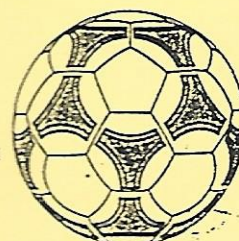
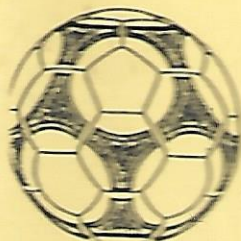


LIDCOMBE CHURCHES  
SOCCER CLUB

# ANNUAL REPORT 95



## OFFICIALS 1995

### PATRONS:

RAY JAMES,  
GORDON WEEKS

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:	NEIL RUDGLEY
VICE PRESIDENT:	ALEX MOROZOFF
SECRETARY	JAMES MAY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	KEN JAMES
TREASURER:	KEN JAMES
COUNCILLOR TO ASSOCIATION:	NIGEL BATTS
EQUIPMENT MANAGER:	JAMES MAY

## LIFE MEMBERS

1972	RAY JAMES
1974	DAVE EAGLESON GORDON WEEKS
1975	MABEL JAMES JACK RIDER (dec'd)
1978	NORM HUTEAU (dec'd) DOT RIDER
1979	TED JAMES (dec'd)
1982	DOT BIRD
1983	KEN JAMES
1986	NEIL RUDGLEY
1989	ROBERT EAGLESON RICHARD HOLLAND PETER JAMES JIM PINCOTT IAN TURNBULL
1993	GEOFF RIDER



## TROPHY WINNERS

TEAM	MOST CONSISTENT	MOST IMPROVED
8	IAIN MAUNDER	ALEX SMITH
10	RANI HADDAD	MICHAEL WHITE
16	TRENT SMITH	KHALED MEHAJER
R/CUP 2	GRAHAM HOLLEBONE	
R/CUP 1	TONY TANNOUS	AWARDED THE W.J. (BILL) STEVENS TROPHY FOR BEST ALL AGE PLAYER

NORM HUTEAU MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR  
BEST CLUBMAN:

SCOTT ASHBROOKE

ROBERT BROWN MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR  
MERITORIOUS TEAM PERFORMANCE:

UNDER 8s

E.J. & H. JAMES SHIELD FOR  
BEST JUNIOR GOALKEEPER:

TELMO VILAS BOAS (U/10)

STIRRER'S SPOON:

ERHAN ERDOGAN

GEORGE MCCOLL SHIELD FOR  
LEADING GOALSCORER

STEPHEN JAMES (U/16) 20 GOALS

400 GAMES:	ALAN PILLING	(R/C 2)	- 1974
200 GAMES:	ALEX MOROZOFF	(R/C 1)	- 1974
100 GAMES:	RANI HADDAD	(U/10)	- 1989
	ROBBIE HASTINGS	(U/16)	- 1988
	STEVEN MAY	(R/C 2)	- 1986
	STEVEN RUDGLEY	(U/16)	- 1990

## LEADING GOALSCORERS

(COMPETITION GAMES ONLY)

TEAM	NAME	GOALS
8	IAIN MAUNDER	17
10	A-R ABU-MAHMOUD	13)
	JIMMY MOUSSA	13)
16	STEPHEN JAMES	20
R/C 2	JASON SCHULTZ	5
R/C 1	CHRISTIAN MARINAS	4)
	PETER OBEREMOK	4)

## COACHES AND MANAGERS

TEAM	COACH	MANAGER
8	JACK DUTTON	KATH DUTTON
10	JAMES MAY	NAWACH HADDAD
16	KEN JAMES	
R/C 1 & 2	GEOFF RIDER	ALAN PILLING

## TEAM STATISTICS

(COMPETITION GAMES ONLY)								
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DREW	BYE	ETC	LOST	FOR	AGAINST
U/8	16	12	2	1	1	54	6	
U/10	17	13	2	0	2	56	7	
U/16	17	11	#2	1	*3	64	18	
R/C2	13	4	3	0	6	16	27	
R/C1	12	3	4	0	5	16	16	

\* 2 losses  
Reversed  
# 1 Draw Rev  
to Win

## FINAL POINTS TABLES

RAAHAUGE CUP 1STS	
St Columbas	25
Telopea CM	24
Blacktown RC	24W
Penrith	24
Parramatta SA	15
Lidcombe	14
St Marys	13
Telopea C of C	9
St Matthews	8

RAAHAUGE CUP 2NDS	
Telopea CM	22
St Matthews	22
St Columbas	22W
Blacktown RC	19
St Marys	18
Telopea C of C	16
Lidcombe	15
Penrith	15
Parramatta SA	8

UNDER 16	
Blacktown RC	33W
Lidcombe	31
Chester Hill	20
Lower Mountains	18
St Columbas	18
St Matthews	8
Blacktown Unit	6
Carlingford Unit	2

UNDER 10	
Yaralla Blue	30W
Lidcombe	28
All Saints Gold	21
Yaralla Gold	17
All Saints Blue	16
Balmain Gold	15
Balmain Blue	7
Balmain Black	2
O.L.Q.P.	4

UNDER 8	
Lidcombe	30W
Wenty Unit	30
Yaralla Gold	27
All Saints Blue	23
Yaralla Blue	20
Balmain Red	14
Balmain Gold	14
All Saints Gold	8
St Lukes	4

W Competition  
Winner



# HONOUR ROLL

	COMM	FIN	GAMES	GOALS
<u>600 GAMES</u>				
JAMES Ray	1939	1982	630+	7
<u>500 GAMES</u>				
JAMES Ken	1960	*	592	76
TURNBULL Ian	1962	1990	547	231
PINCOTT Jim	1944	*	542	110
RIDER Geoff	1969	*	538	49
EAGLESON Robert	1962	1985	520	131
<u>400 GAMES</u>				
ANLEZARK Mick	1970	1993	479	106
ANLEZARK Scott	1970	1992	455	71
HOLLAND Richard	1967	1992	438	3
JAMES Peter	1961	1987	432	79
LAVENDER Trevor	1974	*	420	3
PILLING Alan	1974	*	401	71
<u>300 GAMES</u>				
RUDGLEY Neil	1961	*	383	212
HINTON Craig	1969	1992	360	6
MAY James	1979	*	352	7
WEEKS Alan	1960	1984	349	128
WEEKS John	1965	1984	338	78
HORE Russell	1969	1991	332	132
PINCOTT Grant	1964	1983	325	26
TURNBULL Ray	1961	1982	324	135
DIB Sam	1965	1993	317	14
JAMES Kevin	1963	1985	317	6
OBEREMOK Peter	1974	*	313	287
EDENBOROUGH Steve	1971	1984	306	7
TAYLOR Ray	1964	1984	305	41
FRAME Jim	1974	1988	304	15
<u>200 GAMES</u>				
SOMERVILLE Craig	1967	1982	297	141
ALSOP Paul	1963	1979	296	30
ROBERTS Graeme	1972	1992	286	17
STEVENS Greg	1966	1977	274	51
CAMBAZ Ken	1973	*	273	141
SOMERVILLE Darren	1967	1982	273	121
HOLLEBONE Graham	1977	*	272	9
COLLIER Ken	1969	1987	271	24
ROONEY Terry	1968	*	266	127
JAMES Gary	1960	1984	266	32
McKEOWN Brendan	1973	1988	263	130
DILLON John	1961	1980	261	72
BATY Mark	1964	1985	261	63
GRUNDY Steve	1965	1982	258	10
WILLIAMS Garry	1966	1987	254	15

# HONOUR ROLL (continued)

## 200 Games (cont.)

EAGLESON Donn	1962	1986	254	7
WOODS Keith	1966	1985	253	60
FRAME Lindsay	1974	1987	253	51
PAVLEK Tommy	1984	*	251	41
WILSON Les	1971	1994	249	56
BOWDEN Roger	1967	1985	249	42
BATTS Nigel	1977	*	246	2
JAMES Stephen	1986	*	243	229
HILLYARD Neil	1961	1979	243	31
HAWACH John	1977	*	242	6
DIB Isaac	1967	1982	241	24
JAMES Mathew	1986	*	238	134
IRWIN Ron	1969	1985	233	22
SMITH Trent	1984	*	233	15
TANNOUS Tony	1982	*	233	12
HOLLEBONE Bob	1963	1975	232	29
COLLIER Gary	1973	1983	230	44
BRANDIE Ralph	1965	1979	230	3
O'HARA Kieran	1980	1993	226	5
HENDERSON Grant	1962	1974	223	51
HAMILTON Peter	1982	1992	223	42
CARMICHAEL Stewart	1972	1983	223	24
KERRIGAN Garry	1967	1982	222	26
MORGAN Geoff	1976	1985	221	76
BRZICA Walter	1975	1990	220	85
LUKE Robert	1970	1981	220	63
BROWN Colin	1962	1976	220	56
GODFREY Steve	1968	1980	220	1
AUSTIN Greg	1970	1978	218	7
BENT Geoff	1962	1979	217	78
GRATTAN Andrew	1977	*	217	66
EDWARDS Geoff	1972	1982	214	73
MOROZOFF Alex	1974	*	212	130
DEATH Norm	1969	1978	212	27
BURNS Steve	1966	1975	209	101
HOLLEBONE Arthur	1965	1977	209	2
GODFREY Graham	1967	1978	208	25
HOLLEBONE Ron	1966	1982	207	63
LULAND Stephen	1969	1980	207	35
BIRD Phil	1961	1981	205	21
RIDER Bruce	1962	1974	203	48
LUKE George	1971	1985	203	2
TOMS Kevin	1960	1972	202	49
KNOWLES Bill	1967	1986	200	68

\* Still Playing

## 200 GOALS

OBEREMOK Peter	1982	JAMES Stephen	1994
TURNBULL Ian	1987		
RUDGLEY Neil	1988		

## 100 GOALS

RIDER Ron	1969	WEEKS Alan	1975
WOODHOUSE Mark	1972	BEAUPEURT Wayne	1977
TURNBULL Ray	1973	SOMERVILLE Craig	1977
BRUEN Bill	1975	ROBERTS Garry	1978
BURNS Steve	1975	SOMERVILLE Darren	1978

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## HONOUR ROLL (continued)

### 100 Goals (cont.)

WILEY Rick	1978	McKEOWN Brendan	1986
CAMBAZ Ken	1979	ROONEY Terry	1988
HORE Russell	1979	JAMES Stephen	1991
PINCOTT Jim	1983	ANLEZARK Mick	1991
SIMA Metin	1983	JAMES Mathew	1993
EAGLESON Robert	1984	MOROZOFF Alex	1993
HETERICK Graeme	1985	MOUSSA John	1994

## OTHER CLUB FACTS

### FIRST CLUB PRESIDENT

Edward (Ted) James - 1939

### FIRST CLUB SECRETARY

Alan Cook - 1939

### MOST GOALS IN A SEASON

54 GOALS: Mark Woodhouse (U/9) - 1971 season

### MOST GOALS IN A MATCH

9 GOALS: JOHN MOUSSA: 16 July 1994 vs. Greystanes (U/14)  
(at Tait Reserve)

### HIGHEST SCORE FOR

18 GOALS: 08 May 1971 vs. St Barnabas Fairfield (U/15)  
(at Phillips Park)

### HIGHEST SCORE AGAINST

16 GOALS: 26 June 1976 vs. Georges Hall Tigers (U/8)  
(at Birdwood Reserve)

### MOST TEAM GOALS IN A SEASON

111 GOALS: UNDER 12s (1992 season)

### MOST GAMES PLAYED IN A SEASON (INDIVIDUAL - COMP.)

35 GAMES: TREVOR LAVENDER (R/C 1 & 2) - 1983 season

### YOUNGEST PLAYER

CHRIS KITCHING: 3 years and 102 days - 1988 season (U/6)

### OLDEST PLAYER

JIM PINCOTT: 62 years and 144 days - 1995 season (R/C 2)

### GAMES UNTIL FIRST GOAL

202 GAMES: RICHARD HOLLAND (Period- 1967 to 1976)  
22 May 1976 vs. Hunters Hill (P/L)  
(at Phillips Park)

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Only FOUR more years to our 60th Anniversary!

