

“Celebrating 80 Years of Highland Rugby”

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Annual Report

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None Appointed

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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, R Grant

Gordon Honour Board

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

Representatives

Australia

In the 80-year period 1936 – 2016 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).

State/ Province/ Other Countries

There have been 78 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), E Olmstead (Canada, Test and Under 20's) and M Parfitt (Hong Kong Under 20's).

Representatives in 2016

Australian Barbarians

Matt Hayter

Waratahs

(Super Rugby)

Jack Dempsey

Macquarie University Sydney Rays

(National Rugby Championship)

Jack Dempsey

President's Report - 2016

The 2016 season started out with much promise both on and off the field. With all Colts Teams making the Semi Finals in 2015 and new sponsors on board we had a strong foundation to work from.

It is important for all our members to realise the reality of modern Club Rugby from a financial perspective.

The GRFC operates on a turnover of approximately \$450,000. We have other Shute Shield clubs operating on 3 times this amount. The Shute Shield operates rightly or wrongly on a salary cap of \$200,000. This includes scholarships etc. from UTS, UNSW and Sydney Uni.

GRFC spends minimal amounts on players. Whilst I don't necessarily agree with player payment at club level in Shute Shield, I think it is important to advise our members where we sit. There is clearly a correlation between financials and the degree of success, especially at Grade level on the field.

GRFC has been traditionally a community family-based club, which has ridden on the back of its huge junior base on the North Shore of Sydney.

Our Management – The Board

We welcomed two new board members to the team in 2016.

Georgia Separovich has been a massive positive influence on our club in 2016.

A Yale Graduate and Elite rower, Georgia is forging a career with KPMG. Georgia set up our Foundation early in 2016 which is now up and running. (see report)

Richard Seton SC (Rick) is a former Gordon and Randwick player who has a son, Andrew, playing for Gordon Rugby club.

Rick has been a great asset to the club with his legal and rugby background.

The club would like to thank and acknowledge the contribution of two Directors who will not be being standing for re-election in 2017, Hugh Trollope and Andrew Lennon for their work on the Board. We wish Hugh all the best for the next chapter in his life moving to the Gold Coast to be closer to family. We thank Andrew for his tireless work chairing the Rugby Committee.

Our Members

We thank all our members who support the club throughout the year. Your support and encouragement is vital to the ongoing success and development of our club.

Our Sponsors

The club would like to thank our Sponsors for their support during 2016.

As mentioned, Shute Shield Rugby Clubs could not survive without support from Sponsors.

I would like to make a special mention about Mingara, Gordon's largest single sponsor. We are in the fourth year of our arrangement with Mingara Leisure Group. The Club is indebted to Paul Barnett, the CEO of Mingara and his Board. It is worth noting we played our first competition match at the Mingara fields on the Central Coast this season.

UTS is another extremely important partner for Gordon Rugby. We have an excellent relationship with the UTS team, headed by Liz Morgan-Brett, together with Aimee Purcell and Fudge Atshan. We have recently approached UTS to review our scholarship amount as we potentially have the largest and strongest intake of players coming to the club.

I would like to acknowledge Dave Telfer for his work in recruitment, in getting young athletes into our incredible Colts program over the last few years.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Glenn Curran of Curran Property for his generous support of Gordon Rugby Club. Glenn is a regular supporter at Chatswood Oval. We look forward to a long relationship with Curran Property.

Our Community Involvement

Gordon Rugby takes its community responsibility very seriously. We are involved in various community events.

ANZAC Day, we are represented by coaches, players and the Board members at various Dawn Services where we lay a wreath in memory of our fallen soldiers. We also do work with various charities.

Gordon Rugby Club would like to thank the amazing volunteers who both support and work within the club. The work you do does not go unnoticed and is much appreciated.

People like Dick Huey, Tim Carroll, heard on the microphone and ringing the bell. Our Grade Team Managers led by Ivo Clarke, Peter Hearl, Al Kirkby, Kev Kenny, Steve Quoye, Ben and Priscilla Clarke, Sam Milgate and Jim Viersey – your support and work is much appreciated.

Our Juniors Engagement

We enjoy a strong relationship with our Gordon Juniors. There are several Gordon men and women involved with the Juniors under the leadership of President Brad Harrison. We will continue to work closely to foster our Juniors through our strong Colts programme.

Macquarie University Sydney Rays

We had a limited representation this year with Waratah Jack Dempsey our only selected player. Jack has enjoyed a stellar season with his first run on appearances for the Waratahs. The Wallabies have a massive Spring Tour coming up with 5 test matches. We wish Jack all the best for selection on this tour as one of four Development Players accompanying the main squad.

Friends of Gordon Alumni "FOGS"

Gordon Rugby Club would like to thank the FOGS for their ongoing support. The FOGS Committee turning up on home games to provide hospitality to fellow FOGS and Club sponsors alike is very much appreciated.

The Gordon Rugby Foundation

This is great news for our Club.

This is now up and running and is a tax-effective platform to donate to the club. We have received several donations which the Club is very grateful for. We look to build on this to provide a financial platform to benefit our Club for years to come.

Gordon Rugby Club would like to thank Board Member Georgia Separovich for her work in getting this facility set up.

Life Member and Hall of Fame Inductees

At last year's Annual General Meeting Norm Eakins was unanimously elected as a Life Member of the Club for his many years of service as a player, coach and archivist for the club. Richard Grant was unanimously elected to the Gordon Hall of Fame for his many years of service as a player and coach. To Norm and RG, we congratulate you on your well-deserved recognition.

With such positive things happening in and around our Club, we look forward to a great year ahead!!

Hayden Rorke

President - Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd

Financial Report - 2016

The Finance, Administration and Governance Committee are pleased to report the Club's financial position continues to improve and is a major priority for the Board. The club has met all its commitments under agreed Schemes of Arrangement, having settled all historical debts to Creditors and Players except the repayment of the Pat Serisier Fund, and the Boyle Loan. The last two players were paid in November 2016. This will reflect in the 2017 Financial Year results

At the end of the financial year, the club has a profit of \$ 171,112. Included in this is \$29,025 – Australian Sports Foundation Donations (Gordon Foundation) which is not available for General Revenue requirements.

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. The Finance, Administration and Governance Committee is comprised of Hilton Chapman, Peter Sherwood, Peter Bull, Peter Hearl and John Boughton. I would like to thank them all for their contributions to the committee and to Peter Sherwood who spends an enormous amount of time paying creditors, invoicing and chasing debtors, preparing financial statements, annual reports and budgets, giving sound advice and retrieving historical documents. Peter is an invaluable resource for our club and he does all this whilst running the FOGS as well.

Andrew Dainton

For and on behalf of the Finance, Administration and Governance Committee

Director of Rugby Report – 2016

There is no hiding from the fact that the 2016 rugby season was a difficult one for the Gordon Rugby Club on the field. After an excellent pre-season and continued strong recruitment in our Colts program the club was expecting to leverage off the 2015 season and really make a statement in the Shute Shield competition. There are a number of excuses as to why we did not perform as well as we would have hoped and some of these are valid. However, as a club we need to overcome those setbacks and continue to build our culture by lifting our performance both on and off the field.

Injury setbacks and senior players leaving the grade ranks did give a number of our 2015 Colts the opportunity to debut in first grade during 2016. Up to six players from the Colts made their first grade debut. The experience gained by these young players will be invaluable as we look towards the future. Overall we had more than twenty Colts come up and play Grade during the 2016 season. This injection is the highest intake we have had in over five years. This increased player depth is needed as the injury toll for our players remains too high. The injury toll is one element that the club is clearly looking to focus on during the off-season.

From a Grade perspective, the Board would like to thank all the coaches for their time and efforts. When teams are losing, it is easy to lose focus but our coaches set a great example to their players and were always positive. It is a credit to the coaches and those players that came up from lower grades and performed outstandingly against bigger and more experienced sides. Once again a special thank you to Ian Crothers who had an enormous task towards the end of the season to find fifteen fit players and actually played himself to ensure we had a team.

Our Colts were once again a highlight for the club coming third overall in the Colts Club Championship behind Sydney Uni and Randwick. As in 2015 we were able to field four Colts teams with no other Shute Shield club having a 4ths Colts competing in a competition which ours did with the Radford Cup. This clearly shows that the club is moving in the right direction and we need to ensure that our excellent numbers in Colts continue to move through to Grade. Even though we exited the finals early I know that the disappointment of losing the 1st Colts semi-final will be driving these players as they move into grade next year. Once again congratulations to David Telfer and the Colts coaches for their efforts this season.

I would like to thank Geoff Townsend and Tim Wallace who will be moving on from coaching. The club appreciates the effort and knowledge that you have put into our 1st Grade team over the last three years. As a result, the club has gone through a vigorous process and appointed Mark Philp to Head Coach and Coaching Director. Mark took on the Coaching Director role this year and made some very positive changes. With the Head Coach role now added to his responsibilities we look forward to Mark being able to develop his program which will be implemented across the whole club.

Once again thank you to all players, coaches, support staff, sponsors and supporters. The time and effort you put in is greatly appreciated. The rugby program would like to also thank the FOG's who

are a huge contributor both financially and in volunteer time to the successful running of the Gordon Rugby Club. Our 2016 season was not what we would have hoped for. It is up to each of this above group to ensure that we have the right attitude and professional manner so that Gordon Rugby returns to being a force within the Shute Shield Competition.

Andrew Lennon

For and on behalf of the Rugby Committee

1st Grade Report – 2016



Back left to right: Ivo Clarke (Mgr), Peter Hearl (Mgr), Al Kirkby (Mgr), Mark Philp (Asst Coach), Jack McGuire, Ruairidh Wilson, Jordan Goddard, Roni Scarano, Geoff Townsend (Coach), Tim Wallace (Asst Coach), Kev Kenny (Mgr)

Seated left to right: Sam Mete, Erik Moss, Tobias Gukibau, Terry Preston, Nick Frazer, Alex Barker, Brandon Quinn

Standing left to right: Alex Gregory, Benroy Asa Sala, Andrew Seton, Math McDougall, Luke Papworth, Pali Balekena

Measuring a team's seasons performance is always measured in games won and lost, often at the expense of what the team achieved and the obstacles it was forced to overcome. If measured purely on total wins the season was an abject failure but if we need to search a little further this is far from the truth.

