

Annual Report 1997



OFFICIALS - 1997

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| 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

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| 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 |

TROPHY WINNERS

MOST CONSISTENT

UNDER 6s

Mohamed Taha

UNDER 8s

Rarbie Taha

UNDER 10s

Daniel James)
Sahin Kazan)

UNDER 12s

Thomas Rayward

MOST IMPROVED

Kieran Hines

Faddi Elia

Robert Volpato

Lewis Argueta

RAAHAUGE CUP RESERVE GRADE

Dave Whitwell

RAAHAUGE CUP FIRST GRADE

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

Peter Oberemok

400 GAMES

24.08.97 James May

vs Penrith (*Commenced 1979*)

100 GAMES

24.05.97 Thomas Rayward

31.05.97 Anthony Rancan

07.06.97 Daniel James

05.07.97 Brett May

16.08.97 Sahin Kazan

vs Yaralla (*Commenced 1992*)

vs St Columbas (*Commenced 1992*)

vs Wentworthville (*Commenced 1992*)

vs Sydney University (*Commenced 1990*)

vs OLQP (*Commenced 1993*)

300 GOALS

17.05.97 Peter Oberemok

vs Dural Baptists (*Commenced 1974*)

100 GOALS

26.04.97 Rani Haddad

vs OLQP (*Commenced 1989*)

GEORGE McCOLL SHIELD FOR LEADING GOALSCORER

(COMPETITION GAMES ONLY)

Mathew James (R/C 1) - 15 Goals

LEADING GOALSCORERS (MINI)

Jozo Bradaric (U/6s); Mohamed Taha (U/6s) (*equal*) -16 goals

NORM HUTEAU MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST CLUBMAN

Steven May; Brett May

STIRRER'S SPOON

Graeme Walsh

ROBERT BROWN MEMORIAL SHIELD FOR MERITORIOUS TEAM

UNDER 8s

E J & H JAMES SHIELD FOR BEST JUNIOR GOALKEEPER

Telmo Vilas-Boas (Under 12s)

** Highlighting the difficulty most of us mere mortals have in distinguishing between the two James' twins came this gem on the First grade sideline this season: "Mathew! Is that Stephen playing out there?"*

** Overheard at home:*

HUSBAND PLAYER: "Poor old Jimmy Pincott! He hit the post today!"

WIFE: "Oh lord! IS HE ALL RIGHT?"

TEAM COMPETITION STATISTICS

| <i>Team</i> | <i>P</i> | <i>W</i> | <i>D</i> | <i>L</i> | <i>F</i> | <i>A</i> |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| U/6s: | 18 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 40 | 38 |
| U/8s | 18 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 6 | 81 |
| U/10s: | 18 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 18 | 25 |
| U/12s | 18 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 31 | 16 |
| R/C 2: | 18 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 21 | 63 |
| R/C 1: | 18 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 53 | 25 |

FINAL POINTS TABLES

UNDER 8s:

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|-------------------|-----|
| OLQP | 34W |
| St Michaels | 26 |
| Blacktown RC | 21 |
| Penrith Churches | 16 |
| Lower Mountains | 16 |
| Blacktown Uniting | 15 |
| Greystanes | 5 |
| Lidcombe | 3 |

UNDER 10s

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Wentworthville | 30W |
| St Columbas (Black) | 28 |
| Blacktown RC | 21 |
| Lidcombe | 17 |
| OLQP (Blue) | 7 |
| Yaralla | 5 |

UNDER 12s

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| St Michaels (P) | 27W |
| St Columbas | 27W |
| Lidcombe | 24 |
| Wentworthville | 24 |
| Yaralla | 24 |
| P'matta Knights | 9 |
| Blacktown RC | 5 |
| OLQP | 4 |

RAAHAUGE CUP 1STS

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| Penrith Churches | 29W |
| Lidcombe | 27 |
| Telopea CM | 22 |
| Moorebank | 19 |
| Yaralla | 18 |
| Sydney Uni | 13 |
| St Matthews | 10 |
| Dural Baptists | 9 |

RAAHAUGE RESERVES

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|------------------|----------|
| Moorebank | 30W |
| Dural Baptists | 29 |
| Yaralla | 26W |
| St Matthews | 20 |
| Telopea CM | 19 |
| Penrith Churches | 13 |
| Sydney Uni | 4 |
| Lidcombe | 3 |

(W) denotes Competition Winner

* Some of the "crazies" we play against! In a Raahauge Cup Reserves game in May our goalkeeper was placing the ball for a goalkick when a member of the opposition loudly appealed to the referee for "steps"??!!
...And a nice shade of red he went, too!

OTHER CLUB FACTS

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|---|---|
| FIRST PRESIDENT (1939): | <i>EDWARD (TED) JAMES</i> |
| FIRST SECRETARY (1939): | <i>ALAN COOK</i> |
| FIRST GAME 15.04.39: | <i>ALL AGE vs CARLINGFORD - WYATT PARK (LIDCOMBE 2-0 WIN)</i> |
| MOST GOALS IN A SEASON (54): | <i>MARK WOODHOUSE (U/9s) 1971</i> |
| MOST GOALS IN A MATCH (9): | <i>JOHN MOUSSA (U/14s) vs GREYSTANES TAIT RESERVE 16 JULY 1994</i> |
| HIGHEST GOALS FOR (18): | <i>U/15s vs ST BARNABAS PUNCHBOWL - PHILLIPS PARK 8 MAY 1971</i> |
| HIGHEST GOALS AGAINST (16): | <i>U/8s vs GEORGES HALL TIGERS - BIRDWOOD RESERVE 26 JUNE 1976</i> |
| MOST TEAM GOALS IN A SEASON (111): | <i>U/ 12s (1992)</i> |
| MOST COMPETITION GAMES IN A SEASON BY A PLAYER (35): | <i>TREVOR LAVENDER - R/C 3&4 (1983)</i> |
| YOUNGEST PLAYER (3YRS 102 DAYS): | <i>CHRIS KITCHING (U/6s) (1988)</i> |
| OLDEST PLAYER (64 YRS 140 DAYS): | <i>JIM PINCOTT (R/C 2) (1997)</i> |
| GAMES UNTIL FIRST GOAL (202): | <i>RICHARD HOLLAND (1967-1976) vs HUNTERS HILL - PHILLIPS PARK 22.05.76</i> |

COACHES AND MANAGERS

| TEAM | COACH | MANAGER |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 6 | JACK DUTTON | JACK DUTTON |
| 8 | BRETT MAY | STEVEN MAY |
| 10 | KEN JAMES | KEN JAMES |
| 12 | JAMES MAY | NAWACH HADDAD |
| R/C 2 | JAMES MAY/GEOFF RIDER (ASST) | TREVOR LAVENDER |
| R/C 1 | JAMES MAY | SCOTT ASHBROOKE |

** MATHEW JAMES' 22 second goal against St Matthews (who else?) will probably take a bit of beating. The opposition keeper was still putting on his gloves when our first grade boys took the ball straight from the kickoff and planted it straight into the St Mats' goal!*

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| | | START | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | Reached | FINISH | TOTAL | TOTAL |
|--|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|
| | | PLAYING | 100 | 200 | 300 | 400 | 500 | 600 | PLAYING | GAMES | GOALS |
| | 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 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>200 GAMES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | SOMERVILLE Craig | 1967 | 1972 | 1977 | | | | | 1982 | 297 | 141 |
| | ALSOP Paul | 1963 | 1968 | 1974 | | | | | 1979 | 296 | 30 |
| | BATTS Nigel | 1977 | 1987 | 1993 | | | | | * | 295 | 2 |
| | PAVLEK Tommy | 1984 | 1990 | 1994 | | | | | * | 289 | 47 |
| | ROBERTS Graeme | 1972 | 1977 | 1981 | | | | | 1992 | 286 | 17 |
| | HAWACH John | 1977 | 1984 | 1993 | | | | | * | 279 | 6 |
| | STEVENS Greg | 1966 | 1970 | 1974 | | | | | 1977 | 274 | 51 |
| | CAMBAZ Ken | 1973 | 1977 | 1991 | | | | | 1995 | 273 | 141 |
| | SOMERVILLE Darren | 1967 | 1972 | 1976 | | | | | 1982 | 273 | 121 |
| | JAMES Stephen | 1986 | 1990 | 1994 | | | | | * | 272 | 240 |
| | COLLIER Ken | 1969 | 1975 | 1980 | | | | | 1987 | 271 | 24 |
| | ROONEY Terry | 1968 | 1983 | 1988 | | | | | 1995 | 266 | 127 |
| | JAMES Gary | 1960 | 1965 | 1969 | | | | | 1984 | 266 | 32 |
| | WILSON Les | 1971 | 1975 | 1987 | | | | | * | 265 | 56 |
| | McKEOWN Brendan | 1973 | 1980 | 1985 | | | | | 1988 | 263 | 130 |
| | JAMES Mathew | 1986 | 1990 | 1994 | | | | | * | 262 | 158 |
| | DILLON John | 1961 | 1966 | 1977 | | | | | 1980 | 261 | 72 |
| | BATY Mark | 1964 | 1969 | 1975 | | | | | 1985 | 261 | 63 |
| | GRUNDY Steve | 1965 | 1970 | 1979 | | | | | 1982 | 258 | 10 |
| | MOROZOFF Alex | 1974 | 1990 | 1995 | | | | | * | 258 | 184 |
| | SMITH Trent | 1984 | 1990 | 1994 | | | | | * | 255 | 17 |
| | WILLIAMS Gary | 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 |
| | O'HARA Kieran | 1980 | 1986 | 1992 | | | | | * | 251 | 6 |
| | BOWDEN Roger | 1967 | 1974 | 1982 | | | | | 1985 | 249 | 42 |

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| 100 GAMES | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|
| | START PLAYING | Reached 100 | FINISH PLAYING | TOTAL GAMES | TOTAL GOALS | | |
| MILIC Fil | 1979 | 1986 | 1992 | 197 | 18 | | |
| BEAUPEURT Wayne | 1969 | 1974 | 1980 | 195 | 103 | | |
| RIDER Ron | 1963 | 1967 | 1982 | 194 | 125 | | |
| JOHANSEN Steve | 1970 | 1976 | 1982 | 188 | 25 | | |
| THORNTON Glen | 1961 | 1967 | 1970 | 186 | 20 | | |
| BRZICA Walter | 1975 | 1980 | 1984 | 185 | 75 | | |
| BROWN David | 1973 | 1977 | 1982 | 183 | 54 | | |
| DIB George | 1970 | 1975 | 1982 | 183 | 11 | | |
| PERDOMO Eddie | 1976 | 1982 | 1991 | 182 | 16 | | |
| DOHERTY Robert | 1961 | 1966 | 1973 | 181 | 21 | | |
| ENFIELD Steve | 1971 | 1975 | 1985 | 180 | 16 | | |
| GUILD Jim | 1963 | 1969 | 1974 | 180 | 9 | | |
| HINTON David | 1965 | 1971 | 1976 | 179 | 16 | | |
| ROBERTS Garry | 1972 | 1976 | 1980 | 178 | 105 | | |
| WILSON Barry | 1963 | 1971 | 1984 | 178 | 7 | | |
| DIXON Byron | 1975 | 1979 | 1983 | 177 | 32 | | |
| TURNBULL Ron | 1961 | 1967 | 1971 | 177 | 72 | | |
| MYLONAS John | 1977 | 1981 | 1985 | 175 | 4 | | |
| TANNOUS Tony | 1982 | 1988 | 1993 | 175 | 6 | | |
| DAVIES Graham | 1963 | 1968 | 1972 | 174 | 36 | | |
| HAYES Stephen | 1966 | 1970 | 1980 | 174 | 14 | | |
| DAVIES Brian | 1964 | 1969 | 1973 | 173 | 2 | | |
| HORE Barry | 1966 | 1971 | 1975 | 173 | 10 | | |
| HENDERSON David | 1962 | 1967 | 1973 | 170 | 12 | | |
| GRUNDY John | 1962 | 1967 | 1973 | 169 | 6 | | |
| PINAR Bulent | 1977 | 1983 | 1988 | 169 | 4 | | |
| EDWARDS Kurt | 1986 | 1991 | 1994 | 166 | 16 | | |
| BURNS Peter | 1968 | 1972 | 1975 | 164 | 49 | | |
| HAMILTON Peter | 1982 | 1986 | 1989 | 164 | 33 | | |
| MAMONE Frank | 1968 | 1973 | 1975 | 164 | 48 | | |
| WILSON Ron | 1963 | 1972 | 1979 | 164 | 23 | | |

| | START | Reached | FINISH | TOTAL | TOTAL | | | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| | PLAYING | 100 | PLAYING | GAMES | GOALS | | | |
| | 1979 | 1986 | 1992 | 197 | 18 | | | |
| MILIC Fil | 1969 | 1974 | 1980 | 195 | 103 | | | |
| BEAUPEURT Wayne | 1963 | 1967 | 1982 | 194 | 125 | | | |
| RIDER Ron | 1970 | 1976 | 1982 | 188 | 25 | | | |
| JOHANSEN Steve | 1961 | 1967 | 1970 | 186 | 20 | | | |
| THORNTON Glen | 1975 | 1980 | 1984 | 185 | 75 | | | |
| BRZICA Walter | 1973 | 1977 | 1982 | 183 | 54 | | | |
| BROWN David | 1970 | 1975 | 1982 | 183 | 11 | | | |
| DIB George | 1976 | 1982 | 1991 | 182 | 16 | | | |
| PERDOMO Eddie | 1961 | 1966 | 1973. | 181 | 21 | | | |
| DOHERTY Robert | 1971 | 1975 | 1985 | 180 | 16 | | | |
| ENFIELD Steve | 1963 | 1969 | 1974 | 180 | 9 | | | |
| GUILD Jim | 1965 | 1971 | 1976 | 179 | 16 | | | |
| HINTON David | 1972 | 1976 | 1980 | 178 | 105 | | | |
| ROBERTS Garry | 1963 | 1971 | 1984 | 178 | 7 | | | |
| WILSON Barry | 1975 | 1979 | 1983 | 177 | 32 | | | |
| DIXON Byron | 1961 | 1967 | 1971 | 177 | 72 | | | |
| TURNBULL Ron | 1977 | 1981 | 1985 | 175 | 4 | | | |
| MYLONAS John | 1982 | 1988 | 1993 | 175 | 6 | | | |
| TANNOUS Tony | 1963 | 1968 | 1972 | 174 | 36 | | | |
| DAVIES Graham | 1966 | 1970 | 1980 | 174 | 14 | | | |
| HAYES Stephen | 1964 | 1969 | 1973 | 173 | 2 | | | |
| DAVIES Brian | 1966 | 1971 | 1975 | 173 | 10 | | | |
| HORE Barry | 1962 | 1967 | 1973 | 170 | 12 | | | |
| HENDERSON David | 1962 | 1967 | 1973 | 169 | 6 | | | |
| GRUNDY John | 1977 | 1983 | 1988 | 169 | 4 | | | |
| PINAR Bulent | 1986 | 1991 | 1994 | 166 | 16 | | | |
| EDWARDS Kurt | 1968 | 1972 | 1975 | 164 | 49 | | | |
| BURNS Peter | 1982 | 1986 | 1989 | 164 | 33 | | | |
| HAMILTON Peter | 1968 | 1973 | 1975 | 164 | 48 | | | |
| MAMONE Frank | 1963 | 1972 | 1979 | 164 | 23 | | | |
| WILSON Ron | | | | | | | | |

