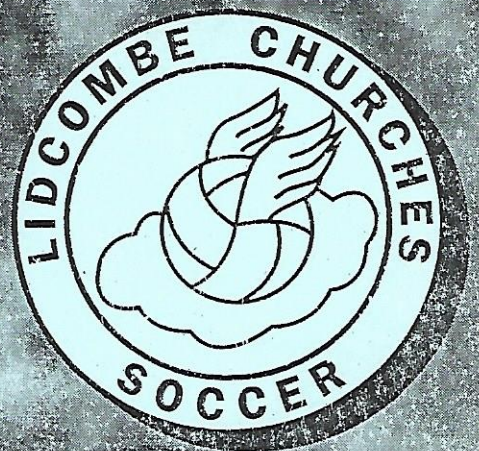


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OFFICIALS - 1996

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| PATRONS: | RAY JAMES, GORDON WEEKS |
| PRESIDENT: | NEIL RUDGLEY |
| VICE PRESIDENT: | ALEX MOROZOFF |
| SECRETARY: | JAMES MAY |
| ASSISTANT SECRETARY: | KEN JAMES |
| TREASURER: | KEN JAMES |
| COUNCILLOR TO ASSOCIATION: | NIGEL BATTS |
| PUBLICITY OFFICER: | NEIL RUDGLEY |
| EQUIPMENT MANAGER: | SCOTT ASHBROOKE |

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 |
| 1996 | MICK ANLEZARK, TREVOR LAVENDER, JAMES MAY, ALAN PILLING |

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TROPHY WINNERS

MOST CONSISTENT

UNDER 9S

Daniel JAMES

Sahin KAZAN

MOST IMPROVED

Daniel FERGUSON

UNDER 11S

Rani HADDAD

Anthony RANCAN

Abdul-Rahman ABU-MAHMOUD

RAAHAUGE CUP RESERVES

Tom PAVLEK

RAAHAUGE CUP FIRSTS

Awarded the W J (Bill) Stevens Trophy for Best All Age Player

Phil PARISH

600 GAMES

Ken JAMES (COMM. 1960)

500 GAMES

Mick ANLEZARK (COMM. 1970)

300 GAMES

Graham HOLLEBONE (COMM. 1976)

100 GAMES

Abdul-Rahman ABU-MAHMOUD (COMM. 1991)

Nathan PILLING (COMM. 1992)

Ben WILLIAMSON (COMM. 1990)

Salah ZEIN (COMM. 1991)

100 GOALS

Abdul-Rahman ABU-MAHMOUD (COMM 1991)

GEORGE McCOLL SHIELD FOR LEADING GOALSCORER

Alex MOROZOFF (R/C1) 35 GOALS

NORM HUTEAU MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST CLUBMAN

Scott ASHBROOKE

STIRRER'S SPOON

Trevor LAVENDER

ROBERT BROWN MEMORIAL SHIELD FOR MERITORIOUS TEAM

RAAHAUGE CUP FIRSTS

E J & H JAMES SHIELD FOR BEST JUNIOR GOALKEEPER

Telmo VILAS-BOAS (Under 11s)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Mick ANLEZARK, Trevor LAVENDER, James MAY,

Alan PILLING

OTHER CLUB FACTS

- FIRST PRESIDENT (1939):** EDWARD (TED) JAMES
- FIRST SECRETARY (1939):** ALAN COOK
- FIRST GAME 15.04.39:** ALL AGE VS CARLINGFORD AT
WYATT PARK (LIDCOMBE 2-0 WIN)
- MOST GOALS IN A SEASON (54):** MARK WOODHOUSE (U/9s) 1971
- MOST GOALS IN A MATCH (9):** JOHN MOUSSA (U/14s) VS
GREYSTANES AT TAIT RESERVE
16 JULY 1994
- HIGHEST GOALS FOR (18):** U/15s VS ST BARNABAS
PUNCHBOWL AT PHILLIPS PARK
8 MAY 1971
- HIGHEST GOALS AGAINST (16):** U/8s VS GEORGES HALL TIGERS
AT BIRDWOOD RES 26 JUNE 1976
- MOST TEAM GOALS IN A SEASON (111):** U/ 12s (1992)
- MOST COMPETITION GAMES IN A SEASON BY A PLAYER (35):**
TREVOR LAVENDER - R/C 3&4 (1983)
- YOUNGEST PLAYER (3YRS 102 DAYS):** CHRIS KITCHING (U/6s) (1988)
- OLDEST PLAYER (63 YRS 148 DAYS):** JIM PINCOTT (R/C 2) (1996)
- GAMES UNTIL FIRST GOAL (202):** RICHARD HOLLAND (1967-1976)
VS HUNTERS HILL AT PHILLIPS PARK 22.05.76

COACHES AND MANAGERS

| TEAM | COACH | MANAGER |
|----------|--------------|-----------------|
| 9 | JACK DUTTON | JACK DUTTON |
| 11 | JAMES MAY | NAWACH HADDAD |
| R/C 1& 2 | ALAN PILLING | SCOTT ASHBROOKE |
| | JAMES MAY | |

1968: Frank Black was a very highly regarded referee and before this particular match at Phillips Park he checked the goalposts at the southern end by swinging on them. Unfortunately the crossbar snapped and came crashing down narrowly missing Frank! Embarrassed he had to wait for emergency repairs before the match could get under way!

| HONOUR ROLL | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-------|
| 600 GAMES | | | | | | | | | |
| | COMMECE/ | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | |
| | PLAYING | 100 | 200 | 300 | 400 | 500 | 600 | FINISHED | TOTAL |
| JAMES Ray | 1939 | # | # | # | # | # | # | PLAYING | GOALS |
| JAMES Ken | 1960 | 1966 | 1971 | 1978 | 1982 | 1988 | 1996 | * | 7 |
| 500 GAMES | | | | | | | | | |
| | COMMECE/ | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | FINISHED | TOTAL |
| | PLAYING | 100 | 200 | 300 | 400 | 500 | 500 | PLAYING | GOALS |
| PINCOTT Jim | 1944 | 1971 | 1978 | 1984 | 1990 | %1992 | | * | 110 |
| RIDER Geoff | 1969 | 1975 | 1980 | 1984 | 1988 | 1993 | | * | 51 |
| TURNBULL Ian | 1962 | 1967 | 1973 | 1978 | 1983 | 1988 | | 1990 | 231 |
| EAGLESON Robert | 1962 | 1967 | 1972 | 1976 | 1981 | 1985 | | 1985 | 131 |
| ANLEZARK Mick | 1970 | 1975 | 1979 | 1984 | 1989 | 1996 | | * | 112 |
| 400 GAMES | | | | | | | | | |
| | COMMECE/ | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | FINISHED | TOTAL |
| | PLAYING | 100 | 200 | 300 | 400 | 500 | 500 | PLAYING | GOALS |
| ANLEZARK Scott | 1970 | 1975 | 1980 | 1985 | 1989 | | | 1992 | 71 |
| HOLLAND Richard | 1967 | 1972 | 1976 | 1981 | 1987 | | | 1992 | 3 |
| JAMES Peter | 1961 | 1966 | 1971 | 1980 | 1985 | | | 1987 | 79 |
| LAVENDER Trevor | 1974 | 1978 | 1983 | 1987 | 1993 | | | * | 3 |
| PILLING Alan | 1974 | 1979 | 1985 | 1990 | 1995 | | | * | 71 |
| 300 GAMES | | | | | | | | | |
| | COMMECE/ | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | FINISHED | TOTAL |
| | PLAYING | 100 | 200 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | PLAYING | GOALS |
| RUDGLEY Neil | 1961 | 1967 | 1976 | 1988 | | | | * | 212 |
| MAY James | 1979 | 1983 | 1989 | 1993 | | | | * | 8 |
| HINTON Craig | 1969 | 1973 | 1978 | 1988 | | | | 1992 | 6 |
| WEEKS Alan | 1960 | 1966 | 1972 | 1978 | | | | 1984 | 128 |
| WEEKS John | 1965 | 1970 | 1975 | 1979 | | | | 1984 | 78 |
| HORE Russell | 1969 | 1973 | 1978 | 1985 | | | | 1991 | 132 |
| OBEREMOK Peter | 1974 | 1979 | 1988 | 1994 | | | | * | 298 |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|------|--|--|--|----------|-------|-------|
| PINCOIT Grant | 1984 | 1970 | 1976 | 1982 | | | | 1983 | 325 | 26 |
| TURNBULL Ray | 1961 | 1966 | 1971 | 1976 | | | | 1982 | 324 | 135 |
| DIB Sam | 1965 | 1974 | 1984 | 1992 | | | | 1993 | 317 | 14 |
| JAMES Kevin | 1963 | 1969 | 1974 | 1984 | | | | 1985 | 317 | 6 |
| EDENBOROUGH Steve | 1971 | 1975 | 1979 | 1984 | | | | 1984 | 306 | 7 |
| TAYLOR Ray | 1964 | 1969 | 1974 | 1984 | | | | 1984 | 305 | 41 |
| FRAME Jim | 1974 | 1979 | 1983 | 1988 | | | | 1988 | 304 | 15 |
| HOLLEBONE Graham | 1976 | 1982 | 1990 | 1996 | | | | * | 301 | 11 |
| 200 GAMES | | | | | | | | | | |
| | COMMECE | Reached | Reached | | | | | FINISHED | TOTAL | TOTAL |
| | PLAYING | 100 | 200 | | | | | PLAYING | GAMES | GOALS |
| SOMERVILLE Craig | 1967 | 1972 | 1977 | | | | | 1982 | 297 | 141 |
| ALSOP Paul | 1963 | 1968 | 1974 | | | | | 1979 | 296 | 30 |
| ROBERTS Graeme | 1972 | 1977 | 1981 | | | | | 1992 | 286 | 17 |
| STEVENS Greg | 1966 | 1970 | 1974 | | | | | 1977 | 274 | 51 |
| CAMBAZ Ken | 1973 | 1977 | 1991 | | | | | 1995 | 273 | 141 |
| SOMERVILLE Darren | 1967 | 1972 | 1976 | | | | | 1982 | 273 | 121 |
| BATTS Nigel | 1977 | 1987 | 1993 | | | | | * | 273 | 2 |
| COLLIER Ken | 1969 | 1975 | 1980 | | | | | 1987 | 271 | 24 |
| PAVLEK Tommy | 1984 | 1990 | 1994 | | | | | * | 270 | 46 |
| ROONEY Terry | 1968 | 1983 | 1988 | | | | | 1995 | 266 | 127 |
| JAMES Gary | 1960 | 1965 | 1969 | | | | | 1984 | 266 | 32 |
| McKEOWN Brendan | 1973 | 1980 | 1985 | | | | | 1988 | 263 | 130 |
| HAWACH John | 1977 | 1984 | 1993 | | | | | * | 263 | 6 |
| DILLON John | 1961 | 1966 | 1977 | | | | | 1980 | 261 | 72 |
| BATY Mark | 1964 | 1969 | 1975 | | | | | 1985 | 261 | 63 |
| GRUNDY Steve | 1965 | 1970 | 1979 | | | | | 1982 | 258 | 10 |
| WILLIAMS Garry | 1966 | 1971 | 1977 | | | | | 1987 | 254 | 15 |
| EAGLESON Donn | 1962 | 1967 | 1972 | | | | | 1986 | 254 | 7 |
| WOODS Keith | 1966 | 1971 | 1975 | | | | | 1985 | 253 | 60 |
| FRAME Lindsay | 1974 | 1980 | 1985 | | | | | 1987 | 253 | 51 |
| WILSON Les | 1971 | 1975 | 1987 | | | | | 1994 | 249 | 56 |
| BOWDEN Roger | 1967 | 1974 | 1982 | | | | | 1985 | 249 | 42 |
| SMITH Trent | 1984 | 1990 | 1994 | | | | | * | 246 | 17 |
| JAMES Stephen | 1986 | 1990 | 1994 | | | | | 1995 | 243 | 229 |

