

1991

Captain - 1st XV - - - J.W.K.Blaikie.

Vice-captain - - - C.P.Atkins.

Captain - 2nd XV - - - S.Dickson, Vice-captain A.D.Gordon

3rd XV ---, U17 Gold --- W Swale, U17 Blue --- A.Young, U16 White --- T.McCombe, U16 Blue --- B.Tisdall, J.Jowsey,
U16 Black --- U15 Blue ---, U15 White --- D.Heckler, U15 Red --- M.Patterson, U15 Gold ---, U15 Black ---,
U14 Blue --- U14 Black ---, U14 White --- ,

The O.B.H.S. Rugby Club completed an outstanding season during 1991. Fine performances were recorded by our 1st XV who won all seven Interschool matches as well as winning the first round of the U19 competition and being runners-up in the championship. In recognition of their fine all round performance they were awarded the Team Trophy at our Senior Prize Giving. The 2nd XV also completed an outstanding season winning the Premier Schools' Grade, U18, for the second consecutive year. They went through the season undefeated not only in their competition games, but also in their four Interschool matches. Our Under 15 Blues continued a history of fine performances at this level by finishing fourth at the National Tournament in Christchurch.

This year a Parents' Committee was formed to assist in the running of the Rugby Club. This enthusiastic group have already made a significant contribution to many aspects of the club and the School would like to express a very sincere thank you to all parents on this committee for their time and effort.

First Fifteen.

S.J.Chaplin, B.J.Graham, M.A.Colling, P.W.Shaw, B.G.Johnston, D.K.J.O.Blaikie, C.S.McWilliam, F.M.Faiva, R.A.Lawson, B.M.Nicol,
M.J.Strang, D.R.Gordon, S.L.Perkins, L.J.Cassidy, T.M.J.Soper, C.P.Atkins, J.W.K.Blaikie, J.R.McWilliam, S.D.Tagg, P.M.Tisdall.

Coaches:- Messrs I.R.Brockbank and B.A.Ashwin.

1st XV - Runners-up O.R.F.U. Under 19 Competition.

2nd XV - Winners O.R.F.U. Under 18 Section I Competition.

Defended Trustbank Otago Challenge Trophy throughout season.

Winners of Otaru Cup (awarded to first round winners)

Interschools

1st XV

King's H.S. - Littlebourne - won 12 points to nil.

Lawson try, conversion. 2 penalties

Played 52, won 32, lost 17, drawn 3.

O.B.H.S. forwards began very well winning a lot of possession including three tight-heads. A series of high kicks and sound defence forced King's to concede penalties, none of which were turned into points.

Opening the game up in the second half with lineout possession continuing to flow was the key to victory. A penalty kick by Robert Lawson settled the team down and we dominated the remainder of the match. A second penalty followed soon after. A breakdown in a King's blindside attack led to the only try of the match. Chris Atkins scooped up the ball and kicked ahead for Lawson to gather and score under the posts. Overall a nervous and tense struggle with neither side playing to its best, typical of that first big interschool clash.

Southland B.H.S. - Invercargill - won 15 points to 9.

Graham, Gordon tries, Lawson 2 conversions, J.McWilliam penalty

3 penalties

Played 77, won 31, lost 39, drawn 7.

A rare away win against Southland Boys' in a tough and static match dominated by penalties. Again O.B.H.S. forwards started well, more than holding their own in the early forward exchanges. Fifteen minutes into the half Southland were awarded a kickable penalty and took a 3-0 lead. O.B.H.S. struck back from the kick-off with a fine team try. A quick throw to the lineout and two well won rucks opened up the blindside for a strong run by Todd Soper who was tackled short of the line. However Ben Graham was on hand to pick up and was driven over to score in the corner. A ine conversion by Lawson saw O.B.H.S. with a 6-3 lead at the break.

Southland drew level after being awarded a penalty from the first lineout of the second half. 6-6. A strong run by Chris Atkins set up our second converted try, with David Gordon working his way over from a Maul close to the line. 12-6. A long range penalty goal by Southland closed the gap to 12-9. Southland's goal kicker then missed an easy penalty and the chance to draw level. O.B.H.S. dominated the last ten minutes and a penalty kick by Justin McWilliam completed the scoring.

