
RUGBY

1993 held some cracker surprises for the 'Red Backs'. As the year shaped up to be one of the busiest yet, it was agreed that 1RAR should not be allowed to miss out on the Brigade competition and that we would wait in anticipation for them to come home.

In the meantime, the club responded to the invitation of the Burdekin Cane Toads and went to Ayr in March to finish up second place getters in the North Queensland World Sevens. A nice little earner for two days in the cane fields.

Dave Bennett and Al Gillman took on the awesome task of harnessing the talent in the Battalion and the First and Second Fifteens threw themselves into training for a long season. It didn't take long to demonstrate their superiority when the Firsts stopped 4 Fd Regt's winning run. It was a team reminiscent of the 87 All Blacks as the forwards trampled the gunners mercilessly and Big Jim Petrie went head to head with the biggest, ugliest gunner of all. The gunner's grand finals hopes were shattered in that game.

The 2nds showed talent, guts and the will to win. Victories over 5 Aviation, 3 CER and CMU demonstrated their determination and their "no-mistake" style of play. The 94 season looks bright for the 2nds as they develop their skills and provide the vital depth for the 1sts.

The 1sts posted every game as a victory. The inspiration of Dave Bennett and Angus Baker proved to be the catalyst and the team rose to each occasion. Blokes like Jim and Steve in the second row, Mick as half back and Steve on the wing all contributed towards the victories. The juggernaut could not be stopped and the games against 1RAR were always preceded by slaving anticipation.

The opening encounter for the J.D. McAloney shield provided great sport. Amidst the birthday revelry and watched by the Colonel Commandant and many ex 2/4 RAR members, the team reduced the 1RAR front row to whimpering jelly. To the braying of donkeys, 1RAR surrendered the shield but vowed to do better next time.

But they didn't. The major semi-final saw another convincing display of 2/4RAR spirit as their discipline held firm under the piratical scavenging broken play that 1RAR was forced to adopt as a game plan. 2/4 emerged as clear minor premiers for 1993.

The grand final, played at Hugh St, was the culmination of a plan reminiscent of one John Monash. With blood on fire the team went into the second half 6-10 down, but within ten minutes had reversed the game and scored. As the minutes ticked by the relentless 2/4RAR pressure resulted in a try to bring the score to 18-10. To the braying of donkeys, 1RAR started to fold and ex 1RAR members chewed on their pace sticks, gnashed their teeth and when the final whistle sounded you would have thought Martin Bella had grabbed 1RAR by the wedding tackle. The resulting presentation by the Brigade Commander was the highlight of the rugby year. 2/4 RAR - Premiers in 1993.

The culmination of the club's approach to the game and both teams was a sweet reward. Thanks to Fang, Brooksy, the RP corporate goffa stand, and all other support staff including Grats the strapper, and Lawns Willmette, curator of Luscombe Bowl.

93 has been an outstanding year for rugby. We wish Dave Bennett all the best for his retirement and thank him with great sincerity for his coaching skill and composed, cool demeanour.

Do you remember -

- ❖ Adam Cusack's penalty goal on full time to win against 5 Aviation?
- ❖ Squabba's campese-esq try against IRAR B when he chipped, chased and beat the winger and fullback to score?
- ❖ Justin Lawler's focused attention to his chosen victims?
- ❖ Mick Day being found wanting when trying to grab the forward's glory?
- ❖ Steve Harris's bad back which always came good just before a game?
- ❖ Chuck Walker's clear and decisive instructions to the back line

❖ Squabba's wedding tackle?

Club Awards

First Fifteen

Best Forward - Bluey Grimes

Best Back - Mick 'Easy Rider' Day

Best and Fairest - Daryl Egan.

Second Fifteen

Best Forward - Jacko Jakins

Best Back - Steve 'Dragger' Moore

Best and Fairest - Jacko Jakins

Most Improved - Guy Tuxworth and Scoote M'Gee.



*The Grand Final line out
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RSM - Dave Bennett makes his point at half time.



The Premiers - 1993



The Second 15 - 1993