



**QUEENSLAND  
RUGBY  
REFEREES  
ASSOCIATION  
INC.**

***Annual Report***  
***November 1990***

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*Presented at Ballymore*  
*14th November, 1990*

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## **OFFICE BEARERS — 1990**

<b>President:</b>	JACK EZZY
<b>Vice-President:</b>	TED APTED/DAN SIMPKINS
<b>Secretary:</b>	DAVID TRUE
<b>Treasurer:</b>	JOE CARTER
<b>Asst. Secretary/Treasurer:</b>	KIM BUCHANAN
<b>Committee:</b>	SCOTT YOUNG TONY MELLICK MARK POWELL



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year saw the continued growth of our Association in both numbers and our role in Qld Rugby.

We also welcomed a new major sponsor in Ansett Air Freight and hope for the continued support in years to come.

This year we consolidated our commitment to the GPS Schools by being invited back to officiate at all of their 'A' games plus Touch Judges for the 1st XV.

We were invited by the TAS Assoc. this year to appoint to both Red & Blue Divisions 1st, 2nd & 15A Games plus Touch Judges for 1st XV. I believe that this has been a great success and in spite of the large commitment needed the enthusiastic support of members made this expanded role possible and I know that having more games available will encourage more referees to join our ranks.

The presence of consistent independent top level referees in all grades of school football can only improve the standard and strength of the game.

Five Qld referees were appointed to the Australian Panel again this year with Andrew Cole being selected to join Kerry, Barry, Bernie and Mark after the retirement from representative rugby of Col Waldron. All these members received Australian appointments this season with the highlights being Kerry's first home Test, Aust. v. USA to follow his Canada, USA, Argentina appointments earlier and Barry Leask's first Test Appointment Japan v. USA. Congratulations Barry!

Although we have seen the demise of the South Pacific Championship I am sure that our members will continue to receive appointments to top level games.

At the start of the season we were invited to send a panel of referees to the ASRR Advanced Refereeing Seminar in Sydney and as well as our members we sponsored Kevin O'Halloran from Mackay to help in the development of county refereeing. Once again this year we had all Qld County Assoc. Officiate with us and we continue to promote their development and this in turn will help build this into a truly Qld Assoc. I urge the incoming committee to continue in this role.

This year the Aust. Institute of Sport through the ARU set up a panel of referees for development and two of our members (Andrew Cole and Scott Young) were chosen to be part of this initial panel. We would hope that this scheme can be further expanded in future years and wish Dick Byres well in this endeavour.

This year each referee was equipped with a complete range of uniforms at no personal cost and our new look has certainly been well received by both members and the public. Once again we issued these at no cost to all affiliated County Referees who were appointed to games by the Qld Representative Appointments Board.

We undertook an expanded Interchange programme and congratulations to the following members who were chosen to represent our Association.

Tony Mellick & Peter Weingott to Kiama; Neil Smith & Mike Gahan to Sydney; Mick Eastwood to ACT; David True & Geoff Gardner to North Harbour (new); Scott Young & Mike Carmody to Canterbury; Geoff Pegg to Hamilton.

Most of the visiting interchange referees were hosted to co-incide with the 2nd Test Aust. v. France and the mid season social. This also gave us the opportunity to renew our acquaintance with the Test referee Clive Norling. We also hosted the USA interchange referee Mark Binning. I would like to thank those members and their families who assisted with billets and the hosting of our visitors.

With the big increase in the number of appointments this season we set our Appointments Officer up with an answering service and this has proven to be a major success. It was also heartening to see the support of the majority of members in keeping changes to a minimum.

A special word of thanks must go to the Chairman of Classification and appointments, Ian Scotney for his untiring efforts over the last two seasons and I certainly have appreciated his support. My thanks also to Peter Galloway and Paul Dempsey for their efforts during this time.

With the continuing growth of our Assoc. it has been pleasing to note the high standards of our new members and for this I thank Andrew Cole for his efforts in training and examinations. Andrew also provided the bulk of our meeting night lectures as well as accepting the role of our senior Lawman.

The social calendar this year started with our Golf Day/Dinner which once again was a raging success in spite of the weather and I thank Scott Young and his sub-committee for their efforts in organising the event. Thanks also to Peter Meares and Pat Welsh for their contribution as guest speakers. This is now an established part of the Rugby calendar as well as our major fundraising venture and I am sure that the Assoc. will continue with this event in years to come. I wish to very heartily thank all of our sponsors of this event as it played a major part in us becoming a financially independent association.

Our end of year dinner was held at Ballymore with a return to the previous format of the announcement of Grand Final Referee. The dinner was very well attended and a great social occasion with Jake Howard proving to be an interesting and entertaining guest speaker.

Congratulations to those referees and touch judges who were appointed to Grand Finals. Major Trophy recipients this year were Andrew Cole as Most Valuable Member and Mike Carmody receiving the Murray McNae Award as the Most Improved Referee.

The Referees Room functioned very well this season and several very enjoyable Pizza and Beer nights took place.

I wish to thank Richard Bendeich and Mike Carmody for their efforts in making the room an enjoyable meeting spot with the benefits of the room now coming back to those who use it.

I have received very many reports from all sources that the standard of refereeing in this Assoc. has never been higher and with the influx of new members plus our wider commitments I am positive that this standard will be maintained.

I stress on all those referees who aspire to higher honours that you must be prepared to put more back into the game than you want from it, if you wish to succeed.

I wish to thank all the members of my executive, Ted Apted, David True, Joe Carter, Scott Young, Tony Mellick, Kim Buchanan and Mark Powell for their support over the past two years.

I have enjoyed very much my two years as your President and I thank you for giving me this opportunity to put into place those initiatives which I believe have made this a stronger and better association.

JACK EZZY  
President.



TREASURER'S REPORT

The association recorded a loss of \$13,289.81 (\$18,467.97 Profit — 1989) from a turnover of \$27,336.80 (\$33,758.50 — 1989).

The loss was due to the committee's decision to outfit the association at a cost of \$16,006 and for the first time we had to pay for our own interchanges at a cost of \$7,333.

Our most successful Golf Day netted us \$10,352 as this function increases in importance to the fund raising of the association.

Financial membership is increased by 5 over 1989 as demonstrated below:-

1985	—	62 Members
1986	—	77 Members
1987	—	86 Members
1988	—	80 Members
1989	—	85 Members
1990	—	90 Members

With the increasing demand being placed on the association by the members to provide ongoing benefits it is important we maintain our fund raising activities and look towards other avenues to support us.

