

QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION
REFEREES' ASSOCIATION



1975

Annual Report
and
Financial Statement

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QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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Examination Board	G. Hogan, B. O'Connor
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Grades Committee	
Delegate	C. Waldron

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1975

This year has been an extremely busy season highlighted with tours from both the English Rugby Union and the Japanese Rugby Union. This year, we have encouraged new members to join the association and we welcome those who have joined the ranks. However, with more and more games, we urgently need more new members and during the off-season, all referees should do their best to recruit more members for the start of the 1976 season.

Our appointment board this year has operated as well as can be expected under difficult conditions. The discontent in certain areas of our association has restricted the Board's activities. We thank Murray McNae for taking over the roll of Chairman with the resignation of Mr. Tebay and for the great distances that he has travelled. We also thank Mr. Rick Carroll and Brian Mulheran who have given their time unsparingly during the season.

As you can see from the Treasurer's Report, we are stronger now than ever before. This is due to the stability and enthusiasm of a few members who have raised money by means of doubles and silver circle. With our commitments for the coming years, regrettably more effort from new members will be necessary to meet our commitments.

This season we have had more interchanges than ever before. We welcomed Jim Riley from New South Wales and referees from Victoria and the A.C.T. We sent Ian Scotney and John Nolan to Sydney and we sent Chris Oxenford to Hamilton, New Zealand where he refereed a Stag Trophy game. We are very pleased to welcome Neil Masters from Hamilton New Zealand who was a tremendous ambassador for his association. A season of interchanges, was probably highlighted with the arrival of Johnny Johnstone who spent some 10 days in Brisbane and controlled a number of matches. Surely never before at a game in Brisbane have we had an English International Referee controlling a match with his touch judges coming from New Zealand and Japan. We thank all those who helped in the interchange.

Earlier this year, the Association was represented by Nigel Clark and myself at Adelaide for the Australian Referees Conference. Much knowledge was imparted and was taken back to all States. In 1976 the venue will be Melbourne, 1977 Newcastle and 1978 for the second time will be Brisbane and we must start planning now to ensure the success that we want.

We congratulate all referees, be they those who have refereed at 5th Grade or International levels during the season.

Our special thanks to John Nolan for his outstanding services to the association and this was rewarded at the Annual Dinner when he received the Minter Award. Special thanks must also go to Cec Menzies, Ian Beames and Graham Brittenden who do a lot

of work for the association behind the scenes. Without these, and others, our association could not be as buoyant as it is at present. Finally, our thanks to the Queensland Rugby Union and the Q.R.U.C. for their co-operation throughout the year.

K. Crowe
President

LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Two meetings were held by this Committee. One meeting was to review remits from the various countries on proposed changes to the law. This is very time consuming as every detail has to be Discussed; the end result was the adoption of the ruck and maul offside suggestion and other minor modification on uniformity. There is another meeting due in November 1975 — a more detailed report on this will be presented at a future meeting.

Another objective of the Laws Committee was to have a closer relationship with the National Coaching Committee to get feedback of problems offered by the Coaches and Players on Laws. This has been achieved by the activities of Mr. Dick Byers who is an A.S.R.R. Representative of National Coaching Committee and was referred to the Laws Committee.

A.S.R.R. REPORT

The major activity of the society was the staging of the Biannual Convention in Adelaide which was a terrific success and the Adelaide Referees are to be congratulated for their efforts; the Q.R.R.A. was represented by your Secretary Nigel Clark who was an observer and myself as an executive member; and detailed report was given by Nigel at our first meeting this year.

The major objective of this meeting was closer to the States by having more constructive meetings annually, we hope to achieve this by more involvement by all States who have previously held these conventions in contributing material for a more informative meeting. The society suggested future conventions should be planned on an annual basis with future allocations going to Melbourne 1976, Newcastle 1977, Brisbane 1978; future allocations post 1978 will be made at the next executive meeting in Melbourne.

Financial support from the society and the A.R.U. was the most generous yet received (See financial report) and this support should continue. I strongly suggest to the incoming committee that they continue to send an observer as information obtained at this meeting will be valuable material when we stage our next convention in 1978.