| 200 GAMES (c) | COMMENCEMENT PLAYING | Reached 100 | Reached 200 | FINISHED PLAYING | TOTAL GAMES | TOTAL GOALS |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| HILLYARD Neil | 1981 | 1969 | 200 | 1979 | 243 | 31 |
| DIB Isaac | 1967 | 1973 | 1976 | 1982 | 241 | 24 |
| O'HARA Kieran | 1980 | 1986 | 1992 | * | 241 | 5 |
| JAMES Mathew | 1986 | 1990 | 1994 | 1995 | 238 | 134 |
| MOROZOFF Alex | 1974 | 1990 | 1995 | * | 233 | 169 |
| IRWIN Ron | 1969 | 1972 | 1982 | 1985 | 233 | 12 |
| TANNOUS Tony | 1982 | 1988 | 1994 | 1995 | 233 | 12 |
| HOLLEBONE Bob | 1963 | 1968 | 1974 | 1975 | 232 | 29 |
| COLLIER Gary | 1973 | 1977 | 1982 | 1983 | 230 | 44 |
| BRANDIE Ralph | 1965 | 1970 | 1978 | 1979 | 230 | 3 |
| HENDERSON Grant | 1962 | 1967 | 1972 | 1974 | 223 | 51 |
| HAMILTON Peter | 1982 | 1986 | 1991 | 1992 | 223 | 42 |
| CARMICHAEL Stewart | 1972 | 1977 | 1982 | 1983 | 223 | 24 |
| KERRIGAN Garry | 1967 | 1974 | 1980 | 1982 | 222 | 26 |
| MORGAN Geoff | 1976 | 1980 | 1984 | 1985 | 221 | 76 |
| BRZICA Walter | 1975 | 1980 | 1989 | 1990 | 220 | 85 |
| LUKE Robert | 1970 | 1974 | 1980 | 1981 | 220 | 63 |
| BROWN Colin | 1962 | 1968 | 1974 | 1976 | 220 | 86 |
| GODFREY Steven | 1968 | 1973 | 1979 | 1980 | 220 | 1 |
| AUSTIN Greg | 1970 | 1974 | 1978 | 1978 | 218 | 7 |
| BENT Geoff | 1962 | 1968 | 1977 | 1979 | 217 | 78 |
| GRATTAN Andrew | 1977 | 1983 | 1994 | 1995 | 217 | 66 |
| EDWARDS Geoff | 1972 | 1976 | 1982 | 1982 | 214 | 73 |
| DEATH Norm | 1969 | 1973 | 1978 | 1978 | 212 | 27 |
| BURNS Steve | 1966 | 1971 | 1975 | 1975 | 209 | 101 |
| HOLLEBONE Arthur | 1965 | 1974 | 1977 | 1977 | 209 | 2 |
| GODFREY Graham | 1967 | 1972 | 1978 | 1978 | 208 | 25 |
| HOLLEBONE Ron | 1966 | 1970 | 1977 | 1982 | 207 | 63 |
| LULAND Stephen | 1969 | 1975 | 1980 | 1980 | 207 | 35 |
| BIRD Phil | 1961 | 1969 | 1981 | 1981 | 205 | 21 |
| RIDER Bruce | 1962 | 1966 | 1973 | 1974 | 203 | 48 |
| LUKE George | 1971 | 1976 | 1983 | 1985 | 203 | 2 |
| TOMS Kevin | 1960 | 1966 | 1972 | 1972 | 202 | 49 |
| KNOWLES Bill | 1967 | 1972 | 1986 | 1986 | 200 | 68 |

200 GOALS

| | <i>Reached 100 Goals</i> | <i>Reached 200 Goals</i> |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| OBEREMOK Peter | 1979 | 1982 |
| TURNBULL Ian | 1978 | 1987 |
| RUDGLEY Neil | 1968 | 1988 |
| JAMES Stephen | 1991 | 1994 |

**Reached
100 Goals**

**Reached
200 Goals**

100 GOALS

| | | Reached 100 Goals | | Reached 100 Goals |
|-------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| RIDER Ron | | 1969 | HORE Russell | 1979 |
| WOODHOUSE Mark | | 1972 | PINCOTT Jim | 1983 |
| TURNBULL Ray | | 1973 | SIMA Metin | 1983 |
| BRUEN Bill | | 1975 | EAGLESON Bob | 1984 |
| BURNS Steve | | 1975 | HETERICK Graeme | 1985 |
| WEEKS Alan | | 1975 | MCKEOWN Brendan | 1986 |
| BEAUPEURT Wayne | | 1977 | ROONEY Terry | 1988 |
| SOMERVILLE Craig | | 1977 | ANLEZARK Mick | 1991 |
| WILEY Rick | | 1978 | JAMES Mathew | 1993 |
| ROBERTS Garry | | 1978 | MOROZOFF Alex | 1993 |
| SOMERVILLE Darren | | 1978 | MOUSSA John | 1994 |
| CAMBAZ Ken | | 1979 | ABU-MAHMOUD A-R | 1996 |

Reached
100 Goals

Reached
100 Goals

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| HORE Russell | |
| PINCOTT Jim | |
| SIMA Metin | |
| EAGLESON Bob | |
| HETERICK Graeme | |
| McKEOWN Brendan | |
| ROONEY Terry | |
| ANLEZARK Mick | |
| JAMES Mathew | |
| MOROZOFF Alex | |
| MOUSSA John | |
| ABU-MAHMOUD A-R | |

* Still Playing

Records Unavailable

% Records Reassessed

| CLUB RECORD | | | | YEAR | COMPETITION | YEAR | COMPETITION | YEAR | COMPETITION |
|-------------|----------------------|--|--|------|------------------------|------|----------------------|------|-------------|
| 1943 | U/14 PREMIERS | | | 1978 | U/15 KNOCK-OUT | 1990 | U/11 KNOCK-OUT | | |
| 1947 | U/14 PREMIERS | | | 1978 | U/18 PREMIERS | 1991 | U/12 PREMIERS | | |
| 1947 | 1ST GRADE SIX-A-SIDE | | | 1978 | U/18 KNOCK-OUT | 1991 | U/12 SIX-A-SIDE | | |
| 1948 | U/16 PREMIERS | | | 1978 | R/CUP RES PREMIERS | 1991 | C GRADE SIX-A-SIDE | | |
| 1961 | U/12 PREMIERS | | | 1979 | U/11 PREMIERS | 1992 | U/12 PREMIERS | | |
| 1962 | U/10 PREMIERS | | | 1979 | U/16 PREMIERS | 1992 | U/12 SIX-A-SIDE | | |
| 1962 | U/12 PREMIERS | | | 1979 | R/CUP RES (DIVISION 4) | 1992 | U/12 KNOCK-OUT | | |
| 1962 | U/16 SIX-A-SIDE | | | 1981 | U/13 PREMIERS | 1992 | U/15 SIX-A-SIDE | | |
| 1964 | U/16B PREMIERS | | | 1981 | R/CUP RES PREMIERS | 1992 | U/15 KNOCK-OUT | | |
| 1966 | 2ND DIVISION PREMIER | | | 1982 | U/9 PREMIERS | 1993 | U/13 PREMIERS | | |
| 1967 | 1ST DIVISION PREMIER | | | 1982 | U/10 PREMIERS | 1993 | U/13 SIX-A-SIDE | | |
| 1967 | OPEN KNOCK-OUT | | | 1983 | MINI GROUP 6 PREMIERS | 1993 | U/13 KNOCK-OUT | | |
| 1967 | 2ND GRADE SIX-A-SIDE | | | 1983 | U/10 PREMIERS | 1994 | U/14 SIX-A-SIDE | | |
| 1968 | U/12 PREMIERS | | | 1983 | U/11 PREMIERS | 1994 | R/CUP DIV 4 PREMIERS | | |
| 1968 | PREMIER LEAGUE RES | | | 1983 | U/15 KNOCK-OUT | 1995 | U/8 PREMIERS | | |
| 1968 | OPEN KNOCK-OUT | | | 1984 | U/9 PREMIERS | 1995 | U/16 KNOCK-OUT | | |
| 1969 | B GRADE SIX-A-SIDE | | | 1984 | U/13 PREMIERS | 1996 | R/CUP DIV 4 PREMIERS | | |
| 1969 | 4TH GRADE PREMIERS | | | 1984 | U/11 SIX-A-SIDE | | | | |
| 1971 | U/9 PREMIERS | | | 1984 | U/12 SIX-A-SIDE | | | | |
| 1971 | U/15 PREMIERS | | | 1984 | U/18 KNOCK-OUT | | | | |
| 1971 | OVER 35 KNOCK-OUT | | | 1984 | R/CUP RES PREMIERS | | | | |
| 1972 | U/11 PREMIERS | | | 1985 | U/14 PREMIERS | | | | |
| 1972 | U/12 PREMIERS | | | 1985 | 4TH GRADE PREMIERS | | | | |
| 1973 | U/11 PREMIERS | | | 1985 | R/CUP RES PREMIERS | | | | |
| 1974 | U/10 PREMIERS | | | 1986 | U/7 PREMIERS | | | | |
| 1974 | U/11 PREMIERS | | | 1986 | U/10 PREMIERS | | | | |
| 1974 | U/13 PREMIERS | | | 1986 | U/13 PREMIERS | | | | |
| 1974 | U/16 PREMIERS | | | 1987 | U/8 PREMIERS | | | | |
| 1975 | U/9 PREMIERS | | | 1987 | U/11 PREMIERS | | | | |
| 1976 | U/14 PREMIERS | | | 1987 | U/12 SIX-A-SIDE | | | | |
| 1977 | U/14 SIX-A-SIDE | | | 1987 | U/12 KNOCK-OUT | | | | |
| 1977 | U/16 KNOCK-OUT | | | 1987 | R/CUP RES PREMIERS | | | | |
| 1978 | U/15 PREMIERS | | | 1990 | U/11 PREMIERS | | | | |

SECRETARY'S REPORT - 1996

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

COACHES AND MANAGERS:

Thanks to those people who gave their time this year to coach our teams.

They were; Jack Dutton (under 9s), James May (under 11s), Alan Pilling and James May (Raahauge Cup 1sts & 2nds).

Unfortunately for the youngsters (and the club) Jack Dutton has announced that he has retired from coaching and we thank him for his efforts over the past five years which included a premiership in 1995. Best wishes, Jack!

As you know the juniors are the nucleus of the club and without them the future of the club is uncertain.

Anyone interested in taking the two to three hours a week to coach an under 6 or under 7 side with only eight players please contact any member of the Management Committee.

This is a worthwhile activity which I can highly recommend.

CANTEEN:

As in past seasons the canteen was the focal point of the club's activities.

This is where the majority of our revenue comes from and the support shown by all members of the club was very gratifying.

We were fortunate to have junior knockout games held on the Number Two field which helped our sales and increased our profits.

Thanks go to Scott Ashbrooke, Narelle Foggon and Ken James for restocking and running the canteen. Without their help we would not have been able to operate the canteen at all in 1996.

Narelle made the trip up from Lurnea each Saturday and although her driving record appears more suited to the "roller derby" she proved a very popular Canteen Manager!

JUNIORS:

This season we were only able to field two junior teams, under 9s and under 11s, comprising of 32 registered players.

Next year the Management Committee will be pushing to increase the number of junior teams starting with under 6 and under 7 minis in 1997.

The addition of these extra teams should see the number of juniors increase to ensure the survival of the club.

SENIORS:

Only the one Raahauge Cup Squad (two teams) was fielded this year comprising 33 registered players.

The first grade side was victorious in taking out its second premiership in three years and also made the semi-finals of the mid-week knockout.