It is beneficial to all concerned we no longer rely on the QRU for financial support however this independence comes at a price.

I am sure your committee would welcome any suggestions from our membership regarding fund raising and membership benefits.

JOE CARTER  
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report that I have examined the accompanying Receipts and Payments Statement prepared from the transactions recorded in the books of the Queensland Rugby Referees Association Inc. for the year ended 31st October, 1990.

In my opinion the Receipts and Payments Statement gives a true and fair view of the recorded transactions of the Queensland Rugby Referees Association Inc. for the year ended 31st October, 1990.

HORWARTH & HORWATH  
A.R. TAYLOR,  
Partner

QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

1989	RECEIPTS		1990
\$2,125.00	Subscriptions		\$2,155.00
102.00	Sales	— Pins and Badges	84.00
270.00		— Test Tickets	—
96.00		— Whistles	44.00
108.00		— Ties	182.00
1,771.00		— Adidas	100.00
—		— Law Books	24.00
540.00	Functions	— Mid Season	460.00
1,080.00		— End of Season	1,619.50
13,340.00		— Golf Day	15,250.00
12,620.00	Sponsorship		5,399.82
1,501.18	Interest		1,983.48
30.00	Canberra Conference		—
175.32	ASRR — Entertainment		—
—	Other — Entertainment		35.00
<u>\$33,758.50</u>			<u>\$27,336.80</u>
1989	PAYMENTS		1990
\$100.00	Affiliation	— ASRR	\$100.00
100.00		— QRU	110.00
4,238.60	Functions	— Golf Day	4,897.32
1,522.10		— Mid Season	2,280.00
2,884.00		— End of Season	2,219.26
—		— Executive Dinner	517.85
1,075.00		— Visiting Refs & Spouses	693.90
689.32	Secretarial Expenses		1,291.37
89.90	Bank Charges		88.15
155.00	Purchases	— Banners	—
—		— Clothing	16,006.00
—		— Pins and Badges	1,435.00
2,177.95		— Adidas	—
—		— Ties	1,192.50
470.40	Trophies & Gifts		185.00
400.00	Honour Board		74.00
—	Printing & Stationery		1,029.08
45.00	Floral Tributes		92.00
—	Donations		250.00
306.00	Public Liability Insurance		323.60
250.00	Advertising		100.00
—	Development & Travel		7,333.38
25.00	Refund of Subscription		—
—	Annual Return		40.90
—	Trophy Cabinet		367.30
<u>\$15,290.53</u>			<u>\$40,626.61</u>
<b>\$18,467.97</b>	Excess of Income over Expenditure		<b>(\$13,289.81)</b>



SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 1990

1989		1990
\$33,758.00	Receipts	\$27,336.80
15,290.53	Payments	40,626.61
18,467.97	Surplus for the year	(13,289.81)
5,384.79	Add Cash at Bank 31.10.89	\$23,852.76
<u>\$23,852.76</u>		<u>\$10,562.95</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
\$24,288.54	Cash at Bank	\$10,562.95
435.78	Less Unpresented Cheques	—
<u>\$23,852.76</u>		<u>\$10,562.95</u>



## FINANCE

1990 saw a rationalisation of our activities enforced by financial constraints. Our sponsorship has now lapsed and we have been unable to negotiate any further agreements. The ARU regards the Australian Panel referees as being part of the ARU sponsorship package and therefore we can't use the panel for promotion. We therefore have very little to offer a sponsor.

We are now totally reliant on the ARU and member associations for funding.

Our future programmes and activities will be tailored to the finance available. Members will be asked to bear a more realistic portion of the running costs.

## EXCHANGES

Official ASRR exchanges will be curtailed. The ARU does not support exchanges at a National level. The executive attempted to negotiate an exchange with New Zealand at a first class level (ie) swap NSW Vs Queensland for Auckland Vs Canterbury. We see much merit in this form of exchange, however, the ARU has other ideas, mostly related to the hip pocket, I feel.

Phil Thomas will be going to France as a one off exchange funded by the Sydney Referees Association and endorsed by the Society. This may be the method of continuing exchanges if states can finance them.

We continue to recognise the need to provide opportunities for referees from associations other than NSW and Queensland and therefore will continue to sponsor promising referees to be seen at a higher level.

## REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

This is a critical area of concern and therefore the Society held the Advanced Referees Seminar in Sydney

this year. The weekend was a great success and we have quite a number of potentially excellent referees.

However, there does seem to be a problem in the progress of these promising referees from this level. At the moment our test referees are nearing the end of their careers. There appears to be some failing in the system in preparing future test referees. The top three received all appointments this year — even to minor internationals. I feel we have missed an ideal opportunity to introduce new blood. This must be addressed.

## COACHING

It is also recognised that we must ensure that a high standard of refereeing is maintained at a grass roots level. The coaching director is developing a plan for the next few years. It will probably be locally resourced because of the financial situation. However, we regard this as a top priority for activity in 1991.

## 1992 CONVENTION

The convention will be held in the Hunter Valley on February 21 & 22. This will be an event not to be missed both for its refereeing and social highlights. I'm sure we are all looking forward to the Queensland contingents' bus trip.

## NEWSLETTER

In 1991 the newsletter will only be sent to subscribers. If you wish to continue receiving it, please fill in the application attached to the last newsletter.

## ASSR REFEREES BADGE & BLAZER BADGE

We have adopted the new "Wallaby Badge" as used by non-national teams. Panel referees and ASRR officials will be entitled to use these.

COLIN WALDRON

## 1990 ANNUAL GOLF DAY

The 1990 Annual Referees Association Golf Day, despite the torrential rain, was once again an outstanding success. It was a pity that after three months of planning and hard work that the weather was so poor. However, some eighty six golfers braved the dismal conditions. Had the weather been more suitable we would have expected over 140 players.

Once again the support from sponsors was overwhelming. This year several organisations donated prizes for nearest the pin on the 5th and 16th hole, longest drive on the third for scratch to 18 markers and 14th for 19 and over handicap players. The Commonwealth Bank showed they are a force to reckon with, when at the end of the round Mr Gerry Vesely of their Staff Training Department was a clear winner from last years winner Mr Brett Herschell (also of the Commonwealth Bank) and Queensland Assistant coach Mr John Brass. It was great that a number of Queensland players including Anthony Herbert, Tim Horan and Rod McCall played the full 18 holes. Other invited celebrities this year included Ray Phillips (former Queensland wicketkeeper), Peter Meares (Channel 7) and Tony Currie from the Brisbane Broncos. I must at this point congratulate co-convenor Tony Mellick for his success in winning the Bradman Trophy!!