Three years ago the Rugby Board made a totally correct decision to build through our Colts that had inexplicitly been left to waste, suffering the indignity of having only one Colts team in 2013. Unfortunately, after missing out on number of local blue chip recruits i.e.) Kelloways, Deegan, Hannigan etc. in 2014 to a voracious opponent we have repaired that situation to now being one of the Premier Colts programs. The translation from Colts success to Grade usually manifests itself some three years down the track.

The reason this is significant is that our traditional foe, Norths went through a similar situation a few years before us and have successfully built through their Colts, winning a Premiership this year was probably a year ahead of their wildest dreams but give our current playing group eighteen months to two years and we will be finals bound, not saying that a competition will be won but we will be in their swinging for the fences.

Back to this year's performance unfortunately mainly due to injuries (four ACL's before a tackle is made in anger) but also Waratahs, work, study, family, retirement, overly ambitious fathers saw us forced to use 55 players in 1st Grade including 24 rookies, this is close to double what you would normally expect, once again the team that won the competition had around eleven players that played every game.

At the commencement of preseason Wal, Philpy and I were excited about our potential 1st Grade squad but if you lose Fraser, Loapo, Ralulu, Kelly, Wilkinson, A Goddard, Hobden, Heavey, Johnson, Pixley, J Goddard, Vukinamualevu, Rissman, Dempsey, Rorke, T.Preston, Curtin, Hayter, Carmichael, Shirvington, McGregor, Tuisavasii, Simkin, Leslie, K Quinn, Ala, Carruthers, Butler all potential 1st Graders for large portions of the season and unfortunately in most cases all of the season it really stretches a team's resources and this reflected in the burden placed on the lower Grades.

As a coaching team, we were delighted in the effort that our players put in each week where we often using 3rd and even 4th string options and apart from an early season performance against Randwick, a poor 1st round effort against Norths and a bad half against Eastwood our players competed to the best of their ability.

A special mention to Rui, Tobes and Mossy who were the only regular top Graders who played all season and have done so, often with injury throughout the last three years. Round 13, 2015 we looked as though we were headed for greater glory after beating Uni and pushing to the edge of the play offs. Unfortunately, those three players were the only members of that team to play a regular part of the rest of that and this season.

There are potentially exciting things ahead for the playing group with the likely return of a number of players from injury, the further development of the exciting group of younger players exposed to 1st Grade this year as well as the extremely talented Colts graduating to Grade. Mark and his team should be relishing the opportunity to work with this group of players and push Gordon back to the upper echelon of the Premiership.

Finally, Thanks to Hayden and Board for their great support over the last three years. Also, a special mention to Ivo, Al, Kev, Peter & Graeme H, Wal, Hugh, Peter S and Georgia and their band of merry men and women for looking after the Management of the team. They ensured everything clicked on match day and understood the ability to keep a relaxed atmosphere in the dressing room, although Ivo does need to work on his ability to deliver the punch line on his repertoire of jokes.

All the Best and up the Highlanders in 2017.

Geoff Townsend – 1st Grade Coach,
Mark Philp and Tim Wallace – Assistant Coaches,
Ivo Clarke, Alan Kirkby, Peter Hearl and Kevin Kenny – Team Managers

2nd Grade Report - 2016



Back Row: Alex Knight, Mark Fergus (Coach), William Cedric, Tom Parrish, Ace Naati, Hugh Cropley
Standing: David Zwart (Asst. Coach), Matt Hayter, Lachlan Camp, Tom Carruthers, Alec Palmer, Andrew Bligh, Ben Butler, Justin Rodgie, Andrew Boyce, Cam Del Moro, Karl Goodman (S&C), Steve De Lorenzo (Trainer), Steve Quoyle (Mgr)
Seating: Sam Milgate, Val Castellan, Michael Manners Lachie Mitchel, Andrew Chapman, Cam Thorburn, Alex Barker
Absent: Peter Koen (Asst. Coach)

Coaching at Gordon is always fun. The club always tries to provide an atmosphere in which players can develop and enjoy their Rugby, and 2016 was no exception.

This team started the season well, and strong wins over Warringah and Wests stood out. But a horror injury run in first grade saw many move up a grade before they were ready, and results did not go our way. This situation pulled many players out of their comfort zone and up into levels they were not ready for, both physically and tactically. To the credit of all involved, the whole group never took a backward step – never gave up – always looking to get better. Some players will move on and play first grade as their careers develop. Others will never play at this level again. But ALL can take credit for representing the club to the best of their abilities.

I would like to thank all the coaches and officials throughout the club for their co-operation and good spirits. I think that interaction between coaches is one area the club should develop in years to come. I would like to highlight the efforts of David Zwart and Peter Koen in their roles as coaches in the 2nd Grade set up. Both worked hard to create an atmosphere that guided self-improvement and promoted determination and contribution. The knowledge these two men shared with the group was a major factor in personal improvement and team development. Thanks also to Steve Quoyle and all the others who came and gave support at various times.

My final comments go out to all the players. It has been a pleasure to mix with such a diverse and colourful group of people. I hope that many of you will do some work in the off-season and become better Rugby players. I look forward to seeing your talents develop and I know that the results we did not quite get in 2016 will fade into memory and the better results will come. Thanks to each of you for your contributions in 2016.

Mark Fargas - Coach
David Zwart / Peter Koen– Assistant Coaches,
Steve Quoyle and Sam Milgate– Team Managers

3rd Grade Report - 2016



Back Row: Conor Walsh, Greg Lee (Asst. Coach), Jordan Williams

Second Row: Richard Grant (Coach), Ben Clarke (Manager), Priscilla Clarke (Manager), Billy Naati, Scott Pursell, Val Castellan, Sam Bennetts, Seaton Humphries, Ross Aitken, Alex Simms, Lachlan Camp, Kieran Lewis (Asst. Coach)

Front Row: Nick Brown, David Serukai, James Fletcher (Captain), Luke Gardner, James Byrne, Sean Fagan

The Third Grade season was not up to standard, recording four wins for the season, when measured by the club's traditional expectations. At times 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 there is 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 were created and potential is unmasked. Several 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, their contribution to the team this year was outstanding and the passion they express is an infectious trait. I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to coach with them this year.

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

Congratulations to our award winners for 2016:

- 3rd Grade Best and Fairest (Players Player) – Luke Gardner
- 3rd Grade Sportsmanship Award– James Fletcher
- Also, congratulations to our Leading point scorers Alex Barker, Josh Mitchell and Andrew Bligh.

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 2017 season.

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**

4th Grade Report - 2016



Back Row: Steve Turner (Asst. Coach), Jim Viesey (Manager), Mark Grivas, Ryan Metelovski, James Jackson, David Serukai, James Anpherlaw, Eddie Davies, Alex Simms, Sam Bennetts, Oliver Campbell, Ace Naati, Seaton Humphreys, Mark Philp, Will Shirvington, Steve De Lorenzo (Trainer)

Front Row: Matt Wyllie, Zac Scott, Dom Woodward, Isaac Yun, Ian Crothers (Coach), Ben Tracy, Paul Katia, Matt Pyne, J P Bae

While it would be true to say that 2016 was another very tough year for Gordon 4th Grade, it would also be true to say that it was a slight improvement on the previous year. To illustrate this point, below is a table showing some comparisons across the last 3 seasons:

We managed one more win than in 2015 and finished one place higher on the ladder. One area we did not improve on however seems to be with regards to close losses. Last year we finished 4 games within 7 points of the opposition whereas we had no games this year where this happened. In other words, apart from the 3 games we did win, we were well beaten most weeks - more so than was the case last year. Our 3 wins came in Round 1 (26 – 12 over Penrith), Round 5 (29 – 8 over Warringah) and in Round 13 (14 – 12 over Wests). Unfortunately, as the draw would have it, we only had the chance to play Penrith and Warringah once.

In total, 84 different individuals pulled on the boots and ran out in 4th grade this year. This number is a bit 'inflated' as many of these players only played one or two games, many of them being 4th Grade Colts players who helped us out in the last few games, as well as a few members of the Coaching staff, who were helping on the odd occasion. Of these 84 players, only 12 players played in 9 games (50% of games) or more. As per 2015, 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.

Looking to next year, our key focus to achieve improved results in 2016 will need to be a continued growth in player numbers. This is particularly important in the back end of the season, as a lack of depth in numbers over the last few years has impacted on our ability to compete in the last few rounds of the year.

Big congratulations to our major prize winners at the Presentation Night – Oliver Campbell who took out the 'Players Player/Best & Fairest' award and Seaton Humphreys for being awarded the 4th Grade 'Sportsmanship' award.

I would like to thank all the higher grade coaches for their support this year the 3rd Grade crew of RG, Greg and Kieran who were a great support again to us. Also, a big thanks to Steve Turner. Steve's support, particularly with the backs, was greatly appreciated. Steve De Lorenzo did a wonderful job this year as Trainer for both 4s and 2s and so a big thanks to him also, as well as to Jimmy Viesey who helped with the Managerial tasks when he was available.

Lastly, a big thanks to the 4th Grade Colts players, and their Coach Joel Thorpe, who joined our ranks for the last few games. Without the support of this brave band of very young players we would have struggled to put out a 4th Grade side during those last few games. Well done guys, and thanks.

Ian Crothers – Coach
Steve Turner – Assistant Coach
Jim Viesey - Manager

1st Grade Colts Report - 2016



Back Row: Sione Afu, Nick Burkett, Sean Dillon, Elliott Gehrig, Rory Viewers, Dom Mete, Campbell Clifford, Hosea Fotokava

Middle Row: Josh Thorndyke, Kirt Anthony, Marcus Hundt, Tom Lever, Jack Margin, Beau Petterson, Jack Bowditch, Rob Lacinski, Brett Van Zyl

Front Row: Josh Parslow (Physio), Rob Barnard (Forwards Coach), Steve Kirkby (Capt), David Telfer (Coach), James Lough, James Dainton, Mark Preston (Backs Coach), Bill Maclean (Manager)

It is not often that a team finishes the season with 14 wins and 5 losses and you say the side underachieved. It is just unfortunate that one of those five losses came in a finals game knocking us out. Having had success in 2015 the key focus was to ensure that we built on this success and to keep moving forward. Whilst we didn't recruit as many 'stars' as other clubs our key focus is to ensure we retain our juniors. This off-season we had 26 junior players return to the club from their schools or from other clubs.

