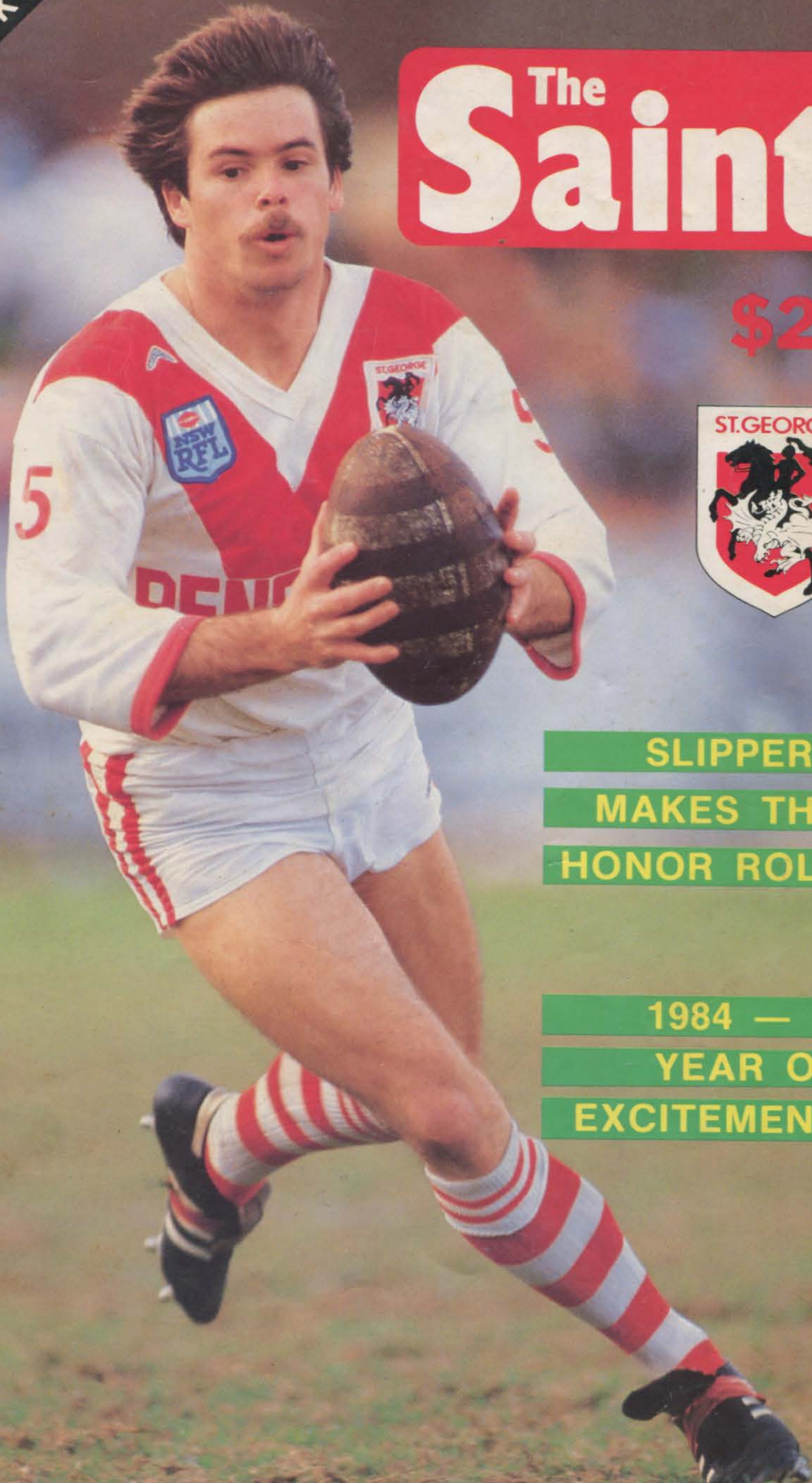


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Saints' third grade were sure-fire favorites to win the title for the second year in a row. But something went astray. John Jansen, in his first as coach, performed miracles each week for St George to be minor premiers. But the luck vanished on grand final day.

□ THE photo that sums up St George's 1984 - so near and yet so far. Saints Gary Newham and Steve Rogers leave the presentation dais after the reserve grade grand final loss. All the while they are overshadowed by the presence of the Winfield Trophy.



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Steve Morris

Steve Morris, the brilliant half turned winger did not let the club or the supporters down this year.

For Morris it was another great season.

His individual brilliance often turned the match into Saints favor.

Morris, on the right wing, scooted in for 17 tries, many of them tremendous individual efforts. He also finished off many great backline movements.

Morris, in his six years with Saints, has crossed for 92 tries, an incredible feat from the mighty mite.

This year Morris has had a season equal to his first with Saints back in 1979.

He played in every game (27) typifying his toughness and competitiveness.

Morris is a character, a colorful, brilliant individual player with uncanny anticipation, has good hands, speed, and class.

He is one of the few players left in the game today who can turn a game in the twinkling of an eye.

He is a refreshing break from the present era of defence and patterned football.

Who could forget the two tries Morris scored against Souths at the SCG in the elimination semi final which Saints won 24-6.

Brian Johnson took a bomb inside his own quarter-line and flung the ball to Morris.

Morris turned on the pace and bewildered the Souths' defence over 75 metres to score.

Morris was the try magician. The man who could create a try from nothing, from any part of the field.

Morris was the man that brought the crowds to their feet every time he touched the ball.

A NSW jersey was a just reward for Morris when he played on the right wing in the final State of Origin game against Queensland at Lang Park.

NSW won the match with Morris playing a leading role with his pace and dash on the flank.

After a six year absence from Representative football, Morris has returned with a vengeance.

1984 was Steve Morris's year. His place in the Honor Roll was a must.



Brian Johnson

Brian Johnson, the brilliant fullback, certainly left his mark this season.

Johnson, in his sixth year with Saints, recaptured the form that shot him to stardom back in 1979.

The multi-talented fullback had a season that will not be forgotten for some years.

Words cannot describe his contribution this year.

He was brilliant, daring, dashing, and outstanding, all rolled into one.

Johnson played 25 matches at fullback and left his mark on every game he played.

He burst over for six tries to take his tally to 54 in his six years with the mighty Saints.

He made more tries than he scored. Often he would cut the backline to shreds with his pace.

His ability to chime into the backline was uncanny.

He would turn the most simple of backline plays into chaos for the opposition.

In defence he was superb. He made a certain trysaving tackle on Parramatta's blockbusting winger Eric Grothe in the final at the SCG.

He made tries, he saved tries, he scored tries, that was Johnson.

Johnson also shed the tag that he could not take the high ball with some incredible takes under pressure.

Johnson only spilt a handful of high kicks all year - he was safe.

Still he was overlooked for representative matches by the selectors.

His only representative matches to date have been for Illawarra and NSW Country.

This year Johnson's name will be etched into the Honor Roll with pride. He was a player well worth watching this year.



Perry Haddock

Durable half Perry Haddock had his best year in Sydney football with Saints in 1984.

Haddock after three topsy-turvy years with Cronulla, joined the big brother club.

He did not cost much and was more than value for money.

Haddock was the 'ironman' of the Saints first grade team, playing all 27 matches.

In those 27 matches Haddock trotted over for six tries and kicked a field goal for a tally of 25 points.

Haddock was the unsung hero behind Saints' drive to the finals.

He was the linkman in attack, the scavenger in defence, and was the master at kicking in general play.

Haddock was tough, hard, consistent, and a non-stop tryer.

He shunned the critics who thought he was finished.

He was one of the first men picked in the Saints' side each week.

In attack Haddock was the maestro. He would call the shots and send the classy Saints backline on its way with his clean passing, and unselfish handling.

Coach Roy Masters was able to extract the best from Haddock, after a lean year with Cronulla in 1983.

Haddock gave his very best in every game and cemented the number one halfback spot in the trial matches against Canterbury, Souths, and Group One, with his displays.

Perry Haddock take a bow for your efforts this year. The Honor Roll salutes a great player.



Pat Jarvis

What has not already been said about Pat Jarvis, the superhuman athlete, in 1984?

Like the previous year Jarvis has again received the highest accolades.

His work rate was unbelievable, his dedication admired, and his commitment to the club enormous.

Jarvis played in 25 matches and tallied three tries.

He missed two games because of representative duty with the NSW side.

He took punishment and absorbed it well. But it did not stop the tyro second-rower, or prop, in his efforts for Saints.

Jarvis would not stop in games. His tackle counts were always high. In defence he hit with the authority of a cement truck.

Jarvis never turned in a game without giving his best.

He certainly contributed to the side's great success in making the final.

In the final he worked overtime against the Parramatta pack.

He ran, passed, and tackled in an energy sapping display.

Jarvis was the backbone of the St George pack.

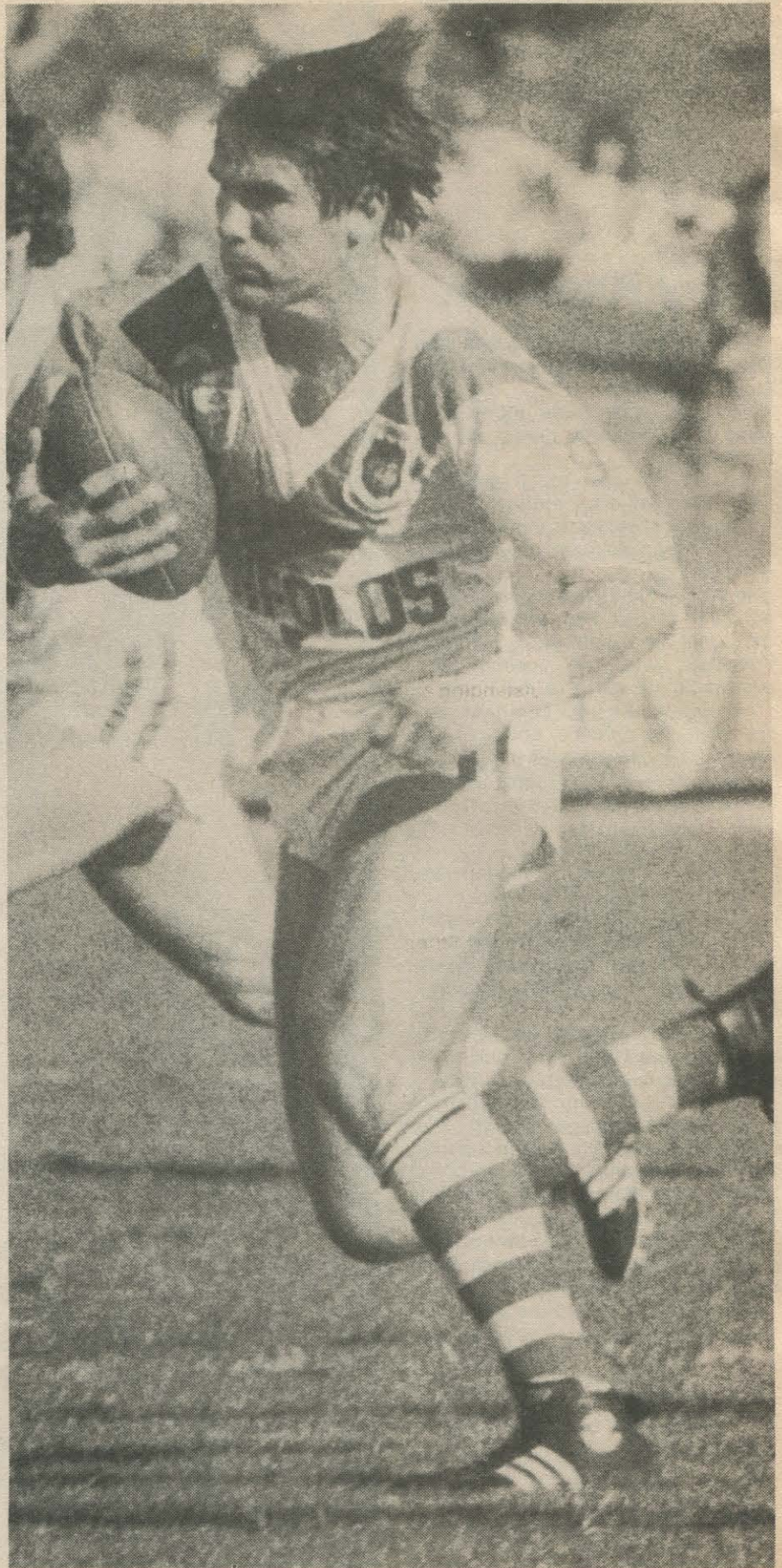
In attack he was busy, striving for every inch of ground.

Jarvis was the workhorse, the relentless power forward, who would inspire his teammates to bigger and better efforts.

Jarvis was the first forward picked in the pack because of his endless work.

For coach Roy Masters he was not a selection problem, he had to be there because of his form.

Jarvis can look back on this year with pride and achievement, the Honor Roll salutes this great gladiator.



Robert Stone

Robert Stone can walk tall and proud after his contribution to St George in 1984.

Stone, a veteran of 256 grade games with Saints, had his best year with Saints since 1977.

He captained first grade for 15 matches, and in that time as skipper Saints lost only two matches.

He showed great discipline in his play and led by example.

Stone, often criticised for his over zealous play, curbed his aggression and played his football in a controlled manner.

In defence he was outstanding and hit the line in attack with great drive and vigor.

As a skipper he kept the side cool and collected in pressure situations.

He carried out coach Roy Masters' plans and instructions to the letter.

The big prop barged over for two tries this year but it was in his role as skipper that his contribution was priceless.

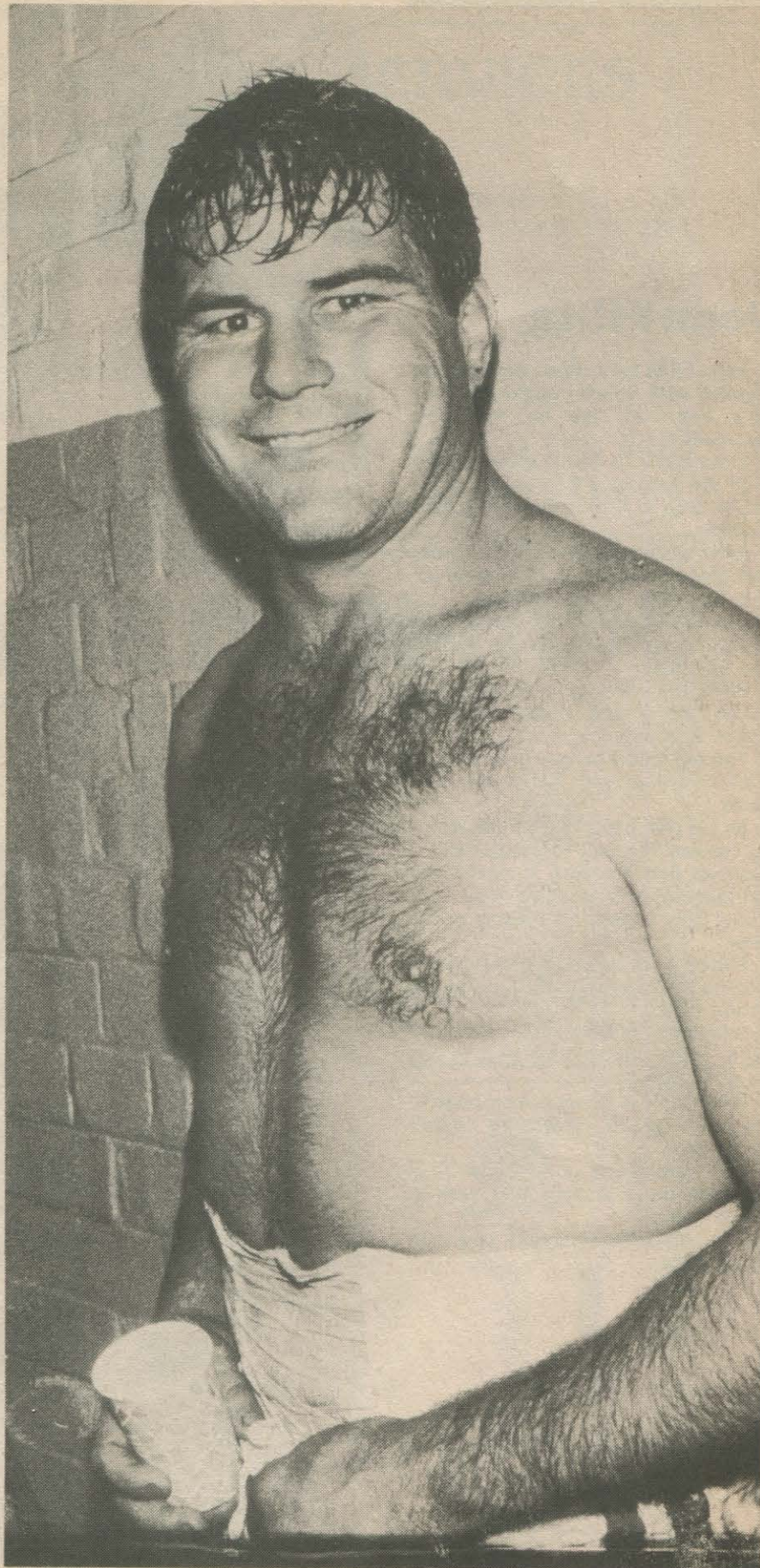
The much maligned Robert Stone, became Stone the admired for his work on the field.