It was pleasing to see that the schools again were heavily involved in sponsorship and participation. The Associated Schools became involved this year and sent along representatives of each school to enjoy the days festivities. Models from a local Brisbane agency also braved the weather conditions to hand out drinks

and goodies around the course. Thanks must go to these girls who really were wet through by the end of the day!!

Golfers were also given the opportunity to have a bet on the eagles nest 5th hole. Fortunately no-one was able to counter the conditions to clear out our funds!!

The evening function this year was a mixed cocktail party attended by over 100 people. Guests were entertained by Channel 7 sports personalities, Pat Welsh, Peter Meares and Gary Wilkinson. They added a different light to the evening by talking about sports other than Rugby Union. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were present.

The day would not be possible without the support of the sponsors and schools. It is hard to point out any one sponsor as all played a part in the day whether it be by cash or product sponsorship. In recognition of their sponsorship all organisations and schools were presented with Certificates of Appreciation. Thanks to all sponsors and schools, not only have you assisted our Association but you are supporting the development of Rugby in general in this state.

The precedent has now been set by the two successful golf days. The day must continue in the future. The funds raised from the day are important, however, more importantly is the interaction our Association can achieve by enjoying a game of golf with the business, school and rugby fields. We can only hope that next years event will be just as successful.

Once again, a vote of thanks to all participants. We look forward to their continued support in 1991.



# Q.R.R.A. GOLF DAY 1990

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# CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT 1990

(Incorporating QRU Appointments Committee)

## Members of Committee

I. Scotney, K. Fitzgerald, P. Galloway, J. Ezzy, C. Waldron.

## QRU Appointments Committee

I. Scotney, P. Galloway, J. Ezzy.

## Written Reports Received 86

## AFRU Appointments

Panel Referees: K. Fitzgerald, B. Leask, B. Fienberg, M. Powell, A. Cole.

Congratulations to Andrew Cole for his first appearance on the Panel. Another highlight was Barry Leask's first Test Match appointment Japan v. USA.

All referees officiated at matches under the control of the ARFU and acquitted themselves well.

## QRU Appointments

These meetings were held and both City and Country referees were appointed to a wide range of games.

## Country Referee Development

Where asked we have provided games in our local competition to assist. Thanks to the many members who assisted with transport, billeting etc.

## Interchanges

Another growth industry which needs to be watched carefully. Timing is important. During our busiest part of the season we had 5 referees away.

Interchanges however are essential for development and we now have a very solid program which caters for all levels of referees.

## Grand Final Appointments

Same policy as in 1989 operated again, I believe very successfully. Congratulations to all participants particularly Michael Yates who had a spectacular night at the Wests 5th Grade Grand Final.

## First Grade Panel

Two new appointees. Well done to David True and Peter Bechtel.

## Promotion and Relegation

A thorny issue. The latest Grading Sheet will show you that there has been considerable movement in the 28 Grade referees. Until we have a fully independent regular group of watchers, a fair promotion and relegation system on a week to week basis cannot be implemented.

## Performance Standards

Still somewhat erratic. A contributing factor to this I believe is the number of games we are asked to do. Some referees may do up to 4/5 games in some weeks. It is difficult to maintain an even standard under those conditions.

## Lower Graded/New Referees

This has been our area of greatest improvement. We now have a solid group of referees in 4th Grade challenging for positions in the higher grades. Recruiting this year has seen some real success and I believe our efforts to ease them into the mainstream of refereeing on a gradual basis has borne fruit.

Similar effort next year will see some real results.

## Assessors/Coaches/Watchers

Simply we do not have enough. My thanks to Don Duffell and Phil Jones who helped us out so willingly during the year.

The situation needs to be addressed.

Appointments should be separated from classifications and strength built up in the "watching" area as "one on one" attention is better than a written report any day.

## General

You may consider this report to be somewhat negative. It is not meant to be so. Success and growth bring ills which need addressing.,

We have done well.

The basic plan for you all has not changed.

- Know Your Law
- Improve Man-Management skills
- Be Dedicated
- Attend Meetings — Interchange Ideas
- Talk to One Another
- Be Fit
- Set Achievable Goals

IAN SCOTNEY

Chairman, QRRA Classification Committee



# APPOINTMENTS REPORT 1990

This year appointments were again made to the full range of competitions, Grade, Colts, Sub-Districts, Schools, Universities.

Considerably more games were handled due to the growth in 2nd XV and Under 15 matches.

Appointments were made to in excess of 2,200 and on our busiest weekend we appointed to cover 90 games.

About 70 Referees were available to handle these matches and any reasonable mathematician can see that there was a need to double-up. On some occasions members officiated at 3 games on a weekend beside running lines.

Mid-week matches were also on the increase with Metway Cup and the QSSSSA Games. Thanks must go to one particular member David True who appears to me to have been a full time professional referee to have met the commitments he did.

The growth of the Association brings with it problems that need to be addressed:

- More games need more referees
- Appointments become a larger task to ensure everyone is treated fairly
- Most working people don't have the time to do the job justice. (Phone calls to work become an embarrassment)
- Pull outs — some weekends over 20 changes.

Computerisation would help and firm operating guidelines/policy should be implemented and adhered to. We can't help all the people all the time.

Having said that, it has been an enjoyable/challenging year.

Thanks to Gabrielle and the QRU Office Staff who were always co-operative and helpful.

Many thanks also to "Demps". I doubt that anyone else in the Association would do such a thankless job so well. He has a band of members he knows will support him. Well done to them also.

1991 will continue the growth. The Committee will need you all.

IAN SCOTNEY  
(For the Appointments Committee).

# APPOINTMENT OFFICERS REPORT

After A slow start to the season — with not that many games to appoint to it was obvious that our manpower would be stretched with the number of games later in the year.

This year as well as appointing to all the A games in GPS we also appointed for the first time to both the Red & Blue Division in the TAS with the association appointing to 1st, 2nd & 15 A's. In the middle of the season we had all these school games to appoint too, plus a normal round of club fixtures. This is an example of the number of games we had to appoint to and I thank every member of the associaiton for his co-operation in this regard.

As well as club & school games we also were asked to appoint to mid week games ie. Metway Cup & I wish to thank the likes of David True, Paul Creevy & John Dee for their assistance.

I would like to thank Mr Ian Scotney, Chairman of Classification, for his help during the year and also to Mr John English of the QRU.

Finally, congratulations to all who controlled grand final this year.

Thanks everybody for their assistance during the year and trying to make my job less difficult. Thanks again.

PAUL DEMPSEY  
Appointments Officer 1990.

