

“Celebrating Over 84 Years of Highland Rugby.”

2020
Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd
Annual Report



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Club Board – 2020

Patron

William Currie

President

Matthew Glascott

Board of Directors

Vanessa Gliddon, Andrew Heaven, Gareth James, Gianni Valente, Tim Wedlock

Honorary Secretary

Not 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 W Blunt, N A J Eakins, R A Huey, N W Tasker, C F Blunt

Hall of Fame

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

Board Meeting Attendance

During the Financial Year 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020 there were 9 Director's Meetings held. The following lists each Director's Attendance

Director	Eligible to Attend	Attended
Matthew Glascott	9	9
Anthony Cooper	1	0 * resigned Feb
Vanessa Gliddon	9	9
Gareth James	8	8 * appointed Feb
Andrew Heaven	9	9
Gianni Valente	9	9
Tim Wedlock	9	9

- General Manager Shane Sullivan attended all Director's Meetings.
- All Meetings were held in accordance with COVID19 Guidelines.

Gordon Honour Board

Club Championships	1949, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1993, 1998, 2020
1st Grade Premiers	1949, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1976, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2007 Trevor Allan Cup Winner, 2020 8 times runner-up
2nd Grade Premiers	1961, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1981, 10 times runner-up
3rd Grade Premiers	1959, 1967, 1970, 1972, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1993, 2008, 2009, 2019, 2020 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 10 times runner-up
1st Grade Colts	4 times runner- up
2nd Grade Colts Premiers	1974, 1981, 1995, 1998, 2020 9 times runner- up
3rd Grade Colts Premiers	1986, 1987, 1988, 1996, 2009 6 times runner- up
4th Grade Colts Premiers	1987, 1988, 1990, 1996, 2009 2 times runner- up
Under 19's	1995 2 times runner-up

Australian Representatives

In the 84-year period 1936 – 2020 the Highlanders have produced 36 Australian Internationals, 4 of whom were Australian Captains. The Honor 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. Eckert, A. Murdoch, A. Dempsey, C. Blades, M. Hardy, J. Langford, T Wallace, S. Mortlock (c), J Dempsey

State/ Provincial/ Australian Sevens/ Other Nationalities Representatives

There have been 79 Gordon players represent at the State / Provincial level, 6 players M Dowling, J Gamgee, D Haylett- Petty, V. Ratu, D. Harvey and B Quinn have represented in Australian Sevens, 4 players J Wilson, D. Haylett-Petty, B Whittaker and J. Turner have represented in the Australian Under 21's. J Dempsey (Australia Under 20's), H Margin (Australia Under 20's), J Walton (Australia Under 20's) and 9 other players have played for other national teams: M. Graham (NZ), S. Rokobaro (Fiji), M. Hercus (USA), A Hill

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(PNG), A. Mower (Scotland), J Parfitt (Hong Kong), E Olmstead (Canada and Canada Under 20's), M Parfitt (Hong Kong Under 20's), Nathaniel Panozzo (Italy Under 20's)

Representatives in 2020

Australia

None

Australian Under 20's

None

NSW Waratahs

(Super Rugby)

Jack Dempsey, Joey Walton, Robbie Abel, Karmichael Hunt

Melbourne Rebels

(Super Rugby)

Charlie Abel

Western Force

(Super Rugby)

Jacob Abel

ACT Brumbies

(Super Rugby)

None

Australian Barbarians

None

President's Report

2020 will be remembered for a number of reasons and with many mixed emotions. But for Gordon supporters it will be remembered also as the year we won the Shute Shield Premiership, Club Championship, Sir Roden Cutler Shield, Coach of the Year, Player of the Year, Third Grade Premiership, Second Colts Premiership, Fourth Grade and Third Colts Runners Up. Six of the seven teams were in the finals. A great result, and an even more significant result for a club, that two years ago, was at the bottom of the table! According to Peter Sherwood, our determined, resilient researcher, the only time the Club equaled this achievement was in 1952. Go the Highlanders!

Of course, this cannot be done without the incredible work of our players, coaches, volunteers, sponsors and members. It truly was a magnificent effort from everyone involved and 2020 will always be remembered as a source of great pride. Congratulations must go to Darren Coleman, who led the club through a stressful year to take it to a level we have not seen for 22 years. Winning a Shute Shield Premiership is not an easy achievement by any means, so we are truly thankful for DC's leadership and experience, bringing so much joy and pride back to the club.

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Good leaders surround themselves with great people. So, Congratulations must also go to his assistants Liam Winton and Brian Melrose, Cameron Blades, Strengthening and Conditioning coach Tim Rowland, Managers Andrew Quinn and Randy Basra and to our inspirational Captain, Jordan Goddard. They were well supported by the Seconds and we thank Riley Carter and Paul Hardwick for their unselfish attitude in supporting First grade. It was a group effort by both teams.

A First-Grade team cannot also be successful without the support from the lower grades. I believe that one can tell the strength of a club by how strong their Third-Grade side is, and our Gordon Thirds have been Premiers for two consecutive years. Congratulations to Tony Dempsey, Brett O'Neill, Michael Spalding and Phil Scar, Matt Evans and Steve Turner on coaching Third and Fourth Grades to a Premiership and Runners Up.

Our Colts also had a very successful season with two of the three teams in the GF and our Colts Seconds winning the Premiership. Unfortunately, our First Colts were beaten in the semifinals but displayed some outstanding rugby throughout the season. David Telfer has stepped down from coaching at Gordon and will be at Eastwood in 2021. We thank David for his time in leading the Colts for the past five years. He has developed the Colts program into one of the best in Sydney and we wish him well with his future endeavors. Sailosi Tagicakibau will take over as Colts Director for 2021. We also thank Dave's able assistants Tim Calvert, Andy Connors, Nick Brown, Guy Hannan and Darren Beasley.

In 2020 we had for the first time a separate Women's XV and a 7's Team coached by Lucas Thiessen and Chris Cooper. While it was a difficult season on the field for both teams we can proudly say they worked hard to develop a strong foundation that they can build upon. Congratulations to all the women who represented Gordon and played with passion and the Gordon spirit. The good news is, Lucas has worked extremely hard over the break to recruit some representative players to help strengthen the player ranks, so expect some interesting performances from the Women's XV in 2021.

I want to thank Shane Sullivan and wish him well with his new position as CEO of NT Rugby. Shane worked tirelessly throughout the season in supporting the coaches and keeping the club operations in motion. Meanwhile the board is happy to announce the appointment of Grant Pisani as General Manager for Gordon in 2021. He has been President of Gordon Village Club KWP and Director of a successful Events business. Grant is a passionate Gordon supporter, and was often seen at Gordon home games, enjoying an ale with other supporters on the verandah. We are excited about what he has planned this year.

On behalf of every player and supporter I would like to thank Darren Coleman for his incredible work in turning this great club around. It's been a very enjoyable ride working along with him and we wish him great success in USA. He will be a great success

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wherever he goes and hopefully we will see him back coaching representative rugby in Australia.

Brian Melrose has been appointed Coaching Director for 2021. Brian comes with a wealth of experience as a player and as a coach and I have no doubt he will have a great impact on the club and will keep the momentum that the club has built to ensure Gordon remains a force in Shute Shield rugby. Liam Winton returns as Forwards Coach and we welcome Harry Fehily as Backs Coach. Cameron Blades and Michael Spalding will assist with set pieces.

I would like to thank our wonderful volunteers who simply are amazing. Tim Carroll James Herd and Dick Huey who turn up to assist with operations every Saturday. Ace Naati who assists with gear, training and social media. Andrew Quinn for all the amazing photos he takes and the many others who make the club tick. I want to express my deep appreciation to all these dedicated people, because, without their time and generosity, we would not be able to exist. Thank you very much. I would like to thank the board - Vanessa Gliddon, Andrew Heaven, Gianni Valente, Gareth James and Tim Wedlock for their enormous contribution to the club throughout a very stressful year. In addition, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Meredith Holt and Brad Harrison who have joined the board.