# CLUB RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	YEAR	TEAM
1943	U/14 PREMIERS	1981	R/CUP RES PREMIERS
1947	U/14 PREMIERS	1982	U/9 PREMIERS
1947	1ST GRADE SIX-A-SIDE	1982	U/10 PREMIERS
1948	U/16 PREMIERS	1983	MINI GROUP 6 PREMIERS
1961	U/12 PREMIERS	1983	U/10 PREMIERS
1962	U/10 PREMIERS	1983	U/11 PREMIERS
1962	U/12 PREMIERS	1983	U/15 KNOCK-OUT
1962	U/16 SIX-A-SIDE	1984	U/9 PREMIERS
1964	U/16B PREMIERS	1984	U/13 PREMIERS
1966	2ND DIVISION PREMIERS	1984	R/CUP RES PREMIERS
1967	1ST DIVISION PREMIERS	1984	U/11 SIX-A-SIDE
1967	OPEN KNOCK-OUT	1984	U/12 SIX-A-SIDE
1967	2ND GRADE SIX-A-SIDE	1984	U/18 KNOCK-OUT
1968	PREMIER LEAGUE RESERVES	1985	U/14 PREMIERS
1968	U/12 PREMIERS	1985	4TH GRADE PREMIERS
1968	OPEN KNOCK-OUT	1985	R/CUP RES PREMIERS
1969	B GRADE SIX-A-SIDE	1986	U/7 PREMIERS
1969	4TH GRADE PREMIERS	1986	U/10 PREMIERS
1971	OVER 35 KNOCK-OUT	1986	U/13 PREMIERS
1971	U/9 PREMIERS	1987	U/8 PREMIERS
1971	U/15 PREMIERS	1987	U/11 PREMIERS
1972	U/11 PREMIERS	1987	R/CUP RES PREMIERS
1972	U/12 PREMIERS	1987	U/12 SIX-A-SIDE
1973	U/11 PREMIERS	1987	U/12 KNOCK-OUT
1974	U/10 PREMIERS	1990	U/11 PREMIERS
1974	U/11 PREMIERS	1990	U/11 KNOCK-OUT
1974	U/13 PREMIERS	1991	U/12 PREMIERS
1974	U/16 PREMEIRS	1991	U/12 SIX-A-SIDE
1975	U/9 PREMIERS	1991	C GRADE SIX-A-SIDE
1976	U/14 PREMIERS	1992	U/12 PREMIERS
1977	U/14 SIX-A-SIDE	1992	U/12 SIX-A-SIDE
1977	U/16 KNOCK-OUT	1992	U/12 KNOCK-OUT
1978	U/15 PREMIERS	1992	U/15 SIX-A-SIDE
1978	U/15 KNOCK-OUT	1992	U/15 KNOCK-OUT
1978	U/18 PREMIERS	1993	U/13 PREMIERS
1978	U/18 KNOCK-OUT	1993	U/13 SIX-A-SIDE
1978	R/CUP RES PREMIERS	1993	U/13 KNOCK-OUT
1979	U/11 PREMIERS	1994	U/14 SIX-A-SIDE
1979	U/16 PREMIERS	1994	1ST GRADE (4) PREMIERS
1979	U/16 PREMIERS	1995	U/16 KNOCK-OUT
1979	R/CUP RES PREMIERS	1995	U/8 PREMIERS
1981	U/13 PREMIERS		

\* Denotes St Joachims Parish Club - all other results prior to 1986 won by Lidcombe Congregational/Uniting Church Soccer Club

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## ANOTHER EXCITING CLASH-FIXTURE!

19.08.95 It was the game that our Under 8s had to win against Wentworthville up at Freame Park as their opponents were two points ahead with this being the last game of the season. Lidcombe took an early lead and held out right to the final seconds when the Wenty striker ran the ball along the goalline from the left unchallenged and turned to face our goals but his shot MISSED just grazing the left goalpost and the referee only had time to BLOW HIS WHISTLE FOR FULLTIME - a play-off was needed - AND LIDCOMBE WON THE PLAY-OFF!!



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1995 was a season that saw the number of our junior players well down from that of previous seasons.

There were many youngsters out there keen to play but we did not have the coaching staff to carry out these duties therefore the number of teams had to be reduced.

Hopefully 1996 can see a turn around in this coaching shortage and we can increase our sides as it is the juniors that hold the future of this club.

James May's first year as Secretary was well received by the club and we are fortunate to have a person of his ability on our Management Committee overseeing the club's progress.

Ken James stepped down from Secretary this season and I congratulate him on the excellent work that he carried out since his appointment in 1986. Ken's dedication to the club was evident by his nomination for Assistant Secretary and, along with James May, we have a solid basis for the future.

I saw a number of games this season and was very impressed by the sporting attitude shown by the majority of our players. The Association has indicated that they will take a very strong stand against those offending and it is up to each player to ensure that sportsmanship is always displayed when representing Lidcombe Churches.

To all players and supporters I congratulate you for all your efforts this past season both on and off the field and I look forward to resuming our association and an even bigger and better 1996.

NEIL RUDGLEY  
PRESIDENT

### NOT FAST ENOUGH!

\* When SCOTT ASHBROOKE (R/C1) gets in trouble he goes ALL the way! Recently his wife was in a car accident and was admitted to hospital for examination. Scott drove over to see her and when she was discharged Scott went out in the rain to fetch his car and bring it to the hospital door.

Unfortunately as our Scotty was running down to the carpark a BIG BLACK DOG chased him and Scott took off with the dog in hot pursuit! Scott reached his car and JUMPED ON THE ROOF but his knee WENT THROUGH THE REAR WINDOW!

Adding to his woes was the dog who took a chunk out of his leg and poor Scott had TO BE ADMITTED TO THE SAME HOSPITAL for stitches and a needle!!

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The club's activities for the past season are summarised as follows:

### JUNIORS:

This season we were only able to field three junior teams being the Under 8s, Under 10s and the Under 16s comprising 55 registered players.

The lack of junior players in our club is due to the fact that we were unable to find the personnel who could spare a few hours a week teaching the younger sides. This is a rewarding and worthwhile activity that I can highly recommend. To anyone interested in coaching a side in the future I would urge you not to hesitate to contact myself or any member of the Management Committee as the growth and development of our junior sides is paramount to the club's survival.

Congratulations must go to Jack Dutton's Under 8's who won the premiership after a play-off with Wentworthville Uniting. This was a most exciting game which saw Lidcombe prove that they were the best performed team all season and thoroughly deserved the competition honours. For their efforts this season the Under 8's have been awarded the Robert Brown Memorial Shield for Meritorious Team - well done to Jack and his team!

The other competition win for the club came from Ken James' Under 16's, the most successful team in our club over the past ten years (and probably ever!). This year they won the knockout competition and finished second to Blacktown Reform Church by only two points in the premiership. The difference of the two points certainly coming from the first-game loss against Blacktown at Phillips Park.

Special mention must be made of the Under 10s whose previous best finish was fifth and this season they came second by two points to Yaralla Blue, made the quarter final of the Knockout and also the semifinal of the Six-a-side.

### SENIORS:

The seniors fielded a Raahauge Cup squad of two teams in Division 2 - up two divisions from 1994. The firsts had a disappointing season after winning the competition last year and promising so much early in the season. Some good results in the final three rounds gave us some restored confidence for next season. The seconds had a good start to the season, losing only one of the first four games only to come up against Telopea and St Matthews where the wheels fell off! The younger players will improve with the experience gained this year and the seconds should be a stronger, more formidable force in 1996.

### EQUIPMENT:

The playing strips which have been in use for the past three years are in excellent shape and should last for another season at least. New training balls were purchased at the commencement of the season and used extensively throughout the club.



**COACHES AND MANAGERS:** My thanks go to Jack Dutton (U/8's) and Ken James (U/16's) who looked after their respective teams. Special mention to Jack who, for the first year, was coaching a side on a full-size field - a far cry from the Under 6's and Under 7's on the smaller fields. Alan Pilling and Geoff Rider again controlled the Raahauge Cup squad in their usual efficient manner.

**CANTEEN:**

The canteen was once again the focal point of the club's activities. This is where the overwhelming source of our revenue is gained and, although profits were down on previous seasons, we were still able to keep the club in the black.

Special mention must be made of Narelle Foggon and Ken James who kept the canteen stocked and running like clockwork throughout the season.

**SPONSORSHIP:**

The club is indebted to the Lidcombe RSL and Community Club for its monetary support this season - a club which supports many organisations throughout the local community. I certainly hope that this support continues in the future and club members are urged to return the favour by utilising the facilities at the club in Wellington Park.

**SUPPORTERS:**

All of our junior sides were very well supported and it was encouraging to hear the constant cheers and support of family and friends on the sidelines. This encouragement can only help the players to enjoy their football.

Can I add a special note of thanks to the Haddads who have been two of Lidcombe's keenest ever supporters over the years!

The seniors enjoyed their usual support from wives, girlfriends and friends. It was good to see these supporters not only encouraging the players but also supporting the club through the use of the canteen and the raffles which proved very popular this year.

**SYMPATHIES EXTENDED:**

The passing of last season's Under 6 Coach Joe Zammit only a matter of weeks after the 1994 presentation day was a shock to us all and the tragedy that saw the life of former player Peter Savage cut so short in August also brought sadness to the club.

We extend our sympathies to both families.

**ANNUAL REPORT AND PUBLICITY:**

As you read through this Annual Report I am sure you will appreciate the quality of the publication and, once again, Neil Rudgley, as he has done for many years, has been the driving force behind this excellent magazine. Special mention must also go to Steven Rudgley (for his cover design) and Brett and Steven May who copied and collated the final publication you are now reading.



I am sure that all members of the club are aware of the weekly soccer reports which appear in the Review Pictorial newspaper. These reports are written by Neil Rudgley who puts a considerable amount of time each week in doing so and apart from our thanks to him we also thank Wayne Cousins from the Review for allocating the space free of charge.

**BEST CLUBMAN:** I am pleased to report that the committee has recognised the efforts of Scott Ashbrooke this year by awarding him the Norm Huteau Memorial Trophy for Best Clubman. Scott's tireless efforts throughout the season in firstly acquiring training balls then rounding up the first and seconds to make sure that everyone was correctly outfitted and looking like a team, were very well received. And, of course, there were the infamous raffles! Congratulations Scott - a very deserved recipient of this award.

#### INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:

Congratulations go to Alan Pilling (R/C2) on reaching the 400 game mark following a long career which began back in 1974.

It is also pleasing to report that Alex Morozoff (R/C1) played his 200th game after also starting in 1974.

100 game awards have gone to Rani Haddad (U/10's), Robert Hastings (U/16's), Steven May (R/C 2) and Steven Rudgley (U/16's). Well played!

#### CONCLUSION:

I have enjoyed my first year as your club Secretary and I have really appreciated all the support and assistance received from the Management Committee but none more so than Ken James.

Also a reminder that the club's future requires junior players from Under 6 minis through to Under 16's and these teams must be led by a coach or manager. Any parents or friends or senior players who are interested in coaching should see myself or any member of the Committee.

And finally a reminder of those immortal words of our Patron Ray "Curly" James who once said and has been so often heard to repeat:

"Once a Congo - ALWAYS A CONGO!!"