Once again we were very fortunate to have Karl Goodman and North Shore Gym on board to ensure our strength and conditioning program is of a high quality. We also had the use of the newly-developed Thomson Park as a pre-season base. It was a disrupted pre-season with a number of players involved in the Waratahs Gen Blue program meaning we didn't see some of our players until the regular season.

This was not a significant deterrent as we managed to start the season off with back-to-back wins against Penrith and Randwick. Of significant note in that Randwick victory was the fact we won 34-17 with 14 players for more than half a game! Going into Round 11 the side had a 9-1 record and was to face the undefeated Sydney University. It went down as almost a Grand Final intensity style match with Sydney University calling players down from Grade to strengthen their Colts. Sydney Uni ended up winning but it was credit to our boys as they gave them a good tough match.

There are many positives to come from the season.

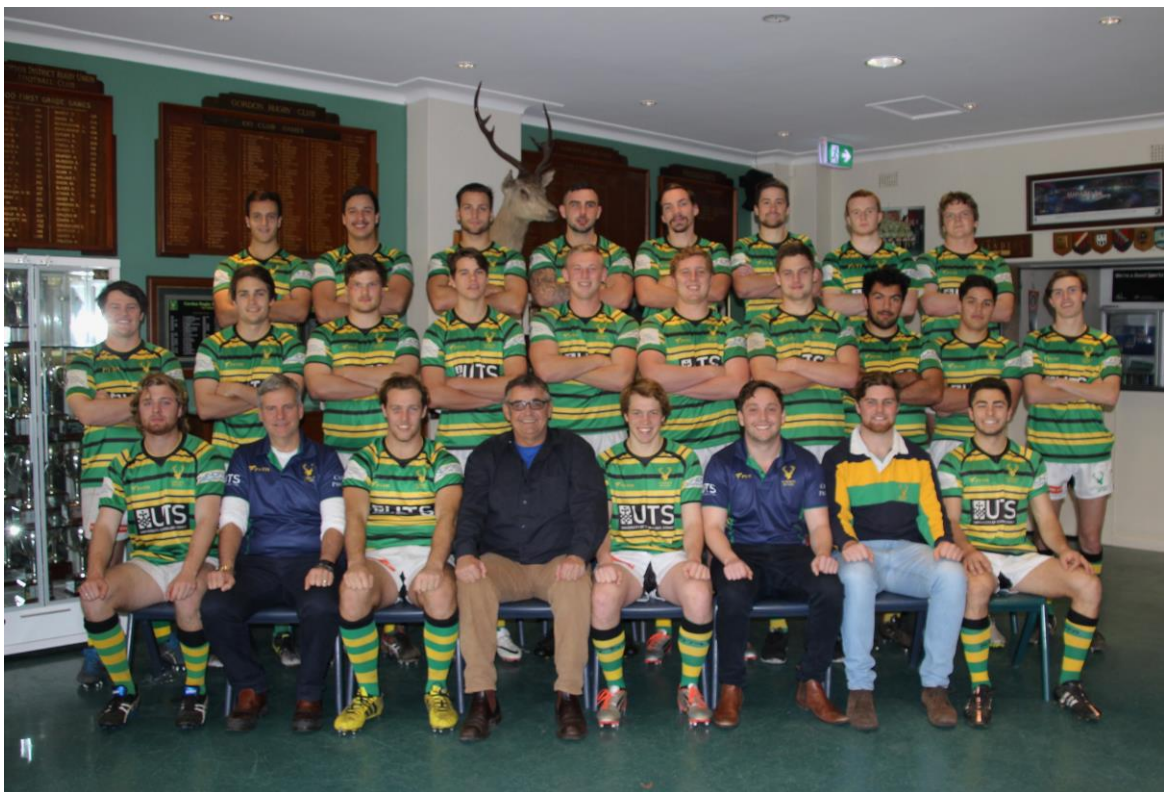
We have 13 players from our side going up to Grade which will strengthen them. We finished the season 3rd in the Colts Club Championship which is an amazing effort. The focus on 2017 is ensuring we don't get complacent and we will ensure we will be successful moving forward. I would like to thank my assistant coaches, Robbie Barnard and Mark Preston, for their tireless work all season and running the side when I wasn't there. I would also like to thank Billy Mac for being the manager and ensuring everything went smoothly. I would also finally like to thank the board for their support and I hope that this support will continue in 2017.

David Telfer - Coach

Robbie Barnard Forwards Coach/Mark Preston – Backs Coach

Billy Maclean - Manager

2nd Grade Colts Report - 2016



Back row: Matt Long, Brandon Marsh, Kirt Anthony, Alex Broad, Ben Wilkinson, Sam Frankham, Eric Stene, Oliver Harradine

Middle Row: Jono Burke, Simon Pursell, Jordan Small, Angus Margin, Jonah Taylor, Elliott Gehrig, James Grant, Ritchie Davis, Will Mitchell

Front Row: Conor Hurley, Gianni Valente (Manager), Cam Clifford (Co Capt), Steve Phipps (Coach), Lachie Archer (Co Capt), Sam Phipps (Coach),

Absent: Hamish Phipps, Mark Houston (Trainer), Tom O'Reilly, Nick Tracey

The 2nd Grade colt's side for 2017 had a magnificent year. With the team, completely brand new from 2016 we weren't sure what to expect or how the season will go. The coaching staff of Steve

Phipps, Sam Phipps and Mark Houston set a target to achieve one further from last year and that was to make the Grand Final with a top 4 finish.

After a strong 1st round performance against Penrith we were up against last year finalist Randwick at home. Gordon were down a man due to a red card just before half time with the scores locked at 0-0. The boys stood up to the challenge and despite the fact at one point we were down to 13 men we were able to put Randwick to sword 24-0. The side were able to start with 6 wins without a loss sitting comfortably in 2nd place. With most seasons injuries, Uni commitments and players being 1st year out of school the boys took on the challenge of an extremely tough competition. Despite some wheels wobbling after round 6 the guys were up against Sydney Uni.

After a dominate performance from Eastwood against us in the previous round the boys trained hard and were switched on ready to go. In one of the most impressive defensive efforts the coaching staff had seen where both possession and territory was lopsided towards the students, our team came away with an impressive 25-24 win at home. The boys started to believe we could be premiership contenders.

As previously mentioned the challenges of injuries started to show and we have to provide acknowledgment of the guys from 3rd grade colts stepping up towards the latter end of the season, and provided assistance where needed on the field. From the coaches, we would like to thank them along with Tim Calvert who unfortunately had to deal with not 1 but 2 Phipps' on a weekly basis asking for players to come up and play.

We wanted to get into the big dance and we were hungry for it. For the first week of finals we were outclassed by a strong Norths side and taught us a lesson about how to play finals football. Lucky for us due to results we were given another crack against again the old rivals Sydney Uni. Knowing this was going to be do or die the boys turned up ready to play. After being down 14-7 down at half time the team knew this could be the final half for the season, but credit to Sydney Uni they out classed us finishing our season with a 29-7 loss.

The coaches would like to thank Lachie Archer and Cam Clifford as co-captains whom lead the team from the front and displayed maturity beyond their years.

Steve, Space and Sam will also like to thank all players who played for us and would like to say thanks to the rest of the coaching staff, Telf, Presto, Robbie, Tim, Joel and Andy.

The whole of the Second Grade Colts playing and Coaching Group want to thank the Gordon Board for their support and all the work that they do Rugby Director, Andrew Lennon. Lastly, no rugby team is complete without a great Manager and we had one of those. Thank you, Gianni, for your enthusiasm and making sure that all our records are done correctly.

See you all in season 2017

Steve Phipps/ Sam Phipps – Coaches
Gianni Valente - Manager

3rd Grade Colts Report – 2016



Back Row: Brandon Fernandes, Ryan Metalovski, Bennett Jiong, Eric Stene, Tom Comerford, Alex Wall, Daniel Maclean, Kieran Young
Middle Row: Will Dempsey, Alex Harper, Matt Renshaw, Angus Margin, Mitch Ward, Rory Cramb, Josh Vinzenz, Ben Wilkinson, Kav Naati, Nick Slaven
Front Row: Daniel Thomson, Richie Davis, Joel Thorpe (Assistant Coach), Tom Gall, Tim Calvert (Coach), Jordan Small (Capt), Aaron Hundt, Will Mitchell

Season 2016 offered a lot of promise for the 3rds Colts side, but some careless losses mixed with unavoidable selection issues across the squad, will leave quite a few players and supporters wondering what could have been.

First and foremost, my grateful thanks to all the Gordon Colts coaching staff, particularly Joel Thorpe, who worked tirelessly to improve the 3rds Colts' rugby skills, fitness and passion for the game. Surrounding young players with the quality personnel that Gordon has recruited is undoubtedly going to better the individual, the team, then the Club, into the future.

Secondly, Jordan Small, Tom Gall and Nick Slaven were brilliant in their roles as captains of the 3s colts squad. All shouldered considerable responsibility in harmonizing and galvanizing the team when results were not falling the way we wanted them to. Joel and I extend our thanks to them for making our coaching role that much easier.

So, to the nuts and bolts. 18 games played. 8 won, 1 drawn and 9 lost, 5 of which were by less than 7 points. 3s colts earned 47 competition points, which was 2 shy of the 49 points needed to replace 6th placed Norths in the finals.

Round 1 saw the Stags travel to Penrith. A strong performance saw 3s dominate 52 – 7, with Mawin Jansen and Bryn James bagging a brace of tries each. A tough Round 2 draw versus Randwick started promisingly, with Gordon leading 15 – 10 with 10 minutes to play. However, the renowned Randwick running game from deep in their own half saw the Galloping Greens escape 22 – 15 winners; a tough loss to accept, as Gordon had match ascendency in almost all aspects of the game.

Rounds 3 and 17 were played against Manly, with Gordon easing to comfortable bonus point victories in each.