STATISTICS

NAME	SEASON COMM.	GAMES		REP.	SCH.	GRADE				COLTS			SUB-DISTRICT			
		BEFORE 1990	TOTAL			1	2	3	4	1	2	3	A	B	C	OTH.
M. Abell	1979	190	21		3			2	4		1	1		3		7
A. Apted	1981	211	19		5	5				3						6
C. Barrett	1986	41	13		3				2							8
P. Bechtel	1976	285	29		9	4	5			3			3			5
R. Bendeich	1976	270	35	1	8	4	4	2		5	1		2			8
R. Brockett	1988	40	24		3			2		1	5		2	5		6
I. Brown	1987	34	8											5		3
K. Buchanan	1984	42	4		2											2
C. Burnett	1985	62	42		5		4	6	3	1	4	4	1	2		12
M. Carmody	1986	95	37		5		4	6		2	3	1	1	3		13
J. Carter	1982	189	26		5		8			5	2			1		5
C. Chapman	1989	13	23		3				5				1			13
C. Cohen	1982	267	21		5			2		1	3	2				8
A. Cole	1984	137	28	4	6	7	2			5						4
A. Connor	1989	20	33		6			3	3	1			2	4		14
P. Creevy	1988	34	55		9			6	3	1	4		1	3		28
S. Cuffe	1984	115	7									3				4
R. Davies	1984	110	30		3		1	6	3	1	4		1	3		8
J. Dee	1985	90	46		8				9		5		4	5		17
P. Dempsey	1986	81	26		20			1	2							6
A. Dunne	1986	104	25	1	8	10										6
M. Eastwood	1986	81	37	1	5	3	7			3			3			15
D. Edwards	1986	70	19		3				3		5			2		6
J. Ezzy	1981	207	18		14					1						3
B. Fienberg	1975	285	31	5	8	12				3	2					1
K. Fitzgerald	1976	336	26	4	7	11										4
M. Gahan	1983	101	31		3		11	5		2			1			9
P. Galloway	1978		1													1
G. Gardiner	1985	94	29		2		7	7			1		3			9
J. Harland	1981	112	22		8			2			2			1		9
G. Hill	1989	8	11		1			1	1					1	3	4
G. Hinton	1989	19	9		3				1		1				4	
A. Iverson	1984	85	22		2						4			5		11
K. Jennings	1988	25	28		5			1	3		2	4		2		11
K. Klienschmidt	1989	24	14		4				2		3			1	2	2
B. Leask	1977	305	30	5	9	10										6
E. Marconi	1989	20	30		4			4	4		3	1	1	1		12
M. Mellick	1990		43		13				1			3		10		17
T. Mellick	1986	85	39	1	4		8	2		9	1		3			9
T. O'Connor	1989	26	39		8			4	4	1	3	1	2	2	2	12
G. Palmer	1982	99	24		8		2	3	1				2			8
C. Pegg	1987	57	28		3		5	5	2	1	1		1	2		8
M. Powell	1980	124	28	3	10	13										1
J. Raukette	1987	40	28		6			3	3			2		5		9
R. Reid	1989	17	23		7						2	3		2	3	6
D. Sanders	1989	19	27		4			1	1		1	1		7		10
J. Scotney	1972	267	22		10											12
D. Simpkins	1982	151	42		8		3	4		6	6		2	2		11
A. Smith	1989	19	19	1	2			2	2		2			4		6
N. Smith	1982	115	7		3		2			2						
P. Smith	1988	43	6										1			5
D. True	1988	81	74	2	32	3	9			4	3		1	1		17
C. Waldron	1968	580	17		5	3								6	3	
P. Weingott	1980	200	5				1			3			1			
D. Williams	1988	35	20		3				2					8	2	5
S. Young	1986	94	48	1	10	1	10			8	1			1	1	15
M. Yeates	1986	60	21		7				3		1			2	3	5



NEW MEMBERS 1990

	TOTAL	SCHOOLS	GRADES			COLTS 3	A	SUB B	C	OTHER
			3	4	2					
M. Black	23	4	4	3		2	2	4		4
R. Coops	3	—						3		
M. Backstrom	18	6				3		2	2	6
R. Collins	19	3		2		5		2	4	3
C. Elliott	21	7		1				6		7
S. Lewis	21	6			1			3	5	6
J. Murdoch	27	11				1		4		11
D. Pierce	28	10				1	1	6		16
D. McMahon	12	6								6
M. Warren	17	5						3	4	5
J. Dwyer	13	5						3		5
G. Johnstone	18	5			2			1	5	5
J. Lawrence	10	4						1	1	4
F. Meikljohn	6	2						1	1	2
T. Dusting	5	1						1	1	2
T. Cichero	22	6						8	1	7
B. Lauder	5	2		1						2
G. Wharton	8	3	3							2

MILESTONES 1990

K. Fitzgerald	350 Games	M. Powell	150 Games
		A. Cole	150 Games
		D. True	150 Games
P. Bechtel	300 Games	M. Carmody	100 Games
R. Bendeich	300 Games	J. Dee	100 Games
B. Fienberg	300 Games	P. Dempsey	100 Games
		M. Eastwood	100 Games
		G. Gardiner	100 Games
M. Abell	200 Games	T. Mellick	100 Games
J. Carter	200 Games	S. Young	100 Games

GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS 1990

CONGRATULATIONS TO:	1st Grade — K. Fitzgerald	Colts 1 — A. Dunne	Sub Districts A — M. Eastwood
	2nd Grade — A. Cole	Colts 2 — J. Carter	Sub Districts B1 — G. Gardiner
	3rd Grade — M. Carmody	Colts 3 — P. Creevy	Sub Districts B2 — T. O'Connor
	4th Grade — G. Pegg		Sub Districts C — K. Jennings
	5th Grade — M. Yeates		

MAJOR REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS 1990

AS SUPPLIED BY REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT BOARD

A. Cole	Qld Country v USSR	B. Leask	Winfield Cup Challenge Final
B. Fienberg	Qld B v USSR	B. Fienberg	Nth Qld v Bath
B. Leask	Qld v USSR	A. Cole	Ctr Qld v Bath
B. Leask	South Pacific	D. True	Metway Cup Final
B. Fienberg	South Pacific	A. Cole	Qld U19 v Auckland 19
K. Fitzgerald	Qld v NSW	A. Dunne	Nth Hobart 19 v NSW 19
K. Fitzgerald	NSW v France	R. Bendiech	MIM Colts Final
K. Fitzgerald	Aust v USA	M. Eastwood	Country 19 v NZ 19
D. True	Sth Qld v Nth Qld	T. Mellick	Nth Qld 19 v Sth Qld 19
M. Powell	Qld U19 v NZ 19	K. Fitzgerald	Qld v NSW 19
M. Powell	Qld U21 v NSW U21	S. Young	Qld 19 v Nth Hobart
M. Powell	Qld v Bath	B. Leask	NSW 19 v Auckland 19
B. Leask	Syd v France	A. Cole	SA v USA
N. Smith	Qld Country 19 v Brisbane 19	B. Fienberg	WA v USA
B. Fienberg	Australia B v AIS		