K.J. Crowe

TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial statement for twelve months ended 30th September 1975 shows a surplus for the year of \$97.00. Cash at the bank now shows at \$826.00.

We maintained a healthy bank balance this year. Our fund raising covered our normal yearly expenses and we are anticipating the receipt of the refund for our delegates trip to the Australian Society Meeting — Adelaide.

I would like to thank the members who helped during the season with the selling of the Silver Circle and Doubles. Those who deserve special mention are Col Stubbings, Ces Menzies, John Nolan, Gary Hogan and Graeme Colditz.

Fund raising is becoming more difficult each season, particularly as competition increases in our present fields. I would therefore recommend that the incoming committee investigates possible new methods of financing the association if we are to continue our activities at a similar level.

It should be noted that the bank balance will be seriously depleted early next year as we need to order a new stock of badges.

C.A. Waldron
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

We have examined the summary of receipts and payments of the Queensland Rugby Union Referees' Association and the supporting schedules of receipts and of payments for the year ended 30th September, 1975. Our examination included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary and supporting schedules give a true and fair view of the cash transactions of the Association for the year ended 30th September, 1975.

Arthur Andersen & Co.
Chartered Accountants E.P. Benson, Partner

Brisbane,
15th October, 1975

QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REFEREES ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1975

<u>1974</u>		<u>1975</u>
\$1922	Receipts (Schedule 1)	\$1857
<u>1787</u>	Payments (Schedule 2)	<u>1760</u>
135	Surplus for year	97
	Add: Cash at the bank at beginning of year	
<u>593</u>	General Fund \$728	<u>728</u>
<u>\$ 728</u>	Cash at bank at end of year	<u>\$ 825</u>

SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS **SCHEDULE 1**
FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1975

<u>1974</u>		<u>1975</u>
\$ 5	Affiliation Fees —D.D.R.U.R.A.	\$ 5
5	— North Qld. R.U.R.A.	—
344	Annual Subscriptions	345
10	Donations — Arthur Anderson & Co.	10
25	— T.A.S.	40
—	— G.P.S. 1974	25
—	— G.P.S. 1975	25
12	Interest	17
52	Receipts from Cricket Match	—
17	— Coach's Function	28
—	Reimbursements — Aust. Society	160
	— Justice Dept.	10
	— Mixed Function	36
108	Sales — Badges	94
—	— Photograph	4
222	— Ties	61
622	Sales of Doubles	547
500	Sundry Subscriptions	450
<u>\$1922</u>	TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$1857</u>

QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REFEREES ASSOCIATION

SCHEDULE 2

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS
FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1975

<u>1974</u>		<u>1975</u>
\$ 10	Audit Fees	\$ 10
50	Affiliation — Q.R.U.	100
25	— Aust. Society	—
—	Blackboard	8
—	Delegates to Aust. Society meeting	350
—	Donations	20
25	Flood Levy	—
8	Floral Tribute	23
461	Functions — Annual Dinner	298
53	— Cricket Match	—
19	— Coachs Evening	49
—	— Meeting Expenses	74
—	— Mixed Function	36
33	— Wallaby Evening	—
68	— Visiting Referees	68
42	Honour Board	20
175	Postage, Stationery & Sundries	208
—	Presentations — Minter Award	13
—	Purchases — Jerseys	29
—	— Photographs	35
458	— Ties	—
—	Registration Justice Department	13
338	Travelling Expenses	406
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\$1787	TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$1760
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APPOINTMENT BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Appointment Board has ended rather a distorted season. The original Board could have functioned very well but unfortunately, the resignation of the Chairman was the beginning of several upsets. For a number of weeks, Rick Carroll and I carried on. This made the job of seeing all the referees in action that we would have liked to, most difficult. Graham Sheehan joined us on a temporary basis until Brian Mulheron was appointed permanently and I thought our troubles were over as the three of us worked most harmoniously. This was not to be so, as after two months Rick Carroll left to live in Sydney where I understand he will be for approximately two years. Brian Mulheron and I carried on for the final six weeks. This is not a moan, only that I consider all referees should know the facts.