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| EASTON Daryl | 1969 | 1972 | 1975 | 163 | 55 | | | | |
| THORNTON Barry | 1964 | 1969 | 1974 | 163 | 12 | | | | |
| WALKER Neil | 1968 | 1973 | 1975 | 163 | 9 | | | | |
| GUILLAUME Noel | 1971 | 1976 | 1980 | 162 | 19 | | | | |
| DARSA Sam | 1983 | 1990 | 1994 | 160 | 15 | | | | |
| NORRIS Brett | 1984 | 1990 | * | 160 | 40 | | | | |
| ASHBROOKE Scott | 1986 | 1993 | * | 158 | 16 | | | | |
| RIDER Col | 1965 | 1971 | 1973 | 157 | 35 | | | | |
| HALVAGI Gabreal | 1981 | 1986 | 1989 | 156 | 53 | | | | |
| PEREDA Pat | 1979 | 1986 | 1988 | 156 | 6 | | | | |
| O'HARA Sean | 1983 | 1989 | 1995 | 154 | 39 | | | | |
| FRANCIS Paul | 1968 | 1973 | 1976 | 153 | 2 | | | | |
| MENDICINO Ross | 1986 | 1992 | 1996 | 153 | 9 | | | | |
| HADDAD Rani | 1989 | 1995 | * | 151 | 108 | | | | |
| PINAR Levent | 1977 | 1983 | 1986 | 151 | 5 | | | | |
| STONE Harry | 1979 | 1984 | 1986 | 151 | 27 | | | | |
| GREENTREE Steve | 1968 | 1974 | 1989 | 150 | 41 | | | | |
| VEIGEL David | 1963 | 1968 | 1973 | 150 | 6 | | | | |
| WOODCROFT Kevin | 1961 | 1967 | 1970 | 150 | 0 | | | | |
| HILL YARD Graham | 1960 | 1965 | 1967 | 149 | 21 | | | | |
| ROSEVEAR Gordon | 1960 | 1965 | 1967 | 149 | 0 | | | | |
| MYLES Kevin | 1970 | 1975 | 1978 | 148 | 26 | | | | |
| WILEY Rick | 1971 | 1976 | 1978 | 148 | 98 | | | | |
| BRUEN Derek | 1969 | 1973 | 1975 | 148 | 9 | | | | |
| HADDAD Shaadi | 1987 | 1993 | 1995 | 148 | 56 | | | | |
| KOTTARIDIS Con | 1978 | 1983 | 1986 | 148 | 88 | | | | |
| MAY Steven | 1986 | 1995 | * | 148 | 2 | | | | |
| TAYLOR Alan | 1961 | 1966 | 1969 | 147 | 10 | | | | |
| SCOTT Glen | 1972 | 1976 | 1978 | 145 | 6 | | | | |
| FATHERS Ron | 1961 | 1966 | 1972 | 145 | 3 | | | | |
| KEMP John | 1975 | 1979 | 1980 | 145 | 7 | | | | |
| PERCIVAL Neville | 1969 | 1973 | 1976 | 145 | 12 | | | | |
| HUTEAU Trevor | 1961 | 1966 | 1969 | 144 | 3 | | | | |
| PEREDA Alex | 1979 | 1986 | 1988 | 143 | 16 | | | | |

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| CHAPMAN Craig | 1973 | 1978 | 1980 | 142 | 59 | | | | |
| BARKER Brian | 1971 | 1974 | 1975 | 141 | 35 | | | | |
| FORBES Grant | 1975 | 1979 | 1981 | 140 | 2 | | | | |
| HASTINGS Chris | 1988 | 1993 | 1995 | 140 | 10 | | | | |
| MENDEZ Edgardo | 1979 | 1984 | 1987 | 140 | 10 | | | | |
| McGUIRE Kevin | 1972 | 1977 | 1978 | 139 | 5 | | | | |
| BROWN George | 1966 | 1974 | 1980 | 138 | 71 | | | | |
| ERDOGAN Erhan | 1983 | 1993 | 1995 | 138 | 1 | | | | |
| EDWARDS Brad | 1971 | 1976 | 1977 | 137 | 6 | | | | |
| MARINAS Christian | 1986 | 1993 | * | 137 | 65 | | | | |
| SMITH Wayne | 1974 | 1979 | 1981 | 137 | 21 | | | | |
| MILIC Nick | 1981 | 1987 | 1989 | 135 | 20 | | | | |
| NICHOLAS Alan | 1964 | 1969 | 1973 | 135 | 55 | | | | |
| WYLLIE Robert | 1963 | 1967 | 1969 | 135 | 30 | | | | |
| TSIKLIERIS Jim | 1977 | 1983 | 1984 | 134 | 1 | | | | |
| VUKELIC Mario | 1981 | 1986 | 1987 | 134 | 1 | | | | |
| SQUIRES Greg | 1971 | 1977 | 1978 | 133 | 3 | | | | |
| ANTILL Dennis | 1964 | 1968 | 1970 | 133 | 4 | | | | |
| MAYON Peter | 1967 | 1972 | 1974 | 133 | 26 | | | | |
| LUKIC Robert | 1975 | 1982 | 1982 | 132 | 48 | | | | |
| CARTER Ed | 1973 | 1980 | 1988 | 131 | 6 | | | | |
| HETERICK Graeme | 1980 | 1985 | 1987 | 130 | 143 | | | | |
| ZEIN Salah | 1991 | 1996 | * | 130 | 27 | | | | |
| FORBES Scott | 1976 | 1983 | 1985 | 129 | 2 | | | | |
| BARRY Bob | 1982 | 1987 | 1991 | 128 | 19 | | | | |
| BRUEN Brent | 1969 | 1974 | 1975 | 128 | 2 | | | | |
| GODFREY Steve | 1968 | 1973 | 1974 | 128 | 1 | | | | |
| OLAH Adam | 1977 | 1982 | 1983 | 128 | 1 | | | | |
| RAYNER Scott | 1978 | 1984 | 1986 | 128 | 2 | | | | |
| GAUNSON Matthew | 1978 | 1983 | 1985 | 127 | 4 | | | | |
| HAWACH Michael | 1977 | 1984 | 1987 | 126 | 0 | | | | |
| LUKIC Steve | 1974 | 1980 | 1981 | 126 | 17 | | | | |
| FRANKS Andrew | 1971 | 1976 | 1977 | 125 | 6 | | | | |
| McIVOR Steven | 1974 | 1979 | 1980 | 125 | 14 | | | | |

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| WOODCROFT Greg | 1962 | 1968 | 1969 | 125 | 1 | | | | |
| STEVENS Grant | 1972 | 1977 | 1978 | 124 | 0 | | | | |
| KINDA Ante | 1981 | 1993 | 1994 | 124 | 32 | | | | |
| SEGEIC Duro | 1976 | 1981 | 1982 | 124 | 4 | | | | |
| HAYES Ian | 1969 | 1974 | 1975 | 123 | 21 | | | | |
| JAMIESON Ian | 1974 | 1978 | 1984 | 123 | 34 | | | | |
| MOUSSA John | 1990 | 1994 | 1995 | 123 | 126 | | | | |
| PANOUSOPOULOS P | 1981 | 1986 | 1988 | 123 | 27 | | | | |
| ABU-MAHMOUD Abdul-R | 1991 | 1996 | * | 122 | 110 | | | | |
| CLARKE Greg | 1960 | 1967 | 1968 | 121 | 0 | | | | |
| GIBSON Ross | 1970 | 1974 | 1975 | 121 | 36 | | | | |
| KARABETSOS Theo | 1977 | 1981 | 1983 | 121 | 23 | | | | |
| OBEREMOK John | 1972 | 1977 | 1978 | 120 | 14 | | | | |
| HINTON Greg | 1967 | 1975 | 1976 | 119 | 5 | | | | |
| LANGLEY John | 1972 | 1977 | 1980 | 119 | 10 | | | | |
| PASCOE Howard | 1964 | 1970 | 1971 | 119 | 1 | | | | |
| ROSEVEAR Greg | 1960 | 1964 | 1966 | 119 | 0 | | | | |
| HOFFER Trevor | 1985 | 1991 | 1992 | 118 | 20 | | | | |
| SUTHERLAND Gordon | 1961 | 1966 | 1967 | 118 | 21 | | | | |
| XENOS Alex | 1981 | 1989 | * | 118 | 2 | | | | |
| DONALDSON Ian | 1967 | 1973 | 1974 | 117 | 1 | | | | |
| BRUEN Bill | 1971 | 1975 | 1975 | 116 | 114 | | | | |
| McILVENIE Alan | 1975 | 1980 | 1980 | 116 | 53 | | | | |
| RUDGLEY Steven | 1990 | 1995 | 1995 | 116 | 10 | | | | |
| WILLIAMSON Ben | 1990 | 1996 | * | 116 | 4 | | | | |
| GERADA Vince | 1986 | 1991 | 1995 | 115 | 80 | | | | |
| ANASTASAKIS John | 1964 | 1969 | 1969 | 114 | 16 | | | | |
| DUFFY Glen | 1973 | 1978 | 1979 | 114 | 3 | | | | |
| EDWARDS Garry | 1960 | 1967 | 1967 | 114 | 2 | | | | |
| FLINT Ron | 1961 | 1966 | 1966 | 114 | 8 | | | | |
| HAMILTON Glen | 1982 | 1986 | 1986 | 114 | 4 | | | | |
| RAYWARD Thomas | 1992 | 1997 | * | 114 | 18 | | | | |
| RUDGLEY Wayne | 1960 | 1966 | 1966 | 114 | 2 | | | | |
| THOMAS Graham | 1964 | 1970 | 1970 | 114 | 7 | | | | |

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| CLARKE Phil | 1961 | 1968 | 1969 | 113 | 5 | | | | |
| DOHERTY Keith | 1964 | 1969 | 1970 | 113 | 13 | | | | |
| TRIVES Gerard | 1982 | 1987 | 1988 | 113 | 2 | | | | |
| CLEMENTS Ian | 1967 | 1972 | 1973 | 112 | 4 | | | | |
| ICLI Tuncay | 1980 | 1994 | 1996 | 112 | 16 | | | | |
| ROSE Keith | 1971 | 1975 | 1975 | 112 | 56 | | | | |
| STYLIANOU Evan | 1977 | 1983 | 1983 | 112 | 14 | | | | |
| TANNOUS John | 1987 | 1993 | 1995 | 112 | 8 | | | | |
| AVERILL John | 1965 | 1973 | 1973 | 111 | 3 | | | | |
| DARBY Terrance | 1972 | 1977 | 1977 | 111 | 4 | | | | |
| McCOLL Darren | 1975 | 1980 | 1980 | 111 | 5 | | | | |
| RANCAN Anthony | 1992 | 1997 | * | 111 | 21 | | | | |
| JAMES Daniel | 1992 | 1997 | * | 110 | 69 | | | | |
| LOULACH Joe | 1986 | 1992 | 1995 | 110 | 8 | | | | |
| SMITH Michael | 1972 | 1977 | 1977 | 110 | 40 | | | | |
| BURNS Paul | 1974 | 1982 | 1988 | 109 | 46 | | | | |
| IVANKOVIC Joseph | 1980 | 1984 | 1984 | 109 | 58 | | | | |
| ZAPPALA Sam | 1983 | 1989 | 1990 | 109 | 0 | | | | |
| HALL David | 1973 | 1979 | 1979 | 108 | 0 | | | | |
| SIMA Metin | 1980 | 1984 | 1984 | 108 | 123 | | | | |
| BRUEN Tom | 1969 | 1975 | 1974 | 107 | 91 | | | | |
| PIMM John | 1974 | 1988 | 1989 | 107 | 9 | | | | |
| RUTTER Lindsay | 1977 | 1981 | 1981 | 107 | 2 | | | | |
| WILLIAMS Barry | 1965 | 1977 | 1977 | 107 | 6 | | | | |
| HOWARD Roger | 1964 | 1970 | 1970 | 106 | 0 | | | | |
| PILLING Nathan | 1974 | 1996 | 1996 | 106 | 17 | | | | |
| WRIGHT Tony | 1974 | 1984 | 1984 | 106 | 38 | | | | |
| BARRY Peter | 1983 | 1991 | 1991 | 105 | 11 | | | | |
| HASTINGS Robert | 1988 | 1995 | 1995 | 105 | 49 | | | | |
| TEALE Graham | 1960 | 1965 | 1965 | 105 | 31 | | | | |
| WOO Chris | 1980 | 1986 | 1986 | 105 | 4 | | | | |
| MAY Brett | 1986 | 1997 | * | 104 | 1 | | | | |
| TILLOTT Jason | 1986 | 1992 | 1992 | 104 | 5 | | | | |
| BURTON Peter | 1966 | 1971 | 1985 | 133 | 15 | | | | |