Excellent lineout work from John Blaikie, solid scrummaging against a powerful Southland front row and forward mobility were key ingredients of our win.

Timaru B.H.S. - Littlebourne - won 7 points to 6.

Lawson penalty, Faiva try.

2 penalties.

Played 65, won 36, lost 27, drawn 2.

Starting strongly Timaru dominated possession, moving the ball wide at every opportunity. O.B.H.S. forwards gradually worked into the game, enabling our backs to run the ball back at Timaru. Missed penalty attempts by both sides meant a nil all score at the break.

Timaru dominated the first ten minutes after the break, launching attack after attack. Timaru's taking the lead with a penalty kick revitalized our forwards and Rob Lawson equalized soon after. A sustained attack on their line and several five metre scrums were

rewarded when winger Reon Faiva scored in the corner, a lead of 7-3 to O.B.H.S. Timaru stormed back into the game, only a despairing ankle tap by Lawson stopping a certain try. Late in the game Timaru kicked another penalty closing the gap to 7-6.

Very committed defence by both teams was a feature of the match. In a fast and exciting game O.B.H.S. took their chance to score and Timaru did not.

Christ's College - The Upper - won 27 points to 12.

Nicol (2), Atkins (2), Perkins tries, J.McWilliam 2 conversions, Lawson penalty
3 tries

Played 106, won 50, lost 52, drawn 4.

In perfect conditions on the Upper, a fine first half performance saw O.B.H.S. take a 19-0 lead to the break. Superb second phase ball and slick running by the backs put the Christ's defence under constant pressure. The first try was scored by Brendon Nicol after Chris's fullback dropped a high ball. Chris Atkins scored soon after, running from a quickly won ruck after the ball had been moved wide. A well worked move put Nicol into a gap, he stood up to the cover defence and outsprinted them to score in the corner. Two conversions to McWilliam and a penalty to Lawson completed the scoring.

The second half was a more even affair with Christ's absolutely rampant for the next ten minutes, running in two tries. A try to Scott Perkins from a counter attack initiated by Colling took the sting out of their attack. O.B.H.S. forwards lifted their game and controlled play. Good use of the blindside pinned Christ's in their 22. A break out and a brilliant solo try by the Christ's centre made the score 23-12. Atkins scored his second try from a five metre late in the second half. Brothers Justin and Carl McWilliam were tremendous on defence and Michael Colling was back to his devastating best.

Waitaki B.H.S. - Littlebourne - won 33 points to 6.

Perkins (2), C.McWilliam, J.McWilliam, Strang tries, J.McWilliam 3 penalties, 2 conversions.
2 penalties.

Played 48, won 28, lost 18, drawn 2.

Played in fine conditions on Littlebourne, O.B.H.S. had to subdue a fiery start from the visitors before we could impose our pattern on the game. Waitaki had no real answer to our ruck and run game and it was a credit to their defence that they held the half-time score to 10-3. Our points came from two McWilliam penalties and a classic backline movement finished by Scott Perkins.

O.B.H.S. applied the pressure in the second half and the points started to flow. Carl McWilliam scored early after a break by Brendon Nicol. Justin McWilliam scored soon after, entering the backline outside the winger. Matthew Strang latched on to a kick ahead to score next and a second try to Perkins came from a counter attack. Outstanding lineout work and rucking forced the visitors to exist off scraps of possession and constant pressure from flankers Soper and Gordon added to their woes.

Christchurch B.H.S. - Littlebourne - won 34 points to 3.

Atkins (4), Colling (2), Perkins tries, J.McWilliam 3 conversions.
Penalty

Played 75, won 32, lost 41, drawn 2.

This game was played in continuous rain at Littlebourne and was called off eight minutes early because of the conditions. Christchurch played with the wind and rain in the first half but this advantage was nullified by strong driving play by the School pack. Thanks to the jumpers of Blaikie and Graham, O.B.H.S. forwards dominated possession. After seven minutes Chris Atkins scored the first of his four tries, running from a quickly won ruck on the Christchurch line. Michael Colling scored soon after following up on a high kick. A conversion by McWilliam and a second try to Atkins resulted in a 14-3 score to O.B.H.S. at the break.