Round 4 was played at Chatswood versus West Harbour, who at that stage were undefeated. A referee awarded try to Simon Pursell in the final stages should have taken the score to 24 – 21 with a kick to come. However, the Wests assistant referee saw fit to intervene and the try was reversed as grounding was unclear. The match ended 19 – 21 to Wests. Alas, only 1 point, which should have been 5, was taken from the match. Round 13 saw the return fixture at Concord; a dominant Stags performance righted the past wrong, with Gordon winning convincingly 25 – 5. A superb general kicking game by Dave Balcomb and intimidating running game by Angus Margin (who scored two tries) were key to our success.

Our round 5 loss to, at that stage, winless Warringah 28 – 24 certainly damaged the Stags' campaign. It was a costly reminder that no match is won until the referee blows the final whistle. Conversely, Warringah demonstrated a hunger to win that we, sadly, did not replicate.

Rounds 6's 22 – 19 victory over Easts on super-Saturday at Chatswood in the pouring rain was a solid performance against a club strong in colts. Conversely, the return super-Saturday fixture at Easts in round 14, saw Gordon go down 31 – 24. Down 24 to nil at half time, in a must win match, the Stags brought some grunt to the game in the second half. Ultimately, however, they had allowed the Beasts to escape to too great a lead and a second half try to the hosts sealed the match, but not before a final try to Gordon allowed us to escape with two coveted competition points. A rampaging performance by Jonah Taylor was a highlight.

Round 7's 7 all draw match with Norths was cut short due to a horrific leg injury to one of the opposition players. The return Round 12 match at Bon Andrews on a Tuesday evening was a pleasure to be a part of. With their season on the line, Gordon ripped into their local rivals, scoring a 19 – 0 victory. Winning a derby cannot be scorned at, but it was a bitter sweet result, as the fourth try bonus point was missed, despite persistent and dominant Gordon pressure. Kav Naati left players in his wake with some bruising ball carries.

Rounds 8 v Souths, 10 v Eastwood and 11 v Sydney saw substantial home losses to strong opposition. In round 9 Gordon prevailed comfortably 39 – 10 over Parramatta. Yet the super-Saturday at Granville in round 16 saw a wholly different two-blues side, stocked with plenty of

attacking prowess. In what we thought was a death-nail to our finals chances, Gordon went down 24 – 12.

Round 15, an away game at Southern Districts, was celebrated with a bus trip to and from the Shire. A tough 7 – nil victory to Gordon made the light refreshments on the way home that much easier to swallow. Byron Blaik scored the winning try, with Angus Margin slotting the goal to take away 4 competition points.

Leading into the final, 3s colts were tentatively holding onto 6th spot, knowing that Norths, who were playing Manly, would most likely gain 5 competition points. Gordon faced Eastwood at Millner, which is never an easy prospect. However, a triumph on the day and they would be playing finals footy. Sadly, the Stags went down 19 – 12, with numerous opportunities missed. Trailing 12 – 10 with 15 minutes to play and attacking the Woods line, the Stags put in what, in my view, was their finest performance of the year. To don an old cliché, they emptied the tank in trying to hold onto 6th spot, but a try to the Woods in the final minutes ended their season prematurely.

So, onto preparing for season 2017. With a young 3rds Colts side, most players have another year of Colt's rugby, if not more. One year's experience can only but assist them understanding the rigors of NSW Premiership Rugby. It is undeniable that signing up to play a rugby season is an enduring commitment. The gym sessions, the on-field training, match days, injuries, recovery sessions; they all take time. While footy is, hopefully, a source of fun, that fun comes with responsibilities, not only to your team, but to your squad and your club. The price of making a grand final is dedication to a full pre-season and season, never wavering, never faltering. For those returning to Colts, or those new to the club for season 2017, enjoy the down time, because until Gordon again lifts an under 20's premiership trophy, our return to strength is incomplete. Your decisions, now and throughout the season, will shape the Colts' destiny come finals in 2017.

Tim Calvert – Coach

Joel Thorpe – Assistant Coach, Steve De Lorenzo - Trainer

4th Grade Colts Report - 2016

Playing Squad: Jordan Small, Marwin Jansen, Jock Robertson Kirkwood, Richie Davis, Eric Stene James Kwok, Alex Wall, Mitchell Ward, Rhys Maiden, Byron Blaik, Lachie Richards, Dan Thompson Bryn James, Tim Taylor, James Ampherlaw, Jarryd Minton, Kieren Young, Will Dempsey, James Jackson Tom Skelly, Tristan Mears, Toby Saunders, James Clarke, Ed Berry, Bennet Jiang, Kaveinga Naati, Ryan Metelovski, Will Halliday, Tom Gall, Nick Slaven, Dave Balcomb

With an aborted start to the season 4th Grade Colts got going with entry in the NSW Subbies Radford Cup competition in 2016. With the team being made up of mostly under age players it was always going to be a test playing in a competition that allowed players up to 21 years of age. The opposition would be Lane Cove, Burraneer and Oatley, with a fantastic spirit the 4's colts took to their challenge with fantastic endeavour.

The season began with a tough trip to Lane Cove and an introduction to the big boys we would be playing each week. Gordon were in the game until the last ten minutes as Lane Cove managed to

turn field position into a decisive winning try. This was followed with our first home game of the season and our first meeting with Oatley. With each player giving up at least twenty kilos to an opposition dominated by islanders the commitment to the job at hand was not shown with the final score. While never being in the game Oatley had to earn every point, they scored. After the disappointment of Oatley, the boys rallied for a game against Burraneer at the neutral venue of Roseville Chase Oval. With the work put in at training clicking the 4's colts showed their true colours with a stirring display of structured attacking rugby. Burraneer found themselves on the end of a thirty-point hiding in response to the previous week's defeat at the hands of Oatley.

From there the rest of the season was dominated by the injuries up the grades and the players who had to move up to fill spots. A tough loss at Lane Cove showed the club spirit with half the team being made up of third grade colts players who had played a game already and were backing up for a second go. Another good win followed over Burraneer with the side again struggling to find fifteen players. With no one looking for excuses the challenge was accepted and a good performance delivered. This one was then followed with a tough trip to Oatley for what would be the sides last game of the season. Thirteen players accepted the challenge and took on a very tough side on their how ground which showed the spirit that was evident all through the season.

All the players involved in 4th grade Colts this season for Gordon either played third grade colts or fourth grade later in the season. The spirit built through the tough Radford cup season was paramount in allowing 3rd grade Colts to mount a charge for the finals as well as helping 4th grade finish of their season. This is a testament to the hard work put in by the 4th grade Colt's boys through the season. They built on their game worked hard to build a great team culture and took this up the teams in Colts and across to grade when called upon. While the results did not always go our way the ability to help the club get through a tough season was priceless.

Thank you to everyone who helped or played 4th grade Colts this year, your commitment was fantastic.

Joel Thorpe – Coach

2016 University Games



The regular season over, the plaudits kept coming for Gordon Rugby with seven of our players taking part in the University of Technology (UTS) recent University Games Rugby Sevens triumph.

Travelling all the way to Perth, UTS claimed gold in the Rugby Seven's courtesy of a thrilling win over rivals Sydney University (SU) with Gordon players Will Mitchell, Campbell Clifford, Simon Pursell, James Lough, Josh Mitchell, Kurtis Quinn and Matt Long all integral.

Day one had its ups and downs with the side able to secure a 26-10 win over Southern Cross before suffering a heartbreaking 26-24 loss to SU. Leading 24-19 as the bell rung, UTS were in the box seat however SU maintained possession and battled all the way up field to score before a kick from the sideline condemned UTS to a 26-24 loss.

Wins against the Australian Catholic University, Australian Defence Force Academy, University of Canberra and University of Western Australia followed, booking a semi-final date with Griffith University.

The Queenslanders were left stunned as UTS ran out 33-0 winners, setting up a mouthwatering grudge match with SU in the final.

Stinging from its loss on the first day, UTS came out all guns blazing, leading 29-0 with five minutes remaining. Injuries and fatigue set in and let SU battle back to 29-17 but it was too little too late as UTS claimed gold

Gordon Colts Head Coach and UTS Sevens Coach David Telfer said the result was testament to a strong talent program being run by Gordon Rugby.

Macquarie University Sydney Rays



The third season of the National Rugby Championship almost delivered the results the supporters of the Macquarie University Sydney Rays (MUS Rays) were wishing for. Finishing in second place, just one point behind the minor premiers, the team fell in its semi-final to the Perth Spirit, one match short of contesting the grand final. Whilst failing to take out the championship after being so competitive was disappointing there were so many positives to take out of this year's competition.

The year started with some fine tuning to the competition. One NSW team, the Sydney Stars, was omitted and the ARU requested that the Macquarie University North Harbour Rays take on a broader Sydney focus.

The change to the number of NSW teams was designed to deliver:

- Increased competition for spots as it meant 33 fewer players would be contracted - achieved.
- A more equitable distribution of contracted players - whilst an improvement on previous seasons, there is still more to be done in this space.

- Increased competitiveness of NSW based teams – achieved with NSW Eagles and Sydney Rays finishing first and second at the end of the home and away series and second and third overall after the final series.
- Increased Waratah involvement – achieved.

Gordon delivered one player, Jack Dempsey, and a back-up match day Doctor, Liz Swinburn, to this year's campaign. None the less, the developmental aims of the MUS Rays, which include recognition of aspirational players, coaches and volunteers, were once again achieved. On the back of Norths' Shute Shield success, Simon Cron was appointed Head Coach and 15 Norths' players included in the squad. Only a few years ago Norths was languishing at the bottom of the Shute Shield table. It is a timely reminder of what can be achieved in a few short years and the opportunities provided by this representative level of rugby to coaches and players who are a part of that success.

It was also pleasing to see the Wallaby coach releasing Wallaby squad players to the NRC when they were not required for the Wallaby games, a clear sign of the confidence the Wallaby set up has in the NRC. Further, form in the NRC was quoted to explain selections for the Spring Tour Squad and the 4 development players invited to tour.

All in all, the MUS Rays won 6 of its home and away matches, losing only to the NSW Eagles, before the loss to Perth Spirit, a side we defeated during the season, in our semi-final.

