34	15	6	13		6	13
Thomas Parrish	13	7	6	0	7	6	
William Pasi	17	0	17	0		9	
Lachlan Phillips	22	22	0	0	22		
Mark Philp	16	0	16	0		5	
Hamish Phipps	12	12	0	0	12		
Werner Pienaar	20	13	7	0		7	
Jake Pierce	14	14	0	0	14		
Rohan Pixley	99	39	44	16		13	12
Mark Preston	201	0	59	142		6	12
Terry Preston	203	30	39	134			11
Scott Pursell	83	25	58	0		24	
Brandon Quinn	70	32	15	23			6
Kurtis Quinn	31	30	1	0	10		
Aritema Ralulu	82	0	43	39		8	16
Sam Reimer	25	25	0	0	20		
James Ridge	16	15	1	0	7	1	
Luke Rissman	96	20	37	39		3	17
Jack Robertson	14	13	1	0			
Jock Robertson-Kirkwood	11	11	0	0	11		
Josh Roche	13	13	0	0	13		
Justin Rodgie	61	15	46	0		21	
Harry Rorke	23	6	2	15			15
Hamish Rowe	10	10	0	0	1		
Timothy Russell	3	3	0	0	3		
Jamie Sandilands	31	0	31	0		6	
Kingsley Seale	169	0	62	107		3	

David	Serukai	24	23	1	0	23	1	
Andrew	Seton	30	10	16	4		15	4
Alex	Shelton	3	3	0	0	3		
William	Shirvington	150	50	67	33		7	15
Lucas	Simkin	87	49	7	31		1	10
Thomas	Skelly	16	16	0	0	16		
Nick	Slaven	11	11	0	0	11		
Neil	Smail	100	5	95	0		13	
Jordan	Small	26	23	3	0	23	3	
David	Smerdon	17	16	1	0	16	1	
Kristian	Souvaliotis	10	10	0	0	10		
Joseph	Stageman	16	16	0	0	16		
Nicholas	Stevens	21	21	0	0	21		
Patrick	Sutton	43	43	0	0	21		
Samuel	Tabuatamata	19	16	3	0	2	3	
Aisea	Taufa	0	0	0	0			
Timothy	Taylor	23	19	4	0	15	4	
Jonah	Taylor	17	17	0	0	17		
Eden	Taylorwood-Roe	15	15	0	0	15		
David	Telfer	78	43	35	0		1	
Guarin	Tesoriero	2	0	2	0		2	
Jordan	Thomas	18	18	0	0	18		
Daniel	Thomson	13	13	0	0	13		
Cameron	Thorburn	138	48	79	11		14	1
Josh	Thorndyke	23	23	0	0	23		
Ben	Tracy	33	33	0	0	16		
Nick	Tracy	4	4	0	0	4		
Tui	Tuisavaii	13	0	5	8		5	8
Iliafi	Tusa	6	0	6	0		6	
Brett	Van Zyl	7	7	0	0	7		
Murphy	Vaokakala	0	0	0	0			
Charles	Veresi	7	0	7	0		7	
Raphael	Viane	0	0	0	0			
Adam	Vilimaa	25	1	10	14		6	
Lapana	Vitale	16	16	0	0	16		
Malelili	Vukinamualevu	30	0	19	11		8	
Timothy	Wallace	214	0	24	190		1	
James	White	17	0	17	0		17	
William	Whyman	13	13	0	0			
James	Wilkinson	29	15	3	11	6	3	11
Benjamin	Wilkinson	12	11	1	0	11	1	

Mark	Williams	180	26	116	38		19	6
Ruairidh	Wilson	32	0	0	32			15
Beau	Wilson	199	0	164	35		2	
Daniel	Wood	3	0	3	0		3	
Oscar	Woods	18	0	18	0		18	
Dominic	Woodward	17	0	17	0		17	