The club would also like to thank our many Sponsors for their support during 2020 as they are our mainstay and absolutely vital in keeping our club running well. We are extremely grateful, in particular to Chatswood RSL, Fitness First, Green Beacon, UTS, Donnelly Constructions, Glascott Group, Greengate Hotel, Skin X, Sutton's through SVM Kia Roseville and Volvo Lindfield, AEI and Brands.

I want to thank the Gordon Foundation for their support. The Foundation has an important role to play in the future of Gordon, and as members and supporters we need to continue to develop and give to the Foundation. Many thanks also to Gus Hearl and his FOGS, for their continued support of the club and its players. We are grateful to these members, who enthusiastically support the club throughout the year. Your encouragement and backing are integral to the continuing development of Gordon Rugby, and I am just pleased your loyalty to the club was rewarded in 2020.

As a club we should be very excited about the year ahead, considering the work that has been done over the break. 2021 is certainly shaping up to be another exciting year for Gordon in Grade, Colts and Women's Rugby. It's an exciting time to be a Highlander. We are determined to remain at the top where our great club belongs. I look forward to seeing you on the sidelines in 2021.

Matt Glascott
President

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Treasurer's Report For the 12 months ended 31 October 2020

Whilst the 2020 season delivered first class results on the rugby pitch, the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic in March 2020 had a significant detrimental impact on the financial results of our club.

What started as a year of great promise both on and off the field, culminated in a below budget financial outcome, impacted severely by reduced sponsorship, a shortened season and fewer home games, yet the additional cost of being a championship winning club and Shute Shield winners. Success does not come without cost and our extended run to the 1st grade grand final incurred additional costs for players and all the support staff – doctors, coaches, physios, S&C etc. In addition, all budgeted fundraising events (annual lunch, golf day etc.) were cancelled due to the capacity restrictions imposed because of the pandemic.

The club budgeted for a profit of \$16,000 but delivered a loss of \$63,951, an unfavorable variance of almost \$80,000. Many of our expenses for the season were contracted and despite a number of staff accepting reduced payments for a period of 3 months until the delayed season commenced, the wages budget was not greatly reduced over budget. This was not assisted by having to expense 13 payments to our two full time staff due to accrual oversight in 2019 of approximately \$20K including superannuation.

The biggest impact however on our profitability was reduced revenue. The pandemic hit just as the season was about to commence and a number of existing and potential sponsors simply tightened their purse strings. Our cash sponsorship was over \$90,000 less than budget. In addition, we budgeted an \$80,000 contribution from the Foundation, and received \$48,000, for which the club is extremely grateful. However, the Foundation's fundraising activities were also severely impacted by the Coronavirus and there was a \$32,000 shortfall over budgeted contribution.

On a positive note, our registration fees for men and women were in line with budget and our gate takings, including bar and canteen, were just short of our budgeted game day revenue despite only having 6 home matches. Our successful start to the season resulted in bumper gate takings for our last 3 home matches and in particular the Norths game, despite the game being sold out. Membership subscriptions were also ahead of budget after a big effort to drive membership by your Board. It is imperative that we continue to build membership in 2021.

Another area where we experienced revenue shortfalls was in function revenue, where in total, our revenue was almost \$130K behind budget. The only event we held in 2020 was the players grand final breakfast, which was a small, break even event.

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We sought to contain costs wherever possible, however most of the operating costs relate to staffing costs for the team's management and well-being. It was very disappointing however that Willoughby Council did not offer ground rental relief as many councils did. In addition, we incurred losses on rental commitments for three player houses that were arranged to attract players at the start of the season which at times were not 100% occupied. The loss is approximately \$10,000 and is a lesson learned. Housing will not be offered in 2021 although there may be some hangover for a few months from 2020.

The detailed expenses can be found in the Financial Report that has been tabled.

As at 31 October 2020, the Club has cash available of \$143,564 (FY 2019: \$84,804), this resides within the Club's primary bank accounts with Suncorp and Bendigo Banks. In 2020 we have included, as requested by members at the 209 AGM, the funds classified as ASF funds. These total \$28,207. In 2019 these funds were not incorporated in the financial report.

I have no doubt that you will note that the club has a negative equity of \$79,000 and it is imperative that this shortfall is made up in the 2021 season. We have a new General Manager, Grant Pisani, who is working extremely hard with the support of your Board, to retain existing sponsors and find significant new sponsors this season. We are quietly confident that the efforts of your Board and the General Manager in the off season, will result in increased sponsorship in 2021 and assist in putting our club in a stronger financial position.

We very much appreciate all our Club's sponsors and the donations from the FOG's and the Foundation.. Their support of the Club is highly valued and much appreciated, thank you.

It is also imperative that we maintain strong player registrations, build upon our membership base and hold a number of successful events. We have already held a very successful Farewell to DC luncheon, and we will also be holding our Annual GJRU Luncheon and Ladies Day Super Saturday events. There will be Back to Gordon days and we will also find time for a Golf Day at a minimum.

The members present will note that we have reinstated in the Financial Report a note that addresses the intent to re-establish the Pat Serisier Fund should circumstance permit.

The Financial Statements (FY 2020) have been tabled and will be lodged with ASIC.

We thank DKF Richard Hill for continuing to provide accounting services to the club and preparing our annual Financial Statement. We also thank Peter Bull for undertaking a Review of the 2020 Financial Report.

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But mostly, I want to thank the members, the FOGS and the Foundation for your continued support. It will be needed more than ever in 2021 for obvious reasons.

Gareth James – Treasurer

Rugby Reports

1st Grade Report Premiers and Minor Premiers



It goes without saying that the 2020 season was a memorable and record-breaking season for the 1st Grade team. To win the Shute Shield, the Minor premierships, Sir Rod Cutler Shield and for the team to contribute strongly to the Club Championship victory, left an amazing feeling of fulfillment and satisfaction in all involved.

“Tartan Tough” – research says that the Tartan fabric and method in which it is interwoven makes it the most durable fabric in all the world. From our pre-season bonding camp in Kangaroo Valley where the word “resilient” was decided upon how we would like to be perceived..... to 9 months later and the series of scrums pinned in our corner on Grand Final Day where we showed that exact trait was a great example of setting and living a value & culture.

It doesn't always work out this way, many times I've seen teams use “buzz” words to describe themselves, but rarely can they live them. From Covid disruptions, players leaving the squad due to Covid, a very demanding and dedicated training regime, a high injury rate (people wouldn't recall for a Championship team how many top line players missed significant weeks of the season) and on many occasions having to dig our way out of perilous situations within matches – this team personified “Resilience” and was definitely “Tartan Tough”.

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To go the season 11 from 12 matches in the regular season and undefeated (3 from 3) in the playoff series, this team I believe was the best team thru the course of the season and a few steps ahead of its rivals for the course of the race. To single out individuals within this group for their performance would discredit the “team” element on which we were built. Players understood and respected their role within the “team” and did their best to ensure they were the best in the League at fulfilling their role and position. As it showed throughout the year, it didn’t matter which player we lost to injury the rest would step up a notch and the replacement would cover admirably.

I must, however, point out one person in particular - our team captain, the leadership he provided. Intelligent, tough, respected, and passionate all the traits you want in a captain but for me, Jordan Goddard’s ability to hold course and not lose focus in pressure moments were what stood him out from the pack as an amazing Shute Shield Premiership Captain. I, the other staff and all the players very much enjoyed being led by Jordy.

Many Thanks to all the support staff from the Coaching staff Liam Winton, Billy Melrose, Cam Blades, Riley Carter & Paul Hardwick. Tim Rowland & Antoine Grant in the performance side of things. Al Robinson our Physio, Dr Zoe as Team Doctor and to the Managers Randy Basra, Ace Naati, Andrew Quinn & Fetala’i Taua’a. All selfless ‘team first’ people that will now have a special bond for a long time to come.

Cliché’ I know but winning starts at the top and eternal gratitude to Matt Glascott and the Board and how supportive they have been in turning the club around. Shane Sullivan our GM has been the silent assassin behind the scenes.

Lastly to the wider base of the club (Lower Grade & Colts players & the supporters), the 1st Grade Premiership stood tall on the shoulders of the depth and passionate support you gave the 1st Grade team. Running home into the Trumper Stand was a points advantage and I know our team loved scoring in that corner.

