

Harbord Harlequins Rugby



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Annual Report 2011

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The guts, the glory.... and the guts are gonna hurt after this!



U10C - Ah guys, am I talking to myself here? Why does Mr Whippy always pull up at half-time?"

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President

Sean Richardson

Vice-Presidents

Juniors - Andrew Sidery
Minis - Campbell Forsyth

Secretary

Blithe Robinson

Treasurer

Colin House

Sponsorship Coordinator

David Grayling

Fundraising Coordinator

Paddy Douneen

Social Coordinator

John Burgman

NON-COMMITTEE ROLES

Administrator & Registrar

Rochelle Robinson

Gear Steward

David Grayling

Referee Liaison Officer

Chris Hedge



Winners are indeed gridders... with a wee glint in their eyes!



U11C - Many a game was won in the second half... fuelled by Peggy's oranges!



U11F - Where are you guys? I'm outnumbered!

president's report



The Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club had a hugely successful 2011 season, both on and off the field. Much of this was attributable to the work of our volunteers and committee members, who contributed many hours to ensure the smooth and coordinated running of the club.

ON-FIELD

This year we fielded 15 Junior teams in the Sydney Junior Rugby Union metropolitan competition, from U10s to U16s. Two of these teams were blended with our fellow village clubs Manly (U13s) and Seaforth (U16s).

We also fielded 14 Minis teams (U6 to U9) in the local Manly Warringah competition.

In all, 421 boys registered to play, a 10% increase on last year's numbers and a vote of confidence in our club, which is positioning itself well for future years.

Success on the field is not always judged by the number of premierships, grand final appearances or points scored for and against, but also by the number of boys who continue to commit to training on wet evenings and muddy grounds, parents prepared to travel to all points around Sydney to play the game we enjoy, and the sportsman-like behaviour demonstrated by coaches and parents each and every week. These traits build the foundations of the moral fabric that our boys will take with them into the future. It is dependant upon strong leadership from active role models and mentors, both male and female, and positive parental guidance, without which the Harlequins would not be the club we are today.

As a club, we achieved some notable distinctions this year:

- 7 teams in Cup Grand Finals (won 5)
- 5 teams in Plate Grand Finals (won 3)
- 56 players were selected for Manly District representative teams; and the U11 rep team, which included 12 Harlequins players, won the State Championship
- 3 players were selected for the U15s Northern and Southern Zone representative teams; and

one of these players, Marcus Cutler, was selected in the NSW side

- an U16s player, Sam Duke, was selected in the Northern Zone representative team

OFF-FIELD

Much of our success on the field has come about because we inherited a strong volunteer ethic and governing principles from former committee members. As the club has grown, we have also set in place an environment of continuous improvement to challenge existing processes and procedures. To this end, the Harlequins employed a part-time administrator at the start of the year to ease the burden carried by a few volunteers for so long. As with most new initiatives, teething problems occurred, job descriptions became blurred and duplication became apparent, but we pushed through and the end result was a successful transition towards a semi-professional sports organisation.

As a growing club, and by virtue of our size, we also became aware that a number of our parents had, and continue to deal with, serious health issues. As a committed community organisation, the Harlequins will always be available to provide comfort, support and assistance to our members. At times like this, it also allows us to reflect on what is truly important and to ensure we approach all aspects of our life in a positive and balanced way.

With club growth comes an increased need for adequate training facilities, equipment and appropriately positioned storage facilities. Our off-field joint venture with the North Curl Curl Knights allowed us to increase our on-field presence with a community partner whose existing facilities were under-utilised. This process was made possible through the support of Knights representatives Les Elliot (President) and Mark Messenger (Secretary), who understood and shared our views as to what the joint venture could provide to the members of both clubs, and who approached the agreement in an open-minded and flexible way.

We welcomed Dee Why Returned Services League as new sponsors of the club. Along with our existing

financial sponsors - Macquarie Leasing, LJ Hooker Freshwater, the Freshwater Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank, Freshwater Financial Services and Payroll Paper Solutions - they help provide us with the financial resources necessary to undertake and complete strategies for the benefit of members.

To help us continue to improve and explore new ideas and directions, our club has a constitutional requirement for changes in leadership, and the 2011 season sees the exit of five valued committee members - David Bacon, John Burgman, Campbell Forsyth, Blithe Robinson and Paddy Douneen. Each of these committee members volunteered an extraordinary amount of time and energy to the club and we will be forever grateful for their commitment. I'm sure they will all remain connected to the club for years to come and remain available to future committee members for their wise advice and counsel.

These five committee roles need to be filled at our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 30 October. The calibre of people nominated to step forward for the 2012 season allows me to also step down as President after two years in the role, a decision made easier in the knowledge that the people currently involved and those nominated are well qualified to take the club to a new level.

My involvement with the club over the past eight years, with five of these in an executive capacity, has been enormously satisfying. My association with a large number of parents and players again reinforces the strong bond of our code and our club. Many of these friendships will be lifelong, and without these personalities the Harlequins would not be the club it is today.

Finally, as we look forward to the 2012 season, I hope you all enjoy the summer and come back refreshed and eager to embrace the challenges ahead with equal amounts of laughter, fun and most of all a sense of perspective that we all need for children's sport.

Sean Richardson
President

MUCH OF OUR SUCCESS ON THE FIELD HAS COME ABOUT BECAUSE WE INHERITED A STRONG VOLUNTEER ETHIC...



Departing committee member & MasterChef contender, John Burgman



The club recorded a net surplus for the current year of \$17,701 (2010 \$20,410). This enabled the club to increase its bank balance and term deposits to \$142,382 (2010 \$130,028).

The club's gross profit and other income increased by 25% to \$92,163 (2010 \$73,852), derived from:

2011		2010
52%	registration & membership fees	47%
23%	sponsorship	26%
20%	gross profit from trading	15%
5%	fundraising, commissions, other	12%
100%		100%

Key factors in deriving this income were:

- Higher registration fees of \$48,352 (2010 \$34,801). Registration fees were increased this year to cover Club Administrator costs and parent membership fees for Dee Why RSL.
- Increase in gross profit from trading to \$17,882 (2010 \$11,061). This was largely due to the hosting of trial matches, semi-finals and finals. (Last year, Grand Final hosting rights were donated to the Manly Rep U11 & U12 NZ tour party). Canteen storage and refrigeration facilities permitted more bulk buying opportunities and less wastage, resulting in an increase in gross profit margin from 40% to 51%.
- Increase in sponsorship to \$21,000 (2010 \$19,350) with the addition of new sponsor Dee Why RSL Club.
- Harlequins Cup gala day income of \$5,659 (2010 \$3,769), which continues to be a key fundraising event. (Canteen revenue and expenses are reported under Trading Profit and have been estimated based on GP% for comparative purposes. Bendigo Bank sponsorship of \$1,000 is included in sponsorship income).
- Lower fundraising income due to non-participation in Freshwater Fair (2010 \$2,866).

Club expenses increased by \$22,205 (39%) to \$78,637 (2010 \$56,432). The main drivers of this increase were:

- Introduction of Club Administrator position (\$12,000).
- Medallions, trophies & awards increased to \$7,684 (2010 \$4,159) due to renewal of Minis game day trophies, an increase in player numbers and an upgrade in quality.
- Clothing \$24,809 (2010 \$20,878) due to renewal of club jerseys.
- Rent to North Curl Curl Knights \$2,200 (2010 \$750), allowing full use of the canteen.
- Pre-season 10-Year Strategy Day (\$2,418), not incurred last year.
- DY RSL membership fees (\$2,035), not incurred last year.

These increases were partially offset by reductions in coaching and training fees (down \$1,630), rep payments (down \$2,750) and donations (down \$1,339).

Capital expenditure comprised canteen fitout costs (\$2,080), soft drink fridge (\$3,025) and new corner posts, poles and goal post pads (\$3,478).

I would like to thank Andrew Gourley for his ongoing and generous support of the club, including the conduct of the independent review of our accounts.

In accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act 1984 Section 26(6), the financial accounts as set out on the following pages have been prepared. The club committee considers these are not misleading and give a true and fair view of the:

- income and expenditure of the club for the year ended 30 September 2011; and
- assets and liabilities of the club as at 30 Sep 2011.

In addition, the club committee confirms that there are no mortgages, charges or other securities of any description affecting any of the property of the club as at 30 September 2011.

Colin House
Treasurer

INDEPENDENT REVIEW
OF THE HARBORD HARLEQUINS RUGBY CLUB
2011 FINANCIAL REPORT

SCOPE

I have reviewed the Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet (2011 Financial Report) of Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club as set out on the following pages. The Club's Committee are responsible for the 2011 Financial Report. I have performed an independent review of the 2011 Financial Report in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures set out below, anything has come to my attention that would indicate that the 2011 Financial Report is not presented fairly.

My review has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards applicable to review engagements. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of the Club's Committee and agreement of the 2011 Financial Report to the Club's books and records on a test basis. These procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, thus the level of assurance is less than given in an audit.

STATEMENT

Based on my review, I have not become aware of any matter that makes me believe that the 2011 Financial Report of Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club does not give a true and fair view of the Club's financial position as at 30 September 2011 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.

