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RUGBY



REFEREES'

ASSOCIATION

*Annual Report
and
Financial Statement*

*To be presented at
Q.R.U. Ballymore
24 TH. NOVEMBER, 1980*

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE 1980

President:

✓ I. Scotney

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✓ G. Sheehan

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Secretary:

✓ A. Taylor

Assistant Secretary:

✓ C. Menzies

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✓ C. Waldron

Assistant Treasurer:

G. Haswell

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C. Oxenford

K. Crowe

Committee Members:

✓ K. Fitzgerald *K. Crowe*

Appointments Board:

J. Forbes

K. Crowe

J. Meehan

K. Crowe
J. Clarke
J. Dwyer
B. Cahill
R. Burnett

Classification Committee:

C. Waldron

G. Colditz

C. Oxenford

K. Fitzgerald

R. Burnett

Examination Board:

A. Broad *B. Leask*

G. Colditz *Goldits*

M. McManus *Broad*

Q.R.U. Judicial:

R. Hoskins

Grades Committee:

P. Bechtel

Lectures:

D. Gately

L. Quinlivan

Q.R.U. Council:

I. Scotney

D. Gately

Australian Rugby Referees Association:

K. Crowe

Q.J.R.U. Delegate:

R. Bendeich

Sub-Districts:

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N. Clark

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

REPORT 1980

The past Rugby season has been one of change for our Association. Changes have been discussed for many seasons but it would appear that new ideas and faces are surfacing.

The season commenced with our first Referee's Seminar which was kindly arranged by David Clark, Jim Lucey and the Q.R.U. Development Committee. It was well attended by Referees from all over Queensland including Mount Isa in the west and Cairns in the far north.

Prior to this the Australian Society conducted its Annual Conference in Sydney. Again a successful meeting. However it was decided, mainly on the basis of cost and distance, that these conferences will in future be held on a bi-annual basis.

A most promising Referees Panel was again run. The participants were Dennis Gately, Peter Bechtel and Barry Leask. Unfortunately because of work commitments Bernie Fienberg had to withdraw. The Country Associations were represented by Greg Messiter from Mackay. Of the Brisbane referees, all were appointed to their initial first grade games and certainly now the incentive is there for them to attain permanent first grade status.

David Clark, the Queensland Rothman's Director of Coaching included various referees in his coaching panels. This served to give us further exposure and experience and our thanks go to David for his consideration.

The season itself commenced later than usual due to the prior completion of the Fourx Cup Competition. We were able to provide Referees for all games and generally it was felt that standards had been maintained and in some of the lower grades, improved. It is particularly pleasing to note the warm welcome given to Referees by most Clubs and I can assure them it is greatly appreciated by the Association. Criticism of individual Referee's performances is still forthcoming, some constructive, some very destructive. A recommendation is presently in the Association's Management Committee's Minutes for the incoming Committee to consider. If implemented this will involve all Clubs and hopefully bring about a more balanced, helpful aid for improving Referee's performances.

On the representative scene, we have had some new faces this year. Kerry Fitzgerald (Leinster) and Tony Duffy (New South Wales Country) officiated at their first full Queensland games. Col Waldron (All Blacks -v- Victoria, All Blacks -v- Australian Universities, Queensland -v- New South Wales) broke through into the representative area and at the time of writing this report, is in the United Kingdom at the Australian Rugby Union's expense gaining further experience at the higher level. The Stalwarts, Bob Burnett, Kevin Crowe and John Forbes again made their mark. Of some disappointment is the fact that once again Queensland Referees were passed over in the Test arena. Bob Burnett controlled the Queensland -v- All Blacks game, however, this was little consolation. Whilst continuing to improve our standard locally, we are anxious to once again have representatives in this area.