O.B.H.S. continued to exert pressure in the second half to score four more tries, two to Atkins, one to Colling and one to Scott Perkins. Two conversions completed the scoring. A magnificent performance in dreadful conditions by a skilled and motivated team to finish the season and the "Grand Slam".

St Kevins College - won

At the end of the season the 1st XV had a trip to Australia with three games being played.

Warringah Zone High School, Sydney - won 4 points to nil.

Coff's Harbour Youth Team - won 14 points to 6.

St Paul's, Brisbane - won 22 points to 6

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The 1991 season was an outstanding success, with the team winning all six inter-schools for only the second time in the School's history.

A highly skilled team with strength in all positions meant an expansive pattern could be played. Such was the strength of talent that long term injuries to backs Phillip Shaw and Michael Colling did not impede the team's progress. Team work, based around a mobile ball hungry pack and a back-line loaded with talent, resulted in eighty-nine tries being scored.

A much more competitive U19 grade prepared the team well for its interschool programme. Winning the first round of the U19 competition and its pool games meant that the team played King's High School for a place in the final. Playing with confidence and tactical appreciation on a windy Tahuna Park, O.B.H.S. defeated King's 16-3.

Losing the final to University 6-16 was a big disappointment. It was a tough match, sandwiched between two Interschools and played in blizzard conditions, (Tahuna Park again). Poor ball control and unintelligent use of the wind meant we were never in the game. The loss hardened our resolve to achieve our remaining objective, the Grand Slam, by winning our last two Interschool fixtures.

First XV tour party to Australia. After all the fundraising ventures it was indeed a satisfying feeling to board that plane to Australia!! A most successful trip it was in all ways. The boys won all three games improving with each game:

vs Warringah Zone High School, Sydney	won 4-0
vs Coffs harbour Youth Team	won 14-6
vs St Paul's, Brisbane	won 22-6

It was a busy 10 days for all on tour and we packed a lot into the time: early morning starts, many hours on buses sightseeing, getting to and from games venues, from city to city and late nights, later for some than others.

A great feeling of team spirit between boys, staff and parents had been quietly building during the fundraising and this continued on tour. Regular "Court Sessions" made sure of this.

The team finished on a high note in Brisbane. After singing the School Song, the boys performed the Haka. This on a ninth floor balcony, overlooking the city lights was quite a spectacle and an emotional moment for all concerned, something those of us lucky enough to be on the tour, will remember for a long time. For the boys, particularly those in their final year, it was a fitting finale.

Our thanks to Colin Strang, for a fine effort as Fundraising Co-ordinator, to Ross Brockbank and Bob Glaves for their "on Tour" management and, finally, to all those people who supported the tour in one way or another. It was a GREAT trip which without your support would not have been possible.

A special thanks to Fulton Hogan and Bruce Sutton for the generous use of their barbecue during our fundraising campaign.

2nd XV

1991 was a memorable season for all those fortunate enough to be associated with the 2nd XV. The boys won all twenty-one games played, scored 618 points in the process while conceding only 61. Being unbeaten meant that the seconds were the winners of the Otago Cup for the first round competition. They successfully defended the Trust Bank Otago Challenge Trophy throughout the year and finished the U18 grade as champions, emulating the achievements of the 1990 2nd XV.

Injuries in the 1st XV led to the departure of Dave Gordon, Sam Chaplin and Carl McWilliam, but rather than weaken the Seconds, the form of those waiting in the wings soared to new heights. Rhiane Smith, Dayle Williams and Nick Story returned from early season injuries, while Malcolm Ferguson joined the 2nd XV from the 3^{rds}.

During the first round the creative construction of Simon Dickson and Chris Finch started to tear holes in opposition defences. Simon's running and distribution and Chris's darting runs and astute kicking caused havoc as the points tally climbed into the hundreds.