Andrew Gourley
Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants
in Australia



Treasurer - 25% growth...hmmm!



Sam Duke in full stride

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2011

	2011	2010	2009
	\$	\$	\$
Trading income			
Sales - home games	30,462	20,917	24,461
Sales - merchandise	4,635	6,981	748
	<u>35,097</u>	<u>27,898</u>	<u>25,209</u>
Less: cost of sales			
Purchases - home games	13,134	10,360	11,355
Purchases - merchandise	2,981	6,477	(329)
Canteen running costs	1,100	-	-
	<u>17,215</u>	<u>16,837</u>	<u>11,026</u>
Gross Profit	<u>17,882</u>	<u>11,061</u>	<u>14,183</u>
GP%	51%	40%	56%
Add: Other income			
Registration fees	48,352	34,801	30,400
Sponsorship	21,000	19,350	9,500
Fundraising	2,210	6,635	12,532
Commissions received	1,975	1,490	1,905
Sales - jerseys	-	175	1,627
Miscellaneous	744	340	400
	<u>74,281</u>	<u>62,791</u>	<u>56,364</u>
Total GP & other income	<u>92,163</u>	<u>73,852</u>	<u>70,547</u>
Less: Expenses			
Jerseys, shirts, shorts & socks	24,809	20,878	21,822
Insurance & levies	13,237	15,602	11,718
Administration expenses	12,000	-	-
Medallions, trophies & awards	7,684	4,159	5,251
Training & playing equipment	1,076	687	139
Canteen & storage rental	2,200	750	-
Field marking	1,300	-	-
Coaching & training fees	150	1,780	1,500
Meetings & social functions	1,161	2,052	1,347
Advertising	1,417	1,250	1,250
Bank charges	681	753	595
Strategy Day	2,418	-	-
Club affiliation fees	2,035	-	-
Website expenses	1,691	2,013	-
Donations	930	2,269	-
Fees written off	730	460	-
Hall & equipment hire	650	-	-
Miscellaneous	4,468	3,779	3,922
	<u>78,637</u>	<u>56,432</u>	<u>47,544</u>
Operating income	<u>13,526</u>	<u>17,420</u>	<u>23,003</u>
Non-operating income & expenses			
Interest income	6,384	5,018	3,817
Depreciation expense	(2,209)	(2,028)	(1,458)
NET SURPLUS	17,701	20,410	25,362

financial report
for the Year Ended 30 September 2011

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2011

	2011	2010	2009
	\$	\$	\$
ASSETS			
Cash & Receivables			
Bank balance	9,212	18,242	32,241
Term deposits	133,170	111,786	78,312
Debtors	1,000	340	1,680
	<u>143,382</u>	<u>130,368</u>	<u>112,233</u>
Other Current Assets			
Merchandise stock on hand	6,633	7,753	4,400
	<u>6,633</u>	<u>7,753</u>	<u>4,400</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Equipment at cost	15,332	23,732	20,882
Less: accumulated depreciation	(5,125)	(19,898)	(17,870)
Equipment at written down value	<u>10,207</u>	<u>3,834</u>	<u>3,012</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>160,222</u>	<u>141,955</u>	<u>119,645</u>
LESS: LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	2,466	1,900	-
Total Liabilities	<u>2,466</u>	<u>1,900</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS	157,756	140,055	119,645
Accumulated Surplus			
Brought forward	140,055	119,645	94,283
Current year	17,701	20,410	25,362
TOTAL ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	157,756	140,055	119,645

sponsorship report



A big thank you once again to Macquarie Leasing, LJ Hooker Freshwater, the Freshwater Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank, Freshwater Financial Services, Payroll Paper Solutions and our new sponsor Dee Why RSL for your ongoing financial support of the Harbord Harlequins Rugby Club.

Each year as the club grows, our requirements to purchase playing gear and equipment puts additional strain on our budget, and the generous contributions from our financial sponsors allow us to keep registration fees at an affordable level so we can keep as many boys as possible in the game of rugby.

I would like to make special mention of Cranston Schwartz of LJ Hooker Freshwater for his contribution towards the production of the caps for the club, which were given away to all registering players at the beginning of the season.

I would also like to thank Northside Embroidery (embroidery on playing shorts), Payroll Paper Solutions (printing of information booklets) and Complete Framing (sponsors' gifts) for their generous non-cash contributions. All are appreciated.

I urge all players and their families to support the businesses that support the club, since without their support the club could not operate as it does.

On behalf of all the Harlequins players and supporters, I extend a big thank you to all our sponsors and we look forward to continuing a strong relationship in 2012 and beyond.

David Grayling
Sponsorship Coordinator

SPONSOR	2011	2010	2009
	\$	\$	\$
Cash			
Macquarie Leasing	5,000	5,000	-
Dee Why RSL Club	4,500	-	-
LJ Hooker Freshwater	4,000	4,000	4,000
Freshwater Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank	4,000	3,000	3,000
Freshwater Financial Services	3,000	3,000	1,500
Payroll Paper Solutions	500	-	-
RI Advice	-	1,000	1,000
Assetlink	-	2,850	-
Complete Framing	-	500	-
	21,000	19,350	9,500
Non-Cash			
LJ Hooker Freshwater (caps)	2,160	-	-
Northside Embroidery (shorts)	1,500	1,500	-
Payroll Paper Solutions (printing)	500	1,000	-
Complete Framing (awards)	260	500	-
More 4 Life Financial Services (prizes)	-	1,500	-
Le Kiosk (lunch vouchers)	-	750	-
	4,420	5,250	



U6 Blue - Keen to get going



< U12A - More clean ball



^ U11A - Grand Final winners
< U11C - Looking the (not so) goods





U6 GOLD

September is time to reflect
And have a giggle with the new friends we have met
Most Saturdays there was entertainment for young and old
From those boys of Harlequins U6 Gold

The boys were sent in the right direction
With forward passes not rating a mention
With a guiding hand from Richard the Coach
Who it was rumoured the Wallabies tried to poach

Callum would swoop around the back
Then turn forward to vent his attack
With his ability to find the white line
It was only a question of time...

Next came a man on a mission
A man for every position
It was the nimble-footed Kai
Usually on his way to grab a try

Then along came Sam
For a while a one-armed man
Heading for the line
You knew he'd be fine

When his head is down
And his legs start pumping
Josh is the man running for a score with a step & a dummy
Putting the ball over the line, he'll likely finish on his tummy

Then there is Jake
Kicking down the pitch and leaving others in his wake
But when putting the ball over the line
You know he will be on time

Jeremy would cover as fullback
Then turn his attention to attack
Scything down the wing
The opposition were unable to do a thing

Reuben was always ready to make a tackle
Though occasionally it looked like a slight grapple
And while he was having fun
There was usually a try at the end of his run

In the midst of the season, Nic developed a trick
Showing a quick step with a flick of his hip
Although he was sometimes stopped mid-run
When he scored he thought it was fun

Then there was James
Running so fast you could almost see flames
With his arm raised in the air
Luckily the ref thought he'd grounded it fair and square

When Charlie got the ball he was always up for a run
Heading to the line as if fired from a gun
When the smoke cleared from the pitch
We marvelled that one day he'd play for that team over the ditch

We shouldn't forget the pre-game match
Played by the dads and the boys they couldn't catch
Thankfully the stretchers were not needed
But a few times the dads looked quite seedy

We must mention the parents and friends we have made
Thanks one and all for your contributions and aid
Now lets all enjoy the summer fun
And meet again next time this team take a run!

*John Carroll, Manager
Richard Wathen, Coach*

UNDER 6 BLUE

The U6 Blues had a fantastic rugby season. It was a really positive experience for the boys and a most successful introduction to the game.

As U6s, most of the boys have never formally played rugby before and have little knowledge of the game and its rules, but they were very keen to learn and have lots of fun in the process.

Two very patient dads coached our boys and did an amazing job. As the season progressed, the penny dropped and we saw a definite improvement in their ball skills, hand-eye coordination and concentration levels.

The boys quickly grasped some of the key concepts, such as changing ends at half-time, the location of the boundaries and the try line, spreading out as opposed to huddling together, ducking and weaving, and most importantly how to outrun opponents and score tries. Deciding which friend to pass to posed a challenge throughout the season and on one occasion my son resorted to saying "Eenie Meenie Miney Mo" to make a normally split-second passing decision a bit more equitable, much to the amusement of all the parents.

Our boys were great sports and always conducted themselves well on game day. It was obvious how much fun they were having together. They were genuinely enthusiastic about training together on Tuesday afternoons and playing together on Saturday mornings. And it was also really exciting to line up at the canteen after the game to buy Killer Pythons!

The boys always tried hard, scoring lots of points each game. They did their best to follow instructions and regularly outplayed their opponents, with the exception of one particular team - the Dee Why Pinks - a group of long-legged girls who dazzled the boys early in the season. Our boys didn't stand a chance that day!

It was great to see the development of camaraderie



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Being little boys, the big pile of top dressing at Denzil Joyce was too great a temptation, much to the horror of the mums who had just cleaned their cars. And being little boys, it was not uncommon to see a few boys pause for a chat mid-play, or do a bit of karate on each other while the others pursued the ball.