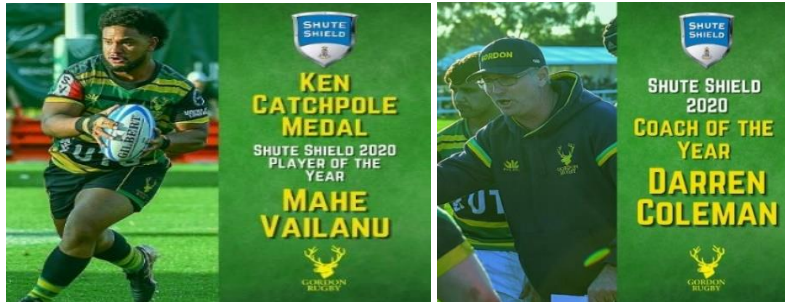
I really hope that the 2020 success of this team is the springboard to keep this great & historic club of Gordon where it should be at the pointy end of Sydney Club Rugby. I wish Matt, Billy & Liam and the lads all the best for the 2021 and will let out a little “Gordon for me” a couple of minutes after each FT victory this 2021 to remind me of how much pleasure myself and our team got from belting that great song out 14 times in 2020.

From “Last to First”, what a “helluva story”.

Go Gordon!

Darren Coleman – Head Coach

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2nd Grade Report



The 2020 season will be remembered for many things, not just for the great success of the club's Premierships and the Club Championship Shield, but also for the success of overcoming incredible roadblocks, including a worldwide pandemic!

The 2020 season for 2nd Grade was the accumulation of an incredible amount of training sessions in many different formats. While many will reflect on the fact that 2nd Grade did not win the premiership, the success of this group can be measured by those that worked with the group in a different manner. All of the side contributed directly to the success of 1st Grade by training with and against the premiership winning side. All "rowed in the same direction" and all put the team and club first. These attributes and characteristics that made up 2nd Grade are a testament to what it means to represent 'the Tartan'.

Across the playing group the desire to succeed and win games was matched with the way in which players prepared for training and games alike. Players always looking to

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improve and gain the upper hand on the opposition. While no one likes losing, this playing group, when a loss was suffered, analyzed their game and areas to continue to work on, while highlighting what strengths would be employed for the following week. Conversely, after a win, while still analyzing their game, celebrated their success with the wider club. Something that made Saturdays very special. A truly hardworking and fun group to be involved with.

The atmosphere that players create can be attributed and allowed to grow because of the Coaches and Managers that work with them. Special thanks to our wonderful Manager, Andrew Quinn, his work was instrumental to the “success” of this playing group. My Co-Coach, Riley Carter and the Top Squad Coaches, Darren Coleman, Liam Winton and Brian Melrose, working with these coaches was truly special and drove standards for the club to celebrate with plenty of silverware at the end of the season. As we all know 2020, was certainly a special year to be involved with at Gordon. A club is as only as good as the people involved and this great club as many special people.
'Tartan Tough'

Paul Hardwick – Co - Coach

3rd Grade Report Premiers



I was eager from the beginning of the season not to have the team aspire to emulating last season’s premiership win. Earlier experience as a player had taught me that such goal setting can be uninspiring. It was much more productive to work hard during the off season, focus on the season at hand and build the team’s standards and culture so that the results might follow suite.

When one considers there was rarely an occasion during the season when the team comprised more than 4 players from the previous season’s premiership winning team, such an approach proved sensible.

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Training sessions were always competitive but where possible - fun. The commitment and spirit amongst the “Firsty Firds” and “Frothy Forths” was nothing less than outstanding. Each training session we had no fewer than 35 players in attendance – all willing to work hard in order to build the necessary fitness, skills, physicality and attack shape the coaches demanded of them. Hard work equalled success and whilst on occasions some lads were not being willing to hit harder than my Grandmother in contact sessions, the lads managed to train like Tarzan and play like Tarzan more often than not! Tarzan’s partner Jane was consigned to the odd cold wet session at Willoughby Leisure Centre when Naremburn Oval was off limits.

The comradery and training spirit spilled over into game day – not just in terms of the on-field results but in the manner in which the boys took to the task of home ground set up, manning the BBQ, supporting the top squad matches and partaking in social evenings with gusto despite the COVID-19 contagion being ever present. I put this attitude and spirit down to a culture we cultivated that ensured that ever present amongst the player group was the mantra: *“No one player is bigger than the team and no one team is bigger than the Club”*.

The composition of the 3rd Grade team represented what I would describe as a ‘Perfect Storm’ – a mix of Old Heads, Senior Players and Young Guns. This mixture was not a deliberate ploy or strategy by the coaches but rather something brought about through sheer serendipity. Adding to the success of the team was the startling statistic that 95% of them had come through the Gordon Juniors/ Colts player pathway. When we were in for a big match wearing the Gordon Jersey meant a lot to those who had grown up in it. It was important of course to have several imports to bring something different to the team’s balance and so the likes Tricks “Weepu” lead the charge in that regard. All Black selectors should take note of this man’s attributes!

There were many highlights throughout the season – too many for this report. Clearly the manner of the win against Randwick in the sudden death SF was one. In short, we played champagne rugby and scored such remarkable tries that Cluch TV felt compelled to air one in which Alex Barker was instrumental in creating for quite some after.

It was however the courage, belief and determination of the team to win the Grand Final against many odds that stands out as the season’s highlight. The loss of captain Chapman and hooker Widders-Leece the week before, the injury to replacement Hooker Nick Olive in the first 20 mins and the late addition to the Sydney Uni team of top squad players did not deter us from the task at hand. We knew that winners always have a plan and that losers always have an excuse. Quite simply we weren’t prepared to look for excuses in order to lose.

No one who participated in this team will ever forget the mercurial effort of flanker Harry Turner to charge down the clearing kick from Syd Uni in the dying minutes of the grand final and to then pursue the ensuring loose ball in order to score the match winning try. The jubilation that followed that premiership winning try will live with the

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players and team management for the rest of their lives. This try was only made entirely possible due to the efforts of every other teammate who performed superbly throughout the game in order to allow the team to be in such a position to win the Henderson Shield for 2020.

Special thanks to:

1. Brett O'Neill – backs coach and key leader. Neither premiership would have been possible without his direction and insights.
2. Michael Spalding – scrum coach and assistant forward coach. Michael's keen sense of history with the club and passion helped lift the team to higher levels.
3. Phil Scarr – assistant backs coach and admired mentor to players.
4. Ace Naati for outstanding lower grade communication and management.
5. Hilton Chapman as team manager.
6. Will Dempsey for managing training schedules on time, running water and messages at games throughout the season.
7. President Matt Glascott and the Gordon Rugby Board for their tireless effort and support throughout the season.
8. The FOGS – for their unending support including providing much needed training equipment during the season; and
9. 4th Grade coaches Matt Evans and Steve Turner for their collaborative style in working into the squad training methodology.

Tony Dempsey
Head Coach

4th Grade Report Grand Finalists



Generally speaking, adversity tends to bring out the worst or best of a group. In this instance, it was the better.

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These chaps started with fires, floods, Covid and their coach dropping out, leaving them with Steve and some new bloke that spoke a different type of English.

In the words of Michael "the King" Spalding: "Strong Lower Graders means a strong club" and these young men have a club mentality and a lot of grit.

4's preseason was good and the momentum going into the comp was excellent, prioritising defence, pattern attacks and fitness. Early results were nothing short of incredible, with record wins with no points scored against.

These wins were 20 -Nil v Manly, 40 -Nil v Two Blues and 41 - Nil v Randwick. We made every competition a competition, our goal line a fortress.

It was a ripper of a start; confidence was high, and promotions were in the offing. Georgie McHugh was sung in regular season games 5 times as we went on to notch 5 wins from comp games a few others from Trial matches. Manly fell apart, Warringah shrank from the fight, Easts almost held us.

In a season full of highlights, one would have to be walking onto Randwick. A beautiful Saturday, and tearing them to shreds, in our best performance of the year. It was scorched-earth as we dominated every aspect and took their will to play out of the game. That Geordie McHugh was the loudest and proudest.

Another highlight would have to be the ceaseless chirping of 80 kilo flank Nick Tracy at 120 kilo former Wallaby, Tatafu Polota-Nau: "Look at us, a pair of 4th Graders with 90 Wallaby caps between us!" That goes down in History.

