

# **KINGS OLD BOYS RUGBY CLUB**

Coca Cola Championship Club of the Year  
Grose Cup Champions



**Annual Report  
2000**

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## President's Report

What a great year!

This is the first annual report we have produced since 1994 and this in part reflects our gradual emergence from a rough period over the last few years.

Throughout this report you will see that a successful season does not just happen and each of the authors of the various reports has done a great job with their respective roles during the year – on behalf of the club as a whole I would like to extend my thanks to each of them for their contributions and the contributions of their support teams.

I would also like to specifically thank the school, the old boys union and the club's other sponsors, whose names are listed at the back of this report. The funds and in kind contributions received were invaluable to all of us – thank you and we hope you will consider us again in 2001.

### 2001

The coming season holds much promise for us.

We have the opportunity to build on the last few years of growth to launch a full-scale raid on the premierships, club championships and club of the year in whichever division we are in.

Set out below are a number of the new years initiatives and others are outlined elsewhere in this annual report:

### Recruiting

In the off-season we are:

- Actively looking for new coaches
- Actively looking for new player groups
- Refreshing the committee

If any of you are interested or know others who may be, please contact me or other committee members.

### Finance

Our performance below the revenue line was poor. Improvements will be made this year over asset control and financial accountability in all areas.

### New standards and activities

This year we reached the standards set by subbies for off field and on field performance. In the coming year we will set standards and carry out activities in other areas.

Examples include

- A properly articulated ‘what we stand for’ statement and code of conduct,
- Consolidation and support for the ladies committee
- An email distribution protocol
- Support for the Neil Fitzer fund
- A sponsors day
- Review of our articles and operating structure
- Review of accounting methods and asset security

### **New ideas**

In 2001 I encourage each of you to challenge previously held views and assumptions about how the club should work. Such challenge should be backed up by a desire to put your ideas into action and to take responsibility for the outcomes.

A good example of this philosophy working is the u19's, which we ran for the first time this year. Nick Cohen, Tim Colless and Simon Goodhew (who were still at school the previous year) took responsibility for fielding a side and with minimal help from the ‘old’ club, they achieved this brilliantly. The team played rugby in the traditional subbies way with a minimal focus on training and a maximum focus on playing very fast open and enjoyable running rugby. The performance was outstanding with the team not being beaten (when a full side was fielded!!) in any competition game until the preliminary final.

Once again I thank each and every one of you for the efforts of season 2000 – and I hope you enjoy reading this annual report.

Richard Weekes



Jon Hayward in action (at half time)

*“A smiling player is an inspiration to all” – Vince Lombardi*

## Treasurer's Report

Attached to this report are the financial statements to for the club up to Nov 2000. These show that while we are in a relatively healthy cash position with cash in the bank of \$6,472 our other assets have decreased significantly. This was partly due to end of season giveaways to the victorious Grose Cup team , but also due to less than satisfactory control over jerseys, bar trading and other assets.

On the positive side, sponsorship was the buzzword in Season 2000 for KOBS. With fantastic work from David Lennox gaining new sponsorship and maintaining previous sponsors KOBS were able uphold it's focus of giving back to the players in terms of equipment and player comforts.

This sponsorship was a major factor in turnover increase from \$4,215 last year to \$10,750 (not including Ball sponsorship \$2,000) this year. David has provided more detail regarding profit from sponsorship in his marketing report. In total 54 fees were collected before the first game in Season 2000. We are set to improve on this figure in Season 2001 with 25 players having booked their spot already in January.

This year was expensive in terms of equipment, and the upkeep of the Club up to and beyond the final whistle of the Grose Cup premiership final. Shack renovations were paid for in this financial year. Bar food and beverage ordering in terms of quantity and price remains an improvable area. Transport was mostly subsidised by the club this year and unforeseen premiership expense was a pleasure to have not budgeted for. All up we have more than we started with, helped by a successful End of Season Ball. Also inspiring commitment shown by members paying their fees already for Season 2001 will show up in statements to come.