The philosophy of using the full width of the playing area and employing our strongest sprinting ability to the fullest saw wingers Ben Curteis, Nick Story, Scott Guthrie and particularly Carl Cameron score the large majority of our 114 tries. The wingers recognized the addition of Aaron Gordon to the line from full-back and the considered and precisely timed passing of Dave McCurdy at centre as the major contributing factors to the space provided for them to show their paces.

Tony Glover was last year's 3rd XV player of the season but sadly was another victim of injury early in the season. Albert Pavihi took over from Tony in the key hooking and throwing duties, ably supported, pun intended, by Wayne Fa'asega and Seumas Cooney. Locks Zane Smith and Tim Graham grew in confidence and skill throughout the season, while the massive line-out jumping of Danile Pavihi won a steady supply of ball for the eager backs.

Mark Watson was the popular recipient of the most valuable forward award. In close games, Mark's unwavering tackling on the narrow side was often the difference between the two teams. Dave McCurdy was similarly honoured from the backs.

In a number of matches, the experience of Chris White at number 8 proved invaluable. Chris led and inspired the forwards and also had the happy knack of turning up at centre or wing when one of the inside backs was detained in a ruck or maul elsewhere on the field. 'Chalky Junior' even added a try or two under these circumstances.

Chris Finch bagged an outstanding 256 points during the season including both school and Otago Under 16 representative games. Chris and Simon Dickson finished their season by appearing for the Sassenachs Invitation XV before 20,000 people on Carisbrook, as the curtain raiser for the Otago v Auckland Championship decider.

At the end of season dinner, Mr Smith presented our player of the year and captain, Simon Dickson, with a special award from the Rugby Club. This recognized Simon's outstanding contribution to school rugby over the last five years.

The results of our three traditional interschools were:

v Waitaki B.H.S. 2 nd XV	won 49-0
v Southland B.H.S. 2 nd XV	won 10-9
v Christ's College 2 nd XV	won 22-6

3rd XV

The early part of the season had large variations of form and commitment. The high points were a good win over South Otago High School (7-4), a loss (6-3) to the 2nd XV, with a penalty missed right on time, and a good all round effort against K.V.H.S. to win 15-7. Coach Bill Laing and assistants Jon Wilton and Ian Billcliff, had their own Saturday sport so the game management was often shared with Mr D. McConnell and some of the parents, notably Mr Houghton.

With the approach of the second round, hostel master Terry Kerr volunteered as assistant coach. The team attitude lifted and greater forward application, combined with developing skills, improved fitness and a desire to play fifteenman, running rugby, led to a most successful record for the second half of the season. The team led the lower section when the season finished.

On College Day two good wins were gained, over Central Southland College 2nd XV and St Kevin's 2nd XV, 14-0 and 17-0 respectively. A touring team from Perth, Scotch College, was beaten 20-0 and in the main interschool, Waitaki B.H.S. 3rd XV was defeated 54-0. Rating as perhaps the most satisfying win of the season was the victory over King's H.S. 2nd XV by 6-4, a thirty point turn-around from our first encounter. A highlight of the season was the selection of Tom Ruddenklau, Bevan White and Mark Houghton for the Otago U16 trials, with Mark getting into the final team.

There was a very mobile pack with good ball skills, especially noticeable at lineouts where Charles Tahiri, Bevan White and Hamish Pratt dominated most games. Scrummaging and mauling were adequate, but the pack's strength was in its support of the backs and speed to the loose ball. Gareth Collie made a welcome return to rugby, while Malcolm Ferguson, in the early part of the season, and Rhiane Smith, late in the season made notable contributions. A solid mid-field of John Lang, Damon Cooper, and Emil Huch, well directed by very experienced Chris Acklin, gave wingers David Turner and John Hore many chances. The combination developed by Fred Tuisano and Duncan Woodhead was important both on attack and defence.

The maturity and commitment shown by those who stuck with the team and overcame the problems that often beset a 3rd XV was appreciated by all of the non-playing support group.

Finally, thank you to all those parents who did support their sons during the season.