Nick never backed down and took Taf out of the game. That scrappy, chirpy, gritty attitude is what took this group to the first 4th Grade Grand Final since 2007. Always outweighed, but never outplayed. It was Gordon v Goliath from the get-go.

Special mentions to the old boys that came back to serve the cause, the men who worked back from injuries and the ones who turned up day in and out knowing they may not get game time. Even though we used 90% of the reserves available to us as coaches.

The Semi saw Tatafu leading Two Blues against us, where we ground out a very narrow draw, to scrape into the Grand Final as Minor Premiers after finishing top of the log, with the most points scored and least against.

In the final, Randwick had learnt their lessons, bulked up and came hard, our cause wasn't helped by losing two captains in a week: first our season and Club Cap Nick Olive, and then that workhorse Lachie Archer, once again credit to Nick Tracy, who stepped in.

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The result wasn't our best, with a narrow loss, high emotions and tension, but this group is better for the experience and made up for it by being the 16th man on the hill for everyone else.

That's 4th Grade, 2020 Minor Premiers, Record Victories, never backing down, up early for a breakfast game. Standing on the hill, backing your mates, Grand Finalists and better for it.

"A Gordon for Me"

Matt Evans – Co - Coach

Men's 7's



Following the fourth-place finish in the 2019 Shute shield spring series, the Gordon rugby sevens program eyed off two tournaments to start the 2021 season. Firstly, the 2 team, 28-man squad travelled to Hamilton, Newcastle with the aim to defend the Whale Curry memorial cup sevens. The green team captained by Jahmin Gernhoefer was filled with young talent looking to make a name for themselves in the Gordon ranks. However, failed to make it past the pool stages despite some close encounters with some top sides.

Meanwhile the Blue (UTS) team coached by Paul Hardwick went in as favorites to lift the trophy. Headlined by likes of young talent Mike Pavlakis (the eventual 2020 Gordon sevens player of the year) and Aussie 7s star, Brandon Quinn; the Gordon side breezed through the pool stages and into the semifinals. To win the comp the Stags had to face a competitive Warringah team in the semi and a dominant West Harbour side in the final. Eventually knocking off the spring sevens champions to claim their second successive Hamilton 7s title.

After falling just short in the final against Manly in 2019, the UTS Gordon team aimed to go one better at the Kiama sevens in 2020. However, with only three remaining players from the 2019 campaign (captain, Toby Parr. 2019 Sevens Player of the Year Alex Barker, and second year talent Milan Basson) the task ahead was always a difficult one. Although the new squad remained confident after their victory in Hamilton.

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Unfortunately, after winning their first two pool matches, the Gordon side unluckily lost to a talented Gungahlin squad. Thus, cutting their hopes of finals redemption short.

Although the squad didn't achieve their top goal to become Kiama 7s champions. The club as a whole benefitted from the campaign. Blooding new talents such as Reece Macdonald and Lucas Price into the Gordon family. Successfully defending their Hamilton 7s title whilst also giving first year grade players a chance to showcase their skills ahead of the approaching 15s season. We enter the 2021 7s season with the same drive and ambition. New year, same goal.

Toby Parr - Captain

1st Grade Colts Report Semi Finalists



The pre-season that never ended is the best way to describe the 2020 season. Those that started on November 4 meant that the season went for 356 days. At times it was difficult to stay motivated, but I cannot be prouder of this squad for the way they kept working hard throughout all the obstacles. Unfortunately, it just wasn't to be our day against Sydney Uni where we were outplayed by a better team. We put ourselves in the best position to give ourselves every opportunity to succeed however a combination of factors meant we fell one game short of getting to the grand final. In particular I praise the work of the players during the April & May period where we kept working hard as a group whether it be through Zoom meetings, fitness challenges, training sessions or even just staying in touch. To put in this work without knowing if the season was going to resume shows the character in the team and the desire to achieve. To think that the squad would not continue to work hard during these months would be naïve and show a lack of knowledge.

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After what felt like a never-ending pre-season, we got the news that we were going to be back in action with Round 1 scheduled for Saturday July 18. We had 13 regular season games in which we would play every opposition team once. Our season started with a thrilling 27-27 all draw against Eastern Suburbs. We gave ourselves the opportunity to win however it wasn't to be. Of particular note in this game was our kicker James Westbury missing the conversion to win the game at the end. From this point on he proved to be one of the competitions best kickers amassing an outstanding 173 points to become the leading point-scorer across all competitions. From here we went on to record big wins over Western Sydney Two Blues, Warringah, Manly, Hunter Wildfire and West Harbour. This led us to our second big challenge of the season to play Randwick at Coogee Oval. On this day we admittedly got found out and came away empty-handed losing 22-14 however we did learn some lessons which we would hopefully improve upon heading into the second half of the season.

As we head into the second half, we started it with resounding wins over Southern Districts and Norths before our final home game of the season against competition heavyweights Sydney University. This was one of the proudest moments I have had coaching Gordon Colts in the 6 years I have been involved. It was an outstanding game which went back and forth before we managed to get a 35-26 victory which showed the fight this side has. It was to be Sydney Uni's only loss of the season. Following this were wins over Penrith and Eastwood before we reset and got ready for finals. First up in Week 1 of the finals was a match up against Eastern Suburbs. Once again, our boys played their best game of the season running rampant with a 53-15 victory. Some outstanding play and it looked like we were hitting our straps at the right part of the season. We now had Sydney Uni in the semi-final and in the lead up to it all signs were pointing at it being a wet and windy affair. As much as we planned for this it wasn't to be on the day as we lost 31-17 on the day. It was a bitter pill to swallow as there was lots of niggles going on between the sides, but I must applaud our boys for not losing their heads despite some interesting comments from the powers above suggesting they should do otherwise. Congratulations to Sydney Uni on their premiership victory.

Over the course of the season, we scored 638 points whilst conceding 154 points – an outstanding for and against. We had some outstanding players throughout the year, and I would like to congratulate our award winners. Our best forward – Nathaniel Panozzo – has been in the colts for 3 years and started as an ISA 2s player and ended as an Italian U20 international. Our best back – Ben Pollack – has been excellent for the last 2 seasons and I look forward to seeing what 2021 brings him. Our Most Improved Player to Lucas Vass who improved significantly over the season to end the season as our best on-field against Sydney Uni before making the Sydney U18 and NSW U18 sides as well as a spot in the NSW Waratahs Senior Academy. Our Rookie of the Year to Adrian Brown who made his 1st Grade debut at 18 years old – I look forward to seeing what comes next year. And last but not least Will Bremner for the Colt of the Year. Will has been

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involved in Colts for 3 years and has been everything you look for in a player – a leader who has the ability to bring a team together and an outstanding character.

As I write this, I can now reflect on my 6 years in charge of the Colts at Gordon. A record of 69 wins, 1 draw and 33 losses in my time in charge of Colts 1. 5 finals series, 2 semi-finals, 1 grand-final and I wouldn't trade the experience for anything in the world. It hasn't been easy at times however I can say that the most rewarding aspects was seeing Jack Margin, James Lough and Joey Walton lifting the Shute Shield – seeing these players graduate into 1st Grade is what keeps a club going. I would like to thank my fellow coaches, in particular Tim Calvert, Robbie Barnard and Andy Connors who have done this journey with me for most, if not all of the time. I would like to thank Matt Rains, Ed Gellert, Gianni Valente and Rau Albert for their significant assistance in the off-field contribution, a lot of which goes unnoticed. Lastly, I would like to thank Andrew Dainton for his support over the years as well as the FOGs (in particular Graeme Hearl and Peter Sherwood) for their support. However, 6 years is a long time and 2021 brings a new challenge but I look forward to coming to Chatswood Oval and seeing some familiar faces.

David Telfer – Head Coach

2nd Grade Colts Report Premiers and Minor Premiers



Statistics – Regular Season Record: 7-1, For/Against: +235 (335-100) 42 to 13 average score line.

