

1995

Captain - 1st XV - - - B.T.Kelleher

Vice-captain - - - J.B.H.Nixon

Captain - 2nd XV - - - D.J.Randall,

First Fifteen.

N.J.Fisher, C.A.Lemalu, J.J.Cargill, A.J.McClintock, K.L.J.Smith, K.N.Cameron, J.A.Kelly, S.J.Frost, P.L.Davis,
H.G.Williams, R.K.Shaw, M.J.Collie, G.R.McGregor, N.O.Johnstone, T.J.Sanders, J.K.Foote, B.T.Kelleher, J.B.Nixon,

S.M.Cleverley, W.Gordon

Coaches:- Mr B.A.Ashwin

1st XV - Winners O.R.F.U. Under 21 Gold Competition.

Interschools

Southland B.H.S. - Invercargill - lost 0 points to 9.

3 penalties

Played 81, won 32, lost 41, drawn 8.

This match was played in Invercargill and heading down there and coming away with a win is always a big task, and this time was no exception. Southland put on a typical winter's day for the match with wind, rain and very cold conditions. The game itself came down to who had their 'kicking boots' on. Both teams were even in all areas of play but Southland Boys' kicker made more of his opportunities and they took out the match 9-0.

King's H.S. - Littlebourne - won 18 points to 11.

Smith try, penalty try, conversion, 2 penalties

Try, 2 penalties

Played 56, won 35, lost 17, drawn 4.

The traditional 'Grudge' match between the local schools is always one of the toughest games for the First XV and with the club game being a 13-all draw this was to be no exception.

The first try of the game went to OBHS, with lock Kurtis Smith scoring in the corner. At half time OBHS lead 5-3. The second half started badly, with Kings getting an intercept try and kicking a penalty, to take the lead 5-11. The referee played a big part in the next Otago Boys' try, awarding a penalty try after a player was held back when going to dive for a try. Outstanding defence saw nothing more come from King's movements but OBHS received one more successful penalty kick to finally win the game 18-11.

Timaru B.H.S. - Littlebourne - lost 16 points to 21.

Cargill, Cameron tries ????????

T.B.H.S. scorers not given

Played 69, won 39, lost 28, drawn 2.

The game was a close fought one but Timaru were too good for Otago Boys' on the day. OBHS scored the first try, with Jamie Cargill going over the line out wide only to pull a hamstring muscle and be replaced.

The score see-sawed the entire match until an OBHS clearing kick was charged down and a try resulted. Keith Cameron scored the final points of the game but it was too late for the home side. The final score was 16-21 to Timaru.

Christ's College - The Upper - won 33 points to 3.

Sanders (3) tries ??????????

Penalty

Played 110, won 54, lost 52, drawn 4.

The First XV travelled to Christchurch for their last away game of the season. A beautifully fine day saw OBHS play some excellent rugby, in particular Tony Sanders who scored a hat-trick of tries. Christ's never really threatened the Otago line in the first half and the score at the break was 16-3.

Replacements were made in the second half, giving most of the OBHS squad at least part of a game. For a large number of players this was their cap game and to win so convincingly was a bonus. The final score was 33-3 to OBHS.

Waitaki B.H.S. - Littlebourne- won 22 points to 0.

No scorers given

Played 52, won 32, lost 18, drawn 2.

The Waitaki Boys' game was always going to be a tougher match than in previous years and with Littlebourne in its usual mid-winter condition, it didn't help.

Otago played strongly throughout and really, they dominated the entire game, with good defence seeing Waitaki never really threaten the line. The final score was 22-0 to OBHS.

Christchurch B.H.S. - Littlebourne - won 18 points to 17.

Williams, Davis tries ?????

C.B.H.S. scorers not given.

Played 79, won 35, lost 42, drawn 2.

The sixth and final interschool for the year and it possibly ended up being one of the toughest. Although Littlebourne was a mud patch, the Christchurch backs were very slick and Otago more than had their hands full trying to shut them down. OBHS forwards controlled the game well, giving good ball for the backs to use when the opportunities arose. A strong game from Hamish Williams in only his second game at fullback, saw some excellent cover defence and good options when attacking.

Despite the ground conditions, this game was memorable for the quality of backplay by both sides. With the School forwards in control, Christchurch Boys' attacked through their backs at every opportunity, often from deep within their own territory. As a result the tries scored by each side were breathtaking in conception, and spectacular in execution.

The score see-sawed throughout the game, and in the end it was the control exerted by the powerful School forward pack that proved to be the difference between two excellent teams. A fitting note on which to end the inter-school season. Hamish Williams and Paul Davis scored tries.

The final score was 18-17 to OBHS, which may have been somewhat lucky for the home team.

2nd XV Christ's College - lost 8 points to 12
Waitaki B.H.S. - won 60 points to 7.
Southland B.H.S. - won 17 points to 10.

Magazine report 1995

The 1995 season began with the announcement of Mr Smith's appointment as Director of the newly established Edgar Sports Centre. His contribution to Otago Boys' High School rugby over several decades has been without parallel in recent times and his guiding hand was missed throughout the season.

As in past years, the School demonstrated its depth of playing strength in all grades, putting pressure on staff and parents for coaching and team management. Many teams were able to benefit from the advice and coaching of a number of Old Boys and senior pupils. The School is grateful for their support.

The Parents' Committee were again active in their support of all the teams fielded by the School. New first aid kits and carry bags were provided, as well as new supplies of practice balls. On several successive Tuesdays, buses were put on to transport all junior teams to the Edgar Sports centre where skills sessions were run by ORFU Coaching staff.

Some successful social functions were organized, notably an early season one to farewell Mr Smith. After the Christchurch Boys' High School Interschool a function was held to thank coaches for their efforts on behalf of all teams.

In Term Three, the committee arranged for Jamie Joseph to present various awards to promising players in all teams.

Although not qualifying for the Top Four tournament this year, the First Fifteen had a successful season which saw them retain possession of the Trustbank Trophy (for 1st XV supremacy in the South Island). As well they had an unbeaten run in the physically demanding Under 21 Grade, defeating University Red in the Grand Final.

Otago Boys' High School continues to be a major force in New Zealand schoolboy rugby. Congratulations to all those who were selected for various age-group representative teams, especially Keih Cameron who toured Australia in September with the New Zealand Secondary Schools team.