Generally profit is less than last year despite larger membership and sponsorship for the following main reasons:

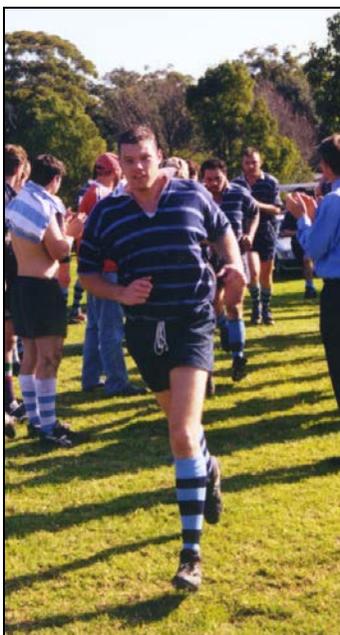
- Kingdome renovation costs expensed in this year
- Insurance costs increased
- A lot more playing equipment being bought and expensed - heaps of shorts, socks, balls, blankets, bottles, training equipment.
- The bus mostly subsidised by club
- No large profit making functions before the Ball
- Less merchandising
- Bar profit small
- Cost of winning 2nd grade - trophies, etc (\$1,800 cost for trophies)

My crack at treasurer this year has shown me the following would be required to help our club;

- Expense sheets to be filled out for better management of expenses and re-payment.
- Assistant Treasurer banking of cash, cheques and credit card slips.
- Internet ordering of food and beverages for BBQ.

I would like to thank all those people that week in week out go above and beyond the call of duty behind the scenes so that 80 people can enjoy their Rugby every Saturday.

Earl Hekking



After hours and hours of 'cooking the books' club treasurer Earl likes to take time off to play rugby

## Balance Sheet as at 21 Nov 2000

<b>Assets</b>	<b>As at 21-Nov-00</b>	<b>As at 16-Oct-99</b>	<b>As at 5-Jan-99</b>	<b>As at 11-Nov-97</b>
Cash at bank	6,472	5,650	1,930	3,316
Jerseys/shorts/socks and footballs	440	2,451	800	1,600
Merchandise	0	854	0	638
Sundry debtors - sponsorship	0	182	0	65
Goal posts / pads	501	0	0	600
Capitalisation of Rug Shack expenditure	2,090			
Less: accumulated amortisation	(697)			
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>8,806</b>	<b>9,137</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>6,219</b>
Liabilities	2,150	690	231	0
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>6,656</b>	<b>8,447</b>	<b>2,499</b>	<b>6,219</b>
<b>Members' funds</b>				
Prior year accumulated profits	8,447	2,499	6,219	6,154
Accumulated profit / (loss) for the year	(1,791)	5,948	-3,720	65
<b>Total members funds</b>	<b>6,656</b>	<b>8,447</b>	<b>2,499</b>	<b>6,219</b>

## Statement of Income

### and Expenditure

Period from 17 October  
1999  
to 21 November 2000

	<b>17-Oct-99 21-Nov-00</b>	<b>6-Jan-99 to 16-Oct-99</b>	<b>12-Nov-97 to 5-Jan-99</b>	<b>1-Jan-97 to 11-Nov-97</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Membership fees	6,955	6,548	3,536	6,680

Bar revenue	7,545	5,588	6,474	8,545
Sponsorship revenue	10,750	4,215	1,000	2,800
Functions revenue - Ball	27,200			
- Other	6,918	11,343	2,754	8,000
Merchandising - revenue	205	2,763	0	330
Bus hire takings	0	305	495	200
Interest	44	154	0	179
Tours - Mudgee, other	0	69	0	1,975
Other revenue	61	0	0	0
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>59,678</b>	<b>30,984</b>	<b>14,259</b>	<b>28,709</b>