The second grade side with their usual mix of youth and experience had an up and down season putting in solid efforts against the highly rated teams and disappointing efforts against the lower teams when they probably should have won.

DISCIPLINARY:

The conduct of all the players the season was exemplary and all players are to be congratulated on the sportsmanship displayed.

There was however one citing of a supporter for abuse of a Referee. The club received a severe warning and a notice that any similar infringement in the future would carry a heavy fine from the Association for the club and the individual involved.

The club fully supports the Association's views in this area and will ensure compliance with the ruling.

RETIREMENTS:

This year we farewell two club stalwarts who between them have played over 800 games. Alan "A.P." Pilling and Trevor "Lumpy" Lavender have hung up their boots after long and illustrious careers with Lidcombe, both having commenced in 1974.

Their retirements will be a loss to the club and although many people have been trying to burn "Lumpy"'s boots for many years his big frame in the goals will be missed.

I am pleased to advise that the service contributed by these two long-serving members to the club has been recognised by the awarding of Life Membership.

Well done to both of you!

EQUIPMENT:

This year we were grateful to receive support from the Auburn Soccer and Sports Club who supplied match and training balls for both juniors and seniors. The club is grateful for the support given and look forward to a lasting relationship well into the future.

The playing strips for the junior sides are in good condition and will last for another season. New sets of jerseys were purchased for both the first and second grade sides which were partly funded by the raffles run every Saturday afternoon by Scott Ashbrooke.

SPONSORSHIP:

Once again this season the Lidcombe R.S.L. and Community Club has come to our aid with monetary support for our club. Lidcombe R.S.L is a community based club which supports many organisations throughout our local area.

SUPPORTERS:

The juniors were well supported by parents, friends and relatives. These supporters were well behaved and encouraged the teams very enthusiastically all season.

The seniors enjoyed the support of their wives and girlfriends as well as parents, children and friends.

The support shown at the first grade grand final was exceptional and went a long way to helping Lidcombe triumph.

ANNUAL REPORT & PUBLICITY:

As you read through this year's 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.

I am sure all members of our club are aware of the weekly soccer reports which appear in the Review Pictorial newspaper. These reports are written by Neil Rudgley who puts in a considerable amount of time each week doing so and our club is appreciative of the space freely given by that paper.

Thanks also to Neil's daughters, Nadalie and Kellie, who provided the Annual Report cover and the "Lumpy" cartoons!

BEST CLUBMAN:

I am pleased to report that the Committee has decided to recognise Scott Ashbrooke's efforts by awarding him the Norm Huteau Memorial Trophy for Best Clubman.

It was Scott's tireless efforts throughout the season in acquiring shorts and socks for the first and second grade teams that ensured everybody was correctly outfitted and looking like a team.

And of course there were the "infamous" raffles along with purchasing the soft drinks for the canteen!

Congratulations Scott, a deserved recipient of the Best Clubman Award.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:

Congratulations go to Ken James on reaching that magical milestone set by his father of 600 games following a colourful career which began with the Congs back in 1960. Ken only needs another 26 games to break the club's all-time record for the most number of games played.

It is pleasing to report that Mick Anlezark played his 500th game in the First Grade's Grand Final win which was made even more memorable because it was his first-ever Grand Final victory. Mick's 500th game entitles him to Life Membership of the club. Mick commenced playing back in 1970.

Graham Hollebone played his 300th game in the major semi final after starting with the Congs in 1976. Congratulations Graham on reaching this milestone.

100 game awards have gone to Abdul-Rahman Abu-Mahmoud (U/11's), Salah Zein (U/11's) Nathan Pilling (R/C2) and Benjamin Williamson (R/C2).

Congratulations to Abdul-Rahman Abu-Mahmoud who also scored his 100th club goal this season. Abdul becomes only the 28th player in the club's 57 year history to achieve this milestone and I am confident he has many more goals coming his way.

CONCLUSION:

This has been a good year which I have enjoyed. Next year the Management Committee will endeavour to increase the number of junior teams and help the club grow back into one of the leading junior soccer clubs in the local community.

To achieve this we need a wide range of people to make the club work. From coaches and managers to canteen volunteers through to people to help mark the lines once a season - we need your support!

Please show your support for the club by coming along to the Annual General Meeting to be held in March 1997.

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

"Once A Congo - ALWAYS A CONGO".

- JAMES MAY
SECRETARY

** Apparently **JOHN HAWACH** did not know of the house move of the May family from Frances St Lidcombe to Downing Avenue Regents Park because recently he sat outside the former residence waiting until James arrived "home"! Also unaware that the telephone number had NOT changed John (at Lidcombe) rang James' mother (whom he didn't realise was at Regents Park!) saying that he was outside waiting and she asked John to come inside! John knocked on the door (at Frances St) but got no answer until a neighbour informed him that they had moved SIX MONTHS AGO!*

See what dieting does to a bloke!!

UNDER 9s

Another season has come to a close and although last year's premiership victory was not repeated 1996 was still a satisfying year for Lidcombe.

Fielding only nine players in losing the first competition match 4-0 against eventual premiers Wentworthville the team remained very competitive losing only two further matches being 1-0 again against Wenty in the second round and 3-2 versus OLQP. Both of these latter losses I believe could have gone our way with a bit of luck but that is how the ball rolls!

The boys continued to impress and their second round record of eight successive games without a loss showed that they have the ability and determination to succeed.

My thanks go to many people associated with the team being:-

- the parents and friends for their continual support (I am sure that you witnessed some very entertaining matches throughout the year!);
- my wife Kath for the cleaning and sometimes repair of the shirts;
- the club and association officials for all their hard work;
- the players themselves who had a very good season following on from the highs of the previous year. The boys can cover a variety of positions on the field although EVERYONE wants to be a forward! Remember boys that playing in the defence is just as important as playing up front!

If this side stays together it can become one of the best teams that Lidcombe has produced.

As part of my final contribution to this season I am faced with the unenviable task of selecting the Most Consistent and Most Improved Players for 1996.

From a host of excellent footballers Daniel James and Sahin Kazan have been selected as joint recipients of the Most Consistent Player award narrowly from Iain Maunder, Andrew Ilieff and Kevin O'Halloran.

The Most Improved Player has been awarded to Daniel Ferguson just ahead of Thomas Northey.

I will have regrets about my decision to retire from coaching however I have had a good run and have thoroughly enjoyed my association with this team.

Best wishes to all and be assured that my retirement calendar is fully booked up with a variety of suitable interests although I will keep a keen eye on the weekly soccer results!

The team was:

ANTHONY CHAMCHOUN: Having his first season in soccer Anthony came through fairly well. Although it is not easy to join a team that has played together for two and three seasons Anthony was bound to feel somewhat lost however by playing in the midfield of defence he was able to come up with some good tackles and he will be an improved player next season.

VITOR DE NETO: Unfortunately Vitor was not able to play many games this season as he went overseas for three months. One of the smallest players in the team, Vitor's tenacious defence was missed.

DANIEL FERGUSON: In Daniel's three seasons with us he has shown a very big improvement. He plays a good game in midfield and can read a game well to organise the defence.

ANTHONY GHALEB: Anthony moves very fast out on the field however his tremendous game in goals against OLQP enabled us to take a point off that team. One save he made that day brought well-earned praise from the opposition coach who admitted that the save was the first one made against their goalscorer this season!

ANDREW ILIEFF: Andrew's fourth season with us and he is getting better each year. Our number one goalkeeper for the tight games he covered the ball at all times when making a save and when he played in the forwards he showed excellent speed to score some fine goals. On the rare occasions that he slowed down his father blamed the late nights of watching the Olympic Games Soccer!

DANIEL JAMES: Whether in the midfield covering the defence or up in the forwards attacking the goals, Daniel always gave a 100% effort. He displays a great ability to read the play and apart from his natural brilliance he has the unique skill for such a young footballer to place the ball right in the middle of the goal area from a corner kick!

SAHIN KAZAN: Another player who is improving every year Sahin is strong in defence and very fast in attack. Because of his skilful footwork and anticipation he was able to score some excellent goals.

MARTIN MACHADO: Martin was a newcomer to the team but showed that he was not a newcomer to soccer playing well in goals and also showing field skills when playing up front.

IAIN MAUNDER: There is no doubting Iain's exceptional talents. A natural left-footer he has great speed, ball control and an excellent kick. Iain is a match winner who takes on defences from both sides of the field and has the ability to turn a game Lidcombe's way. A bright future for this boy!

SHANE MELKI: Shane is more than just a utility player as he can cover a number of positions equally as well on the field. He prefers to play up front (who doesn't?) where the action is and his ability to head the ball is a feature of his play. He is a strong follower of the ball showing good dribbling skills.

BEN MILLER: The "gentle giant" of the team Ben was tried in goals but is more suited out on the field in defence where his strong kick can be put to some use. In one match I hardly got the words out of my mouth to say that he was not supposed to be that far up front when he scored his FIRST-EVER GOAL! Rubbing it in even more Ben then scored A SECOND GOAL minutes later and I know that this two-goal performance cost Dad an arm and a leg at McDonald's that evening!

THOMAS NORTHEY: One of the smallest players in the team but what Thomas lacks in size he certainly makes up for in determination as he never gives up. He played in the backs, midfield and also goals. He goes forward all the time and is a very valuable asset to the team.

KEVIN O'HALLORAN: This boy was first introduced to me as the "pocket rocket" back in 1994. This year he was more like a tank because once he wound up then away he went into the battle! Kevin is a very good player for any team to have on board being equally at home in defence and in the forwards.

PHILLIP PIGNATARO: A newcomer to the side, Phillip started as goalkeeper but with the small amount of work required in this position behind such a fine defence a player could easily catch cold so I moved him out to midfield! He enjoyed himself becoming more involved in the play and showed some good heading skills.

ALEX SMITH: A reliable centre back who has been with the team for four seasons Alex makes good use of his heading and dribbling skills and when the mood fits he will lay on some fancy footwork to beat the opposition defence.

ROBERT VOLPATO: Still one of the quietest boys on the team but he is certainly talkative when compared to his first season back in 1993! Robby has a lot of speed and played in the defence where he displayed a very strong kick for someone who does not appear to swing his leg far enough! In the last few games of the season he showed more commitment in his defensive play.

- JACK DUTTON
COACH

SEASON RESULTS

COMPETITION:

| Date | Versus | Result | Scorers |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 13.04.96 | WENTY UNITING | L 0-4 | |
| 20.04.96 | ST MICHAELS (P) | W 4-0 (Ilieff 2, Maunder, O'Halloran) | |
| 27.04.96 | GREYSTANES | D 1-1 (Maunder) | |
| 04.05.96 | OLOR (BLUE) | WASHOUT | |

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|----------|-----------------|--------|---|
| 11.05.96 | OLOR (GREEN) | W 2-0 | (James, Maunder) |
| 18.05.96 | YARALLA | W 6-0 | (Ilieff 3, James, Maunder, O'Halloran) |
| 25.05.96 | OLQP (BLUE) | L 2-3 | (Kazan, O'Halloran) |
| 01.06.96 | ST BERNADETTEs | W 10-0 | (Maunder 3, Ilieff 2, Ferguson, Kazan, O'Halloran, O.G.2) |
| 15.06.96 | ST COLUMBAS | W 4-1 | (Maunder 2, Ilieff, Kazan) |
| 22.06.96 | WENTY UNITING | L 0-1 | |
| 29.06.96 | ST MICHAELS (P) | W 1-0 | (Maunder) |
| 13.07.96 | GREYSTANES | W 4-1 | (Maunder 3, Kazan) |
| 20.07.96 | OLOR (BLUE) | W 1-0 | (Maunder) |
| 27.07.96 | OLOR (GREEN) | W 11-0 | (Maunder 3, O'Halloran 3, Miller 2, Ilieff, James, Kazan) |
| 03.08.96 | YARALLA | W 5-2 | (James 2, Maunder 2, O'Halloran) |
| 10.08.96 | OLQP (BLUE) | D 1-1 | (Ilieff) |
| 17.08.96 | ST BERNADETTEs | W 8-0 | (Ilieff 3, Maunder 2, O'Halloran 2, Kazan) |
| 24.08.96 | ST COLUMBAS | W 3-1 | (Ferguson, Kazan, O'Halloran) |

SIX-A-SIDE

Team comprising Daniel Ferguson, Sahin Kazan, Iain Maunder, Thomas Northey and Kevin O'Halloran.