## INTERCHANGE TO HAMILTON

Undertaking an interchange to Hamilton is a learning experience for any Referee who has been given opportunity to go. Due to the persistent rain that had almost all rugby called off on my first Saturday there, I was able to give a new meaning to the word hospitality as it presented the ideal situation to meet many of the Hamilton Referees in their Club Room at Rugby Park that afternoon over quite a few drinks.

My first game was on Sunday between Frankton Railways and Auckland Railways. This game is part of a National competition where the players involved are mainly of Maori descent. Due to the timing of the trip, there was no school rugby during the week although this allowed my various hosts to show me the tourist spots of the Waikato region as well as seeing the Wallabies versus Waikato tour match at Rugby Park on the Wednesday.

With the weather permitting for a change, I was appointed to referee the top of the ladder Senior Reserve I game between Fraser Tech and Varsity on the Saturday. With the ground conditions rather wet and greasy, I had to quickly tune into the Kiwi rucking

and mauling style while still endeavouring to display one's own style in controlling the game. Varsity won the match, the first time they had defeated Fraser Tech in seven years, and certainly displayed the hospitality that Clubs afford their Referees in New Zealand.

My final games were on Sunday. A Ladies game in the morning and an Intermediate Schools game in the afternoon at Rugby Park which was the curtain raiser to a Waikato regional game. The ladies game was a very enjoyable one in which the players demonstrated they also have the technique, positional play and ball handling skills that is required to produce entertaining rugby.

The trip was thoroughly enjoyable in that I was able to meet new friends and obtain further experience as a referee as well as observing and understanding the administration of another association. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Queensland Referees Association for allowing me this opportunity of being involved in an interchange and commend this Hamilton interchange as a target for referees to acquire.

GEOFF PEGG

## JAPAN V USA TEST MATCH — TOKYO 23 SEPTEMBER 1990

I departed Australia on 12 September, 1990 after being selected by the Australian Rugby Football Union to referee my first Test Match which was to be between Japan and the U.S.A.

On arrival in Japan, I refereed U.S.A. v Japan B in Sapporo on the northern island of Hokkaido. The match was a free flowing affair, with some great opportunities to play advantage to its fullest. The final score being U.S.A. 53 and Japan B 34.

Japan U/23 won the next match of the Eagles Tour in Nagoya, which I didn't participate in, by 16-0. This match was played during a typhoon, which ended up with a death toll of 39. Luckily none of these were in the vicinity of this rugby field.

The third and final match was the Test Match at the National Rugby Stadium in Tokyo in front of approximately 25,000 fans. The Stadium was only

completed in 1989 but it was in perfect condition for the 3.15 p.m. kick-off. The game was a hard fought affair and played in good spirit; some good ball movement; the Eagles dominating the lineouts and finally proving superior in the scrummage. The Eagles won 25-15 with 2 converted tries in the last 5 minutes of the game.

Throughout my time in Japan, I was very well looked after by the Japan Rugby Union and the referees nominated by them as liaison officers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the A.R.F.U. and its Appointments Board for selecting me and express my appreciation of those members of the Australian rugby community who have supported me; in particular, my family and the members of the Queensland Rugby Referees Association.

B.J. LEASK

## SYDNEY INTERCHANGE — 19th MAY 1990

I would like to thank the Association for sending me to Sydney, on interchange. It was an enjoyable experience to referee in a different state.

Both Neil Smith and I left Brisbane on the Saturday morning and we were met in Sydney by Phil Thomas and Flip Westhuizen.

Neil disappeared off to North Sydney, Phil and I drove down to Southern Suburbs — the old Port Hacking ground — a ground I have always remembered as being cold, and wind-blown, and it did not disappoint!

The fourth and third games were refereed by interchange referees from Melbourne and Singleton.

My second grade game was between Southern Districts, (a combination of Port Hacking and Western Suburbs), and Sydney University. An interesting feature of the game was the inclusion of Peter Fitzsimmons who had been picked to play for N.S.W. that week but had been apparently dropped to second grade for a disciplinary reason. He played lock. The game itself was uneventful and was won by Southern Districts, 13-6. Nine of

Southern Districts points being handed to them by a Uni player who shall remain anonymous (he's bigger than me).

The second grade referees in Sydney don't have to run the line — just sit on the side and freeze, which I did. I don't think I would have been able to hold a whistle, let alone blow it in the second half, if I had been needed!

After the game, we went to Norm Steven's house to change for the party which was on the northern side of Sydney, some 45 minutes away by car.

There were 15 interchange referees there that night together with about 40 Sydney referees and their wives. We left the party at about midnight with Tony Garling. Neil and I were squeezed into his new 2x2 Celica, which now has a misshapened roof line due to a few bumps on the way to Turrumurra.

After several ports, and some interesting discussion on the superiority of Queensland/N.S.W. referees, we retired for the night, with an electric blanket each!

MIKE GAHAN



# INTERCHANGE TO NORTH HARBOUR

After meeting up with QRRR's jet-setter during his turn around from Argentina — Geoff Pegg (alias — Gary III) we (Dave True and myself) winged off into the early morning to Auckland — still in the early morning we arrived, sleepless.

We farewelled Gary III on his way to Hamilton and set off with our first billet Dick Ross, of Helensville some 40 km North West of Auckland and who I believe probably has not only the ability to talk under cement, but to be heard at 50 ft as well. Eventually we arrived, ate, ate some more — sleep — awaking to watery noises — bloody rain — pissing down.

Next — a tour, a pub, a look at tomorrow's ground (under water), an incapacity to remember Dave and Geoff (hence Gary I and Gary II), a Rugby Club (East Coast Bays), another Rugby Club (Marist), a drink, a meal, more drinks . . . . bed.

Pouring rain in the morning — my game cancelled, another hastily arranged thanks to Dick R, but transferred to a country ground close by. On first viewing the ground — looks a bit rustic, but not much water, but on setting foot on it or rather in it, the softness is quite extraordinary, something I have never experienced before — there seems to be no end to the softness — just try to balance on the surface and hope the boots stay on.