OBHS Coaches list 1995

1 st XV	Mr Ashwin, Chris Finch
2 nd XV	Mr Graves, Mr Baker
U17 Blue	Mr Read, Todd Soper
U17 White	Mr Kerse, Hayden Stevens, Robert Lawson
U17 Gold	Mr Trewern, Andy Clayton, Chris Smith
U17 Red	Mr McCaskill, Barry Hughes, Jimmy Hanna
Under 15 Blue	Mr Cooke, Mr Martin
Under 15 White	Mr Bond, Peter Bennett
Under 15 Gold	Mr King, James Jowsey, Tim McCombe
Under 15 Silver	Mr Sinclair, David Biggs, Rhys Tait
Under 15 Red	Mr Stoddart, Tim Colling, Pita Wilson, Aaron Morgan
Under 14 Blue	Mr Rust, Andrew Cleverley
Under 14 White	Mr S McConnell, Simon Cleverley, James Rutherford
Under 14 Gold	Mr Duncan, Allan Small, Cameron Nicholson
Under 14 Black	Mr Billcliff, Mort Shepherd, Nick Scott

Parents Committee

Chairman – Eddie Walter, Secretary – Peter Marr, Treasurer – Graeme Read. Laurel Alderton, Brian Ashton, John Billcliff, Lynn Byers, Ainslee Cargill, Ron Davis, Ruth Findlay, John Fisher, Kurt Kelleher, Brian Miller, Diane Morris, Brian Pantin, Francis Platt, Jill Read, Des Smith (Life Member), Todd Soper, Mile Spillane.

Plans are in place for a weekend of activities in August or September 1996. Chairman - Neill Baker, Committee – Laurel Alderton, Carol and Murray Hastie, Nola and Ian Jowsey, Murlyn McCombe, Brian Panting, Jill and Graeme Read

1st XV

The 1995 First Fifteen had a lot to live up to this year, with the success of the 1984 team setting a very high standard for all future 1st XV's.

Only four 'caps' returned this year, so the team was relatively inexperienced in the demanding U21 competition.

Having the strength and experience at halfback, captain Byron Kelleher was at times the decisive factor in games crashing over over to score three or four tries in a single match. Experience in the forwards, with Jonathon Foote and Simpon Cleverley returning, also proved valuable.

The regular club competition went well again this season for the First Fifteen, winning all but one game, which was drawn against Kings 1st XV. The highlight of the regular season was the final against University Red, which was a bit of a scruffy game but the First XV played well to win 20-6 and take out the U21 Gold section for the second year in a row. The team

Colin Lemalu – The youngest in the team but soon adapted to playing Colts rugby.

Justin Nixon – A very talented player with a promising future – he really showed the way for the younger players.

Jamie Cargill – A big strong wing who scored some outstanding tries but unfortunately had a rough time with injuries.

Tony Sanders – A wing with amazing pace off the mark, he too scored some excellent tries.

Simon Frost – A strong defender and a hard man to put to ground.

Hamish Williams – A steady, reliable mid-fielder with an awesome side-step who later in the season ‘came of age’ at fullback.

Paul Davis – A hard-hitting mid-fielder in defence and just as committed on attack.

Steve Brundell – Played out of position at 1st five but adjusted well for the first half of the season.

Jason Kelly – Came into the team halfway through the season but made himself at home with some solid goal kicking.

Byron Kelleher – Captained the team from halfback and led the way in try scoring.

Glenn McGregor – A committed player who was capable of filling all the loose forward positions when required.

Matthew Collie – Came into the team through injury and played strongly as well as adding extra height to the lineout.

Jonathon Foote – An experienced player who moved to openside flank this year making life difficult for opposing 1st fives.

Simon Cleverley – Missed the first half of the season through injury but came back to add experience and consistency to the lineout.

Reuben Shaw – A big guy who was strong and mobile around the paddock and always showed consistent form.

Andrew McClintock – One of two members of the exclusive ‘No Tries Club’ but his height at lineout time was invaluable.

Kurtis Smith – A big man at lock – his size and experience proved valuable and he liked to roam out wide at times.

Keith Cameron – A strong and aggressive front rower whose outstanding form saw him selected to represent N.Z.

Wayne Gordon – The other member of the ‘No tries Club’ who secured a position in the front row towards the end of the season.

Nick Johnstone – Staunch at tight-head prop whose mobility improved throughout the season to see him go on to gain Otago honours.

Nick Fisher – An aggressive and reliable hooker, whose mobility really made him the fourth loose forward.

Chris Finch – His advice and coaching enabled the backs to play with verve and confidence.

Mr Kelleher – An invaluable source of support and ‘powerade’ throughout the season.

Mr Ashwin – Cool under pressure but fierce on attack when we deserved it – especially at the semi-final. Thanks for everything Ash.

2nd XV

The Otago Boys’ High School Second Fifteen had to settle for the Bronze in 1985 although they came very close to higher honours and indeed beat the Gold medal winners twice throughout the season. Kavanagh College won the Secondary Schools Premier Grade and yet could not beat our Seconds thus the School became the first holders of the ‘Paddy Keogh’ Cup introduced this year. South Otago’s First Fifteen proved the bogey side and we lost both away and at home to them. It was this inconsistency of performance that was to be the undoing of the Seconds because when they were on their game they played some magnificent rugby and scored many memorable tries.

The forward pack progressed favourably throughout the season and the backs prospered from a good percentage of hard won possession.

went up to the 1st XV, two represented Otago in the U18 Tournament and three in the Otago U16 team. Thanks to staff coaches Neill Baker and Bob Glaves.

Under 17 White

The Whites this year had a promising start to the season, winning two out of three games. By far the most memorable victory being over the Under 17 Blues on Littlebourne, in front of a large crowd who seemed to be supporting us (the underdogs).

We tackled as hard as we could, showing amazing commitment and courage, especially by Tim Blakely who in a last ditch effort to stop Albert Jackson from scoring under the posts actually collided with the left hand upright. It was the kind of commitment that earned us the 17-10 win over the Blues.

After that game the team just went flat winning only one more game in the rest of a shortened season, over the Kavanagh Colts. This game proved to us that when we played as a team and had fun running the ball, we really were capable of beating most teams.

Standout players for the season were Scott Read at centre, with his strong explosive runs, Tim Blakely, whose counter attacking skills set up many opportunities, Alan Reid, who became the pillar of the backline, Alan Alsweller, whose attack and defence was extraordinary, Henry Medary, and Richard Doherty, who were always in support as loosies, Bronson Tallentire and Blair Skevington who led from the front and after hours of practice, Blair and his two jumpers Tom Dalley and Dylan Rushbrook had their lineouts down to a fine art. The other member of the tight five, Bevan Ross was part of a competitive scrum which could take on most others and win.

Both Scott Patterson and Mark Alderton were fine halfbacks, fighting for that position week in, week out and last of all Brent Stewart, a fine utility player who could play both in the forwards and backs.

We thank both Hayden Stevens and Rob Lawson for the coaching our team received.

The team’s statistics were: 163 points for, 202 points against, 8 games played, 3 games won, 5 games lost.

Under 17 Gold

The Golds were a team with a lot of potential which developed during the season, showing that they were capable of beating bigger and tougher opposition.

Early on in the season the Golds moved up to the U18 Grade as a result of some very fine wins.

The most notable game for the whole season was beating the U17 Blues at Bathgate Park. The last phase of play in the Blues' half saw Simon Gladstone step inside and give himself a gap scoring a try under the posts. The conversion was successful taking the final score to 15-10. The other significant game was against Toko at Littlebourne. It was a very hard and fast game but the Gold's ground out a comfortable victory 12-5.