He was an inspiration for the players and set the standard to be followed. He was most responsible for the side getting to the final against Parramatta.

He missed that game, but played, as captain, in reserve grade's final win over Illawarra.

It was his only appearance in reserve grade all year.

Robert Stone proved that he is red and white through and through. Stone is more than worthy to be selected for the Honor Role of 1984.



John Fifita

John Fifita in his first year of grade football with Saints caught the public's eye with his no nonsense approach.

Fifita came to Saints after playing with the victorious Enmore United A grade side in the St George Junior League.

Fifita played second-row or prop, but clearly stated his preference for the back-row.

But he was prepared to listen to his coach, John Bailey, and he reaped the benefits.

Fifita, the rampaging Tongan, was tough, hard, and hurtful in both attack and defence.

The big fellow barged over for four tries this year with his power and pace.

As the year progressed Fifita learnt to release the ball to supports. He realised that cracking a tackle and off-loading was positive play that could only benefit his reserve grade side.

Fifita's work helped a great deal in getting reserve grade through to the grand final.

Saints lost to Balmain, in a thriller, 10-8, and Fifita tried his best to win another title.

With Enmore he was unstoppable, and at grade level he didn't disappoint.

Congratulations John Fifita on a job well done in your first year in grade football.

The Honor Roll accepts you with open arms.



Dave Edwards

Dave Edwards in his first season with Saints left his mark with a big year in third grade.

The tough prop stamped himself as a player of the future with his consistent games in the front-row.

Edwards was one of coach John Jansen's big guns all year.

Edwards worked with great purpose and revelled in the hard going.

He picked up eight tries, including two matches in which he notched a double, rarely seen by a prop forward in the modern day era.

Edwards was young and confident and showed clever work with the ball.

He has skills and set up several tries with his deft passing.

"Dave has had a wonderful year," coach John Jansen said.

"He contributed immensely to the side winning the minor premiership."

Edwards held his spot for most of the year at prop, however, for a couple of matches he did spend time on the reserve bench.

When he did hit the field he showed great determination to regain his spot.

Edwards was one of Saints' best forwards in the 10-9 grand final loss to Parramatta.

He tried hard to lift his teammates in his first grand final appearance with third grade.

Edwards has proved himself to be an honest player who was prepared to get in and do the tough work.

Off the field Edwards trained hard, toning his body for the rigors of prop forward play.

Dave Edwards enters the elite band in the 1984 Honor Roll.



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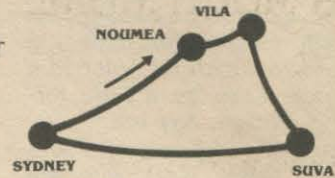
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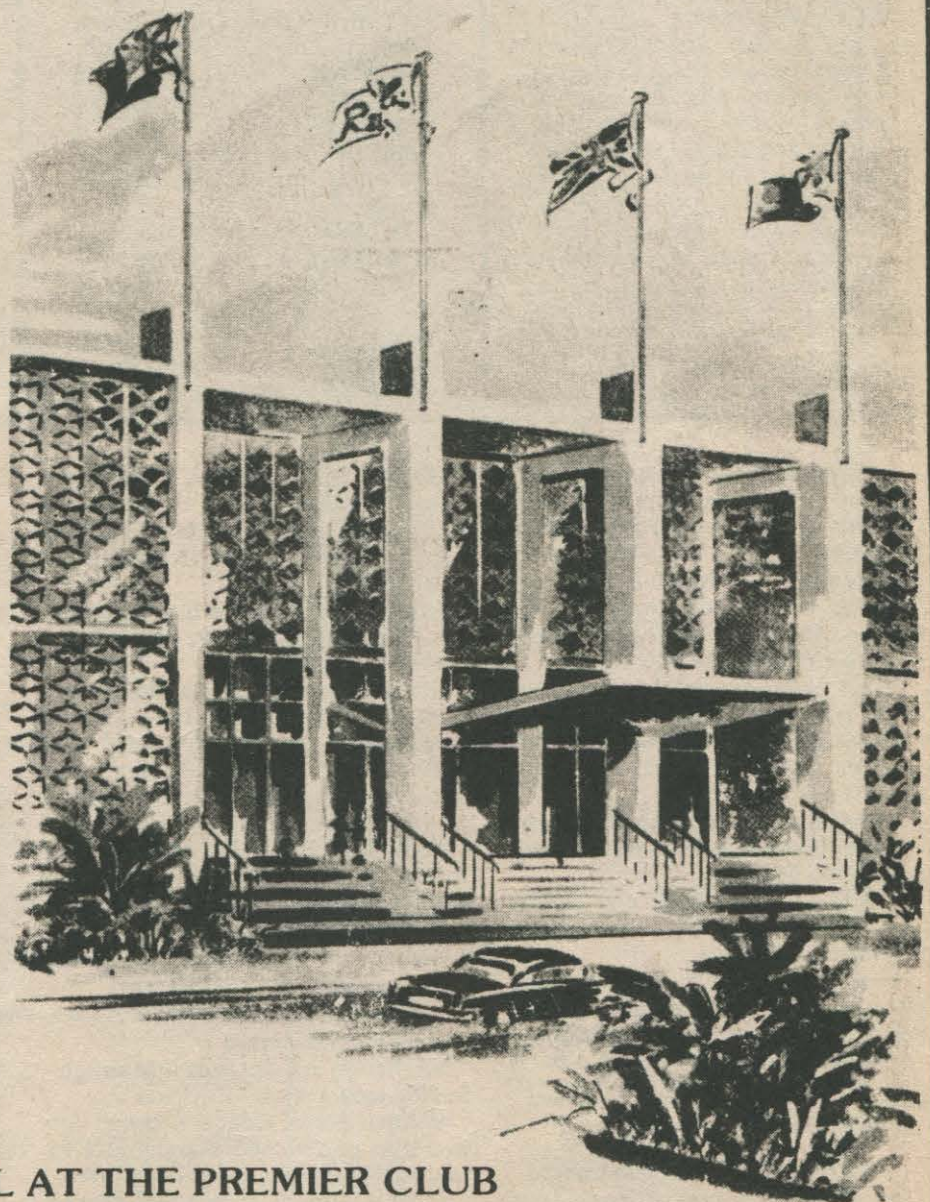
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A year of excitement

A year of contrast ... that was St George '84 style.

A first grade team made up of mighty big men and mighty midgets stormed, burrowed and thrilled their way through the premiership.

While the much-vaunted Canterbury, Parramatta and Manly ground their ways to defence-dictated victories, Saints took up the mantle of the entertainers.

Who'll forget the 'Slippery' Steve Morris tries ... all gems, all crowd-pleasers.

Or Bubba Steve Gearin's sideline goals, Graeme Wynn's line-busting attacks, and, of course, the unpredictable genius and bomb-taking of fullback Brian Johnson.

There was more, much more.

First grade entertained and excited all year, but there was also a new degree of discipline, something missing in the now famous 1983 bid. They went on with it ... all the way to the final, only to be pipped in con-

troversial circumstances.

Coach Roy Masters summarised the feeling: "The players were magnificent," he said. "They deserved better." They sure did!

While the thousands of Saints' fans lamented the final loss, they had consolation in third and reserve grade's grand final berths.

Reserve grade coach John Bailey broke the long-standing preliminary final "jinx", while new boy John Jansen carried on the St George third grade domination of the competition.

Youngsters and a sprinkling of experience brought promise of a new red and white era ... a time of new successes ... a restoring of the St George spirit.

Injuries played a major part in shaping the club's fortunes.

Who would have expected to see the names Steve Rogers, Craig Young, John Dowling, Michael O'Connor and Brian Johnston in reserves?

And who'd have heard of Chris Guider, Paul Morris, Chris Johns and Steve Funnell replacing the mega stars? But they did ... and they did it well.

And then there was Perry Haddock, the Rugby League bargain-buy of the year, who played every game (33).

They became synonymous with St George victories and man-of-the-match awards.

It was certainly a proud year for the mightiest club in the competition.

They won the club championship and the accolades of friends and foes alike.

They were an exciting breath of fresh air to a game that at times threatened to turn into a defence-orientated chess match.

Following is the year in review, a match-by-match run-down of St George '84 vintage. A year of contrast, A year of excitement, a year to remember with delight.

CANTERBURY (Trial Match)

Saints outclassed the revamped Canterbury side 26-4 in a trial match at Belmore.

Saints crossed for four tries with Graeme Wynn, new hooker Chris Guider, Brian Johnston and Steve Rogers notching one each.

Craig Young started the first match of the year in fine style.

He produced some heavy defence.

Steve Gearin booted five goals against his former club.

Late in the game Rogers produced a vintage 45 metre dash to the line, outpacing the defence.

All the forwards played well, Wynn, Young, and Robert Stone excelled in the warm conditions.

New half Perry Haddock looked smooth and enjoyed playing next to his former team-mate, Steve Rogers.

ST GEORGE 26 (G. Wynn, S. Rogers, C. Guider, B. Johnston tries; S. Gearin 5 goals) d Canterbury 4 (T. Lamb try).

Scrums: Balmain 14-7. Penalties: Saints 9-6.

SOUTHS (Charity Shield Match)

Souths were too good in the Charity Shield Match at Redfern Oval running out 24-6 winners.

It was Souths' first win in the three year history of the challenge match.

A wild brawl erupted in the first scrum and Saints prop Craig Young and Souths prop Dean Rampling were sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes to cool off.

Winger Steve Morris burst over for his first try of the year, while Steve Gearin landed the goal.

The Saints defence was flimsy in the centre of the ruck and the handling was poor.

Five-eighth Steve Rogers was allowed no room to move by an eager Souths defence.

Craig Young was Saints' best in the forwards while replacement back Brian Johnston played with great style when he hit the field.

Souths 24 d St George 6 (S. Morris try, S. Gearin goal).

LISMORE (Trial Match)

Saints hammered Group 1, 42-6 in a trial match at Lismore.

Saints ran in eight tries that delighted the local crowd.

Winger Steve Gearin crossed for two tries and kicked seven goals, to record a personal tally of 20 points.

Perry Haddock and Steve Morris signed hordes of autographs for young admirers.

The slick display was the sign of things to come this year.

PENRITH (at Penrith)

Saints had to journey to Penrith Park for the first game of the premiership and came away with a 24-10 win.

Saints had a torrid match with the young Panthers side but the experience of prop Craig Young was the telling factor.

Penrith decided to put on the biff but Saints stuck to football.

Saints had raced to a 14-4 lead at halftime through tries to hooker Richard Jones and winger Steve Morris.

Winger Brian Johnston and half Perry Haddock also ran in for tries with five-eighth and skipper Steve Rogers landing four goals.

Craig Young, prop Robert Stone, and second-rower Pat Jarvis had big games. Haddock, Morris and fullback Brian Johnston also played with great flair in attack.

St George 24 (S. Morris, R. Jones, B. Johnston, P. Haddock tries; S. Rogers 4 goals) d Penrith 10 (C. O'Connor try, M. Levy 3 goals).

Scrums: Saints 10-7. Penalties: Penrith 9-7.

SOUTHS (at SCG)

Brian Johnson stood tall after his display against Souths at the SCG in the second match of the year.

The brilliant fullback weathered a



□ **DISAPPOINTED** ... Perry Haddock and Steve Morris upset after a loss. Even Slippery's youngster looks 'blue'.

dozen bombs from the Souths attack and was the spearhead of Saints 18-10 win.

Saints played most of the night without the football.

They lost the scrums and were caned at a ratio of 2-1 in the penalties but produced great defence to cling on and win.

Craig Young at prop was superb, while Chris Walsh Pat Jarvis, and Robert Stone toiled without respite.

Saints brought off a mammoth 240 tackles and it was the gutsy effort of the forwards that stood between Souths and victory.

Steve Rogers, Brian Johnson, and half Perry Haddock once again excelled. Johnson was immaculate.

Haddock scored a superb team try after he, Rogers, Beattie, Johnson, and Steve Morris combined.

Fullback Johnson handled twice in the classy movement.

St George 18 (R. Stone, P. Haddock, B. Johnston tries; S. Rogers 3 goals) d Souths 10 (T. Murphy try, M. Baker 3 goals).

Scrums: Souths 10-7. Penalties: Souths 12-6.

CRONULLA (at Endeavour)

Saints slumped to a shock 20-12 loss to Cronulla in round 3.

The Sharks put on four tries to Saints' one and left Saints with egg on their faces.

Saints looked tired after their mid-week win over Souths at the SCG.

Second-rower Pat Jarvis, hooker Richard Jones, and prop Craig Young worked hard but their efforts were to no avail.

Saints were also unlucky. Three tries were disallowed that could have swung the match Saints' way.

The Sharks also scored a try from an intercept.

Second-rower Chris Walsh tried hard and did straighten the Saints attack during the match.

Saints were a little flat in attack and too loose in defence.

Cronulla 20 (A. Armstrong 2, D. Carney tries; A. Armstrong 4 goals) d St George 12 (M. O'Connor try, S. Rogers 4 goals).

Scrums: Cronulla 12-10. Penalties: St George 16-7.

CANTERBURY (at SCG)

It was back to the SCG in round four as the hectic number of matches continued.

Saints centre Michael O'Connor showed his class and speed with two great tries. Saints took the match 17-8.

One try was a 75 metre effort after a Canterbury dropped ball.

Centre Michael Beattie flung the ball to O'Connor who raced away from the defence.

His second try resulted after fullback Brian Johnson made an incision

into the defence and sent O'Connor on his way.

O'Connor accelerated, came to the fullback and kicked ahead. He beat the Canterbury fullback to the ball to score.

His pace and anticipation had to be seen to be believed.

Skipper Steve Rogers broke his foot in this game with prop Craig Young taking over the captaincy.

He excelled in the middle of the heavy stuff and finished with another big game.

Lock Graeme Wynn dislocated his collarbone when he was racing to the tryline but was bundled into touch. It was then that the injury occurred.

Perry Haddock also scored a great try.

Michael Beattie broke through some tackles after Johnson blinded the Canterbury defence with his speed.

Steve Morris combined with Beattie, who handled twice in the movement, which was thrilling stuff. Haddock backed up well to score wide out, the try was a gem.

St George 17 (M. O'Connor 2, P. Haddock tries; S. Rogers 2, S. Gearin goals; P. Haddock field goal) d Canterbury 8 (P. Tunks, P. Lamb tries).

Scrums: Canterbury 8-3. Penalties: 9-all.