I refereed U/21 game, which has some of our U/19 laws plus some NZ domestic variations. It rained extremely heavily particularly early in the game and fairly constantly throughout, but given the conditions, the game was reasonably well played. In the early stages it was a bit willing but quickly settled down. Skill levels were very hard to determine given the weather, however, I felt that while the mauling and general forward play was good, the set plays particularly scrums were not of a high standard which was surprising, back play was obviously quite limited on the day. Two assessors from North Harbour Rugby Referees association were in attendance both at the game and apré game, showing considerable ability at not mentioning anything about my game and at drinking and buying beer for the visiting referee.

Gary I, who was far from personally collected, was collected by us a little more than a short time after his game. He apparently had done well, getting the home team up, being awarded the man of the match, given gifts of wine by the supporter's club, given a jersey by the club not to mention a club tie and as I understand made a powerful speech of thanks, taking care to highlight the skills of the teams particularly the home side.

On Sunday we thought we had seen all of the North Island north of Auckland, however Monday revealed we had in fact only seen the Western side, Monday we saw the Eastern side courtesy of Alan Mather and Rick Middleton, who treated us grandly — visiting a beautiful Island amongst other places such as hot pools and pubs.

Alan arranged school games for us on Tuesday, both were quite good, but we noted the backline skills and running were lacking, and there was a marked difference in standard and physique between 1st and 2nd XV.

Wednesday to Hamilton for Australia V Waikato — disappointing game for us. Gary III we discovered in fine fettle and if not running the local referees association, was giving a damned good account of himself. Dinner was had at a lovely pub two thirds of the way back to Auckland. After clever sourcing and bargaining Gary I finally convinced the management to part with two bottles of red wine from Chile. Seeing the obvious delight he was taking from this wine all but one of our party allowed him full indulgence of it — with some amazing affects, some of which whilst changed were evidenced next morning on Kevin Joyce's boat, such as a certain paleness of visage and a general quietness of nature not previously encountered.

Saturday we were both at North Shore Rugby Club for games V Navy. I had Restricted game (all players must be under 12½ stone) which gave me more than the usual sense of power over the game, being the biggest person on the field. Since it had rained almost constantly the whole week, the grounds were even worse than the previous week if possible. The game was played in an excellent spirit and the restricted grade is very interesting, of quite a high skill level and played by players of quite varying ages. No assessor present — no doubt at Eden Park watching Australia V Auckland — but coaches both complementary and so a satisfying run.

Gary I had a good game, responding well to TV coverage courtesy of North Shores' No. 8 (Wayne Shelford) having been dropped from the NZ team two days earlier. More eating and drinking and tomorrow home.

The courtesy had been outstanding, the weather terrible, the rugby good, the rugby commradie terrific, my fellow traveller a great bloke, the experience extremely rewarding in rugby and in self. My grateful thanks to QRRR for the opportunity.

GEOFF GARDINER

## QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REFEREE APPOINTMENTS BOARD

In the absence of the Chairman, overseas, I have been asked to submit this report.

The Appointments Board for 1990 consisted of:  
**QRU Nominations:** N. Byrne (Chairman); N. Green, P.A. Jones, K. Crowe (attended one meeting).

**QRRR Nominations:** J. Ezzy; P. Galloway; I. Scotney; C. Waldron (attended one meeting).

The Board met in September, 1989, to review the performances of referees over the previous season and to list the nominations of Queensland referees for the Australian Panel of referees for season 1990.

The following were nominated: K. Fitzgerald, B. Leask, B. Fienberg, M. Powell, A. Cole.

All were accepted by the Australian Rugby Union and given Representative appointments. It is believed they acquitted themselves satisfactorily.

The Board subsequently met on three other occasions to appoint referees to State Representative games at all levels and some Country games including the Winfield State games, XXXX Competition games and the MIM Colts Competition games.

The Board values the assistance given by assessors in the Country Districts in enabling it to make these appointments.

P.A. JONES



QRRR REFEREES ROOM

As new committee members we approached this year with the hope that members who used the facilities would benefit from our proposed activities. Although we have not shown a tremendous profit, we believe that we have created a good clubroom atmosphere and a solid foundation from which to build.

The activities and issues which we addressed during the season included —

- Security on big matches
- Wednesday jogging club
- Post match and meeting savouries
- Big match luncheon functions
- Closer relationship with the QRU club
- QRU contract cleaners to clean facilities
- Sponsorship and donations
- Friday night member drinks
- Creation of a ladies committee
- Off-season functions and activities

We achieved some pleasing results on most of these counts and trust that they will provide for areas of growth in the future. Our plan is to develop these areas and to maximise the potential of the facilities.

Thank you to the many members and friends who offered to work behind the bar and to everyone for stacking their chairs after meetings. This has made our job so much easier — no bar roster, no really late nights and easier cleaning.

To our sponsors, also many thanks.

Puma — \$500.00 — Giveaways at 3 meetings;  
Rothmans — \$1000.00 — Off season refurbishments;  
XXXX — \$200.00 — Match day cartons; Powers — \$200.00 — Annual meeting refreshments; Caxton Hotel — \$50.00 — Disposable cups/bar items.

Through the operations of the clubrooms during the year we have assessed the need to review the role of the room in the following areas:

- Big match day access
- Maximising revenue
- Control and bar procedures
- Member requirements
- Pricing policy
- Frequency of use
- Harmonisation of QRRR/QJRA objectives

During the off-season we hope to have completed most of these projects:

- Up-grade change room
- Erect a bar fascia
- Build external store room
- Resolve change room access
- Paint or refurbish club room
- Restore old photographs

Cheers!

RICHARD BENDEICH (Chairman)

JUDICIARY MEMBERS REPORT

The 1990 Season saw 47 players sent from the field of play. Eight players did not appear to face reports whilst 2 players attended and were discharged as no reports were received from Referees.

1. Players were dismissed from the following grades:

I — 9; II — 6; III — 3; IV — 7; V — 0; Colts 1 — 10; Colts 2 — 4; Colts 3 — 1; Sub Dist. — 7.

2. Offences were as follows:

Kicking — 9; Punching — 28; Dangerous Tackle — 6; Abusing Referee — 2; Head Butting — 2.

The Committee complemented several referees on the quality of their reports, however, extreme difficulty was also expressed in understanding the legibility of others.