Players to stand out during the season were Robert Russell and a late-comer to the team, Tony Mayo, who kept the front row intact. Very reliable and fast to rucks and mauls were Tony Dey, Sean Marr and Craig Neiper and the strength of the backline was David Metherall and Simon Gladstone.

The most improved player for the season was Simon Gladstone while Sean Marr received the award as the most valuable player.

It was a memorable season for the whole team with many thanks to coaches Andy, Stu and Manager, Mr Trewern.

Under 17 Blue

Captain Hunter McGregor

It was a season of mixed results, because as a team full of skilled individual players, they did not combine well as a unit for the majority of the season. The team of fifth and sixth formers found themselves playing in a very tough grade.

The best win of the season was over Toko 44-7 when some brilliant tries were scored through attacking rugby.

Players in the forwards to play well were Hunter McGregor (hooker), Andrew Berryman (No 8), and James Little (loosie).

The backs were controlled well by 1st five Chris Hurst until he was called up to the Seconds. Richard Morris (wing) was outstanding on attack while Craig Byers at fullback played well until he broke his arm and was out for half the season.

Many thanks to the coaches Steve Read and Todd Soper for their time and effort during the season.

Under 17 Red

As a fifth and sixth form team, the Reds performed admirably winning most games. The best victory was a 5-0 win over John McGlashan 3rds. A try in the last minute gave us victory. Although the team was supposedly the bottom U17 team, the skill level and team spirit was at times remarkable.

The forwards worked hard with Matt Morton (lock) and Kevin Alexander (hooker) impressing. In the backs, Jamie Cameron at centre was a strong runner. First five Ricky Berland and 2nd five Steve Parkinson, were good tactical players. Jared Kennedy with his blistering pace and tidy footwork often inspired the boys to match wins.

Under 15 Blue

Captain - Jared Collie

The 1995 Otago Boys' High School Under 15 Blue rugby team got off to a bad start. Once again drawn to play King's Panthers first game of the season. In a very physical, close game, the King's bigger forward pack took their toll and we lost 16-32. But from then on the team went from strength to strength, training hard, and with some big wins over Taieri and Logan Park.

But we still hadn't 'clicked' as a team, but with persistence from Mr Cooke and Mr Martin when we were drawn to play King's again, we were ready. It was another physical game with Alistair Young and Mark McGregor scoring brilliant solo tries and Regan Finch contributing 13 points, it was a fine team effort with Otago Boys' winning 23-7. After this game our focus was on the National Rugby Tournament which was to be held in Dunedin.

We started off with a convincing 50-0 win over Sassenachs Gold team which consisted of the top Under 15 players from other schools in Dunedin. The unfortunate part of this game was the injury to prop Hamish McDougall. The knee injury confined Hamish to the sideline for the rest of the tournament. In the afternoon game we played St Pats (Town) from Wellington. This was played in atrocious conditions at Montecillo. This was a very hard game and an injury to Regan Finch did not help. This saw the introduction of Jason Kawau who had a brilliant game given the circumstances. At half-time we were down 5-7. In the second half the whole team showed determination and courage to come away with a close win 12-5. Scorers in this game were Jamie Roy and Alastair Young with Hamish Blakely's sideline conversion sealing the game. Jamie Roy's try was a 50 metre run, out-sprinting the cover defence. Alastair's try was scored from continuous pressure on St Patrick's goal line.

The next day we played a very big Napier Boys' team (who eventually came second in the tournament) losing 10-35 with Regan Finch scoring all the points. But our spirits remained high knowing at least we had a top 8 placing. In the afternoon we played against Hamilton Boys' which was coached by former teacher and 1st XV coach Mr Brockbank. It was a physical and fast game with Hamilton Boys' infringing a lot in their own half, which Regan Finch made them pay for, with five penalty goals, and Otago Boys' winning 15-0.

On the final day of the tournament we played against Palmerston North Boys' for 5th and 6th placing. We didn't play up to our earlier standards in this game which we lost 10-22. With the tournament over the team was happy with our 6th placing. This sums up an enjoyable season of Under 15 Rugby. Thanks must go to supporters, parents, players, sponsors and the people who supported our fundraising.

Finally the team would like to thank our coaches Mr Cooke and Mr Martin for their support and commitment throughout this successful season.

Under 15 Gold

Captain - Todd Gordon

As a fourth form team, the Golds had an exciting season with much good rugby being played. There were some good wins recorded with the most notable over Bayfield U15.

The forwards lacked height, but played a good tight game and were skilled players. The players who impressed were Huntly Cook (prop) and Regan Spillane (loosie).

The backs also were not big lads but scored some excellent tries through quick ball movement out wide. Gary Paine (wing) was amazing while Justin Cadman (1st five) was an excellent kicker for goal and in general play.

Thanks to all who gave up their time to help with this team.

Under 15 Black

The Under 15 Black team started off on a high note with a convincing win over the U15 Silvers 65-15. After that game training became harder with more tackling practice and the team managed to finish with five good wins for the season. One of the impressive players was Mac Passmore and the most improved player was Andrew Tall.

Thanks to Mr Adamson and Phil Shaw for their coaching throughout the season.

Under 15 Silver

This year the Under 15 Silvers were a very competitive side, with a mixture of both wins and losses, who enjoyed a very challenging season.

Some of the team's outstanding players were: Cameron McNeish, who was the most skilled tackler in the team from his position on the wing, Scott Read was a great centre who used his pace well and was also a brick wall on defence, Ben Butterfield also had an outstanding season and he was selected as the team's most valuable player, while Lachlan MacDonald took the most improved player award.

Under 15 White

Played - 11, won - 9, lost - 2, points for - 330, points against - 88

The Under 15 Whites had a successful season winning nine out of eleven games. The team played a good style of rugby with the forwards especially, controlling up front. The backs showed their capabilities with good combinations and scored some brilliant tries.

A trip to Alexandra and participating in the National U15 Tournament in Dunedin were the highlights of the season. It was a good experience for the boys to play against such teams as Auckland Grammar, Rongotai College and St Andrews. Although a lot smaller they never relented and pushed these teams hard.

Matthew Toa (prop) led by example during the season and Scott Anderson (lock) gained good lineout ball in the forwards.

Lance Easton at centre kicked well for goal, Aaron Devlin on the wing scored 21 tries for the season and was very dangerous.

Thanks to Mr Bond and Peter Bennett for coaching us.

U15 Red

Coaches - Tim Colling, Pita Wilson, Captain - Daniel Koperu, Manager - Mr Stoddart.

The reds started the season very slowly, with not one win in 3 or 4 games.

There were good individual performances from players like Daniel Koperu, Shannon Reed and Robert Breem, but we did not bond together as a team. Our first win was against the Silvers in a very close match with only a penalty goal separating the teams. That game gave us the confidence to play to our full potential and start winning games.

With some very good work from all team members, the Reds turned their whole season around playing a very exciting brand of football.

Sky Jackson, Tim Erickson and Martin McCormack played well, while Jason Burgess improved out of sight, Regan Pierce was always a steady influence at first-five.