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|----------|----------------|-------|----------------------------------|
| 08.06.96 | YARALLA (BLUE) | W 3-2 | (Kazan 2, Maunder) |
| | YARALLA (GOLD) | W 2-0 | (Maunder, O.G.) |
| | BALMAIN | W 8-0 | (Maunder 5, O'Halloran 2, Kazan) |
| | OLQP | L 0-1 | |

Goalscorers:

| NAME | COMPETITION | K.O ETC | TOTAL |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Iain Maunder | 21 | 7 | 28 |
| Andrew Ilieff | 13 | 0 | 13 |
| Kevin O'Halloran | 11 | 2 | 13 |
| Sahin Kazan | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| Daniel James | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Daniel Ferguson | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Ben Miller | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Own Goal | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| | 63 | 13 | 76 |

UNDER 11s

One of the most difficult things about the 1996 season was being able to better or repeat the success of last year, ie finishing second and defeating every opposition team at least once during the season.

The move to the top division meant that there would be no easy games and with four new players that have never played before it was never going to be easy. The lose of three key players from last years team didn't help matters either.

The Queen's Birthday weekend saw the staging of the annual Six-A-Side Gala day. We entered two teams, this was to make sure that every player received at least two games. The Gold team bowed out after the second round. The Blue team on the other hand had a pleasing tournament advancing to the quarter finals but a long tiring day and some rotten luck (which never seems to go our way) saw us leave the competition but in no way disgraced.

The Knock-out competition which was played on Saturdays throughout the year was another tournament which we entered. The first round was a 17-0 win over an under-strength St Matthews at Uren Park. (Unfortunately for the team we just needed two more goals for the club's all-time scoring record!).

In the next round we came up against O.L.O.R at Tait Park only to be defeated in extra time. It was an excellent performance which proved that the pressure games always seemed to bring out the best from this team and this was one of the best games of the season.

Thanks must go to all parents who helped with transport and for supporting the team on Saturdays and thankyou to those who washed the shirts throughout the year.

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 next year and for many years to come.

The team was:

ABDUL-RAHMAN ABU-MAHMOUD: "Pele" (as he often referred to himself) had a tremendous season. Notched up his 100th game and 100th goal. Still possesses all the skills shown in previous seasons and this year turned into a team player, learning that it takes less effort to pass the ball than to beat everybody himself. Congratulations on a great season and winning the teams Most Consistent player award.

CHARLIE ANJOUL: Playing with the club for the first time Charlie had a mixed season. Full of spirit he sometimes wandered out of position but improved as the season progressed. Never gave up and didn't let his team down once. Scored his first ever goal for the club in the knock-out match at Uren Park.

MANDY ARBILO: The team custodian, Mandy was playing his first season and was a bit tentative to begin with but soon got into the swing of things as the year progressed. Another season will see Mandy develop his skills and enjoyment for the game.

MITCHELL COLEMAN: In what was Mitch's first season he seemed to be a bit tentative and worried about his larger opponents. However this fear was soon overcome and the season's experience has done Mitch a world of good. He will develop into a more confident footballer with more games under his belt.

RANI HADDAD: Rani showed great natural skill and leadership this season. He led the way in every game and is developing into a very clever midfielder. Congratulations on receiving the Most Consistent player award for 1996:-

RABEEH IBRAHIM: Rabeeh returned to the club this year and it didn't take long for him to get back into the soccer role. A very solid player who works best as a defensive midfielder. Keep up the good work.

SALIM MEHAJER: Filled in at fullback for the first five games with that terrier like attitude. Moved back into the midfield when Arjunan returned to claim his position. Salim is a young man who plays well above his stature.

RYAN PROUTY: Ryan only played half the season before travelling to the United States. However he did show courage and improvement in the games that he did play. We hope to see Ryan back again next season.

ANTHONY RANCAN: Tony moved to the wing and we saw an almost immediate improvement in his game. Using his speed and skill he left most opposition fullbacks in his wake. Congratulations Tony on winning the Most Improved player award.

THOMAS RAYWARD: Solid as a rock is the best way to describe Thomas. He was rarely beaten by opposition forwards and always cleaned up opposition attacks with devastating accuracy. Definitely a star of the future.

ARJUNAN SELVAM: "Spider" missed the beginning of the season due to a broken arm. When he returned he showed that he hadn't lost any of his speed or skill in always getting those legs to the ball to foil attacks put on by opposition wingers.

ELIAS TAOUK: The most robust member of the team. Elias was always there on Saturdays with plenty of fire in the belly. The amount of skill shown by a young man of Elias' stature was rather surprising. This skill was on display in the knock-out game against St Matthews at Uren Park when he beat four opponents to score his first ever goal. But he didn't stop there, he backed up with another goal four minutes later. One of the club's developing characters.

TELMO VILAS-BOAS: Resumed this season where he left off last year keeping us in the game on many occasions throughout the year saving everything from penalties to one-on-one challenges. The most deserved recipient of the Most Promising Junior Goal Keeper Award.

MICHAEL WHITE: Mick played in several positions this year but was outstanding in the central defence becoming one of the hardest defenders in the team. Congratulations on a tremendous season, a real pleasure to coach such a fine young gentleman.

SALAH ZEIN: The BIG man keeps getting bigger, in both stature and talent. Doesn't seem to let many opponents by without letting them know he's around. Salah always seems to get a goal when moved to the right wing.

- JAMES MAY
COACH

1988: The Raahauge Cup fourths were playing Narwee in the final at Sydney University ground when a HELICOPTER was forced to land on the ground stopping play for over 40 minutes! Unfortunately the restart saw Lidcombe lose 3-2!

SEASON RESULTS

COMPETITION:

| Date | Versus | Result | Scorers |
|----------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 13.04.96 | YARALLA (BLUE) | D 1-1 | (Mehajer) |
| 20.04.96 | ST MICHAELS (P) | L 0-1 | |
| 27.04.96 | BYE | | |
| 04.05.96 | ALL SAINTS (GOLD) | WASHOUT | |
| 11.05.96 | ST CUMBAS | L 1-2 | (Abu-Mahmoud) |
| 18.05.96 | OLOR | L 0-2 | |
| 25.05.96 | ST MICHAELS (RED) | W 2-0 | (Abu-Mahmoud 2) |
| 01.06.96 | YARALLA (BLUE) | W 1-0 | (Abu-Mahmoud) |
| 15.06.96 | ST MICHAELS (P) | L 1-2 | (Rancan) |
| 22.06.96 | BYE | | |
| 29.06.96 | ALL SAINTS (GOLD) | W 2-0 | (Ibrahim, Zein) |
| 13.07.96 | ST CUMBAS | W 2-1 | (Haddad, Mehajer) |
| 20.07.96 | OLOR | W 3-0 | (Haddad 2, Abu-Mahmoud) |
| 27.07.96 | ST MICHAELS (RED) | L 1-3 | (Abu-Mahmoud) |
| 03.08.96 | ST MICHAELS (P) | L 0-1 | |
| 10.08.96 | OLQP | W FORFEIT | |
| 17.08.96 | ALL SAINTS (GOLD) | W 5-1 | (Haddad 4, Abu-Mahmoud) |
| 24.08.96 | ST CUMBAS | W 3-0 | (Abu-Mahmoud 2, Haddad) |

KNOCK-OUT:

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|----------|-------------|--------|---|
| 15.06.96 | ST MATTHEWS | W 17-0 | (Darsa 4, Rayward 2, Taouk 2, White 2, Abu-Mahmoud, Anjoul, Haddad, Ibrahim, Mehajer, Rancan, Zein) |
| 03.08.96 | OLOR | L 0-1 | |

SIX-A-SIDE:

Blue Team

Team comprising Abdul-Rahman Abu-Mahmoud, Rani Haddad, Anthony Rancan, Thomas Rayward, Telmo Vilas-Boas and Michael White.

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| 08.06.96 | P'MATTA KNIGHTS | W 3-0 | (Abu-Mahmoud 2, Haddad) |
| | BLACKTOWN RC (G) | W 4-1 | (Abu-Mahmoud 2, Haddad, Rancan) |
| | YARALLA (BLUE) | L 0-1 | |

Gold Team

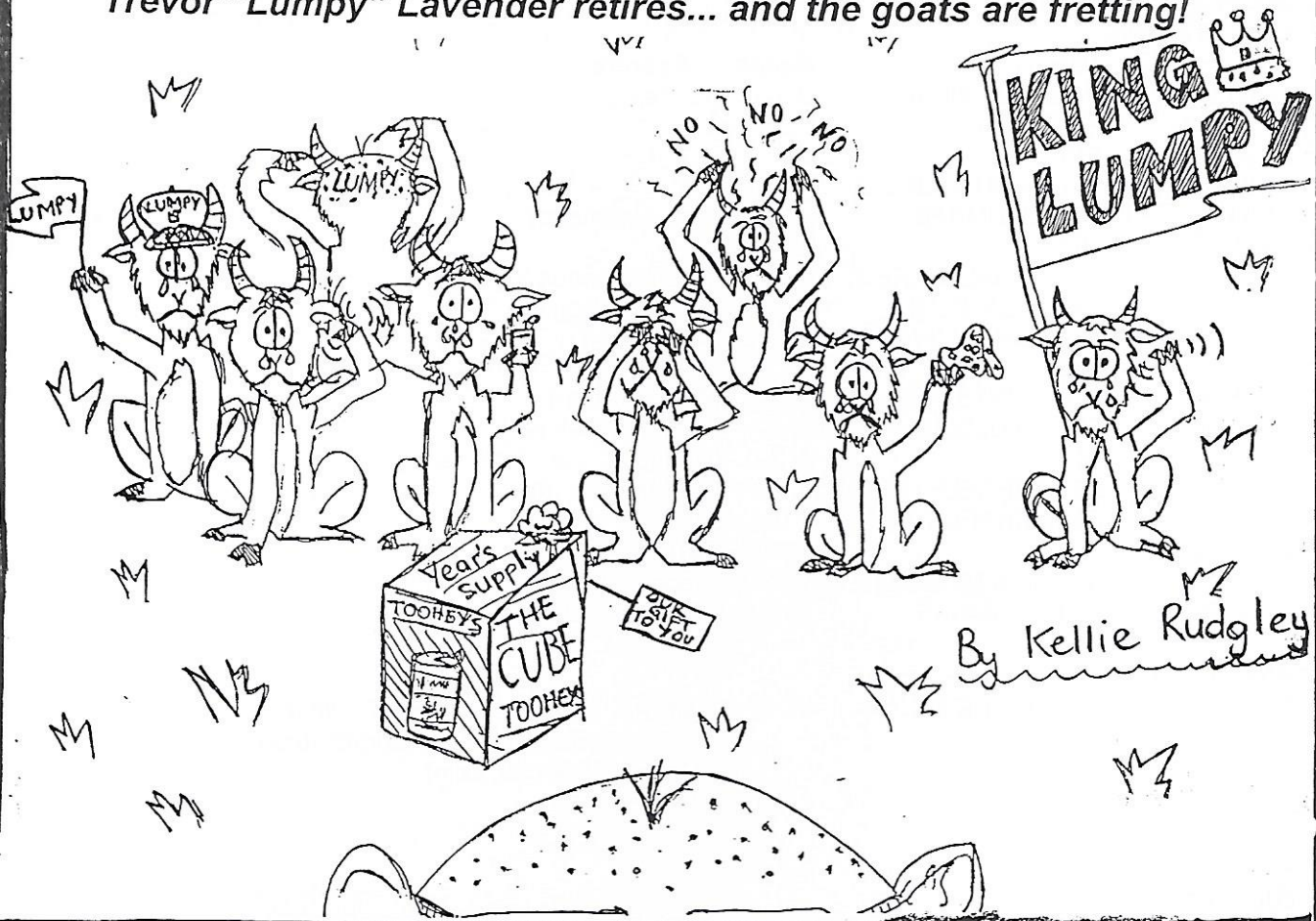
Team comprising Charlie Anjoul, Mandy Arbilo, Rabeeh Ibrahim, Salim Mehajer, Elias Taouk and Salah Zein.