U17 Gold

Nine wins from eleven games was a good record for a team which had several 7th form boys playing rugby for the first time. Captain Willie Swale kept a tally of all points scored and we finished with a creditable 153 for and only 23 against. Only three tries were scored against the team all season and two of these came in our first game which we lost 8-0 to Bayfield H.S. 1st XV.

The only other team to cross the Gold's line was our U17 Blue team, but we managed to finish in front in that tough tussle 12 to 6. A great team effort contributed to a successful season which was capped off with many of our players being selected to play against a visiting Australian secondary school team at Hancock Park.

U17 Blue

This year was a mixed year for the U17 Blue, with 8 wins and 5 losses, the best wins being against King's and Taieri. The team saved its best performances to the end of the season winning its last five games. Players who stood out during the season were Grant Collie, Kris Williams, Steven Naylor, Tony Omelvana, Jeff Bartlett, Andrew Young (Captain) and Matthew Radford.

Thanks to all members of the team for their dedication throughout the season. We would like to thank Mark Thompson and Julian Morris for helping out near the end of the season because of injuries. Special thanks to Mr Kerse and Paul Frost for putting their time aside to coach us, and thanks to the parents for their support.

U16 White

With three losses in our first five games the season got off to a less than convincing start. After that, however, things picked up considerably. We won over half of our games with five wins and a draw in our last seven encounters. The highlight was our win over the King's U16 Panthers on a freezing, sleety, wind-swept morning at Bishopscourt. The match was called off early but we were well ahead.

We had a squad of twenty-three and so some boys played few full games. They took this in good spirit and still made an important contribution. Many players improved their skills during the season, and the team spirit and level of commitment was excellent.

Some of our outstanding players were Carl Church and Ami Nukada, who solidly propped the scrum in every match, Donald Watson and Nathan Silva, who shared hooking duties, Jason Williams and Richard Hollebon who locked the scrum, and in Richard's case, won a lot of lineout ball. Dwayne Palmer and Gary Dawkins were two fast, hard-tackling loose forwards. Dwayne scored a lot of tries, including three in one match.

The backs always looked good. It was just a case of being able to win them enough clean ball. Paul Glover was a tough little half-back. Tim McCombe at first-five was captain, and controlled the team and the backline well. Junior Mataafa and Raymond Pritchard were strong running, hard tackling centres. Jeremy McKenzie and Aaron Cross ran well on the wings, and Jeremy Wilson was a very skilful and elusive fullback.

Overall we had a very enjoyable and successful season. Thanks to Andrew Hore and Christian Hance for their coaching, and especially Andrew for his famous pre-match "psych-ups".

U16 Blues

This year's team looked very strong on paper but lacked cohesion in the early matches but ended the season having played 12, winning 12, scoring 331 points and conceding only 35. It wasn't until College day that the team fulfilled its promise with two excellent displays of running rugby. The first, against Waimate College 1st XV, resulted in a 46-0 win, while the second against Combined Area Schools was won 49-0. These games signaled the start of teamwork which remained until the end of the season. We were awarded the 'Most Enterprising Team' trophy as well.

During the season we played and defeated all teams encountered, the highlights being two games against Bayfield H.S. 1st XV, who were physically bigger than our team which made us more determined than ever to play to full potential. We defeated Bayfield 9-6 and 12-6.

There were many notable performances from individuals with B.Tisdall, H.Ottery, J.Jowsey and N.Pettigrew being selected for the U16 Otago team. Other players to contribute were S.Macdonald, T.Lamont and G.Alderson who developed as the season went on. The team was capably led by B.Tisdall and J.Jowsey.

The team would like to thank our coaches Messrs P. Martin, R.Kinnaid and N.Rosenburg for their time and effort this season. Special thanks to the parents and supporters for their encouragement and assistance with transport throughout the season.

U16 Black

The U16 Black team had a successful year in which they only suffered one heavy defeat at the hands of the U17 Blues. In all other games they were always competitive and finished the season with more wins than losses.

The forwards were well led by Brad Melville, and 'the Michaels', Moffitt and Scully, formed a useful inside back combination. Ewan Cameron was outstanding and he lifted other team members to give an honest account in all games.