### Expenses

Bar - food and drink	7,538	3,466	4,606	5,448
Bus hire expenses	1,435	1,250	2,250	470
Cleaning of jerseys	0	359	579	350
Club drinks / dinners	608	1,213	0	0
Function costs - Ball	23,117			
- End of season trophies	1,818			
- Other	7,547	8,712	2,285	10,604
Kingdome expenses	398	355	197	0
Kingdome renovation	697	30		
KOBOSC expenses	0	289	0	0
KOBweb fees	543	415		
Merchant fees	1,504	479	92	219
Bank fees	239	75	23	49
Mobile phone	0	218	323	240
Tour fees	0			
Players insurance	3,450	3,000	2,847	3,480
Playing equipment / trainers	2,526	186	90	229
Printing & postage	0	154	139	0
Purchase of footballs	440	190	393	225
Registration fees	1,197	1,150	1,000	1,200
Theft and bad debts written off	0	0	0	880
Training ground	750	690	215	1,468
Merchandise - costs	3,118	2,617	855	2,908
Other	0	190	-18	874
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>56,925</b>	<b>24,346</b>	<b>15,876</b>	<b>28,644</b>
<b>Gross Profit / (loss) for the period</b>	<b>2,754</b>	<b>5,948</b>	<b>-1,617</b>	<b>65</b>
Abnormal asset write-off:				
- Jerseys/shorts/socks and footballs	3,691			
- Merchandise	854			
- Other	0	0	2,103	0
<b>Net Profit / (loss) for the period</b>	<b>(1,791)</b>	<b>5,948</b>	<b>(3,720)</b>	<b>65</b>

# Independent Audit Report

To the members of The King's School Old Boys' Rugby Football Club

## SCOPE

I have audited the financial report of The King's School Old Boys' Rugby Football Club for the year ended 31 December 2000 consisting of the profit and loss account, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and accompanying notes. I have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Club.

My audit has been conducted to provide reasonable assurances as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects the financial statements are presented fairly so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Club's financial position and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

## QUALIFICATION

It is not always practicable for the Club to establish accounting control over all sources of fundraising appeal activities prior to receipt of these funds by members of the Club and accordingly it is not possible for my examination to include procedures which extend beyond the amounts of such income recorded in the accounting records of the Club.

## AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion, except for the effects on the financial statements of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitation referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report of The King's School Old Boys' Rugby Football Club gives a true and fair view of the Club's financial position as at 31 December 2000 and of its performance for the period ended on that date.

*SYDNEY*  
25 January 2001

*N.R.F. HOBLER*  
Chartered Accountant  
Honorary Auditor

## **Secretary's Report**

This year was successful. A large portion of the success can be attributed to the members of the committee who, from November of 1999, undertook numerous and time consuming responsibilities.

In January of 2000, each committee member announced his goals for the season. Every member of the committee met his goals. Because of this, the foundation of a successful year existed and of a promising future exists.

I am confident that the work of this year's committee provides an example and basis for the incoming committee to excel.

My thanks goes to the president, each member of the committee, the coaches, every other member of the club and their partners for making this year an enjoyable one

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Damien Allen

## **Registrars Report**

Season 2000 saw Kings Old Boys registering 89 players with Subbies and it was very encouraging that a large number of these players (43) were new to the club and registered with Kings for the first year. All players eligible to play in the under 19 and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade playoffs, by playing the required number of games, were duly registered and took their part in Kings' successful playoff efforts.

Season 2001 will see the introduction of electronic registration, and with the database of player details developed during season 2000, the club should be in a position to make a hassle-free transition.

Guy Martell

## **Ladies Committee Report**

The 2000 rugby season heralded the formation of the first Kings Old Boys Ladies Committee. A long overdue initiative, we picked an excellent year to formalise the longstanding female support of the club.

Of course the highlight of the 2000 season for the Ladies Committee and all supporters of Kings Old Boys were the final games. During the finals we saw the sideline support grow considerably. Our attendance was rewarded with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade's sensational victory in the Grand Final, a great day for the whole club and especially for those nervous females who's partners were on the field battling Hurlstone Park. We all knew that our lives would be considerably easier if Kings were to leave the ground with Grose Cup in hand - and so they did!