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|----------|---------------|-------|-----------|
| 08.06.96 | OLQP (NAVY) | L 1-5 | (Ibrahim) |
| | YARALLA WHITE | L 0-4 | |

Goalscorers:

| NAME | COMPETITION | K.O ETC | TOTAL |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| A-R Abu-Mahmoud | 9 | 5 | 14 |
| Rani Haddad | 8 | 3 | 11 |
| Rammy Darsa | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Rabeeh Ibrahim | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Salim Mehajer | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Anthony Rancan | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Thomas Rayward | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Elias Taouk | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Salah Zein | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Michael White | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Charlie Anjoul | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | 22 | 25 | 47 |

Trevor "Lumpy" Lavender retires... and the goats are fretting!



The "Dingo" looks suspiciously like a dog owned by Nigel/James/Alex/Obo etc (keep on going Dog!)

By Kellie Rudgley

RAAHAUGE CUP RESERVES

Not the best of seasons for the Reserves in 1996 with only three wins being achieved all year.

For once this team boasted more "younger" players than "older" and for this credit must go to the fine crop of youngsters that came up from the 1995 Under 16 side to take up the All Age challenge and invariably they succeeded!

Perhaps the only downside to this influx of additional players was that generally it was a lottery each Saturday to see who was going to play, sit on the bench or miss out altogether!

The second half of most matches frequently saw four replacements come on although judging by the results this did not seem to upset the rhythm of the opposition who carried on goalwards regardless!

As a result of the continual changes the team rarely found cohesion and it was noted that the three victories were achieved with a minimum amount of changes being made.

Part of the way through the competition there was a redraw which ultimately saw us play Greystanes THREE times and St Pauls (who are they?) not at all!

It was evident that the team needed experience and strength at the back and whenever veteran Alan "A.P." Pilling took the field the defence improved immensely.

Alan's decision to hang up the boots after this season was not easily taken and he will be missed by both the Reserves and the Firsts as he has been playing some fine football these past few seasons.

1996 was certainly a year for the youngsters to gain experience in the All Age but as most have noted the standard in the Reserves is LOWER than what it was in the Under 16s so it's no wonder that these players were NOT out of their depth!

Many thanks go to A. P. and James May for coaching the team this season and congratulations from us all to the First Grade for their premiership victory!

Highlights of the season included:

- Ken James' 600th game on 29 June against St Marys/Windsor when the veteran was determined to emulate his 500th game feat of scoring (he didn't!);
- Ken's effort in his 598th match when he did score...THROUGH HIS OWN GOAL!;
- Ben Slade's superb two-handed catch of the ball into his stomach in his own penalty area. PITY HE WASN'T THE GOALKEEPER!;

- Ben Williamson's and Nathan Pilling's 100th games for the club;
- Jimmy Pincott still going at 63 remembering that he started with us in 1944 (and that's NO MISPRINT, EITHER!)

The team was:

PHIL CACCIAPAGLIA: One of K.J.'s successes from the under 16s, "CacciaBAGGIO" (as Alan Pilling called him after the Italian soccer ace!) showed some neat footwork in his appearances this season. However he showed even better footwork when he disappeared early in the season and was seen no more!

JULIO CONTRERAS: Our resident taxi driver's appearances this year were as rare as trying to find his taxi on a rainy Saturday night! Julio kicked off the season with half a game against Greystanes but the meter must have been TURNED OFF as he appeared to have been running on empty! In fact his appearances were so limited in 1996 that at this rate he'll take another 19 or so seasons to reach 100 games (or 40,000 km - whichever comes first!)! Always an honest trier but I'm not sure if I want him driving me from A to B as it may be via Z!

JOHN HAWACH: Once the "big boy" of the side (apart from "Lumpy", of course!) John's surefire success in the dieting stakes has allowed us to put him out on the field where he seemed to enjoy his game more than being in goals behind a suspect defence!

KEN JAMES: Picks and chooses his games these days but can't use the excuse that he "has to take the Under 16s" as most of them were playing along side him this season! Will his suspect back, knees, hammies etc hold up until he reaches his father's games record? You'll get better odds than that T.V. greyhound "Nads"!

TREVOR LAVENDER: The goat herd is in uproar and fretting! Is it true that at long last our popular (?) goalkeeper (?) has called it a day...this time for good? And don't worry about K.J. picking and choosing his games! "Lumpy" played a blinder (for him!) in the win over Greystanes in the second last game of the season and promptly retired! Now isn't that the way to end on a winning note? Best wishes to the big fella who has been a real character for the club!

BRETT MAY: Good to see Brett back with us after a few seasons away. He tried his hardest in the unenviable position of fullback and did battle with some speedy wingers in the process. Brett probably finished on even terms for the season!

STEVEN MAY: No, I would not have believed it if I hadn't heard it with my own ears but the lad ACTUALLY TALKS and when he wants to be heard (as he obviously wanted to at Phillips Park one match) he WILL BE HEARD! Who knows what was eating him that day but as Jimmy Pincott commented it was a pity that a few more of the boys didn't show the same aggression! Steve had a consistent season in the defence being rarely rattled and was rewarded with a place on the bench for First Grade in the finals.

KHALED MEHAJER: Really showed his speed down the wings this season and was quite the surprise packet of the team! Still looking for the "birds" out at Church Lane but we now do believe that it really is THE FEATHERED VARIETY(?)!

ROSS MENDICINO: We thought that becoming a father would tone down his resonant (and monotonous!) verbals out on the field but no! "Blocker" continued his aggressive "discussions" this season but after he mistook at least two opposition players for the ball and booted them up the doo-dah I think it's time that he visited O.P.S.M. to have those eyes checked! Always has a good time out on the field with his antics...and tackles!

TOM PAVLEK: A very good season for Tommy who showed he has the necessary ball skills to take on the opposition and beat them. Unfortunately many of his attacks down the middle broke down because of lack of support but he was far and away our best for the year!

ALAN PILLING: Continually urged on the team both on and off the field. He had a good season but as Coach he was forced to take a stand and tell the surplus of players that only those who had turned up for training would play...that counted out 11 of the side INCLUDING A. P.!

NATHAN PILLING: Probably our smallest All Age player ever but Nate's ball skills and aggressive nature evened up the size pretty quickly! Always on the go and you could always bet he'd cop a caution or a booking for his verbals. He even had a go at Rock and Jimmy this season for attempting to take a thrown-in, corner, goalkick, kick-off etc. etc. - all of which are strictly Nate's domain! The hide of those old blokes!

JIM PINCOTT: He keeps on going does our Jimmy and never complains even when they put him in the fullback position against blokes who are nearly 50 years younger! A highlight of the season was Jim's effort as STRIKER combining with "Rock" in the game against Northside. Had to be the OLDEST ever forward line...but we won and Jimmy GOT THE POINTS!!

GEOFF RIDER: Hopefully "Jacko" will take over from Alan Pilling in the defence next season as the side needs his experience as shown when he reluctantly played there on occasions this year. Cracked it for TWO headed goals this season including a bottle against Blacktown when he scored after the team put together a world record FOUR passes (beat our old record by two)!

NEIL RUDGLEY: "Rock" only broke down ONCE this season and that was a strained groin (at his age no wonder!). Showed some old-fashioned dash down the wing on some rare occasions but generally he he was left out there on his own prompting one of the crowd to yell out one day "Want some sun tan oil out there, Rock?"

BEN SLADE: Ben came back after a long layoff and was rewarded with his first ever goals for the club (much to the amazement of his Dad!). He was always trying up front and with some added confidence in his own ability he will turn in more consistent performances. His goal against eventual premiers Yaralla down at

Powells Reserve was something out of the box as he tore down the right wing and crashed home a shot from the edge of the penalty area!

TRENT SMITH: If there is ever a player who will make the top grade it will be Trent who certainly lives up to his nickname of "Angry" when he's on the charge! Some very impressive performances this season but unfortunately work commitments prevented him from more games. A future first grader for sure!

GRAEME WALSH: First season for big Graeme who showed that he can more than mix it with the opposition and his game improves accordingly! Played strongly in the midfield and was even more stronger with the Big Macs and fries off the field!

BEN WILLIAMSON: K.J. can justifiably take credit for this chap's continual improvement as he frequently took on the opposition blokes and beat them! Has come a long way since he first appeared as the small cricketer on the Arnott's television ad. as he's now almost 183 cm tall! Waited a long time for his 100th game but showed he wasn't overawed by the age of the opposition!

- NEIL RUDGLEY

RAAHAUGE CUP FIRST GRADE

An excellent season for the First Grade in 1996 culminating in a victory over minor premiers Sydney University in the all-important Grand Final.

It was an uninspiring opening to the season when we recovered from 3-1 down ten minutes into the second half against Greystanes to win 7-3; a narrow 3-2 loss to St Marys/Windsor and a crushing 10-3 defeat against University!

From that game on we did not lose another match dropping only ONE POINT in the next 13 competition games.

A key to the team's success was the emergence of new players Carlos Lara and Justin Randall who displayed all the skills to set up attacks along with the brilliant Peter Oberemok.

With Alex Morozoff enjoying his best-ever season up front and Phil Parish controlling the defence Lidcombe was able to quickly mould a championship-contending team and the results that were missing from last season came our way.

In several matches the side was facing certain defeat but managed to come up trumps with a fighting spirit that has not been evident for quite a while.

Last season's Reserves top player, Graham Hollebone, took his place in First Grade and performed with distinction while youngster Brett Norris returned to the club after a long absence to score some cracking goals from the right side.

The goalkeeper's position was ably filled by Kieran O'Hara with big Tony Blazevic also showing some prowess between the sticks as well as out on the field.

Captain James "P.C." May continued his strong displays while veteran Mick Anlezark's classy performances showed that even after 500 games he is as creative and dangerous as ever!

Highlights of the season include:

- the 9-2 thrashing of an over-confident Blacktown in the wet at Phillips Park. Blacktown had earlier beaten University and after learning of Uni's big win over us they were certain of a victory!
- Alex Morozoff's 35 goals this season including all SEVEN goals and all SIX goals against Greystanes and Northside respectively!
- Mick Anlezark's 500th game for the club in the Grand Final and Graeme Holllebone's 300th game in the semifinal against University.
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- The 3-2 win over Yaralla at Powell's Creek after being down to an own-goal in the first minute!

Many thank to our large team of supporters who followed the team around to all games and special mention must be made of Scott Ashbrooke who missed most of the season after breaking a leg against St Marys/Windsor in the second game of the year.

After watching most of the competition games from a strategically placed car and with his leg in plaster Scott was then instrumental in patrolling the sidelines in the final series and the opposition seemed more intent on watching him and listening to what he was saying rather than concentrating on their game!

Best wishes to Coach Alan Pilling on his retirement and it was appropriate that he went out a winner with a run in the second half of the Grand Final.

The team was:

MICK (Rowdy) ANLEZARK: Great to see the "old" campaigner back after a couple of seasons off with work commitments. A fine year all round from a player who regularly scores votes for the Most Consistent. Finally won a first grade premiership after all these years and it was fitting that the Grand Final win was Mick's 500th club game. Congratulations, Mick!