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| FRAME Mal | 1976 | 1982 | 1982 | 1982 | 103 | 0 | | | |
| FULLER Bruce | 1967 | 1971 | 1971 | 1971 | 103 | 97 | | | |
| TUKONIC Berislav | 1977 | 1982 | 1982 | 1982 | 103 | 6 | | | |
| TWOMEY Sean | 1982 | 1987 | 1987 | 1987 | 103 | 20 | | | |
| McKEOWN Mark | 1982 | 1988 | 1988 | 1988 | 102 | 7 | | | |
| LOCKLEY Mal | 1972 | 1978 | 1978 | 1988 | 101 | 12 | | | |
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| 1943 | U/14 PREMIERS | 1975 | U/9 PREMIERS | 1985 | R/CUP RES PREMIERS | | | |
| 1947 | U/14 PREMIERS | 1976 | U/14 PREMIERS | 1986 | U/7 PREMIERS | | | |
| 1947 | 1ST GRADE SIX-A-SIDE | 1977 | U/14 SIX-A-SIDE | 1986 | U/10 PREMIERS | | | |
| 1948 | U/16 PREMIERS | 1977 | U/16 KNOCK-OUT | 1986 | U/13 PREMIERS | | | |
| 1961 | U/12 PREMIERS | 1978 | U/15 PREMIERS | 1987 | U/8 PREMIERS | | | |
| 1962 | U/10 PREMIERS | 1978 | U/15 KNOCK-OUT | 1987 | U/11 PREMIERS | | | |
| 1962 | U/12 PREMIERS | 1978 | U/18 PREMIERS | 1987 | U/12 SIX-A-SIDE | | | |
| 1962 | U/16 SIX-A-SIDE | 1978 | U/18 KNOCK-OUT | 1987 | U/12 KNOCK-OUT | | | |
| 1964 | U/16B PREMIERS | 1978 | R/CUP RES PREMIERS | 1987 | R/CUP RES PREMIERS | | | |
| 1966 | 2ND DIVISION PREMIERS | 1979 | U/11 PREMIERS | 1990 | U/11 PREMIERS | | | |
| 1967 | 1ST DIVISION PREMIERS | 1979 | U/16 PREMIERS | 1990 | U/11 KNOCK-OUT | | | |
| 1967 | OPEN KNOCK-OUT | 1979 | R/CUP RES (DIVISION 4) | 1991 | U/12 PREMIERS | | | |
| 1967 | 2ND GRADE SIX-A-SIDE | 1981 | U/13 PREMIERS | 1991 | U/12 SIX-A-SIDE | | | |
| 1968 | U/12 PREMIERS | 1981 | R/CUP RES PREMIERS | 1991 | C GRADE SIX-A-SIDE | | | |
| 1968 | PREMIER LEAGUE RESER | 1982 | U/9 PREMIERS | 1992 | U/12 PREMIERS | | | |
| 1968 | OPEN KNOCK-OUT | 1982 | U/10 PREMIERS | 1992 | U/12 SIX-A-SIDE | | | |
| 1969 | B GRADE SIX-A-SIDE | 1983 | MINI GROUP 6 PREMIERS | 1992 | U/12 KNOCK-OUT | | | |
| 1969 | 4TH GRADE PREMIERS | 1983 | U/10 PREMIERS | 1992 | U/15 SIX-A-SIDE | | | |
| 1971 | U/9 PREMIERS | 1983 | U/11 PREMIERS | 1992 | U/15 KNOCK-OUT | | | |
| 1971 | U/15 PREMIERS | 1983 | U/15 KNOCK-OUT | 1993 | U/13 PREMIERS | | | |
| 1971 | OVER 35 KNOCK-OUT | 1984 | U/9 PREMIERS | 1993 | U/13 SIX-A-SIDE | | | |
| 1972 | U/11 PREMIERS | 1984 | U/13 PREMIERS | 1993 | U/13 KNOCK-OUT | | | |
| 1972 | U/12 PREMIERS | 1984 | U/11 SIX-A-SIDE | 1994 | U/14 SIX-A-SIDE | | | |
| 1973 | U/11 PREMIERS | 1984 | U/12 SIX-A-SIDE | 1994 | R/CUP DIV 4 PREMIERS | | | |
| 1974 | U/10 PREMIERS | 1984 | U/18 KNOCK-OUT | 1995 | U/8 PREMIERS | | | |
| 1974 | U/11 PREMIERS | 1984 | R/CUP RES PREMIERS | 1995 | U/16 KNOCK-OUT | | | |
| 1974 | U/13 PREMIERS | 1985 | U/14 PREMIERS | 1996 | R/CUP DIV 4 PREMIERS | | | |
| 1974 | U/16 PREMIERS | 1985 | 4TH GRADE PREMIERS | | | | | |

| 1997 PLAYERS' STATISTICS (0 - 99 GAMES) | | | | | | |
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| NAME | COMM | GAMES | GOALS | NAME | COMM | GOALS |
| ILIEFF Andrew | 1993 | 99 | 50 | LAHOUD Danny | 1995 | 20 |
| HOLLAND Matthew | 1992 | 94 | 5 | ELIA Faddi | 1997 | 19 |
| VOLPATO Robert | 1993 | 82 | 0 | AGAR Aydin | 1997 | 18 |
| FERGUSON Daniel | 1994 | 79 | 23 | FRASER-DEGALE Murphy. | 1997 | 18 |
| SMITH Alexander | 1993 | 78 | 0 | GHALEB Chris | 1997 | 18 |
| MEHAJER Salim | 1993 | 76 | 7 | HAMDAN Ahmed | 1997 | 18 |
| MILLER Ben | 1993 | 71 | 2 | PIGNATARO Phillip | 1996 | 17 |
| MEHAJER Khaled | 1994 | 71 | 3 | TUNGKA Roland | 1997 | 17 |
| NORTHEY Thomas | 1994 | 71 | 1 | HINES Kieran | 1997 | 17 |
| O'HALLORAN Kevin | 1994 | 70 | 40 | VOLPATO Daniel | 1997 | 17 |
| SLADE Ben | 1987 | 64 | 2 | WARDAN Bill | 1997 | 17 |
| MARINAS Bretnier | 1985 | 61 | 0 | LARA Carlos | 1996 | 16 |
| MELKI Shane | 1994 | 60 | 3 | TAHA Mohamed (U/12) | 1997 | 16 |
| TAOUK Elias | 1994 | 59 | 3 | BRADARIC Jozo | 1997 | 16 |
| VILAS-BOAS Telmo | 1995 | 57 | 0 | SMEE Matthew | 1997 | 16 |
| DE NETO Vitor | 1994 | 56 | 2 | HAY David | 1997 | 16 |
| PROUTY Ryan | 1994 | 53 | 2 | CHAMCHOUN Anthony | 1996 | 15 |
| PARISH Phil | 1995 | 52 | 6 | FRAIETTA Anthony | 1997 | 15 |
| RANDALL Justin | 1996 | 44 | 7 | JOSE Andre | 1997 | 15 |
| GHALEB Anthony | 1995 | 43 | 0 | OLIVERA Lautaro | 1997 | 15 |
| WALSH Graeme | 1996 | 40 | 1 | FOGON James | 1997 | 15 |
| ANJOUL Charlie | 1996 | 33 | 1 | RUSH Katie | 1997 | 15 |
| BLAZEVIC Tony | 1996 | 31 | 7 | STARC Mitchell | 1997 | 15 |
| MACHADO Martin | 1996 | 30 | 0 | CONTRERAS Julio | 1995 | 14 |
| COLEMAN Mitchell | 1996 | 26 | 0 | EL-HADI Raymond | 1997 | 14 |
| SANTIAGO Manoj | 1993 | 25 | 2 | FRAIETTA Mario | 1997 | 11 |
| ARBILO Mandi | 1996 | 24 | 0 | RAAD Raymond | 1997 | 9 |
| TAHA Rabie | 1997 | 23 | 2 | DAVES Danielle | 1997 | 8 |
| WHITWELL Dave | 1997 | 21 | 1 | OFILU Tuialo Miko | 1997 | 8 |
| DAVES William | 1997 | 21 | 0 | ISAA Bilal | 1994 | 6 |
| ARGUETA Lewis | 1997 | 20 | 0 | RODRIGUEZ Jorge | 1997 | 3 |
| TAHA Mohamed(U/6) | 1997 | 20 | 16 | REUTER Kane | 1997 | 2 |
| HINES Chris | 1997 | 20 | 4 | ARTEAGA Damian | 1997 | 1 |

SECRETARY'S REPORT - 1997

The club's activities for 1997 are summarised as follows:

COACHES AND MANAGERS:

It was pleasing this year to see Jack Dutton temporarily shelve retirement plans and save the plight of the under 6's in coaching for one final year.

Another pleasing note was the first time coaching efforts of Steven and Brett May. The brothers took on the challenge of coaching despite the fact that not one of the Under 8 team had ever played soccer before, four of the players were still eligible to play in the under 7's while another could play in the under 6's. This was instrumental in the Management Committee deciding to award the under 8's with the Robert Brown Memorial Shield for Meritorious Team.

A return to the coaching ranks for Ken James with the under 10's saw the boys gain some valuable footballing knowledge which should see them become a formidable team in the next couple of seasons.

My thanks also to Geoff "Jacko" Rider for helping out with the coaching of the Second Grade while Scott "Mirrilly Do-in" Ashbrooke and Trevor "Lumpy" Lavender managed the First and Second Grades respectfully.

With the definite retirement of Jack Dutton we will be looking for interested persons to coach the under 6 and under 7 minis. Any one interested in taking the two to three hours a week to coach please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Management Committee

JUNIORS:

The number of junior teams this year doubled with the under 6's and under 8's adding to the under 10's and under 12's from last year, comprising 58 players - 22 up on 1996. This is very pleasing as the juniors hold the future of our club. Juniors need to be nurtured to ensure that the great work carried out by so many to teach these players does not go to waste.

SENIORS:

As was the case last year just the one Raahauge Cup squad (two teams) was fielded this year comprising 33 registered players.

The first grade was unable to repeat last year's feat of winning the premiership and was defeated in the grand final. However this was still an excellent performance to make the Grand Final in Division 2 this year after being promoted from Division 4 last year. The Raahauge Cup Reserves were unfortunate to not win a game this season after coming close on several occasions. Also the side had to compete against some teams who appeared to "stack" their reserve grades.

CANTEEN:

This season saw the canteen compile very healthy looking profits thanks to the efforts of Narelle James, who was there to manage the canteen affairs on a weekly basis, along with Stephen, Mathew, Amanda James and Kellie Foggon. Thanks also to Scott Ashbrooke for his excellent work in regards to the supply of soft drinks, chips etc. at very competitive prices.

DISCIPLINARY:

This year I am proud to say that not one member of our club was sent from the field of play or cited. On a personal note thank you to all players as I did not have to make the trip to the Judiciary Committee on a Monday night! All players and spectators should be congratulated on their excellent sportsmanship and good behaviour.

EQUIPMENT:

Thanks once again to Auburn Soccer Club who generously donated match balls for all sides. The club is grateful for the support given and looks forward to a lasting relationship. This sponsorship created a saving on the cost of equipment which will be put towards the purchase of new playing strips. Also thanks to the Manager of *McDonald's* at Auburn who provided the Club with Encouragement Awards for the players.

SUPPORTERS:

The support shown for the junior teams by parents and other relations was very noticeable wherever Lidcombe played and encouraged all of the Juniors to give 100%.

The support of the senior teams seemed to increase from last year and the tremendous turn out of spectators at the grand final was well appreciated by both players and club officials alike.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:

Congratulations go to Peter Oberemok (Raahauge Cup 1sts) on being the first player to reach the milestone of 300 club goals. Peter started with the Congs in 1974 and has been a real goal scoring machine throughout his career and at the end of the 1997 season his record reads 353 games & 305 goals. This record of 300 goals will, I am sure, stand for many years to come.

Congratulations to Rani Haddad (U/12s) who scored his 100th goal this year. Rani has become only the 29th player in the club's 58 year history to score 100 goals.

(EDITOR'S ADDENDUM: Congratulations to a modest JAMES MAY (R/C1) who played his 400th game in the Grand Final but this show of modesty apparently prevented him from mentioning it in his Secretary's Report! Well done "PC" on achieving this milestone!)

100 games awards have gone to Brett May who commenced in 1990, Thomas Rayward (1992), Anthony Rancan (1992), Daniel James (1992) and Sahin Kazan (1993).

BEST CLUBMAN: This season the choice for Best Clubman was difficult to decide with so many people putting so much into the club. The Management Committee finally decided to recognise the efforts of Steven and Brett May by awarding them with the Norm Huteau Memorial Trophy for Best Clubman. It was Steven and Brett's tireless efforts throughout the year (which included mowing and marking the lines, setting up the nets and corner posts every Saturday morning, helping with the club barbeques and coaching the under 8s) that saw the Management Committee decide on Steven and Brett.

Congratulations on receiving this prestigious honour.

ANNUAL REPORT & PUBLICITY:

This year's Annual Report, as in past years, is another excellent publication and I am sure that regular readers will agree that this year's Report is simply the best yet. You will notice the new feature of 100 Games in the Honour Roll, a list which took Neil Rudgley and Ray James a great number of hours to compile. This revised listing is the forerunner of a "master" list of ALL players which is being compiled in readiness for our 60th Anniversary dinner in 1999.

You will also notice that the quality of this year's photographs are the best to be published yet. This is thanks to Nadalie Rudgley who scanned the photographs for reproduction in the "Candid Congos" and it is also her art work on the front cover. 12 Years-old Kellie Rudgley is also a budding artist judging by her excellent cartoons which are drawn free-hand in five minutes! Kellie's favourite subject, Trevor "Lumpy" Lavender (the "Goat Herder"), gets another pasting this year again! Well done the young Rudgleys!

CONCLUSION:

This was a most enjoyable season which was a success for the club as a whole. We increased the number of junior teams, a trend which we hope to continue next season: The juniors are the heart of our club and without them our future would be very bleak indeed.

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

"Once a Congo - ALWAYS A CONGO"!

JAMES MAY
SECRETARY

** A welcome visitor to the First Grade's Grand Final this year was former Congs Premiership captain RON HOLLEBONE, now the prison chaplain for the Salvation Army in Bathurst.*

It reminds us of the time some years ago that Ron, one of the best-ever players to don a boot for Lidcombe, decided that the office girls needed some fitness and commenced them running on the spot in the office itself. Unfortunately Ron brought up the legs a bit too high and cracked a knee on a desk which resulted him having several weeks off work...and leaving the office girls laughing for the same amount of time!!

UNDER 6s

1997 was a mixed season for the team where results were fairly even. Considering that the club had not fielded an Under 6 side for several seasons and this was the first year for all players I believe that the results were very impressive.

At this age soccer should only be played for the fun of it with some learning thrown in where possible (although one opposition coach in particular thought that the competition was the World Cup!).

I hope that the players enjoyed themselves as much as I did this season!

Many thanks go to the parents for their support throughout the year and to my wife Kath for ensuring that the shirts were always in an excellent state each week.

The end of season gift was very much appreciated and it must have burnt some hands judging by the eagerness of the players to hand it to me! I will make sure that it is on display at this Presentation Day!

The player awards have always proven difficult and this season was no exception with such a fine bunch of players to select from. The Most Consistent Player goes to Mohamed Taha who was always willing to defend and, when required, run the length of the field in attack.

Kieran Hines is the recipient of the Most Improved Player award as his game lifted noticeably as the season wore on both in defence and attack.

Many thanks for your efforts this season and this IS my swan-song after such enjoyment over the years!

The team was:

AYDIN AGAR: The smallest player in the team Aydin has a good turn of speed and can really kick a ball (including anyone and everything that gets in his way!). He needs to listen to instructions however and not kick towards his own goal.