The Reds would like to thank Tim and Pita for coaching us and Mr Stoddart for being a great manager.

Under 14 White

This year our team played well. Although we didn't win all our games we were very competitive. A lot of thanks must go to our coaches Peter Nichol and Jonathon Foote. They worked well with us and taught us some good team work. However, after our first game Jonathon and Peter realised we needed to sharpen up on our basic skills and in the end it paid off with a couple of wins late in the season.

Our key players for the season were Jamie Murley, Ben Wilson, Brendon Stevens and Scott Beattie. The whole team played as well as we could and it was a good season for us in 1995.

Under 14 Blue

A talented group of Form Three players combined well to form an impressive Under 14 Blue team in 1995, with the standout feature being the depth of ability shown in most positions.

A win over the Kings' Panthers in the first game of the season showed the potential of the team. Another win over the same team later in the season confirmed their ability. Both wins were achieved after conceding deficits at half-time, illustrating the very good spirit existing in the side.

The team faced much sterner opposition when promoted to the Under Fifteen Grade, but most importantly all of the players continued to work hard on their skills despite the size and age of their opposition. Attendance at practice was impressive and typical of the team's attitude throughout the season that was disrupted by poor weather and several cancellations.

Fitness and determination were essential elements of a consistently good forward pack. Blair Collie, Travis Garden, Nathan Howden and captain, Richard Harley were a competitive and successful front row. They were well supported by Alan Peters and Ian Pavihi as locks. In the loose Carl Meyer, Joseph Chapman and Duncan McCorkindale were aggressive and constructive.

As the only specialist half-back, much pressure was on Russell Campbell but he proved equal to the task, linking well with five-eighths Nick Shea and David McClintock. Gerard Brimble and Mark Tawhai were elusive on attack and good in defence in the mid-field. The team was well served by the fast and elusive Terry Beazley on one wing, with an aggressive Hayden Sutherland on the other. Michael Irvine proved his versatility in several positions, while Scott McLaren showed a range of skills at fullback. Hanlon Corbett made an excellent contribution to the team late in the season.

The team was well-supported by parents each Saturday, with thanks to Andrew Cleverley and Mr Rust for their coaching efforts.

Under 14 Gold

This year our team was off to a slow start with a few substandard losses, but with the help of our coaches Allan Small, James Rutherford and Cameron Nicholson we began to pick up the pace.

Towards the end of the season we had some good wins and we began to feel like a team with a strong team spirit.

The team had a lot of stand-out players with our player of the year being Mark Knox and the most improved Andrew Nowell. Also players to stand out were Matt Ruddenklau and Eddie Dean.

Over all it was a great year with a big thanks to Mr McConnell for managing us.

Under 14 Black

The team had a lot of team spirit and played some entertaining rugby which they found very enjoyable.

The season started off with a win over another School team but then a series of losses had the team a bit down on morale, but to their credit they went through the last five games unbeaten.

The team was captained well by loose forward Pat McCarthy who was an inspirational leader. Top try-scorers were Marcus Hilyard and Hamish Orbell. William Low was a committed mid-fielder and 'recruited' hooker, Andrew Laiman also had a good hard working season.

Representative Honours

N.Z. Secondary Schools - K.N.Cameron

Otago U18 - L.W. Komene, B.C. Walters

Otago U16 - G.D.Weir, D.M. Roberston, S. Sefo

The National U15 Invitation Tournament was played in Dunedin with the School team finishing in 6th position.

Rugby Football Challenge Cup (The Messrs Morris) - B.T.Kelleher

Mills Trophy for Goal Kicking - R.P.Finch

Epiglass Trophy (Most Promising Player from 1st XV) - K.N.Cameron

Glenfellan Trophy (Services to O.B.H.S. Rugby Club) - D.A.Small

O.B.H.S. Rugby Parents Committee Trophy (Contribution to Team Performance) T.J.Sanders

Team Trophy (McArthur Trophy) - 3rd XV

Best Player Award (Smith Trophy) - B.T.Kelleher

Canada Cup - D.J.Randall

Junior Rugby Trophies

4th Form - J.R.Roy, R.H.Martin

3rd Form Forward (Brandwell Moller Trophy) - R.A.Harley

3rd Form Back - R.J.Campbell

1996

Captain - 1st XV - K.N.Cameron

Vice-captain - N.O.Johnstone

Captain - 2nd XV - C. Matthews

First Fifteen.

H.C.McDougall, J.A.Aitken, S.S.Sefo, E.P.Nosa, S.G.Patterson, M.A.McGregeor, R.P.Finch, G.D.Weir, A.W.Greer, T.Palmer, D.M.Robertson, J.A.Little, L.W.Komene, J.A.Kelly, T.J.Sanders, K.N.Cameron, N.O.Johnstone, H.S.Wilton, B.C.Walter

Coaches:- Mr B.A.Ashwin

Interschools

Southland B.H.S. - Littlebourne - won 10 points to 7.

Finch try, Finch conversion, penalty

Try, conversion

Played 82, won 33, lost 41, drawn 8.

Southland Boys' travelled to Dunedin with a strong team and School were eager to avenge last year's close loss down south. The weather was calm and a large crowd attended to see the match played on a sticky Littlebourne surface.

In the first half the Southland forwards took control with their low body position and played a controlled tight game and kicked for field position. School had some attacking chances but lost the ball at the vital time. The School defence finally gave in to the pressure from Southland and their winger scored close to half-time. It was converted and Southland took a 7-0 lead at halftime.

Shortly after halftime School put pressure on the Southerners line and the ball was shifted wide for fullback Regan Finch to score in the left corner. Finch then converted from the sideline and the crowd went nuts. A couple of minutes later School gained a penalty and Finch kicked it from 40m out to give School the lead, 10-7. Otago Boys' were in control for most of the second half and had to defend well to keep the desperate Southlanders out. Finally the whistle blew and the crowd celebrated. Otago had defended the Trust Bank Challenge Cup for another game. Strong players for School were Lenny Komene (hooker) with strong running, Tom Palmer (lock) who gained brilliant lineout ball, and Finch at fullback with his good field position and tactical play.

King's H.S. - Kings H.S. - lost 13 points to 14.

Cameron try, Finch conversion, 2 penalties

Lawson try, Harris 2 penalties, Barron dropped goal

Played 57, won 35, lost 18, drawn 4.

On a clear, calm day, in front of a large crowd, OBHS played Kings.

Kings came out firing in the first half with their forwards hogging the ball. Kings missed 4 shots at goal early in the first half. They then got a dropped goal, a penalty from OBHS tied the scores. Midway through the first half the Kings halfback scored 10 metres in from touch. OBHS had a kickable penalty just before halftime, however, after some amount of time, after the touch judges had intervened the decision was reversed not giving OBHS a chance of closing the gap.

Half-time score 8-3 (Kings).

After some harsh words at half-time OBHS lifted their game. Kings after changing kickers scored two penalties making the score 14-3. OBHS came back with a penalty, then a try and conversion taking the score to 14-13 which was also the final score.