Policy of past Season:

We have endeavoured to give all referees a chance of improving their status within the Association. This fell down to a certain extent because the classification board which was appointed at the 1974 General Meeting did not function at all during the season. Due to this, Referees who should have been seen four or five times were only seen maybe once or twice by the appointment board. Even so, we did write some 84 cards.

We were unanimous in our thoughts regarding the standard of play by certain teams — e.g. Fourth grade game could be much better than a second grade game. We know that some referees were disappointed in the grade of game to which they were appointed, but in most cases we endeavoured to appoint them to games and not grades.

Policy for the Future —

This will depend on the incoming appointment board and may I suggest that they disclose their policy at the first meeting of 1976.

Our congratulations to all referees who controlled major games and those who were selected for exchange.

Statistics.

So far as our records are concerned the statistics are correct, but we know there were many changes and swaps which we were not informed about. We have not included touch judge appointments because of the greater number of changes and swaps made — even greater than the refereeing ones.

Anticipated Ideas for 1976 —

More lectures, less discussion on finance and social functions. Leave these matters to the Executive Committee.

No guest speakers unless they are visiting referees, so local referees can gain knowledge on refereeing.

Ways of encouraging referees to get fit as 80% are only half fit.

Referees to do more touch judge appointments.

Appointments to be done fortnightly.

In conclusion, we thank all referees for their co-operation, many doing two and three games per weekend. We also thank Max Robins, Q.R.U. Secretary for his assistance during 1975.

We wish the association a successful 1976 season.

K.M. McNae, R. Carroll, B. Mulheron

APPENDIX TO APPOINTMENTS BOARD REPORT

First Class and Other Major Appointments

Australia v England — R. Burnett

Queensland v England — ~~K. Crowe~~ R. BURNETT

Australia v Japan — R. Burnett

Queensland v Japan — K. Crowe

Queensland Country v Japan (Rockhampton) — C. Waldron

International (Visitors XV) v Queensland (Resident XV) — K. Crowe

Queensland v Australian Combined Services — M. Turrell

Queensland v N.S.W. (Brisbane) — R. Byres (N.S.W.)

Queensland v Sydney — K. Crowe

Queensland v A.T.C. — K. Crowe

Brisbane v Queensland Country — J. Johnson, England

Brisbane Colts v Queensland Country — M. McManus

Queensland S/D v Sydney S/D — C. Stubbings

Club Competitions Semi-Finals final, Grand Finals.

1st Grade

Grand Final — Bros. v G.P.S. — K. Crowe

Preliminary Final — Uni. v Bros. — R. Burnett

Semi Final Uni. v Wests — R. Burnett

G.P.S. v Bros. — K. Crowe

East v. Uni. — C. Waldron

Wests v Bros. — R. Burnett

2nd Grade:

Grand Final — G.P.S. v Bros. — R. Burnett

Preliminary Final — Ipswich v G.P.S. — K. Crowe

Semi Final Ipswich v. Surfers — M. Turrell

G.P.S. v Bros — J. Forbes

Uni. v Ipswich — J. Nolan

Surfers v G.P.S. — C. Oxenford

3rd Grade:

Grand Final — Uni v Bros. — R.J. Forbes

Preliminary Final — Uni v G.P.S. — G. Hogan

Semi Finals Wests v Uni. — P. Bevan

G.P.S. v Bros. — C. Stubbings

East v Wests — N. Clark

Uni v Bros. — J. O'Connor

4th Grade:

Grand Final — Sths v G.P.S. — C. Waldron

Preliminary Final — Uni v G.P.S. — C. Waldron

Uni v Wests — R. Burnett

G.P.S. v Souths — G. Colditz

Wests v Uni — M. Grant Taylor

Bros v Sths — G. Hogan

5th Grade:

Grand Final — J. Nolan

Preliminary Final — N. Clark

Sub Districts**1st Grade:**

Grand Final — Comm. Bank v Wales — K. Crowe

Semi Finals — Taxation v Wales — M. Turrell

2nd Grade:

Grand Final — Comm. Bank v Kedron — G. Hogan

Semi Final — Kedron v Vet Science — P. Bevan

Under 19:

Grand Final Division 1. — J. Johnson (England)

Semi Final — Division 1 — D. Jowett

Grand Final — Division 2 — C. Waldron

Semi Final — Division 2 — R. Burnett

Under 18:

Grand Final — D. Jowett

Semi Final — i. Scotney, C. Oxenford

Visiting Teams (non Representative)

U.17 Easts v Karapoi (N.Z.) — F. Vincent

U12. Southern District v Sth. Hurstville — J. Meehan

U13. Toowong v Allombie Heights — J. Meehan

U16. Kelston Boys High v B.G.S. — C. Colditz

U18. Brisbane v U19 Rockhampton — R. Burnett

Gregory Terrace v Otorohanga (N.Z.) — M. Grant Taylor

Combined High Schools N.S.W. v Queensland — C. Waldron

Downlands v B.S.H.S. — C. Oxenford

St. Pauls v Palmerston Nth. (N.Z.) — R. Murray (Vic.)

Bros. v Manurewa (N.Z.) — K. Crowe

G.P.S. v Ashburton (N.Z.) — D. Jowett

Uni. v Far Nth. Coast Zone (N.S.W.) — R. Burnett

Bros. v St. Michaels (N.Z.) — R. Burnett

Teacher's College v Armidale — J. O'Connor

Gregory Terr. v Otorohanga (N.Z.) — M. Grant Taylor

Exchange Referees:

C. Oxenford to Hamilton N.Z.

I. Scotney and J. Nolan to Sydney

K. Crowe to Sydney

First Grade Totals

R.T. Burnett — 20

C. Waldron — 14

J. R. Forbes — 14

K.J. Crowe — 15

C. Oxenford — 8

L. Quinliven — 5

C. Stubbings — 4

M. Turrell — 3

B. O'Connor — 3

D. Jowett — 2

G. Hogan — 2

I. Scotney — 1

N. Master (N.Z.) — 1

Second Grade

G. Hogan — 11

J. O'Connor — 11

M. Turrell — 11

C. Oxenford — 8

C. Stubbings — 8

I. Lewis — 6

B. Walden — 5

I. Scotney — 5

J. Nolan — 5

G. Colditz — 5

N. Clark — 4

F. Vincent — 4

G. Brittenden — 3

B. Maughan — 3

L. Quinlivan — 3

J. McCarthy — 3

A. Broad — 3

K. Crowe — 3

J. Forbes — 2

R. O'Beron — 2

R. McKernon — 3

J. Meehan — 2

R. Boyle — 2

C. Waldron — 1

J. Broughton — 1

R. Burnett — 1

M. Lalor — 1

N. Daykin — 1

J. Johnson (Eng.) — 2

M. McManus — 1

D. Findley — 1

Third Grade

J. Meehan — 9
J. McCarthy — 8
N. Dayken — 7
J. Nolan — 6
N. Clark — 6
A. Broad — 6
A. Wiber — 6
W. Pattie — 5
R. Oberon — 5
M. Grant Taylor — 5
B. Maughan — 4
B. Walden — 4
R. McKernon — 4
C. Menzies — 4
P. Bevan — 3
I. Scotney — 3
S. Skala — 3
M. Smith — 3
J. Broughton — 2
I. Lewis — 2
G. Colditz — 2
F. Vincent — 2
B. Fienberg — 2
M. Lalor — 2
J. O'Connor — 2
J. Forbes — 1
R. Burnett — 1
C. Oxenford — 1
G. Hogan — 1
L. Quinliven — 1
R. Boyle — 1
M. Turrell — 1
C. Stubbings — 1