At our end of season strategic think tank, attended by representatives of all our stakeholders, including the Presidents of our four Member Clubs, we adopted "Success through Development" as our reason for being and I'm very pleased to report that season 2016 has seen Rays players and coaches invited to higher representative honours.

Players invited to take the next step in their representative and professional rugby careers are:

- Jack Dempsey – Development Player Wallaby Spring Tour 2016
- Damien Fitzpatrick – Waratahs
- Irae Simone – Waratahs
- Cameron Clark – Waratahs

Further Head Coach Simon Cron, on the strength of Norths' Shute Shield Premiership and the Rays' NRC Semi Final appearance, has been appointed Head Coach of the BMW Australia U20's. A personal highlight for mine was watching an all Gordon Junior backrow run on for our win in the final home and away game against the Melbourne Rising at very windy Frankston Oval, comprising:

6. Jack Dempsey (Lindfield)
7. Chris Alcock (St Ives)
8. Michael Wells (Roseville)

Our wonderful major sponsor, Macquarie University, extended its sponsorship of the team for seasons 2016 and 2017.

Members should note that the NRC is committed for a further 4 years. Remaining directly involved gives Gordon that extra tool to attract players, coaches, managers and all manner of volunteers to our club. Get behind the Rays next season and beyond, support the team and build on the contribution your club has made to the establishment of our team.

The players love playing representative rugby for the Rays in the NRC. The value of playing with and against currently contracted players is highly rated by the aspirational players selected from our clubs.

Again, I thank the club for providing me with the privilege of sitting on the MUS Ray's Board as its nominee to that Board.

Mike Brown

On behalf of the Macquarie University Sydney Rays

Medical and Physiotherapy Report – 2016



A deep dive injury review following season 2015, we identified below par pre-season prep as the underlying factor in the big season ending injury toll. The 2016 Shute shield season looked good, with a big commitment to a genuine pre-season training, strength and conditioning program and resources to pre-screen players. Tied in with the efforts of Karl and his team at Athletes Authority, the use of sprinting coach, we thought we had got it right from the start.

However, as is the injury curse, it was not to be. Despite the efforts of the club and the S & C boys; getting commitment from the top players in pre-season to a specific and strategic training plan was limited. And this can be seen in, what is again, a season affected by injury

The season itself was a joy to be part of. As a physio, we wear two hats. One to help on game day with injury management, and the second, to help with preparation. Both roles we always find challenging, and believe it or not, rewarding. We learn so much as we go, about injuries, players, rugby and drinking games. I learnt that physios can get yellow cards, Chatswood can be very, very wet and that a lot of the younger guys in grade are studying to be physios or sports scientists.

This grade season, I enjoyed watching 4th grade and Ian faced the unusual problem of having too many players available. They were a lot more competitive this year. I can recall only a handful of games which required me strapping a coach.

3's were great to be around. They are in the unenviable position of always losing players to higher grades, and fielding players who have already had a game. Watching them work well as a team that is always different was exceptional. It is always great to have people like Priscilla and Ben on the sideline. They are very committed to the club and have a keen eye for missing water bottles.

2's were very competitive this year, early on I thought they looked like a team that will go deep into the finals. But with mid-season injuries and the club stock of forwards being very low, like the 3's they had to perform as a different team every week.

As always, 1's are great to watch. When the teamwork clicked, they could challenge any team. A highlight was the 20+ phases they linked together against Southern Districts, whilst not resulting in a try, it changed the momentum of the game, generating a comeback from a terrible first 15 minutes. 1's again were victims of the forwards drought, but you would not have guessed it with a strong scrum late in the season, resulting in the awarding of a penalty try. I enjoyed having Terry back in the team, and seeing Alex Gregory move to number 7 (23 because the 7 jersey is too big) and do an outstanding job.

Again, we will look at the injury tolls, and see if we can identify that elusive factor that will help us stay injury free. One thing that comes to mind on reflection, is the role reactive agility work can play in injury prevention. Having it as an ongoing theme through the season and using as a warm up tool which focuses on rugby specific agility drills before each training and game would also be useful. Talking to other club physios, we are not alone with the high injury statistics. Where I think, we lose out is that we do not have the depth in the club to cover when we have the injuries that put someone out for a few weeks.

All in all, I enjoyed this season, even if the results were not what we hoped. Gordon is a great club to be part of. I would like to thank Liz for all her help. Without her, the players would not have access to world class radiology at Castlereagh Imaging and surgeons, especially Myles Coolican, in a timely and very cost effective manner. No club I know of has a volunteering emergency specialist as experienced as Liz. Not many clubs even have doctors at all games.

I would also like to thank the coaches, Ben and Priscilla, Steve and Meredith. And all of you who sat on the side line, ran the water, got the ice and kept me company in the pissing down rain. Without your help, my job would be impossible to do.

Dr Elizabeth Swinburn - Club Doctor
and
Nathan Sculthorpe
For and on behalf of Northern Sports Physiotherapy Clinic

Presentation Night Awards – 2016

The 2016 Presentation Night was held at the Aerial Function Centre, UTS Campus, Ultimo on 13 August and what an outstanding event it was with close to 150 players, coaches, managers support staff as well as the Board, in attendance. There is no question, that despite the many challenges experienced by the club in Grade, and the outstanding performance of the Colt's sides, the Presentation Night exemplified the tremendous spirit that exists within the club. Congratulations to all award winners named below;

Colts Awards

Colts Fourths

Best forward – Kav Naati

Best back – Kieran Young

Colts Thirds

Best forward – Jordan Small

Best back – Tom Gall

Colts Seconds

Best forward – Lachie Archer

Best back – Matt Long

Colts Firsts

Best forward – Hosea Fotukava

Best back – James Dainton

Grade Awards

Fourth Grade

Sportsmanship – Seaton Humphreys

Best and Fairest – Oli Campbell

Third Grade

Sportsmanship – James Fletcher

Best and Fairest – Luke Gardner

Second Grade

Sportsmanship – Lachie Mitchell

Best and Fairest – Cameron Thorburn

First Grade

Sportsmanship – Matt McDougall

Best and Fairest – Jack Maguire

Perpetual Awards

100 Club Games -Matt Hayter, Scott Pursell, Aritema Ralulu

Highest Colts Points Scorer – James Dainton

Highest Grade Points Scorer – Terry Preston, Paula Balekana

Willoughby Cup (Greatest contribution by player or non-player) - Ace Naati, Sam Milgate

Volunteer of the Year (For outstanding services by Volunteers) Hugh Trollope

Pat Serisier Colts Rookie of the Year - Beau Petterson

Most Improved Colts Player – Oliver Harradine

Charles Blunt (Snr) Colt of the Year – Jack Margin

Dan Robinson Memorial Award - Grade Rookie of the Year - Sam Mete

Most Improved Grade Player - Alec Palmer

Rob Allen Sportsman of the Year - Ruairidh Wilson

Coaches Award - Steve & Sam Phipps – 2nds Colts

Sponsorship, Membership and Marketing Report - 2016

In 2016, we enjoyed an increase in sponsorship overall. Sponsorship is a transient process; it is the net result that is important.

The club wishes to sincerely thank the Mingara Leisure Group, who continue to provide Gordon Rugby with significant financial support through the Club Grants scheme. We are extremely grateful to have the support of Paul Barnett and the Board of Mingara Leisure Group, Curran Property were again at the forefront of our major sponsors. We thank Glenn for his support and general activity around the club.

We are grateful to UTS for their ongoing support of our club. We look forward to growing our student numbers over the next couple of years.

We also welcomed a new major sponsor in Luxbet, one of Australia's leading sports betting houses. We would like to thank Tony Quinn and his team for their support!

The SAN Hospital at Wahroonga has also been a very generous supporter of Gordon Rugby.

We acknowledge and are thankful for the ongoing support of our continuing sponsors for 2016: -

- Mingara Leisure Group
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- Dentists@Pymble
- Luxbet

We welcome a new sponsor for 2017:

- Fitness First

Membership has remained stable in 2016. Under our new General Manager, Christie Krenkels, we will be working hard to manage membership numbers for the 2017 season.

We have two current players driving our social media sites which we will be aggressively using to increase our membership base for next season.

Hayden Rorke

For and on behalf of the Sponsorship Membership and Marketing Committee

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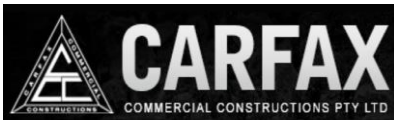
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Volunteers - 2016

This year the club is indebted to many volunteers without whom we simply could not have operated. The fact remains that we will always need this many and, frankly, even more volunteers next year. I hope I have listed all helpers but apologise to anyone I have left out. In no order, the club thanks:

- Tim Carroll our dependable ground announcer who attends every of the four grade games played at home and then for good measure will be seen at every away game with his trusty assistant and sidekick James Herd;
- Dick Huey, our loyal time keeper at all home games.
- Ace Naati who, apart from being available for as many games as possible each week to help shore up our scrums, spends hours updating Tartan Talk and helping with the club's website;
- Ruben Mackellar and Will Makeig who have been responsible for bringing the club into the world of social media via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram;
- Hugh Trollope, Peter Sherwood and Peter Bull who every home game set up the ground with marquees, corner posts, goalpost pads, BBQ etc. and then put them all away at the end of the day!!!;
- David Lewis, who has been our regular assistant referee all season (and many past as well). He has run the line for the first three games each Saturday (home and away) virtually all season, which is a mighty effort and selfless commitment to the club.
- Alex Lennon, David Bezer and Alex Carmichael, all of whom have also run the line for fours, threes or twos, when called upon – at times a task not for the faint hearted;
- Keith McInnes, Warren Butler and Alex Carmichael for photography services.
- Grade Team managers, Ivo Clarke, Kev Kenny, Wally Freeman; Peter Hearl, Al Kirkby, Steve Quoye, Priscilla and Ben Clarke, Sam Milgate and Matt Pyne.
- Dr Liz Swinburn who has, week in and week out, provided her expert medical services to all club players, on the playing field, in the dressing sheds or at home! And that's not to mention her role as a club director, Sydney Rugby Union board member and late night close specialist (with husband Mark Carmichael) of Chatswood Oval after home games.
- Peter Sherwood, Peter Hearl, John Boughton, Hilton Chapman and Peter Bull who form the Finance and Governance committee and spend many hours each week “keeping the books” and records.
- Peter Sherwood (again) for all his efforts in energising the Friends of Gordon Alumni and editing their weekly newsletter along with occasional editing help from Graeme Hearl.