Well done boys! Thanks to the mums and dads for their support throughout the season, as well as the older siblings for sharing lots of wonderful encouragement from the sidelines each week.

Edwina Vine, Manager

UNDER 6 MAROON

The year began with a good mix of boys returning from the previous year with a few new boys who were to begin their first year of playing a team sport. All the boys were very excited and eagerly awaited their first game of rugby. Our coaches were eager and enthusiastic, and taught us a lot about the rules of the game we were about to play.

We trained in the lead-up with a lot of emphasis placed on our defensive line and on running straight with the ball. Our defence was always fantastic and I doubt there was any other team with a defensive line as straight and impenetrable as our little Maroons.

Each week our coaches, manager and parents eagerly supported us and cheered our good teamwork, and also acknowledged the good work of the opposition. We really enjoyed our season and made many new friends and learned a lot about playing a team sport and good sportsmanship. We are really looking forward to our next year of playing the game we are growing to love.

Tim Blank, Manager



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UNDER 6 WHITE

I can't believe the season is over for another year. Our team of 10 comprised 3 players returning from last year and 7 members playing rugby for the first time. We worked hard from day one to teach the boys they were part of a team (as opposed to 10 teams of 1) and I'm delighted to say that, over the season, we resembled more of a team each and every week.

We covered thousands of metres over our 15 matches (1 bye and 2 washouts), with many of these metres in the wrong direction to avoid being tagged. However over the year there were some blistering runs down sidelines, and sidesteps that resulted in runs that would be the envy of many older players. As the season progressed, we also saw more and more passing of the ball through the backline, and even some kicks in play. It's fair to say that we finished the season with 10 young rugby players whose enthusiasm for playing the game was well intact, so much so that occasionally we had to remind ourselves that we were tagging, not tackling, because of the enormous amount of energy all the players were committing to the game.

The season also provided some terrific opportunities for some of the players, including to march at ANZ Stadium prior to the clash between the NSW Waratahs and the ACT Brumbies, and to play an ARU Rugby Pathways match before the Australia v Samoa Test. Needless to say, the boys are still talking about both experiences.

As always, the absolute priority was for everyone to have fun. While there was the odd tear from some who didn't get the ball on every play, or the weekly trophy, I can say with absolute confidence that the entire team, along with the coach, manager and parents, had a lot of fun. Parents on the sideline would often be heard to say

that watching their kids playing rugby was the highlight of their week, and all the boys were very excited each Saturday morning in anticipation of playing.

Training was a lot of fun and well attended, regardless of the weather. The team worked hard on their drills and were regularly rewarded with games of tag and other fun activities.

All in all, there can be no doubt the season was a raging success and I'm delighted to say it appears that the majority of our team members will be back in 2012. Thanks to everyone who contributed to our great season. See you next year!

Wayne Reeve, Manager



PARENTS ON THE SIDELINE WOULD OFTEN BE HEARD TO SAY THAT WATCHING THEIR KIDS PLAYING RUGBY WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THEIR WEEK, AND ALL THE BOYS WERE VERY EXCITED EACH SATURDAY MORNING IN ANTICIPATION OF PLAYING.



UNDER 7 GOLD

2011 marked another fantastic season for the U7 Gold team. The team was a mix of 7 veterans from the U6 Golds and 4 new players, all of whom combined to make a formidable team.

The boys built on what they learned in 2010 and throughout the season there were definite improvements in all aspects of the game. From choosing to run in the correct direction to passing a ball before they were tagged, the progression in their rugby skills from the start of the season was really amazing. It was fantastic to see that, as their skills improved, so too did their love of the game. And although scores were not kept, in the boys' minds they were undefeated!

The progression from tag to tackle was mostly felt by the mums. The team rose to the challenge and never looked back – they were definitely ready for it! The last game of the season was a victory for all, with many tackles made and many tackles taken (with no tears) and the realisation that looking for your fellow players, spreading out across the park and passing the ball were now all essential.

Thanks to the parents who brought their kids to training and games, offered support and encouragement from the sideline, helped at the BBQ/canteen or refereed. Thanks also to our co-coach, who assisted the coach on many occasions. Finally a very special thanks to our coach, who offered his skills and knowledge to the team with unrivalled enthusiasm and dedication. He got the best out of each player and always ensured each player had a fair go – not an easy feat when they all want the ball!

David Walsh, Manager

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UNDER 7 BLUE

The U7 Blues had a great season. It was a reflection of the team spirit and success of last year that all the boys who finished in 2010 signed up again this season. Our boys:

The Bolter was shy at first, but came into his own as the season progressed. A great improver in both attack and defence.

The Ripper displayed amazing gymnastic techniques on field (clearly his dad's influence), while being skilled in finding the gaps to take the ball across the line.

The Flyer has been earmarked for the wing in future years as he showed great pace. He left a clean pair of heels and, once through a gap, was untouchable.

The Artful Dodger was possibly the most enthusiastic U7 in Sydney rugby. Rumoured to sleep with his footy at least six of the seven nights of the week, he has a great passion for rugby.

Take it Up was the dark horse of the season. A testament to his ability was scoring the last try of the season via an opportunistic pass after backing up.

The Dancer Will he or will he not? That was not the question. With mesmerising footwork, he had the X Factor. Always ready to put points on the board, his particular skill was the aerial try. His sidestep would put David Campese to shame.

The Enforcer No attacker was safe – they could not run nor hide. His forceful two-handed touch left no one in doubt. Never one to give up, legend has it he once chased the opposition off the field and back to their parents' cars!

The Axe The big man with the big step. Some likened it to a bygone era, befitting Max Senior (aka Rivers of Gold). In his rookie year, he scored more tries than his father consumed bacon and egg rolls.

The Pressure Cooker who shone when the heat was on. Always counted on to manifest the best from himself and his team-mates when the going got tough.

Huckleberry Finn, a newcomer to the team, was a fast improver. Keen all season at training and on game day and rewarded with a well-deserved try.

Overall, the boys were much improved on last year, adapting well to the increased demands of the scrum, lineout and tackling. Thanks to all the parents for their support and enthusiasm, even allowing what turned out to be inspired cross-training on Freshie Beach.

*James Walker-Powell, Coach
David Morrisey, Manager
Nick Austin, Manager*

UNDER 7 MAROON

Wow, another season has passed already! With half of last year's team staying in the U6s for another year, we had 4 new boys join the team for their first year of rugby. And not one but two sets of twins to boot, which certainly tested the memory early on.

Firstly, to the dads who came to training and helped throughout the year, your assistance every week was greatly appreciated. It played a huge part in the boy's development and helped keep me sane.

It was very interesting and exciting to watch the boys improve in their rugby skills throughout the year, culminating in the last 4 games when they had the opportunity to play tackle against the other Manly teams.

After starting the year with one-out passing and running, by the end of the season the boys were grouping two, three and sometimes four passes together, including changing direction and calling each other's name as they ran in support.

Another exciting aspect was the introduction of uncontested 3-man scrums and 2-man lineouts against most teams. It was the first time there was any positional structure and the boys loved it. The hardest thing was giving everyone an opportunity in all the different positions, as there was only a couple of set pieces each game.

Two-thirds of the way through the season, the boys were asking each week when they would be given an opportunity to tackle. A big thank you to the Harlequins



committee members who approached the ARU with an in-depth proposal, which they agreed to trial in the Manly area in our age group. Once we got the go-ahead to tackle, it was as if the season had begun again. Enthusiasm levels lifted a few notches and it created a really exciting last third of the year. It also gave the coaches an opportunity to add more variety to training, which for the boys was like structured rumbles, with the dads copping it from all directions.

For the first official game of tackle, we had all the team assembled and ready to play earlier than ever before. The tackling bag was introduced and we had 10 Willie Os smashing into the bags. Then the game started and reality hit - this tackling thing wasn't as easy as it looked - but with an official referee running the show, the boys adapted quickly and were into it. The smiles on their faces and the laughter and talking after the game made you realise why we coach and why we enjoy team sport.

Finally, a big thanks to all the parents who shuttle their kids to and from training and games, week in week out. I know it isn't easy having to organise your families, particularly if they have other siblings, to get all over the northern beaches - and in some cases Sydney - on a Saturday morning. On behalf of Richard, Kylie and myself, thank you so much for this year. I hope the boys enjoyed the season - I know we did - and I hope to see you all again next year.

Brandon Ward, Coach



UNDER 7 WHITE

Another great year for the White team! All the boys were excited about their rugby and by season end demonstrated how far they had come.

During the first half of the season, the players got used to the new format, which allowed for a try-scoring feast. It proved very popular with the boys and parents (some a little out of pocket). As the season moved forward, the boys had white line fever, although they started to form combinations and we often saw a series of passes culminate in a try.

The second half of the season was a great learning curve for the players as you could see the boys develop new skills, particularly how to defensively read a game.

Our last game was tackle, which was warmly received by players, coaches and parents. Some bone-crushing tackles were made by both sides and they will definitely be ready for the step up next year.

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*Duncan Grady & Mike Clancy, Coaches
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UNDER 8 BLUE

We started the season where we left off last year in the U7s, with the team very much looking forward to their first full season of tackle. Some of the players approached tackling with gusto and some with trepidation, but throughout the year everyone's technique and approach improved, and by the end of the season every player was contributing well to the defensive effort.