Fourth Grade

M. Lalor — 7
M. Smith — 6
C. Menzies — 6
B. Frenberg — 6
P. Fox — 5
M. Grant Taylor — 5
A. Wiber — 5
G. Colditz — 3
R. McKernon — 3
F. Vincent — 3
J. Meehan — 3
N. Dayken — 3
N. Clark — 2
J. McCarthy — 2
J. Broughton — 2
G. Skala — 2
E. Marconi — 2
J. Barber — 2
C. Waldron — 2
G. Hogan — 1
J. O'Connor — 1
I. Scotney — 1

J. Nolan — 1
R. Oberon — 1
R. Boyle — 1

Fifth Grade

E. Marconi — 6
A. Broad — 2
J. Nolan — 4
J. McCarthy — 1
B. Fienberg — 4
R. Oberon — 1
M. Grant Taylor — 3
N. Clark — 1
M. Smith — 2
J. O'Connor — 1
J. Barber — 2
G. Hogan — 1
P. Bevan — 2
N. Masters (N.Z.) — 1
R. Boyle — 1
N. Daykin — 1
R. McKernon — 1

Sub Districts Div. 1—2

C. Waldron — 6
G. Colditz — 6
K. Crowe — 1
N. Clark — 6
I. Beames — 1
B. Fienberg — 6
C. Oxenford — 1
N. Dayken — 5
L. Quinliven — 1
S. Skala — 5
B. Walden — 1
R. Burnett — 4
I. Scotney — 1
M. Turrell — 4
W. Pattie — 1
J. Nolan — 4
R. Oberon — 4
C. Menzies — 4
M. Smith — 4
P. Bevan — 3
G. Hogan — 3
J. O'Connor — 3
C. Stubbings — 3
M. Grant Taylor — 3
R. McKernon — 3
J. Forbes — 2
J. McCarthy — 2
J. Broughton — 2
J. Meehan — 2
M. Lalor — 2
R. Boyle — 2
Under 18—19
A. Wiber — 9
S. Skala — 8
N. Clark — 8

J. Nolan — 7
G. Colditz — 7
A. Broad — 7
R. McKernon — 7
F. Vincent — 7
C. Menzies — 7
M. Lalor — 7
J. Broughton — 6
R. Oberon — 6
Under 19 & 18
I. Scotney — 6
B. Walden — 6
D. Jowett — 5
L. Quinliven — 5
M. Grant Taylor — 5
J. McCarthy — 5
B. Fienberg — 4
K. Crowe — 3
C. Waldron — 3
G. Hogan — 3
J. O'Connor — 3
C. Stubbings — 3
P. Bevan — 3
G. Brittenden — 3
N. Dayken — 2
J. Meehan — 2
M. Turrell — 2
C. Oxenford — 2
W. Pattie — 2
R. Burnett — 2
J. Forbes — 1
M. Smith — 1
R. Boyle — 1
I. Beames — 1
J. Johnson — 1
G. Brittenden — 1
D. Findley — 1
T.A.S. & G.P.S.
G. Hogan — 8
J. O'Connor — 7
D. Jowett — 7
R. Burnett — 5
J. Forbes — 5
C. Waldron — 5
R. Oberon — 5
K. Crowe — 4
M. Turrell — 4
L. Quinliven — 3
C. Stubbings — 3
B. Walden — 3
A. Broad — 3
N. Clark — 2
G. Colditz — 2
I. Scotney — 2
J. Nolan — 1
J. Vonce (N.S.w.) — 1
F. Vincent — 1
R. Boyle — 1

Visiting Referees:

J. Johnson (England), D. Findley (Toowoomba), M. McManus (Toowoomba), R. Murray (Victoria), G. Cavanagh (N.S.W.), J. Vance (N.S.W.), R. Byres (N.S.W.), M. Masters (N.Z.), S. Hira (Japan), J. Rielly (N.S.W.), P. Eldred (N.S.W.), I. Eldred (N.S.W.)

Grand Totals: (No Touch Judge appointments), only competition games.

30 or more

R. Burnett (33), G. Hogan (31), C. Waldron, N. Clark and J. Nolan (30).

20 or more

J. O'Connor (29), K. Crowe (27), G. Colditz, R. Oberon (26), M. Turrell (25), J. Forbes, C. Oxenford (23), B. Fienberg (22), C. Menzies, N. Daykin, R. McKernon, J. McCarthy, C. Stubbings (21), M. Lalor, A. Broad, I. Scotney, L. Quinliven (20).