By next season Adrian Hamer will hopefully have perfected the 'Buck Act' at No 8 and will cause fewer grey hairs among the sideline supporters. The team would like to thank Dr Mark Walton whose quiet, mature coaching brought the best out of the team on all occasions.

U15 Blue

The 1991 season was again a memorable one for the U15 Blue side. It won all competition games and achieved a 4th placing in the National Age Group Tournament in Christchurch.

The side scored 550 points and conceded 68 points for the season. The players were always keen to give their best on and off the field. One of the main incentives was to continue the fine reputation of the team, something the team was determined to maintain.

Of the many highlights of the season, the games against touring Australian side (won 76-0), the U16 Blues (lost 16-3) and, of course, against the Kings High School Panthers (won 29-0) stood out. The match against the U15 Whites was again close, with the score of 23-0 not reflecting the efforts of the opposition.

Many players stood out during the season, with many others improving steadily. Special mention goes to Glen Mitchell and Murphy Pavihi as players of the tournament, and to Glen Dick who was the season's most improved player.

The support of parents was outstanding with Mr Dick providing unprecedented vocal support!

On behalf of Mr Panting and myself I would like to thank parents, players and supporters for a most rewarding and satisfying season.
D. Cooke (Co-coach)

U15 Tournament

The tournament this year was a great success, with great commitment and enthusiasm from all the players. The tournament was held in Christchurch and our host was St Andrew's College.

Day One saw us play St Bede's College at St Bede's. We scored twice early in the first half, but St Bede's proved the dominant team in the second half and with a successful penalty kick in the dying seconds, they took the match 13-11. In the afternoon we played St Andrew's on their home ground. After the morning's loss the team came out firing and played some excellent rugby, winning the match 17-3.

On Day Two we played Mt Albert Grammar at St Bede's. Our backs played some excellent attacking rugby and we won 21-3. For us to qualify for the semi-finals, St Andrew's had to beat St Bede's. They did so winning the game 7-6. In the afternoon we played Auckland Grammar in the semi-final. The Auckland side was extremely skilful and talented, overwhelming us on an extremely hard and fast ground by 22-0.

On Day Three we encountered St Stephen's College at Christchurch Boys', the same ground on which we had played Auckland Grammar. We were playing off for 3rd and 4th positions, and no O.B.H.S. team had ever beaten St Stephen's before. Both teams came out firing and performed their hakas at the same time. The game was played at pace, with a try to St Stephen's in the first half breaking the deadlock and the final score being 4-0. The final in the tournament was won by Auckland Grammar, 18-3 against Hamilton Boys'.

Our team would like to thank Mr Cooke and Mr Panting for their hard work over the season, and for Mr Kerr for giving us his time to help at the tournament. We would also like to thank all our supporters and parents for doing a great job over the whole season. A special thanks to Chris Brayshaw and AMP for their sponsoring of the teams training jackets, and Mr Frost and Fisher and Paykel for the sponsoring of our sports bags.

U15 White

This team had a successful season winning 8 of the 13 matches played and drawing another. A disappointing number of games were played in cold, wet conditions, which frustrated our efforts to run the ball at every opportunity as the strength of this team was certainly in its backline. The forwards tried hard and competed well in scrums and lineouts but our fitness let us down, and too often we were second to the loose ball. Consequently our rucking was not of a good standard and this continued to be a problem throughout the season. The backline has skill and speed but an injury to Craig Collie forced a reorganization of positions and this affected our fluency in the latter part of the season.

Brent Reid and Jonathon Lemalu were two solid props who developed well, while Jeremy Banks jumped well at number two in the lineout. Brett Harrison developed well as a flanker and Jared Ruru was the pick of the loose forwards.

Donald Heckler captained the team from second-five, while Byron Kelleher and Dwayne Turnbull combined well in the inside backs. Myles Coburn and Matthew Direen made the most of their opportunities in the outside backs but poor weather often thwarted our attempts to play fifteen man rugby.

A significant factor of this team was that all 18 players in the squad scored a try during the season.