Results:

1. Easts (H): 19-12
2. Northern Suburbs (H) (TRIAL): 24-10

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3. BYE
4. Warringah (A): 52-0
5. Manly (A): 24-19
6. BYE
7. Easts (A) (TRIAL): 31-28
8. Randwick (A): 22-17
9. Southern Districts (H): 60-0
10. Northern Suburbs (H): 28-7
11. Sydney University (H): 21-45
12. BYE
13. Eastwood (A): 109-0

Semi Final: Eastern Suburbs @ Woollahra Oval – 43-7, Grand Final: Randwick @ Forshaw Rugby Park – 23-13

The story of the 2020 2nd Grade Colts is best understood by its characters. Stoic returning colts with learnt lessons who understood what a premiership side looked like, a fast and fearless backline and a forward pack that would get the better of most 1^{'s} Colts packs all connected on their appreciation of rugby and the release it provided in 2020. The team was officially led by Cass Clinton © and Rocky Naati (vc), in the latter half of the season they were supported by Sam Lock and Matt Martin and created a team that was accountable, determined, resilient and ruthless. While the team was dominant for large parts of the season, crucial moments against Easts in round 1, Manly in round 5, Randwick in round 8, Norths in round 10, Eastwood in round 13 and the finals series best encapsulate the team's character and characters.

The 2020 season began with a grand final rematch with Eastern Suburbs at Beauchamp. The smaller field and cricket pitch suited Easts natural style while mitigating our more territory-based game. In a prelude of our form throughout the year; both times Easts scored we returned with interest. Scoring two tries in response to their first and a converted try in response to their second. These first half points were replaced by serious grit in the second half as we spent 10 minutes defending inside our own 22 in the second half to maintain a 7 point win. A scrappy trial win against Norths followed, where our inability to rise above their gutter tactics resulted in the flattest post bonus point win v Norths sheds that I've been a part of. In hindsight, being frustrated with bonus point wins this early was always a good sign. What followed was a game in testing conditions against Warringah, whereby scheduling mishap both Tim and I could not attend the match in person – the team was ably led by Will Kablau, who went from starting prop to most valuable manager in the competition, and Ed Gellert to a 52 point win highlighted by a 40m rolling maul try.

Travelling to Keirle Park, to play a Manly side in an early season finals fight, there were warnings of a boil over. Terrible field, 3rd grade going close to giving up a 20-point lead,

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only a 22m area to warm up in and a relaxed group of 18/19 year olds made Tim and I anxious. Unrewarded scrum dominance, injuries to key players, dropped last passes and missed tackles took us into the half tied at 5; new strategies at half time saw us down 5-14 midway through the second half; stellar on-field decision-making saw us score the next two tries to lead 19-14 with 5 minutes to play. Smart use of the sun caused a mistake at the ensuing kick-off saw Manly score to draw level, with the conversion to take the lead – the boys were calm behind the posts as the Manly kicker pulled it left and came up with a plan to force the error and take our chance. Patience in defence and attack allowed Darcy Fitzgerald and Oli Griffiths to force an attacking lineout 5m out, a perfect throw and maul allowed Jayden Duff to score off the base in the corner on the last play to secure a bonus point win.

Randwick at Latham, with the same referee as the Manly game, saw another last play try that provided another crucial bonus point win. A blazing start that saw us control territory through the boot of Darcy Fitzgerald and the chase of Oli's Griffith and Evans, Lewie Parfitt and Dylan Glassie provided two try scoring opportunities that were duly taken by Blake Males, off fast general play, and Matt Martin, following a dominant scrum. Randwick's response was typical Randwick, playing in perfect conditions for running rugby they had a 30-minute period in the middle of the match where everything seemed to work, and they scored 3 tries to take the lead. Unfazed by this change in momentum, the boys dominated the last 20 minutes which was characterised by strong performances off the bench from Nelson Roberts, Finn Spalding and Zac Lomas; strong carries from Oskar Enasio, Cameron Wood and Dylan Glassie and a rock-solid set-piece resulted in a well-executed maul to draw level. A strange interpretation of wheeling the scrum and knocking on saw Randwick maintain possession late with defensive pressure not allowing any progress. Caught out down the blind, Blake Males, in the same action, made a dominant hit to force a knock-on and pass the ball to Oli Evans on at pace who raced to dot down as time expired to secure another crucial bonus point win.

Following a crucial late win against Randwick and a dominant win against Southern Districts where our first four possessions resulted in tries, the trash came to Beauchamp. Being equal parts dominant and unfocused, we went into the first half ahead 12 after scoring on 2 of our 5 trips into the attacking 22. A try to Norths midway through the second half had them thinking it was a contest, what occurred was the necessary wakeup call. Following a pedestrian yellow card for a strong legal hit, Angus Partington intimidating when he returned with his carry setting up the space for the great one's brother (Ben Kafer) to score wide after some great work from Oli Evans and Blake Males, leaving the score 21-7 with 5 to play. North's put the kickoff out on the full, our scrum was dominant resulting in a penalty which Darcy Fitzgerald duly put 5m out from the North's line. The tight five of Rocky Naati, Blake Males, Will McLennan, Cameron Wood and Angus Partington destroyed the Norths pack over 5 successive

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scrums, resulting in a prop being sent off, his replacement being shunned and ultimately Alex Rahme scoring on the last play for another crucial bonus point win.

Following the seasons lone competition loss to Sydney University, the side matched up against Eastwood knowing that a big win was required to lock up the minor premierships on points difference. After Randwick narrowly beat Easts earlier in the day, we were set a total of 53 points for the minor premierships. A game where lesser teams would switch off and limp to a minor premiership, the team secured the minor premiership with time to spare in the first half. Obviously, something for them to fix for their move to Castle Hill, the Eastwood scoreboard stopped working at 69 points early in the second half – a shame given their treatment of Penrith a few years ago, where they accurately recorded the drubbings across all grades. After a raucous Georgie McHugh in the fibro palace, we turned our attention to Easts.

As a true reward for winning a minor premiership, we travelled to Woollahra to take on Easts and rectify our trial loss. A fast and physical start was maintained throughout with too many examples of match winning efforts in defence. Jerome Williams making a try-saving tackle and the next four on the try-line, Oli Evan's, Griffiths, Charlie Weber cutting off each counter attacking opportunity and turning over multiple kicks were highlights that jump to mind. The best example of the teams' attitude was that a) no one realised Blake Males scored a hat-trick and b) he didn't seek any praise for it. Our dominance was complete, 43-7 score line; points on each trip to the attacking 22; 4 times we successfully defended our try line for over 5 phases, and we dismantled the Easts scrum. The first half's tries were well executed team tries, the second half's tries were predicated on talent and confidence with special tries scored by Matt Martin and Oli Griffiths.

The grand final at Forshaw was the perfect example of both the club and the team's ethos. President Matt Glascott was at Forshaw all day to support lower grades and colts as opposed to Rat Park for 1st Grade's first elimination final since 2009, the team defended their try line for 10 minutes with a man in the bin and the game sealing try was sparked by a player visibly playing through injury who was replaced immediately after the try was awarded. In control the entire match, our strategy was more conservative than usual – however the sides ruthless streak saw us score on 5/6 trips to the attacking 22. We could not have asked for any more commitment from a group of young men, in a season spanning 12 months the effort and attitude you showed down to the last 15 minutes of the season was truly special. I hope you take the lessons of the year and apply them throughout your life!

The team does not exist in a vacuum and the attitude of professionalism throughout the club was hugely impressive and emanated from the top down. A special Thank you to Matt Glascott, Gianni Valente, Tim Wedlock, Vanessa Gliddon and the rest of the Board,

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Dave Telfer as Director of Colts, Ed Gellert as Physio, Matt Rains as S & C and a special thanks to Will Kablau as Manager who all crucial in creating that atmosphere.

Nick Brown - Coach

3rd Grade Colts Report Grand Finalists



Regular Season Result: 3-3
For and Against: 191-202
Regular Season: Finished 4th

Semi Final v's Easts at Woollahra Oval 27-19 victory
Grand Final v's Syd Uni at Southern Districts 7-10 loss
During the season there were 46 players used.

The regular season was characterized by having to balance giving everyone game time and making sure we made the semifinals. Any given week we were selecting from 25 to 30 players available.