JAMES MAY  
HON SECRETARY

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#### **HANDBALL, DAD??**

It was an exciting clash away for one of our junior sides and there was Dad on the sideline yelling out encouragement to his son in goals. His son made a save and picked up the ball but didn't appear too confident as to what he should do with it.

Quick as a flash Dad yelled out: "Give the ball to Alex!" Goalkeeper son obliged and HANDED THE BALL TO A SHOCKED ALEX!!

The referee naturally enough awarded a penalty for hand ball but Dad was saved a second heart attack when the penalty shot WAS SAVED!!



## UNDER 8 TEAM REPORT

I am proud to report that 1995 was a very satisfying season with the side coming away with a victory in the play-off game for the premiership against Wentworthville.

There have been some entertaining and exciting matches played throughout the season but none so much as the game against Yaralla Gold. Lidcombe could only field nine players with several of the best players absent with the flu but those nine boys played their hearts out before winning 1-0. I am pleased to say that my finger nails have now regrown!

For the majority of the season Lidcombe sat on top of the table until a loss against All Saints Blue followed by a draw with Yaralla Gold put us two points behind our last-match opponents Wentworthville. We had to win the match to force a play-off and the boys did not let me down with a thrilling 1-0 win up at Freame Park.

The play-off game at Tait Reserve was a game that our side never looked like losing and although the scoreline finished at 3-2 I believe that we were a three goal better side that day!

To all the team I say "well done" and you deserve your premiership.

A note of thanks to Bob Thiel for his assistance during training and, of course, to my wife Kath for her washing of the shirts each week.

My choice for the Most Consistent Player without doubt goes to Iain Maunder. His running and goalscoring gave us a big advantage against all sides.

For the Most Improved (what a difficult job!) I have selected Alexander Smith just ahead of Vitor De Nito, Robert Volpato and Thomas Northey. Alexander put some clever combinations into his play this year and was a deserved recipient of the award.

The team was:

VITOR DE NETO: Don't let this boy's size fool you. He may be small but knows no fear when making a challenge for the ball. A clever player who gives 100% in all his games. Played at fullback for the majority of the season and excelled against Wenty in the last competition game. Very reliable.

DANIEL FERGUSON: Another player used in the backs this season who played mostly in the centre of the defence. He holds his position very well and can show a fair turn of speed turning in continual strong games.



ANTHONY GHALEB: His first season in soccer and naturally he found the going a bit tough but he tried hard when given the opportunity. It took us until late in the season to realise that Anthony may have the makings of a second goalkeeper and his chance will come next season.

SAHIN KAZAN: Another player who is small in the defence but very speedy. In a number of matches he was the mainstay of the backs. He has the ability to break up an attack and move the ball back down the field. He is also a promising forward and (wait for it!) should be the Number 2 goalkeeper but he dislikes this position!

ANDREW ILIEFF: Andrew is the first choice goalkeeper and does a first rate job. His penalty save against Wenty in the last competition game gave us the opportunity of forcing the replay (the way he was thrust into the goals he would never have spoken to anyone had he missed the save!). Plays well in the forwards and, coincidentally, scored the only goal of the match against Wenty that day.

DANIEL JAMES: Daniel is a very good player and mostly played on the right wing. He reads a game very well and if his side is under pressure he will often drop back into defence. A very strong kicker in any position he likes to do his own thing now and again (why worry!) but he needs to understand that he cannot beat the opposition all on his own!

DANNY LAHOUD: First season in the game for Danny but unfortunately missed training far too often. He will be better for the run next season.

IAIN MAUNDER: Iain is very fast and a natural left footer. He has the ability to make a break, beat two or three defenders and put in a terrific shot for goal. With some better control of the ball he will be an even better player but certainly in 1995 he was the mainstay of the team playing out on the left wing and setting up many attacks for goals.

SHANE MELKI: Eligible for under 7s Shane turned in some very good games this year. Unfortunately, like Danny, he missed some training and turned up late for several games but if he can become more reliable then his football skills will improve.

BEN MILLER: Ben has a big kick and with a little more experience he will make a very good fullback. This season he played several matches in goals but he prefers playing out on the field where, with some improvement in speed, he will find his position even better.

THOMAS NORTHEY: This little fellow is a real goer on the field and he is not afraid to take on players bigger than himself! With a little more power in his kicking Thomas will be a great asset in the future. He played mostly in the middle of the defence this season. On occasions I would call out to him to take a spell but I am sure that he didn't want to hear me such was his liking to stay on the field!

KEVIN O'HALLORAN: The first time that I met Kevin was at our initial training session and not knowing many of the boys' names I asked him what his was. The answer was that it was "Kevin, but they call me the 'pocket rocket'"! There isn't much of him



but he certainly lives up to his nickname. He runs well with the ball and positions himself to take the pass which means well for his football future.

ALEX SMITH: Alex is a coach's dream as he listens to everything that is said to him, nods his head in approval (as if to say 'O.K.') and, with no backchat, out he goes and gets on with the job. This season he has improved a lot and can use his feet when going for the ball. Plays in centre midfield and towards the latter part of the season he showed some clever touches with his head.

KAREEM SOUROUR: Kareem will always train hard enjoying himself at training but it is on match days that he loses a bit of confidence against other players. He will have to overcome this to improve his game and given a chance I know that he will achieve this. (If only he could score his first-ever goal I am sure that this will break the ice!).

ANDREW THIEL: Andrew is another strong player equally at home in either the forwards or the defence. He is very fast on the field and runs well with the ball. He has a strong kick and always follows through into the goal area. He has a very good long throw from the touchline.

ROBERT VOLPATO: Three years ago you would never have thought him to be the player he is today (it took him a whole season before he even TALKED to me!). Played mostly in the midfield and in the last six weeks of the season he played extremely well. Robert has always been a fast runner and, in his own way, can kick a ball. Probably next season will see him development even further.

JORDAN ZAMMIT: After missing a few games through illness Jordan drifted away and we didn't see much of him at all but when he played he tried his heart out for the team.

#### MATCH DETAILS:

##### Competition:

01.04.95	BALMAIN GOLD	W 4-1	(James 2, Kazan, Thiel)
08.04.95	YARALLA BLUE	W 3-0	(Ilieff, O'Halloran, Thiel)
22.04.95	BALMAIN RED	W 3-2	(James, Thiel, O.G.)
29.04.95	BYE		
06.05.95	ST LUKES CONCORD	W 5-0	(Maunder 3, O'Halloran 2)
13.05.95	ALL SAINTS GOLD	W 9-0	(James 4, Maunder 3, Thiel, O'Halloran)
20.05.95	ALL SAINTS BLUE	W 1-0	(Maunder)
27.05.95	YARALLA GOLD	W 1-0	(Ilieff)
03.06.95	WENTWORTHVILLE	D 0-0	
17.06.95	BALMAIN GOLD	WASHOUT	
24.06.95	YARALLA BLUE	W 4-1	(Maunder 3, James)
01.07.95	BALMAIN RED	W 4-0	(Maunder 3, Thiel)
15.07.95	BYE	WASHOUT	
22.07.95	ST LUKES CONCORD	W 8-0	(James 2, Maunder 2, O'Halloran 2, Ilieff, Kazan)
29.07.95	ALL SAINTS GOLD	W 10-0	(Ilieff 2, James 2, Maunder 2, Thiel 2, De Neto, Kazan)

05.08.95	ALL SAINTS BLUE	L 1-2	(Ferguson)
12.08.95	YARALLA GOLD	D 0-0	
19.08.95	WENTWORTHVILLE	W 1-0	(Ilieff)
02.09.95	PLAY-OFF:		
	WENTWORTHVILLE	W 3-2	(Maunder 2, James)

#### Six-a-side:

10.06.95	BALMAIN RED	W 1-0	(James)
	YARALLA GOLD	W 0-0	(Won on Behinds)
	ALL SAINTS BLUE	L 0-1	

JACK DUTTON  
COACH

## UNDER 10 TEAM REPORT

The team had a nervous start to what would turn out to be our most successful season to date by dropping a point in the opening game draw with Balmain Gold. This was followed by a win and loss against All Saints Blue and Yaralla Blue respectively. The loss to Yaralla could be termed unavoidable due to the fact that they really played all over us. However, from that game on the team 'clicked' and started playing super team football and were playing beyond their years.

Playing in torrential rain on May 6 at Gladesville we were not disgraced in losing 1-0 to All Saints Gold due to an extremely lucky goal. We were playing all over them and just missed several scoring opportunities when an opposition shot was blocked by one of our defenders but it rebounded just under the crossbar and our goalkeeper Telmo could do nothing about it. From that game on we did not lose another match and only dropped a further point to the same All Saints team in a 1-1 draw at Phillips Park.

The three highlights of the season were the game against eventual premiers Yaralla Blue at Phillips Park on 5th August, the final competition match of the season and the knock-out quarter-final both against All Saints Gold.

The Yaralla game was our best performance of the season with the result being a crushing 3-0 victory to Lidcombe that gave us a slender hope of taking the premiership however Yaralla had a game in hand and we were unable to make up the points difference.

The annual six-a-side gala day held on the Queen's Birthday weekend in June saw two Under 10 sides entered with the Gold team bowing out in the second round while the Blue side made it to the semifinal where they were playing all over Yaralla Blue only to be beaten by a rather lucky goal. The winner came in the second minute of the second half against the run of play.



The knock-out competition played throughout the season on various Saturday afternoons saw our team make it to the quarter final where we met All Saints Gold. Unfortunately we were missing Arjunan Selvam and Thomas Northey and this caused a reshuffle. The game turned out to be the most exciting of the season with Lidcombe ahead 2-1 into the second half only to have a penalty awarded against us. Our goalkeeper Telmo Vilas Boas parried the shot but the ball spun back into the net for a 2-2 scoreline and extra time. Both sides scored again but All Saints hit the winner with two minutes remaining to take out a tremendous game of football.

The final competition game again matched against All Saints Gold which was the only side we had not defeated. The superb team work and skills that the boys had learnt over the years were evident that day and we went to the break with a 2-0 lead. All Saints hit back early in the second half to narrow the lead but it was the more experienced boys that settled the side and ensured an excellent victory - undefeated since 6th May!

At this point I wish to extend my thanks to the parents for helping with transport and supporting the team on Saturdays and also to those who washed the shirts throughout the season.

In summing up, the season was a tremendous pleasure for myself seeing the boys mature into a team of fine young men and I hope that my friendships developed with the boys and parents continue into 1996 and for years to come.

The team was:

ABDUL-RAHMAN ABU-MAHMOUD: Still possessing all the skills that have been on display in past years he showed all of them throughout the year regularly scoring goals from 30 metres out passing three to five defenders and slotting the ball past the opposing goalkeeper. Keep up the good work in 1996!

RAMMY DARSA: Showed that he has the ability to play at striker although more practice will see him develop a stronger shot for goal. He learnt that he could kick left footed and scored several goals with it.

RANI HADDAD: Rani proved this year without a doubt that he can fill any position on the field. He has all the skills required to play the game and is equally at home with either foot. Congratulations on winning the Most Consistent Player award.

MARKO JOVANOVIC: Marko was always enthusiastic about playing the games each Saturday. He was willing to play in any position on the park and performed well wherever he was selected.

KHIEM-TAY LINH: Started out the season very tentatively but, as the year progressed, his confidence grew and he will benefit from his first season.

SALIM MEHAJER: The smallest player on the team, Salim was always in the play often knocking larger opponents off the ball at crucial stages of matches.



JIMMY MOUSSA: Jimmy is not afraid of any player. He has good use of the body and great ball skills and it was not uncommon to see Jimmy beating two or three opponents then belting in a goal from 20 to 30 metres out. Keep up the good work, Jimmy!