Highlights of the season were a very good performance against King's Panthers and a huge win against Taieri on a day when both forwards and backs clicked and everything went right. Low points were a narrow loss to the Blacks, who fully deserved their win on the day, and a dreadful 0-0 draw with Kavanagh. In all, 349 points were scored and 75 conceded. We would like to thank Mr Bond for his coaching and support throughout the season, and Mr Kelleher and Bruce Miller for their assistance on occasions.

U15 Red

The U15 reds had a mixed season, winning six of the eleven games played. The outstanding game was against King's jaguars, won 8-4. Good forward work by No 8 and captain, Matt Paterson, was too much for a strong King's pack. Backline defence was adequate on this occasion and was well covered by the forwards, especially Mick Glover.

Unfortunately Paterson and Jeremy Crow were unavailable, due to injury, for most of the remaining season. The team was served well by full back Brian Alexander, who put a lot of practice into his kicking. Second five-eight, Justin McNeish, showed great improvement throughout and became a strong force in the backline. Hooker, Hugh Davidson, also greatly improved as a tight forward. Several good team men such as Stephen Hastie kept the team going. It is now evident that there are several quite promising players in this squad.

U15 Gold

A successful season has just finished for the U15 Golds. Under the able coaching of John Barnett and Mathew Tofia the team was turned from an odds and sods, all sorts of fourth and fifth formers into a well organized, determined rugby team. We won approximately half our games but the losses were invariably close and no team found us an 'easy touch'.

The key forwards were Daniell Barnett, David Pratt and Andrew Holborow. Jeff Gibb at halfback always played well as did Glenn Blackmore at first five. Our coaches decided that the best overall player was Ryan Ashton, and the most improved was Andre Rickerby, but the whole squad did their stuff with regular attendance at practice and games.

U15 Black

The Under 15 Black Rugby team was moulded into a most successful unit this year. As a side chosen on par with the Golds, once the Blues and Whites had been picked, they toppled both the Whites and the Golds and also most of the more fancied first teams from other schools. This side was particularly strong in the forwards, with a small tenacious pack who drove very well. Tom Orchiston, Shaun Herbert, Peter Tuisano, Mark Glover, Tony Johnston, Matthew Sinclair, Nick Rowcroft and Ian Brooks were often to the fore.

The backs were a good defensive line and their attacking skills were more as individuals than as a complete unit. Brad Seaman, Jason Cayford, Jamie Cargill and Mark Billcliff all made good progress. Overall an enjoyable season for all concerned and the team thanks Mr N Baker and Alfie Hunter for their time and effort.

U14 Blue

Over the latter half of the season, from mid-term break on, the weather deteriorated badly, causing disruptions with ground and weather conditions and forcing cancellation of practices and games. Added to this, injuries stretched resources, especially in the forwards.

Matched against teams of varying standard, including U15's, although successful, was marked by a lack of consistent performance. A closely contested rematch against the very strong Kings H.S. team illustrated the high level of commitment that was possible, whereas the Taieri H.S. game showed the problems that occurred when technique and team patterns were ignored.

Again, the Eastern U15 game provided many highlights: forward control, abundant possession, crisp passing and fine support play. King's Leopards U15, notwithstanding the wind and rain, was a patchy effort, with the team being stung into action only after going points down. A very strong forward display marked the Kavanagh game, while a sound all round performance against McGlashan completed the season.

With only two losses, both to King's, the playing record was satisfactory, but it was in the critical area of player development that most progress was noted. Overall, individual ball skills and basic techniques improved and unit skills of backs and forwards developed.

Among the forwards, under the guidance of Gareth Collie, props Phillip Martin, Wayne Gordon and Glenn McGregor, developed their technique, lock Michael Forrester emerged as an excellent 'two-handed' jumper, Simon Cleverly became competitive in tight and loose play and Matthew Collie came through as a skilled loose forward. Jonathon Foote used his strength and mauling ability to score many tries. Nick Fisher perfected his hooking/lineout throwing skills and showed dynamic form in all phases of play.