I believe the balance was perfect as we were able to give all players reasonable game time each week (there were only a few complaints) and we scrapped into the semi's in 4th spot.

Throughout the regular season there was a simmering potential that was evident but was not quite able to reveal itself.

That all changed in the semifinal v Easts when against all odds the simmering potential boiled over big time. All the effort of the year came together, and we beat the undefeated premiers 27-19 in the best display of team rugby I have witnessed. The 1st half was exceptional with a dominant display of Rugby, it was 19-0 at half time. Easts were totally shell shocked and on the back foot. To Easts credit they came back at us in the second half quite hard scoring 19-8. We maintained our composure and were able

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come away with a momentous win. This was the confidence booster the team had needed all season.

The Grand Final v Syd Uni was a very different game. It was the first wet game of the season which unfortunately went in Uni's favor. While we probably played the better rugby, we just couldn't translate that into points on the day. The final result, unfortunately, a narrow loss 10-7.

The season, as a whole, was a great one ... given it nearly didn't happen. Personally, it was the best year of coaching for me so far.

Great seasons don't come without a lot of help ... huge thankyou to the following.

Guy Hannan for saying yes to joining the coaching ranks.

Alan Jenkins – Super Manager

Ed Gelert Physio

Matt Rains – S and C

Shane Sullivan – GM

David Telfer – Head Coach

Matt Glascott and the Board

Darren Beasley/Guy Hannan – Co - Coaches

Women's Rugby

The season started well, with the majority of the team having a good long break after 2019, with plenty of offseason programs to keep them busy and engaged, ready for the 2020 season. With a large number of new and returning players pre-season started strongly and a trip to Quirindi (Central North) to build city/country connection with the local community proved a boon, with players creating strong internal teamwork, through fitness, skills and farm visits.

Weeks off from trials and the start of the new season, COVID hit and lockdown through a spanner in the works. Despite this, players continued to train to be fitter and faster. Accountability Buddies and Facebook Groups and Zoom videos worked a treat to ensure we didn't lose any fitness gain during pre-season. It also helped keep the players connected and was good for their mental health and wellbeing.

As we slowly returned from isolation, the drive and determination that the group had was unwavering and we felt confident and prepared for what was going to be a tough season ahead knowing that other smaller teams which we had been competitive with in 2019, had folded due to lack of numbers or support from their clubs.

As the season started, we knew even though it was technically a shortened season it was going to be tough, with a condensed talent pool of a few teams meant that all players had found new homes and some teams grew in their experience level. Coming

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across numerous clubs with not only a number of NRC representative players but also, Super W, AON 7s, Wallaroos as well Olympic gold medalist. With the average playing experience in XV's being around 2 - 3 years it meant despite our passion, drive, and fitness we were continually outplayed by far more experienced teams and individuals, that genuinely made the difference in a game.

With a weekend away in Newcastle causing us to reflect on what we wanted to get from Rugby as individuals and as a group, this team's determination, resilience and grit is undisputable a true embodiment of the Gordon Clan motto "Bydand" (Stay and Fight) And despite some heavy scorelines we managed to still put points on the 3 time reigning champs at a home ground game and all walk away with a sense of accomplishment that we worked for each other and that we were all proud to wear the Tartan .

With plans already underway to increase player experience, players are already back in the gym and training hard to come back, stronger and fitter for the 2021 season.



Lucas Thiessen
Head Coach – Women's Rugby

Women's 7's



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The Gordon Women's Sevens program had a mixed bag of a 2020 season; securing many impressive wins over tough opponents, but also suffered the loss of several players to injury and ultimately fell short in their final tournament of the year.

Like every sporting team, the Gordon Sevens side was impacted heavily by COVID and was forced to delay their season by close to three months. The impact saw essentially a second pre-season, something the girls truly enjoyed, before they were finally able to take to the field in late July.

It took several weeks for the side to come together and find their feet, winning just one game of three in their opening round of the season and sat fifth on the table. Quickly, however, the team began to find their way and secured some of their largest wins of the year, including a trouncing of fierce rivals Norths. They soon began to move up the combined table.

Their best performance came at Easts in Round 6, where they won all three of their pool matches with some truly impressive performances, before they came undone against a tough opponent in the Renegades in the semifinal.

A lack of legs in their final tournament of the year, however, saw the team fall short of their goals to reach the final and win the round. Hampered by injuries in the end, the team finished seventh on the Division two table in a draw of close to 20 teams.

Despite the mixed results, the squad was proud of their efforts, especially as they were a close to a completely new side from the 2019 team and included several players who had never played the sport before.

While their performances on the field were impressive, it was their team ethic and culture off it that was truly inspiring. A young and exuberant side, they came together early in the season and found a place for any individual joining the team. Their optimism and pride in their jersey was evident, while their ability to never let heads drop or allow negativity into the game was fantastic to see.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the 2020 season is the retention of almost the whole squad for 2021. Close to 90 percent of last year's squad will return for another year, eager and excited to continue learning, as both a team and individuals, and build on last season's results.

Brittany Mitchell – Squad Member

Presentation Night Awards

Colts Awards

Colts Thirds

Best forward: Dillon Tallentire

Best back: Cameron Pascoe

Colts Seconds

Best forward: Cassius Clinton

Best back: Darcy Fitzgerald

Colts Firsts

Best forward: Nathaniel Panozzo

Best back: Ben Pollack

Women's Awards

Sportsmanship – 15's: Jodie Llamas

Sportsmanship – 7's: Brittany Mitchell

Best and Fairest – 15's: Shauna Connolly

Best and Fairest – 7's: Mia Hemsworth

Most Improved – 15's: Monica Stopins

Most Improved – 7's: Prue Smith

Grade Awards

Fourth Grade

Sportsmanship: Nick Olive

Best and Fairest: Lachie Archer

Third Grade

Sportsmanship: James Dainton

Best and Fairest: Nick Janson

Second Grade

Sportsmanship: Toby Parr

Best and Fairest: Manasa Rokosula

First Grade

Sportsmanship: Ollie Smeallie

Best and Fairest: Tom Silk

Men's 7's

Best and Fairest: Mike Pavlakis

Perpetual Awards

200 Club Games: Andrew Chapman, Erik Moss

100 Club Games: Jack Margin, Ben Wilkinson, Rob Lacinski, Nick Olive, Sean Dillon,
Lachie Archer

Highest Colts Points Scorer: James Westbury

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Highest Grade Points Scorer: Rodney Iona
Willoughby Cup (Greatest contribution by player or non-player): Andrew Quinn
Pat Serisier Colts Rookie of the Year: Adrian Brown
Dave Bezer Cup - Most Improved Colts Player: Lucas Vass
Charles Blunt (Snr) Colt of the Year: Will Bremner
Dan Robinson Memorial Award - Grade Rookie of the Year: Harrison Goddard
Most Improved Grade Player: Tom Silk
Rob Allen Sportsman of the Year: Nick Olive
Coaches Award: Tony Dempsey
Boyle Family Award: Ace Naati
John Fordham (FOGS) Player of the Year: James Lough and Hugh Cropley
Team of the Year: 1st Grade

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Gordon Rugby Foundation Report

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold a dinner last season. This made it difficult to engage with supporters. In the absence of this event, we had to rely mostly on phone calls and individual meetings. Social Media notification on the Clubs regular post were also utilized along with invitations to Club events such as the Grand Final Breakfast, Grand Final and Darren Coleman farewell lunch. A game day event was held with some success, but not as much as we would have liked. I feel it was more of a thank you to contributors for their support.

A lot of people contacted were not in a position to support the Club through the Foundation this year but most that couldn't did by becoming members of Gordon. I'm aware that one of these members has come on as a club sponsor this season.

Over \$33,000. was paid to the Foundation last year. With over \$43,000., going back to the Club in 2020, down on the \$65,000., in 2019. Currently we have over \$28,000. In the bank.

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At present we have 5 members on the Foundation Board. This I feel needs to be increased to include representation from a Colts Parent and an Ex-Player.

All contributors have been contacted in regard to receipts from the ASF and invitations to events throughout the year. It's worth mentioning that we did have two issues where people had paid money directly into the Clubs account.

Moving into the 2021 season we plan to have a fundraising event, along with another proposal we are working on for ongoing supporters.