G.J. SHEEHAN



**REFEREES ROOM — SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1990**

	1990	1989
Cash at Bank as at 30th September, 1989	2,043.71	2,875.21
Receipts	5,614.17	3,458.50
	7,657.88	6,333.71
Less Disbursements	5,202.33	4,290.00
Cash Book Balance at 30/09/90	2,455.55	2,043.71

**TRADING STATEMENT — YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1990**

	1990	1989
Sales	5,161.33	3,171.00
Less cost of sales		
— Stock on Hand	390.14	415.57
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— Purchases — Clubroom	3,022.55	2,281.05
— Changeroom	648.20	
	4,160.89	2,696.62
— Less closing Stock	334.50	390.14
Cost of Goods Sold	3,862.39	2,306.48
Gross Trading Profit	1,334.94	864.52

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1990**

	1990	1989
<b>Income</b>		
Gross Trading Profit	1,334.94	864.52
Sundry Receipts	390.00	
Interest	62.84	87.50
	1,787.78	952.02
<b>Less Expenditure:-</b>		
Insurance	173.45	173.95
Federal Debit Tax	4.70	7.00
<b>Less Transfers:-</b>		
Q.R.R.A.		500.00
Q.J.R.A.A.		500.00
<b>Less Purchases:-</b>		
Video		524.00
Bar Fridge		250.00
Fans & Fittings		270.00
Food & Meeting Expenses	1,203.43	60.00
Cash Float	50.00	60.00
	1,431.58	
Surplus for the Year	356.20	(1,332.93)

**AUDITORS REPORT**

We have audited the books and records of the Queensland Rugby Union Referees Association Canteen Account for the year ended 30 September 1990 and wish to report that the Summary of Receipts and Payments, the Trading Statement, and the Profit and Loss Statement are a true record of the trading of the Canteen for the year ended 30 September 1990.

HORWATH & HORWATH  
A.R. TAYLOR, Partner



## FRASER ISLAND CAMP — QRU 1990

On the weekend 12-14th January the Qld rugby squad undertook a training and fitness camp to Fraser Island. For the first time, two referees, Barry Leask and Andrew Cole were invited to attend. The squad assembled at Ballymore at 6.30 a.m. Friday morning for the bus trip north. Although we were welcomed there were certainly some surprise reactions from the players, in particular one who had to check he hadn't woken from a nightmare when he found himself sitting opposite us in the bus.

So the scene was set for the weekend. All the squad was divided into 4 team colours. Barry was assigned to the red team led by Anthony Herbert and Andrew to the Dark Blues led by Dan Crowley.

We stopped at Pomona and ran "the mountain" with just as many hazards on the way down as on the way up. Back in the bus and another stop at Tuckekoi (Nudgee's school camp) where for 2 hours there were various activities including an obstacle course — run — swim, bridge-building, rope courses and high wire activities. The highlights here included the refs strong showing in the run/swim although don't call for Barry if you're caught beyond the breakers at Noosa. Also Ben Scott's dash into the bushes when leading and Sam Scott-Young's daredevil high wire feats after pulling out of the run because he cut his hand.

We finally arrived at Rainbow beach where we were met by the sponsors Mazda 4-wheel drive vehicles. Unfortunately everyone had to run the 12 km along the beach to Inskip Point while the vehicles carried the gear. It was here we realised that the organisers (John Connolly) had a strange idea of distance and time. If he said 3 km it was closer to 6, if he nominated a 30 minute run it would normally take 1½ hours. Having inevitably arrived late at Inskip Point we missed having to paddle canoes 2.2 km across the shark-infested waters to Fraser Island.

The army provided all the catering, tents, cold showers etc. for the weekend and the vehicles with which they drove us to the campsite they'd prepared at Eurong. Everyone seemed more than happy to have a

feed, a few quiet beers and crash realising they had survived the first day but worst was to come. Some were able to sleep but the groaning and snoring of our army 'semi-neanderthal' man kept us amused at first but the joke had worn off by 4 a.m.

Up in time for a 7 a.m., 4½ km team relay run up the beach. Quickly followed by a 5 km??? jog-run-climb-scramble over the sand blow to Lake Wabby. Water never looked so good and after a quick swim we had some relay runs up the sand hills which finished in the water. Next a 10 km run from Lake Wabby through the ascending rainforest and a short 'John Connolly' walk to Lake Mackenzie. After lunch there were a series of triathalons (canoe, swim, run) around the lake. It was obvious the rapport 'Knuckles' has with his players when several senior players negotiated to drop the 8 km run back to camp in favour of a game of touch back 'home'. The army vehicle drove us back which left us wondering whether the run might have been safer after all.

The night's festivities were highlighted by a mock court presided over by Judges Herbert and McBain, where submarines were the sentences passed out. They didn't miss Barry who was charged with bringing the team into disrepute for wearing thongs into a roadside service station stop!

Sunday saw us pack up camp by 5 a.m. in an effort to beat the tide for the ferry crossing. We then had to run the 12 km back from Inskip Point to Rainbow beach on soft sand. Despite this the refs finished well up in the field, urged on knowing this was the last 'event' and that plenty were finishing behind us. Lunch and then a not-so-surprising quiet bus trip back to Ballymore.

It was a great opportunity for us to mix with the players, coaches and administrators, and for them to see we could compete with them and were prepared to go through it all with them. We were grateful for the opportunity and even though you mightn't think so we'd do it again.

BARRY LEASK, ANDREW COLE



## EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 1990

Having my first season as Chairman of the Examinations Committee I must firstly pay tribute to Barry O'Connor who had worked so hard in previous years and thank him for his assistance in the change-over period.

The examination was rewritten for the first time in many years and with so much discussion and changes taking place this may need to be a regular occurrence. What needs to be clarified with the law makers that **all** law changes be clearly notified at the beginning of each season.

The response for new members was certainly encouraging with nine (9) passing exams of which six (6) (Michael Backstrom, Craig Elliott, Simon Lewis,

Mark Mead, David Pierce and Mike Warren) successfully completed field tests. We also had an influx from the Juniors and other associations. Congratulations and good luck to all.

With such an influx of members it is hoped they enjoy their early refereeing and that with the increased number of games available and the incentives introduced by the committee it is enough to maintain them in 1991 and beyond.

Many thanks to all those who helped "train" the new members and in particular to Ian Scotney for his help in placing them for field tests.

ANDREW COLE

## CANTERBURY INTERCHANGE 1990

On Thursday 5th July 1990, two young referees flew to Christchurch for our association's annual interchange with the Canterbury Referees Association. After three unsuccessful landing attempts, (due to fog and sheep on the runway) and a threat by the pilot that we may have to divert to Wellington, we finally touched down to freezing temperatures. Little did we know what plans the Kiwis had for us in the upcoming week.