JOZO BRADARIC: Jozo has the ability to kick with either foot and this helped him all season. He scored a lot of goals but lets himself down by attempting to dribble past too many players rather than using his speed to outpace the defence. Perhaps this was due in some matches to the heat which did affect him on occasions. Showed that with his size and undoubted ability he will be force to be reckoned with.

RAYMOND EI-HADI: The "McDonald's" supporter showed he can run hard and make strong kicks. He will improve when he learns to take the ball off the opposition. Perhaps I should try putting a "Big Mac" in the opposition goals!

KIERAN HINES: Kieran was quiet early in the season but when he settled into the team he turned into a very good player who listened to his Coach. He prefers to play a game rather than train but who wouldn't at that age!

DANIELLE DAVES: The surprise packet of the team, at the early training sessions Danielle seemed to be more keen to have a go than some of the boys! Once she learns to fight for the ball her game will improve. On some occasions it appeared that she felt out of place being the only girl in the team however she will overcome this.

FRASER MURPHY-DEGALE: By midseason we had found that Fraser was a very good goalkeeper who enjoyed his position which is unusual for a player so young. Attacking sides like Yaralla and OLQP put Fraser under lot of pressure (through no fault of his own) however he was able to withstand this and become a key member of the defence. He also expressed a desire to play out on the field where he showed a ton of determination and is destined for a solid footballing career.

MATTHEW SMEE: Matthew ran hard and in the latter games he made a big improvement in going in for the ball. He took some heavy knocks in the early part of the season which made him a bit wary. A strong point in his favour is his strong throw-in from the sideline where he was able to confidently find his own player without fouling the throw.

MOHAMED TAHA: Mohamed ("Hamoudi") is a very good all-round player who is strong in defence and has the ability to easily break away and score a goal at the other end. He has no fear of any player and he will be even better when he learns to restrain his enthusiasm and tries not to be a "lone ranger"!

Also played Damian Artega and Kane Reuter.

- JACK DUTTON

COACH

SEASON RESULTS

COMPETITION:

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Versus</i> | <i>Result</i> | <i>Scorers</i> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>At Phillips Park:</i> 05.04.97 | PARRAMATTA | L 2-6 | (Bradaric, Taha) |
| <i>At Phillips Park:</i> 12.04.97 | GREYSTANES (M) | W 6-3 | (Taha 3, Bradaric, El-Hadi, OG) |
| <i>At Daniel St:</i> 19.04.97 | GREYSTANES (B) | W 6-0 | (Bradaric 3, Taha 2, Hines) |
| <i>At Daniel St:</i> 26.04.97 | OLQP (B) | D 1-1 | (Bradaric) |
| <i>At Phillips Park:</i> 03.05.97 | OLQP (C) | L 0-1 | |

At Phillips Park:

10.05.97 CARLINGFORD UNIT W 5-1 (Bradaric 2, Hines 2, Taha)

At Phillips Park:

17.05.97 YARALLA (BLUE) L 1-4 (Taha)

At Doyle Park:

24.05.97 PARRAMATTA D 1-1 (Bradaric)

At Tait St:

31.05.97 GREYSTANES W 4-1 (Agar, Bradaric, Hines, Taha)

At Phillips Park:

14.06.97 GREYSTANES (P) W 4-2 (Taha 2, Bradaric, OG)

At Phillips Park:

21.06.97 OLQP (B) D 2-2 (Bradaric, Taha)

At Daniel St:

28.06.97 OLQP (B) L 1-5 (Taha)

12.07.97 CARLINGFORD UNIT L Forfeit

At Powells Creek:

19.07.97 YARALLA (BLUE) L 0-5

At Tait St:

26.07.97 GREYSTANES W 5-1 (Bradaric 3, Taha 2)

At Phillips Park:

02.08.97 GREYSTANES (B) W 2-0 (Bradaric, Taha)

At Daniel St:

09.08.97 OLQP (B) L 0-2

At Phillips Park:

16.08.97 OLQP (C) L 0-3

SIX-A-SIDE

Team comprising Aydin Agar, Jozo Bradaric, Raymond El-Hadi, Kieran Hines, Fraser Murphy-Degale, Matthew Smees, Mohamed Taha.

At Timbrell Park:

07.06.97 BYE
YARALLA L 0-2

SCORERS:

| NAME | COMPETITION | K.O. ETC | TOTAL |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Jozo Bradaric | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| Mohamed Taha | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| Kieran Hines | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Own Goals | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Aydin Agar | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Raymond El-Hadi | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | 40 | 0 | 40 |

UNDER 8s

Coaching the under 8's this year was an experience that we enjoyed immensely. Being our first year of coaching, the season turned out to be a learning experience with many of the team providing us with some challenges along the way.

With this being the players' first season of soccer and half the team eligible to play under 7's all players showed great courage in every match.

The team suffered some very severe losses at the beginning of the season against more experienced opponents but as the season progressed improvements were extremely noticeable with many spectators and opposition coaches acknowledging this fact.

Our first and only win of the season came against Greystanes at Phillips Park. Our leading goal scorer, Chris Hines, scored in the first minute and followed up with a second goal a short time later. Lautaro Olivera blasted home a third goal in the second half to set up a 3-0 victory. This result gave the team some much needed confidence and improved the closeness of the following games.

With further hard work and practice combined with this year's experience we feel that the team will enjoy great success in the future and we hope to see everyone return to play next year.

We would also like to thank the following people for their valued assistance throughout the year:

- All the parents who helped transport the team to and from the grounds on Saturdays with a special mention going to Mr and Mrs Rush.
- James May for his assistance at the beginning of the season
- Narelle James for the supply of oranges to the team and lollies for the best players of the day
- Terry Hines for his continued support and assistance in controlling the kids both at training and on Saturdays.
- The entire team for giving 110% in every match.

The team was:

BILLY DAVES: Billy tried hard throughout the year and spoiled a number of opposition attacking raids. With a greater amount of concentration on the field his game will certainly improve.

FADDI ELIA: Considering that Faddi was eligible to play under 6's he more than matched it with the big boys and his game improved throughout the season. A deserved winner of the Most Improved Player award.

JAMES FOGGON: Easily proved to be one of the best defensive players in the competition with his very physical approach to tackling. Also proved to be a great organiser in the defensive line.

CHRIS GHALEB: Started off the season playing up front and relished the mid-season move to the back line. Chris also filled in as goal keeper throughout the season and displays a good knowledge of the game.

AHMED HAMDAN: (Mr Versatility) Ahmed played in just about every position on the field throughout the year. He pulled off many spectacular saves in goals and played just as well out on the field.

DAVID HAY: David worked hard on his game throughout the season and a great amount of improvement was noticed by season's end. He proved to be a very reliable fullback.

CHRIS HINES: Chris played well at striker and never stopped trying. With greater experience he will certainly turn into a goal scoring machine.

BILAL ISSA: Played only a handful of games this season but when he did play he showed a great amount of class and one of the biggest kicks in the team.

TUIALO MIKO 'OFIU: Played the first half of the season and tried hard in every match. Improvement was noticed in the games he did play.

LAUTARO OLIVERA: Lautaro always listened to instructions and played consistently throughout the season. He showed improvement in every game and was never found out of position.

KATIE RUSH: Katie always listened to the coaches instructions and always stayed in position. What she lacked in skill she more then made up for in persistence and commitment.

MITCHELL STARC: Mitchell tried hard throughout the season and played well on the left wing. His dribbling improved as the season progressed and he made many strong attacking runs.

RARBIE TAHA: Rarbie was one of the team's most consistent players, no matter what position he was asked to play in. He has a very high skill level but needs to listen more to instructions.

DANIEL VOLPATO: Daniel always played to the best of his ability. He had a very fine year in the midfield and pulled off some very strong tackles against bigger opponents.

BILLY WARDAN: Billy played well at fullback for the first half of the season before having to go overseas, his strong tackles in every match made him very sorely missed in the second half of the season.

Also played Mohamed Taha (Under 6's)

BRETT MAY (Coach)
STEVEN MAY (Manager)

SEASON RESULTS

COMPETITION:

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Versus</i> | <i>Result</i> | <i>Scorers</i> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 05.04.97 | ST MICHAELS (P) | L 0-6 | |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 12.05.97 | OLQP | L 0-11 | |
| At Doyle Park: | | | |
| 19.04.97 | LOWER MOUNTAINS | L 0-3 | |
| At Bert Saunders Reserve: | | | |
| 26.04.97 | BLACKTOWN RC | L 1-7 | (Hines) |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 03.05.97 | PENRITH | L 0-2 | |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 10.05.97 | BLACKTOWN UNIT | L 0-2 | |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 17.05.97 | GREYSTANES | W 3-0 | (Hines 2, Olivera) |
| At Crestwood Reserve: | | | |
| 24.05.97 | ST MICHAELS (P) | L 0-9 | |
| At Daniel St: | | | |
| 31.05.97 | OLQP | L 0-12 | |
| At Glenbrook Park: | | | |
| 14.06.97 | LOWER MOUNTAINS | L 1-2 | (Hines) |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 21.06.97 | BLACKTOWN RC | L 0-3 | |
| At Morreau Reserve: | | | |
| 28.06.97 | PENRITH | L 0-4 | |
| At Golden Grove: | | | |
| 12.07.97 | BLACKTOWN UNIT | L 0-4 | |
| At Tom Uren: | | | |
| 19.07.97 | GREYSTANES | L 0-1 | |
| At Daniel St: | | | |
| 26.07.97 | OLQP | L 0-8 | |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 02.08.97 | LOWER MOUNTAINS | D 1-1 | (Taha) |
| At Bert Saunders Reserve: | | | |
| 09.08.97 | BLACKTOWN RC | L 0-4 | |

At Phillips Park:

16.08.97 PENRITH L 0-2

SIX-A-SIDE:**Under 7 Team**

Team comprising Billy Daves, Faddi Elia, Chris Hines, Mitchell Starc, Rarbie Taha and Bill Wardan.

At Timbrell Park:

07.06.97 BALMAIN L 0-1
 OLQP W 1-0 (Taha)
 BALMAIN L 0-5

Under 8 Team

Team comprising James Foggon, Chris Ghaleb, Ahmed Hamdan, Chris Hines, Mitchell Starc, Rarbie Taha and Bill Wardan.

At Timbrell Park:

07.06.97 GREYSTANES L 0-0 (Lost on Goal Kicks)
 YARALLA L 1-3 (Hamdan)

SCORERS:

| NAME | COMPETITION | K.O ETC | TOTAL |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|-------|
| Chris Hines | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Lautaro Olivera | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Rarbie Taha | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Ahmed Hamdan | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | 6 | 2 | 8 |

** It's bad enough being on the receiving end of an accidental kick from a member of the opposition team but when it's your OWN side...! In the first grade final this season JAMES MAY went up for a header at the same time as PHIL PARISH's boot did and PC copped a beauty to the side of the head! At the after-match function James made full use of the ice in the "soft-drink" esky to ease the pain while Phil complained about MARKS ON HIS BOOTS!*

** SCOTT ASHBROOKE (Manager - First Grade) went on an overseas trip early this season which included a round of golf at the famous St Andrews course in Scotland. Unfortunately the round cost \$A155 and what was even worse was the cost of the replacement balls that Scotty had to fork out for - him being not the world's best golfer!
And the place was freezing!*

** Only TWO more years to the club's 60th Anniversary! A tentative booking has been made at the Lidcombe Catholic Club for the Saturday of the Queen's Birthday weekend in June 1999 so keep the date clear! Be there!*

** Newly married KEN JAMES must be feeling the strain! Starting off the season only 25 games behind his father's all-time record of 630 matches our hero played only ONE match this season citing the usual knee problems, back aches etc. Yeah, right KJ! She's got you and she's protecting you!! Ain't love grand?*

UNDER 10s

The team's competition statistics - winning only five out of 18 games played with five draws and eight losses - do not really give a true indication of the progress that the side made during the season.

Playing in a very strong six-team competition where there was never an easy game and also missing Iain Maunder on whom they relied upon so much both in attack and defence last season, the boys nevertheless were very competitive in just about every game, playing some exciting, attacking football and displaying a greater awareness of positional play and greatly improved team work which got them into many goal scoring situations.

However on numerous occasions, after doing all the hard work, the boys just could not put the ball into the back of the net which often meant the difference between winning and losing. Once they learn to take full advantage of the opportunities they create, greater success will come their way.

Another area of the team's play needing further improvement is that they must become much more desperate in defence if they want to win the tougher games. It was very frustrating for both myself and the team's loyal supporters to see the boys play so well for so long in many games only to "go to sleep" and let in easy goals.

Fortunately, both these aspects of the team's play can be improved upon with further coaching and training and I am looking forward to working with the boys again next season.

In conclusion, thanks to the parents and other relatives who supported the team throughout the season and assisted with transport, washing of shirts and supply of oranges. I would also mention how much I enjoyed the end-of-season "putt-putt" outing and I just wish that some of the boys took the game of soccer as seriously as their dads do with "putt-putt"!

The team was:

ANTHONY CHAMCHOUM: Did not see much of Anthony because he took ill early in the season but in the games he played he showed determination and an eagerness to learn. Hope to see him back fit and well next season.

VITOR DE NETO: A competitive little player who started the season as a defender but proved a real surprise packet when moved to the left wing where he turned in some classy efforts. He plays "just like his dad" so he tells me!

DANIEL FERGUSON: Our reliable left mid-fielder, always prepared to listen and follow the coach's instructions. He also proved to be a thinker on the field showing a willingness to pass the ball to team mates in better positions which was pleasing to see.

ANTHONY GHALEB: Not one of our fastest players but defended determinedly at fullback and always tried his best. Also performed reliably as goalkeeper including at the six-a-side where, due to a mix-up, he had to wear one of his brother's MUCH SMALLER boots and in consequence he hobbled around all day. I just wish he would SMILE a bit more often!

ANDREW ILIEFF: A classy striker who constantly threatened opposition defences with his pace and ball skills. Scored some good goals but once he learns to put away the "easy ones" he will become a very dangerous player. Also played well as goalkeeper in some of the more difficult games but he is a much more valuable player for the team out on the field.

DANIEL JAMES: Played very consistently at centre mid-field where he read the play well and showed good positional sense, rescuing the team on many occasions either with a last-ditch tackle or a desperate kick out of defence. Daniel is also one of our chief "playmakers", always looking to push the ball to a team mate in a better position. Reached the 100-game milestone for the club in the six-a-side and deservedly shared the Most Consistent Player award.

SAHIN KAZAN: Not much of him, but a tigerish player with a powerful right foot whose lightning runs down the right wing and crosses into the centre set up many of the team's attacking moves. Also scored some good goals and celebrated his 100th club game in the last match of the season with a truly outstanding performance against OLQP at Phillips Park. I don't think that I have ever seen a junior player try so hard to win a game for his team. Congratulations on sharing the Most Consistent Player award, Sahin!