'84 IN REVIEW

NORTHS (at North Sydney)

The hectic mid-week toll was too much for Saints in the 27-20 loss in round five.

Saints were flat early in the match and Norths just went straight through the defence.

But Saints did hit back later in the game after trailing 21-8 and reduced the leeway to seven points.

Second-rower Pat Jarvis worked himself into the ground, while lock Graeme O'Grady made his return to first grade in fine style.

Replacement second-rower Jim Walsh scored a try late in the match and looked dangerous.

Norths 27 (C. Luckman, F. Teasdale, P. McCaffrey, W. Wigham, S. Brockwell tries; W. Lonergan 3 goals; M. Cox field goal) d St George 20 (S. Morris, S. Gearin, J. Walsh tries; S. Gearin 4 goals).

Scrums: Norths 5-4. Penalties: St George 15-7.

WESTS (at Kogarah)

Prop Craig Young kicked a field goal, set up a try, and won the match for St George in their 17-14 win over Wests in round six.

Although Saints took the two competition points, it was a close call.

The scores were locked at 8-all after 58 minutes and Young, playing a skipper's game, kicked a 25 metre field goal, breaking the deadlock.

Three minutes earlier Saints were trailing 10-6 when Young engineered a try for centre Brian Johnston by putting through a grubber kick which the centre fell on to score.

Lock Graeme O'Grady also had a powerful game splitting the Wests' defence constantly.

Winger Steve Morris also looked dangerous, while Johnston was creative in attack with fullback Brian Johnson also playing well.

Saints were not overly impressive but got the points through its superior class and speed.

St George 17 (S. Morris, B. Johnston, S. Gearin tries; S. Gearin 2 goals; C. Young field goal) d Wests 14 (M. Pinkerton 2, S. Broughton tries; J. McArthur goal).

Scrums: St George 7-6. Penalties: St George 11-6.

CANBERRA (at Kogarah)

Saints again proved to be a little inconsistent when they were defeated by Canberra 12-8.

Saints just dropped too much ball. Saints coach Roy Masters revealed that they dropped the ball 10 times on either the first, second or third tackle.

Craig Young scored his side's lone try after barging through the defence.

Michael O'Connor continued his classy form in the centres and was one of the best backs on the ground.

Fullback Brian Johnson was quiet, but the inside backs made frequent mistakes and did not allow him to chime into the backline.

Canberra 12 (R. Giteau, W. Walker tries; R. Giteau 2 goals) d St George 8 (C. Young try, S. Gearin 2 goals).

Scrums: St George 12-7. Penalties: St George 10-8.

PARRAMATTA (at Kogarah)

The little big men stood tall against Parramatta in round eight at Kogarah.

Saints toppled the premiers 24-20 in a great match, with new hooker Chris Guider all the rage.

Guider was everywhere, bringing down the Parramatta players with bootlace tackles and scurrying from dummyhalf and constantly pinching valuable ground.

He was ably supported by half Perry Haddock, and wingers Steve Morris and Steve Gearin.

Morris scored a try after finishing off a great attacking play after Craig Young and centre Michael Beattie combined to send the speedster in.

Gearin landed six goals from seven attempts, with several of the kicks being wide out.

Five-eighth Paul Morris played solidly in both attack and defence, his kicking game was superb.

St George 24 (M. O'Connor, S. Morris, C. Young tries; S. Gearin 6 goals) d Parramatta 20 (B. Kenny 2, E. Grothe tries; S. Ella 4 goals).

Scrums: St George 9-6. Penalties: 9-all.

ILLAWARRA (at Wollongong)

Saints piled on magic tries in disposing of Illawarra at the Wollongong Showground in round nine.

The tries to lock Graeme O'Grady and centre Michael O'Connor had class written all over them.

O'Grady picked up a pass centimetres from the ground for his try after a long inside ball from Steve Morris.

O'Grady's try had resulted from a Craig Young bomb which Michael Beattie fielded and sent to O'Connor.

Morris supported O'Connor, who flung the ball inside to O'Grady who did the rest.

O'Connor's try resulted after Young, Beattie, hooker Chris Guider, fullback Brian Johnson and winger Steve Gearin combined.

Gearin swerved and got the ball inside to O'Connor who outsprinted the defence to score.

Young, Haddock, lock Col Fraser, and Pat Jarvis had top games. Illawarra could not handle the pace of O'Connor, Johnson, and Morris in the three-quarters.

St George 20 (G. O'Grady, M. O'Connor, P. Haddock tries; S. Gearin 4 goals) d Illawarra 8 (J. Moon try, W. McPherson 2 goals).

Scrums: Illawarra 10-7. Penalties: Illawarra 15-5.

EASTS (at Kogarah)

Pat Jarvis toiled without respite against Easts in round 10.

Saints were outclassed by Easts who shocked St George with their

constructive play in attack and defence.

Jarvis was rewarded for another top match with a try from a Perry Haddock bomb.

Fullback Brian Johnson also crossed the line in another dazzling display.

Centre Michael Beattie did some good work in the centres, but he did not receive able support from his forwards.

Jarvis was the exception with a workaholic-like match in all facets of the game.

Craig Young also tried hard, and lock Col Fraser worked well in attack with some forceful running.

Easts 20 (J. Ferguson, R. Beckett, M. Eden tries; D. Greene 4 goals) d St George 10 (B. Johnson, P. Jarvis tries; S. Gearin goal).

Scrums: St George 5-3. Penalties: Easts 10-9.

MANLY (at Brookvale)

Saints, without big name players Craig Young, Steve Rogers, and Michael O'Connor, toppled Manly in a gutsy display at Brookvale Oval in round 11.

Second-rower Pat Jarvis made mincemeat of the Manly forwards with an incredible display of power and stamina.

Jarvis took it to the Manly side all day in attack and in defence he greeted the forwards with contempt.

Replacement prop Ricky Powell tore the Manly pack to pieces while five-eighth, Paul Morris, half Perry Haddock, fullback Brian Johnson, and centre Michael Beattie had rousing matches in the backs.

Lock Graeme O'Grady was superb with his clever passing and ability to absorb punishment.

He showed his experience in the middle with a weakened Saints side.

All the Saints played well and winger Steve Gearin chipped in with a try and five goals for 14 points.

St George 18 (P. Haddock, S. Gearin tries; S. Gearin 5 goals) d Manly 10 (D. Hasler, K. Boustead tries; S. Hegarty goal).

Scrums: Manly 7-6. Penalties: Manly 15-12.

BALMAIN (at Kogarah)

Saints with 12 men for most of the match, led by wily lock Graeme O'Grady, smashed Balmain at home in round 12. O'Grady scored a try and made two others in the thrilling display by Saints who were a man short for 60 minutes.

Prop Ricky Powell was sent off for a high tackle and later received a three week suspension.

But Saints soldiered on and crushed a Balmain side which was short on speed and style.

Jarvis, Robert Stone, Chris Guider, Chris Walsh and Col Fraser in the

SOUTHS (at Redfern)

Saints again playing a man short pulled off a major miracle to topple Souths at home.

Saints lost prop and skipper Robert Stone for a high tackle, on a Souths forward, after 30 minutes. The referee dismissed Stone, for only the second time in his illustrious career.

Stone was exonerated by the judiciary but Saints' 12 outclassed the Souths' 13.

Hooker Chris Guider and second-rower Col Fraser were both exhausted after the game from their trojan like efforts. Steve Morris scored another individual try exhibiting his speed.

Saints put on two tries in two minutes to turn a 10-4 deficit into a 16-10 lead. It was incredible.

It was the type of performance that left a lump in your throat. Saints were marvellous and played with great spirit. O'Grady, Chris Walsh and Perry Haddock were dynamic. Morris and fullback Brian Johnson were not far behind.

St. George 18 (S. Morris, S. Gearin tries; S. Gearin 5 goals) d Souths 10 (N. Baker, Z. Niszcot tries; N. Baker goal).

Scrum: St. George 9-7. Penalties: Souths 16-11.

CRONULLA (at Kogarah)

Big Steve Funnell made a memorable first grade debut against Cronulla.

Funnell, playing in the second-row cut the Sharks' defence to pieces and made them look like small fish. Funnell's attacking raids were unstoppable and he set up a try for hooker Chris Guider with a clever kick over the top and regather then shifted the ball to Guider who scored.

Guider also played well, while prop and skipper Robert Stone, fullback Brian Johnson, pivot Paul Morris, lock Graeme O'Grady and winger Steve Morris were not far behind.

Winger Steve Gearin continued his good kicking form, landing six from seven.

Saints greater commitment in attack and defence in this match, spreadeagled the Sharks, reversing the first round result.

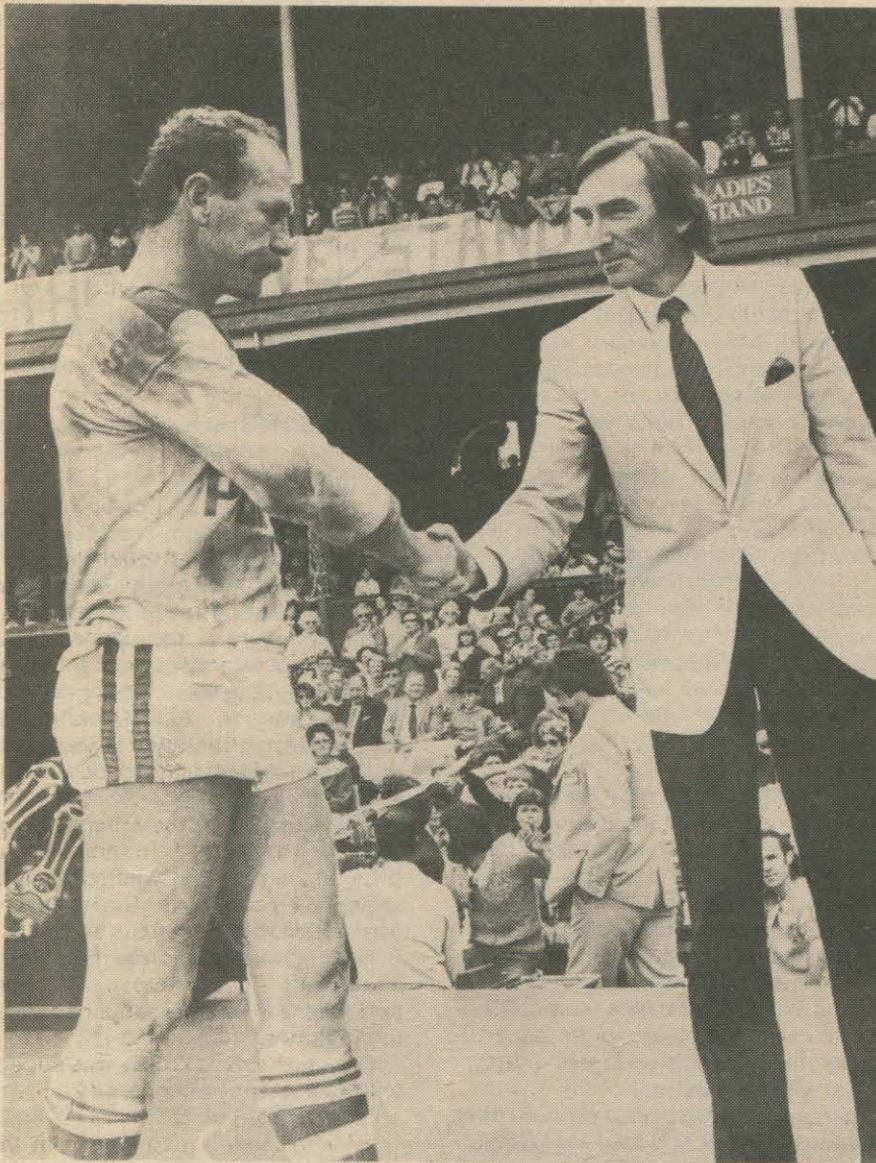
It was a case of sweet revenge for Saints in this game and it was an important victory for them. Saints had levelled the 1984 local derby tally at 1-all.

St. George 32 (R. Stone, C. Guider, B. Johnston, S. Gearin, C. Fraser tries; S. Gearin 6 goals) d Cronulla 22 (H. Jansen 2, G. Nixon, C. Gardiner tries; A. Armstrong 3 goals).

Scrum: Cronulla 10-5. Penalties: St. George 7-6.

CANTERBURY (at Belmore)

Saints lost a corker of a match to Canterbury at Belmore with no tries scored. But it was a super game.



□ BRIDESMAID AGAIN! Steve Rogers bows out with another second prize.

pack, and five-eighth Paul Morris, fullback Brian Johnson, and centres Brian Johnston and Michael Beattie were outstanding. Saints played sharp, enterprising football, and lifted themselves, a man short, to race in three tries to nil.

St. George 20 (G. O'Grady, S. Morris, B. Johnson tries; S. Gearin 4 goals), d Balmain 8 (D. Brooks 4 goals). Scrum: Balmain 7-6. Penalties: St. George 13-12.

PENRITH (at Kogarah)

Saints ran riot over Penrith in the first match of round two.

Saints blitzed the Panthers scoring six tries to one in an awesome display of power, pace and strength.

Winger Steve Gearin was spot on with his goalkicking landing eight from eight.

Second-rower Col Fraser burst over

for two tries in the first half and was most impressive.

Hooker Chris Guider, second-rower Chris Walsh, and prop and skipper Robert Stone all played strongly.

The power and combination came together and the Saints were rapidly shedding the 'hot and cold' tag placed upon them by the media.

Their class was too much for the Panthers who struggled to contain Saints slippery backline and power in the engine room.

Saints had the scrums against them 12-6 and the penalties 9-3, but still overcame the odds to humiliate the over-rated Penrith.

St. George 40 (C. Fraser 2, B. Johnson, S. Morris, C. Guider, M. Beattie tries; S. Gearin 8 goals) d Penrith 6 (B. Lazzard try, M. Levy goal).

Scrum: Penrith 12-6. Penalties: Penrith 9-3.

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Defence was outstanding from both sides and neither side would budge.

Saints could not break the impregnable wall of Canterbury's defence, but neither could the Bulldogs.

Saints were far from disgraced. Col Fraser, Chris Walsh, Robert Stone and Pat Jarvis all slugged themselves into the ground.

Brian Johnson once again played with safety, with the high balls and dash in general play. Craig Young was out injured once again and his creative ball play could have come in handy in such a tight match.

Canterbury 8 (R. Conlon 4 goals) beat St. George 4 (S. Gearin 2 goals).

Scrum: Canterbury 9-3. Penalties: Canterbury 14-10.

NORTHS (at Kogarah)

A battle weary Saints outlasted Norths at home in round two. Saints, in the match before, had defied the odds and toppled Souths with 12 men, the second time this year they achieved that feat.

Robert Stone was back leading the team and this time lasted the full game, he was not sent off.

Stone was strong up front, while Chris Guider and Col Fraser worked hard in the pack. Centres Chris Johns and Michael Beattie looked sharp, while Perry Haddock played another tidy game in attack and defence and kicked well in general play.

Boom centre Chris Johns kept up his scintillating form from the previous week in his debut match against Souths, with a top try.

Jarvis again was tradesmanlike in his work, and five-eighth Paul Morris suffered a nasty cut under his right eye that required stitching.

Lock O'Grady also was productive one again, maintaining his top second round form.

St. George 18 (C. Johns, M. Beattie, P. Jarvis tries; S. Gearin 3 goals) d Norths 12 (E. Hillier, R. Walford tries; R. Walford 2 goals).

Scrum: St. George 13-5. Penalties: St. George 8-6.

WESTS (at Lidcombe)

Replacement centre Brian Johnston scored two tries and lifted Saints to victory over the Magpies.

Johnston replaced Chris Johns with 29 minutes left with Saints down 7-6. Johnston's two tries illustrated his great strength and pace.

Saints piled on 19 points in the final 22 minutes to topple a gallant Wests.