During the 2000 season it was decided that the main aim of the Ladies Committee would be to encourage further support of the club from the partners, families and friends of the players. By making home games a more family/female friendly environment, we hope that the supporters ranks will grow and that everyone will be able to further enjoy coming out to watch the games and becoming more involved in the club.

It was acknowledged that players are more likely to enjoy their time playing with Kings and that there is a higher retention of players if the experience of rugby went beyond them playing the game after leaving the house on a Saturday morning and their partners/families simply waving them goodbye. We hope that the initiatives we have suggested will increase the already strong social aspect of the club and enable a strong network of friendships to form amongst the supporters, as has been the case amongst the players.

We recognise social events as an excellent way to encourage and build on the friendships within the club especially as they enable partners an opportunity to meet the people that their husbands and boyfriends spend so much time with during the winter months. Wine and Cheese Nights, Race Days, Ladies Days and Black-tie Balls have been suggested for the 2001 season and of course there will be the regular home game gatherings of the so called "Chardonnay Set". We are all looking forward to catching up on the off-season happenings and re-kindling the firm friendships forged out of long Saturday afternoons cheering on all the grades. We'll all be there - rugs, champagne and food at the ready.

So as the 2001 season approaches, The Ladies Committee looks forward to welcoming all new players, their partners, friends and families and catching up with the current players and their supporters. We hope this season brings the club even further success and if we have even half as much fun as last year – it will be a great season!

## Off-season report

The off-season was a busy one at King Old Boys, and significant efforts were focused on the repair of the heralded Rug Shack. A number of people were committed to this cause throughout the summer and appreciative thanks go out to Lenny, Ruddy and Rudds who provided much of the physical labour, Dieter who got the floor so that it could be walked on again, Colin and Jo who sourced most of our materials (they say that they didn't fall off the back of a truck), and to Tricky, Sarge, OC, Jonesy, Brian, Lowie, Cabo, Moose, Francey, Nixie, Crouchy, Earl, and all the others who gave up their week-ends for a good cause.

Most people would know that for the Shack to become the affectionate Shack that it is again today, serious repair work was in order and some of the more significant work carried out included replacing the floor inside, sanding and painting the inside and outside of the Shack and the outside of the sheds, re-joisting the front and back verandahs and the stripping and cleaning of the kitchen. Structurally the Shack is sound now, however before Season 2001 the clubhouse deserves some decorating and a bit more TLC – if anyone has any posters, photo collages, or other appropriate decorations please bring these out with you to the first 2001 home game.

Among other activities organised during the off-season was a successful Mudgee 7's (1999) where the club played 6 games winning 3.

Guy Martell

## The Presentation Lunch

This year the club's annual awards gala was a low-key affair (compared to some) following the celebrations surrounding second grade's win. A lunchtime function at the Aussie Youth was the setting, ably organised by the redoubtable Chris Jones, who was also MC.

The main awards were as follows:

Doc Harris Award	Guy Martell
Best and Fairest	James Hawkins
Most Improved	Nick Sergeant
Billy Carpenter All Star	Matt Page

A new prize named in honour of Richard Weekes for 'Rookie of the Year' was awarded to Dan Evans.

## Marketing Report

The Year 2000 represented a watershed year for the club in terms of marketing. The committee and the rest of you should be proud that, as a club, we are becoming a far more marketable entity than ever before.

We have the following major marketing objectives:

Aim	Action taken	Looking to Season 2001
Make the club more attractive to players and spectators	Renovation to the Kingdome (major project) Improve the value of player fees and the club look of players (club shirt, caps, shorts) Introduction Under 19's Free champagne to visiting females Improved social environment More organised training sessions	Continued improvements to the Kingdome Better promotion of home games Showers to work from Day 1 Medical treatment available at ground Continue training improvements Continue developing youth policy
Make the club more attractive to females	New sponsor pub more female-friendly Free champagne to females at home games Social events not "blokey" High level of conduct by players on and off the field	Continue on these themes Looking at a function focussed on attracting females – eg, wine tasting evening
Maximise the appeal of the club to the wider community	Best social functions for years Most successful and profitable ball the club has held	Continue on these themes Look at involvement with charities
Maximise sponsorship revenue to the club	Record year for the club - \$12,750 attracted New pub sponsor (\$ plus benefits) Sponsor for club shirts and caps Sponsor for Kingdome Renovation Major sponsor for the ball Sponsor for first grade jerseys Greater attention given to sponsors	Continue on these themes Sponsors function at the ground Given improved marketability, we can present genuine business case to prospects (higher \$)