CHRIS O'BRIEN: Chris only played three games with us before moving to sunny Queensland. Showed good ball skills and if he had remained I am sure that he would have developed a more aggressive playing style.

RYAN PROUTY: Played mostly on the left wing, a position that he has made his own over the past two seasons. Ryan developed good ball control and is also learning to read the game well. This was illustrated when he was in the right spot to notch a couple of goals throughout the season.

ANTHONY RANCAN: One of four boys who could still be playing Under 9s. Tony showed tremendous grit and determination in the midfield and always played to the game plan following the coach's instructions. Another season with this team will see Tony develop in both stature and temperament.

THOMAS RAYWARD: Thomas loves to play football and play football he does. He reads the game so well and always seemed to be in the right spot at the right time to stamp out most opposition attacks. Also managed to score a few goals on the few occasions when he was playing in the attack.

ARJUNAN SELVAM: "Spider" proved to be the fullback of the season. With his blistering pace he always seems to get the ball off opposing attackers and stop dead most of the opposition attack coming down the right side of the field.

ELIAS TAOUK: Elias played mostly at fullback this season and seemed to enjoy the change to left wing against Balmain at Callan Park late in the year. Also filled in well at goalkeeper when the need arose. He was always trying and never gave up even when he was matched against speedier opponents.

TELMO VILAS BOAS: First year with the club and Telmo started out on the field but showed an abundance of enthusiasm when moved to goals, a position which he had no problem adapting to and made his own.

MICHAEL WHITE: Played in defence for the first two games but the move up front saw Mick improve his football 'out of sight' to the point that he was the one chosen to cover in the central midfield when the position was needed. A deserved recipient of the Most Improved Player award.

SALAH ZEIN: Back for his fifth season Salah was constantly improving and towards the end of the season he showed that he could read the play. He must now progress and learn when to jump in and tackle the player. He also had a run at right wing late in the season and enjoyed the change.

#### MATCH DETAILS:

##### Competition:

01.04.95	BALMAIN GOLD	D 0-0
08.04.95	ALL SAINTS BLUE	W 7-0 (Moussa 3, Darsa 2, Abu-Mahmoud, Rayward)



22.04.95	YARALLA BLUE	L 0-2	
29.04.95	BALMAIN BLACK	W 5-0	(Haddad 2, Abu-Mahmoud, Prouty, White)
06.05.95	ALL SAINTS GOLD	L 0-1	
13.05.95	BALMAIN BLUE	W 3-0	(Abu-Mahmoud, Darsa, Moussa)
20.05.95	YARALLA GOLD	W 2-1	(Darsa, Moussa)
27.05.95	BALMAIN GOLD	W 2-0	(Abu-Mahmoud, Haddad)
03.06.95	ALL SAINTS BLUE	W 1-0	(Darsa)
17.06.95	YARALLA BLUE	WASHOUT	
24.06.95	BALMAIN BLACK	W 7-0	(Abu-Mahmoud 2, Rayward 2, Darsa, Mehajer, Moussa)
01.07.95	ALL SAINTS GOLD	D 1-1	(Darsa)
15.07.95	BALMAIN BLUE	W 10-0	(Abu-Mahmoud 3, Moussa 3, Mehajer 2, Haddad, Prouty)
22.07.95	YARALLA GOLD	W 2-1	(Abu-Mahmoud, Haddad)
29.07.95	ALL SAINTS BLUE	W 3-0	(Moussa 2, Abu-Mahmoud)
05.08.95	YARALLA BLUE	W 3-0	(Moussa 2, O.G.)
12.08.95	BALMAIN BLACK	W 8-0	(Abu-Mahmoud 2, Mehajer 2, White 2, Darsa, Haddad)
19.08.95	ALL SAINTS GOLD	W 2-1	(Haddad 2)

#### Six-a-side:

GOLD team comprising Marko Jovanovic, Khiem-Tay Lenh, Salim Mehajer, Ryan Prouty, Anthony Rancan, Elias Taouk and Salah Zein.

10.06.95	ST COLUMBAS	L 0-2
	LOWER MOUNTAINS	L 0-1

BLUE team comprising Abdul-Rahman Abu-Mahmoud, Rammy Darsa, Rani Haddad, Jimmy Moussa, Thomas Rayward, Arjunan Selvam and Telmo Vilas Boas.

10.06.95	LOWER MOUNTAINS	W 3-1	(Moussa 2, Darsa)
	BALMAIN	W 1-0	(Haddad)
	LOWER MOUNTAINS	W 4-1	(Abu-Mahmoud, Darsa, Haddad, Moussa)
	PARRAMATTA CHURCHES	W 1-0	(Abu-Mahmoud)
	YARALLA BLUE	L 0-1	

#### Knock-out:

13.05.95	OLQP (B)	W 2-0	(Abu-Mahmoud, Darsa)
22.07.95	ALL SAINTS GOLD	L 3-4	(Abu-Mahmoud, Darsa, Moussa)

JAMES MAY  
CAOACH

## UNDER 16 TEAM REPORT

Despite the loss of a number of our stronger players from last year and the jump up to Under 16s (from Under 14s) due to a change in the age cut-off dates, the team still had a reasonably successful season, winning the Knock-out competition, making the final of the Six-a-side and finishing second in the premiership.

Perhaps the quality of their play may have suffered due to the player losses but the side still proved highly competitive and put in some courageous performances. Also the player losses meant that there were more opportunities for the remaining players and, as a result, there were some noticeable improvers in the team.

Highlights of the year included a valiant Six-a-side effort, the Knock-out win over Blacktown in a very determined display, two narrow wins in very physical games over Lower Mountains and a dazzling whitewash of Chester Hill towards the end of the season where the team really put it all together.

In the Six-a-side the boys were not able to maintain their very proud record (winners for the past four years) where, due to injuries and a suspension in the first game, they just "ran out of legs" in the final against Blacktown, a team they had already outclassed in an earlier round. With a fully fit team and the luxury of a reserve in each game I have no doubt that we would have made it five wins in a row.

Almost equally as important as on-field results is the development of the boys into a fairly level-headed lot of teenagers whose behaviour and attitude compares very favourably with other Under 16 teams that I have been involved with in the past and I have certainly enjoyed my association with them.

As in prior years the team had a very loyal band of followers and my thanks go to them for their continued support with a special mention for John Williamson, the team's unofficial manager who could always be relied upon to assist with transport and otherwise assist whenever required.

To sum it up, one of the more enjoyable seasons I have experienced with these boys over the past ten years despite the occasional setback and I look forward to seeing them all return next season playing with Lidcombe Churches.

The team was:

VAHID AMERIPOUR: What a pleasure it was after all these years to find someone willing to play in goals and who also proved to be a real asset in that position. A very determined character who rescued the team with some courageous and often, quite miraculous saves. Without him between the "sticks" in the Knockout final I doubt we would have won. His absence was certainly felt when he moved to Hawaii towards the end of the season.

PHILLIP CACCIAPAGLIA: A newcomer this year "Catch" showed some nice touches with the ball constantly threatening opposition defences with his enthusiastic running. Always dangerous in front of goals but mainly because neither he nor his opponents quite knew where his shots were going to end up! Rumour has it that he is going to use the chlorine bomb as an attacking weapon next year!

SHAADI HADDAD: Somewhat of a utility player Shaadi played equally as well in attack and defence and even proved he could



catch a ball when he took a turn in goals! Used his speed to make some fine attacking runs down the right wing and run down opposition forwards. Also scored some good goals including a sizzling first time drive at the near post against Chester Hill. Answered my call to play at left fullback in some of the more difficult games, a position unfamiliar to him and he did not let the side down. Well played Shaadi!

ROBERT HASTINGS: Due to other commitments, Rob only played on a part time basis but whenever he did play he caused plenty of bother to opposition defences. Reached the milestone of 100 games this year and notched a personal best of five goals against St Columbas.

CHRIS HASTINGS: Another player who only played a few matches for us this season but he made a magnificent contribution in the two crunch Knockout games against Lower Mountains and Blacktown, providing us with a bit of extra "muscle" against very physical opponents and scoring the deciding goal against Lower Mountains.

MATHEW JAMES: Took a while to regain his confidence after injuring his knee early on but towards the end of the season he was back to his best showing excellent positional sense and making many fine attacking runs from midfield. Showed courage to battle on in the Six-a-side on virtually one leg. A player with all the skills he can go a long way with the right attitude and dedication but must start to realise that his team will function much better when all players are encouraged and supported.

STEPHEN JAMES: Regained the title of the club's leading goalscorer proving once again what an attacking machine he is. Blessed with exceptional ball skills and an uncanny ability to put the ball in the back of the net Steve would be an invaluable member of any team but must learn to be more tolerant of his less gifted teammates.

RICHARD KISSUN: It was not easy for him to make the transition from last year's Under 13s particularly when some of his teammates expected him to walk in and start playing their style straight away but he stuck at it and always gave his best with some of his intelligent passing towards the end of the season reflecting his growing confidence.

KHALED MEHAJER: In his second season Khaled played solidly at left fullback with his game continuing to improve as the season progressed. Surprised me with the aggression he showed in our end of season "friendly" against the Argentinians!

SON "VINCE" NGUYEN: Did not play too many games for us but we called upon him in some of the harder matches and he certainly boosted our attack. A classy player with some nice ball skills, he showed a lot of character to keep getting back off the "deck" after being repeatedly hacked in our second round draw with Blacktown.

TOM PAVLEK: Started the season slowly but towards the end of the season it was the Tom of old setting up many of the team's attacking moves from midfield. Willingly filled in as goalkeeper when Vahid left us and performed reliably in that



position. He has been a most consistent player over the past ten years and I have certainly appreciated his efforts.

**NATHAN PILLING:** Continued on with his "playmaking" efforts from last year with his scheming and incisive passing providing the platform for many of the team's attacking moves. Surprised me with the number of times that he was able to outhead much bigger opponents and I suspect that he often took a step ladder onto the field. Well played, Nathan!

**STEVEN RUDGLEY:** As reliable a defender as you are ever likely to get, Steve's efforts often go largely unnoticed because he does all the "hard yards" at the back while the glamour boys are scoring the goals up front. His effort to play in the Knockout final after being injured in the Six-a-side was certainly appreciated by his coach and was crucial to our success that night.

**TRENT SMITH:** Fit, fast and furious, Trent's game has certainly come on in leaps and bounds in the past couple of seasons and he deservedly earned the Most Consistent Player award. Ran the ball with determination, tackled strongly, scored some nice goals and was a constant source of encouragement to his teammates. Showed courage to play a few games carrying injuries including one game where his mother said he was not allowed to play! Good season, "Angry"!

**BEN WILLIAMSON:** "Benno" had a season of which he could be justifiably proud and he has certainly come a long way after almost 100 games with the club. Played determinedly and showed greater mobility on the field although he must have one of the biggest turning circles I have ever seen! That fabulous headed goal against St Columbas was a just reward for his efforts. I don't know who jumped the highest that day - Ben when he nodded in the goal or his father just after Ben had scored!

Also played: David Di Pietro, Kellie Foggon, Vince Gerada, Brett Kissun, John Tannous and John Zaidan.