Basic rugby, that is quick passing, backing up, and simple variations with less reliance on kicking, was successfully utilized by the backs. Shay McLeod developed into a versatile halfback and Sean Marr acted an unselfish link with Hamish Williams, an accomplished ball distributor. Peter Nichol supported his three-quarters to good effect while, Jadah George emerged as a top try-scoring winger with pace, foot work and a deadly tackle. When placed at fullback Blair Stewart proved to be a fine all round footballer and an excellent goal kicker.

Shay McLeod, Jadah George and Jonathon Foote were selected in the Metropolitan U14 Representative team.

U14 Black

This group of third formers, twenty of them, developed into a good side, strong in determination and team spirit. Their level of confidence grew as skills improved. Against larger and speedier top teams in the U14 Competition the team struggled, but always kept trying. Given a chance, John Peddie, Hamish Brown, Stuart Brooks, Robert Rutherford and Stephen Smith obtained a good share of the scrum, ruck and lineout ball. In the loose Peter Cuthbertson, Jay Jury and Tony Sanders made ground both on defence and attack. The team was well served by two half-backs, Sam Cuttris and Mark Anderson, who usually played a 'half' each. Other players were in this half-game situation for most of the season. Their cheerful acceptance of this said much for their keenness and loyalty. Gary Nichol, William Scurr, and Ton Denton often made good use of the ball with strong penetrating running.

With good combination developing, the team won more games than it lost. Helping to bring this about was the great support given to the team by two seventh formers, Blair Jackson and Craig Weir, and parent, Mr Michael Cuthbertson. The team enjoyed its rugby, and its end-of-season 'nosh' in the Library.

U14 White

The team had a challenging season which was characterized by good team spirit throughout. Redford Easton as captain motivated the players. Allan and Barrie Small played consistently in the locking positions. Ben Lamont, Reece Nicol and Craig Findlay played a variety of positions, in the forwards and backs. Nick Ellwood had some good runs in the backs and was top try scorer. Jared Palmer on the wing, showed amazing bursts of speed.

Overall the boys enjoyed the season, and are looking forward to next season. Thanks to Mr Garbutt for his coaching efforts and to seventh former Brendan Hall, for his assistance.

Representative Honours

South Island Secondary Schools - J.W.K.Blaikie, C.P.Atkins

South Island Under 18 - M.A.Colling.

South Island Under 18 - D.J.O.Blaikie (Captain), C.S.McWilliam.

Otago Under 18 - J.W.K.Blaikie, C.P.Atkins, R.A.Lawson, M.A.Colling.

Otago Under 16 - J.A.Jowsey, C.S.McWilliam, C.J.W.Finch, H.E.W.Ottrey, D.J.O.Blaikie, B.W.Tisdall, T.W.Graham,

W.M.Fa'asega, M.E.Houghton, N.D.Pettigrew, B.J.Curteis

Otago Secondary Schools - T.M.J.Soper, J.W.T.Blaikie, R.A.Lawson, C.P.Atkins, S.M.Dickson, M.A.Colling, S.L.Perkins,

B.G.Johnson, P.M.Tisdall, J.R.McWilliam

Metropolitan Under 15 - S.J.Frost, A.E.Suefatu, J.D.Brayshaw, D.R.Brown, R.A.Cameron, T.S.Orchiston, J.F.Lemalu.

Metropolitan Under 14 - S.K.McLeod, J.D.George, J.K.Foote.

The National U15 Invitation Tournament was played in Christchurch with the School team finishing in 4th position.

Rugby Football Challenge Cup (The Messrs Morris) - J.W.K.Blaikie.

Mills Trophy for Goal Kicking - R.A.Lawson, C.J.W.Finch.

Epiglass Trophy (Most Promising Player from 1st XV) - M.A.Colling

Glenfellan Trophy (Services to O.B.H.S. Rugby Club) - G.W.Collie.

Team Trophy (McArthur Trophy) - 1st XV

Junior Rugby Trophies

4th Form: R.W.Tait, M.W.Hurst.

3rd Form (Brandwell Moller Trophy) - H.G.Williams.