Marketing is a very broad activity that involves everyone at the club. It can be achieved through varying levels of activity as follows:

- Organising an event – eg, the Ball (Scott Rudd), the Trivia Night (Maso)
- Bringing people to events – eg, the table organisers for the ball (Stu Nix, Illana McKinstry and others)
- Helping find the dollars – eg, providing contacts at companies that may be interested in sponsoring the club (Lowie)
- Not destroying the pub – all of you
- Bringing the champers to the footy (Bogroll)

We are looking forward to another year of significant growth in the marketing of the club. I encourage all of you to have a think at some stage and assess where you can help in these areas. All ideas are welcomed.

David Lennox

## **The Kings Masquerade Ball**

In order to conclude what has been a very successful season for the rugby club a committee was formed to organise an end of year function for the rugby club. The organising committee consisted of Paul McGettigan, Paul Lowe, David Lennox, Illana McKinstry and Scott Rudd.

In order to differentiate the ball, a masquerade theme was chosen with dress code being black tie & mask. The venue selected was the Grand Ballroom, Hotel Nikko due to its centrality, cost and services offered for guests. The date of the ball was pushed out until the 28<sup>th</sup> October due to the Olympic Games and the resultant impact it had on venue availability. The price of the tickets was \$100 each given consideration to cost per person, profit/volume targets and the demographics of the club.

Attendance at the ball on the night was approx 240 with the capacity of the venue being 300. The feedback from both guests & sponsors has been overwhelmingly positive providing a finale to a season that was very successful both on and off the field. The social success of the ball was equally well supported by its financial performance with the club receiving a final profit of \$4K. Critical to this profitability was \$2K sponsorship of the ball provided by Strategy and \$500 from Parramatta Document Centre that was used to purchase raffle prizes. In addition, the ball raffle contributed \$2.5K funds for the evening.

Apart from the organising committee, all of whom contributed significantly to the success of the ball, contributions of time, skill and resources came from a number of other club members & supporters. In order to accommodate on-line rsvp and

payment, Charles Mason and Richard Mason of Rhinodotcom reworked the clubs web site. Design and layout of invitations, tickets, menus and sponsor acknowledgement poster was performed by Nick Sergeant of Front Row Media. Phil Sykes of Offset Alpine Printing carried out all printing of the invitations/menus/tickets. Finally, postage of invitations and tickets was provided courtesy of David Wilson and Australia Post.

Entertainment for the night was provided by a four piece covers band call Rewind whilst the MC for the evening Paul McGettigan interviewed Ms Tracy Gaudry, Australian Olympic Cyclist, (Sydney & Atlanta) over dinner. Following on from the ball, Stuart Nix organised for discounted entry into the Retro Nightclub to ensure a memorable (or not) night for all.

In conclusion, I would add in my capacity as head of the organising committee that there is a lot to be said for surrounding yourself with good people, having clear responsibilities, goals and regular meetings.

Scott Rudd



Who doesn't love a drink after footy on the Rug Shack Verandah?

## **www.kobweb.org.au**

At a time when many web sites are having trouble getting even their own staff to look at them the kobweb keeps getting more and more hits with little if any publicity.

Our web server statistics show the site gets on average over 200 individual visits per week demonstrating its usefulness in promoting the club and indeed, rugby union. Perhaps it's time to take advantage of this a little more.