The Kiwis are incredible in that they drink, eat and sleep Rugby. Their whole social life revolves around rugby and it was great to be in a country where league was not making headlines. The hospitality on the trip was nothing short of magnificent and there was never a dull moment.

Social activities ranged from drinking at pubs to pushing jet boats down the Whymac River with crazy Scotsman Jim Fleming! He assured the Kiwis at their referee's meeting that the first penalty in the first test would go to Australia! Pity he didn't keep his word. We also visited the Canterbury clothes factory, the Christchurch Air Museum and numerous pubs and clubs including a Mauri club in Christchurch.

The highlight of the tour was undoubtedly, Carmody's attempts at skiing on Mount Hutt. Not only did he learn how to do the splits at the same time as

skiing, but he took out a whole line of skiers including our only chance of the week (Tracey, our ski instructor from Aspen in Colorado).

From a rugby point of view the standard of games was excellent. Both of us refereed 5 games in all which included a couple of school 1st XV matches. The most noticeable difference in standard was in forward play. The Kiwis are very good at keeping the ball alive after the initial advantage line has been made. Weather conditions made it difficult initially and probably the hardest thing to adapt to was the soft grounds. However, those were only minor items to overcome and we both thoroughly enjoyed and learned from our games.

Carmody decided during his last game that perhaps it might be ideal to stay for a few extra days, as he sent off a player realising of course, that the referee must attend the judiciary hearing on the Tuesday night! Bad luck Carmo you dipped out again!!

We would like to thank our Association for giving us the opportunity to experience Rugby in another country. It was a magnificent trip and one that we would recommend to any referee.

SCOTT YOUNG

## COUNTRY REFEREES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

This ad hoc committee was formed by Kevin Crowe just over three years ago to plan and oversee a developmental programme for Country referees spanning an estimated five years.

Current members are: R. Bourke (Director, North); R. Brown (Director, Central); K. Crowe (Director, South and Development Officer, Queensland Country Referees) (Administrator); D. Duffell (Brisbane); P.A. Jones (Brisbane) (Chairman); W. Muller (Townsville); C. Oxenford (Gold Coast); R. White (Rockhampton); J. Blaikie (Toowoomba) and H. Innes (Gold Coast), both invited to join 1991.

The Committee's principal role has been to facilitate the Five Year Plan, to assist in the coaching and assessment of Country referees and to guide the Q.R.U. Appointments Board in appointing referees to representative games in the Country Districts including Winfield State games, XXXX Competition games and MIM Colts Competition games.

To this end we have been able to nominate the top five referees in each District and to grade the top six State wide. With the prime Country appointment — Queensland Country v NSW Country — going to the top Country referee there is now a clear ladder of progress for Country referees to climb.

Kevin O'Halloran, from Mackay, joined referees from Brisbane to attend the Senior Referees Seminar early in the year.

In March a very successful seminar on the Assessment of Referees was held in Brisbane. A manual has been produced and is in the process of being distributed. As a result there should now be greater consistency among Country Districts assessments.

The theme for 1991 will be Recruitment and Training.

P.A. JONES, Chairman



## QUEENSLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS' TOURNAMENT REPORT

Ross Mitchell (Gold Coast Rugby Union Referees' Association), our honourable Secretary, David True, and myself attended the Queensland Secondary School Championships held at Mackay in early August. Representative zonal sides came from all over Queensland to compete in it. A finer body of young men (about 200 were there) we, as referees, could not wish to come across.

The Tournament itself was run magnificently by the combined efforts of the Schools' Organisation and the Queensland Rugby Union coaching directors over 4 playing days having a total of 27 games. In handling these games we three referees were ably assisted by the Mackay and Districts Association.

The most interesting statistic to arise was that during all those games there were only **five** collapsed scrums — and **not one** of these occurred on engagement. This was due to:

- (i) a proper **coaching** of the engagement law
- (ii) a proper **knowledge** of the engagement law by each front row
- (iii) a proper **application** of the engagement law by each referee
- (iv) a singleminded **desire** by each coaching director, coach, administrator, player and referee that no collapses occur

(v) the very existence of the engagement law

To those of you who have a mistrust of the engagement law (and I admit to being one of you at first), be assured, if done correctly (not just on the field), it will rid us of this blight on the game — collapsed scrums.

Like all Rugby trips there were highlights — the 1,100 km return trip to Brisbane taking 8 hours 47 minutes, the turmoil of Truey's innards due to some week long stomach upset, the number of times it's possible to wind down your window in 1,100 kms, the hilarious comments by Dick Marks about Ross and David's refereeing, his inaccurate and tasteless comments about my own and Crowey's re-enactment of the infamous penalty try with the assistance of one pot (nearly full), one pot with a dash (half full), Ross Mitchell (also half full), one gin tonic, one rum and coke (my contribution) and the understanding patrons of the Palace Hotel (Bill Duguid, Proprietor) Mackay.

All in all it was a tremendous week. On behalf of Ross and David I extend my thanks to the Queensland Rugby Union, Terry Burkett and the coaching directors, the Queensland Secondary School Sports Association and the players. Should you have the opportunity to referee at future tournaments, grasp it wholeheartedly.

MICK EASTWOOD

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# the BLOWER!



Once again, our main form of mass communication (besides our fortnightly meetings), the monthly "BLOWER", broke down on more than a number of occasions during the 1990 season, due mainly to the lack of support given to its importance by the rank and file membership.

The original idea for this "paper", was to keep members who couldn't make meetings (and others) informed of the weekly concerns and special events of the Association. This hasn't been lost — however members must start to avail themselves of its obvious advantages.

I strongly suggest to the incoming committee for 1991, a number of improvements that will hoist this little publication to new heights of excellence.

- \* A sub-committee of interested members to produce the "Blower" every month.
- \* A set budget to work with framed by QRRRA.
- \* An Association photographer to be appointed from our members to supply pics throughout the season.

\* Outside printing expertise to be co-opted from time to time.

\* Chairmen of committees (e.g. Laws, social, lectures) to give monthly summaries on their topics.

This year saw the introduction of "player profiles" and they proved very popular. Articles on Clive Norling, the French team, Jacks' Corner (the President's message) and the usual bits and pieces were well received.

"The Blower" is a tremendous vehicle to use in communicating all members views, to get something off your chest without a long winded debate at our meetings.

I strongly urge our membership to support this worthwhile concept next year more fully than has been in the past. "The Blower" — remember it's your mouthpiece.

BERNIE FIENBERG



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