Apart from gala days, there was no official scoring, but all the boys were acutely aware of whether they had won or loss, which engendered good post-game discussions around pulling together and trying our best, whatever the result. The Harlequins Cup gala day was the best example of this, as our Blue team was beaten comprehensively in all games, partly due to coming up against composite teams from other clubs.

I was very proud of the way the team played this year and especially proud of some of the teamwork that was displayed. Once tackle is included, it's a lot harder to ensure everyone gets a decent amount of ball and scores a try, but thanks to our teamwork and some selfless play, every player scored at least once during the season.

Another interesting facet was the introduction of scrums and lineouts. I quickly found I had to come up with

different tactics to ensure every player took a turn in the forwards, as this was seen as the unglamorous option. I blame those flashy backs on TV for this misunderstanding. The players found these set pieces very challenging. Hopefully in future they will be introduced in earlier age groups. The funniest aspect of this was seeing a couple of players already deciding they should be in a certain position, hooker being a particularly popular choice.

A great season was enjoyed by all, despite the regular Monday rain that resulted in so many missed training sessions on Tuesday, and I was proud to be involved as coach. I wish the boys all the best next year when they play in the 10-a-side U9s, which I will watch with interest from the sidelines as I feel after two years it is time for a new coach to take up the reins while I look to move down to my younger son's team.

Craig Poynton, Coach



UNDER 8 MAROON

What a team! What a season!

Greeting the boys back at the first training session, we had a couple of new faces enhance an already impressive playing roster. The SJRU had kept the on-field playing numbers to 7 this year, instead of 10, which was a good call and guaranteed to play into the hands of the players and coaching staff of the U8 Maroons, who planned on playing Expansive Attractive Running Rugby (EARR).

It wasn't long into the first training session that we realised the EARR was not going to be a problem. The boys' skill level was there for all to see - to put it simply, they looked magnificent.

The coaches, players and supporters (parents) bonded early and it was heard from several opposition teams throughout the year that we were one special group.

The season kicked off with a couple of close-fought encounters. By round 4, the boys really stood up, kicked into gear and showed the growing number of supporters what they were capable of - EARR had arrived... and how!

The tackling was ferocious, but fair; the passing was swift and accurate; the running straight and hard. Who were these boys and where had they been hiding such skill? In game after game, the rucking and mauling was uncompromising and the backing up of the ball carrier was outstanding.

The Maroons ventured off for their first taste of a gala day rugby tournament at the King of the Hills. Well what a display they put on! The Hills people were astonished to see this thing called EARR. They'd heard about it, but to see it live was something else.

The following week, Team Maroon backed up at the Harlequins Cup gala day and continued playing great rugby, acquitting themselves well and impressing with great team spirit.



Every single boy performed to the best of his ability throughout the season and each boy added something special to the team. As Coaches, we could not be more proud of them. What a wonderful bunch of boys, and what a wonderful bunch of mums, dads, grandparents and supporters.

The team was a joy to coach and we can't wait until next season.

Richard Smith & Callum Davidson, Coaches

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UNDER 9 GOLD

Coaching U9s rugby can make you immensely frustrated and immensely proud, all in the one day. At the beginning of the season, we felt like we were herding kittens, but we finished with a mighty pride of lions. The boys took the bit between their teeth, sticking to the flimsy game plan with grim determination, and turned in some pretty decent performances.

The first challenge was to work out how 15 players get a fair go in a 10-a-side game. There was a mix of big players and little players, fast players and not-so-fast players, experienced players and complete novices. Some were even too small for their headgear! But all of them were keen and did their best from the start, even if it was

just for 8 minutes at a time. The worse thing was coming up against a side short on numbers, as we might have 8 players on the field... and 7 on the bench!

Our best performances didn't come until well into the season. The thought of keeping the coach off the field was daunting, but when this happened against Newport - the week before we were due to play the giants of Dee Why - it proved to be the turning point, where the boys stood tall and started to belt out some brilliant performances.

There was no better performance than the one against Dee Why. We had been warned about their counter rucking, but we suspected it was really more a case of no one cleaning out properly against them. This we did, and in a bruising and pulsating game we prevailed. There was an equally good effort against Manly Roos, although



only in the second half, which we won. The boys were playing as a team!

Admittedly, some players were born forwards and others were born backs, while some didn't care so long as they got a run. Their skill level improved, but their improved understanding of the game was even more obvious.

This team may not have won as many games as other teams, nor had the array of superstars, but they did become a team, a team that did their job when it was called upon, a team that did us proud.

The only frustration by season end was that the season didn't go longer. The growth in all the players individually was matched by their growth as a team. In their final game, they won about 90% of the rucks and their cleaning out was dynamic.

There were some stand-out performances throughout the season, but always on the back of the team's hard work! This year we only lost two teeth that I can recall. On the up side, we gained an extra ball - I suspect a first for the club to have a kit bag handed back with more balls in it than the team started with. Although I'm not sure these are all the balls we started with. Perhaps my constant mantra, "Don't pick up the ball, clean out" was taken to heart - they didn't pick up the balls and cleaned out the other team's kit bag!

Steven Callow, Coach

UNDER 9 BLUE

Season 2011 was a ripper for the U9 Blues. The team was based on a core group who played together last year, and became fully built this year with the addition of some new faces. A few of these new fellas were enjoying their first year of rugby and, after seeing the enthusiasm and vigour they brought to the team, we assume it will be the first of many years ahead.

Although no official scores were recorded, our team seemed to enjoy a bit more success this year. The guys came up against a number of teams they had struggled playing last year, and often came away having outplayed them this year.

We had a couple of memorable matches, one in particular at Newport where we really seemed to click, putting together some great passages of play and showing some outstanding teamwork with plenty of probing attacks and great defence. A coach from another team not involved in the game commented afterwards that it was one of the best games of Minis rugby he'd ever seen. That day the boys came off the field with their heads held high and big smiles on their faces. That match alone made the season worthwhile, it was definitely the highlight of the year.

The rugby guidelines dictate that all players should have the opportunity to play and learn in different positions. Our team started that way, but it only seemed to confuse the boys, so after a while the team settled into positions and each player seemed to find their place.

Thanks to all the players for their enthusiasm. The boys were keen to learn more about rugby and really picked up their skills this year, especially great tackling, strong running, cleaning out and support play.

Most of our players were selected in the Harlequins representative teams and played with distinction at the King of the Hills, the Harlequins Cup and the Randwick and Wahroonga gala days. Some players also participated in a demonstration match before a Manly Marlins first grade game.

However, the enthusiasm was not limited to the boys' on-field efforts, as the parents provided fabulous support with oranges and post-match lollies. Many dads were also regularly on hand for training sessions, which really helped

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out the coaches. Every sporting team benefits from having a great manager and we were lucky enough to have that role performed with distinction by Barry Smyth, who was deservedly awarded Minis Coach of the Year.

Next season's Sunday matches should avoid conflicts with other sports. We had a large group of 15 players, but everyone understood the need to share playing time, which was greatly appreciated. It was just great to see the team having a great time playing rugby!

Thanks to all for a great season with the Blues. With the grading next year, it's a little sad that the team will not continue in its current form, as everyone had such a great time this year, however we wish all the players every success for their rugby futures.

Ben Elvy, Manager

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UNDER 9 MAROON

The boots have now been thrown somewhere under the bed, mouthguards rinsed and stored (or already lost), and socks and shorts tossed to mum for one last wash, so it's time to reflect on what the 2011 season meant for the U9 Maroons.

Over half the team were new this year, joining the small core of players who have stayed together for a couple of years, plus a couple of

boys who started playing last year. A sausage sizzle held on a brilliant sunny afternoon at Freshie after round 2 helped the boys get to know each other and gave the parents a chance to meet over a few beverages.

We were a little surprised at how quickly the boys united as a team, and even more pleased that, by the end of the season, they had become one of the best passing teams in the competition.

In 2011 we noticed that our group of fine young men learned one of the more important lessons in rugby - and a pretty important lesson in life - that the team is more important than the individual. That's not to say there weren't moments of individual brilliance in every game, but what was more heartening for the three of us and all the parents was the many times the boys looked to set up one of their team-mates in support, or tried to lay the ball back rather than do it all themselves. This approach culminated in a brilliant movement in the second-last round where the ball went through endless sets of hands from well within our own half and resulted in a great try in the corner.

U9s can be a big step for players, partly as coaches remain on the sidelines after the first few rounds, but the boys adapted much better than we imagined. They immediately played with more maturity and the occasional arguing over the ball also stopped. One or two natural leaders emerged, with one of the boys showing he has the potential to develop into a great rugby captain.

Mid-season we had a major hiccup when coach Ryan got hurt in his rugby comeback playing over-Xs (actual age diplomatically censored by editor) and



spending many weeks in a leg brace, which obviously restricted his ability to coach. That was when David Grayling and a few other dads, in particular Jason Hatvany, stepped up to take over at training. But it wasn't long before Ryan was back, on crutches, coaching and encouraging the boys from the sideline.

