

**Colin MacDonald Gilray**

Born: Broughty Ferry, Scotland 17 March 1885. Died: Melbourne Australia 15 July 1974.

Wing three-quarter

Represented N.Z. 1905, 1 match (1 international)

Points for N.Z. nil

Provincial record: Otago 1904-06 (University Club), South Island 1904, Scotland 1908,09,12, Oxford University 1908,09

Came to New Zealand in 1889. Educated Otago Boys' High School, 1<sup>st</sup> XV 1901-03. Considered the best three-quarter in New Zealand by one journalist when he was selected for the South Island. Owing to his studies Gilray was not available for the 1905-06 tour but played against Australia in Dunedin.

Awarded a Rhodes Scholarship in 1907 and won two Oxford Blues. On one occasion 1909, he played left centre to Ronnie Poulton who scored five tries from the left wing to create an inter-university record. Capped four times for Scotland (v England 1908, England and Wales 1909, Ireland 1912). In his book 'Rugger – the Mans Game', E.H.D.Sewell described Gilray as 'very close to inclusion in my super class of centres. He lacked only the essential snap off the mark, but was a sound never-let-you-down sort he was'.

Practiced law prior to WWI then served as a captain with the British Rifle Brigade winning the MC.

Principal of John McGlashan College 1922-34; Headmaster of Scotch College, Melbourne 1935-53 the Deputy Chancellor of the University of Melbourne. Honoured with the OBE.