Few OBHS players would be happy with their performances, however, in the backs Regan Finch had a good game with the boot and in general play, Tom Palmer delivered good quality lineout ball, and became prominent later in the game. Brett Walter's tackling and kicking game was superb.

Timaru B.H.S. - Morrison Park- lost 10 points to 15.

Kelly tries Finch conversion, penalty

Tries 2, conversion, penalty

Played 70, won 39, lost 29, drawn 2.

The worst possible start for both teams with a late change from Fraser Park to Morrison park which was a 15 min ride out of town, apart from this the build-up to their game was great for OBHS. Plus to hear the news of hooker, Lenny Komene, being able to play after a knee injury forced him out.

The ground was a little sticky but it was one of the best grounds in town, because of a lot of overnight rain. A good crowd attended the match. OBHS got off to their best start of the season after a lot of early pressure forced their way over in the corner with a try to fullback, Jason Kelly, and the conversion added by Regan Finch. But after this OBHS let it slip and in the next 20 minutes TBHS were able to score two tries and to add a penalty and conversion to take the score to 15-7. OBHS kicker, Regan Finch, had two shots at goal but missed both. OBHS were able to hold TBHS out until half-time. Half-time score 15-7.

At half-time OBHS lost Paul Davis with yet another head injury so Hamish Wilton moved into second-five and Scott Patterson to the wing. OBHS had some great attacking movements in the second half but were unable to break the line, but when TBHS were on attack, the OBHS backline put in a lot of big hits and forced TBHS into silly mistakes. The only points in the second half were a penalty from Regan Finch. The last 10 minutes was all attack from OBHS with winger Scott Patterson scoring but being called back for putting a foot on the touch line. When the final whistle blew it was disappointment for the team with a 15-10 loss.

OBHS were happy with their performance, as it was the best to date. It was a great tackling game for OBHS as every tackle was made. Tony Sanders was the pick of the backs, with a lot of breaks made but just had no support. And in the forwards James Little was everywhere to clean up the loose ball.

Christ's College - Littlebourne - won 32 points to 15.

Kelly, Cameron, Nosa, Finch (2) tries, Finch 3 conversions ?

Tries (2), conversion, penalty

Played 111, won 55, lost 52, drawn 4.

The ground conditions were good apart from the cricket pitch area. A large crowd attended the match. OBHS and Christ's have a proud reputation and the game promised to be at a high level.

OBHS got off to a great start with fullback Jason Kelly coming into the backline, finding a gap and racing 45 metres to score under the posts. Regan Finch added the conversion.

Christ's replied straight away with OBHS missing a lot of tackles leading to an easy Christ's try. The conversion was added to make the score 7 all.

Christ's were putting considerable pressure on OBHS leading to a penalty out in front of the posts: 10-7.

OBHS had a great passage of play with Keith Cameron crashing over wide out. Finch added a sideline conversion. Christ's added one more try before half-time to lead 15-14 at the break.

A few harsh words from the coach got OBHS fired up. OBHS scored the first points of the second half with a try to Eric Nosa, after the ball was picked up and passed to Eric who ran 10 metres to score with Finch adding the conversion – 21-15. From the kick-off prop Silao Sefu made a great run followed by a good back movement. From deep inside the Christ's College half James Little put a lot of pressure on the Christ's first-five, who then passed a ball out, but it was intercepted by Finch who ran 30 metres to score. He missed the conversion.

The last part of the game was another try to Finch after a long build-up. The kick missed. The final score 31-14 to OBHS. Selao Sefu had a great game with ball in hand and he also put in some big hits. Jason Kelly was safe at fullback, and Chris Finch controlled the backline well.

Waitaki B.H.S. - Milner Park - lost 22 points to 23.

Sanders, Finch, Cameron tries, Finch conversion, penalty, Kelly conversion

Tries (3), penalties (2), conversion

Played 53, won 32, lost 19, drawn 2.

Playing in near perfect conditions on Milner Park, Oamaru, Otago Boys' squandered a 22-6 lead midway through the second half to lose 22-23 to an adventurous Waitaki Boys' team.

For 9 members of the OBHS team it was the day they got 'capped' and they all wanted to make it a day to remember.

Dominating the early lineouts, Waitaki quickly gained a 3 point lead with a penalty goal. Otago responded with a good blindside try to Tony Sanders from a scrum outside the Waitaki twenty two. Penalty kicks were traded for Otago Boys' to take an 8-6 lead at half time.

With the Otago pack slowly gaining ascendancy, they completely dominated the third quarter with strong driving and running off the rucks. Regan Finch scored a great individual try following strong forward pressure which forced a Waitaki error. Finch got the ball on the 10 metre line chipped over the backline, and kicked it on to score in the corner. Finch also added the sideline conversion.

This was closely followed by a team try to Keith Cameron after a sustained period on attack. Jason Kelly kicked the conversion to extend the lead to 22-6 with twenty minutes remaining.

The last 15 minutes belonged to the Waitaki backs and loose forwards who ran at will to score two late wingers tries to close the score to 22-20. A late penalty to Waitaki gave them a fine comeback to win 22-23.

Christchurch B.H.S. - Straven Road - won 23 points to 18.

Aitken, Kelly (2), Wilton tries, Finch penalty

Played 80, won 36, lost 42, drawn 2.

A brisk start gave Otago an early advantage. Strong driving forward play, good field position and astute blindside play by Walter and Kelly resulted in a 10-nil half-time lead. Maintaining the pressure in the third quarter extended our lead to 23-nil. The last fifteen minutes belonged to Christchurch Boys' who rallied strongly, breaking our midfield defence on several occasions. Otago managed to tie up the ball for the last few minutes to seal a very tense and exciting win.

Otago Boys' Rugby Celebrates 125 years

When Otago Boys' High School met Waitaki Boys' High School earlier in the season the result was a narrow 22-23 loss.

Recently they met in different circumstances – at home on OBHS's Littlebourne Ground, as a highpoint of the Schools Rugby Club 125th anniversary celebrations, and at stake a new trophy to be played for annually by the two teams.

With the tradition evoked in such a game – banners, caps ceremoniously removed before the start of play, and stirring hakas – it was hoped the game would live up to expectations.

Waitaki set the early pace with first-five Nick Boulton scoring and converting his try. Otago responded with a try to their first-five Regan Finch, to trail 5-7, but Otago's forwards strength and well-drilled backline was starting to assert itself, with the other two first half tries going to Otago's wings Hamish Wilton and Tony Sanders for a 17-7 lead at the break.

Then the floodgates opened as Otago ran in six second half tries. Waitaki could respond with just one try, fittingly to winger Paul Ruddenklau who had an outstanding game for the visitors along with his captain Riki Kiore and half-back Hamish McKenzie.