In terms of usefulness to players on a weekly basis, the site has been supplanted by email as a way of making announcements, which is much more convenient. We are working on getting the site to be a better archive of club events and happenings rather than just be a noticeboard of things you have already read about on email.

Like so many things around the club you get out of them what you put in, unfortunately not many club members feel they are in a position to contribute to the site. This is in fact wrong; it is as easy to contribute to the site as it is to write and send an email. The more match reports, stories, updates and so on from club members the better.

Some of you may feel that this web site report has only been included in the annual report so there isn't a blank page at the end. You may also feel this particular report is too long. That it restates the obvious, that it is self-serving and just plain wrong.

You are entitled to your own opinions, of course, but I ask you, before you pass judgement too quickly or too harshly, is this the worst report in these pages? If your answer is yes, then tear it out and shred it before it further contaminates the words of those noble report writers it cowers amongst. If on the other hand, your answer is no, then I ask you to consider not ripping it out, but to let it stay as a reminder that report writing is not fun, it is not a hobby that you can put aside once there is too much glue on your fingers, it is in fact an important way of concluding the previous year 's activities within the club and launching the next by figuratively smashing a champagne bottle full of wordy prose on its hull and setting it afloat once more on the ocean of fate that is subbies rugby.

Charles Mason

## Club Captain's Report

What a great season both on and off the field for Kings in 2000, with two of four teams making the semi-finals. Well done to both 2nd grade for winning the Grose Cup and the under 19's for making the final in their first year with the club.

With increasing numbers in our club over the last two seasons, positions in all grades have been up for grabs. Due to this we saw strong numbers at training each week. Good to see!

2000 saw the introduction of our under 19's team largely made up of Sydney Uni students, excellent to see some new blood in the club. Special thanks must go to their coach Nick Cohen for his extra effort in their first year.

Socially the club excelled as always. New major sponsor the Australian Youth Hotel providing the perfect venue for King's to hold many social events during the year. The social calendar was capped off with the Masquerade ball with over 250 Guests at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel. Well done to the social committee for a successful year.

The driving force behind the success of our club has been the tremendous dedication of our committee and coaches. Thanks to the committee: Richard Weekes, Damien Allen, David Lennox, Chris Jones, Guy Martell, Earl Hekking and Stuart Pass. Thanks to the coaches: Matt Crouch, Stuart Nix, David Lennox and Nick Cohen.

Thanks to all players for your continued support and club spirit during the season. We have started to build great depth in the club and should see all our grades improve in 2001 and remember to always enjoy your rugby.

Nick Sergeant  
Club Captain

## Club Coach's Report

This year saw more players both training and playing with the Club than in the past two seasons (at one stage fielding a fourth grade side, before the introduction of the U'19s). This in conjunction with keen coaches enabled a better focus on our Rugby.

The standard of Rugby throughout Division 4 is relatively high. All grades played a brand of football in keeping with the modern game and remained competitive through the season, even when injuries mounted. With continued foul play and poor refereeing I believe all players played in the spirit for which the game is intended and our Club promotes.

Motivation was normally high at training to learn, teach and enjoy, along with satisfactory attendance.

The position of Club coach I see as a necessary one, although coaching an individual grade as well proves tough and time consuming. ( But I did enjoy it.)

Stuart Nix



First Grade after their thrilling defeat of Matraville in the second round

## First Grade Coach's Report

The year 2000 promised much for first grade. Pre season training was well attended and there was a real feeling that we could accomplish anything if we set our minds to it. By the end of the season, we had won only a handful of games.

The rugby public at large could be forgiven for believing the year to have been a failure. But 2000 was anything but a failure. The results of first grade show that we were very competitive on all games played. In the majority of games we actually led the opposition at some time through the match and often at half time as well - a huge improvement on the previous season.

But winning itself is a skill, and one that we at Kings need to learn. We had some heart breaking losses to teams that we had on toast, but our guys showed a huge amount of ticker against opposition sides that were much bigger, man for man.

Don't kid yourselves, sports-fans, 4th division is not so lowly as you might think. It's the TOP division of clubs that field 3 teams. Some very tough opposition!