Numerous interchanges were again conducted. From Hamilton, John Parker; from Canterbury, Alan Bateman and Terry Marshall; from Sydney, John MacPherson and John Wallace. All contributed greatly by way of their on-field performances and off-field discussions, in giving local Referees an insight into other Referees Associations. Ashley Broad was our representative to Hamilton and Marcus McManus and Brian Bierne visited Sydney. We propose to send two Referees to Canterbury in the early part of the 1981 season. Interchanges are an important part of our operation. They provide knowledge and incentive for our members and we are grateful for the assistance afforded by the Development Committee of the Rugby Union.

The day to day operations were effectively conducted by Secretary, Alby Taylor and Treasurer, Colin Waldron, together with the rest of the Management Committee. I take this opportunity to thank them all for their efforts.

Foul Play is still of concern. Whilst we consider serious instances not as high as in previous years, Referees still seem to be blamed more than the Players. May I remind you that it is not the Referees who kick and punch and that most incidents are not premeditated. Therefore it is extremely difficult to take action before the event. We are conscious of our obligations, however, a more responsible attitude by Players and Coaches is also required. Generally penalties imposed by the Judiciary appear light in relation to other Unions and Codes. We consider a firm policy arrived at by a meeting of all interested parties would be beneficial. At present thinking on the matter is fragmented. A firm policy with firm penalties is the answer.

The Association takes this opportunity of thanking all in Rugby with whom we come into contact for their assistance during the year and look forward to renewing in 1981.

IAN SCOTNEY,
President
Q.R.R.A.

A. R. U. LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee met on two occasions during the 1980 season. Main interest was to review documents from the International Rugby Football Board Sub-Committee on the rewrite of the laws of the game. I.R.F.B. suggests uniformity in terminology of laws referring to players positions, and general revision of laws under constant dispute such as tackle, lineout laws and their support laws. (Ruck, Mauls Etc.)

There is a definite effort to try and limit law changes while the concentration will centre on the rewrite and uniformity of laws. We could expect a settling down of the game generally over the next few seasons.

K. CROWE

AUSTRALIAN RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION REPORT

While the seminar held in Sydney early in the 1980 season was successful it was found necessary to curtail these seminars due to expense and lack of constructive material and interest. Further seminars will be bi-annual, the next venue for 1982 has yet to be decided.

Main concentration has been on sponsorship, independent referees, educational interchange. Sponsorship negotiation has concluded for a sponsor for 1981 season. Confirmation on this will be announced shortly. Money will be used for Development (Field Programmes) of referees nationally through parent associations.

Independent Referees. The area is under serious discussion between the Society and the ARU. The results of the coming French Tour will assist in determining the future of Australian Referees on the International scene. The subject is a constant agenda item.

Educational Interchange. Negotiations with the ARU to send two Referees to the U.K. was again successful with Col Waldron and Tony Garling going to the UK at the end of the 1980 season. Quite extensive fund raising and communications with UK Associations and the ARU was necessary to make the venture a success. The result will be evident on the report back from the tourists. Full credit must go to the President Kevin McGregor for his tireless effort.

K. CROWE

LECTURES COMMITTEE - REPORT 1980 SEASON

The Lectures Committee appointed for 1980 (consisting of Messrs. D. Gately and L. Quinlivan) is grateful to those members and others who assisted it in delivering the following lectures:-

12 March 1980	D. Gately: Amendments to Law (Panel: H. Innes, C. Waldron, K. Fitzgerald.
26 March 1980	C. Waldron and P. Bechtel: How Coaches Want the Game Played.
9 April 1980	R. Burnett, C. Waldron: Amendments to Laws - Effect and Practice.
23 April 1980	H. Innes: Lineouts.
21 May 1980	Films - Five Nations Championship.
4 June 1980	D. Gately: Scrums, Rucks, Mauls.
18 June 1980	Video Replay - P. Bechtel.
2 July 1980	K. Fitzgerald: Offside at Rucks, Mauls and Scrums.
16 July 1980	C. Waldron: Question and Answers as to the Laws.
30 July 1980	R. Burnett: What Referees Should Know Most About.
20 August 1980	A. Broad: Report on Hamilton Interchange.
3 September 1980	David Clarke: Referees and the Game - A Critique.