10 or more

A. Wiber, J. Meehan (19), F. Vincent (18), S. Skala (17), D. Jowett, M. Smith (16), J. Broughton (14), P. Bevan, B. Maughan (10)

Under 10

B. O'Connor, R. Boyle, W. Pattie (9), E. Marconi, I. Lewis, P. Fox (8), G. Brittenden (6), J. Barber (3), N. Masters (N.Z.) (3), M. McManus, D. Findley (2), P. Eldred, I. Eldred (N.S.W.), J. Vance (N.S.W.) (1 each), J. Johnston (?)

EXAMINATIONS BOARD REPORT FOR THE 1974-75 EXECUTIVE YEAR

This year can only be described as very disappointing in respect of the number of new members who successfully passed the oral examination and field test and were subsequently admitted to Senior Membership.

Only one member fell into this category this year, Mr. W. Barker of Emmanuel College and he became too involved in University studies in the latter part of the season to devote any time to the Association.

Several potential new members were introduced at meetings by various people, but these persons failed to maintain contact with the Examinations Board and simply disappeared.

The only note of optimism was the admission to Senior Membership of several members of the Darling Downs Referees' Association after successful field tests, and the similar upgrading of several members of the Queensland Rugby Union Junior Referees' Association.

The decision of Barrie O'Connor to temporarily cease active refereeing because of his new and time-consuming role in Teacher Education has been a severe loss to the Association and to the Examination Board. We hope that he will resume his active and extremely capable role in the Association in the not far distant future.

With regard to the question of Associate Membership, the Management Committee, following requests from both the G.P.S. and T.A.S. Sportsmasters' Association, has decided to retain this type of membership in its original form.

It goes without saying that the Association has reached a critical stage in its development, probably as critical as at any time in its history. If we cannot attract more members into our ranks then we are in danger of being unable to meet our commitments to the Union. Existing members will be asked to give more and more of their time to refereeing and will be forced to withdraw because of family or business pressure.

The answer lies with each and every one of us. If we all were to introduce one new member each to the Association and be interested enough to follow up his progress and, if necessary, make arrangements for his oral examination and field test, the number of active referees would increase from 35 to 70.

This must be our major goal for the 1976 season — recruitment on a large scale.

My sincerest thanks to my fellow Board members and Appointment Board members for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

G. P. Hogan
Acting Chairman

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE 1974-75 EXECUTIVE YEAR

In an effort to allow for a "settling-in" period for players, coaches and referees, the Committee arranged for the Annual Coaches Evening to be held at the end of the first competition round in May. We were indeed fortunate to have in attendance at the meeting Mr. C. Burgess, the Coach of the touring England side. In his address he strongly advocated that referees adopt a common sense approach to the game and not to be too pedantic about particular laws. He also said he did not condone foul play under any circumstances and expected referees to be firm and consistent in trying to rid the game of this. The attendance at the meeting of only three (3) of our local coaches was very disappointing.

By far the most informative, well-presented and well-received lecture this year was that given by Australian Coaching Director, Mr. Dick Marks. Dick gave a run-down on what was trying to be achieved in improved playing techniques through improved methods of coaching. A stimulating discussion took place after the lecture dealing primarily with the fine line between legality and law infringement in some of the new playing techniques.

The year's annual mixed function was held in August at Brentleigh's Night Club. As well as being able to treat our wives to a highly entertaining and lively evening, we also entertained two guest referees, Neil Masters of Hamilton N.Z., on annual interchange, and John Johnson from the U.K. A third overseas referee who was in Brisbane at the time on tour with the Japanese side was unfortunately laid up in hospital after the removal of his appendix. It is opportune to mention that Nigel and Elizabeth Clark were able to accommodate two of the visitors for over a week and our sincerest thanks go to them for this kind gesture. (Elizabeth's best effort was the washing of 6 sets of muddied whites in 2 days).