12^{5th} vs Waitaki B.H.S. - Littlebourne - won 53 points to 14

Finch (2), Wilton (2), Sanders, McGregor, Roberston, Walter, Cameron tries, Finch 4 conversions

Boulton, Ruddenklau tries, Boulton 2 conversions

Caltex Top Four Knock Out Competition

The team travelled to the graveyard of so many first fifteens – Southland Boys' High School No 1 ground – for the first round of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Knock Out Competition. An epic struggle ensued with the lead changing constantly. A 12-all draw sent the game into extra time. A great team try to Finch gave us a 19-12 lead. Continuing to attack we conceded a 60 metre intercept which tied the scores at 19 all. Into the second period of extra-time and sudden death. After ten painful minutes Southland managed to kick a penalty goal to give them a 22-19 win. Muscles cramped and overflowing with lactic acid the team limped, crawled or were carried onto the bus for a trip home with mixed emotions at the end of a long, arduous and challenging season.

Southland B.H.S. - Invercargill - lost 19 points to 22

Magazine Report 1996

The 1996 season was one of new horizons for the first fifteen. A young and inexperienced squad faced the full strength of a restricted Under 20 grade and the introduction of a knock-out format for the 'Top Four' Secondary Schools Competition. A special moment for the team was playing the feature game against traditional foes Waitaki Boys' in front of a large crowd of Old Boys during the Rugby Club's 125th Anniversary celebrations.

The two section format for the Colts grade was replaced with one section Under 20 grade. This meant playing the top club sides and the University Blues and Whites – a daunting task to say the least. An early season game against Zingari colts gave the team a wake-up call as to the standard and physical commitment necessary to compete in Under 20.

Hard training with an emphasis on physical fitness and contact soon had the team competing well, winning our first five club matches. A 23-9 win against University White boosted the teams confidence. Narrow losses to the 1995 First Fifteen (disguised in Kaikorai jerseys) and University Blue followed. A huge physical commitment against Kaikorai and matching the Blues flair and panache was not enough to overcome their power and experience.

Injuries to key backs Paul Davis and Tony Sanders coupled with the departure of Colin Lemalu caused a drastic rearrangement of the backline and the loss of scoring potential. Niggling injuries to Keith Cameron and Lenny Komene also took the sting out of the forward pack. The team struggled to maintain its form through the middle part of the season. The pressure went on the new boys, Regan Finch, Mark McGregor and Brett Walter in the backs, while James Little and Tom Palmer in the forwards stood up and were counted. The two veterans left standing, Nick Johnstone and Jason Kelly (switched to fullback) both contributed significantly during this dark period.

The latter part of the season saw a return to form. With players returning from injury and improving performances from the younger players the team won its remaining club matches and its last four first fifteen matches (including one by default against King's High School).

125th Anniversary Reunion of OBHS Rugby Club

The OBHS Rugby Club's 125th Reunion celebrations took place over the weekend of August 30th – September 1st. The function centre in the redeveloped Shand Block was used for the Friday evening gathering and some two hundred and fifty ex-players crammed in and amid the cacophony of noise had a marvellous evening of catching up with old team mates and reminiscing about exploits. The oldest player remembered his team being undefeated in the Junior grades in 1915-16 and there was a good scattering of the decades through to the present day. This was apparent at the photograph session on the Saturday morning which was greeted with a magnificently fine day.

A feast of rugby followed on Littlebourne with the Under 15 Tournament Team finding our Southland Boys' visitors too strong in the early game. A desperate band of Old Boys' from the 1970's predominately, although the eldest played in the 1955 1st XV, played a Kaikorai R.F.C. Golden Oldies side next. The School side belied their age, fitness and skill level by running in some excellent tries and winning handsomely. I heard afterwards the whole occasion proved very emotional with some tears in the eyes – or perhaps it was the smell of the Littlebourne mud again.

The main game was a return game against Waitaki B.H.S. 1st XV who had pipped us earlier in the season by one point. The reply was conclusive with a huge win to a well motivated School 1st XV spurred on by a grandstand full of Old Boys and a stirring haka from a large group of present pupils who enjoyed the day.

Saturday night saw the University Union as the venue for the Formal Dinner and what a superb occasion it was. Everything from the introduction by the present pupils, through the main speaker, International Referee Lindsay McLachlan, to the cutting of the cake and a rousing rendition of the School song made for a most entertaining and enjoyable evening and the highlight of a memorable weekend.

Sunday the museum remained an attraction for some while the hostel had several old Rectorians look about the place. Most, however, were content to relax after a busy time and reflect hopefully that its not another 125 years before we can all enjoy such a Reunion again!

2nd XV

This year the Second XV season got underway after a series of pre-season games in which three of the five were won by the Seconds.

This years team had only two returning with the team being reasonably inexperienced at this level and also very young, but there was going to be a bit of difficulty competing against the bigger more physical 1st XV's.

Interschools

Southland Boys' High School

The first of three interschool matches was played on Wednesday 5th June at Montecillo, against Southland in wet, windy conditions.

OBHS scored early after the forwards drove as a unit and finished off by prop, Matthew Toa, to take an early 7-0 lead. Ten minutes later Southland hit back with a penalty. After that a well rehearsed move by the OBHS back-line resulted in a try to Mark McGregor, conversion made by Scottish Super Boot, Malcolm Clapperton, followed by a penalty just before half-time. Fifteen minutes into the second half with the wind behind them the OBHS 2nd 5, Chris Hurst, scored a solo try to take the game out of Southland's reach even though they hit back in the last minute. Final score 22-10.

Matthew Toa, Chris Hurst, Mark McGregor tries; Malcolm Clapperton 2 conversions, penalty

Waitaki Boys' High School

In the second match against Waitaki Boys' in Oamaru, the ground conditions were very good. The OBHS forward pack were rampant with two early tries to front rowers Charles Matthews and Matthew Toa. Later in the half a grubber kick from Charles Matthews was chased and dotted down by Chris Hurst. Half-time score 23-3.

Straight into the second half winger Michael Aubrey scored in the corner but also injured himself while doing so. Once again the forwards were dominating up front with a try to prop Bevan Ross. A brilliant backline move paid off with Filippo Wong cruising to the try line. The last play saw James Aitken score in the corner with the conversion from Hamish Blakely. Full-time score 47-8

Charles Matthews, James Aitken, Matthew Toa, Chris Hurst, Bevan Ross, Michael Aubrey, Filippo Wong tries; Malcolm Clapperton 2 penalties, conversion; Hamish Blakely 2 conversions.

Christ's College

In the last of the three interschools OBHS hosted Christ's. Once again the match was transferred to Montecillo as Littlebourne was out of action.

The Christs' team had a very powerful and mobile forward pack, however, their backline was the weakness. Twenty minutes into the match fullback Richard Morris showed a clean pair of heels to the try line, after early penalties were converted by each team. Just before half-time winger. Filipino Wong, darted up the sideline to score in the corner. Half-time score 13-6. The second half was very even but the OBHS backs were dominating and Michael Aubrey scored in the last minutes. Final score 18-6.

Richard Morris, Filipino Wong, Michael Aubrey tries; Malcolm Clapperton penalty.

Kings High School

As the Second XV approached the King's game they prepared well all week with a very good build-up.