#### MATCH DETAILS:

##### Competition:

01.04.95	BLACKTOWN REFORM CH	L	2-3	(S James, Pavlek)
08.04.95	CARLINGFORD UNITING	W	6-0	(M James 2, Haddad, S James, Nguyen, O.G.)
22.04.95	BLACKTOWN UNITING	W	10-1	(S James 3, Smith 3, Ameripour, M James, Pilling, O.G.)
29.04.95	CHESTER HILL	W	3-0	(Haddad, Pilling, Di Pietro)
06.05.95	ST MATHEWS B HILLS	*L	1-2	(S James)
13.05.95	ST COLUMBAS	W	2-0	(S James, Williamson)
20.05.95	LOWER MOUNTAINS	W	4-3	(Cacciapaglia 2, S James, Smith)
27.05.95	BLACKTOWN REFORM CH	D	1-1	(Cacciapaglia)
03.06.95	CARLINGFORD UNTING	W	4-1	(S James 3, R Hastings)
17.06.95	BLACKTOWN UNITING	WASHOUT		
24.06.95	CHESTER HILL	W	2-1	(Haddad, S James)
01.07.95	ST MATHEWS B HILLS	*L	1-2	(Cacciapaglia)
15.07.95	ST COLUMBAS	W	13-1	(R Hastings 5, S James 3, Williamson 2, Pilling, Smith, Cacciapaglia)



2.07.95 LOWER MOUNTAINS W 6-0 (M James 2, S James 2, Smith, R Hastings)  
 9.07.95 CARLINGFORD UNITING\*L 1-2 (S James)  
 5.08.95 BLACKTOWN UNITING W FORFEIT  
 2.08.95 CHESTER HILL W 7-0 (R Hastings 2, Haddad, M James, S James, Pilling, C Hastings)  
 9.08.95 ST MATHEWS B HILLS D 1-1 (S James)

Result Reversed

ix-a-side:

Team comprising Vahid Ameripour, Mathew James, Stephen James, John Moussa, Tom Pavlek, Steven Rudgley and Trent Smith.

2.06.95 LOWER MOUNTAINS W 1-0 (Moussa)  
 BLACKTOWN REFORM CH W 2-1 (S James 2)  
 CARLINGFORD UNITING W 6-0 (M James 2, S James 2, Rudgley, Ameripour)  
 FINAL  
 BLACKTOWN REFORM L 0-3

Knock-out:

4.05.95 LOWER MOUNTAINS W 1-0 (C Hastings)  
 7.06.95 CHESTER HILL W 2-0 (R Hastings 2)  
 1.06.95 FINAL  
 BLACKTOWN REFORM CH W 1-0 (S James)

President's Cup:

6.08.95 BLACKTOWN REFORM CH L 0-1

EN JAMES

COACH

## RAAHAUGE CUP 2NDS

This year's Second Grade did not have the best of seasons winning only FOUR games and were really never a chance for the finals.

We had the pleasure of welcoming several new players including George Salamo (who has been attending training each Wednesday evening for the past three seasons but was unable to play on match days!) and skillful Jason Schultz who made quite an impression with his determined running down the middle.

Joe (the "Bulldozer") Loulach returned after an absence of several seasons and strengthened an otherwise shaky defence while the remainder of the side returned from last year's team and showed that they still had what it takes - or showed what it DOESN'T take!

Inconsistent performances were highlighted by an 7-2 loss against Telopea but an amazing turn around to defeat them 2-1 in the second round.

However the best display of the season would have been the game away against leaders Blacktown in which we scored the only goal of the match in the final 15 seconds to take the points in a shock result! Veteran Jimmy Pincott described the game as one of the best displays by the second grade over the past ten years - if not longer! (only Jimmy would know!).

To describe individual performances is always difficult but several players turned in consistent efforts all season with strong-man Graham Hollebone showing that as long as the temper is quelled his on-field displays can earn him our best player award.

Another player to impress was young Steven May who quietly went about his work in the defence without uttering a word all season (which still confounds us how he managed to pick up a booking for verbal abuse!!).

The side had a solid core of experienced players led by Jimmy Pincott who probably played more games this season than the combined totals of Neil Rudgley, Ken James and Alan Pilling owing to the latter trio's run of injuries.

Long-term stalwart (wart?) Trevor "Lumpy" Lavender had an unusual season with NO BOOKINGS but then again he only played THREE games all season (which is a bit less than his club record of 35 games set a few years back!). The word is that the "big fella" is retiring but how often have we heard that before?!

Combining with the oldies were players such as Ernie Erdogan (who fell foul of the referee on too many occasions!), Nigel "Noddy" Batts (with that booming left footer on a dog-leg to the right side!) and Ross "Blocker" Mendicino who continued his on-field verbals of everyone!

Our resident taxi driver Julio Contreras showed some continental skill in the middle and proved a popular acquisition.

John Hawach improved in goals with each game and his confidence grew and it was a pleasure playing in front of him (as long as he remembers to call LOUD AND LONG for the ball!).

Sean O'Hara displayed some class this season but the crunch came when the Treasurer put out his hand and that was it for Sean!

Chris Marinas was a late starter and quickly moved up into first grade while veteran (another one!) Terry Rooney scored in his only appearance this season!

Thanks must go to the First grade players for their support and filling in on the occasions we were short. Special mention must be made of James "P.C. Plod" May for all the hard work spent organising, refereeing and doing anything else that may have cropped up.

Thanks also to the supporters for turning up in any sort of weather!



The team was:

Nigel Batts, Julio Contreras, Erhan Erdogan, John Hawach, Graham Hollebone, Ken James, Trevor Lavender, Joe Loulach, Steven May, Ross Mendicino, Sean O'Hara, Alan Pilling, Jim Pincott, Geoff Rider, Neil Rudgley, Jorge Salamo and Jason Schultz.

GEOFF "JACKO" RIDER  
COACH

## RAAHAUGE CUP 1STS

One of the most difficult things about the 1995 season was being able to emulate the success of the previous year's side in winning the competition.

The move up two divisions to second division meant that there would be no easy games with the emphasis of most teams on defence.

Whilst the players had the commitment and will to succeed, various obstacles had to be overcome at various stages of the season that ensured the going was always going to be hard.

On-field dramas midway through the season affected the players more than was first realised and it was not until towards the end of the season that the side got its act together and really put it to the opposition.

A look at the season's results reveals that all games except the final match (which we won!) were either drawn or decided by a solitary goal and it was frustrating for the players and supporters alike to see matches lost that we should have clearly won!

An injection of young blood would be an asset to next year's team as it was noticeable that many of the opposition sides are fostering their under 19 and under 20 players. Many of our senior players are now starting to show their age but we have always ensured that a great comradery exist within the club with new players warmly welcomed.

From last year's side we lost several skillful footballers and with striker Alex Morozoff on the injured list until mid-May we had trouble putting the ball in the back of the net although this was evident all season.

Young Andy Hanham returned to the fold after an absence of over 12 years but he only played a handful of games before disappearing into the unknown never to be seen again!

Other newcomers who performed well this season included Ray Loulach (who used to run the line for his brother's team years ago!) and Phil Parish.

Some consistent displays came from Peter Oberemok, Andrew Grattan, Lindsay Crosbie and James May while Tony Tannous' efforts in goals were inspirations to the side.

Tony has come a long way since his junior days and is one of the best goalkeepers in the division although his efforts out on the field (especially in the Second Grade!) bring smiles to all watching! He's known as the "Ten Minute" man as he generally only lasted that long in the forwards but towards the end of the season he had lengthened this to at least ELEVEN minutes!

The loss of Ken Cambaz early in the season robbed the side of one of its good players and the team never really recovered from that unfortunate day!

Scott Ashbrooke and Mat Holland were strong players all season while the late addition of Christian Marinas gave us some force up front.

Garry Pilling continued to improve while young replacement Trent Smith from the Under 16s showed he has a future when he came on against Blacktown in June.

The old adage "there's always next year" comes to the fore once again but our club spirit will ensure there is another year and hopefully all players will be on deck.

The team was:

Scott Ashbrooke, Ken Cambaz, Lindsay Crosbie, Andrew Grattan, Andy Hanham, Mat Holland, Ray Loulach, Chris Marinas, James May, Alex Morozoff, Peter Oberemok (c), Garry Pilling, Phil Parish and Tony Tannous. Also played Erhan Erdogan, Geoff Rider, Steven May, Alan Pilling and Trent Smith.

ALAN PILLING  
MANAGER

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

01.04.95	BLACKTOWN R C	1sts: L 1-2 (Oberemok)
		2nds: D 1-1 (Rooney)
08.04.95	TELOPEA C OF C	1sts W 3-2 (Oberemok 2, R Loulach)
		2nds: W 2-0 (Salamo, Schultz)
22.04.95	ST MATTHEWS B HILLS	1sts: D 1-1 (Parish)
		2nds: L 0-2
25.04.95	BYE	
29.04.95	PARRAMATTA SAL ARMY	1sts: Aband
		2nds: W 2-1 (Schultz, Tannous)
06.05.95	PENRITH CHURCHES	WASHOUT
13.05.95	TELOPEA CHRIST MIN	1sts: L 0-1
		2nds: L 2-7 (May, O'Hara)
20.05.95	ST COLUMBAS	WASHOUT
27.05.95	ST MARYS CHURCHES	1sts: D 0-0
		2nds: L 0-3
03.06.95	BLACKTOWN R C	1sts: L 2-3 (R Loulach, Oberemok)
		2nds: W 1-0 (Salamo)



10.06.95	PENRITH CHURCHES	1sts: L 0-1	
		2nds: D 2-2	(O'Hara, Tannous)
17.06.95	TELOPEA C OF C	WASHOUT	
24.06.95	ST MATTHEWS B HILLS	1sts: D 1-1	(Grattan)
		2nds: L 1-2	(Marinas)
01.07.95	BYE	WASHOUT	
08.07.95	PARRAMATTA SAL ARMY	1sts: N/P	
		2nds: N/P	
15.07.95	PENRITH CHURCHES	1sts: L 1-2	(R Loulach)
		2nds: D 1-1	(Schultz)
22.07.95	TELOPEA CHRIST MIN	1sts: W 3-2	(Marinas 2, Morozoff)
		2nds: W 2-1	(Schultz, Tanous)
29.07.95	ST COLUMBAS	1sts: D 1-1	(Morozoff)
		2nds: L 1-2	(Schultz)
05.08.95	ST MARYS CHURCHES	1sts: W 3-0	(Marinas 2, Morozoff)
		2nds: L 1-5	(J Loulach)

#### Six-side:

Team comprising Christian Marinas, Steven May, Ross Mendicino, Alex Morozoff, Phil Parish and Jorge Salamo.

12.06.95	ST MATTHEWS B HILLS	L 0-3
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#### Knock-out:

10.05.95	ST MATTHEWS B HILLS	2nds: L 1-6	(Salamo)
11.05.95	ST BRUCES EARLWOOD	1sts: W 1-0	(Morozoff)
20.06.95	TELOPEA C OF C	1sts: L 0-2	

#### PATRON'S VIEW

After 56 years of operations since commencing in 1939 it is pleasing to see the Lidcombe Churches (Cong) Soccer Club still actively promoting junior football within the community and playing an important role in the development of the area's youth.

Although down in team numbers this year the enthusiasm was still very evident.

RAY "Curly" JAMES

Congratulations must go to Jack Dutton's Under 8 side on their premiership victory and it was pleasing to see Kenny James's Under 16s successful against the odds in the Knock-out competition. These two wins add to the club's already impressive record.

Your keen club committee once again controlled affairs in a very efficient manner and congratulations must go to all concerned and our regular trips down from the central coast continued the strong friendships formed from our soccer interests.

The two days of the Six-a-side, as always, were highlights of the season and our junior sides performed well.

On a sadder note I report the passing of Wal Thornton this season. Wal had a long association with the club notably in the sixties and his wife and family took an active part in our early years. Many fond and treasured memories are held in respect to Wal and our sympathies are extended to Daph and family.