Even so, with a little more depth of numbers (we had a sorry run of injuries to key players) and a little luck here and there, the scoreboard could well have been vastly different.

Particular mention must go to the tight five and the evergreen Owen Craig in the front row. Many opponents remarked that they were the most feared 5 in the comp. Also special mention to the best and fairest for the year, James Hawkins, whose consistent hard work and technical ability was a memorable contribution.

Also particular mention must go to our long awaited victory over Matraville. In this coach's 10 year history with the club it was a first, and almost rated (my wife will kill me) up there with the arrival of our first born! The grin is still there and I don't care whether Billy Carpenter got the ball down or not.

Thanks to the seconds for reserving so valiantly so often and to Nixie for your help all year. You are a big asset to the club. And of course congrats again on that spectacular grand final win!

See you in 2001

Matt Crouch

## Second Grade Coach's Report

Winning the Premiership clearly shows the dedication of all the players to "the cause". With various players out due to injuries in 1st grade and in our own, all players made the effort to learn and gel into their positions.

Two training sessions per week proved beneficial, not just to cohesion but also to fitness, which our Club has always had an issue with.

The combination of old and new players playing a brand of footy they enjoyed and were ultimately successful at, made for a great team to be involved with. Coaching them and partying with has been an absolute pleasure.

"GOT THERE; FINISHED"

Regards NIXIE



Reigning Grose Cup Champions of the World KOBs 2nds 2000

## **Third Grade Coach's Report**

It was a mixed year for the KOBS third grade in Season 2000 with many remarkable aspects.

It is difficult to describe the results as pleasing, however, it is with a sense of pride that I can say that my players gave me their all every time they entered battle right to the end of the year. Over 40 players ran on the field for the side at some stage of the season and it is great news for the club that roughly 20 of these faces were new to the club in 2000.

Several players (Dan, Charlie, McGetts, Jimmy, George, Lowie, Alex, Coxie) formed part of our side's nucleus at different times of the season and went on to achieve selections in higher grades. Some being rewarded with a grand final victory and some even achieved points-winning performances in First Grade. Sincerest thanks to all of you guys for your time in our team and congratulations for your promotion.

I was blessed with a pride of front rowers (for want of a better collective noun) who steadily improved throughout the year and a back line led by Evan and Coxie whose communication got better as the season progressed. Our back five in the scrum saw a feast of talent that regularly found itself first to the breakdowns.

Our commitment to training was exemplary throughout the year with big turnouts right up until the end of and I thank all the players for that.

In a season depleted of victories but full of sweat and effort, I hope the players took away a feeling that they have enjoyed spending time with at least 20 more people that they will be permanently bonded to for the rest of their lives.

## **Under 19s Report**

The under 19s are a new and exciting development at the club. Thanks largely to the efforts of Nick Cohen, Tim Colless, Simon Goodhew and Tim Bryant the first year on under 19s was a success with the side making the final of the competition. We hope all involved enjoyed their football and will return in the future to play colts or senior football with the club.

## Thanks to our Sponsors:

Allied Pickfords Business Relocations – major sponsors during the season

The Kings School Old Boys Union – major sponsors during the season

The Australian Youth Hotel - major sponsors during the season

Strategy Interiors – major sponsors of the ball

Rhinodot.com – website design and support

Vision Home Loans – sponsors of 1<sup>st</sup> grade 2000

Strategy Interiors – major sponsors of the ball

Offset Alpine Printing - suppliers of printing for the ball

Front Row Media – design of invitations, tickets and menus

Lilianfels Resort – Blue Mountains

Four Points Sheraton – raffle prize

Xerox Document Business Centre, Parramatta – raffle prize

The Quay Restaurant – raffle prize

The Long Grain Restaurant – raffle prize

Buy.com – raffle prize

Tico Mexican Restaurant – raffle prize

Royal Oak Restaurant, Balmain – raffle prize

George MacArthur – assistance with home ground renovations

Ash's personal and group fitness – ball prize

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