The Murrayfield Room at Ballymore was again the venue for the End-of-Season Dinner. An excellent roll up of members and guests heard competent speeches from Kev. Crowe, Bob. burnett, David Clark (G.P.S. Club), Don Jowett and Lt. Col. Brian Florence (Army Referees). John Nolan was presented with the J.D. Minter Award to the delight and approval of all members. Murray McNae (Appointment Board Chairman) fittingly concluded the formal part of the evening with the announcement of the four Grand Final appointments and supporting Touch Judges, and also issued the new grading scale.

It was gratifying to see the large number of members at the various functions held this year. These are arranged for your benefit and enjoyment and will continue to be successful with your support.

G.P. Hogan

QUEENSLAND JUNIOR RUGBY REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

Gentlemen,

Perhaps the 1975 season could be considered in some respects as being different and a little more complicated than previous years. When I was told at the beginning of the season that there were to be two separate competitions (i.e. schools and clubs) I could not see how our Association could possibly provide referees for both. That we were able to appoint to the Under 12 First Division in the school competition, the Under 11 Club competition on Saturdays and Under 13, 14, 15, 16 Club competition on Sundays shows the willingness of our members to pitch in.

One aspect of refereeing which we have been trying to concentrate on during the season was consistency in interpretation of the laws. From comments received from many coaches and officials of Clubs it would appear that the efforts of this and previous years are succeeding as all were impressed by our interpretation of the laws.

The season had a number of highlights. Apart from the semi-finals, finals and grand finals, the Queen's Birthday weekend carnival where we were required to provide referees and linesmen for so many matches was certainly an event to remember. Our interchange with Eastwood Club in Sydney over this weekend where John Nolan and Noel Allen so ably represented us in Sydney and Rex Levy and Paul Eager visited us from Eastwood was again a huge success. Bernie Fienberg spent this weekend as a guest of the Northern Suburbs (Sydney) Referees and from the comments received from that Association Bernie certainly set a high standard. Adrian Golding of Northern Suburbs completed this interchange towards the latter part of the season. Apart from the refereeing experience obtained several good friendships have resulted from these visits.

At this stage I would like to offer my personal thanks to the gentlemen and their families who very generously billeted the Sydney referees. Without such generosity these visits would not be possible.

On the social scene a barbecue was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller. This proved to be a very enjoyable evening despite the power and liquor restrictions. Again my sincere thanks to the Miller family for their generosity in offering their home for this function.

Probably the social aspect of our Association should be given more attention and the incoming committee might consider more social functions next season.

Each year we have had "firsts" and this year is no exception. We now have our own jersey with its distinctive styling and colours which has added considerably to having our own identity.

What about the 1976 season? Two things appear vital to me. Firstly membership will have to be substantially increased and members wherever possible should make themselves available for appointment to matches thus enabling us to appoint to more matches. I think that our aim should be, as it was in our first year, to eventually appoint referees to all competition matches. To do this many more referees will be needed and I urge all members to do all in their power during the summer to enlist as many recruits as possible.

My second consideration is finance. Unfortunately our Association is not exempt from the current inflation problems and if we are to continue sending referees interstate (which I consider we should) the incoming committee will have to consider some additional forms of fund raising.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have assisted the Association over the past season. To Barry Leask our Secretary and John Barber our Treasurer my sincere thanks. To Roy Hoskins who so willingly and ably filled in as Treasurer during John's absence due to injury, my personal thanks.

To the other members of the Management Committee, to all other office bearers, delegates and members of Boards, please accept my thanks for your work and support during the season.

Our Association has been fortunate in recent years to have had a number of members of the Senior Referees' Association ready to give up their time to visit us and present excellent lectures on various aspects of refereeing. This year has been no exception. To Bob Burnett, Kev. Crowe, Garry Hogan and Laurie Quinlivan our sincere thanks.

Looking back on the 1975 season I find that it has been an interesting, but busy one. I consider it an honour to have been given the opportunity to assist in the running of our Association. If the willingness and enthusiasm shown by the members during this season are any indication, the future of the Association seems assured.

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