DANNY LAHOUD: One of our less experienced players but he always tried his hardest and the improvement in his play in the last few games where he played with much more confidence was quite noticeable. I am expecting bigger things from you next year, Danny!

MARTIN MACHADO: Played mostly as a goalkeeper where he tried very hard and while he might have made a few mistakes he also made many good saves. Also played with determination at fullback when given his chance out on the field.

SHANE MELKI: A player with good ball skills who showed courage in one game when he played with a suspected BROKEN ARM after falling out of a tree the previous day! He didn't tell me until after the game! There is no doubt Shane has the ability but he can be a bit lazy and when he improves his work rate - perhaps Uncle Eli can help him in this regard - he will prove to be a valuable member of the team.

BEN MILLER: Ben certainly has the competitive spirit and tries very hard but unfortunately his fitness lets him down. Work on your fitness, Ben and I am sure that you will succeed as a player.

TOMMY NORTHEY: A courageous little player not afraid to tackle much bigger opponents. A couple of times when he was bowled over I was almost too afraid to look for fear that he wouldn't get up but, after dusting himself down he would bounce up ready to get back into the action. His ball skills improved noticeably towards the end of the season and he was almost rewarded with a goal in the last game. Well played, Tommy!

KEVIN O'HALLORAN: Another good season for this very talented player who was equally effective both in attack and defence. Jack Dutton likened him to a tank last year and that is what he also reminded me of when he set out on his many blockbusting runs from mid-field during the season.

PHILLIP PIGNATARO: Played steadily in the mid-field when he was available but school sport commitments meant that we didn't see much of Phillip this year.

ALEX SMITH: Played reliably at fullback with an increasing confidence in his play becoming evident towards the end of the season. Another player who was always willing to learn and in the last few games it was pleasing to see him anticipating the play and attacking the loose ball rather than just wait for it to come to him.

ROBERT VOLPATO: Because of his speed and size Robbie was chosen to play the very important centre back role and he certainly didn't let the team down preventing many goals with his determined tackling. The improvement in his play demanded that he be awarded the Most Improved Player. Well done, Robbie!

KEN JAMES
COACH

SEASON RESULTS

COMPETITION:

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Versus</i> | <i>Result</i> | <i>Scorers</i> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>At Phillips Park:</i> | | | |
| 05.04.97 | ST COLUMBAS | L 1-4 | (O'Halloran) |
| <i>At Phillips Park:</i> | | | |
| 12.04.97 | BLACKTOWN | D 0-0 | |
| <i>At Daniel St:</i> | | | |
| 19.04.97 | OLQP | W 1-0 | (Ilieff) |
| <i>At Powells Creek Reserve:</i> | | | |
| 26.04.97 | YARALLA | W 2-0 | (Ilieff, Kazan) |
| <i>At Freame Park:</i> | | | |
| 03.05.97 | WENTWORTHVILLE | D 2-2 | (Ilieff 2) |
| <i>At Excelsior Park:</i> | | | |
| 10.05.97 | ST COLUMBAS | L 1-2 | (O'Halloran) |
| <i>At Bert Saunders Reserve:</i> | | | |
| 17.05.97 | BLACKTOWN RC | W 2-0 | (Kazan 2) |
| <i>At Phillips Park:</i> | | | |
| 24.05.97 | OLQP | W 2-0 | (Ilieff, Kazan) |
| <i>At Phillips Park:</i> | | | |
| 31.05.97 | YARALLA | D 0-0 | |
| <i>At Phillips Park:</i> | | | |
| 14.06.97 | WENTWORTHVILLE | L 0-2 | |

At Phillips Park:

21.06.97 ST COLUMBAS L 1-4 (Ilieff)

At Phillips Park:

28.06.97 BLACKTOWN RC L 0-4

At Daniel St:

12.07.97 OLQP D 1-1 (O'Halloran)

At Powells Creek Reserve:

19.07.97 YARALLA W 3-0 (De Neto 2, Ilieff)

At Freame Park:

26.07.97 WENTWORTHVILLE L 1-2 (Ilieff)

At Phillips Park:

02.08.97 ST COLUMBAS L 0-2

At Phillips Park:

09.08.97 BLACKTOWN RC D 1-1 (James)

At Phillips Park:

16.08.97 OLQP L 0-1

SIX-A-SIDE:

Team comprising Daniel Ferguson, Anthony Ghaleb, Andrew Ilieff, Daniel James, Sahin Kazan and Robert Volpato.

At Timbrell Park:

07.06.97 WENTWORTHVILLE L 0-3
OLOR W 3-0 (Ilieff 2, Ferguson)
WENTWORTHVILLE L 1-3 (Ilieff)

KNOCKOUT:**At Tom Uren Park:**

24.05.97 WENTWORTHVILLE L 0-2

SCORERS:

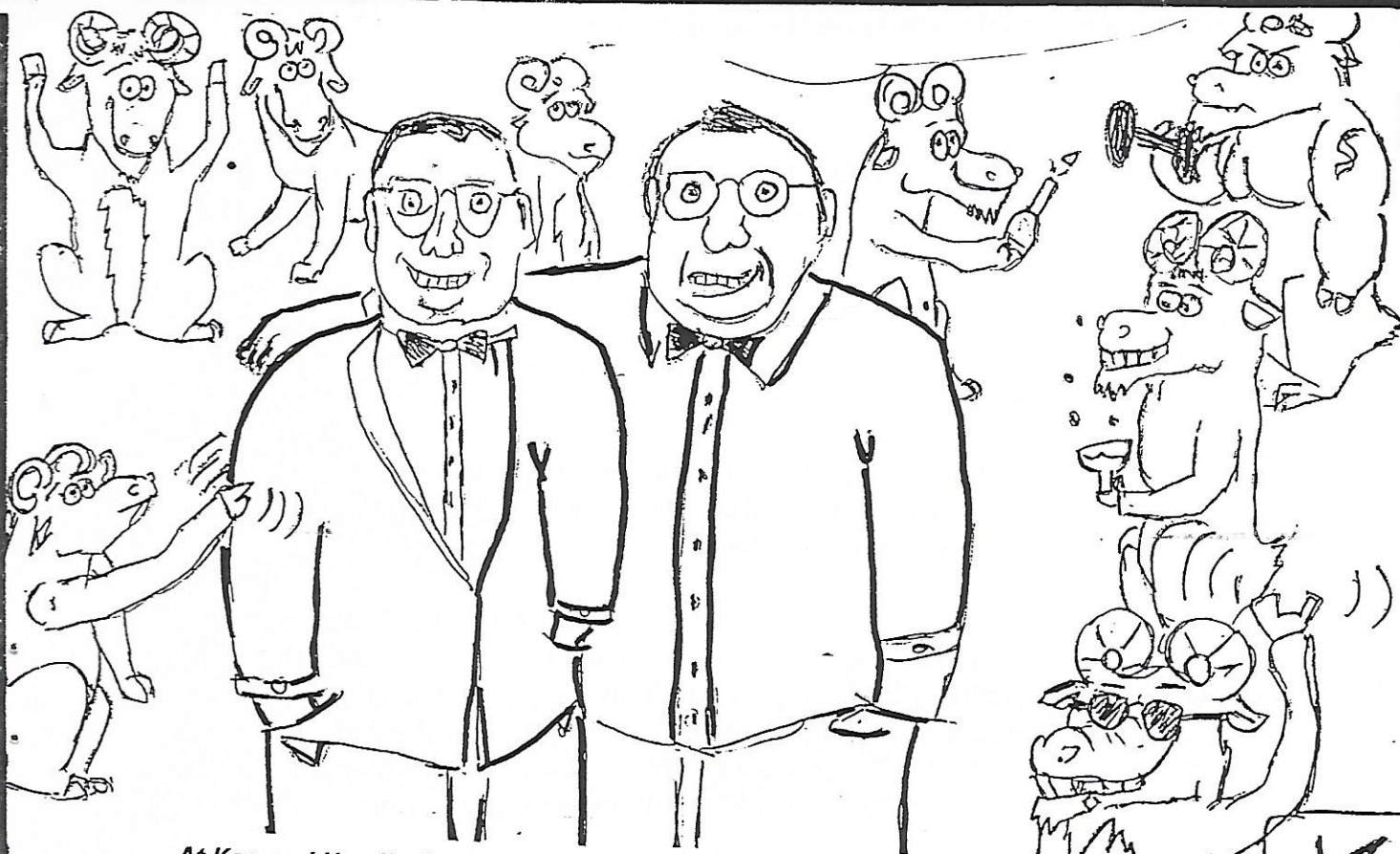
| NAME | COMP | K.O. ETC | TOTAL |
|------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Andrew Ilieff | 8 | 3 | 11 |
| Sahin Kazan | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Kevin O'Halloran | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Vitor De Neto | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Daniel James | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Daniel Ferguson | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | 18 | 4 | 22 |

** The scene was a recent flight on one of those single-engine planes (you know - the ones that often end up in the drink!) down the far south coast with three of our All-Age players nervously adjusting their headsets etc. so that they could hear and converse with the pilot and each other. Pity that one of the players was Trevor "Lumpy" Lavender whose sudden COUGHING SEIZURE into his microphone ensured that the pilot was quick on the reflexes for an emergency crash dive and the remaining two Congos were struck down with broken ear drums!!*

** Best wishes for a long and happy retirement to popular Reverend Bob Jackson who retires on 30 November after a long and successful career. Bob has been the Minister at the Raymond Terrace Uniting Church for the past few years and was with us back in the early 70s. The grapevine has it though that Bob is being keenly sought to continue back in Sydney! He has been an avid reader of our Annual Report and has already indicated his intention to be with us at the 60th Anniversary Dinner in 1999!*



No hunka-hunka burnin' love, here! In a Raahauge Cup Reserves game against Penrith this season the referee was booking an opposition player. When asked his name he replied: "Elvis Presley"!



At Ken and Narelle James' wedding in June, best man Trevor "Lumpy" Lavender met his "twin" - Uncle Pat Byrne! Horrors! there couldn't be TWO of them?!

UNDER 12s

The 1997 season has come to a close and the presentation day is upon us.

As I reflect on the season that was, there were many highs, such as Rani Haddad scoring his 100th club goal and both Tony Rancan and Thomas Rayward playing their 100th games. The skill and team-work shown by the players left me astonished at times.

But the most pleasing thing to come from this year was seeing these boys develop into young men. Young men who showed great determination all season. When the chips were down and we were staring defeat in the face the skill and determination would come through.

It was pleasing to see some new faces in the team and despite the fact that five of the boys had never played before they blended in well with the more experienced team members leading the way and giving them the guidance necessary to play good skilful football.

Thanks must go to all parents who helped with transport and washing the shirts.

A special mention must be made of Rani's father, Nawach, who, after Rani had gone to Jordan on holidays, came to every game to cheer on the side and also to telephone Rani of our progress.

This was an enjoyable season for me as coach and I hope to see all the players back again next season for another tremendous year.

The team was:

ABDUL-RAHMAN ABU-MAHMOUD: Abdul returned this season to show that he hasn't lost any of his skill or pace. He proved this by leaving opposing fullbacks wondering how he got past.

CHARLIE ANJOUL: Charlie had a good season playing in a number of positions, mainly in defence where he rarely let an opposition player past. A good season but needs some fitness work.

MANDI ARBILO: Mandi only played a handful of games this season but showed determination in every game. More fitness work will see Mandi gain the confidence and ability to mix it with the best.

LEWIS ARGUETA: Playing in his first season with the Congs, Lewis caught the eye of many a good judge. Played mainly in defence and showed tremendous determination especially in the game at Crestwood against St Michaels when he received a bleeding nose after being hit in the face with the ball. After a wash with the sponge he was straight back into the game. Congratulations on receiving this year's Most Improved Player award!

MITCHELL COLEMAN: In only his second season Mitchell showed that he has what it takes to mix it with the best and displayed good skill and communication of the field. He is improving each season.

RANI HADDAD: Rani led the team before travelling overseas. Highlighted the season by scoring his 100th goal against O.L.Q.P. at Daniel St. Definitely a class player.

ANDRE JOSE: Another first year player, Andre's positional play developed throughout the year. Still eligible to play under 11's he showed good determination and skill development. A good season, Andre!

SALIM MEHAJER: Salim was like a terrier all season harassing his larger opponents and never giving them time to settle on the ball. Although his position was mainly right midfield he would often be found in the action wherever the play was.

RYAN PROUTY: It was good to see Ryan return safely from his trip to the United States/Canada where he showed them the way the Congs play when he fronted for the local team over there! A top season Ryan!

RAYMOND RAAD: Ray was playing his first season and was a bit apprehensive to begin with but soon got into the swing of things as the year progressed. Another season will see Ray develop his skills and enjoyment for the game.

ANTHONY RANCAN: Tony had his best season yet and is maturing into a fine footballer. He baffled opponents all season down the right wing and combined well with the mid-fielders to initiate some fine attacking raids. Congratulations on reaching 100 club games!

THOMAS RAYWARD: Thomas played as our sweeper and was as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar cleaning up most opposition raids which came our way. Simply a class player and definitely a star of the future. Congratulations on receiving the Most Consistent Player award for 1997!

MOHAMED TAHA: Mohamed was another first year player who was learning all season. Had some good fortune when he scored a goal from good positional play early in the season. He will develop his skills with more concentration at training.

ELIAS TAOUK: Without a doubt the most colourful character in the team! Elias was always there to clean up (or clean someone else up!). Volleyed in a brilliant goal at Phillips Park after receiving the ball back after taking a corner. It was unfortunate that he missed the last six games due to a trip to Lebanon. Look forward to see the "big fella" back next year!

ROLAND TUNGKA: Roland played mainly in the midfield but filled in as a defender towards the end of the season. Quite the versatile player considering this was his first season of soccer.

TELMO VILAS BOAS: Telmo is simply the best junior goalkeeper this club has produced in the last ten years. A tremendous season in which Telmo kept us in the game on too many occasions to count.

SALAH ZEIN: Salah, as in past seasons, played mainly as a defender but was occasionally called upon to fill in up front and never let the team down. Also was fortunate enough to slot in a couple of goals when playing in attack.