NIGEL (Naughty) BATTS: Snatched a first grade position early in the year and never looked back. Nige was solid all season benefiting from the talk and encouragement from those around him. No way of getting the Number 3 shirt off him next season. Good on ya, "Windmill"!

TONY (Fabio) BLAZEVIC: The big bloke had a good first year and has proven to be a hard man who plays to win. Suffered an ankle injury in the second last round but returned for a half game in the Grand Final.

MATT (Sparrow) HOLLAND: Another fine season from the young "Sparrow" however a run of injuries saw him sidelined for a fair bit of the year. Fought hard to regain his position and we look forward to seeing him fully fit for 1997.

GRAHAM (Rambo) HOLLEBONE: 1996 was Graham's best year yet. Now an established first grader he puts opposing players in two minds with his ruthless defence. Look out when "Dr Death" is about! He plays the game so much better when he doesn't back chat!

CARLOS (Cheech Chore) LARA: One of the best new talents to join Lidcombe in many years Carlos is a player with all the skills. A quiet man off the field but once the boots came on it was a different Carlos! "Ay" would be the call and you would know that something was on!

JAMES (P.C. Plod) MAY: Another fine season from the big fella! Played hard all year and was always first to the ball in the air. Added another goal to his already imposing tally (EIGHT now, I believe!). Doesn't the boy get excited when he plants one in the back of the net but I suppose his jubilation is justified when you learn that he is averaging one goal every two and a half seasons!

ALEX (Nads) MOROZOFF: A prolific goal scorer in 1996 with 35 competition goals to his credit. Cost "someone" (embarrassment precludes me from revealing who!) quite a few cartons of...soft drink... when he twice scored five or more goals in a game. May look a little unfit or slow but give "Nads" a sniff at a goal and it's in. Top effort all season!

BRETT (Spider) NORRIS: Another youngster who started the season in second grade but was a class above that lot so was quickly promoted to first grade. Scored many great goals and was the surprise packet of the season out on the wing.

KIERAN (Vocals) O'HARA: Good to see Kieran back after missing 1995 with a knee injury. Started the season out on the field then switched to goalkeeper where he made the position his own with some splendid displays. Actually saved his best for the final series notably the Grand Final where he proved a match winner for Lidcombe.

PETER (Obbee) OBEREMOK: Does this guy ever have a bad match? Peter enjoyed every game in 1996 and was regularly spotted sharing a joke or two with opposing centre men. It was a pleasure to watch the combination Pete and Carlos built up in the midfield.

PHIL (Dancer) PARISH: The most consistent player all season. Phil is a young man with a lot of confidence and skill. He was the backbone of the defence all season yet look out for even better things next year. The boy can also dance! "Hey Phil! Do the Macarena!"

JUSTIN (Gillette) RANDALL: A solid season from Randy who is having his first year with the Congos. Justin, along with the rest of the halves, formed a formidable centre combination. Set up many chances for the forwards and we look forward to seeing him again next season.

And finally...!

An early reminder to all you First Graders! I'll be back fitter than ever next season and I'm after YOUR position so be on your guard, gentlemen!

**- SCOTT (Mirrilly Do'in) ASHBROOKE
MANAGER**

SEASON RESULTS

COMPETITION:

| Date | Versus | Result | Scorers |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 13.04.96 | GREYSTANES | 1sts: W 7-3 2nds: W 3-1 | (Morozoff 7) (Norris 3) |
| 20.04.96 | ST MARYS/WINDSOR | 1sts: L 2-3 2nds: L 0-6 | (Morozoff 2) |
| 25.04.96 | BYE | | |
| 27.04.96 | SYDNEY UNIVERSITY | 1sts: L 3-10 2nds: L 0-1 | (Morozoff 2, Pavlek) |
| 04.05.96 | YARALLA | WASHOUT | |
| 11.05.96 | TELOPEA C OF C | 1sts: W 6-0 2nds: L 2-4 | (Anlezark, Lara, Morozoff, Oberemok, Parish, Randall) (Cacciapaglia, Norris) |
| 18.05.96 | BLACKTOWN UNIT | 1sts: W 9-2 2nds: L 1-6 | (Morozoff 3, Lara 2, Anlezark, Holland, Oberemok, Randall) (Smith) |
| 25.05.96 | YARALLA | 1sts: W 3-1 2nds: L 2-5 | (Blazevic, Morozoff, Oberemok) (Cacciapaglia, Pavlek) |
| 01.06.96 | WENTY UNITING | 1sts: W 3-1 2nds: L 0-3 | (Norris 2, Anlezark) |
| 15.06.96 | NORTHSIDE | 1sts: W 6-4 2nds: W 2-0 | (Morozoff 6) (Norris 2) |
| 22.06.96 | GREYSTANES | 1sts: W 2-0 2nds: L 1-2 | (Oberemok 2) (Cacciapaglia) |
| 29.06.96 | ST MARYS/WINDSOR | 1sts: W 6-0 2nds: L 0-7 | (Lara 2, Morozoff 2, Blazevic, Hollebone) |
| 06.07.96 | BLACKTOWN UNIT | 1sts: W 3-2 2nds: L 1-5 | (Morozoff 3) (Rider) |
| 13.07.96 | YARALLA | 1sts: W 3-2 2nds: L 2-4 | (Lara, Norris, Oberemok) (Rider, Slade) |
| 20.07.96 | WENTY UNITING | 1sts: D 1-1 2nds: L 0-1 | (Morozoff) |
| 27.07.96 | NORTHSIDE | 1sts: W 5-1 2nds: L 1-5 | (Morozoff 2, Blazevic, May, Norris) (Pavlek) |
| 03.08.96 | GREYSTANES | 1sts: W 4-1 2nds: W 2-1 | (Morozoff 2, Blazevic, Hollebone) (Slade, Smith) |
| 10.08.96 | ST MARYS/WINDSOR | 1sts: W 6-1 2nds: L 1-6 | (Morozoff 3, Anlezark, Lara, Oberemok) (Pavlek) |

17.08.96 **SEMIFINAL**
 SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 1sts: W 5-2 (Morozoff 2, Norris 2, Oberemok)
 07.09.96 **GRANDFINAL**
 SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 1sts: W 1-0 (O.G.)

KNOCK-OUT:

15.05.96 STH HURSTVILLE 1sts: W 1-0 (Morozoff)
 05.06.96 BLACKTOWN RC 1sts: W 5-0 (Blazevic, Oberemok, Parish, Randall, OG)
 06.06.96 WENTY UNITING 2nds: L 0-6
 18.06.96 ST BRUCES E'WOOD 1sts: W 5-0 (Oberemok 2, Anlezark, Blazevic, OG)
 03.07.96 ARNCLIFFE 1sts: L 2-2 (Anlezark, Morozoff) **CORNERS 1-2**

SIX-A-SIDE:

B Grade

Team comprising Nigel Batts, John Hawach, Graham Hollebone, Alex Morozoff, Brett Norris, Phil Parish and Justin Randall.

10.06.96 ST MATTHEWS B HILLS L 0-2
 YARALLA (C) L 1-4 (Norris)

C Grade

Team comprising Brett May, Khaled Mehajer, Tom Pavlek, Ben Slade, Trent Smith and Graeme Walsh.

10.06.96 BLACKTOWN UNITING L 1-1 (Pavlek) **GOALKICKS 3-4**
 ST LUKES CONCORD L 0-4

Goalscorers - 1st Grade:

| NAME | COMPETITION | K.O ETC | TOTAL |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Alex Morozoff | 35 | 4 | 39 |
| Peter Oberemok | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| Carlos Lara | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Brett Norris | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Tony Blazevic | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Mick Anlezark | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Justin Randall | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Graham Hollebone | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Phil Parish | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Tom Pavlek | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| James May | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Mat Holland | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Own Goal | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| | 69 | 19 | 88 |

Goalscorers - Reserves:

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Brett Norris | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Phil Cacciapaglia | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Tom Pavlek | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Geoff Rider | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Ben Slade | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| | 15 | 2 | 17 |

TEAM COMPETITION STATISTICS

| <i>Team</i> | <i>P</i> | <i>W</i> | <i>D</i> | <i>L</i> | <i>O*</i> | <i>F</i> | <i>A</i> |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| U/9s: | 17 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 63 | 13 |
| U/11s: | 17 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 22 | 14 |
| R/C 2: | 17 | 3 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 15 | 57 |
| R/C 1: | 17 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 69 | 32 |

** Includes Byes, Forfeits etc*

FINAL POINTS TABLES

Under 9s:

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Wentworthville | 34 |
| OLQP (Blue) | 31 |
| Lidcombe | 26 |
| Greystanes | 20 |
| St Columbas | 20 |
| OLOR (Blue) | 13 |
| St Michaels (Blue) | 11 |
| OLOR (Green) | 9 |
| Yaralla | 5 |
| St Bernadettes | 1 |

Under 11s

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| St Michaels (Purple) | 32 |
| St Columbas | 25 |
| Yaralla | 23 |
| Lidcombe | 21 |
| St Michaels (Red) | 15 |
| OLOR | 12 |
| All Saints H Hill | 8 |

Raahauge Cup 1sts

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Sydney University | 30 |
| Lidcombe | 29W |
| Yaralla | 27 |
| Wenty Uniting | 22 |
| Telopea C of C | 18 |
| Blacktown Uniting | 17 |
| St Marys/Windsor | 14 |
| St Pauls | 12 |
| Northside | 7 |
| Greystanes | 4 |

Reserves

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Yaralla | 32W |
| St Marys/Windsor | 26 |
| Telopea C of C | 23 |
| Wenty Uniting | 21 |
| Northside | 19 |
| Sydney University | 19 |
| Blacktown Uniting | 11 |
| Lidcombe | 10 |
| St Pauls | 10 |
| Greystanes | 9 |

(W) denotes Grand Final Winner

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR CONGOS!

The Management Committee is pleased to award the Club's highest honour, Life Membership, to long-serving members Mick Anlezark, Trevor Lavender, James May and Alan Pilling.

Mick, a past President of the Club, commenced playing with the Club back in 1970 and celebrated his 500th appearance for Lidcombe with a victory in the 1996 First Grade Grand Final.

His 500th game on September 7 was certainly a day to remember and his contribution to the Club in many aspects has been invaluable.

James, the Club's present Secretary, commenced playing in 1979 and has served the Club in a number of positions both on and off the field. Apart from being the captain of the victorious First Grade team James also coaches the Under 11s.

Alan and Trevor commenced playing with Lidcombe back in 1974 and both have announced their retirement this year after long careers on and off the field for the club.

Our congratulations go to all four players on their awards.

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"LUMPY" RETIRES!

("I'd Like to See That!")

In a recent shock announcement set to rival such other notable events as the death of Elvis; the split up of Charles and Di etc. Lidcombe's favourite son Trevor "Lumpy" Lavender has announced his retirement from football!



Trevor, a bulbous and noteworthy addition to the ranks of the club's goalkeepers back in 1974, has left quite an impact both on and off the field during a turbulent career which yielded 426 games (and THREE goals!) amongst numerous guest appearances at the Judiciary! A look back through the club records reveals that the "big boy" has enjoyed a colourful career and has never been far from the limelight. Here's some gems from "Lumpy"'s past with the Congs!:

Trevor "Lumpy" Lavender

1975: The Social Committee organised a night at the Berala-Carramar Tennis Club and "Lumpy" thought his luck had changed when a nice young female accepted his offer to go outside into the darkness of the tennis courts. Unfortunately a soccer team mate curtailed "Lumpy"'s amorous exploits by **SWITCHING ON THE COURT FLOODLIGHTS** and that was finito for the night!

1977: After retrieving a ball from outside the ground at Monash Park, Trevor attempted to hurdle the boundary fence back onto the playing field only **TO SLIP AND LAND ON THE FENCE ITSELF** - poor old Trevor could NOT CONTINUE and had to be replaced!"