By reason of amendments to the Rules, and perhaps more importantly directions as to interpretation and implementation, effective during the season just past, most of the lectures were directed to that end.

The constitution of the Association provides that a Lectures Board, consisting of three members, shall be elected by the Management Committee at its first meeting following the A.G.M. Nominations for the office can be written or oral, made at the A.G.M. or at the Management Committee meeting itself, without secondment and must be assented to by the nominee within three clear days after the A.G.M. Of the three members, at least one should be a member of either the Examinations or the Appointments Board and at least one other must be a regular and current First Grade Referee.

Regrettably, for the year just passed, those provisions of the Constitution were not complied with in that there were apparently no nominations, nor were nominations assented to within the requisite period. This had the practical difficulty in that one of the members of the Committee, by reason of tertiary studies, was unable to devote to the activities of the Committee the attention he would have preferred.

Further, neither of the two appointees were qualified as required.

The Constitution also provides that the Lectures Board is entitled to give rulings on points of law, interpretation of law and refereeing practice: such rulings forthwith and without further review become binding on all members and they are to be recorded by the Secretary of the Association. The Lectures Board can from time to time depart from earlier rulings. By reason of that power of the Board, it is clear that the members thereof ought be of the qualifications above referred to.

It would further assist if three members were in fact appointed to the Board in order to better co-ordinate the activities of the Board.

Finally, in order to gain some continuity, it is recommended that something in the nature of a syllabus of possible or preferable lectures be determined and be given to incoming Lectures Committees or Boards. This syllabus need not be mandatory but should provide a good guide to the subjects of various lectures - I found difficulty this year as too often the choice of subject was left to my own discretion without guidance from the members, through the Management Committee, of the subjects on which members desired lectures or that the Appointments Board or Classifications Committee thought desirable in view of members' performances.

I believe lectures are useful vehicles for keeping members up to date, not only on knowledge of the laws but also on the more practical aspects of refereeing. The foregoing recommendations are made with a view to increasing their effect in that regard.

D.J. GATELY
for the Lectures Committee, 1980.

EXAMINATION BOARD REPORT

As in seasons passed, the 1980 season saw only a handful of new Referees examined for Senior Membership. On the other hand, it was pleasing to see the number of new Country Referees. A Senior Referee accompanied the State Coaching Director to all the Queensland centres and field tested many Referees whilst there. This country enthusiasm should help strengthen Queensland Refereeing overall.

Whilst the Associate level examinations were conducted at only several schools, we found with the Junior Referees Association becoming more active in the schools area. This year, the schools were sitting for and obtaining Junior Badges rather than Associate Badges. This situation will alleviate the problem of Referees obtaining the Associate Badge or even the Senior Badge and not becoming actively involved in the Senior Association. The sequel to this will be, we hope, that Junior Referees will filter through to the Senior ranks and thus help to keep the numbers up.

During the year the Board reviewed parts of the paper but it remained substantially the same. In the off season it is hoped to completely redraft the paper and to have the new exam paper ready for the 1981 season.

I would like to thank Graham Colditz and Marcus McManus for their help on the Board this season. We had very enjoyable Dinner Meetings every second Wednesday and managed to discuss and sort out many problems. I would like to express the Board's appreciation for the support given by Ian Scotney and his Management Committee during the season.

ASHLEY BROAD
CHAIRMAN

COUNTRY REFEREES

Refereeing in the Country areas is no doubt on the improve. Most Country centres now have one or more competent officials and they are once again handling matches between local and visiting sides. Particular mention should be made of Messrs. Brown (Mount Isa), Martinez (Townsville), Messiter and Carter (Mackay), and our friends from the Darling Downs. There is no reason why that 1981 should not continue the trend.

GRADES COMMITTEE

Under the Chairmanship of Mr. John Breen, this Committee met every second Monday evening during the season. At these meetings the Committee was able to "sort out" minor problems relating to the Club competitions passing on any major concern to the Q.R.U. Management Committee.