The game started well with both teams being very physical and after a good build-up Richard Morris dotted down in the corner. Late in the half a brilliant individual try to Malcolm Clapperton with a great chip and chase to score under the posts, taking the score to 12-6 which was also the half-time score.

Into the second half and two penalties saw OBHS have a good lead now with a very good team try finished superbly by Craig Byers taking the game out of King's grasp. This day every player from OBHS played their hearts out and this made it one of the best games this season.

All in all its been a very good season and every player's skill and ability has been greatly improved, although scores against the three other main first fifteens (Kavanagh, John McGlashan, St Kevins) say otherwise. Against those teams OBHS put a good fight as solid opposition and even managed a draw against the Kavanagh 1st XV halfway through the season.

A special thanks to Mr Rust who spent a lot of time and effort into building this team into what it is now. And also to Mr Miller who was a great help as our manager and also providing equipment. Thank you.

3rd XV

The 3rd XV of 1996 had a mixed season starting strongly with big wins over John McGlashan and King's. But, like a lot of teams this season, we found that the four term year, which caused us to have a holiday mid-season, did not help our continuity.

When we returned from the break, the team lacked the previous high intensity, with a number of lacklustre performances.

But we started to rebuild and get upon our winning way again. Memorable victories over Kavanagh and Eastern in which the team fought back from 12-0 at half-time, to come through and take the game 17-12 within the last 15 minutes of the match, made the end of our last season playing for school a favourable one.

Successes like these are made possible by stand-out players like forwards Tom Dalley, Dylan Rushbrook and Sean Galvin, and the classy backs like Henry Medary, Roni Taurari, Heath Clucas, Michael Smith and top try scorer Ben Baxter. Captain Aidan Currie led from the front and his motivational talks inspired many victories.

The team would like to thank our esteemed manager Mr Bill Trewhern, whose sideline calls left us in no doubt as to what he wanted, also to our inspirational coach Alfie Hunter, to whom we owe a lot. We wish these two the best of luck for the future and thank them for an enjoyable season both on and off the field.

Under 17 Blue

This years Under 17 Blue team was a bit different to the previous year's as the 1996 was made up of all 6th formers.

This season the Senior Blues played some very good rugby which was enjoyed by everyone watching and playing. There were some very good wins against King's 3rds, Kavanagh 2nds and Eastern.

We also had memorable games against King's Colts, OBHS 3rds and Excelsior, which all resulted in draws.

Another highlight was the game against the touring Japanese team in front of the school, where we got to do the haka. This match was very exciting running rugby, where the touring team scored in the last minutes to clinch it with a 90 metre try.

This was a great experience for both teams, and the Senior Blues enjoyed it even though losing 17-12.

The Fonua brothers had an exceptional season, along with Captain Andrew Law and Sheridan Scott, the Jacksons were powerful in the mid-field, and our forward pack were a force to be reckoned with in the Secondary Schools Section 1. The team finished second equal.

Thanks very much to our loyal coach Mr Panting for a fun and enjoyable season.

Under 17 White

The Under 17 Whites had many encouraging results during the 1996 season. A big win over Bayfield and a hard-fought encounter with Waitaki Boys' were the highlights. The whole team showed a lot of commitment and promise, and were directed well by halfbacks Andrew Fergus and Paul Turner. First five, Steven Parkinson, played solidly and allowed rampaging runs from his midfield backs Mac Passmore, Nick Hamilton and Chris Bradley. On the wings to finish our attacking moves were Hayden Smith, Jared Kennedy, Craig Jaspers, Matthew Gillet and the elusive Jason Hughes. The forwards set a good platform and were led well up front by Stuart Banks, Tony Mayo and Maaka Pohutu. The team often secured good lineout ball through David Richards, Justin Bennet and Clayton Nisbet, and were well supported by loose forwards Ben Butterfield, Phillip Ware, Chris Foster and Shane McDonald. From the back of the scrum Jon Gardiner always hit the advantage line and set up second phase ball for the backs to use wide. The season finished with a close loss to King's but the team, under the guidance of Duncan McConnell and coaching of Jeff Collins and Pita Wilson, became a tight unit and had an enjoyable season despite not getting the results many had hoped for.

The season – played 11, won 3, drew 1, lost 7, points for 181, points against 229.

Under 16 Blue

Record - played 16, won 14, lost 1, drew 1

Apart from a loss to King's Colts, at the start of the season, and a draw against South Otago High School 2nd XV, the season went well.

Some of the teams we were drawn to play were a total mis-match, but they gave us a chance to try our moves and work on our weaknesses.

Other games however, were more of a challenge. A tough game against Eastern was won through superior determination, and a higher fitness level (20-8).

Our game against the 3rd XV was played in freezing conditions, at Brockville, and was close throughout the whole game. We eventually enjoyed a 25-17 win.

Because of our previous result against Waitaki Colts, we were chosen to play the Waitaki Interschool. We dominated right from the first whistle and had a convincing 57-0 win.

We were again drawn against Eastern, and this time Eastern had the better of us, until half-time that is, when we came back from 15-0 down, to win 25-15, this was a great team effort.

We then had our semi-final for the 'Mobil' Southern Bulk Distribution Challenge Cup. This was played against Kavanagh 2nd XV, whom we had previously beaten 19-0, this time we played a lot better and came through with a 32-7 win.

The win against Kavanagh put us into the final against South Otago High School 2nd XV, who we had previously drawn with 13-13 in Balclutha. We played well as a unit, and showed determination to win the 'Mobil' Bulk Distribution Challenge Cup 26-7.

The team would like to thank the two coaches Mr Cooke and Steve Hastie, for the time and effort they put into coaching, throughout the whole season.

Under 15 Blue

The 1996 Otago Boys High School 15 Blue Rugby team got off to a bad start.

Again drawn to play King's Panthers first game of the season, the School lead 10-0 at half-time but lost 12-10 to a last minute try and conversion. From there the team went from strength to strength, training hard and with some big wins over Taieri and Logan Park.

However, we still hadn't 'clicked' as a team but with the persistence of Mr Pickford and Mr Martin when we were drawn to play King's again we were ready.

With a decisive victory over King's in the second game this saw the turnaround in the season. There was much hype before the Whites game, which we settled on the field easily, and we began preparing for the National U15 Tournament which was to be held in Hamilton.

Tournament started with a hiss and a roar with Mark Larsens hake followed by a loss to Hamilton Boys' in a closely contested match in which Tim Doherty was injured and could not partake in the rest of the tournament. The next game against Palmerston Boys' was disappointing as we conceded our second loss. Things were looking grim but our team dug deep to pull off a great victory, 50-0 over Fraser College and 20-0 St Johns. This positioned us to play Napier Boys' for 9th and 10th place, we played well but against a sizeable opposition they were the better team on the day, winning 32-7.

On behalf of the team we'd like to thank the parents who gave their time to give us much needed support away from home. The players' sponsors also deserve thanks for their finance, also the the supporters who braved the Dunedin winter and finally coaches Mr Martin and Mr Pickford for their commitment to what made an enjoyable season of rugby for all.

Under 15 Gold

Captain = Pat McCarthy.