- Georgia Separovich who, apart from her board duties and getting the Foundation up and running, helped organize numerous fund raising functions throughout the season.
- David Bezer, jack of all trades, who supervises and helps with all home game set-ups starting early in the morning and the next day takes down fences etc.
- Terry Preston for all his help in liaising with the junior village clubs and arranging ball boys.
- James Shannon, Paul Nicholson and Stirling Mortlock who give of their time to be on the Foundation Committee which hopefully will become a busier and busier task as the fund increases!
- Steve de Lorenzo, water runner/trainer for both 4th and 2nd grades.
- Coaches and managers, Ian Crothers, Richard Grant, Greg Lee, Kieran Lewis, Mark Fargas, David Zwart, Steve Phipps, Sam Phipps, Robbie Barnard, Peter Koen, Mark Preston, Billy MacLean, Mark Houston, Gianni Valente, Tim Calvert and Joel Thorpe.
- Andrew Lennon and Andrew Dainton who every home game help with ground set up early on Saturday mornings.
- Kevin Preston our Ground Marshall who every home game ensures the smooth running of all logistical aspects.
- Duigald Graham and Jasmine Dela Cruz, our UTS student interns, who provided invaluable help with statistics, event management and marketing.
- Norm Eakins who quietly beavers away collecting for, maintaining and restoring wherever possible the club's archive.
- Ross Carmichael, a recent new arrival to Chatswood from the bush, who late in the season very kindly offered his services towards the setting up and putting away of the fence and other paraphernalia at home games.

More power to you all and many thanks!

Rick Seton
Director

For and on behalf of the GRFC Board

Community Liaison Committee – 2016

2016 was another busy year for the Community Liaison Committee. I was ably assisted by Hayden Rorke, Georgia Separovich and Ru Wilson who was club captain. Jasmin De La Cruz was a new initiative for the club, an Intern from UTS undergoing event management experience. She was invaluable and hopefully we will get someone for next season as enthusiastic and able.

A calendar was produced at the beginning of the season so members could plan for the season ahead. It was somewhat difficult starting the season in March as Chatswood Oval was not available until beginning of April. We were lucky enough to get it one week earlier than planned thanks to the Gordon District Cricket Club. Next season hopefully Rugby won't start until April.

The season launch was at Club Willoughby, our new sponsor but was a low-key affair. Several functions were held at Club Willoughby and it was the regular place to go for drinks after a game. The boys were always keen to get behind the microphone as well.

Game days were enhanced by having a coffee cart each week. Ball boys and girls were also present at each game sourced from the local Junior Clubs thanks to Terry Preston and the Little Legends. The new scoreboard was also a welcome addition to Chatswood Oval, thanks to the Gordon Cricket Club for getting this up and running.

ANZAC Day was on a Monday so we had a “Super Saturday” against Easts on April 23rd. Beauchamp Park was used for 2 games and the rest at Chatswood Oval. This created a great atmosphere with the Colts and Grade players enjoying playing at the same venue.

There was another “Super Saturday” against Parramatta on May 14th. Ladies Day was a huge success thanks to Ru and Rebecca’s hard work. The players wore pink jerseys for the day and a donation was made from the proceeds to BATYE organization. They do work for youths with mental health concerns so a very worthwhile cause.

The ARU again held 2 U20 games at Chatswood Oval. The opposition were a Barbarians team and a Cockatoos (NSW Country) team. It was a great atmosphere, it would be nice to have the upgraded lights up, and hopefully these will be in place for 2017.

Sydney Juniors organized games of girls 7s and one of these rounds was held at Chatswood Oval on a Saturday after the Colts game. It was a great experience for all involved.

Our Annual Lunch was held at The Ivy this year with ARU Board Member Elizabeth Broderick AO the guest speaker. ARU CEO Bill Pulver was again in attendance. Rod Kafer did a marvelous job as Master of Ceremonies. Unfortunately, there were several other lunches on the same day which affected ticket sales, however those who went enjoyed the function and continued to enjoy The Ivy bars afterwards. It would be great to have some new faces and new ideas to assist in arranging next years’ event.

The Junior clubs had a significant presence at each home game. Rick Seton helped in this coordination. We held a kicking competition for the junior boys at half time, which was fiercely contested. The after-match photos were a highlight. The Gordon representative teams held a successful presentation at Chatswood Oval. This year it was held before first grade and resulted in a great turn out.

Presentation Night, held again at UTS was the biggest event of the season. Over 130 players, parents, coaches and supporters attended. It was difficult ushering the attendees out at the end. Lots of stories were being told. Thanks to Christie Krenkels for attending and being such a help at her first official function for Gordon.

The more people we have getting involved the better. We have already started arranging a tour for end of 2017 season. If anyone wants to get involved in any capacity, don’t be shy and contact Christie, Hayden or myself.

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



Gordon Rugby Foundation

In April 2016, the Gordon Rugby Foundation was established via the Fundraising for Sport Program with the Australian Sports Foundation. This program enables a tax effective platform for the Gordon Rugby Foundation to obtain the financial resources required to make Gordon Rugby Football Club competitive in the professional era of Rugby.

The Gordon Rugby Foundation has been established to continue to strengthen the Gordon Rugby Community and create an environment that encourages all young men and women to be the best athletes they can be. The aim of the Gordon Rugby Foundation is to raise funds to advance the Gordon Rugby Football Club. We plan to do this by focusing on the five following areas:

- 1) Sustained on-field success including player welfare and development for Grade and Colts;
- 2) Maintenance and improvement of Club facilities and amenities;
- 3) Development of a pathway for women's rugby in the Gordon catchment;
- 4) Support and development of our junior clubs; and
- 5) Community engagement, social inclusion and support for our indigenous players.

The Gordon Rugby Foundation aims to not only continue a proud rugby tradition, but also create an environment where our players are encouraged to be successful, contributing members of the community. Through the Gordon Rugby Foundation, we hope to provide financial security for our club for many years to come.

The Gordon Rugby Foundation and all funds donated are managed by the Foundation Committee. The Foundation Committee is responsible for all activities and spend in regards to the Gordon Rugby Foundation. The Foundation Committee has a majority of members and Chairman that are independent of the Board of GRFC. Members include James Shannon (Chairman), Stirling Mortlock, Paul Nicholson and Georgia Separovich.

The Foundation Committee would like to thank everyone that has donated thus far. The Foundation raised \$28,986 in FY16. We plan to be transparent with donated funds and look forward to undertaking a number of exciting initiatives in the year ahead.

Georgia Separovich
For and on behalf of the
Gordon Rugby Foundation Committee

Friends of Gordon “FOGS” Report - 2016

We currently have 66 financial members in the Friends of Gordon “FOGS” Alumni, sadly a decrease of 28 over 2015. We raised over \$ 27,000 in 2016, down by approximately \$ 7,000 on 2015.

The Friends of Gordon “FOGS” Steering Committee met in late November, 2015 and identified the following as the key priorities for 2016;

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 player’s 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 helping today’s generation of players understand and appreciate the traditions and history of Gordon Rugby through hosting a 1st 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 2016 was as follows;

- ✓ Supported talented Australian Schoolboy Jack McGregor’s 1st year tuition fees at UNSW.

- ✓ Donated Backpacks for new players (Grade and Colts) who had fully paid their 2016 Players Registration Fees by the start of the season.
- ✓ Provided catering at “FOG Marquee’ for FOGS, their guests and Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd Sponsors and guests on Grade home games.
- ✓ Donated on behalf of the Alumni and Gordon Rugby to the Cyclone Winston Appeal in Fiji
- ✓ Donated Gordon Rugby Trucker Caps to the Gordon Junior Under 15 State Championship Squad
- ✓ Sponsored the Annual Colts Parents Barbeque
- ✓ Purchased “FOGS Alumni” caps to new “FOGS” attending their first 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 Purchased a wreath on behalf of the Gordon Rugby Community for the funeral of Gordon legend Maurie Graham
- ✓ Donated a new “Friends of Gordon Rugby” canopy for an existing club marquee that needed repair
- ✓ Hosted commemorative days celebrating the 40th anniversary of the 1976 1st and 2nd Grade Premierships, and Maurie Graham’s contribution to Gordon Rugby.
- ✓ Hosted a dinner for the coaching staff and senior players at the end of the season – FOGS attending personally paid for the evening as a gesture of appreciation for the efforts and an opportunity to say farewell to retiring Head Coach Geoff Townsend and Assistant Coach Tim Wallace.

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 continued to forge relationships with other clubs who have “Friends of” organisations again hosting the “Friends of 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.



“Inside FOG Marquee” continued to be published on a weekly basis throughout the season and hopefully provided all with the right balance between serious rugby matters and the very social side of our Alumni. My sincerest thanks to Graeme “Gus” Hearl for his editorial support throughout the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely Graeme Hearl, Peter Bull, Brett Fawcett and Brian Shirvington for their great support throughout the year and to Hugh Trollope for his excellent link between the FOGS Committee and the Gordon Rugby Board. Great Gordon men in all aspects!

To Hayden Rorke 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.

The ongoing quest to find the shirt that does not go with the “Tie That Goes with Every Shirt” continues!