A big thank you to all the parents as the boys always had fantastic, enthusiastic, sometimes raucous (yes, that means you mums!) support at every game. And an extra big thank you to Sheridan Brady for her calm and assured help and first aid direction when one of the boys was concussed during a game. It's always handy to have a senior A&E nurse on the sideline!

While these reports in U9s quite rightly don't focus on results, just quietly, 2011 was a dramatic improvement on 2010 for the U9 Maroons.

Through the grading process for gala days, the boys got an opportunity to play with other boys in combined teams. It was a good experience for them to get used to playing with other boys and under the guidance of other coaches - a precursor to what will happen next year with full grading.

Knowing the team will not remain exactly the same next year, we are left with a tinge of sadness, especially looking at the way they were playing as a tight, united team in the second half of the season. But in saying goodbye to Minis and looking forward to Juniors next year, we wish the boys of the Mercurial Maroons all the best for their future in rugby at the mighty Harlequins!

*Laurie Ingram & David Grayling, Managers
Ryan Blieden, Coach*

UNDER 9 WHITE

Four years ago, a handful of rugby seeds were planted in the fertile soil of Harbord and labelled Harlequins White. In 2011, we witnessed an important stage of development as they matured into a crop of genuine rugby players.

It was a big step up this year because the coaches (those old blokes yelling behind the team) were sidelined and the young men were finally free to express themselves on the rugby field.

The Mighty Whites again demonstrated all the flashy components that bring supporters to the games - length-of-the-field tries, swan dives, flick passes and strong defence. But what was most pleasing from a coach's perspective was the ability to play a positive style of rugby that was well beyond our expectations at this stage. The boys were consistently able to recycle the ball, allowing all players to contribute and improve the team's overall performance.

While the group is certainly blessed with an abundance of individual talent, it was the basic structures of rugby that formed the platform for this team's success. It was not uncommon to see about eight phases of play as the boys marched the ball up the field. Comparisons were drawn with the Queensland Reds due to their ability to compete in tight, then finish off out wide in style!

Another small observation, but certainly one which typifies this side's character, was the regularity with which our top try-scorers passed the ball to those who would not otherwise have seen much action. The players always looked out for each other, played a positive, expansive style of rugby and shared lots of laughs. With this attitude, it was truly a year to remember.

A special thanks to all those involved who made this year so enjoyable - parents, coaches, manager, players, brothers and sisters.

Kieren Bird, Coach



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UNDER 10s

As we all know, rugby is played by a group of men with odd-shaped balls. It was a stinking hot summer's day when a group of such men dragged themselves away from the pub and headed down to Freshie Reserve to sign up new recruits for the 2011 season of the Harbord Harlequins. "Donate blood," they shouted. "Play rugby!"

Melting under the glare of the summer sun, a trickle of early-bird U10 parents drifted up to enlist their offspring. Soon more arrived. And more. And more. And more.

Soon 75 enrolment forms fluttered in the breeze and the men with odd-shaped balls scratched their heads and wondered how on earth they were going to grade and coach so many boys.

Many of the boys had never played rugby before and didn't even know the rules, although, as the men with odd-shaped balls said to themselves, they would probably enjoy the game more, because at least they would be on the same wavelength as many of the referees.

And so the first training day of the season arrived and a mass of enthusiastic boys stampeded onto Old Reub Hudson Oval. The coaches yelled at them to "Assume your normal positions - just like the Wallabies" and the boys all moved behind the goalposts to wait for the conversion. It was going to be a long, hard road this season!

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Four long weeks of training and trials ensued. The boys were divided into forwards and backs. The boys with the clean jerseys and trendy hairstyles were put in the backs; the rest were obviously forwards.

To start off the season, the coaches read the boys the Ten Commandments of Rugby, the most important being:

- Thou shalt not run across the field with ball in hand, but runneth straight upfield, for it is written that the sideline is the best defender.
- Thou shalt not hesitate at the breakdown, but be mighty to get your rightful ball, for though it is written that the meek shall inherit the earth, this truly was a poor translation, for it is fairer to say that the meek shall be trampled into the dirt.
- Thou shalt not smite an opponent with a clenched fist - yay, even in retaliation - for it is written that the Whistler and the Flag Waver shall assuredly miss the cowardly first punch, only to see the avenging second. Believeth instead that what goeth around surely doth cometh around, and verily, evildoers will soon be found at the bottom of a ruck.

Under 10s is the first year of competitive rugby and the coaches had the unenviable task of sifting through the boys and sorting them into five teams:

UNDER 10A GOLD

On paper, this was a very strong team. On the field, the biggest challenge was getting these talented players to pass. It took quite a while for the boys to realise that the winger was not, as is often assumed in the northern hemisphere, simply an extra defender, but a potential try-scorer. And the coaches regularly strained their vocal chords yelling: "Clean out!"

Lindfield were the only team to beat the Golds during the competition. The relationship between these two teams was based on trust and understanding - they didn't trust us and we didn't understand them.

Finally Grand Final day arrived - the team's fourth and final showdown with Lindfield for the year. The Golds adopted the mantra of the All Blacks - subdue and penetrate - tackling hard and outplaying them to win a hard-fought, but well-deserved victory. Oh how sweet the champagne tasted at the Diggers that night! Go the Sea Westies!

UNDER 10B BLUE

The Blue team spent the first four weeks of the season battering the opposition in C grade, then found themselves regraded into the tough and challenging B grade. The team showed a lot of fortitude and guts, never giving up on their game.

Through a lot of individual growth, the team continued to improve, and seven players were selected in the Manly rep squad. The Blues ended their season winning the Plate Grand Final, demonstrating the skills and commitment needed to win sudden-death football. The last three rounds was a better reflection of what kind of rugby these boys are capable of playing. Take a bow, you are all true champions!





UNDER 10D MAROON (above)

Wet weather meant the Whites had a disjointed start to the season. After a few demoralising losses, the coach had a revelation - abandon mauls and just take the ball straight to ground, then clean out!

The Maroons went on to beat the top-ranked Manly Roos, recycling the ball through numerous rucks, phase after phase, time after time, until the defence was exhausted. It was a joy to watch, with the parents declaring it the best game of junior rugby they had seen.

UNDER 10E WHITE (below)

The Whites started the season in F grade as a ragtag mix of old and new players who didn't know each other. Many had never played rugby before and didn't know the rules. They ended the season winning the Grand Final and receiving their medals from the legendary Phil Waugh.

They won the first three games decisively and were regraded into E grade, beating powerhouse Mosman by 2 points in their first game. They finished with a stunning victory against Wakehurst in the Grand Final.

While there were some outstanding natural athletes in the team, everyone contributed. The Best and Fairest player was different each week and almost every boy received a 'Top 3' player rating at some point, which means every boy stepped up and stood out during the season - a remarkable feat!



UNDER 10G BLACK

The Black team struggled to find their feet at the start of the season. For many of the boys, this was their first taste of contact sport and the coaches focused on teaching the basics - catch-and-pass and tackling.

As the season progressed, the hard work started to pay off and the boys grew in confidence and ability. They were just getting into their stride as the season came to an end and ultimately won the Plate Final. Watch out for the Blacks in 2012!

Lisa Broad, Age Group Manager

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UNDER 11A GOLD

This season was a huge success for the U11A team. Having won the U10A competition last year, a weight of expectation rested on the players' shoulders. Fortunately the team rose to the challenge and played some outstanding running rugby and were rewarded with another premiership.

The players welcomed a couple of new boys into the team and those boys also rose to the challenge to become valued members of the team. We also managed to give a few boys from the teams below some exposure to A-grade competition, which will help their development as players.

There were 12 boys selected in the U11 Manly Rep teams, 9 of them in the A team, which went on to claim the State title for Manly on the June long weekend. The boys really enjoyed the representative program and their skills improved significantly as a result. This year was also a Manly Rep tour year and 9 of the boys got to experience the enjoyment of travelling to New Zealand to play rugby. The boys were undefeated on this tour.

So all in all, it was a very exciting year for the boys in this exceptionally talented and skilful team who are a real pleasure to watch and coach... except perhaps in the last few minutes of a Grand Final when only leading by 7 points!

Cameron Douglas & Pete Walsh, Coaches

The competition in 2011 certainly stepped up, but the skill levels of the Harlequins boys also improved, particularly at the breakdown, where they proved to be very good at maintaining possession and stealing opposition ball. In fact, in one game, significantly the week after

we suffered a 1-point defeat (our first loss in two years), the boys regained the ball from their own kick-off and retained possession until after half-time! The final score was 76-0 to the Harlequins.

The loss we had to have come on Mother's Day against Lindfield and one coach was heard to say that the boys looked like they were worrying about where they were going for lunch and what they bought their mums because their heads were definitely not on the game. However it was only a narrow loss and it was fitting that we got the ultimate revenge, defeating Lindfield in the second round 17-12, then again in the Grand Final 19-12.

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UNDER 11C BLUE

The 2011 season was one of steady progression for this team, which was made up mostly of the same experienced players as last year, plus a few improving players from last year's Maroon team.

Both our big props from last year moved north in the off-season and we found ourselves with a much smaller pack, which often made it hard to find suitable positions for players. But our scrum usually held its own and at times was excellent. And we somehow managed to retain most of our ball in rucks and mauls, not through size, but sheer determination.