As the 4th and 5th form U15 Gold rugby season had finished we came out with some excellent results. The Golds won 70% of the games in which they played having losses to the U15 Panthers, Kavanagh, U15 Black and Taieri. The forwards lacked a little in height but were a good tight pack. With our lineout jumpers Lachlan Rutherford and Steven Fyfe we claimed a good percentage of the ball.

The backs also had a good try scoring season with Justin Cadman setting the example. All round Justin had a very good kicking and tackling season. Marcus Hilyard also had a top season at fullback.

The highlights of the season were beating John McGlashan U15 and beating Taieri 3 times out of 4.

Thanks to our coaches Craig Norwood, Lincoln Rawls, Andrew O'Laughlan and to those who helped during the season with transport etc.

Under 15 Red

As a fourth form team, the Reds performed admirably, even though the results throughout the season were a little mixed. The best victory was a 137-0 win over the Taieri High School B team.

Although the team was supposedly the bottom U15 team, the skill level and team spirit at times was remarkable. The forwards worked hard with Andrew Laiman (prop) and Steven O'Callaghan (lock) impressing throughout the year with their skill and commitment. In the backs, captain and second-five Robert Bell was a strong runner, setting up and scoring many tries throughout the season. On the wing Johnathon Barkman showed scorching pace and tidy footwork which often inspired the boys to victory.

Overall the U15 Reds represented the school well. Games were always played in good spirit, and the team is grateful for the efforts of Mr Stoddart, Mr Bell, Mr Duerdan and Glenn Hurring throughout the season.

Under 15 Silver

The Under 15 Silvers played very well this season with 7 wins and 7 losses. We played good tight forward rugby but still scored tries wide out. Some of the team's outstanding players were Andrew Nowell playing in the loose; and Grant Boyd playing lock, with Jarod Taylor impressing at centre.

We started off well with a win over the King's Leopards and good wins over Bayfield during the season. We finished the season with a game against the Reds in atrocious conditions and won by a narrow 5 points. We wish to thank Simon Bell and Gareth Agnew for coaching us during a long and difficult season and to the other people who helped out during the season.

Under 15 White

Little did we think, as we played our first game together in April, that 4 months and 14 games later we would still be unbeaten going into our last match of the season. As it transpired we lost that last match against our Blue team by a solitary try in a very even game, but this did not spoil what was a marvellous season. The team developed a very close team spirit and a most determined and positive attitude was always present. 555 points were scored and just 85 conceded as we surprised both ourselves and our coaches with the winning margins in some games.

Highlights of the season were our successes against Kings Panther's, particularly the 29-22 win early in the season when the result was most unexpected, a hard fought win 31-13 against Dunstan in Alexandra, and probably our best win was 29-0 against the McGlashan U16 team on a very wet field. The team really believed in its ability to win and this helped us come from behind on several occasions. Attendances at practices were excellent with everyone there and always working hard to prepare for the next match.

The team was well captained by versatile back Sam Purvis, while our outstanding player for the season was second-five Tim Platt. Shaan Turner kicked over 90 points for the team from first five-eighth. Huntly Cook was a tireless worker in the front row and the speed of Emmanuel Brown at flanker and the experience of Brent Hill ensured a solid platform up front. Thanks to the many parents who were there every week to support us, and to coaches Mr Bond and Peter Bennett for a most enjoyable season.

Under 14 Blue

For some the introduction to different training techniques and requirements and changing game patterns, from those experienced at Primary School level, took some time to adjust. However, as the players' confidence levels grew so did the skill levels allowing the team to play with flair and produce some excellent, enterprising rugby. As the season developed many players demonstrated the potential to be future members of the 1st XV, provided their development continues. The resolve that was evident in the first game of the season (a 25-25 draw against King's Panthers) was an important ingredient to the teams success as was the excellent attendance at practice where the response to new skills and drills was very pleasing.

The forward pack produced some impressive displays, especially against the U15 teams that the team was promoted to play against, and was not bettered all season. Essential to this was the front row contingent of Josh Toa, Sean Everitt, Jordan Sheed, Steven Jakeway and Aaron Haugh, who were very competitive and, at times, too strong for the opposition. Locks Colin Wells and Stephen Kolose played in every game winning enormous amount of line-out ball and both scoring numerous tries from their barging runs. The loose forwards capitalized on the good work of the tight five and were unmatched all season. Jay Jackson, Justin Ellison, Paul Carroll, and captain, Andrew Tweed, were exceptionally quick to break-downs and were able to keep momentum going with their quick delivery of ball to supporting forwards or backs.

The back-line was well served by Steven Gould at half-back while outside him Lachy McLean, Kane Pitman, William Kennedy and Grant Fisher, all showed the ability to beat their opposites. As the season progressed the passing skills and the reading of the game by this group developed well and this allowed the outside backs of Hugh Bagley, Carl Berryman, Phil Lemin, Sam Yule and Tom Bates at fullback, to show their flair and some excellent tries were scored. Mention must also be made of the outstanding defensive work of Grant Fisher who was the outstanding mid-field tackler in the U14 grade. In a fitting finale to the season the U14 Blues hosted an U14 team from the Sylvania Rugby Club, Sydney, and managed a comprehensive 51-0 victory.

Finally, thanks to the loyal band of parents who supported the team each Saturday.

Representative Honours

K.N.Cameron - N.Z. Secondary Schools

R.P Finch - New Zealand U16

L.W. Komene, K.N.Cameron - South Island Secondary Schools

R.P.Finch, M.A.McGregor - South Island U16

G.D.Weir, T.J.Sanders, H.S.Wilton, B.C.Walter, T.Parker, M.Millar - Otago Secondary Schools

L.W.Komene, B.C.Walter, K.N.Cameron, H.S.Wilton - Otago U18

R.P.Finch, J.Collie, H.McDougall, M.A.McGregor, R.McCaw, H.Blakely, R.Martin, L.Columb, J.Roy, K.Jury, A.Bailey, H.Ferriman, M.Aubrey, M.Toa - Otago U16

The National U15 Invitation Tournament was played in Hamilton with the School team finishing in 10th position.

Rugby Football Challenge Cup (The Messrs Morris) - K.N.Cameron

Mills Trophy for Goal Kicking - R.P.Finch

Epiglass Trophy (Most Promising Player from 1st XV) - R.P.Finch

Glenfellan Trophy (Services to O.B.H.S. Rugby Club) - J.M.Rutherford

O.B.H.S. Rugby Parents Committee Trophy (Contribution to Team Performance) - B.C.Walter

Most Improved Player of 1st XV (125th Anniversary Trophy) - T.Palmer

Team Trophy (McArthur Trophy) - U16 Blues

Best Player Award (Smith Trophy) - K.N.Cameron

Canada Cup - R.P.Morris

Junior Rugby Trophies

4th Form - T.M.Garden, D.S.C.McClintock

3rd Form Forward (Brandwell Moller Trophy) - A.J.Tweed

3rd Form Back (John Swan and Co Trophy) - G.C.Fisher