Lock Graeme O'Grady played with great vigor, half Perry Haddock was busy as always and second-rower Chris Walsh tackled hard all day, topping the count with 33 tackles.

St. George 26 (B. Johnston 2, S. Morris, M. Beattie, S. Gearin tries; S. Gearin 3 goals) d Wests 7 (M. Neil try, G. Ghosh goal, G. Fyvie field goal).

Scrum: St. George 8-7. Penalties: Wests 13-7.

CANBERRA (at Seiffert)

Saints reversed the first round loss to Canberra at a cold Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan.

Little Chris Guider once again stood tall with a top game in the open and a busy game in defence. He won the scrums 9-8.

Steve Morris again scored another try, running from dummy half and leaving the defence stranded, with his speed.

Centre Michael Beattie kicked a field goal, while the kicking games of fullback Brian Johnson, half Perry Haddock and replacement five-eighth Steve Rogers, kept the Raiders' forwards back pedalling. Rogers replaced Paul Morris early in the match and had earlier in the day, played a full reserve grade game. He showed great team stamina to play well over two hours of football. Props Pat Jarvis and Robert Stone also did plenty of tough work up front, while second-rowers Chris Walsh and Col Fraser were forceful all match.

St. George 15 (S. Morris, P. Haddock tries; S. Gearin 3 goals, M. Beattie field goal) d Canberra 2 (R. Giteau goal).

Scrum: St. George 9-8. Penalties: St. George 10-6.

PARRAMATTA (at Belmore)

Saints were yet again involved in another tryless thriller at Belmore.

Saints lost by the odd point in another classic match between two great sides. Steve Gearin was out with a leg injury. Steve Rogers managed only one goal from three attempts. Chris Walsh, Steve Rogers and Perry Haddock were all replaced, because of fatigue after the midweek quarter-final win, over Balmain.

Brian Johnson pulled off two great tackles on the slippery surface, on Eels centre Steve Ella and David Liddiard.

Saints lost the game due to not finishing attacking movements or controlling the ball to build up some momentum.

Prop and skipper Robert Stone was tireless, while he received sterling support from Col Fraser, Pat Jarvis, Michael Beattie, Brian Johnson and Steve Morris.

Parramatta 3 (S. Ella goal, P. Taylor field goal) d St. George 2 (S. Rogers goal).

Scrum: St. George 12-8. Penalties: Parramatta 10-8.

ILLAWARRA (at Kogarah)

Saints came back to earth with a thud when they were beaten by Illawarra at Kogarah. Saints never tackled with much enthusiasm or drive right throughout the game.

Saints lost hooker Chris Guider, centre Brian Johnston and second-rower Col Fraser, all with injuries.

Guider hurt his back, Fraser broke his

nose, suffered concussion and needed 20 stitches in his mouth, while Johnston hurt his ankle.

Brian Johnson scored in the corner reducing the score to 8-6 late in the match, but Saints allowed another try and for them the match was over.

Illawarra played well, but Saints did not perform with much vigor at all.

Haddock, Beattie and O'Grady all did their best to rally the Saints, but just was not to be on the day.

Illawarra 12 (G. Macket 2 tries; G. Mackey goal, W. McPherson goal) d St. George 8 (B. Johnson try, S. Gearin 2 goals).

Scrum: St. George 7-3. Penalties: St. George 11-9.

EASTS (at Sydney Sports Ground)

Veteran hooker John Dowling returned to first grade with a win.

Dowling who had not played first grade this season, replaced the injured Chris Guider. He made every post a winner, taking the set scrums 13-6 and tackling well in defence.

Graeme Wynn, also back in first grade after injury, played a mighty game, breaking Easts' defence constantly. Craig Young also returned to first grade after a stint in the lower grades and displayed his ball skills.

Pat Jarvis was also forceful, while skipper and prop Robert Stone played with great style.

Saints outpaced Easts in every department and Steve Morris zoomed over for another try on the wing.

The previous weeks loss to Illawarra had stung Saints into action and against the Roosters, they were back to their brilliant best.

St. George 20 (S. Morris, C. Johns, P. Jarvis tries; S. Gearin 4 goals) d Easts 2 (M. Eden goal).

Scrum: St. George 13-6. Penalties: Easts 12-11.

MANLY (at Kogarah)

Saints produced 11 minutes of power play, to crush Manly.

Saints trailed 8-nil after 20 minutes and from the 27th minute to the 38th minute, unleashed their fury. Saints raced to a 20-10 lead through tries to Steve Morris, twice, and Brian Johnson. Winger Steve Gearin had another top day with the boot, kicking six goals from nine attempts.

Craig Young, Robert Stone, Pat Jarvis and Chris Walsh took the fire out of the Manly pack, up front. In the backs, Morris and Johnson were scintillating.

The halves Paul Morris and Perry Haddock were constructive and Chris Johns was slick.

Manly were outclassed and cracked under the Saints pressure.

St. George 28 (S. Morris 2, P. Morris, B. Johnson tries; S. Gearin 6 goals) d Manly 20 (A. Thompson, P. Blake, P. Vautin tries; S. Hegarty 4 goals).

Scrum: St. George 7-4. Penalties: 1J all.



□ Steve Gearin and Brian Johnson race for the ball.

BALMAIN (at Leichhardt)

Saints' halfback buy of the year Perry Haddock, was head and shoulders above the rest in the final match of the premiership.

Haddock was the star in the Saints win, which in the first half looked like the game would finish in a canter. Saints produced great football to cut the Tigers to shreds to lead 22-2 at halftime.

Reinstated centre Michael O'Connor scored two first half tries and looked fabulous. Steve Rogers was also back and his defence, until he had to be replaced with fatigue late in the match, was sound.

Haddock directed the play well around the rucks, made several clean breaks and looked sharper than at any stage of the year and cover-defended well in the second line of defence with 13 tackles.

Balmain were aided in the second half with a mammoth penalty count. The count finished at 18-3 and Saints only once penetrated the Balmain quarter-line in the second half.

St. George 26 (M. O'Connor 2, S. Morris, S. Rogers, S. Gearin tries; S. Gearin 3 goals) d Balmain 18 (G. Jack, J. Davidson, R. Ryan tries; O. Filipana 3 goals).
Scrum: Balmain 9-6. Penalties: Balmain 18-3.

PARRAMATTA (at SCG)

The bounce of the ball went the Eels' way in the first semi final at the SCG.

Saints lost by just six points in a great tussle between the two sides, both of whom had won a game each during the year.

Saints fought back gallantly after trailing 8-nil, after only eight minu-

tes, to lead 16-10 just before halftime and produced entertaining football against the Eels with Steve Morris and Brian Johnson outstanding.

The scores were again levelled at 16-all at halftime, after Parramatta scored a try from a kick that hit the underside of the crossbar and bounced near the waiting arms of Parramatta's Steve Ella. The match could have gone either way, only luck eluded the Saints.

Robert Stone, Pat Jarvis, Craig Young in the forwards and half Perry Haddock, five-eighth Paul Morris, Steve Morris and Brian Johnson, were the pick of the unluckily beaten team.

Parramatta 22 (S. Ella 2, M. Cronin, N. Hunt tries; M. Cronin 3 goals) d St. George 16 (G. Wynn, S. Morris, P. Haddock tries; S. Gearin 2 goals).

Scrum: Parramatta 9-8. Penalties: Parramatta 7-5.

SOUTHS (at SCG)

Saints eliminated Souths from the competition at the SCG in the sudden death semi final.

The Rabbits did put up a brave effort to lead 6-4 at halftime, but the Saints machine clicked into gear and ran away with the match in the second half.

Steve Morris sizzled in for two tries, one of which was a 75 metre effort. Fullback Brian Johnson leapt into the air to take a bomb and flung the ball to an unmarked Morris. Morris did the rest.

It was his 15th try this year.

Craig Young, Graeme Wynn, Chris Walsh and skipper Steve Rogers had big games.

Bad luck for Robert Stone who missed the game due to a knee injury.

Haddock was the general in attack around the scrum base. He finished the game heavily concussed after another top display. Few players did not contribute to the victory.

St. George 24 (S. Morris 2, G. Wynn, B. Johnson tries; S. Gearin 4 goals) d Souths 6 (N. Baker 2, M. Ellison goals).
Scrum: Souths 10-7. Penalties: Souths 12-9.

PARRAMATTA (at SCG)

Saints bowed out of the premiership race against Parramatta at the SCG in unlucky fashion.

Saints had led 7-4 from early in the second half until the final two minutes and 53 seconds.

Steve Morris scored his 16th try of the year, Steve Gearin landed one goal and five-eighth and skipper Steve Rogers kicked a field goal.

But the final two minutes and 53 seconds ended the Saints' dream of premiership number 16.

Eel winger Eric Grothe scored wide out to make the final score 8-7 against Saints. Steve Rogers clung desperately to Grothe but his momentum carried him over the line.

Rogers was dynamic in Saints' last stand. Brian Johnson was not far behind in a classic match before the year's biggest crowd of 37,004.

Graeme Wynn left the field concussed, with Chris Walsh leaving the field late in the match exhausted. Saints were gallant in defeat.

Parramatta 8 (E. Grothe try, M. Cronin 2 goals) d St. George 7 (S. Morris try, S. Gearin goal, S. Rogers field goal).

Scrum: Parramatta 13-12. Penalties: Parramatta 11-5.

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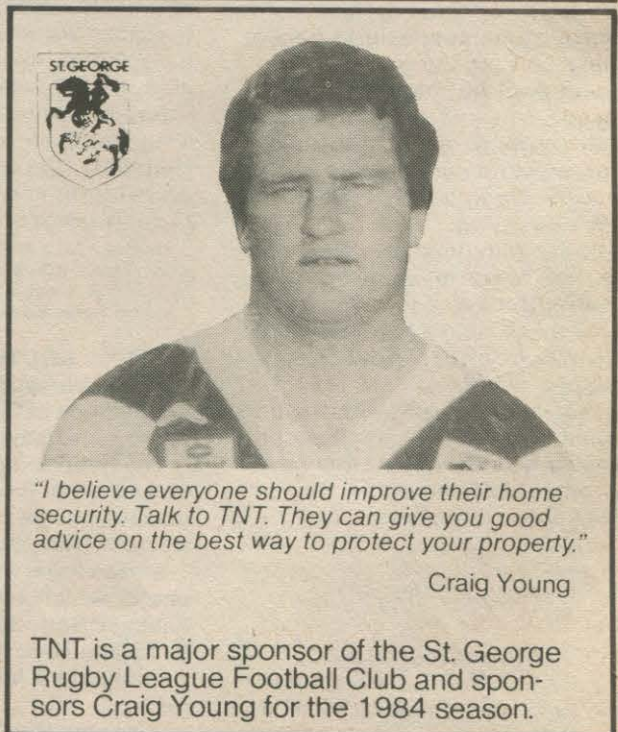
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□ ALL HANDS ON DECK ... Illawarra players converge on Chris Johns in the reserve grade final.

Reserve grade coach John Bailey may have finished the year by losing the grand final but he was far from disgraced.

For the second year in succession the former first grade pivot had coached a side into the grand final.

In 1983 he guided third grade to its first title for nine years.

This year he took the strong finishing reserve grade side into the grand final, losing to Balmain 10-8.

The side finished fourth in the competition with 33 points from 14 wins, two byes, a draw and nine losses.

Then Bailey's team hit top gear and steamrolled Norths 20-6, Manly 37-8, and Illawarra 10-4 to reach the big day.

Saints were a trifle unlucky not to win its sixth reserve grade title.

In the final series the side reached its expected potential.

In the three matches leading up to the grand final Saints accumulated 67 points in attack and conceded just 18.

Attack and defence fell into place at the right time.

Saints were gallant losers, 10-8, in

the grand final after leading 8-4 midway through the second half.

Saints had little ball. They lost the scrums 13-4 and defended like terrorists for most of the game.

"We have had a great year despite the grand final loss," Bailey said.

"The boys fought back well in the second round to reach the semi finals, then the grand final.

"There have been many fine efforts from the players this year. The whole side deserves a mention.

"Glen Burgess, Steve Linnane, John Fifita, Brad Wilson, Michael O'Connor, Billy Noke, Richard Jones, and Ricky Powell all had big years.

"Steve Funnell also showed he is a gifted footballer, and with a couple more years of experience will go places."

Brad Wilson on the left wing was steady and reliable.

The flanker tallied 142 points from eight tries and 55 goals.

Bailey said that his pointsoring ability had made him one of the first members of the side picked each week.

He also said that one of the rea-

sons he felt the side performed so well was that he was straight to the point and honest with them.

"They know where they stand with me on everything."

Fullback Glen Burgess once again showed he was ultra-consistent in his position. He was safe, reliable, and was yards faster this year.

Second-rower Billy Noke worked hard on his condition and finally showed the form that many knew he possessed.

John Fifita was steady and durable in the back-row, while Richard Jones, and Ricky Powell had big seasons.

"At the start of the year I had no props," Bailey said.

"This was the biggest reason for our early season slump. I had to use Brad Perry and John Fifita and they are better back-rowers. Powell, and Newham were missing through injury, and big Mark Massone was also out injured with a bad knee."

Bailey can take a bow for his efforts this year and has stamped himself a first grade coach of the future.

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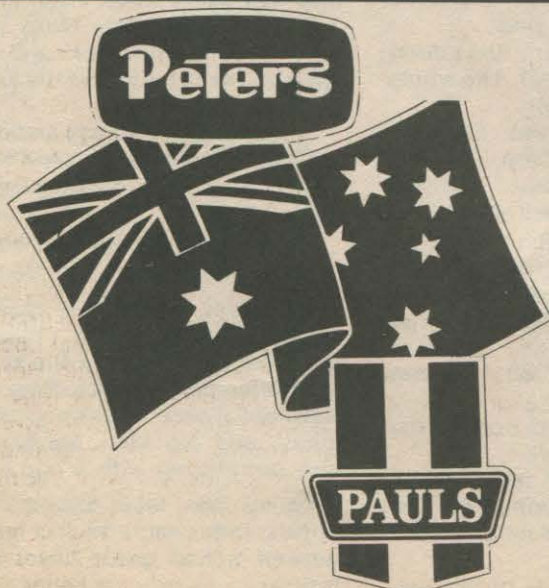
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THIRD GRADE



□ SO NEAR ... third graders in a sombre mood after losing the big one.

John Jansen went from being a successful retired player to a successful rookie coach with his third grade side this year.

Jansen in his first year of grade coaching reached the grand final, only to be pipped by Parramatta 10-9.

Third grade were the defending premiers and this year were unlucky not to make it two in succession.

Despite the grand final loss the side, under Jansen, bloomed under his heady approach to coaching.

Third grade finished as minor premiers for the second year in a row.

After 26 rounds the side finished with 38 points from 17 wins, two byes and seven losses.

In those competition rounds the side scored a massive 503 points and conceded 310.

Jansen proved he was a top coach, a brilliant tactician, and was able to extract the best from young players.

"It was an eventful year for me," Jansen said.

"Coaching was a new experience and it was interesting to see the game from the other side."

Jansen's side was both an attacking machine, and a well drilled defensive unit.

Jansen, a schoolteacher, devoted many hours to the art of coaching.

Match plans, watching videos, and devising tactics for his players, were mapped out by the man affectionately known as 'JJ'.

Jansen had no goals or aims for his initial year of coaching.

"I was mainly concerned with getting the team into the final five," he said.

"The grand final was not my number one consideration, at first.

There were many great contributors in third grade this year.

Winger Michael O'Brien scored 97 points from six tries, 36 goals and a field goal.

Winger Shane Redman burst over for 14 tries and stamped himself a competent flanker.

Centre Stewart Towler, formerly a lock, slotted well into the three-quarter line according to Jansen.

Five-eighth or halfback Richard Smith was the play-maker and the organiser who rarely had a bad game.

Lock and skipper Grahame Buckley held the side together with his experience. Buckley also spent time in reserve grade.