All the boys now understand what they need to be doing during a game and can play some exciting footy that is good to watch.

Having played last year in B grade, we were put in C grade this year and fancied our chances. However, as per last year, we still usually played other clubs' top-ranked team, which inevitably means having to contend with a few players who can be very dominant.

We made the finals again, but again bowed out in the Semi Final, this time against eventual premiers Dural when their speedy five-eighth and centre carved through and put a few early tries on us. We knew we could come back against them - as we had done so earlier

in the season in spectacular fashion - and we did, but unfortunately their early lead proved too great. The boys were understandably very disappointed as they knew they deserved to at least make the Grand Final this

year. But it was not to be.

Nevertheless all the players can be very proud of their efforts and it was a real pleasure to be involved in coaching these boys, all of whom live and breathe their footy and just love to play - win, lose or draw.

Thanks to our Life Members Chris Hedge for fostering the junior referees who controlled many of our games, and Michael Harradine for his active involvement (together with son Matt) in our U11 age group, particularly for his sage advice with gradings.

Thanks also to Sandra Pashley as team Manager, Blithe Robinson as both Age Group Manager and club Secretary, Sean Richardson and the rest of the committee for their organisational support, and all the parents who supported and encouraged from the sidelines. And finally a big thank you to Colin House for the huge amount of time, energy and passion he put into coaching this team, in addition to all his extra work on the committee.

Well done boys for playing so hard all season. It's great to see you all developing so well, both as players and young men. Stay fit over summer and get ready for another great season of rugby with the Harlequins in 2012!

Alan Abbey, Assistant Coach



UNDER 11F MAROON

The defending 2010 U10E team was a much different side at the start of the 2011 season. The 2010 coach Marty Clapp was leaving for the North Coast and four players had left to move into the Blue team. New coach John Hearn came on board with a wealth of senior grade

experience with the Rats, but how would he go with a group of 10-year-olds? Co-coach Matt Harradine was still there, but how would this team go defending last year's title?

The season started poorly with consecutive losses in the first four rounds of E grade, so the team was regraded into F grade. From round 5 onwards, the results and team cohesion improved, but losses to

Hunters Hill, Wahroonga and Hunters Hill again had the coaching team questioning if the boys were really a chance at going back-to-back to win the premiership.

While the new-look backline started to work well and score plenty of tries, the forwards were still a worry, especially at the set piece, where we struggled to win scrums and lineouts on our own feed. To complicate matters, we had one of the wettest winters in ages and missed numerous games and training sessions.

Some extra hard work at training on scrums and breakdown saw some better results. When the backs had 40% or more of the ball, we were always a good chance to win. A great win in the final round against Manly Roos saw the team finish 4th on the table and clinch a Semi Final berth against our nemesis Hunters Hill, whom we had not beaten all season.

The boys lifted in the semi and played extremely well to beat Hunters Hill 14-10. The backs were again outstanding, but the forwards did well and there was some improvement in the scrum, although the lineout was still a mess.

In the final we played Wahroonga, who had beaten us comprehensively earlier in the season. The lads stepped up another level and smashed the Tigers 33-12. In an awesome display, the forwards played well and won better than 50% of the ball, allowing the backs to run riot and score some outstanding tries.

With a week off, our plan for the Grand Final was to move the ball wide and run the larger Hornsby team off their feet. This worked well for us and at half-time we were locked at 12-all. The instructions were to keep up the hard defence and keep moving the ball around. We were sure Hornsby would crack and crack they did, with the backs again running riot on the back of an outstanding forward pack. The forwards showed no fear and continually smashed the bigger Hornsby pack, resulting in a mountain of possession and a 31-19 win.

Congratulations to everyone. This was a great effort considering there were 8 new players in the team. Most of those first-year players were outstanding. The forwards took a while to develop into a dominant unit, but they were fantastic at the back end of the season when it really mattered.

Thanks to all the parents, who were solid in their support all year. Special thanks to the dads who helped out on game days, running water, touch judging, warming up the team or helping at training. Finally, our love and thanks to Pip Candrick, who managed the team this year. Sadly Pip was struck down ill at the end of the season. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back on deck soon.

Michael Harradine, Acting Team Manager

UNDER 11G WHITE

When the U11s lined up for the trials in March, no one was sure what to expect. After all, no one had played in months. However, after two weeks of trials, the teams were set and it was time to get on with the job.

14 of the 16 kids in the White team had never played competition rugby, so our task was a bit daunting, but we all knew why we were here. We had a goal to develop as individuals, as a team and to have fun. Winning games would just be the icing on the cake.

Right off the bat, the boys showed the drive to improve and play together. It was easy to tell they were there to work hard and really wanted to come out on the right end of things at full time.

Our first game of the season was against Petersham. All fears were soon laid to rest when our largest prop took a quick tap from a penalty, straight-armed the defender and knocked him over backwards. I knew then it was going to be a special season.

As the weeks went on, the kids started to find their groove. We got off to a great start, winning our first five games. Our first game after the regrade was against Seaforth Balgowlah. We got edged out 12-10, but as I told the boys, you either win or you learn. Let the loss be a lesson.

We continued to train hard and play harder, and the wins came. Before we knew it, it was the last round of the regular season. We played Seaforth Balgowlah at Seaforth with the minor premiership on the line. The boys saved their absolute best for last and won 17-5. It was a wonderful end to what was a wonderful season, with only one defeat.

I was absolutely amazed at the level of rugby the kids were able to play by season end. They just got better and better each time out. The props ran harder and cleaned out more effectively. The backs lined up in position and made passes at pace. Everyone was able to execute plays and attack effectively.

Now it was time for the second season - the finals. Again we were up against Seaforth, this time on our home ground. After racing to a 14-5 lead, Seaforth came back to win 17-14. It was a wonderful game, but forced us to take the scenic route to the Grand Final.

After a gutsy win against St Ives in the Final, it was time for the big showdown at Rat Park, yet again pitted against our fierce rivals Seaforth. And what a back-and-forth game it was! We spent the first half inside our own 22m, and Seaforth managed to get the ball

down for a 5-0 lead. But something came over those kids at half-time, because it was a different team that took the field after the break. It was the best 20 minutes of football they played all season. They attacked with phase after phase, and spent 18 of those 20 minutes inside Seaforth's 22m line, yet somehow just couldn't get the ball over the line and there was no further score.

Regardless of the result, everyone was extremely proud of what we achieved this year, and next year we'll be back to bring the Cup home. See you all at registration day in February!

Chris Chilton, Coach



14 OF THE 16 KIDS HAD NEVER PLAYED COMPETITION RUGBY, SO OUR TASK WAS A BIT DAUNTING, BUT WE ALL KNEW WHY WE WERE HERE. WE HAD A GOAL TO DEVELOP AS INDIVIDUALS, AS A TEAM AND TO HAVE FUN. WINNING WAS JUST THE ICING ON THE CAKE.

SOME EXTRA HARD WORK AT TRAINING ON SCRUMS AND BREAKDOWN SAW SOME BETTER RESULTS. WHEN THE BACKS HAD 40% OR MORE OF THE BALL, WE WERE ALWAYS A GOOD CHANCE TO WIN.



UNDER 12A GOLD

Last year's U11A Grand Final winners had high expectations for the season, as did the coaches and parents. Pre-season training was positive and pretty much everyone returned from last year, while a few more players joined during the season. And yet our opening game saw us lose at home to Mosman, who seem to be our bogey team for some reason, with our record against them showing several draws and losses over the years and only one win. In saying that, we got our revenge later in the season.

After the initial upset, the boys settled into a positive frame of mind and we started to lift our performance each round. With the introduction of number 8 running from the scrum, we are now playing close to the full set of rules, although scrum pushing and lineout lifting are still restricted.

After trying a few different combinations early on, the team settled pretty quickly and we had the good fortune to play the same squad of players each week. When numbers were low due to holidays, injury or the like, players from the U12 Blue team were always willing to help out, notably in a convincing win against competition leaders Hunters Hill when the Blue players did themselves proud in a game that was one of the highlights of the year. Another was a hard-fought battle against local rivals Manly Roos, which as always attracted a lot of attention and the players rose to the occasion, producing a strong, controlled game against one of the league's more maverick teams.

Our team play with a great sense of pride, which has grown - as the team has - over the past seven years or so. When a challenge is given to them, they will more often than not seize the situation as an opportunity to shine. Conversely, the team can sometimes go walkabout and the away loss to Wahroonga on a Friday night was a frustrating evening for all. You could sense the disappointment and the team took this loss to heart, really lifting their

effort in the remaining games of the season.

The final weekend of the regular season saw us play Hunters Hill away on a Friday night for the Minor Premiership, our first opportunity to win this prized title. We started well, scored first and put the opposition under a lot of pressure, but as the game wore on, Hunters Hill wrestled the initiative from us and finally got their revenge for the defeat we inflicted on them earlier in the season. We were well beaten in the end, not the result we wanted heading into the finals.