The rapport between our association and the Club Delegates within this Committee was particularly good and it is hoped that this relationship will become stronger in the years to come.

P. BECHTEL

APPOINTMENTS BOARD REPORT

We have not asked the Board to submit a report this year as during the year it was a wish by the majority of Members that the Board be replaced.

Accordingly, the following list of appointments has been compiled from the weekly appointment sheets.

Once again appointments have been a problem. It would appear that appointments suit some but not others at various points of time, and volatile criticism has reduced selection of Board Members. Sooner or later this Association and its Members will need to accept the decisions of the Board as we cannot continue to chop and change and expect continuity of appointments.

Once again this area will be the major problem facing the incoming Committee.

GRADES

1 2 3 4 5 U18 U19 Sub A Sub B G.P.S. T.A.S. Total Representative Games Total

Names :-

M. Abell					2	1			6			9		
R. Burnett	8					1	1				1	11	3	14
B. Byrne		5	2				3	3		1	1	15		
R. Bendeich			6	3	1	2	2	3			2	19		
P. Bechtel	2	10				1	1	2		3		19	1	20
A. Broad		7	3			1	4	3	1	1	2	22		
K. Crowe	12						3	1		3	3	22	3	25
B. Cahill				2	3	2	2	1				16		
T. Cichero				3	1							7		
G. Colditz	2	4	2			1	6					15		
N. Clarke			1	3	2	1	2	1	2		2	14		
D. Corrigan					2		1					7		
A. Duffy	9	4					5	4	1	2		25	3	28
J. Forbes	11	2	1				1	1		2	6	24		
K. Fitzgerald	12	1				1	3	1		4		22		
B. Fienberg		3	4			1	1	5				14		
A. Gough			1	3			1					5		
D. Gately	3	5				4	3	1		2	2	20		
P. Galloway	1	8	2	2		2	6	2		3		26		
G. Howard		4	9	1			4	6	1	1	3	29		
R. Hoskins		1	6	4		4	2	2	1		1	21		
A. Hunter				3		4	1	1	3			12		
A. Homes		2	7			1	2	1		1	1	15		
M. Hanley				7		3	2					12		
H. Innes	1	1	2	1		4	2	1			2	14		
S. Johnston			1	3		2	3	1				10		
B. Leask	1	9	2			1	5	1		1	3	23		
M. Lalor				12		3	1		7			23		
P. Miller			2	8		1	2	3	4		1	21		
M. McManus	6	4					2			5	2	19	1	20
F. Meek		3	4		2	1	6	1			2	19		
J. Nolan	1	6	3	1		1	5	5	1		5	28		
J. O'Connor		3	1	3	1	2	3	2	2			17		
C. Oxenford	5	4				1	3	2		3	1	19		
K. Pratt						2			4			6		

GRADES

1 2 3 4 5 U18 U19 Sub A Sub B G.P.S. T.A.S. Total Representative Games Total

Names:-

M. Powell			2	3	2	1	2		3		1	14		
L. Quinlivan	1	7	1			4	7	4		1	1	26	1	27
R. Rae			1		1	2	2		3			9		
D. Stapleton				5		2	1	1	1			10		
I. Scotney	7	6	1			2	1	1		2	3	23	1	24
G. Sheehan			<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>2</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>	17		
A. Taylor			1	7		5		3	4		2	22		
G. Whiteford			1	1	1	1	1	1	3			9		
P. Weingot		1	6	2	1	2	3	4	4		1	24		
C. Waldron	11					2	2	1		4	2	22	3	25
B. Walden		1	5	3	1	2		3	1		1	17		
J. Waetford			2	7	1	3	3	3	5			24		
P. Ransom			3	1	2	2	2	1	1			12		
F. Wright				3		1						4		

Q.J.R.A. - 1980 ADMINISTRATION

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT F.J. Crawford
SECRETARY R.M. Bendiech
TREASURER C.J. Menzies
COMMITTEE MEMBERS P.F. Miller
M.J. Ball