Chris Cooper – Foundation Committee

Friends of Gordon (FOGS) Alumni Report



The Friends of Gordon (FOGS) Alumni provide support and encouragement to the Gordon Rugby Club Football Club Ltd and are a separate entity to the club with the assets of the Alumni separate from those of the Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd.

We currently have 79 financial members in the Friends of Gordon (FOGS) Alumni, which is up by 21 members or 36% on 2019. All are financial members of the Gordon Rugby Football Club Ltd with membership included in the Friends of Gordon (FOGS) Alumni subscriptions.

Over the last financial year, the Friends of Gordon (FOGS) Alumni have supported the Gordon Rugby Club through the following activities.

- Paid 2020 Gordon Rugby Club Membership subscriptions for financial FOGS
- Gear Support - 2019 End of Season USA Tour
- 2019 FOGS Player of the Year – Toby Parr 2020 Registration
- 2019 end of pre-season BBQ
- 2020 Player Assistance per agreement with the club – rent, relocation etc.
- Rental Assistance for an injured player

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- Training Equipment for 3rd and 4th Grade
- Rugby Balls for Colts, 3rd and 4th Grade
- BBQ for Colts and Grade at last regular season training session
- 2020 John Fordham (FOGS) Player of the Year Trophies
- Tickets for Grand Final Squad and Coaching Staff to the Grand Final Breakfast
- Bottles of champagne to recognize Erik Moss and Andrew Chapman's 200 Club games

In addition to the above, we donated to the Head and Neck Foundation in memory of the late John Fordham.

Since we formed in 2012, the Friends of Gordon (FOGS) Alumni have supported Gordon Rugby with over \$281,000 in financial support for a wide range of projects and initiatives which support our Charter.

The Friends of Gordon (FOGS) Alumni donate a trophy each year to the player/s who embody the true spirit of what Gordon Rugby stands for both on and off the field. The Trophy is voted on by the Alumni and is open to all playing members, be they Colts, Grade, Women's or Sevens. The award in 2020 was renamed the "John Fordham (FOGS) Player of the Year" in recognition of the late John Fordham who did so much to enhance and support Gordon Rugby over many years.

Thank you to the members of the FOGS Steering Committee – Graeme Hearl, Andrew Dainton, Peter Bull, Peter Black, Peter Matthews, Ivo Clarke, Al Kirkby, Huge Trollope (QLD Chapter), Rick Seton and Brett Fawcett, who give freely of their time and counsel to ensure we adhere to our Charter and that all decisions made are done so with the best interests of Gordon Rugby at heart.



*Joint Winners of the 2020 John Fordham (FOGS) Player of the Year
James Lough and Hugh Cropley with FOGS Chair Graeme Hearl*

Peter Sherwood
"Friends of Gordon" Steering Committee

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Premiership Tables 2020 Season - SRU Premiership Competition - Shute Shield

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Gordon	12	11	0	1	522	161	361	11	55
Eastern Suburbs	12	9	0	3	450	248	202	10	46
Norths	12	9	0	3	392	230	162	8	44
Sydney University	12	8	0	4	431	270	161	11	43
Eastwood	12	8	0	4	454	295	159	11	43
Randwick	12	8	0	4	393	274	119	8	40
Southern Districts	12	6	1	5	366	421	-55	9	35
Warringah	12	6	0	6	362	329	33	8	32
Manly	12	4	1	7	297	301	-4	8	26
West Harbour	12	4	1	7	274	368	-94	5	23
Hunter Wildfires	12	2	1	9	239	484	-245	5	15
Two Blues	12	1	0	11	211	557	-346	4	8
Penrith	12	0	0	12	167	620	-453	3	3

2020 Season - SRU Premiership Competition - 2nd Grade – Colin Caird Shield

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Sydney University	12	11	0	1	516	197	319	8	52
Eastern Suburbs	12	9	0	3	461	237	224	13	49
Randwick	12	9	0	3	444	212	232	10	46
Manly	12	9	0	3	376	226	150	9	45
Norths	12	8	0	4	404	281	123	10	42

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Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Eastwood	12	8	0	4	448	243	205	9	41
Gordon	12	7	0	5	406	240	166	10	38
Warringah	12	6	0	6	278	301	-23	7	31
Southern Districts	12	3	0	9	230	300	-70	7	19
Hunter Wildfires	12	3	0	9	272	375	-103	7	19
West Harbour	12	3	0	9	232	440	-208	4	16
Two Blues	12	2	0	10	176	609	-433	3	11
Penrith	12	0	0	12	170	752	-582	5	0

2020 Season - SRU Premiership Competition - 3rd Grade – Henderson Shield

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Sydney University	8	7	0	1	278	121	157	7	35
Gordon	8	7	0	1	230	111	119	6	34
Randwick	8	5	0	3	191	160	31	5	25
Eastern Suburbs	8	5	0	3	224	149	75	4	24
Warringah	8	4	0	4	163	144	19	5	20
Eastwood	8	4	0	4	175	162	13	4	20
Manly	8	2	0	6	96	275	-179	3	11
Norths	8	1	0	7	137	295	-158	4	8
Southern Districts	8	1	0	7	144	221	-77	2	6

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2020 Season - SRU Premiership Competition – 4th Grade – Henderson Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Gordon	8	5	1	1	183	46	137	5	32
Randwick	8	6	0	2	178	112	66	4	28
Sydney University	8	6	0	2	143	138	5	3	27
Two Blues	8	5	0	3	143	149	-6	3	23
Norths	8	4	1	3	138	119	19	4	22
Eastern Suburbs	8	2	0	6	129	169	-40	5	13
Warringah	8	2	0	6	117	142	-25	4	12
Manly	8	2	0	6	96	161	-65	4	12
Southern Districts	8	2	0	5	72	163	-91	1	9

2020 Season - SRU Premiership Competition - 1st Colts – W McMahon Shield

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Randwick	12	11	0	1	638	180	458	12	56
Sydney University	12	11	0	1	603	211	392	12	56
Gordon	12	10	1	1	638	154	484	11	53
Eastern Suburbs	12	9	1	2	630	155	475	10	48
Norths	12	8	0	4	512	306	206	9	36
Warringah	12	7	0	5	470	328	142	8	36
Manly	12	6	0	6	401	279	122	8	32
Eastwood	12	4	0	8	267	395	-128	6	22
Southern Districts	12	4	0	8	203	493	-290	4	20
Two Blues	12	2	0	10	259	573	-314	5	13
Hunter Wildfires	12	2	0	10	148	529	-381	5	13

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Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
West Harbour	12	3	0	9	189	448	-259	2	9
Penrith	12	0	0	12	76	983	-907	0	0

2020 Season - SRU Premiership Competition - 2nd Colts – Shell Trophy

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Gordon	8	7	0	1	335	100	235	6	34
Randwick	8	7	0	1	268	89	179	6	34
Sydney University	8	6	0	2	277	104	173	7	31
Eastern Suburbs	8	5	0	3	288	106	182	7	27
Manly	8	3	0	5	160	179	-19	3	15
Warringah	8	3	0	5	164	229	-65	3	15
Norths	8	2	0	6	139	239	-100	6	14
Southern Districts	8	2	0	6	90	289	-199	2	10
Eastwood	8	1	0	7	66	452	-386	0	4

2020 Season - SRU Premiership Competition - 3rd Colts – Bill Simpson Shield

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Eastern Suburbs	6	6	0	0	124	49	75	2	26
Randwick	6	4	0	2	130	89	41	4	20
Sydney University	6	4	0	2	83	57	26	2	18
Gordon	6	3	0	3	96	87	9	3	15
Warringah	6	2	0	4	91	120	-29	4	12
Norths	6	2	0	4	105	145	-40	3	11

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Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Manly	6	0	0	6	62	144	-82	2	2
Southern Districts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2020 Club Championship – Gregor George Cup

Gregor George Cup	
Club	Points
Gordon Rugby Football Club	1447
Sydney University Rugby Union Football Club	1397
Eastern Suburbs District Rugby Football Club	1370
Randwick Rugby Union Football Club	1304
Northern Suburbs Rugby Union Football Club	1212
Eastwood District Rugby Union Football Club	1105
Warringah Rugby Union Football Club	944
Manly Rugby Union Football Club	942
Southern Districts Rugby Football Club	797
West Harbour Rugby Union Football Club	527
Hunter Wildfires Rugby	455
Two Blues Rugby Football Club	286
Penrith Rugby Union Football Club	45