JAMES MAY
(COACH)

SEASON RESULTS

COMPETITION:

| Date | Versus | Result | Scorers |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------|---|
| At Powells Creek Reserve: | | | |
| 05.04.97 | YARALLA | L 0-1 | |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 12.04.97 | ST MICHAELS (P) | D 2-2 | (Haddad 2) |
| At Doyle Park: | | | |
| 19.04.97 | PARRA KNIGHTS | D 2-2 | (Haddad, Taha) |
| At Daniel St: | | | |
| 26.04.97 | OLQP | W 3-0 | (Haddad 2, Mehajer) |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 03.05.97 | ST COLUMBAS | W 2-1 | (Mehajer, Taouk) |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 10.05.97 | BLACKTOWN RC | W 3-0 | (Haddad 2, Rancan) |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 17.05.97 | WENTWORTHVILLE | L 0-1 | |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 24.05.97 | YARALLA | D 1-1 | (Mehajer) |
| At Crestwood Reserve: | | | |
| 31.05.97 | ST MICHAELS (P) | D 1-1 | (Mehajer) |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 14.06.97 | PARRA KNIGHTS | W 4-2 | (Haddad 2, Abu-Mahmoud, Rayward) |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 21.06.97 | OLQP | W 6-0 | (Abu-Mahmoud 2, Haddad 2, Rancan, Zein) |
| At Excelsior Park: | | | |
| 28.06.97 | ST COLUMBAS | L 0-2 | |
| At Bert Saunders Reserve: | | | |
| 12.07.97 | BLACKTOWN RC | W 3-0 | (Taha 2, Abu-Mahmoud) |
| At Freame Park: | | | |
| 19.07.97 | WENTWORTHVILLE | W 1-0 | (Abu-Mahmoud) |
| At Crestwood Reserve: | | | |
| 26.07.97 | ST MICHAELS (P) | L 0-1 | |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 02.08.97 | PARRA KNIGHTS | W 2-1 | (Abu-Mahmoud, Mehajer) |
| At Daniel St Reserve: | | | |
| 09.08.97 | OLQP | W 1-0 | (Rayward) |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 16.08.97 | ST COLUMBAS | L 0-1 | |

SIX-A-SIDE:

Team comprising Abdul-Rahman Abu-Mahmoud, Lewis Argueta, Rani Haddad, Salim Mehajer, Thomas Rayward and Salah Zein.

At Timbrell Park:

| | | | |
|----------|-------------------|-------|----------------------------------|
| 07.06.97 | GREYSTANES | W 4-2 | (Abu-Mahmoud 2, Mehajer, Rancan) |
| | ALL SAINTS H HILL | D 0-0 | (Lidcombe Won on Goal Kicks 6-2) |
| | OLOR (B) | L 1-4 | (Haddad) |

KNOCKOUT:**At Tom Uren Park:**

17.05.97 CHESTER HILL W 2-1 (Mehajer, Rayward)

At Tait St Reserve:

31.05.97 ST COLUMBAS L 1-2 (Haddad)

SCORERS:

| NAME | COMPETITION | K.O. ETC | TOTAL |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Rani Haddad | 11 | 2 | 13 |
| A-R Abu-Mahmoud | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Salim Mehajer | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Mohamed Taha | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Anthony Rancan | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Thomas Rayward | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Elias Taouk | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Salah Zein | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | 31 | 8 | 39 |

RAAHAUGE CUP RESERVES

Despite not winning a game all season the Reserves had what could be described as an enjoyable season even if the points cupboard was bare! This statement can be supported by the fact that the number of players increased and we played in Division 2 which was certainly above our standard but we were undoubtedly a formidable opponent for five out of our seven opponents only going down to unlucky goals towards the end of several games.

There were many lighter moments throughout the year. This all started when we showed up at Kellyville to play Dural Baptists in the first round. There we were going through the "Congo warm up" (a couple of shots at goal!) when a Dural player with the body of Arnold Schwarzenegger was running around very energetically. "Arnold" had his jersey over his shoulder with a body that left even Geoff "Jacko" Rider for dead! Our boys thought that this was the end of it and we were going to be run into the ground by a Dural team full of Arnold clones! WRONG! After only ten minutes of play "Arnold" was off sitting exhausted under a tree and to really make him look like a goose in front of his team mates big Graeme Walsh goes and scores his first-ever goal for Lidcombe!

Then there were the games against "Dudley and the Mounties" (Moorebank for the uninitiated!). This was one club whose reserve grade side must have always been short of players or they had a number of twins playing in both first and second grade as the faces looked very familiar! Anyhow back to Dudley. Playing at Phillips Park in June one of Dudley's boys decides to take on Steven "Loggo" May - WRONG! As they are bringing out the water bucket the call comes from the Ray "Curly" James Stand: "Just dig a hole and bury him there!!"

Then came the six-a-side where for the first time in FIVE YEARS our B Grade side actually won a game! It was a memorable match when ALL THREE May boys managed to find the back of the net in the one game. This could be first time that three brothers have scored in one match!

In conclusion, next season this team could be a force to be reckoned with providing that the players come back. It must also be noted that the attendance this year by the reserve graders at training put the first grade boys to shame and several of these players are worthy of staking a claim for a first grade position.

Perhaps next season we may see the first grade side picked on skill AND commitment to training!

The team was:

SCOTT ASHBROOKE: Coming back after suffering a broken ankle last season Scott decided not to play until his return from Scotland in June. Managed to make an appearance against "Dudley's Mounties". Scott didn't forget Dudley and Dud certainly didn't forget Scott!

TONY BLAZEVIC: A skilful player whose fitness let him down a bit this season - well, either that or his HAIR was getting into his eyes!

JULIO CONTRERAS: The Congs taxi driver whose taxi only knows the way to one park - our home ground at Phillips! It certainly doesn't travel to away games! In THREE seasons he has played only FOURTEEN games!

ANTHONY FRAIETTA: Our top forward this year with pace to burn and can score goals. He played a few games in first grade and was stronger as the season progressed.

MARIO FRAIETTA: Mario's season was plagued with injury which didn't allow him to gain enough fitness to show his full potential however he did show some nice touches with the ball.

JOHN HAWACH: "Big John" backed up again this season to validate his 1997 membership in the Goal Keeper's Union. Surprised everyone with some tremendous work between the sticks (these were probably the games that he had his contact lenses in!

KEN JAMES: Someone's picking and choosing his games for him these days but KJ only struggled onto the field for a solitary game all year! Dad's record is getting so far off now!

TREVOR LAVENDER: Retired at the end of last season but did a "Nellie Melba" and returned to play one game in 1997 when John Hawach made a telephone call to PC Plod (James May) at 1.10pm declaring himself out through injury. Lumpy just "happened to have his gear in the car" (I thought he threw his boots in the bin last year?). Maybe it was the fact that the big

RAAHAUGE CUP RESERVES (contd):

bloke (being his usual obliging self!) may have decided to make referee Noel Sampson look slim that day?

PS Noel couldn't stop laughing when Lumpy waddled onto the field to the halfway line for the match with the referee slyly mentioning that it was the longest walk he had ever seen Trevor undertake!

BREITNER MARINAS: Returned after last playing for the Congs U/16s in 1989. Hasn't lost any of his skills and was the nucleus of the midfield.

BRETT MAY: The immovable object who took many opposing forwards down so that he wouldn't have to turn and chase them! Scored his first-ever goal in the six-a-side this season.

STEVEN MAY: Quiet as a church mouse until he got onto the soccer field. Filled in when mid-season injuries depleted the first grade side and he benefited from the experience.

KHALED MEHAJER: The "chocolate salesman"! Sold twenty boxes of Maltesers one Saturday afternoon for our fundraising. If only he could play soccer like he sells and talks. And had a smile on his dial like a split water melon when he scored his first-ever goal in the match against Telopea in May!

TOM PAVLEK: As in the past few seasons Tommy led the way in the midfield and is on the verge of breaking into first grade. Had several games up there this season to prove his ability and is a class act!

JIM PINCOTT: Pinny, believe it or not, was actually at the ground at least TWENTY MINUTES before kick off time one game! However it emerged that Jimmy couldn't find Allan Robertson Reserve at Blacktown and decided to turn up at Phillips instead! Maybe someone should update Jimmy's 1944 Gregory's!

GEOFF RIDER: Another consistent season from "Jacko" whose experience is invaluable to the team (he told me to say that!). But why doesn't he get home earlier on Saturday mornings from his late nights out with the boys? What a sorry sight he is as he trudges across the park armed with his thongs and a giant hangover!

MANOJ SANTIAGO: "Mango", as some wag nicknamed him, saw the Phillips Park lights on one Wednesday and returned after suffering an injury towards the end of 1994. Still has the speed to beat any opposition player but unfortunately is sometimes too fast for the ball as well!

BEN SLADE: He came, he saw, he went! Ben found that as did a number of other prospective players the guarantee of getting full games wasn't there.

TRENT SMITH: As was the case last year generally only saw "Angry" at the home games because of work commitments. If he can make a full season then Trent should be able to make the move to first grade in the next season or two!

GRAEME WALSH: A solid season from this solid man. Although he was slightly embarrassed when "Elvis Presley" (aka "The Skull") outpaced him in the final Penrith game at Phillips Park!

DAVE WHITWELL: Not much got past Dave in this his first season with the Congs. Well, how could it as he is so tall and has that deceptive pace. Congratulations on a well deserved Most Consistent Player award.

BEN WILLIAMSON: Son of the famous John. Ben was having a good year until a knee injury in the six-a-side ended his season. And just who was person claiming to be our Ben Williamson on the 2WS Birthday Wheel?

ALEX XENOS: Another player who returned after seven years' absence, Alex was solid in the midfield and worked well with Tommy, Breitner and Tony. Alex shows good vision and he will be an asset to the side next season.

- JAMES MAY
COACH

| NAME | COMP | SCORERS- RESERVES: | |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| | | K.O. ETC | TOTAL |
| Anthony Fraietta | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Geoff Rider | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Mathew James | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Manoj Santiago | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Scott Ashbrooke | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Tony Blazevic | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Stephen James | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Khaled Mehajer | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Tom Pavlek | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Graeme Walsh | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Phil Parish | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Brett May | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| James May | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Steven May | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Dave Whitwell | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | 21 | 9 | 30 |

RAAHAUGE CUP FIRST GRADE

Another fine year from the boys who were unfortunately pipped at the post in the Grand Final by Penrith who I must say were our bogey side this year. We only had one win from six matches against Penrith including the knock-out.

This year our first grade consisted of a core twelve players ten of whom were juniors who started their football with the Congs.

Congratulations must go to two of the stalwarts of the club namely the First Grade captain James May, who reached his 400th club game in the Grand Final, and Peter Oberemok who this season became the first player to reach the club milestone of 300 goals.

Many thanks to all our regular spectators, those who helped with refereeing and line duties and a very big thanks to James May who had the unenviable task of controlling the two all age teams.

To the second grade guys who would often stick around and either watch or back up for another game, also many thanks. These guys led the way with their training performances this season and I hope that some first graders take note for 1998.

The team was:

MICK ANLEZARK: (*DANCER*) - Like Mohammed Ali on the soccer field. Always in the right spot at the right time. Does anybody take a better corner kick than Mick (maybe Jacko)?

NIGEL BATTS: (*FABIO*) - The new lover boy for 1997! Always consistent in the backs. Not often would opposing players get on top of "Naughty"!

GRAHAM HOLLEBONE: (*AXE*) - Solid as the Rock of Gibraltar "Dr Death" was always there to clean up or clean someone up! Talks the house down and encourages all to be on their game.

STEPHEN JAMES: (*EANY MEANY*) - Great to see the twins back at Lidcombe. A joy to watch "Eddie" display the skills that he DIDN'T acquire from his father (K.J)!

MATHEW JAMES: (*MINEY MOE*) - Gutsy little bloke who would often play with nagging injuries. Goal scoring machine with a lethal strike that would leave the best of goalkeepers scratching their heads in disbelief.

JAMES MAY: (*REF*) - Reached a milestone this season with 400 games with the Congs. Probably the best fullback in the competition who would often give plenty of advice to referees. I'm sure P.C. has a rule book in his back pocket!

ALEX MOROZOFF: (*SLUGGER*) - A slow year from Alex ("Nads") this season who sets high standards for himself. Only (only?) scored 14 goals this year but set up many a good goal and is always a team player.

PETER OBEREMOK: (*NO.5*) - Another player who reached a milestone in 1997 with 300 goals to his credit. Week in week out the most consistent player. Congratulations on receiving this year's Best All Age Player award.

KIERAN O'HARA: (*OLD SOAK*) - Likes to stay out late partying on Friday nights does the boy but still was very consistent all year. A very underrated player. Well done, Kieran - old "gravel voice" Kegs!.

PHIL PARISH: (*SMOOTHIE*) - All the time in the world at the back. Another solid effort from Phil however injuries came at the wrong end of the season so hopefully the knee will be right for the new season.

JUSTIN RANDALL: (TELE) - Would run all day if given a chuppa chup. One of the fittest players in the team Justin's greatest asset is his positional play. A fine effort from a skilful player.

LES WILSON: (BAMBI) - A top season from Les this year with some eye catching performances in goals. Amazing agility and skills kept us in a few close games (and not even a caution all year!).