Second-rowers Brad Perry and

Jim Walsh complemented each other with their styles in the backrow.

Perry, was the tough, hard, second-rower who would hit the ball up with great zest and tackle with vigor.

Walsh was the schemer, the ball player with a clever mind that would set up his supports with a touch of class.

Props Dave Edwards and Richard Clarke also had big years.

The two powerfully built men were a menace to their oppositions.

Hooker Ken Creighton made the most of his limited opportunities.

The underrated forward also made appearances in the second-row and gave his best.

It was a year of achievement for John Jansen.

Other players who contributed to the big year for third grade were Brett Freestone, Michael Lockwood, Mark Loves, and Martin Horwood.

All the players who took part in third grade's march to the grand final are worthy of congratulations.

For 'JJ', he will savor this first year of coaching.

Next year with the competition reverting to an under 23 years grade he hopes to go one better.



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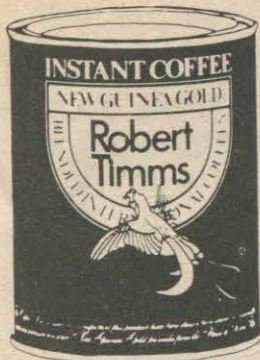
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FIRST GRADE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canterbury	19	—	5	435	237	42
SAINTS	17	—	7	445	289	38
Parramatta	17	—	7	412	260	38
Manly	14	—	10	512	338	32
Souths	13	—	11	333	307	30
Canberra	13	—	11	379	394	30
Penrith	12	1	11	409	401	29
Illawarra	12	—	12	368	388	28
Balmain	12	—	12	380	405	28
Cronulla	10	1	13	446	478	25
Norths	9	1	14	371	447	23
Easts	5	1	18	308	478	15
Wests	1	—	23	244	620	6

RESERVES

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Illawarra	17	2	5	386	270	40
Balmain	17	—	7	535	251	38
Manly	17	—	7	429	293	38
SAINTS	14	1	9	380	324	33
Norths	13	2	9	305	250	32
Easts	12	—	12	429	373	28
Canterbury	10	2	12	314	363	26
Parramatta	10	1	13	299	347	25
Cronulla	10	1	13	327	377	25
Canberra	9	1	14	392	433	23
Wests	9	1	14	340	451	23
Souths	5	3	16	243	403	17
Penrith	5	2	17	239	484	16

THIRD GRADE

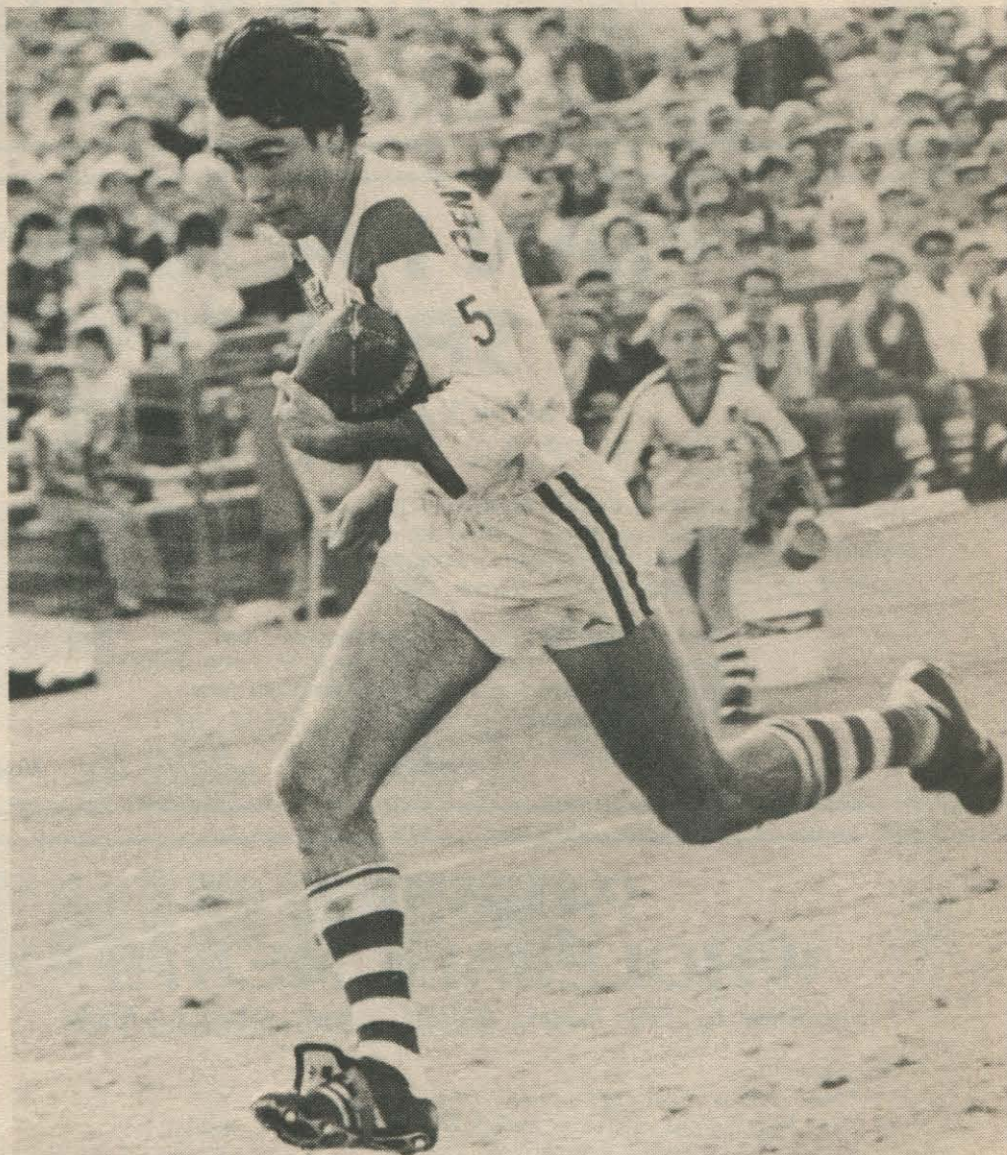
	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St George	17	—	7	503	310	38
Parramatta	16	—	8	449	296	36
Balmain	14	1	9	404	360	33
Canberra	13	1	10	366	311	31
Wests	13	1	10	383	342	31
Penrith	13	—	11	302	258	30
Canterbury	12	1	11	345	342	29
Manly	12	—	12	448	401	28
Norths	12	2	12	372	357	28
Illawarra	10	—	14	292	393	24
Easts	9	1	14	320	464	23
Cronulla	6	3	15	314	474	19
Souths	4	2	18	242	430	14

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	1st2nd	3rd	Tot	
St George	152	99	76	327
Canterbury	168	78	58	304
Parramatta	152	75	72	299
Manly	128	114	56	298
Balmain	112	114	66	292
Illawarra	112	120	48	280
Canberra	120	69	62	251
Norths	92	96	56	244
Penrith	116	48	60	224
Cronulla	100	75	38	213
Souths	120	51	28	199
Easts	60	84	46	190
Wests	24	69	62	155

THE SCORERS

	T	G	FG	Total
S. Gearin	8	84	—	200
B. Wilson	8	55	—	142
M. O'Brien	6	36	1	97
S. Redman	14	8	—	72
S. Morris	17	—	—	68
M. Lockwood	3	24	—	60
S. Rogers	3	18	2	50
S. Linnane	11	—	2	46
G. Duval	10	—	—	40
M. O'Connor	9	—	—	36
D. Edwards	8	—	—	32
S. Funnell	8	—	—	32
M. McClintock	3	9	—	30
R. Jones	7	—	—	28
B. Johnston	6	—	—	24
W. Noke	7	—	—	28
S. Towler	6	—	—	24
D. Heard	2	7	—	22
P. Haddock	5	—	1	21
J. Filita	5	—	—	20
C. Guider	5	—	—	20
C. Johns	5	—	—	20
B. Johnson	5	—	—	20
S. Jones	5	—	—	20
P. Williams	5	—	—	20
M. Beattie	4	—	1	17
P. Fairhall	4	—	1	17
G. Buckley	4	—	—	16
C. Fraser	4	—	—	16
B. Freestone	4	—	—	16
B. Miller	4	—	—	16
G. Newham	4	—	—	16
G. Wynn	4	—	—	16
C. Young	3	—	1	13
K. Duckett	3	—	—	12
P. Jarvis	3	—	—	12
B. Perry	3	—	—	12
R. Smith	3	—	—	12
G. Burgess	2	—	—	8
M. Cannon	1	2	—	8
R. Clarke	2	—	—	8
P. Morris	2	—	—	8
G. O'Grady	2	—	—	8
R. Stone	2	—	—	8
C. Walsh	2	—	—	8
J. Walsh	2	—	—	8
J. Dowling	1	1	—	6
M. Horwood	1	—	—	4
M. Loves	1	—	—	4
R. Powell	1	—	—	4
A. Townsend	1	—	—	4



□ A FLYING Shane Redman. Redman had a big year, scoring 14 tries and eight goals for 72 points.

Summary of First Grade Matches

Opponent	Venue	Result
v PENRITH	Penrith	W 24-10
v SOUTHS	SCG	W 18-10
v CRONULLA	Endeavour	L 20-12
v CANTERBURY	SCG	W 17-8
v NORTHS	North Sydney	L 22-10
v WESTS	Kogarah	W 17-14
v CANBERRA	Kogarah	L 12-8
v PARRAMATTA	Kogarah	W 24-20
v ILLAWARRA	Wollongong	W 20-8
v EASTS	Kogarah	L 20-10
v MANLY	Brookvale	W 18-10
v BALMAIN	Kogarah	W 20-8
v PENRITH	Kogarah	W 40-6
v CANTERBURY	Belmore	L 8-4
v CRONULLA	Kogarah	W 32-22
v SOUTHS	Redfern	W 18-10

v NORTHS	Kogarah	W 18-12
v WESTS	Lidcombe	W 26-7
v CANBERRA	Queanbeyan	W 15-2
v PARRAMATTA	Belmore	L 3-2
v BALMAIN	Leichhardt	W 22-6
v PENRITH	Kogarah	W 29-22
v NEWTOWN	Kogarah	W 36-20
v CANBERRA	Seiffert	W 28-14
v PARRAMATTA	Kogarah	W 32-2

Major Preliminary Semi-final
v PARRAMATTA (SCG) L 22-16

Minor semi-final
v SOUTHS (SCG) W 24-6

Final
v PARRAMATTA L 8-7

First Grade Players' Records

Player	Games	T	G	FG	Pts
P. HADDOCK	27	6	—	1	25
S. MORRIS	27	17	—	—	68
B. JOHNSON	26	6	—	—	24
M. BEATTIE	25	4	—	—	16
P. JARVIS	25	3	—	—	12
S. GEARIN	23	7	81	—	190
R. STONE	23	2	—	—	8
C. WALSH	23	—	—	—	0
G. O'GRADY	21	2	—	—	8
B. JOHNSTON	16	6	—	—	24
C. YOUNG	16	2	—	1	9
C. GUIDER	15	2	—	—	8
C. FRASER	14	3	—	—	12
P. MORRIS	14	1	—	—	4
M. O'CONNOR	10	7	—	—	28

G. WYNN	9	2	—	—	8
S. ROGERS	8	1	13	1	31
R. JONES	7	1	—	—	4
J. DOWLING	6	—	—	—	0
C. JOHNS	6	2	—	—	8
R. POWELL	4	—	—	—	0
S. FUNNELL	2	—	—	—	0
P. WILLIAMS	2	—	—	—	0
G. BURGESS	1	—	—	—	0
G. DUVAL	1	—	—	—	0
J. WALSH	1	1	—	—	4

REPLACEMENTS: W. Noke (6), C. Johns (5), G. Wynn (5), C. Guider (4), M. Horwood (4), M. O'Connor (4), J. Fifita (3), B. Johnston (3), S. Rogers (3), J. Walsh (3), G. Burgess (2), G. Duval (2), C. Fraser (2), S. Funnell (2), R. Powell (2), C. Walsh (2), J. Dowling (1), S. Gearin (1), R. Jones (1), P. Morris (1), G. O'Grady (1), R. Stone (1), P. Williams (1), C. Young (1).

National Panasonic Cup

Player	Games	T	G	FG	Pts
G. Fraser	3	1	—	—	4
C. Guider	3	—	—	—	0
P. Haddock	3	—	—	—	0
B. Johnson	3	—	—	—	0
S. Morris	3	1	—	—	4
R. Stone	3	—	—	—	0
M. Beattie	2	—	—	—	0
S. Gearin	2	2	6	—	20
C. Johns	2	—	—	—	0
B. Johnston	2	1	—	—	4
P. Morris	2	—	—	—	0

G. O'Grady	2	—	—	—	8
R. Powell	2	—	—	—	0
G. Wynn	2	—	—	—	0
G. Buckley	1	—	—	—	0
G. Duval	1	1	—	—	4
S. Funnell	1	1	—	—	4
P. Jarvis	1	—	—	—	0
S. Rogers	1	—	5	—	10

REPLACEMENTS: G. Burgess (1), G. Duval (1), J. Dowling (3), J. Fifita (1), S. Funnell (1), C. Johns (1), W. Noke (1), S. Rogers (1), C. Walsh (1), C. Young (1).

Summary of Reserve Grade Matches

OPPONENT	RESULT
v Penrith	W 16-4
v Souths	D 6-all
v Cronulla	L 20-18
v Canterbury	L 26-14
v Norths	L 22-10
v Wests	W 16-6
v Canberra	W 17-12
v Parramatta	W 22-10
v Illawarra	L 18-10
v Easts	L 20-12
v Manly	L 24-8
v Balmain	L 38-12
v Penrith	W 48-8
v Souths	W 12-4
v Cronulla	W 12-2
v Canterbury	W 18-10
v Norths	L 10-2
v Wests	W 16-8
v Canberra	W 21-18
v Parramatta	W 24-4
v Illawarra	W 16-14
v Easts	W 22-2
v Manly	W 18-14
v Balmain	L 24-10
Minor Semi-final	
v Norths	W 20-6
Minor Semi-final	
v Manly	W 37-8
Final	
v Illawarra	W 10-4
Grand Final	
v Balmain	L 10-8



□ RICHARD SMITH fires out a pass.

Reserve Grade Players' Records

Player	Games	T	G	FG	Pts	D. Edwards	6	—	—	—	0
G. Burgess	23	2	—	—	8	C. Guider	6	2	—	—	8
J. Fifita	20	4	—	—	16	G. Newham	6	1	—	—	4
G. Duval	19	7	—	—	28	G. Wynn	6	3	—	—	12
B. Wilson	18	7	41	—	110	S. Rogers	5	—	4	1	9
S. Jones	17	3	—	—	12	C. Young	4	1	—	—	4
B. Noke	17	7	—	—	28	D. Heard	3	1	—	—	4
S. Funnell	16	7	—	—	28	B. Johnston	3	—	—	—	0
R. Powell	16	1	—	—	4	M. McClintock	3	—	1	—	2
B. Miller	15	3	—	—	12	B. Perry	3	—	—	—	0
C. Johns	14	3	—	—	12	G. O'Grady	2	—	—	—	0
M. O'Brien	14	2	18	—	44	C. Walsh	2	2	—	—	8
J. Dowling	13	1	—	—	4	K. Duckett	1	1	—	—	4
G. Buckley	12	2	—	—	8	S. Gearin	1	1	3	—	10
S. Linnane	11	5	—	—	20	M. Lockwood	1	—	—	—	0
P. Fairhall	10	5	—	1	21	M. Massone	1	—	—	—	0
P. Williams	10	1	—	—	4	S. Redman	1	—	—	—	0
R. Jones	9	1	—	—	4	R. Stone	1	—	—	—	0
M. O'Connor	9	2	—	—	8	S. Towler	1	1	—	—	4
J. Walsh	9	—	—	—	0						
C. Fraser	8	—	—	—	0						
P. Morris	8	1	—	—	4						
R. Smith	8	—	—	—	0						
M. Horwood	7	1	—	—	4						
R. Clarke	6	1	—	—	4						

REPLACEMENTS: B. Perry (13), J. Walsh (8), B. Noke (6), S. Funnell (5), G. Buckley (4), B. Freestone (4), R. Jones (4), S. Linnane (4), K. Duckett (3), R. Smith (3), P. Williams (3), P. Bresnahan (2), R. Clarke (2), J. Dowling (2), C. Fraser (2), M. Horwood (2), C. Johns (2), S. Jones (2), G. Newham (2), G. O'Grady (2), G. Duval (1), D. Edwards (1), J. Fifita (1), C. Guider (1), D. Heard (1), M. Lockwood (1), M. McClintock (1), G. Napper (1), M. O'Brien (1), S. Towler (1).

