

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT - 1994**

Our 1994 season began with some major changes to Drummoyne Rugby. The University of Technology, Sydney became our partner, providing us with finance and a source of players. The Nutri-Metics Company became our major sponsor and we appointed for the first time a Chief Executive Officer and Coach along with a part time development officer.

Our season preparations began alot later than what is ideal, owing to the NSW Rugby Union not inviting us to play in the AAMI Competition. This action of the Union resulted in us taking successful court action against them with the Union being forced to offer us a position in the AAMI Competition. We were however by then a long way behind other Clubs in our preparations.

With our major changes to the Clubs organisation we approached the season with great expectations. Our 1st XV had it's best season since we were invited back into the premier division of NSW Rugby.

A game that will remain frozen in time, is the win against Parramatta where the 'Dirty Reds' dominated the game and yielded a thoroughly deserved win. In fact there were many games where we were only a fingertip away from victory; against Eastwood, Northern Suburbs, Southern Districts and the second round clash with Parramatta for the wooden spoon.

Had the first grade team won a couple of those close games the whole picture would be totally different. There is not alot of difference between most teams and I think we were about 5% off the pace to consolidate our first division status.

However UTS Drummoyne were not victorious, but I am not going to reflect on what went wrong because that is history. What we must focus our attention on is where we are going and how we are going to improve this year, the skill and determination that is required to take us to the top. There is one thing about the 'Dirty Reds' that the NSW Rugby Union cannot destroy and that is our **SPIRIT**.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all players for the unassailable effort that was put in this year, considering that we only started organising ourselves as a Club in January. The disgraceful behaviour of the NSW Rugby Union in forcing this Club to fight for its right to be a First Division Club in the NSW Judicial System slowed us a little, but I hold Mr David Moffit and Mr Ron Meagher of the NSW Rugby Union personally responsible for our clubs demise, the sooner you both get out of Rugby the better the game will be.

On behalf of all the players and spectators I would like to thank to Richie Bell and Barry Gardiner for the organisation of the liquid canteen and their rare skills of producing the best steak sandwich in town. Thanks to John Scott for his great efforts as Gear Steward and Home Games Organiser and all his assistants who worked tirelessly through 1994.

I also wish to extend my thanks to our Physios Peter Johnson and Dianne Porter for their assistance in keeping the players on the field.

Due to our late start in January it was necessary to get players from all over the world to bolster our ranks and I would like to thank these players for joining us in our fight to retain our first division status.

Thanks to; Mark and Donald Donohoe from England; Ali Koko, David Taylor, Grant Williams and Jack Noble from New Zealand; Patrick Ravier and Seb Nouguiet from France; Derek Greene, Paul Phillip and Phillip Darke from Ireland; Meki Toalepai from Samoa; Duncan McQuade from South Africa; Katamalina Tuipouuta from Tonga.

It was encouraging to see at the beginning of the season the increase in numbers attending training, from both grade and Colts. This was a reflection of the work of Jim Smith, who took over as full time first grade coach this year, thanks for your efforts in both the coaching and development of rugby at UTS Drummoyne.

Our Colts found it difficult to attract sufficient players fill four grades, and had to forfeit U/19's from round one. The majority of our Colts were straight from school and found playing against older players extremely difficult. This resulted in some large defeats, resulting in a loss of moral and a subsequent withdrawal from competition. Organising and coaching in such an environment is extremely frustrating and I would like to thank Edwin Tindall, Peter Donhoe, Stuart McDonald and John Sherlock for their contributions.

Unfortunately in hindsight it would have probably been better to concentrate on the U19 competition rather than grading our colts players from 1st to 3rd when most of them were under 19. This led to the more experienced teams handing out some large losses which disillusioned a lot of our colts and consequently they folded in mid year.

Our most successful team was the God Squad, our mighty sixth's, who just missed out on a semi final place.

Thanks to all the coaches, selectors, trainers and support personnel because without you we would not be able to field any teams.

A great note of thanks to the University of Technology Sydney for the support and to our major sponsors Nutri Metics and Chester Group and all our other sponsors. Without your financial and moral support we would not be able to survive on or off the field.

Congratulations to the following players for winning the trophies for 1994. Award for best and fairest went to; K. Tipouuta (1st Gde), G Prior (2nd Gde), R Creighton (3rd Gde), J Thompson (4th Gde), M Nutt (5th Gde) and F Solsoli (6th Gde). Awards for most consistent players went to; M Thomas (1st Gde), L Jeeks (2nd Gde), A Lombardo (3rd Gde), J Qorovarua (4th Gde), C Dalcy (5th Gde) and J Luca (6th Gde). Encouragement Awards for

Colts went to; C Carswell, C Mehven, S McKinnon and D Peacock. Lastly, congratulations to our veteran players E Churchyard and K Stevenson for receiving an award for 100 games of Rugby with Drummoyne.

Next year we must strive to win at least six games in each grade and this would give us a base to go forward. I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**LONG LIVE THE DIRTY REDS!**



Ian Chapman

**President**

TROPHIES - 1994

BEST AND FAIREST

1st Gde. K. Tuipouuta

2nd G. Prior

3rd R. Creighton

4th J. Thompson

5th M. Nutt

6th F. Sosoli

MOST CONSISTENT.

M. Thomas

E. Jecks.

A. Lombardo

J. Qorovarua

C. Daley

J. Lucas.

Colts - Encouragement Awards

C. Carswell

C. Methven

S. McKinnon

D. Peacock.

100 GAMES

E. CHURCHYARD

K. STEVENSON

1st grade  
POINTS FOR. AGAINST - 1994

VERSUS.	TRIES	GOALS	GOALS PENALTY	FIELD GOALS	SCORES FOR	SCORES AGAINST
EASTERN SUBURBS	1	-	-	-	5	20
WARRINGAH	1	1	1	-	10	33
WESTERN SUBURBS	-	-	-	-	0	40
GORDON	-	-	1	-	3	62
EAST WOOD	2	1	-	-	12	24
RANDWICK	-	-	-	-	0	107
MANLY	-	-	2	-	6	32
NORTHERN SUBURBS	4	-	-	-	20	32
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY	2	1	-	-	12	62
PARRAMATTA	3	1	1	-	20	18
SOUTHERN DISTRICTS	1	-	-	-	5	14
<del>WESTERN SUBURBS</del>						
<u>SECOND ROUND</u>						
EASTERN SUBURBS	-	-	1	-	3	41
WARRINGAH	2	-	-	-	0	78
WESTERN SUBURBS	2	1	-	-	12	50
GORDON	2	1	-	-	12	58
EAST WOOD	-	-	2	-	6	28
RANDWICK	2	-	-	-	10	42
MANLY	-	-	1	-	3	43
NORTHERN SUBURBS	1	-	-	-	5	48
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY	3	1	-	-	17	68
PARRAMATTA	2	1	-	-	12	16
SOUTHERN DISTRICTS	-	-	-	1	3	65
TOTALS	26	8	0	1	176	981