- Ray "Curly" James

# PLAYERS' STATISTICS

NAME	COMM	GAMES	GOALS	NAME	COMM	GAMES	GOALS
O'HARA Sean	1983	154	39	CROSBIE Lindsay	1990	51	7
ASHBROOKE Scott	1986	153	15	SMITH Alexander	1993	48	0
HADDAD Shaadi	1987	148	56	SOUROUR Kareem	1993	48	0
MENDICINO Ross	1986	142	9	MAUNDER Iain	1993	45	29
HASTINGS Chris	1988	140	10	VOLPATO Robert	1993	44	0
ERDOGAN Erhan	1983	138	1	MILLER Benjamin	1993	43	0
MARINAS Christian	1986	135	64	MEHAJER Khaled	1994	39	0
MOUSSA John	1990	123	126	FERGUSON Daniel	1994	38	20
HADDAD Rani	1989	116	84	KISSUN Brett	1993	38	3
RUDGLEY Steven	1990	116	10	PROUTY Ryan	1994	33	2
GERADA Vince	1986	115	80	DE NETO Vitor	1994	32	2
TANNOUS John	1987	112	8	NORTHEY Thomas	1994	32	1
LOULACH Joe	1986	110	8	O'HALLORAN Kevin	1994	31	24
MAY Steven	1986	108	1	JOVANOVIC Marko	1994	30	0
HASTINGS Robert	1988	105	49	TAOUK Elias	1994	30	0
WILLIAMSON Ben	1990	97	4	MELKI Shane	1994	29	3
DARSA Rammy	1991	95	75	ZAMMIT Jordan	1993	27	0
PILLING Nathan	1992	93	17	HANHAM Andy	1981	26	0
ABU-MAHMOUD A-R	1991	91	88	VILAS BOAS Telmo	1995	20	0
ZEIN Salah	1991	90	24	O'BRIEN Chris	1994	18	6
MOUSSA Jimmy	1991	82	82	AMERIPOUR Vahid	1995	17	2
KISSUN Richard	1991	82	1	SCHULTZ Jason	1995	16	5
HOLLAND Matthew	1992	77	4	CACCIAPAGLIA Phil	1995	14	5
RAYWARD Thomas	1992	73	13	LOULACH Ray	1995	14	3
JAMES Daniel	1992	70	63	SALAMO Jorge	1995	13	3
RANCAN Anthony	1992	70	15	LENH Khiem Tay	1995	13	0
PILLING Garry	1992	68	9	PARISH Phil	1995	11	1
ZAIDAN John	1988	68	9	GHALEB Anthony	1995	10	0
MEHAJER Salim	1993	62	8	NGUYEN Son	1995	7	1
SELVAM Arjunan	1992	62	3	CONTRERAS Julio	1995	6	0
KAZAN Sahin	1993	57	17	LAHOUD Danny	1995	6	0
ILIEFF Andrew	1993	56	26	DI PIETRO David	1995	2	1
THIEL Andrew	1993	52	20	FOGGON Kellie	1995	1	0
WHITE Michael	1993	51	4				

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## YOU ARE THE REFEREE!

**Q:** A player takes a corner kick but the ball hits the goalpost and bounces back to him. He then kicks it again! DECISION?

**A:** A player MUST NOT play the ball a second time before it has been touched or played by another player. Indirect free kick against the offender where the infringement occurred.

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**Q:** A penalty kick is awarded and the offending side changes the goalkeeper before the kick is attempted. DECISION?

**A:** A goalkeeper may be changed at any time! The Change is O.K.!

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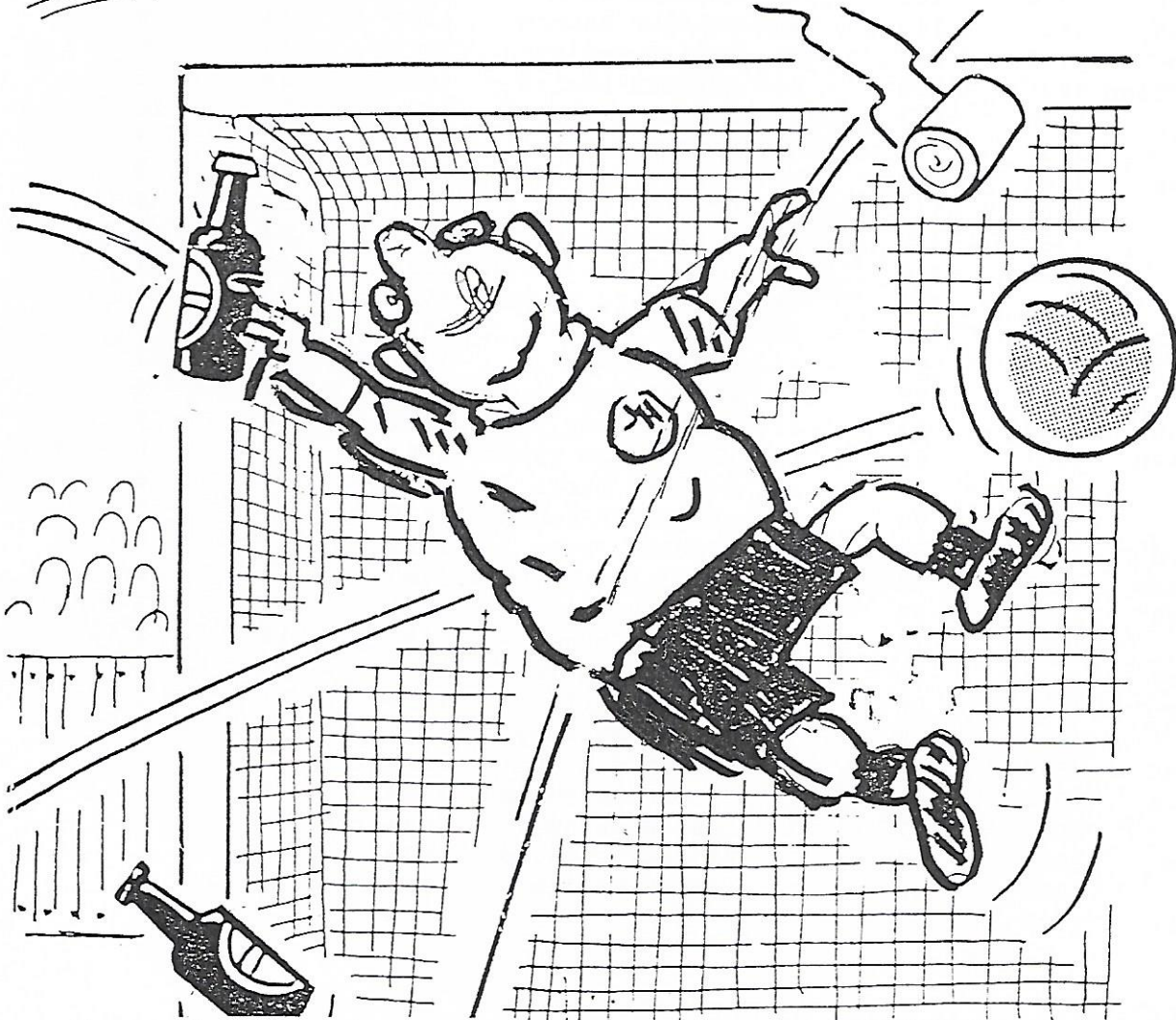
**Q:** The ball is kicked high in the air at Phillips Park but strikes the tree overhanging the ground on the SE corner WITHOUT GOING OUT and it drops back on the field. DECISION?

**A:** James May reports that the decision is a DROP BALL and his decision is FINAL!!

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## "LUMPY'S LAST SAVE??



According to a Raahauge Cup team report TREVOR "LUMPY" LAVENDER has announced his retirement ...which will bring joy to opposition teams AND maybe to some of his own teammates!!

The President of Guildford Leagues Club has issued a "Please Stay" press release as he fears the bar sales at his club will drop away to nothing if "Lumpy" goes!

But the big fella HAS THE LAST SAY...unfortunately!!

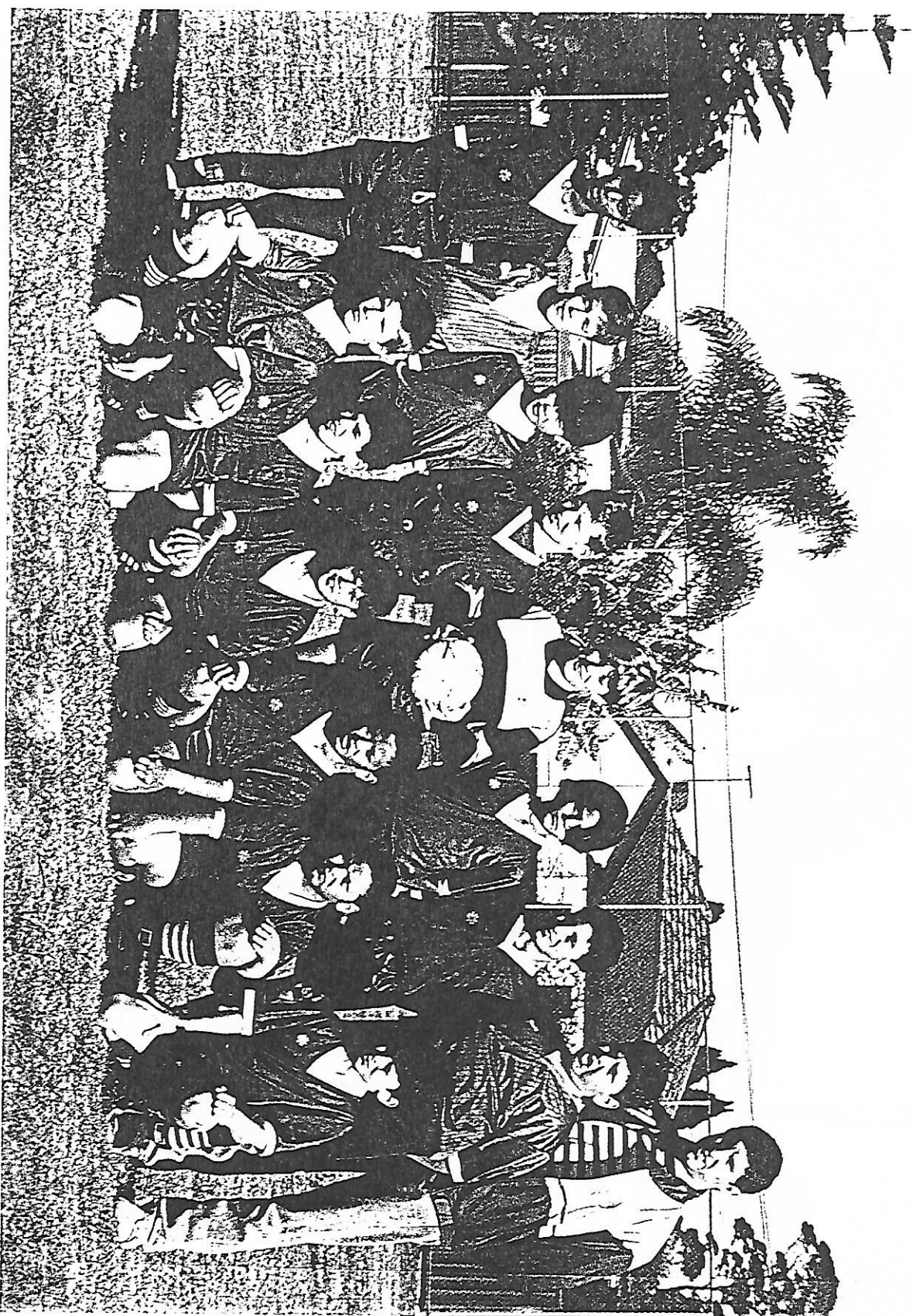




UNDER 8s: (Back Row) Andrew Thiel, Anthony Ghaleb, Kareem Sourour, Daniel Ferguson, Ben Miller, Jack Dutton (Coach), Alex Smith, Robert Volpato, Iain Maunder;

(Front Row) Sahin Kazan, Andrew Illieff, Kevin O'Halloran, Thomas Northey, Shane Melki, Daniel James.