APPOINTMENTS BOARD

CHAIRMAN B.J. Leask
MEMBERS L.J. Ivers
B.W. McMackin
B.J. Meehan
A. Mellick

LECTURES AND EXAMINATIONS BOARD

CHAIRMAN J.M. Nolan
MEMBERS R.M. Bendiech
B. Feinberg
G.W. Lawson
B. Toohey

Q.J.R.U. DELEGATE

P.F. Miller

Q.R.A. DELEGATE

G.J. Sheehan

TOUCH FOOTBALL DELEGATE

J.M. Nolan

Q.J.R.U. JUDICIARY DELEGATE

F.J. Crawford

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I present the Annual Report for the 1980 season.

This year can best be described as a year of expansion, with an increased money turnover, expanded interchange programme and an additional number of fixtures to be controlled.

Membership has remained constant at about 70 over the past two years. A most satisfying feature was the recruitment of five masters from C.E.G.S. This is an area that must be most actively pursued for recruitment in the immediate future.

The finances have continued in a healthy state due to the Touch Football Referees, the major raffle and the "Chocolate Wheel". My sincere thanks to the organisers, ticket sellers and those that referee on Monday and Tuesday nights.

The Appointments Board continued its policy of promotion of younger referees and it is indeed pleasing to see the expertise being displayed by the younger members of the Association. The older members were actively engaged both on the field, lecturing and observing and advising the younger members. My thanks for a job well done.

This year there was a marked upturn in the interchange activity. On the Queen's Birthday weekend this Association hosted two referees each from the Eastwood and Parramatta Associations, and five referees from the Thames Valley Association. In return Steven Stewart, Martin Ball and Ces Menzies visited Sydney for the Queen's Birthday Carnival, Richard Bendiech visited Sydney for the U16 Australian Carnival and John Nolan visited New Zealand for games in King Country, Taupo and Thames Valley. My congratulations to the tourists, and my deep appreciation to those members who provided transport, accommodation and hospitality to the visitors, and to the Q.J.R.U. for providing sponsorship for the New Zealand and Sydney trips.

Major refereeing events for the season were the State U13 and U15 Championships on the Queen's Birthday, the School and Club Grand Finals at the end of the season and the T.A.S. 2nd XV games. Bernie McMackin and Graham Lawson have been appointed to Senior Games this season, as the result of protracted negotiations, and this mixing of the two associations can only be beneficial.

I must once again express my appreciation of the Q.J.R.U. Management Committee and Council for their help, sponsorship and co-operation during the 1980 season. My thanks and appreciation go also to the Q.R.U. Club for their support in providing meeting venues.

Two major social functions were held during the season, a dinner on the Queen's Birthday weekend at Ballymore and the Annual Dinner at the Everton Park Rugby Club. Both functions were well attended by some 55 members and their wives. My thanks to Everton Park for their generous donation of the club rooms, and to the organisers for two highly successful functions and to Richard Bendiech who provided light comic relief at the annual dinner.

This year saw the introduction of the Association pullover and the initial purchase is now completely sold out.

The R.M. Bendiech Trophy for the Senior Grand Final this year was awarded to Bernie McMackin, congratulations for a job well done.

This year the Trevor Henry Memorial Trophy was awarded to Paul Miller for the tremendous effort he has put into the Association both on and off the field over the past few years.

Miss Fiona Crawford represented our Association in the Miss Q.J.R.U. Quest and was runner up in the event. Fiona has ably supported and helped us whenever she could.

The only disturbing feature of what was a very busy and successful season was the lack of attendance at meetings. It is an embarrassment to arrange for International Referees to lecture to the Association only to have a few members turn up.

Finally, as this is my last term as President, I would like to sincerely thank the Management Committee, Appointments Board, Lectures and Examinations Committee, Delegates and Members for their efforts over the past two years.