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

Premiership Tables – 2016

Gregor George Cup Club Championship













Club	Points
Sydney University	3087
Northern Suburbs	2733
Randwick	2730
Eastwood	2645
Eastern Suburbs	2544
Southern Districts	2402
Warringah	2323
Manly	2181
Gordon	1236
Parramatta	1162
West Harbour	984
Penrith	203

Intrust Shute Shield 1st Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP <7p	BP	Pts
Sydney University	18	13	1	4	710	420	290	14	1	15	69
Southern Districts	18	13	0	5	616	360	256	12	4	16	68
Northern Suburbs	18	14	0	4	592	323	269	10	1	11	67
Warringah	18	11	2	5	547	394	153	10	5	15	63
Randwick	18	12	0	6	560	366	194	9	4	13	61
Eastwood	18	11	1	6	629	398	231	11	4	15	61
Manly	18	11	0	7	600	399	201	10	4	14	58
Eastern Suburbs	18	8	0	10	508	453	55	15	7	22	54
West Harbour	18	6	0	12	450	676	-226	7	2	9	33
Parramatta	18	5	0	13	371	514	-143	6	6	12	32
Gordon	18	2	0	16	304	628	-324	2	4	6	14
Penrith	18	0	0	18	181	1137	-956	3	1	4	4













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Colin Caird Shield 2nd Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP <7p	BP	Pts
 Eastern Suburbs	18	15	0	3	472	285	187	11	1	12	72
 Eastwood	18	13	0	5	711	286	425	12	4	16	68
 Randwick	18	13	0	5	653	373	280	13	1	14	66
 Manly	18	12	1	5	532	347	185	11	2	13	63
 Sydney University	18	12	0	6	682	402	280	11	2	13	61
 Warringah	18	11	0	7	547	323	224	10	5	15	59
 Southern Districts	18	10	0	8	541	426	115	11	3	14	54
 Northern Suburbs	18	10	0	8	600	410	190	12	1	13	53
 Parramatta	18	5	1	12	447	583	-136	7	2	9	31
 Gordon	18	4	0	14	354	616	-262	7	0	7	23
 West Harbour	18	2	0	16	323	829	-506	4	0	4	12
 Penrith	18	0	0	18	96	1078	-982	0	0	0	0


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Henderson Shield 3rd Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP <7p	BP	Pts
 Sydney University	18	15	0	3	732	255	477	13	3	16	76
 Eastwood	18	15	0	3	730	207	523	13	1	14	74
 Warringah	18	13	0	5	509	238	271	10	2	12	64
 Northern Suburbs	18	13	0	5	601	307	294	10	0	10	62
 Eastern Suburbs	18	12	0	6	539	291	248	9	3	12	60
 Manly	18	11	0	7	521	286	235	6	2	8	52
 Southern Districts	18	10	0	8	620	336	284	8	2	10	50
 Randwick	18	9	0	9	463	329	134	9	3	12	48
 Gordon	18	4	0	14	293	592	-299	3	0	3	19
 West Harbour	18	4	0	14	244	640	-396	3	0	3	19
 Parramatta	18	2	0	16	235	558	-323	2	4	6	14
 Penrith	18	0	0	18	55	1503	-1448	0	1	1	1

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Henderson Cup 4th Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP <7p	BP	Pts
 Northern Suburbs	18	16	0	2	512	170	342	9	1	10	74
 Sydney University	18	15	0	3	659	153	506	11	1	12	72
 Eastern Suburbs	18	14	0	4	486	193	293	9	4	13	69




	Southern Districts	18	12	1	5	445	216	229	8	1	9	59
	Randwick	18	11	0	7	451	259	192	6	6	12	56
	Eastwood	18	11	0	7	525	257	268	9	2	11	55
	Manly	18	9	2	7	465	238	227	8	3	11	51
	Parramatta	18	6	1	11	296	446	-150	3	4	7	33
	Warringah	18	6	0	12	269	325	-56	4	4	8	32
	Gordon	18	3	0	15	154	775	-621	2	0	2	14
	West Harbour	18	1	1	16	169	585	-416	1	3	4	10
	Penrith	18	1	1	16	97	911	-814	0	0	0	6
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Eric Spilstead Shield Colts Club Championship













CLUB	Points
Sydney University Colts	896
Randwick Colts	823
Northern Suburbs Colts	698
Gordon Colts	691
Eastwood Colts	596
Eastern Suburbs Colts	582
Southern Districts Colts	470
Warringah Colts	458
Manly Colts	343
West Harbour Colts	258
Parramatta Colts	232
Penrith Colts	114

W McMahan Memorial Shield 1st Grade Colts






Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP <7p	BP	Pts	
	Sydney University	18	18	0	0	743	288	455	17	0	17	89
	Randwick	18	15	0	3	668	313	355	15	0	15	75
	Gordon	18	14	0	4	600	390	210	14	1	15	71
	Northern Suburbs	18	12	1	5	557	373	184	11	2	13	63
	Eastern Suburbs	18	10	0	8	504	418	86	11	2	13	53
	Eastwood	18	9	0	9	609	502	107	12	4	16	52
	Manly	18	9	1	8	463	442	21	9	2	11	49
	Warringah	18	7	0	11	449	517	-68	9	2	11	39
	Southern Districts	18	6	0	12	403	493	-90	6	4	10	34

	West Harbour	18	4	0	14	314	747	-433	3	1	4	20
	Parramatta	18	2	0	16	286	658	-372	3	3	6	14
	Penrith	18	1	0	17	291	746	-455	6	1	7	11
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Shell Trophy 2nd Grade Colts

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP <7p	BP	Pts	
	Sydney University	18	15	0	3	591	228	363	14	2	16	76
	Randwick	18	15	0	3	644	316	328	15	0	15	75
	Northern Suburbs	18	15	0	3	677	195	482	11	3	14	74
	Gordon	17	11	1	5	432	288	144	9	2	11	57
	Southern Districts	18	10	1	7	548	312	236	7	3	10	52
	Eastwood	18	10	0	8	589	308	281	10	2	12	52
	Warringah	18	10	0	8	514	282	232	8	4	12	52
	Eastern Suburbs	18	10	0	8	468	291	177	7	3	10	50
	West Harbour	18	4	0	14	292	573	-281	4	2	6	22
	Parramatta	18	3	0	15	322	615	-293	5	3	8	20
	Manly	17	3	0	14	193	647	-454	2	1	3	15
	Penrith	18	0	0	18	79	1294	-1215	0	0	0	0
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Bill Simpson Shield 3rd Grade Colts

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP <7p	BP	Pts	
	Randwick	18	15	0	3	476	275	201	13	1	14	74
	Sydney University	18	13	1	4	552	278	274	11	2	13	67
	Eastwood	18	13	0	5	475	308	167	11	1	12	64
	Eastern Suburbs	18	11	1	6	379	255	124	6	5	11	57
	Southern Districts	18	10	0	8	410	275	135	10	5	15	55
	Northern Suburbs	18	9	2	7	428	354	74	8	1	9	49
	Gordon	18	8	1	9	413	302	111	8	5	13	47
	Parramatta	18	8	1	9	366	373	-7	8	2	10	44
	West Harbour	18	7	0	11	376	413	-37	6	2	8	36
	Warringah	18	6	1	11	299	322	-23	5	3	8	34
	Penrith	18	4	1	13	289	690	-401	6	0	6	24
	Manly	18	0	0	18	127	745	-618	1	1	2	2
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Club Point Scorers 2016 Grade and Colts In Order of Points Scored

Name	Points Scored	Name	Points Scored
James Dainton	119	James Lough	10
Brett Van Zyl	75	Jonathon Burke	10
Hosea Fotukava	75	Josh Roche	10
Rory Vevers	65	Joshua Vinzenz	10
Marcus Hundt	62	Kaveinga Naati	10
Paul Balekana	55	Lachlan Camp	10
Terry Preston	55	Lachlan Richards	10
Andrew Boyce	52	Lefu Iaopo	10
Scott Pursell	51	Lucas Simkin	10
Cameron Del Moro	50	Matthew Mcdougall	10
Dominic Mete	50	Nicholas Burkett	10
Kirt Anthony	50	Nicholas Tracy	10
Tom Gall	49	Nick Slaven	10
Brandon Marsh	47	Osaiasi Naati	10
David Balcomb	46	Sam Lawson	10
Alexander Barker	45	Tobias Gukibau	10
Samuel Frankham	45	William Whyman	10
Stephen Kirkby	45	Lachlan Burke	9
Thomas O'Reilly	44	Oliver Campbell	7
Angus Margin	40	Alexander Broad	5
David Smerdon	39	Andrew Jones	5
Matt Hayter	36	Anton Wright	5
Tom Carruthers	36	Beau Petterson	5
Luc Simpson-Kent	35	Ben Tracy	5
Samuel Mete	35	Benjamin Wilkinson	5
William Mitchell	35	Bennette Jiong	5
Brandon Quinn	30	Benroy Sala	5
Campbell Clifford	30	Cameron Thorburn	5
Josh Thorndyke	30	Castellan Valentin	5
Simon Pursell	30	Clyde Webster	5
Andrew Bligh	28	Daniel Maclean	5
David Serukai	26	Daniel Thomson	5
Josh Mitchell	25	Eric Stene	5
Matthew Renshaw	25	Feleti Alipate	5
Michael Manners	25	Grant Hutt	5
Sam Reimer	25	Henry Carmichael	5

Sione Afu	25	Hugh Cropley	5
Lachlan Mitchell	22	Isaac Yun	5
Benjamin Butler	20	Jack Margin	5
Hamish Phipps	20	James Grant	5
James Byrne	20	Jordan Small	5
Lachlan Phillips	20	Jordan Thomas	5
Luke Gardner	20	Jp Bae	5
Tevita Alipate	20	Lachlan Archer	5
Bryn James	19	Lachlan Brock	5
Matthew Long	17	Luke Heavey	5
William Shirvington	16	Luke Papworth	5
Andrew Seton	15	Mark Philp	5
Brandon Fernandes	15	Matt Pyne	5
Elliot Gehrig	15	Oliver Harradine	5
George Goodfellow	15	Oscar Woods	5
Jordan Goddard	15	Patrick Curtin	5
Kieran Young	15	Patrick Sutton	5
Mawin Jansen	15	Richard Davis	5
Ross Aitken	15	Robert Lacinski	5
Thomas Leaver	15	Roni Scarano	5
William Dempsey	15	Rory Cramb	5
Andrew Chapman	14	Sam Bennetts	5
Xavier Mccoy	14	Scott Nicol	5
Matthew Hayes	12	Thomas Buchanan	5
Alex Hancock	10	Timothy Taylor	5
Alex Simms	10	William Makeig	5
Alexander Gregory	10	William Pasi	5
Alexander Wall	10	William Ryan	5
Bennet Leslie	10	Alex Harper	2
Byron Blaik	10	Jack Mazaraki	2
Erik Moss	10	Kristian Souvaliotis	2
Hamish Hall	10	Tristen Mears	2
Harry Rorke	10		
Henry Broad	10		
Jack Bowditch	10		
Jack Maguire	10		
James Fletcher	10		