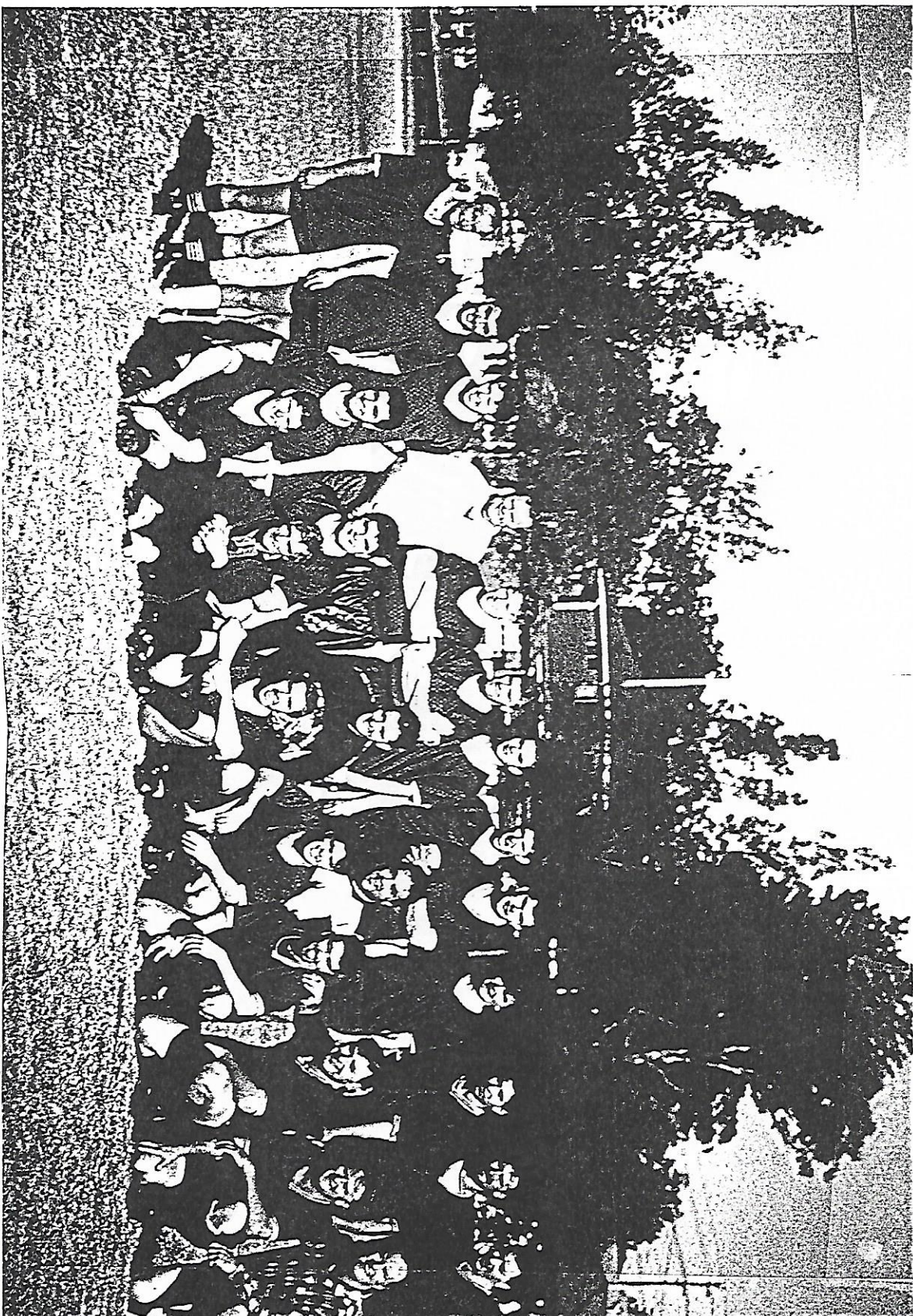
UNDER 10s: (Back Row) Arjunan Selvam, Ryan Prouty, Khiem-Tay Linh; Marko Jovanovic, Telmo Vilas Boas, Rammy Darsa, Abdul-Rahman Abu-Mahmoud, Elias Taouk, James May (Coach); (Front Row) Thomas Rayward, Rani Haddad, Salim Mehajer, Anthony Rancan, Salah Zein, Michael White.





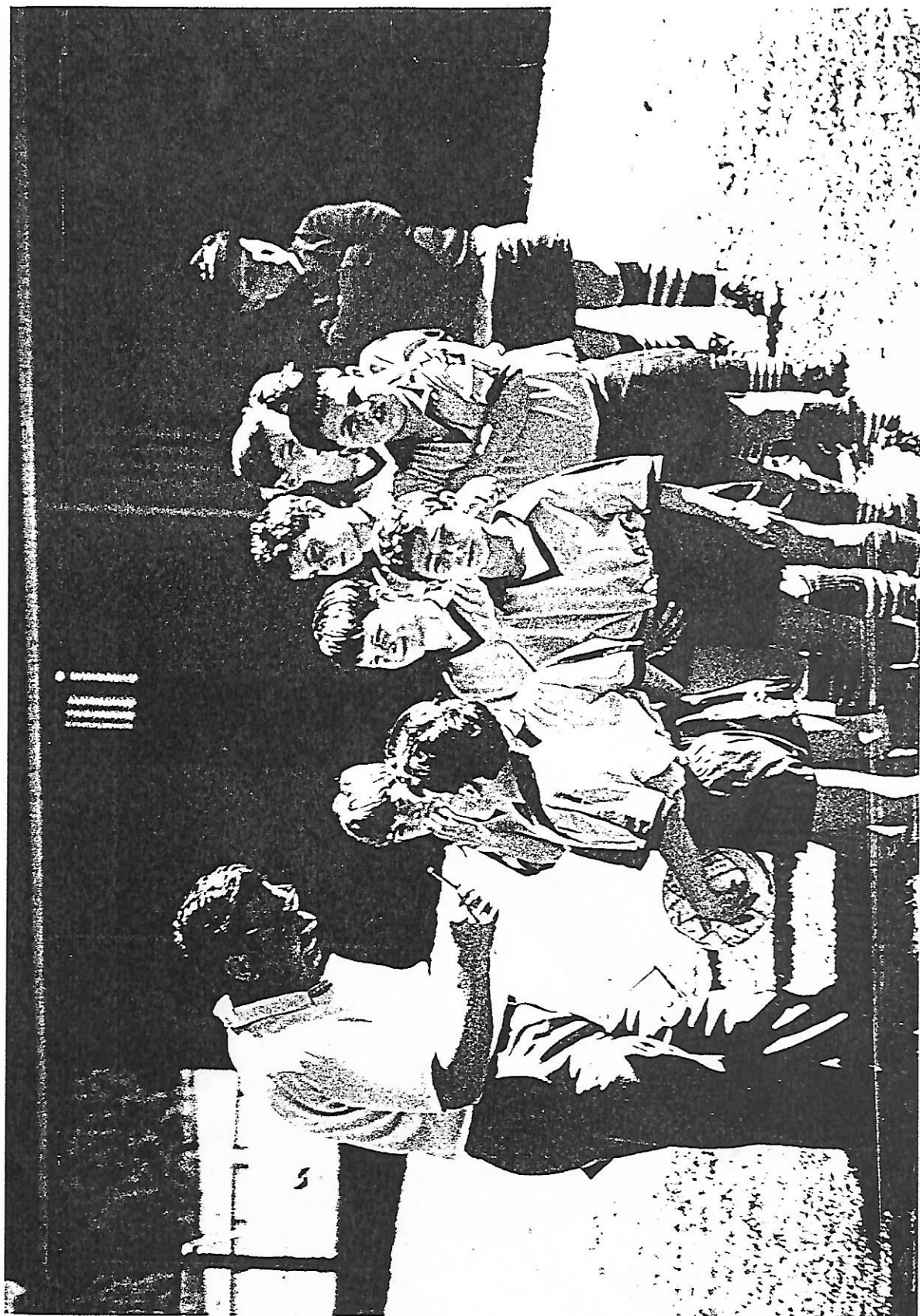
UNDER 16s: (Back Row) Robert Hastings, Tom Pavlek, Richard Kissun, Ben Williamson, Trent Smith, Shaadi Haddad, Steven Rudgley, Ken James (Coach); (Front Row) Nathan Pilling, Mathew James, Vahid Ameripour, Stephen James, Phil Cacciapaglia.





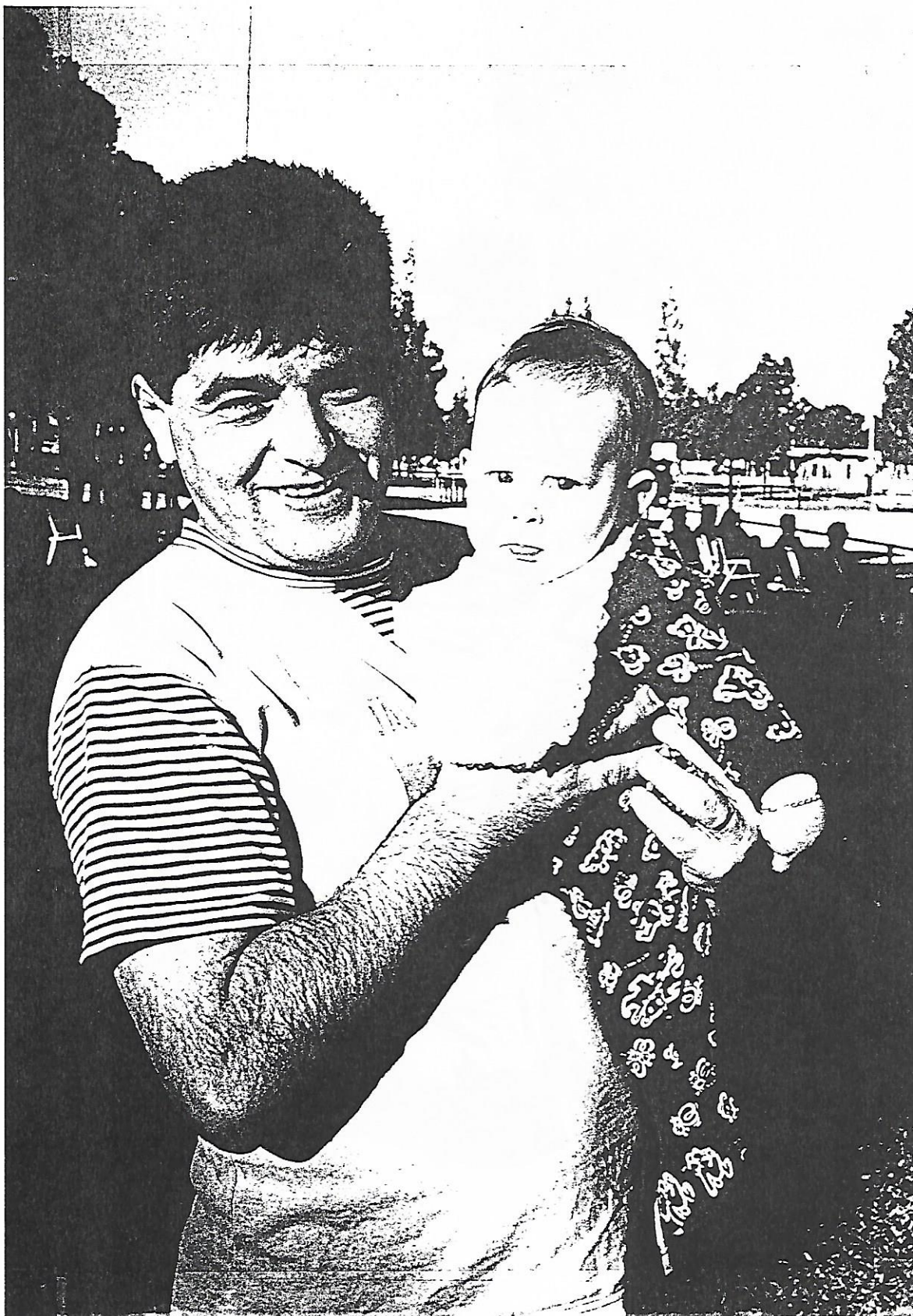
**RAHAUGE CUP SQUAD:** (Back Row): Ken James, Joe Loulach, Jason Shultz, Trevor  
 Lavender, Phil Parish, Scott Ashbrooke, Garry Pilling, James May, Graham Hollebone,  
 Geoff Rider, Chris Marinas, Peter Oberemok, Lindsay Crosbie;  
 (Second Row) Ray Loulach, Ross Mendicino, Tony Tannous, John Hawach;  
 (Front Row) Steven May, Jimmy Pincott, Nigel Batts, Andrew Grattan, Mat Holland, Alex  
 Morozoff, Alan Pilling, Neil Rudgeley.