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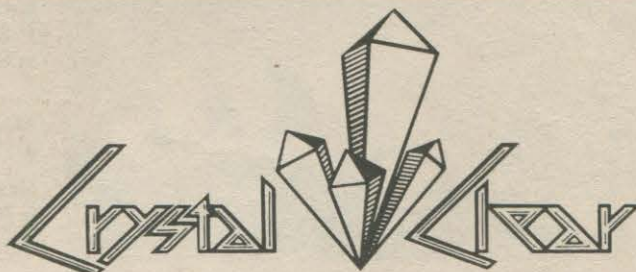
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Summary of Third Grade Matches



□ MICHAEL McCLINTOCK goes over for one of his three third grade tries.

OPPONENT	RESULT
v Penrith	L 7-6
v Souths	W 22-0
v Cronulla	L 26-10
v Canterbury	W 16-12
v Norths	W 18-16
v Wests	L 14-10
v Canberra	W 13-6
v Parramatta	W 26-14
v Illawarra	W 16-6
v Easts	W 24-16
v Manly	W 24-8
v Balmain	W 30-22
v Penrith	L 26-11
v Souths	W 20-10
v Cronulla	W 36-12
v Canterbury	W 31-10
v Norths	W 30-16
v Wests	L 26-16
v Canberra	L 19-10
v Parramatta	W 16-8
v Illawarra	W 56-6
v Easts	W 32-8
v Manly	W 22-7
v Balmain	L 15-8

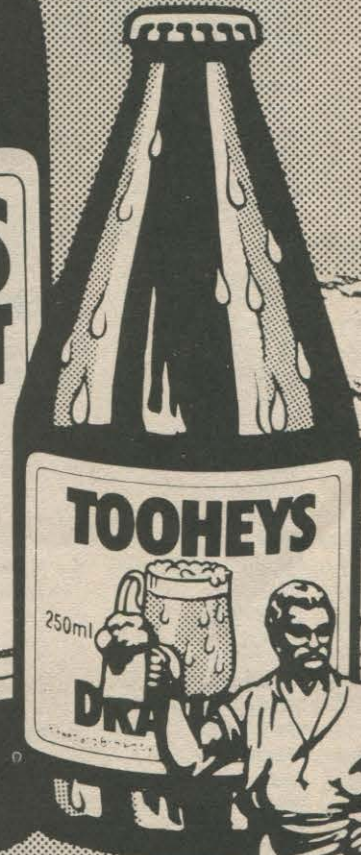
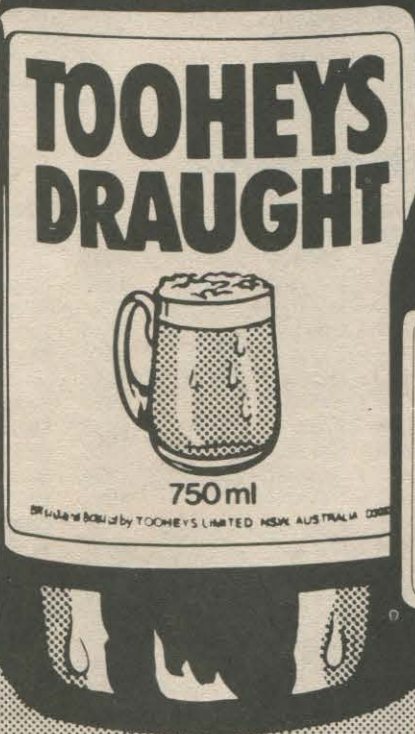
Major Semi-final v Parramatta	W 20-6
Grand Final v Parramatta	L 10-9

Third Grade Players' Records

Player	Games	T	G	FG	Pts
M. Lockwood	21	3	24	—	60
B. Perry	21	3	—	—	12
B. Freestone	20	3	—	—	12
S. Redman	20	13	9	—	70
D. Edwards	18	8	—	—	32
D. Heard	17	—	7	—	14
R. Smith	15	3	—	—	12
S. Linnane	14	7	—	2	30
R. Clarke	13	1	—	—	4
J. Walsh	12	1	—	—	4
P. Williams	11	4	—	—	16
K. Duckett	10	2	—	—	8
R. Jones	10	5	—	—	20
M. O'Brien	10	4	16	1	49
S. Towler	10	5	—	—	20
P. Bresnahan	8	—	—	—	0
G. Buckley	8	3	—	—	12
K. Creighton	8	—	—	—	0
J. Dowling	8	—	1	—	2
M. McClintock	7	3	9	—	30
B. Miller	7	1	—	—	4
B. Noke	7	1	—	—	4
S. Funnell	6	1	—	—	4
M. Horwood	6	—	—	—	0
S. Jones	6	2	—	—	8
B. Wilson	6	2	13	—	34
L. Doulman	5	—	—	—	0
G. Duval	5	3	—	—	12
G. Napper	5	—	—	—	0
C. Johns	4	1	—	—	4
M. Loves	4	1	—	—	4
C. Guider	3	1	—	—	4
G. Newham	3	2	—	—	8
M. Cannon	2	1	2	—	8
J. Fifita	2	1	—	—	4
C. Fraser	2	1	—	—	4
G. O'Grady	2	—	—	—	0
M. O'Connor	2	—	—	—	0
S. Rogers	2	2	1	—	10
T. Townsend	2	1	—	—	4
M. Wheeler	1	—	—	—	0
G. Wynn	1	1	—	—	4

REPLACEMENTS: T. Townsend (9), K. Creighton (8), M. Massone (7), M. Horwood (6), G. Napper (6), M. Wheeler (6), M. Loves (5), P. Bresnahan (4), L. Doulman (4), R. Clarke (3), M. McClintock (3), R. Smith (3), G. Buckley (2), B. Freestone (2), D. Heard (2), S. Linnane (2), S. Murphy (2), S. Redman (2), J. Fifita (1), S. Funnell (1), M. Lockwood (1), W. Morrison (1), G. Newham (1), B. Perry (1), G. Wynn (1).

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1916 - Balmain	Souths
1917 - Balmain	Souths
1918 - Souths	West
1919 - Balmain	East
1920 - Balmain	Souths
1921 - Norths	Glebe
1922 - Norths	East
1923 - Easts	Souths
1924 - Balmain	Souths
1925 - Souths	West
1926 - Souths	University
1927 - Souths	St George
1928 - Souths	East
1929 - Souths	Newtown
1930 - West	St George
1931 - Souths	East
1932 - Souths	East
1933 - Newtown	West
1934 - West	St George
1935 - East	South
1936 - East	Balmain
1937 - East	Souths, St George (tie)
1938 - Canterbury	East
1939 - Balmain	South
1940 - East	Canterbury
1941 - St George	East
1942 - Canterbury	St George
1943 - Newtown	North
1944 - Balmain	Newtown
1945 - East	Balmain
1946 - Balmain	St George
1947 - Balmain	Canterbury
1948 - West	Balmain
1949 - St George	South
1950 - South Sydney	West
1951 - South	Manly
1952 - West	South
1953 - South	St George
1954 - South	Newtown
1955 - South	Newtown
1956 - St George	Balmain
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1958 - St George	West
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1970 - South	Manly
1971 - South	St George
1972 - Manly	East
1973 - Manly	Cronulla
1974 - East	Canterbury
1975 - East	St George
1976 - Manly	Parramatta

RUNNERS-UP

1977 - St George
 1978 - Manly-Warringah
 1979 - St George
 1980 - Canterbury
 1981 - Parramatta
 1982 - Parramatta
 1983 - Parramatta
 1984 - Canterbury

Parramatta
 Cronulla
 Canterbury
 Easts
 Newtown
 Manly
 Manly
 Parramatta

RESERVE GRADE

1908 - Easts
 1909 - Easts
 1910 - Easts
 1911 - Glebe
 1912 - Glebe
 1913 - Souths
 1914 - Souths
 1915 - Balmain
 1916 - Balmain
 1917 - Souths
 1918 - Glebe
 1919 - Glebe
 1920 - Glebe
 1921 - Glebe
 1922 - Newtown
 1923 - Souths
 1924 - Souths
 1925 - Souths
 1926 - Souths
 1927 - Souths
 1928 - Balmain
 1929 - Souths
 1930 - Balmain
 1931 - Souths
 1932 - Souths
 1933 - Balmain

1934 - Souths
 1935 - Easts
 1936 - Wests
 1937 - Easts
 1938 - St George
 1939 - Canterbury
 1940 - Norths
 1941 - Balmain
 1942 - Norths
 1943 - Norths
 1944 - Balmain
 1945 - Souths
 1946 - Balmain
 1947 - Newtown
 1948 - Newtown
 1949 - Easts
 1950 - Balmain
 1951 - Newtown
 1952 - Souths
 1953 - Souths
 1954 - Manly
 1955 - Norths
 1956 - Souths
 1957 - Balmain
 1958 - Balmain
 1959 - Norths

1960 - Manly
 1961 - Wests
 1962 - St George
 1963 - St George
 1964 - St George
 1965 - Balmain
 1966 - Souths
 1967 - Balmain
 1968 - Souths
 1969 - Manly
 1970 - Newtown
 1971 - Canterbury
 1972 - Canterbury
 1973 - Manly
 1974 - Newtown
 1975 - Parramatta
 1976 - St George
 1977 - Parramatta
 1978 - Balmain
 1979 - Parramatta
 1980 - Canterbury
 1981 - Wests
 1982 - Balmain
 1983 - Souths
 1984 - Balmain

THIRD GRADE

1908 - Sydney
 1909 - Sth Sydney
 1910 - Sydney
 1911 - Leichhardt
 1912 - Souths
 1913 - Sth Sydney
 1914 - Easts
 1915 - Balmain
 1916 - Balmain
 1917 - Easts
 1918 - Souths
 1919 - Balmain
 1920 - Newtown
 1921 - Mascot
 1922 - Mascot
 1923 - Kensington
 1924 - Easts
 1925 - Souths
 1926 - Balmain
 1927 - Glebe
 1928 - Souths
 1929 - Easts
 1930 - Easts
 1931 - Easts
 1932 - Easts
 1933 - Souths
 1934 - Balmain
 1935 - Newtown
 1936 - Wests
 1937 - Norths
 1938 - Wests
 1939 - Wests
 1940 - St George
 1941 - Easts
 1942 - St George

1943 - Newtown
 1944 - Wests
 1945 - Norths
 1946 - Norths
 1947 - Easts
 1948 - Balmain
 1949 - St George
 1950 - Balmain
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 1953 - St George
 1954 - Balmain
 1955 - Balmain
 1956 - Balmain
 1957 - St George
 1958 - Wests
 1959 - Norths
 1960 - Balmain
 1961 - Wests
 1962 - Souths
 1963 - St George
 1964 - Parramatta
 1965 - St George
 1966 - St George
 1967 - Wests
 1968 - Balmain
 1969 - Souths
 1970 - Easts
 1971 - Canterbury
 1972 - St George
 1973 - Balmain*
 1974 - St George*
 1975 - Cronulla*
 1976 - Easts*
 1977 - Wests*

1978 - Penrith*
 1979 - Parramatta*
 1980 - Parramatta*
 1981 - Souths*
 1982 - Balmain
 1983 - St George
 1984 - Parramatta
 * Under-23 Competition

AMCO CUP

1974 - Western Division
 1975 - Easts
 1976 - Balmain
 1977 - Wests
 1978 - Easts
 1979 - Cronulla

TOOTH CUP

1980 - Parramatta
 1981 - Souths

KB CUP

1982 - Manly
 1983 - Manly

NATIONAL PANASONIC CUP

1984 - Brisbane

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Balmain	— 1941, 1943, 1944, 1947, 1950	5
Canberra	—	0
Canterbury	— 1938, 1939	2
Cronulla	—	0
East	— 1930, 1931, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1945, 1970, 1974, 1975	10
Illawarra	—	0
Manly	— 1972, 1983	2
Newtown	— 1973	1
Parramatta	— 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982	7
Penrith	—	0
Souths	— 1932, 1933, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1967, 1968, 1969	8
St George	— 1940, 1942, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1971, 1984	17
West	— 1948, 1960, 1961	3

PRE-SEASON CUP

1962	- Canterbury
1963	- St George
1964	- St George
1965	- St George
1966	- Souths
1967	- Balmain
1968	- Penrith
1969	- Souths
1970	- Canterbury
1971	- St George
1972	- Souths
1973	- Newtown
1974	- Easts
1975	- Parramatta
1976	- Balmain
1977	- Easts
1978	- Souths
1979	- Easts
1980	- Manly

RECORD OF SERVICE

The following is a list of players who have participated in 50 or more premierships competition games and also of players during the 1984 season.