The finals were in a different format this year - the winners of 1st v 4th and 2nd v 3rd going straight to the Grand Final the following week. Having finished 3rd in the regular season, we had to play Mosman at Mosman, a tough ask for the boys, but they were more than able and ran out convincing 28-14 winners. Of particular note was our third try, which saw all players contribute. Hunters Hill defeated Manly in the other Semi Final, so we had to travel back to Hunters Hill for the Grand Final the following weekend.

The Grand Final was a tense affair which saw the lead change on several occasions, but importantly when the final whistle blew we were ahead 21-17, so the boys had managed to do it again for the third year in a row - Grand Final winners!

Congratulations and well done to all the boys for their efforts this year. Just as importantly, thank you to all the parents and officials whose support and efforts make the whole season function and are greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing everyone return again next year.

Tim Herbert, Coach



UNDER 12C BLUE

What a season! And what a great group of boys we had this year! Some of our players were veterans of Harlequins footy, while others were playing their first year of rugby, giving us a great mix of experience, skill and enthusiasm.

After a couple of significant early defeats, the boys were regraded from B to C grade and immediately showed they meant business, stringing together a number of back-to-back wins against the better teams in the comp.

We finished the season equal 4th and found ourselves in the Plate finals on for-and-against - which was bad luck considering the boys had beaten the top four sides during the season - but the team was ultimately defeated in a tough game in the Plate Final.

The level of improvement in this side throughout the season was outstanding. The scrum went from pushover to dominant, which just goes to show what a couple of hours on the scrum machine can do! The tight-head scrum win on our own line in the dying minutes of the Semi Final was the stuff of legend.

A big thank you to a great group of supportive parents and we look forward to seeing all the boys back again next season - bigger, faster, keener and stronger!

*Grahame White & Alan Kelly, Coaches
Jim Beach, Manager*

THE SCRUM WENT FROM PUSHOVER TO DOMINANT, WHICH JUST GOES TO SHOW WHAT A COUPLE OF HOURS ON THE SCRUM MACHINE CAN DO!

THE TIGHT-HEAD SCRUM WIN ON OUR OWN LINE IN THE DYING MINUTES OF THE SEMI WAS THE

STUFF OF LEGEND. 



UNDER 13B GOLD

2011 proved to be a very challenging season. The preparation at the start of the season was hampered by the poor weather and the unavailability of a number of boys due to surfing commitments. We only managed one trial game before the season and even then the full squad was not available.

The competition was restructured and a number of teams joined our Sunday comp, so for the first time we were graded in B, rather than A. Initially disappointed, we soon realised we needed to play well just to compete in B grade. Our team was now significantly smaller

than most other teams, while other teams had actively recruited boys from other codes, so this season we were not as strong relative to other sides as we had been previously.

In the opening game, we played poorly and lost 35-0 to a Lane Cove side who were later regraded into A grade. Our second game against long-term nemesis Seaforth Raiders was a highlight of the season. For the first time ever, we beat them in a competition game and ran out deserving winners 41-17. The boys thought they were going to have an easy season, but Seaforth were

not the side they had been in earlier years. The third game was a very even affair against Wests and the boys again played well, winning 20-17.

We then lost 8 games in a row! In all of these, bar one, the team played very well and were competitive in all aspects of the game, other than the ability to convert field position into points. For example, against Beecroft Cherrybrook, we dominated field position and possession, yet lost 17-0.

We finished the season on a high note, convincing winners of the Plate Final against Lindfield, 4 tries to 2 with a great performance by all. Finally we had the right combinations on the pitch and took our chances.

The boys were mostly a pleasure to coach. Kris Martin won the George Smith Award after an incredible season where he won an enormous amount of lineout ball and made the most yards for us in the centres. Lochie Moyes stepped up from last year's B side to win the Most Improved, showing size means nothing when you have the right combination of skill, ticker and pace. Ben Pickering was our Team Player. When we were short of players, he came back against doctor's orders and continually put his body on the line for the team. In the Plate Final, everyone was delighted for him when he set the tone for the day by scoring the first try.

I'd like to thank my Co-coach David Zwart, Manager Brett Pack, Age Group Manager Brendan Foley and Liam Routledge from the U16s who often assisted at training.

Doug Signorini, Co-coach



UNDER 13E HARBORD / MANLY BARBARIANS

Barbarians at the Gate! 2011 was the year that another group of Barbarians rose again to take on the might of the suburban junior rugby competition. In true marauding form, the Harbord Harlequins raided the neighbouring settlement of Manly - or was it the other way around? - and took off with some of their finest young talent. Neither club had sufficient players to make up an entire second team in the U13s, so joined together we were, once again with some new players, some old players and some untested souls.

Rather than an exact repeat performance of last year, this season proved the adage that teams are made slowly of melded will, rather than just a mix of talent. The team showed how dedication and a combined intent can produce sterling results under difficult circumstances. This group of boys, who started off at training just learning each other's names, went on to become a dominant force in their competition. Had it not been for some technical issues regarding unavailability of players due to clashing fixture times, and ineligibility due to insufficient games played, we could have fielded full sides during the qualifying games and finals. Sadly our boys were left to fight under-strength on occasions, yet still they managed respectable results and even wins against superior odds, such as their Barbarian strength.

The team started out losing consecutive games by ever-decreasing margins as they learned to work together. Even with the loss of players during the season,

making numbers tight for each game, they persisted gallantly and notched up successive wins at the business end. The forwards improved dramatically and gained more ball each game, while the backs showed their talent, strength and dedication in converting ball to points. It should be noted that even when faced with difficult decisions, the team made collective decisions that made

us proud as coaches and parents of their maturity and cooperative approach to teamwork. I would have a band of Barbarian brothers any time over a squad of stars. These boys all shone brightly, more than enough for any coach, and will no doubt light the way for first grade advancement in the future. Hopefully they will all return next year and continue the Barbarian code.

We said farewell to Coach Wayne Holmes and son Josh, who moved to Queensland and now follow the Sharks and the Reds, not the Waratahs. We thank them for their contribution over the years and look forward to pillaging on the first Barbarians tour that Wayne will no doubt organise between us and his local Gold Coast team.

Thanks also to Fiona McTackett for a great job managing us this year, and to Age Group Manager Brendan Foley for looking after all the tedious bits and pieces that go with the job. Likewise a big thank you to U13B coaches Doug Signorini and Dave Zwart for all their hard work at training throughout the year.

Well done Babas. This year we're at the Gate. Next year we knock down the fences!

Peter Irvin, Assistant Coach

I WOULD HAVE A BAND OF BARBARIAN BROTHERS ANY TIME OVER A SQUAD OF STARS. THESE BOYS ALL SHONE BRIGHTLY, MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR ANY COACH, AND WILL NO DOUBT LIGHT THE WAY FOR FIRST GRADE ADVANCEMENT IN THE FUTURE.

WE FINISHED THE SEASON ON A HIGH NOTE, CONVINCING WINNERS OF THE PLATE FINAL AGAINST LINDFIELD 4 TRIES TO 2 WITH A GREAT PERFORMANCE BY ALL.



UNDER 15A

Another season behind us and another year that our boys can hold their heads high knowing they are one of the best U15 rugby teams playing in the Sydney metropolitan competition. Well done gang!

We had some really tough competition this year from

every team we played. Our boys have started levelling out against some oversized foes and have really muscled up, and of course are starting to feel the impact of those man-sized collisions. Our young men were up to the task and remained competitive right through to the Qualifying Final.

This season marked another new phenomena

for us – would we have enough players to field a team? We began the year with 26 players, but ended up running on in the final with only 14. With all the sleep-ins and injuries from school/rep/Saturday footy, and of course a little attitude from one and all, you couldn't help but think how we might have gone if we had a full playing roster during the finals.

An interesting footnote to the season was that you would often spot our players performing 10 push-ups - anywhere any time - just for saying a word. Unfortunately

we cannot reveal what that word was, as we don't want to do any more push-ups! In one game against Chatswood early in the season, one player dropped and did 10 on the half-way mark just after we scored a try because he had used the word when catching a high ball. And a Coach was seen doing push-ups on the verge of the Pacific Highway. Whose Boots are these?

At the end of the season, it was great to see a true sense of TEAM, which is what we set out to achieve in the first place. Our boys played together as one and were great at it.

We also made a road trip to Coffs Harbour during the July school holidays for the ARU 10-a-side tournament. Over a 3-day period, living out of cabins, Hoe Moe breakfasts from camp BBQs and the boys taking no sleep at all, we played 10 games. We lost the first (we still had no idea how to play 10-a-side rugby!), then won the next 9! Suffice to say, we ended up as age champions, with only four tries scored against us (all in that first game). We highly recommend this tournament to any team interested in visiting the Banana Coast.

The highlight of our trip came during the final game when Nerida Gourley took on a coaching role and really gave it to the boys at half-time. Wow, now there's a coaching mum! The boys also had great fun racing the Go-Karts, which was very intense and a lot of laughs!

A very special thank you must go to the coaching panel - Phil Reber (super coach), Scott Gourley, Laurence Cronin and Rod Cutler - another mighty effort gentlemen. And thanks to all the parent helpers who made our job easy in getting the boys on and off the rugby field, from the Canteen Crew and Ground Marshals to the Assistant Referees and Water Boys. And boys don't forget to thank your mums, without whom none of you would even get to training.