- SCOTT (Mirrilly Do'in) ASHBROOKE
MANAGER

SEASON RESULTS

COMPETITION:

| Date | Versus | Result | Scorers |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| At Kellyville Oval: | | | |
| 05.04.97 | DURAL BAPTISTS | 1sts: W 2-1 | (Morozoff, OG) |
| | | 2nds: L 2-5 | (S James, Walsh) |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 12.04.97 | ST MATTHEWS | 1sts: W 4-3 | (Morozoff 2, M James, Randall) |
| | | 2nds: L 0-2 | |
| At Birrong Park: | | | |
| 19.04.97 | TELOPEA CM | 1sts: W 3-1 | (S James 2, Oberemok) |
| | | 2nds: D 0-0 | |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 25.04.97 | PENRITH | 1sts: D 1-1 | (S James) |
| | | 2nds: L 3-3 | (Blazevic, A Fraietta, Santiago) |
| At Amalfi Park: | | | |
| 26.04.97 | MOOREBANK | 1sts: L 0-1 | |
| | | 2nds: L 1-3 | (A Fraietta) |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 03.05.97 | YARALLA | 1sts: W 4-2 | (M James 2, Morozoff, Randall) |
| | | 2nds: L 1-4 | (A Fraietta) |
| At Tempe Reserve: | | | |
| 10.05.97 | SYD UNIVERSITY | 1sts: L 2-3 | (Anlezark 2) |
| | | 2nds: L 1-3 | (Rider) |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 17.05.97 | DURAL BAPTISTS | 1sts: W 3-1 | (M James, Morozoff, Oberemok) |
| | | 2nds: L 1-3 | (Rider) |
| At Bert Saunders Reserve: | | | |
| 24.05.97 | ST MATTHEWS | 1sts: W 3-0 | (M James 2, Morozoff) |
| | | 2nds: L 2-3 | (M James 2) |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 31.05.97 | TELOPEA CM | 1sts: W 2-1 | (M James, Randall) |
| | | 2nds: L 2-4 | (A Fraietta, Mehajer) |
| At Jamison Park: | | | |
| 14.06.97 | PENRITH | 1sts: L 1-2 | (M James) |
| | | 2nds: L 1-2 | (Ashbrooke) |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 21.06.97 | MOOREBANK | 1sts: W 2-0 | (M James, Morozoff) |
| | | 2nds: L 0-6 | |
| At Powells Creek Reserve: | | | |
| 28.06.97 | YARALLA | 1sts: D 2-2 | (Morozoff, OG) |
| | | 2nds: L 1-2 | (Rider) |
| At Phillips Park: | | | |
| 05.07.97 | SYD UNIVERSITY | 1sts: W 4-0 | (M James 2, S James 2) |
| | | 2nds: L 1-2 | (Pavlek) |

At Phillips Park:

12.07.97 ST MATTHEWS 1sts: W 4-2 (M James 2, Morozoff, O'Hara)
 2nds: L 1-5 (A Fraietta)

At Birrong Park:

19.07.97 TEOLPEA CM 1sts: D 6-6 (M James 2, S James 2, Morozoff 2)
 2nds: L 1-4 (Santiago)

At Phillips Park:

26.07.97 PENRITH 1sts: W 1-0 (S James)
 2nds: D 2-2 (A Fraietta 2)

At Phillips Park:

02.08.97 MOOREBANK 1sts: W 9-1 (Morozoff 3, Oberemok 3, S James 2, C Marinas)
 2nds: L 1-8 (A Fraietta)

At Excelsior Reserve:

09.08.97 **SEMIFINAL**
 PENRITH 1sts: L 0-2

At Freame Park:

16.08.97 **FINAL**
 TELOPEA CM 1sts: W 1-0 (Anlezark)

At Freame Park

23.08.97 **GRAND FINAL**
 PENRITH 1sts: L 0-2

KNOCK-OUT:**At Jones Park:**

15.05.97 MOOREBANK 1sts: W 3-1 (M James, Morozoff, Randall)

At Jones Park:

21.05.97 CHESTER HILL 2nds: L 0-5

At Jones Park:

19.06.97 PENRITH 1sts: L 1-2 (Oberemok)

SIX-A-SIDE:**B Grade**

Team comprising James May, Phil Parish, Brett May, Steven May, Khaled Mehajer, Graeme Walsh, Dave Whitwell and Ben Williamson.

At Timbrell Park:

09.06.97 CARLINGFORD L 1-4 (Parish)
 BLACKTOWN UNIT W 7-0 (Parish 2, B May, J May, S May, Mehajer, Whitwell)
 TELOPEA C OF C L 1-4 (Mehajer)

A Grade

Team comprising Mathew James, Stephen James, Carlos Lara, Alex Morozoff, Peter Oberemok, Tom Pavlek and Jorge Rodriguez.

At Timbrell Park:

09.06.97 ST COLUMBAS W 3-1 (Lara 2, M James)
 CHESTER HILL W 4-2 (M James 4)
 ST MATTHEWS D 3-3 (M James, Lara, Oberemok)
 LOST ON CORNERS 2-4

SCORERS - 1st Grade:

| NAME | COMP | K.O ETC | TOTAL |
|----------------|------|---------|-------|
| Mathew James | 15 | 7 | 22 |
| Alex Morozoff | 14 | 1 | 15 |
| Stephen James | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Peter Oberemok | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Mick Anlezark | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Justin Randall | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Own Goal | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Kieran O'Hara | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Chris Marinas | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Carlos Lara | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| | 53 | 15 | 68 |

PATRON'S VIEW

with a recently hospitalised Ray "Curly" James

The Lidcombe Churches Soccer Club has completed another season and it is again my pleasure to congratulate your Club Committee on another job well done.

As I pen this report following my recent recent hospitalisation I reflect on the 1997 season as follows:

With the playing numbers on the increase it is refreshing to see the efforts of all those connected with each team's organisation including coaches, managers, players and supporters.

Premiership honours eluded us this season however I would like to make special mention of the First Grade side who played consistently well during the year but were defeated by Penrith, a better side on the day, in the Grand Final.

The A Grade six-a-side team also excelled on the Queen's Birthday weekend and with an ounce of luck would have been medal winners.

Mabel and myself thoroughly enjoyed our annual six-a-side visit and we felt very proud of all our teams that participated.

On the occasions that we attended matches at Phillips Park ("Wembley") we appreciated the warm welcome we received and it was great to travel down memory lane and also see the bright juniors (and seniors!) representing the Congs.

We are both looking forward to many further seasons in your company and in particular the forthcoming 60th Anniversary celebrations in 1999. This is a special event that no club member wants to miss and we will be there!

Congratulations to your Club President Neil "Rock" Rudgley who, despite his absence from the playing field this season, has certainly presented another Annual Report full of vital club information. Well done "Rock"!

"Once a Congo - ALWAYS a Congo!"

RAY "CURLY" JAMES
PATRON

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** Energetic Committee man NIGEL BATTS is always wary of the Annual Presentation Day*

*A few years back popular Nigel lent his barbecue for use at the usual sausage sizzle and, surprise, surprise, IT CAUGHT ON FIRE - literally!
Burnt it to the ground, too!...but the "mystery bags" still tasted OK!*

CANDID CONGOS

1. Under 6s: (Rear): Jack Dutton (*Coach*); (Second Row L-R): Matthew Smee, Mohamed Taha, Jozo Bradaric, Raymond El-Hadi; (Front) Kieran Hines, Fraser Murphy-Degale, Aydin Agar.

2. Under 8s: (Rear) Steven May (*Manager*), Brett May (*Coach*); (Second Row) Lautaro Olivera, Chris Hines, Ahmed Hamdan, James Foggon, Katie Rush, Billy Daves, Faddi Elia; (Front Row) Daniel Volpato, Rabie Taha, David Hay, Chris Ghaleb.

3. Under 10s: (Rear): Ken James (*Coach*); (Second Row): Danny Lahoud, Martin Machado, Andrew Ilieff, Ben Miller, Alex Smith, Robert Volpato, Shane Melki, Daniel Ferguson; (Front Row) Kevin O'Halloran, Daniel James, Anthony Ghaleb, Thomas Northey, Sahin Kazan, Vitor De Neto.

4. Under 12s: (Back Row L-R): Ryan Prouty, Lewis Argueta, Raymond Raad, Salah Zein, Telmo Vilas-Boas, Thomas Rayward, Tony Rancan, Abdul-Rahman Abu-Mahmoud; James May (*Coach*); (Front Row): Mohamed Taha, Andre Jose, Roland Tungka, Mandi Arbilo, Charlie Anjoul, Salim Mehajer, Mitchell Coleman.

5. Raahauge Cup Reserves: (Rear L-R): Breitner Marinas, Trent Smith, Tommy Pavlek, Steven May, Graeme Walsh, Dave Whitwell, Manoj Santiago, Trevor Lavender (*Manager*), Brett May; (Front) Anthony Fraietta, Jimmy Pincott, Khaled Mehajer, John Hawach, Geoff Rider, Mario Fraietta.

6. Raahauge Cup Firsts: (Rear L-R): Les Wilson, Mick Anlezark, Grahame Hollebone, Phil Parish, Peter Oberemok, James May, Kieran O'Hara, Scott Ashbrooke (*Manager*); (Front) Justin Randall, Nigel Batts, Alex Morozoff, Mathew James, Stephen James.

7. KATIE RUSH (U/8s) found out that you don't head the ball with your nose in the game against Penrith but luckily Dad's on hand to assist the youngster!

8. Two of our brightest prospects are the under 10s' **SAHIN KAZAN** (left) and **DANIEL JAMES** who both played their 100th games this season.

9. A top season from **THOMAS RAYWARD** (U/12s) is shared by Mum and Grandpa at the season's end at Phillips Park.

10. All Age player of the Year **PETER OBEREMOK** (left) is congratulated by First Grade skipper **JAMES MAY** on becoming the club's first-ever player to score 300 goals.

11. Ah, the hazards of the modern day male as First Grade 'keeper **LES WILSON** gets assistance from **LINDA GRANT** and **KERRY DYSON** in removing an EARRING!

CANDID CONGOS (contd):

12. ELLEN ANTONELLO (left) and **RENEE DYSON** proudly display last year's grand final photo when both girls excitedly jumped a mile in the air to hail their all-conquering heroes!

13. Still reliving memories of days in the victorious 1966 and 1967 sides is our **NEIL "ROCK" RUDGLEY** meeting another star from the same era in "King of the Twist" singer **CHUBBY CHECKER**. Looking at those large waistlines we want to know is which one is "Rock"?!

14. One hundred goals for **RANI HADDAD** (U/12s) as he is congratulated by a proud coach **JAMES MAY**.

15. And don't they make a lovely couple as newly weds **NARELLE** and **KEN JAMES** do the bridal waltz (with crook knees, hammies etc, too!...and that's just Narelle!)

16. It can't be true! **TREVOR "LUMPY" LAVENDER** (we think that's him on the left!) met his "twin" Uncle **PAT BYRNE** at KJ's wedding in June.

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YOU ARE THE REFEREE!

- Trevor "Lumpy" Lavender, the "doyenne" (or is that "DOOZEY"?) of the goalkeeping fraternity takes a goalkick into a near cyclone. The ball goes outside the penalty area but swings back over the big man into the net. **DECISION?**

Win a few drinkies with this one! It's a CORNER KICK!

- The opposition takes a penalty kick but the shot hits the post and rebounds back to the kicker who hits it into the goal. **DECISION?**

No goal and an indirect freekick AGAINST the kicker for playing the ball again before another person has played the ball. (Under 12 vs Yaralla 24.5.97)

- The ball hits YOU as the REFEREE and goes into the goals! **DECISION?**
The Referee is deemed part of the game and it's a GOAL!

- ~~The match is over~~ but a player then approaches the referee on the sideline and gives him a serve (certainly NOT a Congo!) **DECISION?**

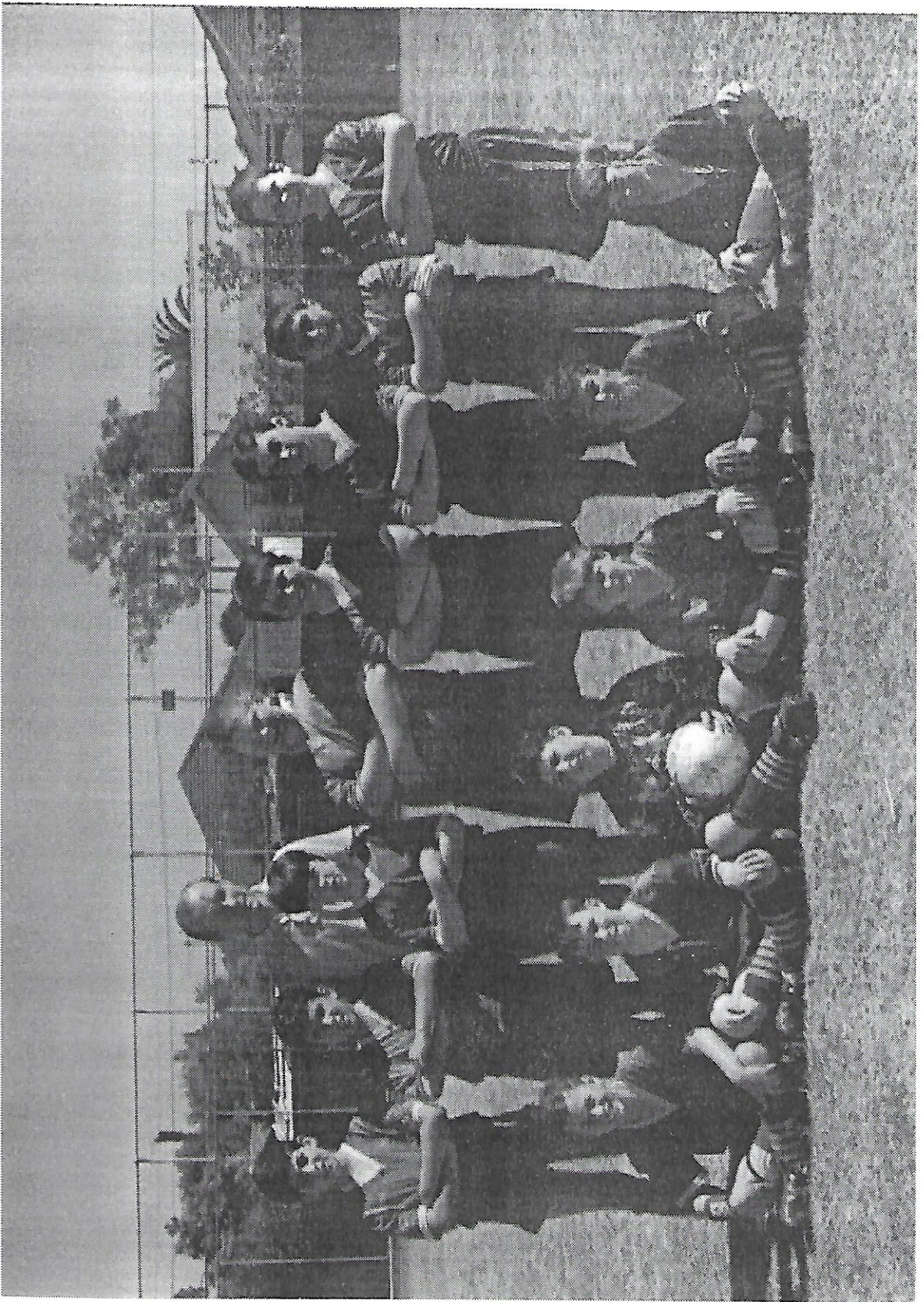
The referee has the authority to cite the player even though the game has finished.