Colts Club Championship - Eric Spilsted Shield

Not played for in 2020

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Club Games Milestones

200 Club Games

Andrew Chapman, Erik Moss

100 Club Games

Robert Lacinski, Nick Olive, Jack Margin, Ben Wilkinson, Lachlan Archer, Sean Dillon

100 Grade Games

Luke Gardner, Scott Pursell, Jack Maquire, James Fletcher, Alex Gregory

2020 Grade Games

First Name	Last Name	2020					Total All Years			
		Total Grade	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Total	Colts	All Grade	First Grade
Charlie	Abel	7	7	0	0	0	23	0	23	23
Jacob	Abel	11	8	3	0	0	27	0	27	24
Robbie	Abel	5	5	0	0	0	12	0	12	12
Ellis	Abrahams	13	9	4	0	0	13	0	13	9
Lachlan	Archer	15	0	0	7	8	100	41	59	0
Alexander	Barker	12	1	0	11	0	124	35	89	25
Milan	Basson	10	0	9	1	0	42	18	24	0
William	Bremner	2	1	1	0	0	20	18	2	1
Rhys	Brodie	7	7	0	0	0	7	0	7	7
Adrian	Brown	3	1	2	0	0	3	0	3	1
Rory	Burns	4	0	0	0	4	40	26	14	0
Denzel	Burns	11	2	7	1	1	11	0	11	2
Hunta	Campbell	11	0	0	11	0	53	42	11	0
Nicholas	Carone	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
Tom	Carruthers	10	0	0	1	9	63	0	63	10
Andrew	Chapman	11	0	0	11	0	207	27	180	50
Campbell	Clifford	6	0	0	4	2	8	0	8	0
Hugh	Cropley	15	1	5	9	0	195	50	145	30
James	Dainton	10	0	0	10	0	86	31	55	1
Matthew	Dainton	13	0	3	5	5	32	18	14	0
Jack	Dempsey	7	7	0	0	0	44	0	44	37
Sean	Dillon	14	5	6	1	2	105	24	81	38
Aidan	Dowling	14	0	0	8	6	38	23	15	0
Dylan	Dowling	15	3	12	0	0	34	16	18	3
Hone	Edwards	16	0	5	11	0	16	0	16	0

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Pat	Fa'apoi	18	0	7	10	1	18	0	18	0
Brandon	Fa'avae-Eli	14	14	0	0	0	33	0	33	15
Jaydon	Fa'avae-Eli	5	0	0	1	4	5	0	5	0
Sean	Fagan	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0
Conor	Fahey	2	0	0	0	2	26	24	2	0
Faiva	Faiva	3	0	3	0	0	5	0	5	0
James	Fletcher	13	0	0	4	9	131	29	102	2
Samuel	Frankham	11	0	0	3	8	124	60	64	7
Nick	Fraser	6	2	4	0	0	87	0	87	70
Luke	Gardner	7	0	0	2	5	136	34	102	5
Jackson	Garrels	8	0	0	1	7	52	17	35	0
Jahmin	Gernhoefer	13	0	2	11	0	34	0	34	0
Will	Glascott	8	0	0	0	8	45	36	9	0
Harrison	Goddard	15	15	0	0	0	15	0	15	15
Jordan	Goddard	13	13	0	0	0	68	0	68	50
Jaline	Graham	7	7	0	0	0	17	0	17	17
Alexander	Gregory	11	0	8	2	1	130	30	100	28
Will	Halliday	6	0	0	0	6	21	0	21	0
Dom,	Hardman	8	8	0	0	0	8	0	8	8
Rod	Iona	14	14	0	0	0	14	0	14	14
Oliver	Isles-Mann	1	0	0	0	1	41	34	7	0
Bryn	James	7	0	0	0	7	7	0	7	0
Nicholas	Jansen	16	0	4	12	0	41	21	20	0
Nathan	Kelly	16	1	9	4	2	56	17	39	3
Robert	Lacinski	15	0	4	11	0	107	37	70	0
Thomas	Leaver	16	0	0	9	7	38	11	27	0
Will	Lloyd	12	0	0	5	7	12	0	12	0
Daniel	Lombardi	15	1	11	3	0	70	36	34	1
James	Lough	13	13	0	0	0	98	30	68	53
Luke	Lough	10	0	0	6	4	25	2	23	5
Rod	Ma'a	6	0	4	1	1	22	0	22	7
Potolaka	Ma'ake	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Reece	Macdonald	15	13	2	0	0	15	0	15	13
Jack	Maguire	13	7	6	0	0	137	31	106	76
Hugh	Margin	12	0	12	0	0	65	33	32	3
Jack	Margin	15	15	0	0	0	104	46	58	44
Saul	McCredie	9	0	0	1	8	38	29	9	0
Samuel	Metete	18	0	10	7	1	99	23	76	31
Samuel	Milgate	6	0	0	0	6	108	0	108	2
Brendan	Mitchell	15	12	3	0	0	28	0	28	25
Josh	Mitchell	3	0	0	0	3	82	41	41	0
Hugh	Morgan	2	0	0	0	2	70	10	60	1
Erik	Moss	15	1	5	9	0	205	30	175	81

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David	Murray	4	0	0	0	4	14	0	14	0
Josh	Nercessian	12	4	8	0	0	12	0	12	4
Raven	Nurse	6	0	0	0	6	48	0	48	25
Mark	O'Dare	11	3	8	0	0	11	0	11	3
Nicholas	Olive	20	0	2	8	10	112	16	96	22
Nathaniel	Panozzo	4	0	4	0	0	23	19	4	0
Toby	Parr	13	1	12	0	0	44	0	44	8
Mike	Pavlakis	15	4	11	0	0	38	21	17	4
Alex	Pohla	7	0	5	2	0	7	0	7	0
Lucas	Price	10	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10
James	Pride	9	0	0	0	9	9	0	9	0
Scott	Pursell	11	0	0	2	9	129	25	104	0
Brandon	Quinn	8	8	0	0	0	99	32	67	47
Kurtis	Quinn	12	0	0	9	3	84	30	54	0
Ben	Robson	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Justin	Rodgie	2	0	0	0	2	117	15	102	0
Manasa	Rokusuka	11	0	11	0	0	11	0	11	0
Daniel	Rorke D	8	0	0	0	8	58	21	37	1
Wesley	Sefuiva	12	0	12	0	0	27	0	27	1
Tom	Silk	15	15	0	0	0	54	21	33	18
Oliver	Smeallie	12	7	4	1	0	45	13	32	13
Kristian	Souvaliotis	16	1	9	4	2	61	45	16	1
Eric	Stene	10	0	0	0	10	81	70	11	0
John Bosco	Tagalao	11	11	0	0	0	11	0	11	11
Peter Chanel	Tagalao P	15	13	2	0	0	15	0	15	13
Tautalatasi	Tasi	14	14	0	0	0	19	0	19	19
Ola	Tauelangj	8	5	3	0	0	8	0	8	5
Nick	Tracy N	11	0	0	2	9	63	18	45	0
Ahmu	Tuimalealiifano	14	14	0	0	0	20	0	20	19
Josh	Tupuola	1	0	0	1	0	10	0	10	0
Harry	Turner	17	0	6	11	0	18	0	18	0
Mahe	Vailanu	14	14	0	0	0	30	0	30	30
Brett	Van Zyl	11	0	11	0	0	61	21	40	1
Joshua	Vinzenz	8	0	0	0	8	8	0	8	0
Amitai	Vulimaiwaqanui	5	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	0
Joey	Walton	7	7	0	0	0	12	0	12	12
James	Widders-Leece	21	5	8	8	0	33	0	33	7
Benjamin	Wilkinson	19	0	4	6	9	108	34	74	0
William	Woolley	11	0	0	3	8	11	0	11	0

Club Games Colts and Women's – 2020

Not Available

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Club Point Scorers Grade, Colts and Women's – 2020

Not Available