1978: "Trevor was playing (?) in goals at Cintra Park after an obviously very, very late night out (or early morning!) with the boys and he was certainly "under the weather" as he swayed back and forth along his goal area.

Ray "Curly" James was refereeing this decidedly strange game and the score was mounting against Lidcombe as every time the ball went towards Lidcombe's goal "Lumpy" either missed the ball or fell over trying to save the shot!

At 5-4 in favour of Lidcombe the referee called fulltime and "Lumpy" staggered back to the dressing shed for a sleep before attempting the drive home!

1978: It was during "Lumpy"'s halcyon (?) days of judiciary appearances and the big fella was marched for an indiscretion at Wyatt Park. Walking from the field Trevor had the ball in his hand and promptly **BOOTED IT OVER THE FENCE** into the nearby closed swimming centre but the referee wouldn't restart the match until "Lumpy" fetched the ball some ten minutes later!

1980: Reserves Goalkeeper "Lumpy" and his arch rival, J.K. (the incumbent first grade goalkeeper), squared off at a Congo barbeque and, with the punches flying, unofficial "referee" Ray James stepped between the combatants to halt proceedings. Unfortunately "Lumpy" let one go from the bleachers and accidentally **HIT POOR RAY** who landed on the ground nursing a sore head!

Some say that's the **ONLY** fight "Lumpy" ever won (but Ray's ready for the rematch - anywhere, anytime!)

1983: The big fella played a club record **35 COMPETITION GAMES** in the one season as he was the only goalkeeper for both Raahauge Cup sides!



A fretting Goat fan!

1989: **A HERD OF GOATS GOT LOOSE** during a game at Phillips Park but "good ol' country boy" Trevor was able to round them up and take them back to the pen across the road from the park! Yee Hah!

(Since then "Lumpy" has often been the "BUTT" of some goat jokes and has also been called "The Goat Herder"...and other not-so-niceties!- Editor)

1994: "Lumpy" was in goals at Phillips Park and somehow the opposition striker **HEADBUTTED TREVOR'S FIST!** No-one on the field saw the alleged clash but a spectator supporting the opposition team was **VIDEO TAPING** the game and filmed the whole sordid affair!

"Lumpy" spent some unfounded restless weeks fearing the Churches Judiciary was going to make him the first player outed on **VIDEO EVIDENCE!**

1996: Trevor brought along A **DOG** to the First Grade's last match against St Marys/Windsor up at Church Lane. Both the dog and "Lumpy" were eating take-away and "Lumpy" belched!

The dog **ALSO BELCHED!**

1996: The word was that if the First Grade won the Grand Final then a number of the players (and "Lumpy") would have their heads shaved! The First Grade won and "Lumpy" volunteered for the first head shave! After seeing the result of "Lumpy"'s shave. **NO-ONE ELSE HAD THEIR HEADS SHAVED!!**

600 GAMES FOR "K.J."!



Ken "K.J." James

Popular Ken "K.J." James, the Club's veteran player, current Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, became only the second person in the Club's history to reach the 600 games milestone when he played against St Marys/Windsor on June 29 this year.

Ken commenced his career with Lidcombe Churches in "debatable" circumstances in August 1960 by playing a game with his father's Under 10s side (at age 12!) after his own commitments with St Stephens Soccer Club had finished for the season!

Since that initial match (which Ken recalls as one in which he "had a good game!") he has played an additional 604 matches finishing the 1996 season at 605 matches, just 25 short of Ray James' club record of 630 games.

Ken has the honour of also playing several matches in the premiership-winning 1966 side - a team claimed by many judges as the best-ever to represent Lidcombe.

Ken has been a very successful junior coach for Lidcombe and has served on the Management Committee for over 20 years.

Although he needs only 26 more games to break his father's record Ken believes the "going will be tough" however if determination means anything Ken will break the record in the next two or three seasons fully justifying his decision to play that one game in 1960!

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PATRON'S VIEW

with Ray "Curly" James - International Correspondent

An overseas trip has prevented Mabel and myself from attending this year's Presentation Day but it's "Kia- Ora" ("Hullo Congos!") from New Zealand as we travel around the land of the long white cloud while you are reading this report!

It is one of the rare days that we have not been able to attend the Club's big day but it was very pleasing to see season 1996 finish on a high note with the success of the First Grade in the Grand Final against Sydney University.

Congratulations are also due to Ken James (600 games) and Mick Anlezark (500 games) for their outstanding achievements of reaching these milestones and I am confident that there are still more games to be played and further achievements to be reached by these Club stalwarts.

Congratulations are also due to all persons associated with the club both on and off the field for the part you have played throughout the season.

We were only able to attend a small number of games this year however we were kept reliably informed of the club's progress weekly through our numerous friends and contacts.

Our visits to Phillips Park continue to bring back many happy memories and the special day put on for Ken to acknowledge his 600th match in June was full of enjoyment.

Although playing numbers were down this year the enthusiasm was still very evident - good "Congo" stuff!

Your committee, under the leadership of Neil "Rock" Rudgley and co., are to be commended on another job well done and Lidcombe Churches will continue to play a very important role in the community.

Looking forward to renewing our links again in 1997!

"Once a Congo - ALWAYS a Congo!"

RAY "CURLY" JAMES
PATRON

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| <i>YOU ARE THE REFEREE!</i> |
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- The ball has gone halfway across the side line and the defender appeals for a throw-in! DECISION?

Play on! The ball must be FULLY over the line for it to be out!

- The opposition takes a penalty kick but the shot is saved by the goalkeeper. The referee then notes that a defender has run into the box just as the kick is taken. DECISION?

The kick is to be retaken as no player (apart from the defending goalkeeper and the person taking the kick) are permitted to be in the penalty box or the arc. (If the goal had been scored then there would have been no need for the rekick).

- The ball hits the cornerpost and the attacker plays on and scores! DECISION? **Goal!**

1986: The 3rd Grade were in the semifinal against Berala at Silverwater Park when the "water" part of the park's name came true. Midway through the first half the SPRINKLERS came up out of the ground and sprayed water all over the players and supporters for almost 15 minutes (we lost 3-1!!)

| PLAYERS' STATISTICS | | | | | 0 - 199 GAMES | | | | |
|---------------------|------|-------|-------|-------------------|---------------|-------|-------|--|--|
| NAME | COMM | GAMES | GOALS | NAME | COMM | GAMES | GOALS | | |
| NORRIS Brett | 1984 | 159 | 40 | VOLPATO Robert | 1993 | 60 | 0 | | |
| ASHBROOKE Scott | 1986 | 155 | 15 | FERGUSON Daniel | 1994 | 59 | 22 | | |
| MENDICINO Ross | 1986 | 153 | 9 | MILLER Ben | 1993 | 57 | 2 | | |
| HADDAD Rani | 1989 | 135 | 95 | MEHAJER Khaled | 1994 | 54 | 0 | | |
| MAY Steven | 1986 | 125 | 1 | NORTHEY Thomas | 1994 | 53 | 1 | | |
| ICLI Tuncay | 1980 | 112 | 16 | O'HALLORAN Kevin | 1994 | 52 | 37 | | |
| ABU-MAHMOUD A-R | 1991 | 110 | 102 | TAOUK Elias | 1994 | 45 | 2 | | |
| ZEIN Salah | 1991 | 108 | 26 | MELKI Shane | 1994 | 43 | 3 | | |
| WILLIAMSON Ben | 1990 | 108 | 4 | VILAS-BOAS Telmo | 1995 | 38 | 0 | | |
| PILLING Nathan | 1992 | 106 | 17 | DE NETO Vitor | 1994 | 37 | 0 | | |
| DARSA Rammy | 1991 | 97 | 79 | PROUTY Ryan | 1994 | 36 | 2 | | |
| RAYWARD Thomas | 1992 | 91 | 15 | PARISH Phil | 1995 | 29 | 3 | | |
| HOLLAND Matthew | 1992 | 91 | 5 | GHALEB Anthony | 1995 | 23 | 0 | | |
| RANCAN Anthony | 1992 | 89 | 18 | RANDALL Justin | 1996 | 22 | 3 | | |
| JAMES Daniel | 1992 | 86 | 68 | CACCIAPAGLIA Phil | 1995 | 20 | 8 | | |
| MAY Brett | 1986 | 82 | 0 | WALSH Graeme | 1996 | 18 | 0 | | |
| MEHAJER Salim | 1993 | 81 | 11 | ANJOUL Charlie | 1996 | 17 | 1 | | |
| KAZAN Sahin | 1993 | 78 | 27 | ARBILO Mandy | 1996 | 17 | 0 | | |
| ILIEFF Andrew | 1993 | 77 | 39 | BLAZEVIC Tony | 1996 | 15 | 6 | | |
| WHITE Michael | 1993 | 70 | 6 | MACHADO Martin | 1996 | 14 | 0 | | |
| SELVAM Arjunan | 1992 | 69 | 3 | LARA Carlos | 1996 | 13 | 7 | | |
| MAUNDER Iain | 1993 | 66 | 57 | COLEMAN Mitchell | 1996 | 13 | 0 | | |
| IBRAHIM Rabeeh | 1992 | 64 | 43 | CHAMCHOUN Anthony | 1996 | 12 | 0 | | |
| SLADE Ben | 1987 | 61 | 2 | PIGNATARO Phillip | 1996 | 11 | 0 | | |
| SMITH Alexander | 1993 | 61 | 0 | CONTRERAS Julio | 1995 | 11 | 0 | | |

CANDID CONGOS

1. **Under 9s:** (Back Row L-R): Sahin Kazan, Robert Volpato, Benjamin Miller, Andrew Ilieff, Daniel Ferguson, Anthony Ghaleb, Iain Maunder, Jack Dutton (Coach).

(Front Row): Thomas Northey, Shane Melki, Martin Machado, Kevin O'Halloran, Anthony Chamchoun.

2. **Under 11s:** (Back Row L-R): Arjunan Selvam, Salah Zein, Thomas Rayward, Telmo Vilas-Boas, Michael White, Abdul-Rahman Abu-Mahmoud, Elias Taouk, James May (Coach).

(Front Row): Mandy Arbilo, Anthony Rancan, Salim Mehajer, Rabeeh Ibrahim, Charlie Anjoul, Mitchell Coleman.

3. **Raahauge Cup Reserves:** (Back Row L-R): Nathan Pilling, Neil Rudgley, Trent Smith, Ross Mendicino, Brett May, Ben Williamson, Graeme Walsh, Khaled Mehajer, Ben Slade, Tom Pavlek, Alan Pilling (Player/Coach).

(Front Row): Steven May, John Hawach, Ken James.

4. **Raahauge Cup First Grade:** (Back Row L-R): Alan Pilling (Player/Coach), Brett Norris, Phil Parish, Kieran O'Hara, Graham Hollebone, James May (Player/Coach), Tony Blazevic, Matt Holland.

(Front Row): Justin Randall, Nigel Batts, Alex Morozoff, Carlos Lara, Mick Anlezark, Peter Oberemok.

5. The picture that we'd thought would never be taken! **TREVOR "LUMPY" LAVENDER** calls it a day and throws those big boots of his into the bin after the **SECOND LAST (?)** match of the season on 3 August!

6. On the occasion of his 600th club game on June 29 **KEN JAMES** is being congratulated by top referee Noel Sampson who came to Phillips Park-especially to control the game. And this time he **DID NOT BOOK** our hero!

7. You beauty bottler! The spectators are up in the air as the referee whistles fulltime and the First Grade has won the Grand Final 1-0 against Sydney University up at Excelsior Park on September 7!

8. The under 9s give a rousing "three cheers" as a farewell to Coach **JACK DUTTON** as he retires from the game after the last match win over St Columbas on August 24.

9. **MICK ANLEZARK** (left) is congratulated on his 500th game by club Secretary **JAMES MAY** on September 7.