Smith, W	297	Pollard, B	125	Sams, G	87	McCoy, M	66	Manstead, A	55
Provan, N	283	Jones, N	124	McRitchie, A	86	Smith, N	66	Ryan, F	55
Stone, R	256	Branson, A	123	Strudwick, R	86	Tycehurst, P	65	Smith, A	55
Beath, B	236	Ryan, K	123	Handley, L	85	Boatswain, M	65	Cullen, Peter	54
Reddy, R	235	Carr, G	122	Kelly, K	85	Flower, J	65	Lynch, J	54
Langlands, G	232	Mills, P	122	Tippling, N	85	Hill, N	65	McRitchie, W	54
Starkey, B	231	Wynn, G	122	Eden, H	84	McKean, A	65	Ryan, T	54
King, J	215	Gilbert, H Jnr	121	Morley, L	84	Slade, B	65	Sadler, A	54
Wilson, W	212	Traynor, A	120	Yelavich, A	83	Smith, R	65	Simmons, G	54
Kelly, L	205	Toga, I	119	Hart, G	82	Gilmore, H	65	Williams, A	54
Clay, B	200	Root, S	118	Hawthorne, P	82	Morris, J	64	Banks, B	53
Edge, S	193	Flower, H	117	Kelly, A	82	Burgess, G	63	Hinton, M	53
Raper, J	186	Haywood, T	117	Mort, E	82	O'Sullivan, A	63	McSorley, P	53
Sorridimi, M	185	Franklin, S	116	Walsh, J	82	Robinson, F	63	Taylor, G	53
Lindwall, J	182	Beattie, M	115	Lees, M	81	McGrath, W	63	Wittenberg, J	53
Brown, K	179	Glossop, E	115	Munn, J	81	Martin, Mark	62	Cook, N	52
Porter, M	179	Brandley, D	113	O'Brien, K	81	Neal, K	62	Dent, N	52
Graham, B	177	Murray, J	113	Ward, G	81	Bath, H	61	Roberts, R	52
Maddison, K	177	Ryan, T	113	McCormack, J	80	Kearney, K	61	Banks, C	51
Jansen, J	176	Hale, J	111	O'Brien, M	80	Gilbert, J	61	Black, P	51
Jarvis, P	175	Stathers, J Jnr	110	Pullen, G	80	Hemsworth, K	61	Bretton, P	51
Shulman, M	170	Ferguson, R	108	McDonnell, N	79	Orrock, B	61	Kincineia, D	51
Fleming, D	169	Butler, R	108	Powell, R	79	Jardine, G	61	McGregor, R	51
Armstrong, P	164	Pidding, N	103	Breadon, R	78	Allen, T	60	Struthbury, P	51
Cox, R	164	Rice, C	103	Brierley, J	78	Murray, E	60	Chivers, T	50
Lumsden, E	164	Toga, A	103	Drake, L	78	O'Sullivan, K	60	Flood, J	50
Finch, R	159	Byrne, C	102	Grinham, A	78	Pomfret, L	60	Greaves, J	50
Fairall, P	155	Kenyon, J	102	Harmey, K	78	Sharp, J	60	Hasson, R	50
Rasmussen, C	154	Saunders, F	102	Hopkinson, R	78	Bonn, R	59	Lapham, S	50
Kearney, K	153	Wood, E	102	James, B	78	Cocking, A	59	Norwood, B	50
Young, C	153	Hardman, W	101	Martin, M	78	Cox, A	59	Passfield, B	50
Bramley, C	150	Killiby, W	101	Pert, B	78	Dean, G	59	Provan, I	50
Evans, G	150	McAndrew, A	101	Lindwall, R	77	Gibson, P	59	Ruthven, D	50
Justice, A	150	Walsh, I	101	McEvan, A	77	Healey, R	59	Fitzpatrick, B	50
Johnson, B	149	Woods, A	101	O'Bryan, D	77	Hulbert, B	59	O'Grady, G	50
Bowen, G	148	Bird, J	99	Jones, R	76	Morris, H	59	Gearin, S	49
Rasmussen, E	146	Jones, S	99	Campbell, O	75	McIntyre, J	59	Miller, B	48
Chapman, J	145	Riley, J	98	Facer, F	75	Barge, R	58	O'Connor, M	46
Morris, S	145	Ross, D	98	Fairhall, P	75	Cannon, M	58	McClintock, M	33
Preston, D	145	Berlyn, S	97	Walton, E	75	Kember, H	58	Horwood, M	32
Gasnier, R	143	McRitchie, D	97	Bowen, G	74	Rutherford, J	58	Rogers, S	32
Maddison, Ken	143	Shadlow, N	97	Fitzgerald, J	73	Walsh, C	58	Redman, S	31
Trudgett, T	143	Cox, B	96	Henzjak, I	73	Wilson, K	58	Johns, C	28
Dowling, J	142	Gardiner, F Jnr	95	Norton, B	73	Yeomans, W	58	Duval, G	27
Grant, G	142	McKenzie, K	95	Polychrome, L	72	Brenton, A	57	Haddock, P	27
Quinn, G	142	Fraser, C	94	Souter, G	71	Brown, D	57	Linnane, S	25
Hole, K	140	Glenn, K	93	Pratt, R	70	Chambers, D	57	Bresnahan, P	24
Bugden, R	139	Huddart, R	93	Evans, L	69	Dickenson, P	57	Edwards, D	24
Goodwin, E	138	Johnston, B	93	Fanning, T	69	Guest, L	57	Funnell, S	24
Carroll, P	137	Provan, P	93	Fielder, R	69	Hawke, L	57	Guider, C	24
Melville, H	137	Carstairs, G	92	Smith, R	69	Hutchinson, M	57	Perry, B	24
Buchanan, B	136	Clapham, R	92	Walker, D	69	McHugh, E	57	Williams, P	23
Gorton, S	135	Gardiner, F	92	Foord, G	69	Montgomery, G	57	Creighton, K	22
Weekes, G	135	Tye, C	92	Gourley, R	67	Morley, L	57	Fifita, J	22
Bailey, J	133	Newham, G	91	Harris, A	67	O'Neill, G	57	Lockwood, M	22
Birks, R	133	Hancock, A	90	Hurworth, S	67	Pinfold, M	57	Morris, P	22
Fitzgerald, P	133	Henderson, W	90	Lapham, E	67	Sands, T	57	Freestone, B	20
Kite, R	130	Turner, G	90	McNamara, W	67	Sutherland, C	57	Heard, D	20
Williams, P	128	McConage, N	89	Noke, W	67	Henderson, B	56	Clarke, R	19
Bell, J	127	Shuman, R	89	Quirk, A	67	Pierce, B	56	Duckett, K	11
Killiby, T	127	Wilson, B	89	Fitzpatrick, G	66	Adams, S	55	Towler, S	11
McDonald, K	126	Graham, P	87	Fleming, N	66	Brennan, M	55	Doulman, L	5
Summerell, W	126	Miller, G	87	French, J	66	Anthony, B	55	Napper, G	5
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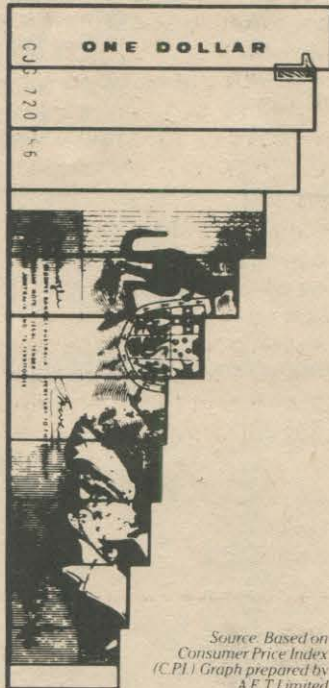
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The Secretary's Report

By St George District Rugby League
Secretary John Fleming

At the start of the season Roy Masters said there was a buzz at St George.

How right he was. And that buzz continued right through the season.

There was a great spirit in the club.

And that spirit just kept coming all year.

First grade showed us what determination is all about in their one point final loss to Parramatta.

They stuck to their jobs despite everything Paramatta could throw at them.

But fate deserted us just two minutes before fulltime.

It was one of the most courageous displays I have ever seen from this club.

Roy Masters and his players cannot be praised highly enough for their efforts on the day.

They deserved to be in the grand final.

Our lower grades were there, but again luck wasn't with us.

Reserves battled their way strongly from fourth spot to make the premiership play-off, only to go down by two points.

Thirds were minor premiers, but they slipped by just one point in the grand final.

Our last two days on the paddock were very sad indeed.

I would like to thank our premier sponsor Penfolds.

A little more luck and a lot of Minchinbury would have been consumed out Kogarah way in September.

I would also like to thank all of our major and minor sponsors.

I hope they all enjoyed sharing in a great year of football.

1984 also saw the appointment of Barry Rogers as our marketing manager.

Barry came from the Sydney Swans and brought with him innovative ideas not seen before in Rugby League.

His appointment and his efforts during the year were successful.

Thank you to all of our supporters. Our fans are the backbone of the club. Without your help we cannot exist.

I hope St George gave you something to be proud of in 1984.

John Fleming
Secretary

The President's Message

By St George District Rugby League
President Danny Robinson

The 1984 season has been a most successful one for St George. We did not win a premiership, however, we did win the Club Championship and achieved grand final spots with the Reserve and Third Grade teams. The First Grade having been beaten by one point in that memorable final against Parramatta. Indeed the three grades lost their final matches by a total of four points.

The Club is very proud of all the players who played this year. They played with great spirit and determination and were a true example of the tradition that has made St George famous.

Congratulations are extended to the coaches, Roy Masters, John Bailey and John Jansen. They worked very hard during the season and are largely responsible for the cultivation of the local talent which has played such a big part in the success of the Club this year.

This year the Club sought to promote itself in two areas. One was in the commercial area where sponsorship plays such an important part of Rugby League today. With the appointment of a full time Marketing Manager, Mr Barry Rogers, this has been an outstanding success. The second area is the

communication and involvement of supporters and with the formation of the Supporters Club and the organisation of many Club functions, the Club and its supporters have been brought closer together.

The appointment of Colin Fraser as full time Development Officer has ensured that more Rugby League interest within the Primary Schools has been developed. This is, of course, most important for the future of the game in our district.

Congratulations are extended to the Junior League on their success during the year and on the manner in which they have administered their competition.

Our sincere thanks go to the many sponsors who have been associated with us this year and in particular the St George League's Club who have assisted so much.

To all the people who have worked for the Club in any way and to all the people who have supported the Club during the year I would like to thank you and look forward to our continued association in 1985.

Danny Robinson
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* BURT, J. H.	1939
* MOYMOW, A. V.	1941
* KILLIBY, T.	1942
* BROWN, R.	1944
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* JUSTICE, A. J.	1944
* MOSGRIDGE, J. R.	1947
* ROSS, D.	1948
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* SADLIER, W.	1951
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* WALES, B.P.	1954
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* SUMMERELL, W.	1961
MACKIE, A. I. MBE	1962
MAHER, H. C.	1963
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CLAY, B.	1967
ELLWOOD, J	1968
LUMSDEN, E.	1969
RAPER, J MBE	1971
GARDNER, F. H.	1972
LANGLANDS, G. MBE	1973
SMITH, W.	1973
PALMER, I	1974
BEATH, B.	1976
FLEMING, J.	1980
REDDY, R.	1981
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RYDER, D.	1982

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St George District Rugby League Football Club

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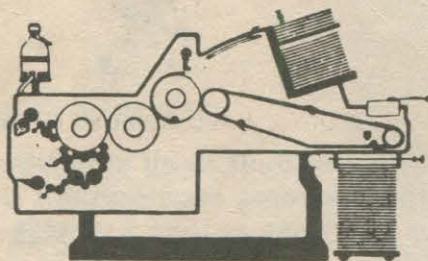
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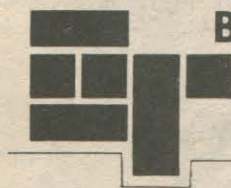
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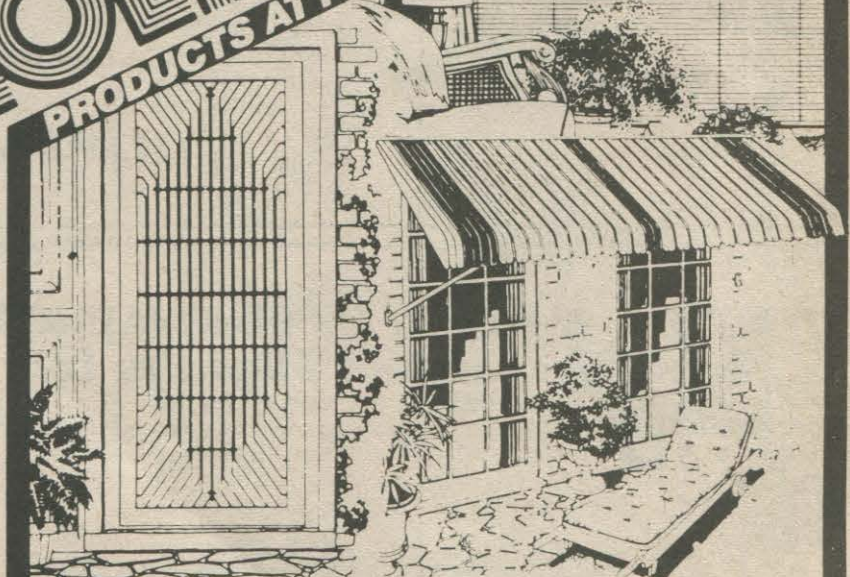
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This season was another resounding success for the St George Junior League with 100 teams entered in competition that catered for 1797 players, an increase on 1983.

It was necessary to combine teams in three age groups with Cronulla/Sutherland Junior League and this move was once again successful in providing football of high standard at all levels.

The grades amalgamated were, U/17s, U/16s, 15A and 15B with each district controlling two competitions.

The competitions, from U/7 to A grade, were keenly contested and all participants enjoyed their involvement.

On the representative football scene, St George was runner-up in the Col Mills Memorial Club Championship, missing out narrowly, by three points, from Canterbury-Bankstown.

Our S. G. Ball team won the premiership defeating the previously undefeated Parramatta team 18-16, in a most exciting final at Leichhardt Oval.

The Jersey Flegg team failed to qualify for the semi-finals when they were narrowly defeated, in the last round, 11-10 by Penrith.

This team showed an enor-

mous amount of ability with several fine wins.

The President's Cup side played their semi-final against North Sydney at the Sydney Cricket Ground as a curtain raiser to the first Test between Australia and Great Britain.

Unfortunately Norths defeated us in the last minutes of the match, 20-16.

The Matthew's Cup team (U/14) visited Wollongong for their knockout carnival.

They were eliminated in the second round.

Thanks to the hard-working officials of this team, and for the second time, a tour of New Zealand was organised for the team.

They won two of the three matches they played and from all reports had a wonderful tour.

From these teams we provided more players for the graded ranks.

Kevin Duckett, Stewart Towler, Malcolm Wheeler, Wayne Morrison and Nick Zouroudis were called up to cover vacancies.

At the presentation night, the best player awards, donated by Ian Palmer Sports Store, Rockdale, were announced.

The worthy winners are: Wayne Morrison (Renown), President's Cup; Jeffrey Hardy

(Kyeemagh), Jersey Flegg; and Anthony Totten (ICC), S. G. Ball.

There were about 3000 present at the presentation night where the senior club championship trophy was presented to Peakhurst Junior Rugby League Club.

Arncliffe Scots was the Junior Club champion for the seventh year.

We must give praise to the loyal band of officials who work to make the junior league function and look forward to their assistance again in 1985.

Finally, the senior grades were fortunate to have sponsorship for Man of the Match trophies from seven local TAB agents.

The involvement of the agents from Allawah, Beverly Hills, Carlton, Mortdale, Peakhurst, Penshurst and South Hurstville, adds tremendously to the promotion of the grand finals and each winner was presented with their trophy by a representative from each of the agencies.

Winners were: A grade - Rod McPherson (St George Rowers); B grade - Graeme Bradley (Kyeemagh); C grade - John Desfosses (St George Rowers); and U/16 - Rod Fisher (DLS Caringbah).

Allawah

Allawah Junior League Club fielded three teams this year, A, B, and D grade. B. Grade made the semi-finals and finished fourth.

The club wishes to thank the patron of the club Mr. Robert Keys, who is the publican at Allawah Hotel, for his support

The club also wishes to thank its sponsor Newmans Car dealer at Kogarah, who supplied a bus to carry its supporters and players to and from the matches.

The club improved immensley this year from previous seasons and will be a force to be reckoned with next year.

Peakhurst

Peakhurst Hawks and Peakhurst Juniors amalgamated this year and fielded 13 teams.

Of the 13 teams, U/7s and B grade made the semi-finals, U/8 and U/17 made the finals.

The club was the senior club champions and had representatives in the S. G. Ball, Flegg Cup and President Cup sides.

Graham Host, Adam Warren, Dominic Cappuzzi and Matthew Waite represented the club in the S. G. Ball side, while Dean Ponting represented in Flegg and Tony Baillie was the captain of the President's Cup side.

Tony Baillie also coached the under seven side that reached the semis.

The Club was sponsored by Glendale Chemicals and owes this year's success to the efficient ladies auxiliary.

The team will change its colors next year.

Earlwood Saints

Earlwood Saints JRLFC fielded 11 teams in the '84 premiership with the U/10s ending the year on a high note for the club.

The club which was established in 1965 when one team competed in the Newtown District competition, has come a long way with 11 teams now playing in the St George competition.

All teams from U/7s through to A grade, performed with credit, especially the U/12s who where beaten

8-4 by Arncliffe Scots in the grand final and of course the U/10s who gave an exceptional performance to defeat Kingsgrove Colts 16-0, to take the premiership.

From the U/14s, Dean Connor, was the first Earlwood Saints junior to be selected on the St. George representative scene.

Connor played in the Harold Matthews Cup team.

The achievements of the club and the spirit members of our junior league teams show, give the committee every reason to look forward to next season, when we should bring home more premiership wins.

Hurstville United

This year was a year of fortune for Hurstville United because we fielded two junior teams, U/7s and U/8s, as well as our accomplished A grade side.

Our results this year were very pleasing from a committee point of view, in having two sides making the grand finals; these being the U/7s and A grade.

Even though they both lost, they lost to better drilled sides on the day.