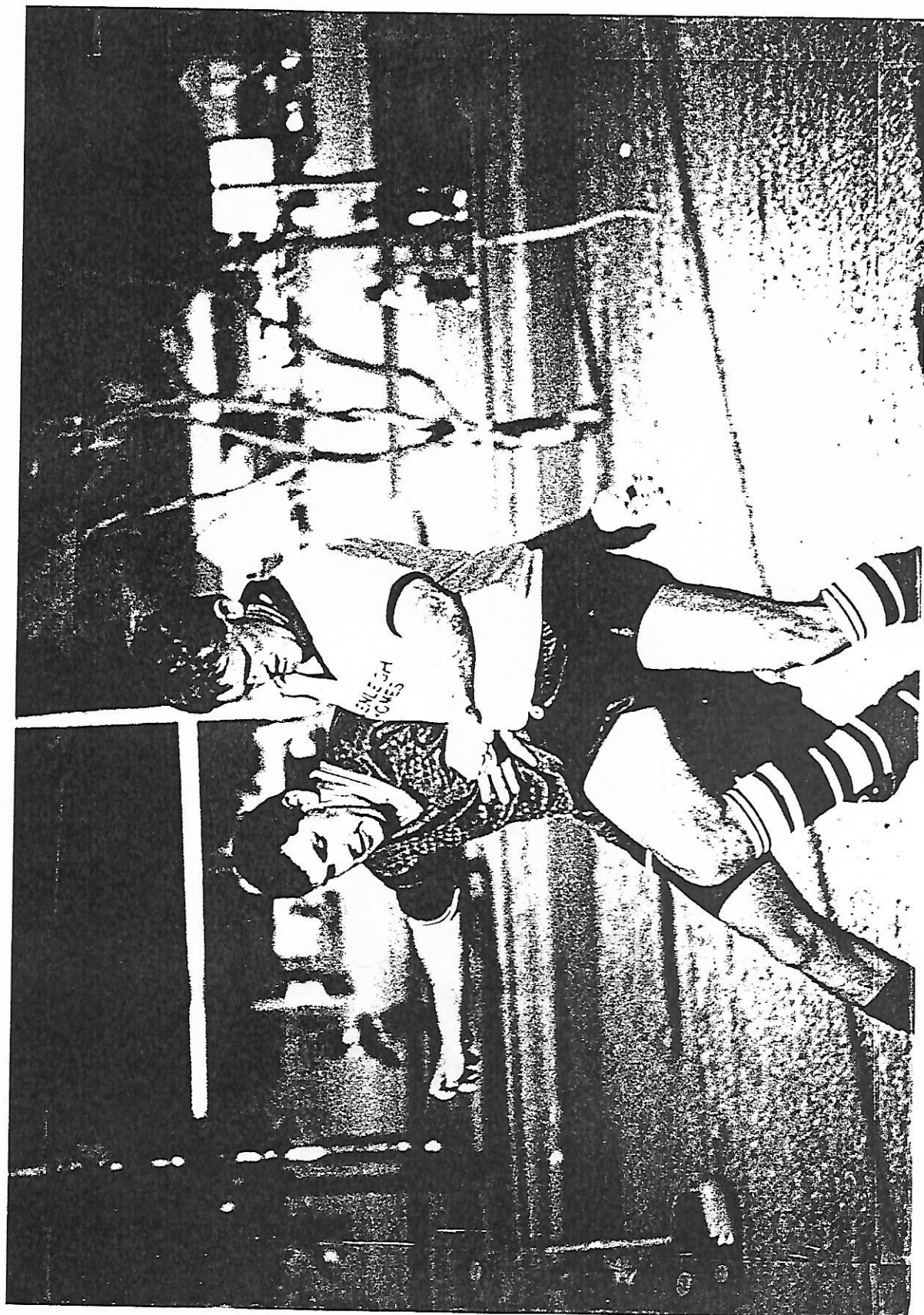
Premiership-winning Under 8s coach JACK DUTTON lays down the law to his boys before the final competition game against the law at Freame Park. Wendy at





ROSS "BLOCKER" MENDICINO (R/C 2) proudly shows off his daughter DANIELLA.



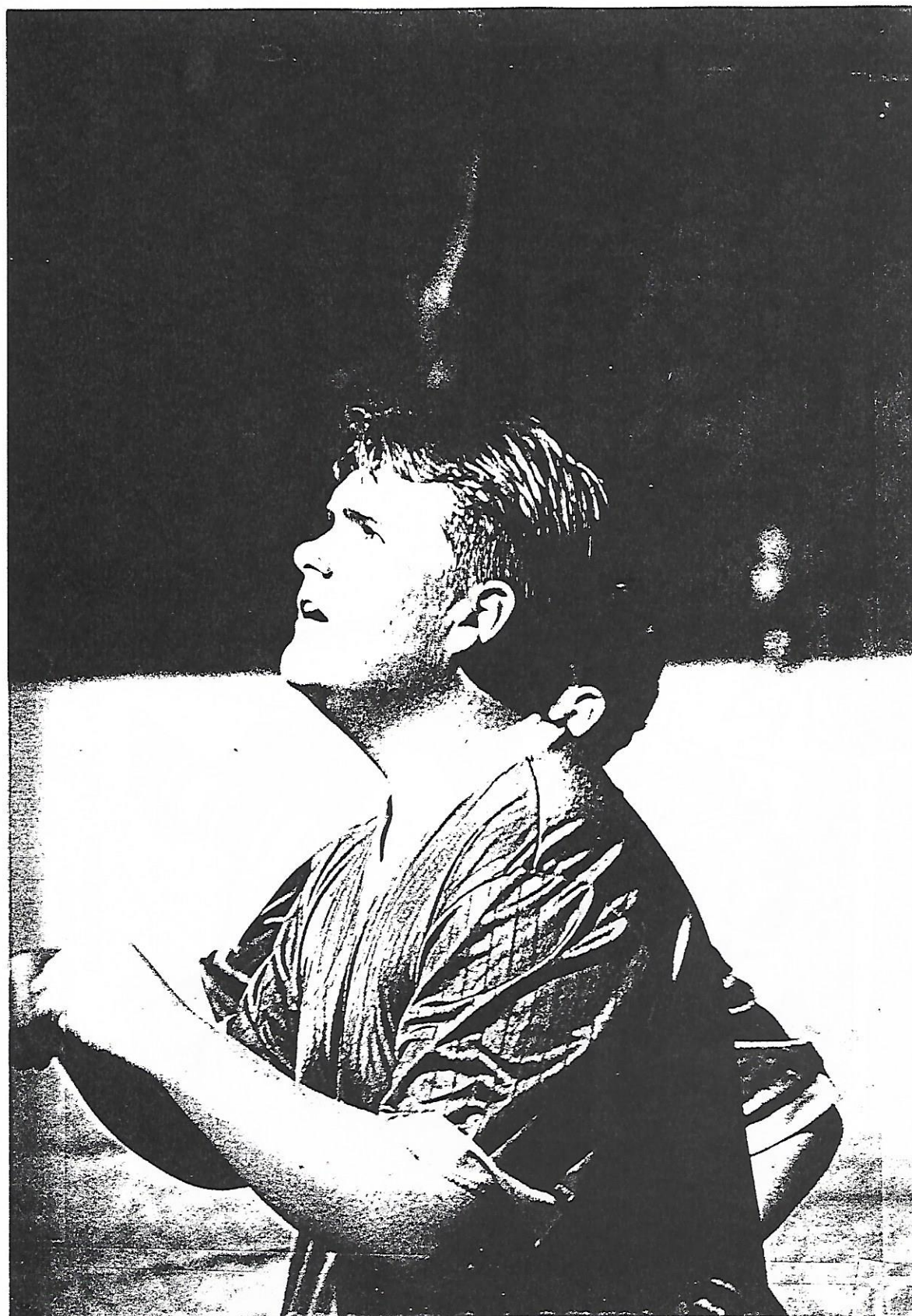


A determined GRAHAM HOLLEBONE (R/C 2) takes on the

St Marys

attacker in the clash at Jones Park.





BEN WILLIAMSON (U/16s) appears to be asking for divine assistance in reaching his 100th game this season but bad luck for "Benno" as he finished on 97!



## SOME QUICK STATS!!

Statistics from this season provide some interesting reading!

### LONGEST SERVING CURRENT PLAYERS:

FOUR players from the Raahauge Cup side share this honour being JIMMY PINCOTT (commenced 1944!), KEN JAMES (1960), NEIL RUDGLEY (1961) and GEOFF RIDER (1969).

### FIRST GOAL SCORED:

VAHID AMERIPOUR (U/16) scored his first-ever goal for Lidcombe against Blacktown in April. Not long after, Vahid moved to HAWAII of all places to match it with Magnum and Jack Lord (Hawaii 5.0)!

RYAN PROUTY (U/10) was a happy first scorer also this season.

PHIL CACCIAPAGLIA (what a mouthful!) (U/16) scored his first against Lower Mountains but celebrated with an additional goal in the same match.

Raahauge Cuppers PHIL PARISH, JORGE SALAMO and JASON SCHULTZ also hit the net for the first time.

### MOST GAMES:

KEN JAMES (592 games) is staggering towards the post as he attempts to go past his father's club record of 630 matches! Ken only played seven matches this season but is determined to get there by the millenium!

### NO FEMALE BIAS:

15 years old KELLIE FOGGON turned out for the Under 16s this season in a game against Chester Hill who, themselves, had three of the fairer sex playing for them!

### AGE NO LIMIT:

In Jack Dutton's Under 8s this season FOUR players have already reached 50 games being DANNY JAMES (70 matches), SAHIN KAZAN (57), ANDREW ILIEFF (56) and ANDREW THIEL (52).

### NEARLY 100:

BEN WILLIAMSON (U/16) just missed his 100 games this year finishing on 97 so he'll be back next year!

### TOTAL GAMES:

The total games standing to the credit of all the Raahauge Cup boys stands at 6,724 at the close of the season with three players KEN JAMES (596) JIM PINCOTT (542) and GEOFF RIDER (538) leading the way!

The total of the goals for the Raahauge Cup boys is presently 1,477!

### TOP SCORER:

First Grade captain Peter Oberemok (287 goals) presently leads the field in the most number of goals scored while STEPHEN JAMES (229) is making a determined effort to catch "Obo"!

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