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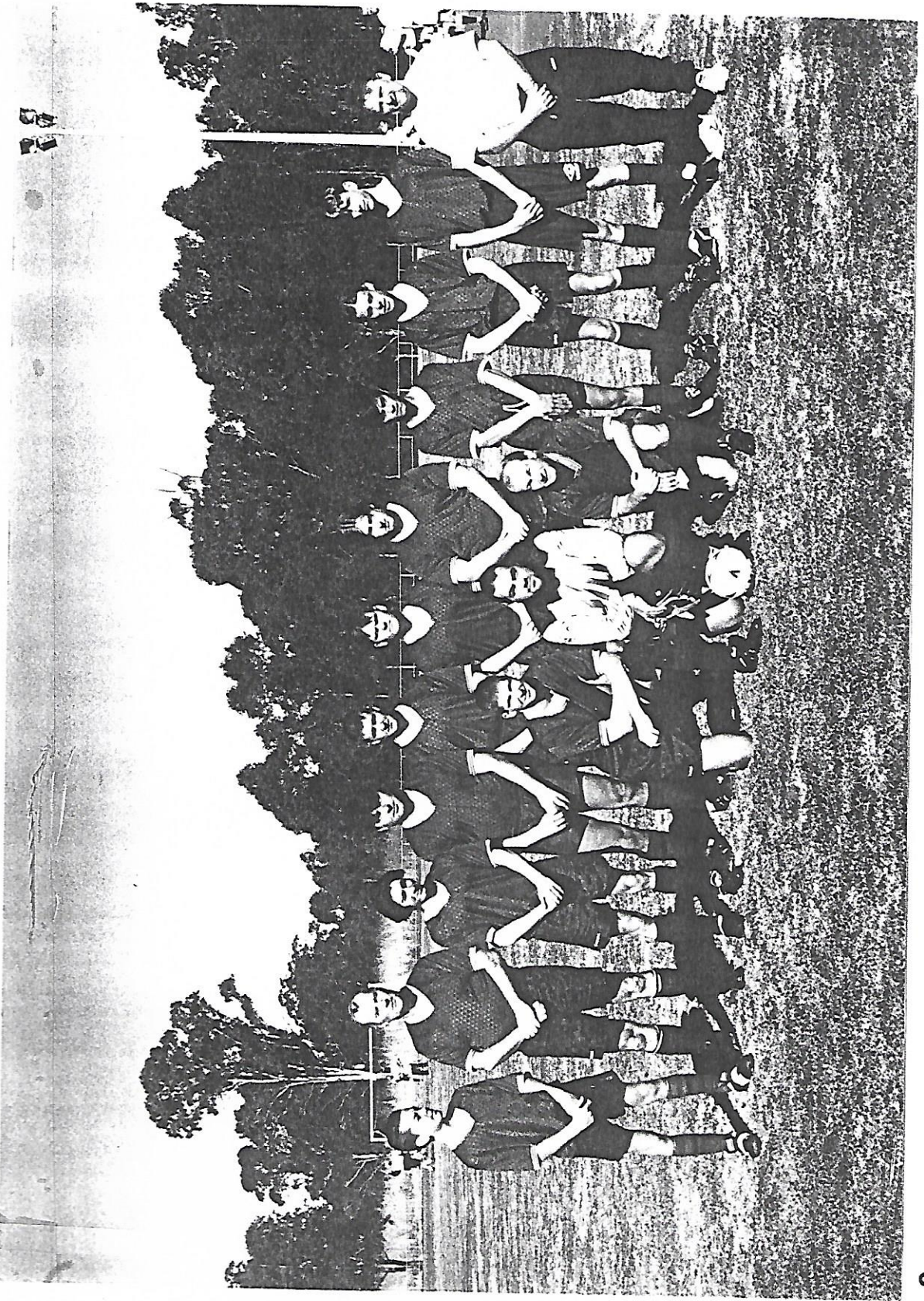
** Only three more years to the club's 60th Anniversary - be there!*

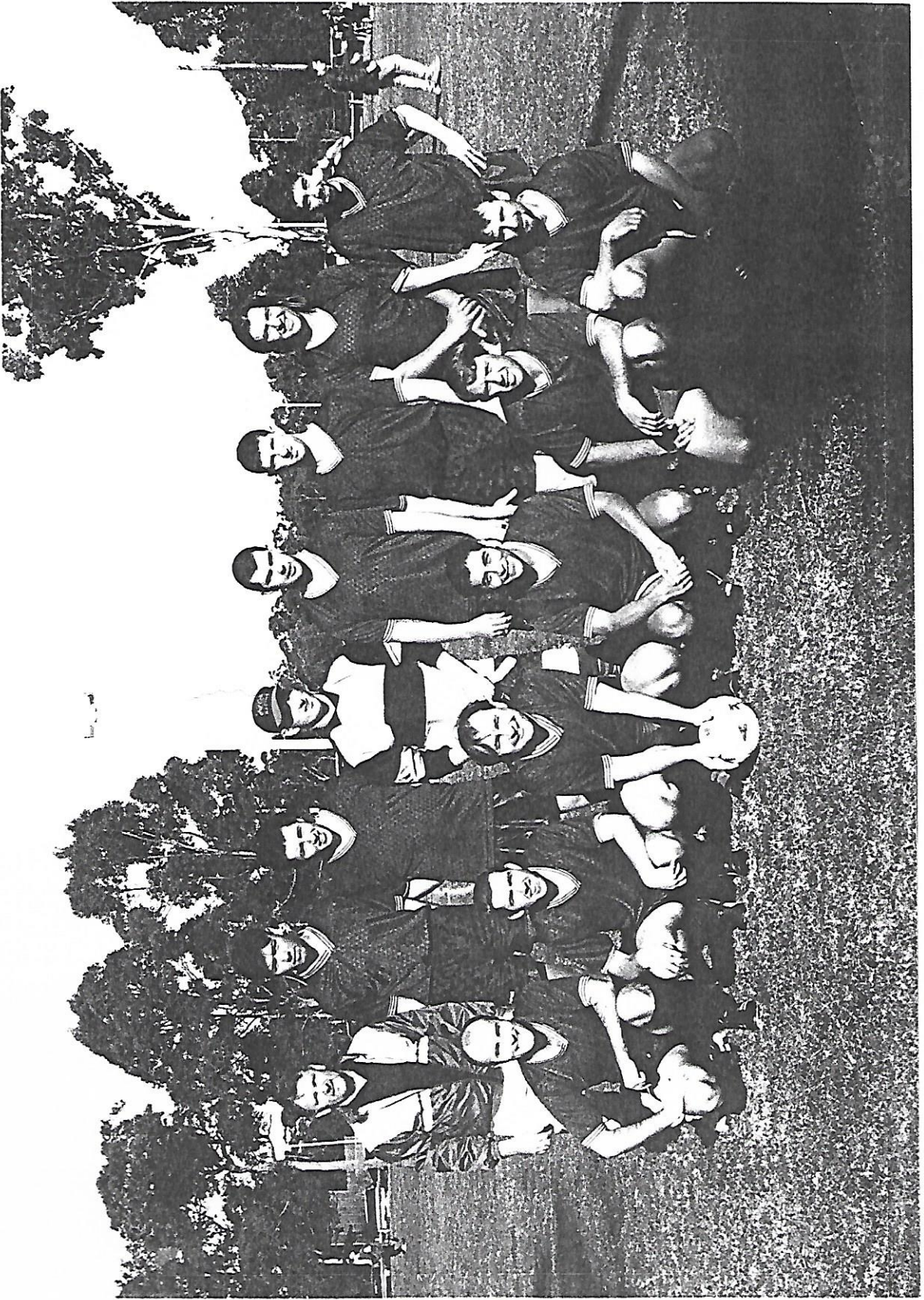
** Those vague "promises" of marriages etc. if the First Grade won the 1996 Grand Final will see one devoted couple walking up the aisle in 1997!*

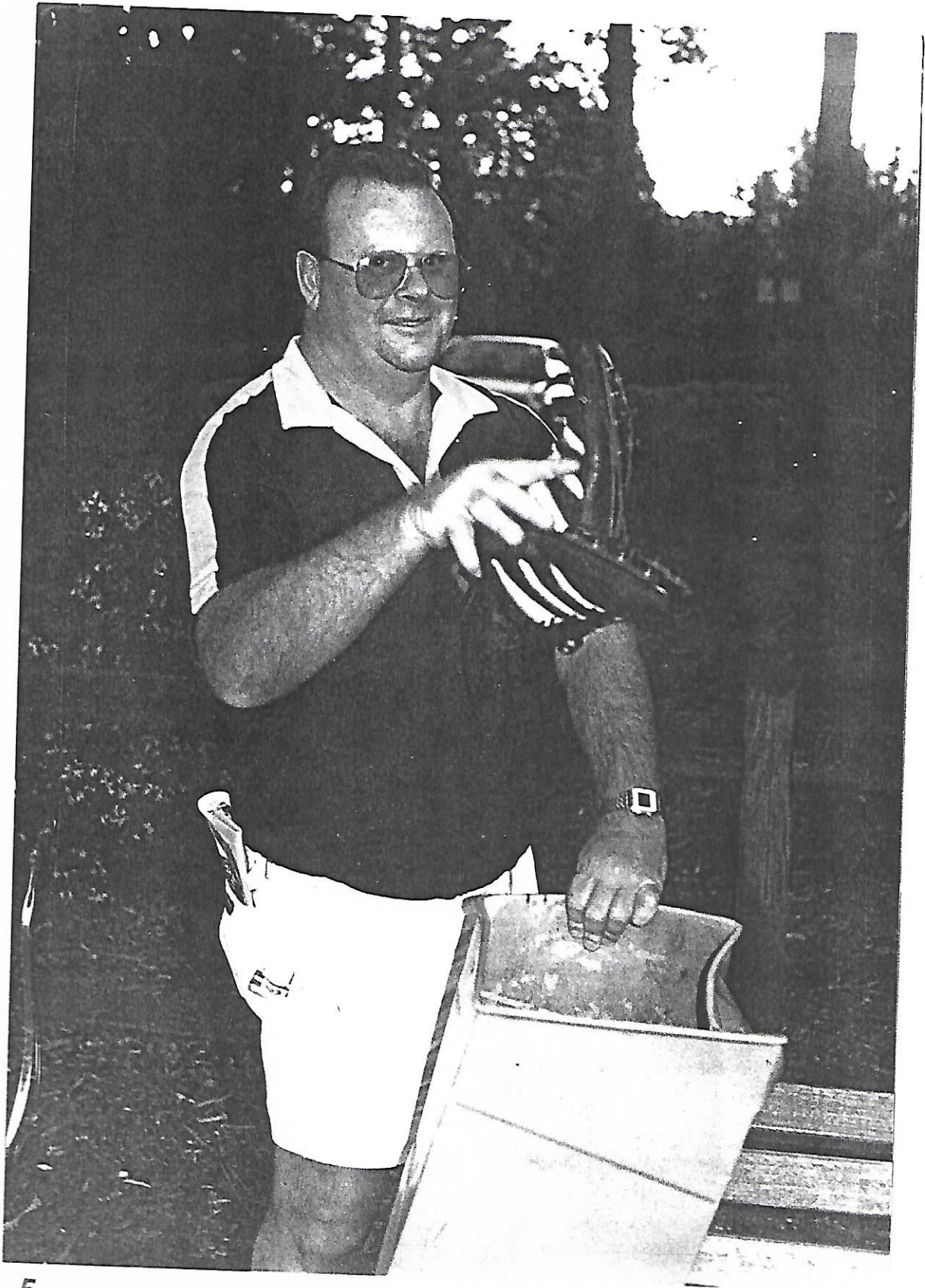
What was strange was that another TWO couples promised (or threatened!) to wed if the First Grade LOST the game! What an incentive to win, eh?











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