F. CRAWFORD,
PRESIDENT.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The year was very demanding for all members with regard to fund raising. Our major hurdle was to pay for the Ties. However we covered all debts, (a close thing at times) and finished the year with a small deficit. This occurred because the payment of the 1979 Annual Dinner registers in this year's accounts.

I would particularly like to thank the Queensland Rugby Union for financing our exchanges to Hamilton (N.Z.) and Sydney. These exchanges are the most important incentive to referees for development and progression, and it is pleasing to see that the Q.R.U. recognize this fact.

Assistant Treasurer, Barry Leask, was a tower of strength in fund raising, particularly the doubles which supplied the bulk of our income. Barry would like to thank all members for their help when rostered. Ces Menzies also helped greatly in printing the doubles and raffle books and with their distribution.

From the balance sheet it can be easily seen that the Annual Subscriptions do not cover our expenditure, even with the Q.R.U.'s generosity, and therefore some fund raising will be necessary next year. To cover unexpected contingencies such as Ties, it is desirable that we have a constant balance of at least \$1,500.

C.A. Waldron.
Hon. Treasurer.

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Auditors' Report to the Members

We report that we have examined the accompanying Receipts and Payments Statement prepared from the transactions recorded in the books of the Queensland Rugby Referees Association for the year ended 30th September, 1980.

In our opinion the Receipts and Payments Statement gives a true and fair view of the recorded transactions of the Queensland Rugby Referees Association for the year ended 30th September, 1980.

R. TUCKEY
AUDITOR

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1980.

<u>1979</u>		<u>1980</u>
3,879.53	Receipts	5,425.63
3,472.89	Payments	5,667.39
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406.64	Surplus or deficiency for the year	241.76
505.86	Add cash at bank at beginning of year	912.50
34.44	Metropolitan Permanent Building Society	50.74
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\$ 946.94		\$ 721.48
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RECEIPTS19791980

20.00	Affiliation fees	-
590.00	Annual subscriptions	560.00
470.55	Commission - Quality Inns from convention	-
151.00	Donations	230.00
476.00	Functions - Annual Dinner	435.00
119.00	- Other functions	139.60
10.00	Interest - General account	9.03
-	Loan - Bank of New South Wales	1,000.00
92.80	Refund - Air fares	-
-	Reimbursements - A.S.R.R. 1979 Convention	80.16
-	- A.S.R.R. 1980 Convention	65.00
46.65	- Q.R.U.	48.00
-	- Sponsorship	225.00
-	- Usher duties	236.76
92.00	Sales - Badges	79.00
223.24	- Doubles	1,135.63
-	- Jumpers	300.00
77.00	- Publications	155.40
80.45	- Raffles	534.05
-	- Socks	24.50
-	- Ties	168.50
22.00	Sundry income	-
364.00	Touch Football Refereeing	-
494.84	Transfer from convention account	-
550.00	Transfer from Metropolitan Permanent Building Society	-
<u>\$3,879.53</u>		<u>\$5,425.63</u>

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50.00	Affiliation fees - A.S.R.R.	50.00
62.50	Convention - Pres. travel and expenses	-
60.00	Doubles	-
-	Donations - various	80.00
-	Functions - Annual Dinner 1979	698.94
-	- Annual Dinner 1980	525.50
-	- Exchange referees	168.55
231.85	- Executive function	125.60
821.54	- Meeting and match expenses	292.35
-	Interest	8.00
82.50	Postage, stationery, sundries	62.60
686.50	Printing	469.05
96.00	Purchases - Badges	-
-	- Jumpers	417.80
70.00	- Publications	260.00
-	- Socks	27.50
-	- Ties	1,410.50
370.00	Raffle - stubbies	-
60.00	Rothmans Coaching Course	-
470.55	Transfers - 1979 Convention account	-
-	- Bank of New South Wales loan account	1,000.00
411.45	Travelling expenses - exchanges	71.00
<u>\$3,472.89</u>		<u>\$5,667.39</u>