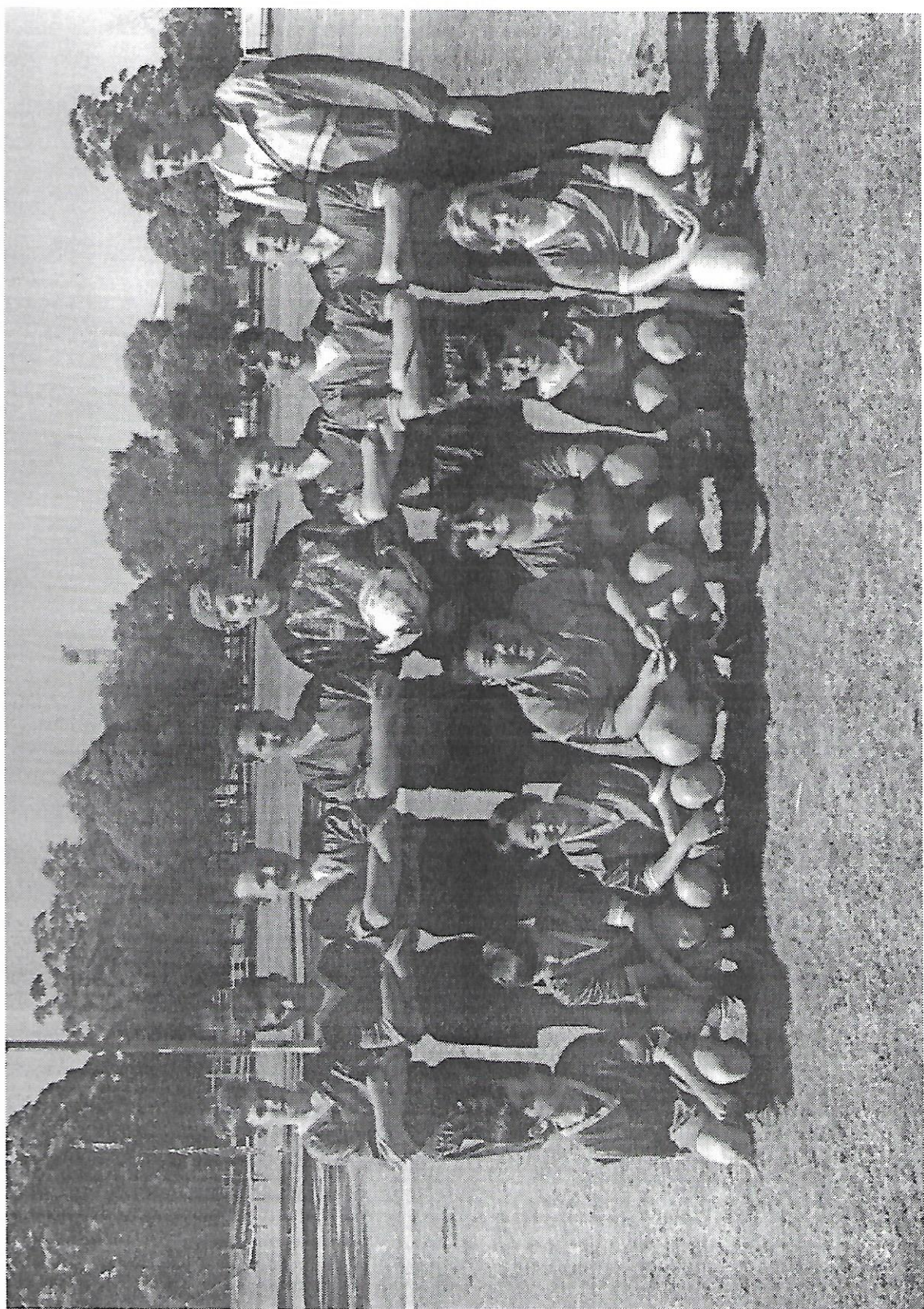
** The three May brothers, James, Steven and Brett, set some sort of a club record in the June six-a-side when ALL THREE scored in the same match! Considering that in 620 games prior they had scored a total of NINE goals between them just shows how benevolent (or, put more simply, "rubbish") the opposition was!*

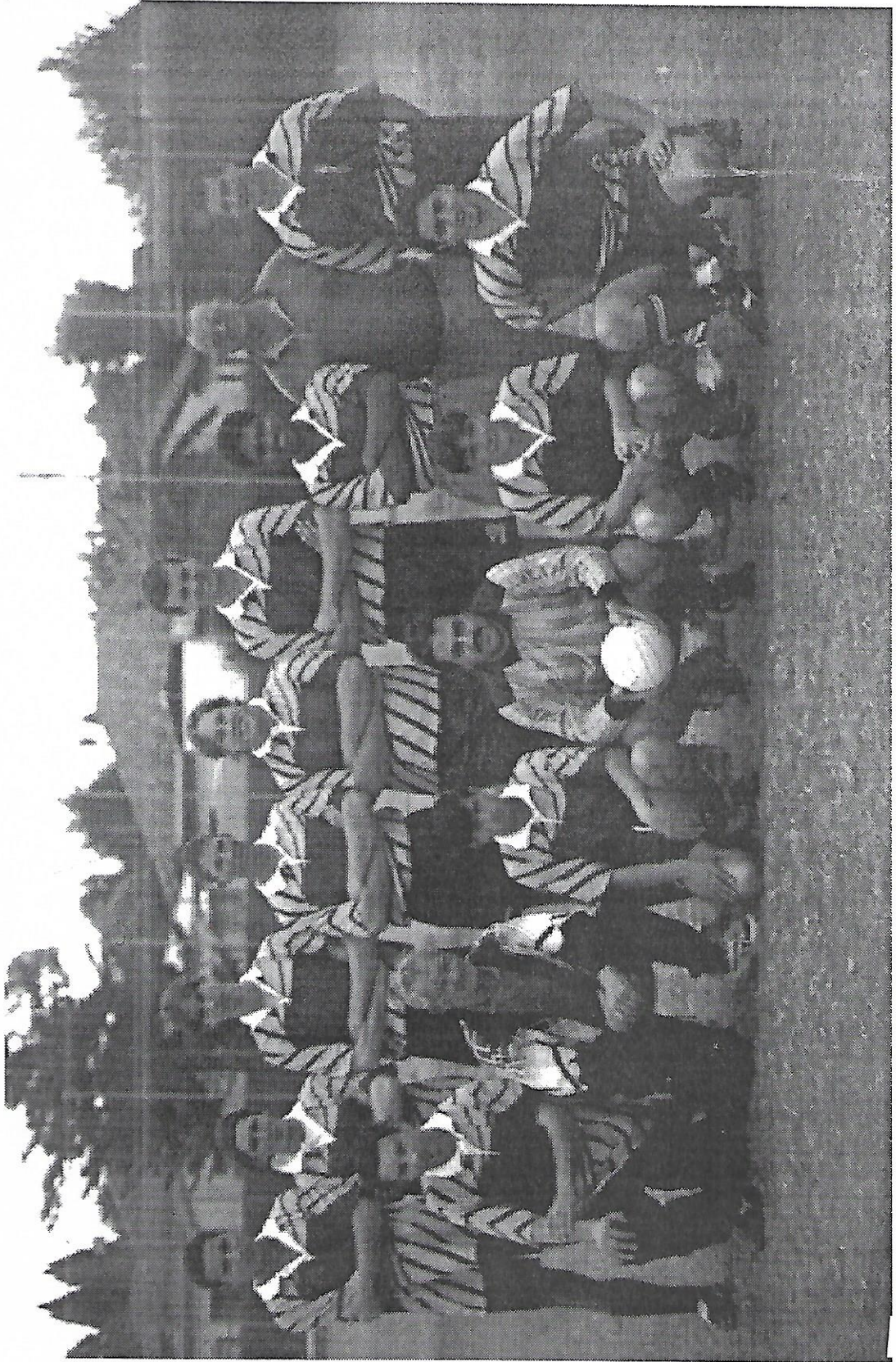


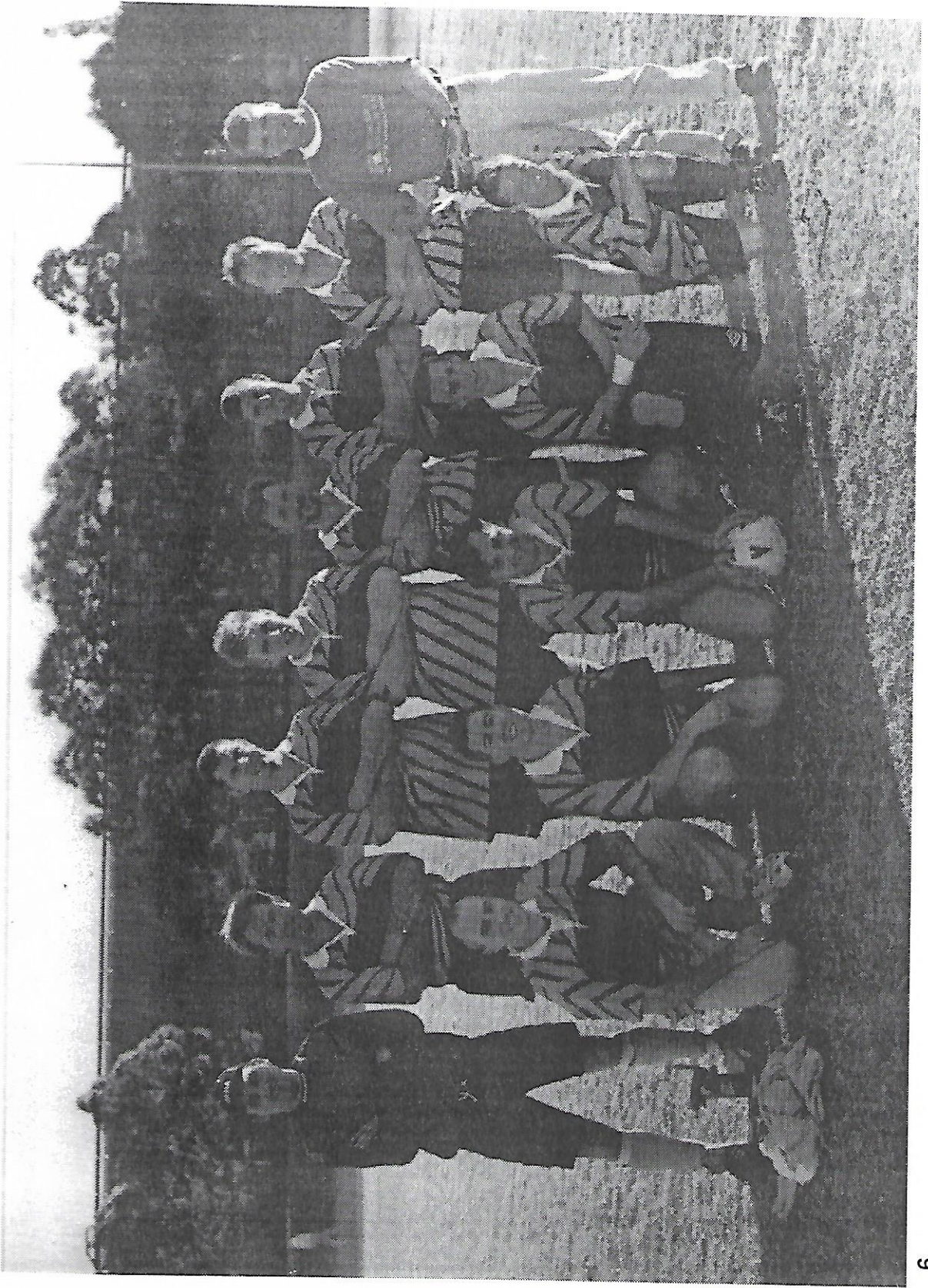
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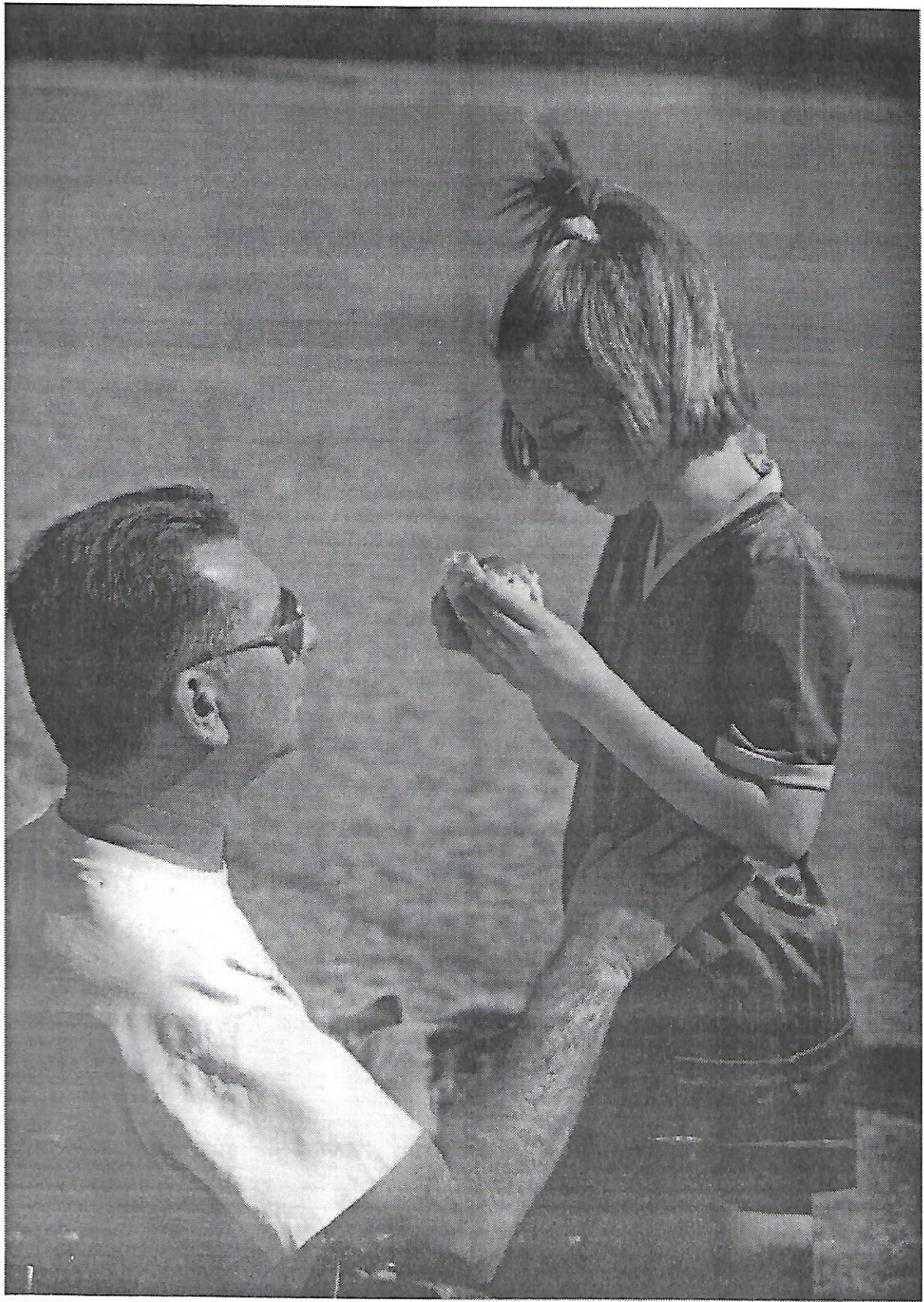


















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