The U/8s just missed out on the semi-finals after giving the more fancied rivals a troublesome year.

To our coaching staff of Harold Rumford - A grade; Des Gardiner U/8s; and Gary Manus U/7s; thank you on a fine effort in moulding these sides together.

To my committee, thank you especially president Alan McPhillips and treasurer Vern Grant, on their total dedication to this club.

And thank you to the organisations that support us financially, Birkhill Financial Services, Barters Travel, Shanney's Hotel Hurstville and Stallions Hotel Hurstville.

Kyeemagh JRLFC

Kyeemagh JRLFC entered three teams in the 1984 junior rugby league competition with the U/15s semi-finalists, C grade finalists and B grade premier.

The season has been a very successful one for the club, both on the field and financially.

After suffering the setback of the demolition of Brighton Hotel, at the

time the only source of gaining revenue, we came through with flying colors.

It seemed the club was on borrowed time, but for the foresight of one of our committeemen, who had been involved in negotiations with the manager of the Sans Souci Hotel in relation to the use of the hotel for raffles, the club survived.

The 15B side was narrowly beaten 10-8 in their semi-final and C grade went on to play the final, only to be beaten in the last minute of play, 6-4.

B grade had an outstanding year winning the competition, rounding off a superb year for the club.

The side was only beaten once during the year, giving the club our first minor premier and premier, since the club's inception.

Kyeemagh JRLFC will be an even stronger club next year, having been approached by several contacts to adopt younger sides, with the district league being the ultimate beneficiary.

A special mention must go to my committee colleagues because, without their dedication, this club would have folded many years ago.

Penshurst RSL

Penshurst RSL fielded eight teams this year, four of which made it through to the grand final.

The U/7s and U/10s made it to the semis, but it was the U/11s, 9s, 15s, and 16s that held the club flag.

Both the under 9s and under 15s won their respective competitions with the under 11s losing to Arncliffe Scots in the grand final.

The only teams that did not reach the semis were the A and B grade sides.

We had 12 reps among our ranks, they were: Jason Cottell, Brent Connelly, Mark Ladler, Andrew Holler and Rodney Wools (S. G. Ball); Kevin Duckett, Shane Flanagan, Peter O'Sullivan, Anthony Barnes, Jeff Mannering, Wayne Harvey and Glen Thompson (C) (President's Cup).

Let's hope that these young stars end up as good as former Penshurst boy Chris Johns.

Once again we would like to thank our sponsors, Galic Real Estate, Rockdale, B grade; Penshurst News, under 10; Cummings Joinery, under 15s; and RGB Constructions, under 11s.

Let's hope next year will be as successful as this one.

Our annual meeting will be held at the Penshurst RSL on October 31.



□ PREMIERS ... St George Rowers' C grade team.

St George Rowers

This season certainly proved to be the year the Saints came marching in, not only has the district been highly successful, but also the red and white of a different kind - The St George Rowers.

In winning the under 19 (C grade) premiership, and also taking out the A grade title, the Rowers capped an outstanding season, as this was the first year in their respective competitions and the first time since the mid 70s that the Rowing Club had fielded three teams.

The A grade team was a worthy winner of the '84 competition.

Minor premier and premier, its ascendancy and superiority was clear from midway through the first round when they really hit their straps.

Injuries disrupted the side for the greater part of the season and it is a tribute to the perseverance and talent of all 20 players that Rowers continued to ride high.

The side competed in the Aristocrat Cup for A grade sides throughout NSW early in the year and

although defeated in the first round performed creditably.

The season began in mid February with small numbers in attendance at training.

The side was coached by Norm Beves, who has now been successful with every side he has coached in the St George junior league.

They were superbly managed by Mario Mivabitun, with Garry Brown the conditioner.

The team scored 380 points during the season and had only 150 scored against them.

Here was a side thrown together in February, many of its members meeting each other for the first time and who, by August, had proved themselves to be the champion A grade side in the competition which provided stern opposition.

The team was committed on defence and convinced that defence and team spirit would pave the way for competition victory.

They were led by Malcolm Burke. The grand final scoreline read 20-4 in favor of the Rowers, which reflected the superiority of this well drilled and finely tuned team.

The C grade 13-6 grand final win over Kingsgrove Colts was also the first time a team from Rowers had

won a premiership.

Led by captain, Mark Trott, C grade sat on top of the competition table all season before faltering in the last round, resulting in the minor premiership going to Kingsgrove Colts.

Over the years the Rowers have provided several first grade players such as Steve Edge, current reserve grade coach John Bailey and former first grade captain Steve Hurworth.

In this year's President's Cup side Stewart Towler, Nick Zouroudis and Kevin Duckett came from Rower ranks.

Towler and Duckett are currently playing in Saints' third grade side and have impressed with their outstanding displays.

Unfortunately Zouroudis was unable to play with thirds after being graded because of injury at his first training run.

Our B grade had to struggle all year because of a glut of injuries, but still showed the true spirit of the club.

We would sincerely wish to thank Bill McKay from Parry's Mazda, Arncliffe for sponsoring us in the 1984 season, without his help it would have been very difficult to achieve what we did.

Kingsgrove Colts

Of the 11 teams we fielded in 1984, there were seven semi-finalists with four progressing to the grand final.

Our 15B team was successful in taking out the combined St George-/Cronulla Sutherland competition.

This was a fine effort by the boys and I'm sure very rewarding for the efforts of coach, Alan McIntosh and manager Peter Nish.

The most pleasing aspect of the season was the introduction of the under seven mini-league competition in which our team performed well after picking up the fundamentals of the game.

Although they narrowly missed out on a semi-final berth, the boys can be proud of their performance and as junior teams are the basis of a successful club, Colts can look forward to further success in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players, coaches, managers, selectors and generally all who assisted with ground duties, social functions and fund raising activities throughout the year.

A special thank you to our major sponsors; Kingsgrove RSL (five teams) and Sullivan's Transport (U/12s), because without their generous help, it is doubtful whether our club could successfully promote rugby league to the youth of the Kingsgrove area.

Plenty of enthusiasm from all is what is required to make 1985 an even bigger year for Kingsgrove.

Brighton Seagulls

Brighton Seagulls have never failed to bring home at least one premiership win in a season and this season was no different.

Brighton fielded 11 teams, six making the semi-finals.

They were U/8, 9, 12, 14, 15 and 19s.

The teams that went on with the job were the under 8 and under 15 sides.

The Under 8s came from the elimination semi-final to go all the way and defeat Arncliffe Scots 20-16 in the grand final.

After being minor premiers by six points, the Under 14s lost their grand final 10-4 to Arncliffe Scots.

But the day before, the team had to



□ Kingsgrove Colts U/7 mini-league team ... beginning a new era.

play their final against ICC which they won 22-6.

It was a great effort to back up and play so well in the grand final.

Congratulations must also be given to Scott Thompson who played his 200th game for Brighton this year, this is a great achievement for any league player.

Sponsors to thank are the Auction Centre, Gray's Diving Service, Rockdale and the parents of the under 11 side who sponsored the side for \$500.

The secretary, Mrs Margaret Blackman and president, Mr Bruce Hartley thank everyone who helped the club this season.

The 1985 season looks bright for Seagulls.

Referees Association

St George District Referees Association again enjoyed a very successful season although we were short of active referees.

This shortage put our referees under extreme pressure, with some having to referee up to nine matches every round.

To their credit, the referees backed up each weekend and the association is very proud of these men.

We were again involved in the NSW RFL representative series and our referees appointed for this series were: Robert Mayell, Stephen Whyte, Phil Breen, Ross Smith and Greg Tunks.

All these young referees adapted themselves well.

On the local scene, the A grade grand final was controlled by Robert Mayell who joined our association as a schoolboy referee.

Robert gained the honor of refereeing this grand final because of his dedication throughout his years as a referee.

The B grade grand final was handled by Phil Breen, while Mick Grady had control of the U/19 matches.

John Gocher had the honor at the start of the year of controlling the international matches between Great Britain and France.

Our president, Keith Page, was the first Australian referee appointed to an international match overseas and we are very honored that another member of our association has achieved this honor.

We congratulate the St. George Junior League on once again conducting an excellent competition and we thank their members for the friendship and help throughout the year.

Our association hopes that any person wishing to become a qualified referee would contact either myself or another member (524-2365) and we will arrange coaching so you can gain your ticket.

Thank you to Peerless Industries, of Marrickville, for their support in the way of sponsorship during the year.

St George referees hope to be a bigger and stronger association in 1985.

St. Joseph's Riverwood

St. Joseph's Riverwood, entered three teams in a mini-league series conducted by the St. Joseph's Convent Schools Association this year, with one title winner and two semi-finalists, resulting.

The matches were played at Cleampton Park, Kingsgrove on Saturday mornings.

Our first team, 1 (4.6) was minor premier and premier in a competition of seven teams.

The second team, 2 (4.7) came third as a result of losing the major semi-final.

Our third team, 4 (4.9) also came third in a competition comprising of five teams.

The Canterbury District Association, which is a member of the combined districts St Joseph's Association, conducted a one day carnival this year at Endeavour Field, Cronulla, which members from our club also competed in.

Boys from all teams in our competition were selected to play in the carnival against teams from Cronulla, Manly, Wests and Canterbury districts.

All sports are participated in which are organised by the Sports Club made up of parents of children attending the school.

Our school has a good record of achievement in all participating sports.

Bernie Holdsworth

Development Officers Report

What an exciting year I had both on and off the field.

Since my employment last February as full time Promotions Officer I have been very busy, visiting schools, giving sports talks, setting up football clinics, promoting the game and spreading support for the great Red and Whites.

After having been to 52 of the 61 primary and secondary schools in the St George area, I can safely say that Rugby League is alive and well in our district.

This year we created a football fever amongst our primary school children long before first grade made the final. Along with other first grade

players I moved through the schools like a travelling show.

We also organised a number of games afternoons where players demonstrated the skills of the game. As well as the autograph signing we gave away free tickets to home games and back copies of The Saint, courtesy of Kevin McDonald.

As a result of this football fever, there was a very successful Mini and Touch Football Competition run at Oatley Park.

Three of the schools, Oatley West, Mortdale and Beverly Hills did not play any interschool sport and Pen-shurst did not play any Rugby League, all competed in what can be described as a Fun Friday.

The format of these afternoons was casual, the girls played touch football while the boys played mini-footy.

Another success was our first Open Day at Kogarah Oval where the kids were invited to talk to their favorite players, get autographs and later have a sausage and a soft drink with the team.

Between 350-400 children attended, many accompanied by their parents who enjoyed the day as much as their children.

During the off season we can look forward to setting up a whole new deal for schools and the school children in the St George area with greater involvement from our Sponsors and Junior Clubs.

Colin Fraser

Carlton South

It has been a great year for the red and whites, not only for St George but also for Carlton South Primary School.

Here are their 1984 achievements: Winners of the Botany Bay P.S.S.A. Competition Open Division; Winners of the St George District KO 12B Division; Winners of the All Schools State KO 12B Division.

I think you will agree, with a track record like that, the boys are a tribute to their school and a credit to the enthusiastic and talented coaching staff of Stephen Whyte, Terry Guff, and Jerry Lee.

Of all the games I saw this year, the final of the All School Knock Out is one I won't forget. From the kick off it was final football. Good, fast, open attack and great defence.

I remember thinking just before

halftime that Carlton South were the better side when Ryde Eastwood were able to catch a neat bomb and go to the break leading 6-nil.

A deficit of six points is hard to peg back, especially in 15 minutes each way football, but the Carlton South boys ground away to stage a tremendous fight back.

The second half went all Carltons way, posting three great tries with one each to Beven Kennerson, who is the captain of the side, Christos Giovannis and David Lorusso, with Beven Kennerson kicking two goals and Alex Nacovski a field goal.

Leading the second half charge was Boris Illeveski who picked up the Man of the Match award with his tearaway running and big hitting in defence.

Congratulations boys on a job well done.

James Cook

James Cook High School has done it again.

The W. G. Buckley Shield once again sits in the foyer of this great school just down the Princes Highway.

In the same fashion Australia has emerged as a great country since 1770, James Cook High has emerged as a great school in Rugby League. I know I am proud that they are a school in the St George area.

This year started with a bye in round one, wins against Port Hacking 48-2, Engadine 68-0, Narwee 58-0, Gymea 26-4, South Sydney 54-0, Wyong 14-12 and Campbelltown 18-8, an impressive record.

Then on a cold and miserable day in Wagga, back in August, playing on an extremely muddy and slippery Eric Wiesel Oval, they met Francis Greenaway.

In a tradesman like display they wore away their opponents to come back to Sydney victorius 12-8.

Kurt Landers opened the scoring with a smart team try early in the first half. The conversion attempt was missed, as the conditions were not exactly suited to kicking. Then a run of penalties saw Francis Greenaway come back to 4-4.

The second half was as tight as the first though James Cook always looked to be the better side.

In this period they were able to mount the pressure needed for Dallas Chapman to cut through to score,

giving James Cook the lead once again.

Francis Greenaway fought back to score the equaliser.

At 8-8 James Cook showed great maturity in not allowing panic to creep into their play and by sticking to their game.

Alan Noisier then made a break to send Spiro Doukas over in the corner for a try that sealed the match.

Man of the Match went to the half back Dallas Chapman, while lock Richard Ward worked tirelessly in both attack and defence. The hooker Trevor Taylor also played strongly.

Of course it was a team effort and along with coach Steven Quinn should all be worthy of our applause.

What a great effort from a great team.

Kogarah Citizens Australia Day Celebrations 1985.

The Kogarah Citizens' Australia Day Committee will organise celebrations during the Australia Day Holiday weekend, January 26 to 28, 1985.

Activities will be held on each day of the weekend, commencing with a dinner at the St George Motor Boat Club on Saturday, January 26, a combined Church Service at the Greek Orthodox Church, Kogarah on Sunday the 27th, and as a finale, a Carnival at Carrs Park on Monday the 28th.

A program has been organised to commence at 4.30pm with members of our St George District Rugby League Club, past and present, playing a game of touch football.

The ever popular 'Pinchgut Band' will entertain for a short duration before the presentation of sporting awards by our footballers to local children.

The Kogarah Municipal Band will play prior to leading children of all nations to the dias area where a flag raising and citizenship ceremony will be held.

After these the 'Pinchgut Band' will return to play some traditional Australian music. The climax to this year's celebrations will be a spectacular fireworks display at approximately 9.00pm.

Food and refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

For further information contact Colin Fraser, 587-1022 (B.H.) or Alec Leach, 570-7201.



□ Richard Ward, from Seagulls' U/14s, fires a pass out during the final.

THE 1984 PREMIERS

Under-7: Premiers — Arncliffe Scots. Runners-up — Hurstville United.

Under-8: Premiers — Brighton Seagulls. Runners-up — Arncliffe Scots.

Under-9: Premiers — Penshurst RSL. Runners-up — Arncliffe Scots.

Under-10: Premiers — Earlwood Saints. Runners-up — Kingsgrove Colts.

Under-11: Premiers — Arncliffe Scots. Runners-up — Penshurst RSL.

Under-12: Premiers — Arncliffe Scots. Runners-up — Earlwood Saints.

Under-13: Premiers — Renown United. Runners-up — Kingsgrove Colts.

Under-14: Premiers — Arncliffe Scots. Runners-up — Brighton Seagulls.

Under-15A: Premiers — Brighton Seagulls. Runners-up — Gynea.

Under-15B: Premiers — Kingsgrove Colts. Runners-up — Cronulla-Caringbah.

Under-16: Premiers — DLS Caringbah. Runners-up — Penshurst RSL.

Under-17: Premiers — Engadine. Runners-up — DLS Caringbah.

Under-19: Premiers — St George Rowing Club. Runners-up — Kingsgrove Colts.

Under-23: Premiers — Kyeemagh. Runners-up — Renown United.

A Grade: Premiers — St George Rowing Club. Runners-up — Hurstville United.

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