Current Players Club Games at end 2016

In descending Order of Games Played

First Name	Surname	TOTAL	Colts	Grade	1st Grade
Kieran	Lewis	228	0	212	16
Terry	Preston	216	30	39	147
Lachlan	Mitchell	195	26	111	58
Matthew	McDougall	191	14	55	122
Michael	Balk	190	102	88	0
William	Shirvington	164	50	79	35
Cameron	Thorburn	158	48	94	16
Tobias	Gukibau	151	0	10	141
Andrew	Chapman	149	27	75	47
Osaiasi	Naati	147	43	104	0
Erik	Moss	133	30	41	62
Hugh	Cropley	129	50	54	25
Michael	Manners	127	44	55	28
Scott	Pursell	103	25	78	0
Henry	Carmichael	102	57	18	27
Matthew	Hayter	101	52	24	25
Aritema	Ralulu	100	0	51	49
Lucas	Simkin	94	49	7	38
Henry	Broad	91	15	75	1
Brandon	Quinn	89	32	20	37
Billy	Naati	84	37	47	0
Alec	Palmer	77	14	49	14
Justin	Rodgie	77	15	62	0
Grant	Hutt	76	26	50	0
Luke	Gardner	75	34	41	0
Alexander	Gregory	74	30	29	15
James	Fletcher	71	29	40	2
Andrew	Boyce	68	28	38	2
Samuel	Frankham	60	60	0	0
Josh	Mitchell	60	41	19	0
Alexander	Barker	59	35	22	2
Nicholas	Olive	59	16	21	22
Marcus	Hundt	56	55	1	0
William	Makeig	56	41	15	0
Patrick	Sutton	56	43	13	0
Samuel	Milgate	54	0	52	2
Kirt	Anthony	52	52	0	0
Andrew	Bligh	52	32	12	8

Oliver	Campbell	51	26	25	0
Ruben	Mackellar	51	39	12	0
Andrew	Seton	51	10	25	16
Benjamin	Butler	51	41	6	4
Ruairidh	Wilson	50	0	0	50
Brandon	Fernandes	49	49	0	0
Luke	Papworth	49	15	8	26
Sam	Reimer	48	48	0	0
Jordan	Small	47	42	5	0
Jack	Margin	46	46	0	0
Sean	Fagan	46	30	15	1
Samuel	Mete	46	23	10	13
David	Serukai	45	23	22	0
Ben	Tracy	45	33	12	0
Nick	Fraser	42	0	4	38
Josh	Thorndyke	41	41	0	0
Scott	Nicol	41	0	41	0
Feleti	Alipate	40	0	40	0
James	Lough	39	30	1	8
Dominic	Woodward	39	11	28	0
James	Grant	38	38	0	0
Alex	Harper	38	38	0	0
Lachlan	Brock	38	23	14	1
Kurtis	Quinn	38	30	8	0
James	Wilkinson	38	15	3	20
Robert	Lacinski	37	37	0	0
William	Pasi	37	0	33	4
Nicholas	Burkett	36	36	0	0
Benjamin	Wilkinson	35	34	1	0
Hosea	Fotukava	35	33	2	0
David	Balcomb	34	34	0	0
James	Dainton	33	31	2	0
Sean	Dillon	33	24	6	3
Brandon	Marsh	32	32	0	0
Sione	Afu	32	32	0	0
David	Smerdon	32	31	1	0
Jonathon	Burke	32	31	1	0
James	Byrne	32	17	15	0
Nicholas	Meagher	32	19	9	4
Lachlan	Phillips	31	31	0	0
Mawin	Jansen	31	31	0	0
Thomas	Parrish	31	7	23	1

Malelili	Vukinamualevu	31	0	20	11
Jonah	Taylor	30	30	0	0
Timothy	Taylor	30	26	4	0
Luke	Heavey	30	0	16	14
Jack	Bowditch	29	27	2	0
Oscar	Woods	29	0	29	0
Matthew	Long	28	28	0	0
Oliver	Harradine	28	28	0	0
JP	Bae	27	0	27	0
Harry	Rorke	27	6	2	19
Hamish	Phipps	26	26	0	0
Lefu	laopo	26	0	8	18
Patrick	Curtin	26	0	10	16
Aaron	Hutt	25	22	3	0
Lachlan	Archer	24	24	0	0
Campbell	Clifford	24	24	0	0
Nick	Slaven	24	24	0	0
Thomas	Skelly	24	24	0	0
James	Kwok	24	24	0	0
Xavier	McCoy	24	0	12	12
Tui	Tuisavaii	24	0	5	19
Simon	Pursell	23	23	0	0
Alexander	Broad	22	20	2	0
Jordan	Williams	22	0	22	0
Thomas	Buchanan	22	0	22	0
Ashley	Goddard	22	0	14	8
Mark	Philp	22	0	22	0
Lachlan	Burke	22	17	5	0
Tom	Gall	21	21	0	0
Dominic	Mete	21	21	0	0
Brett	Van Zyl	21	21	0	0
Josh	Roche	21	21	0	0
Jordan	Thomas	21	21	0	0
Jordan	Goddard	21	0	4	17
Elliot	Gehrig	20	20	0	0
Eric	Stene	20	20	0	0
Daniel	Thomson	20	20	0	0
Matthew	Pyne	20	0	20	0
Tevita	Alipate	20	0	20	0
William	Whyman	20	13	7	0
Angus	Margin	19	19	0	0
William	Dempsey	19	18	1	0

Richard	Davis	19	19	0	0
Cameron	Del Moro	19	0	15	4
Rory	Cramb	18	18	0	0
Stephen	Kirkby	18	18	0	0
Nick	Tracy	18	18	0	0
Paul	Balekana	18	0	6	12
Bennette	Jiong	17	17	0	0
Beau	Petterson	17	17	0	0
Edward	Davies	17	3	14	0
Seaton	Humphreys	16	0	16	0
Jonathan	Latta	16	0	5	11
Rory	Vevers	15	15	0	0
Isaac	Yun	15	0	15	0
Hedley	Eccleston	15	0	15	0
Byron	Blaik	14	14	0	0
William	Halliday	14	14	0	0
James	Ampherlaw	14	11	3	0
Jack	Maquire	14	0	0	14
Bryn	James	13	13	0	0
Thomas	O'Reilly	13	13	0	0
Matthew	Remshaw	13	13	0	0
Kristian	Souvaliotis	13	13	0	0
Jock	Robertson- Kirkwood	13	13	0	0
Paul	Katia	13	0	13	0
Castrllan	Valentin	13	0	13	0
Drew	Young	13	0	12	1
Guarin	Tesoriero	13	0	13	0
Conor	Hurley	12	12	0	0
Sam	Lawson	12	12	0	0
Julian	Okawa	12	10	2	0
Murilo Hunold	Mantinho	12	0	12	0
Alex	Simms	12	0	12	0
Nicholas	Feather	12	0	11	1
Benroy	Sala	12	0	3	9
Ronnie	Scarano	12	0	2	10
Thomas	Leaver	11	11	0	0
William	Mitchell	11	11	0	0
Alexander	Wall	11	11	0	0
Steve	Naati	11	0	11	0
Clyde	Webster	11	0	11	0
Sam	Bennetts	11	0	10	1

Alex	Knight	11	0	9	2
Joshua	Vincenz	10	10	0	0
Anton	Wright	10	0	10	0
Lachlan	Richards	9	9	0	0
Luc	Simpson-Kent	9	9	0	0
Kieran	Young	9	9	0	0
Lachlan	Camp	9	0	8	1
Bennett	Leslie	9	0	1	8
Joe	Callaghan	9	0	9	0
Alexander	Hamilton	8	8	0	0
Alex	Hancock	8	8	0	0
Kaveinga	Naati	8	8	0	0
Mitchell	Ward	8	8	0	0
James	Jackson	8	4	4	0
Reece	Conlon	8	0	5	3
Tom	Carruthers	8	0	4	4
Thomas	Vommerford	6	6	0	0
Ross	Aitken	6	0	6	0
Rhys	Maiden	5	3	2	0
Matthew	Hayes	4	4	0	0
Daniel	Maclean	4	4	0	0
Jack	Mazaraki	4	4	0	0
Tristen	Mears	4	4	0	0
George	Goodfellow	3	3	0	0
Nick	Brown	3	2	1	0
Mark	Grivas	2	0	2	0
Josh	Groome	2	0	2	0
Jarryd	Minton	1	1	0	0
William	Ryan	1	1	0	0
David	Barber	1	0	1	0
Ed	Berry	1	0	1	0
Adam	Greaves	1	0	1	0
Matala	Higgins	1	0	1	0
Andrew	Jones	1	0	1	0
Toby	Saunders	1	0	1	0
Connor	Walsh	1	0	1	0
Robert	Watkin	1	0	1	0
Matthew	Wylie	1	0	1	0

2016 Grade in Action



2016 Colts in Action



2016 Sevens in Action



“A Gordon for Me”

**I'm Georgie McHugh of the Gordon RU
I'm fond of a lassie and drappie or two
One day when out walking I chanced to see
A bonnie wee lass with a glint in her ee.**

**Says I to the lassie will ye walk for a while
I'll buy ye a bonnet and we'll do it in style,
my kilt is the tartan of the Gordon RU
She looked at me shyly and said, is that true?**

Chorus

**A Gordon for me, a Gordon for me
If you're not a Gordon you're no use to me,
The Eastwoods are braw, the Randwicks and a'
But the cocky wee Gordon's the pride of them all.**

2nd Verse

**I courted that girl on the Banks of the Dee
and made up my mind she was fashioned for me,
and soon I was thinking how nice it would be
If she would consent to get married to me.**

**The day we were wed the grass was so green,
The sun was as bright as the light in her ee,
Now we've two bonnie lassies who sit on her knee
While she sings the song that she once sang to me.**

Chorus

**A Gordon for me, a Gordon for me
If you're not a Gordon you're no use to me,
The Eastwoods are braw, the Randwicks a'
But the cocky wee Gordon's the pride of them all.
Get Fa Ye Ba!**