Let's not write off next year just yet, we are still a definite chance of getting the numbers together and beating both of our nemesis teams. Go the Harlequins!

Simon Osborn, Manager



UNDER 16B HARLEQUINS / RAIDERS

As usual, the season started for the boys in late January with touch at Passmore Reserve, organised by the boys themselves through Facebook - always a great turnout and great fun, with family and friends joining in each week. And fortunately no serious injuries this year.

Successful off-season negotiations led by Dave Duke secured new coaches, with Morgan Lane and Scott Clemmet taking over, getting to know the boys at the Sunday afternoon touch sessions.

By the time registration day came around, it was clear we would be down on numbers from last year and would only have enough players for one side. This continued the trend from previous years, where we dropped a team each year after joining with the Raiders in 2009 to form three teams. When the season kicked off, we had a strong squad of 25 players and were entered in the B comp.

The season was definitely a big success with the boys responding well to the new coaches. After a few streaky performances early in the year, we came home strongly, posting wins against every other team in the comp. The low point of the season was a 50-point loss to Newport in round 13. With many of the boys going to the same school as some of the Newport players, the post-match banter was nearly as painful as the loss.

This obviously had a big impact on the boys as they responded the following week by showing great character to beat an undefeated Coogee side with a near perfect performance, then had a dominant win over Forest, so the Newport loss was clearly the shake-up they needed.

The coaches had the forwards playing really well as a unit, making plenty of ground up the middle, grinding

the opposition down with multiple phases. Not overly attractive, but very effective, with our props coming in as top try-scorers over the last part of the season.

Everything was building nicely for the Semi Final rematch with Newport. Our boys had definitely hit some form on the field, but had their psychological scars healed? Game day arrived and so did the rain - perfect for our forward-focused game plan. The boys were pumped and the coaches were nervous as kick-off approached. Once again our forwards dominated territory and possession, winning 30-17 on the back of a flawlessly executed game plan. This was definitely the highlight of the year and very satisfying for all the boys, coaches and parents who had struggled through the painful capitulation only three weeks earlier.

Unfortunately the boys couldn't keep the momentum going for the Grand Final the following week, trying very hard but falling down on execution against a Coogee side with three Sydney rep players in it.

Overall a great year and fantastic team spirit, with a lot of fun had by all. Thanks to Morgan and Scott for coaching, and to everyone else who helped out during the year.

Andrew Gourley, Manager

AT THE END OF THE SEASON, IT WAS GREAT TO SEE A TRUE SENSE OF 'TEAM', WHICH IS WHAT WE SET OUT TO ACHIEVE IN THE FIRST PLACE. OUR BOYS PLAYED TOGETHER AS ONE AND WERE GREAT AT IT.

WITH MANY OF THE BOYS GOING TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS SOME OF THE NEWPORT PLAYERS, THE POST-MATCH BANTER WAS NEARLY AS PAINFUL AS THE LOSS.

U6 Gold

Nicholas Carroll
Jacob Crews
Kai Garlick
Callum Hooker
Jeremy Morison
Charlie Poynton
Ruben Stones
Sam Ward
James Wathen
Josh Watkins

U6 Blue

Owen Blieden
Alex Brigden
Oscar Brown
Morgan Elvy
Joshua Gow
Nicholas Johnstone
Clay Kelly
Thomas Morgan

U6 Maroon

Lucas Bennett
Charlie Blank
Sam Blank
Thomas Bridgewood
Charlie Clark
Ngaru Davis
Paddy Hearn
Lachlan Jacobs
George Lawson
Caleb O'Reilly
Felix Perego

U6 White

Alec Bridgewood
Kai Coetzee
Cooper Cohen
Harley Cohen
Oisin McKay
Gruffydd Palmer
Cameron Paull
Jack Rankin
Nicholas Reeve
James Toohey

U7 Gold

Jack Arnold
Henry Bloomfield
Angus Brooks
Jack Grattan
Oliver James
David McLean
Sophia Ratcliff
Jaylen Salamen
Nick Walsh
Billy Ward

U7 Blue

Harry Austin
Eli Brady
Finn Currie
Ewan McBean
James Morrissey
Will Phillips
Thomas Porter
Tom Sawyer
Jack Walker-Powell
Max Westbury

U7 Maroon

Angus Campbell
David Campbell
Douglas Carroll
Gordon Carroll
Jack Colbran
Ollie Cummins
Finnegan Hearn
Will Meakin
Daniel Ward
Harry Whiston

U7 White

Nicholas Clancy
Ben Di Staso
Cohen Ferguson
Flynn Grady
Finlay Hagen
Joshua Hagen
Edward Hannan
William Kelaher
Hugh Miller
Flynn Simpson

U8 Blue

Jesse Blaikie
Josh Clark
Logan Cortis
Isaac Crews
Ben Kennedy
Jed Langby
Max Poynton
Scott Walters

U8 Maroon

Tom Arnold
Angus Bilston
Myles Davidson
Josh Eakin
Koby Paul
Oscar Smith
Axel Spriggs
Jed Walsh
Angus Whyte

U9 Gold

Blake Ashton-Rowles
Griffin Bamford
Anton Callow
Ewan Carter
Lucas Carter
Ben Cleverly
Samuel Greenland
Thomas Jarrett
Hugo Jeffery
Matthew McGuire
Vincent Miller
Samuel Rankin
Zac Smith
Ethan Williams

U9 Blue

Liam Daley
Thomas Dunne
Jackson Edney
Ryan Elvy
Declan Heagney
Jamie Hemsworth
Rory Keary
Matthew Opadchy
Lachlan Pietor
James Roche
Justin Schmidt
Xavier Schwartz
Rory Smyth
Josh Withers
Sonny Wood

U9 Maroon

Ethan Blieden
Harry Bright
Josh Coetzee
Oscar Davis
Conor Fagan
Maxwell Grayling
Cooper Hatvany
Sam Howell
Kelsey Ingram
Sam Laurendet
Max Naylor
Riley Roebuck
Will Wright

U9 White

Clancy Bird
Adam Eglesz
Gabriel Foley
Charlie Forsyth
James Gow
Sam Heaton
Oliver Little
Jed Putaansuu
Jack Reid
Caleb Ripley
Harrison Stewart
Nesta Tutunoa
Max Von Appen
Teddy Wilson



U10A Gold

Joshua Blank
Lachlan Burnet
Jordan Dixon
Zachary Floyd
Benjamin Gallacher
Thomas Latu
Connor Lind
Max Lowry
Angus McBean
Isaac Morrell
Luke O'Shannessy
Noah Perego
Jacob Ratcliff
Joshua Reid
Ben Walsh

U10B Blue

Harry Andrew
Jack Clancy
Langi Joe Gleeson
Zac Lowery
Flynn Martin
Mathew Polome
Benjamin Porter
Gilbert Pybus
Campbell Richardson
Nicholas Sidery
Oscar Simons
Alexander Stirrat
Edward Waddington
Kyle Whittard
Ky Williamson

U10D Maroon

Thomas Adamson
Oscar Blaikie
Aidan Campbell
Ethan Dickey
Benjamin Dines
Tom Douglas
Billy Franks
Liam Grady
Carter Harris
Harry Herbert
Rory Keeping
Jack Kennedy
Kalani Smith
Kai Spriggs

U10E White

Lachlan Bamford
Joel Burgman
Hugh Cameron
Harry Carpenter
Callum Chapman
Sebastian Cooper
Jimmy Crozier
Sean Deane
Tasman Forest
Mitchell Hardaker
Jake Linden
Archie MacMillan
Lewis Milner
Joseph Purvis

U10G Black

Paddy Bamford
Hugh Bilston
Dylan Blake
Jordan Bothwell
Jack Boyle
Jared Edelman
Harry Hall
Samual Hickey
Fynn Lankow
Matthew Lewis
Riley Lloyd
Stevie O'Connell
Henry Oates
Jack Paffard
Declan Suttie
Lincoln Zanon

U12A Gold

Jakson Andrew
James Boland
Justin Brown
Mitchell Chalmers
Benjamin Douneen
Thomas Flower
Benjamin Gleeson
Tyson Head
Thomas Herbert
William O'Shannessy
Jack Perkins
Kye Pickering
Samuel Porter
Luke Ratcliff
Noah Richardson
James Roach
James Sidery
Harry Tonkin
Harry Waddington

U12C Blue

Dane Ashton-Rowles
Flynn Barnard
Mitchell Beach
Fintan Boyle
Ethan Carter
Sean Cooper
Jake Dixon
Ethan Fairlie-Sutton
Noah Kelly
Patrick Kiely
Hamish Lennon
Sebastian Liell-Cock
Connor Lowe
Ciaran Macmillan
Jordan Marks
Alex McCaffery
Thomas McGregor
Lachlan Moore
George Pownall
Nathan Rowley-Bates

U13B Gold

Spencer Brown
Callum Druery
Cameron Foley
Keegan Lind
Samuel Lowery
Kristofer Martyn
Harrison Mayhew
Lachlan Moyes
Tobias Pack
Benjamin Pickering
Thomas Pizzie
Nason Pybus
Harley Ross-Webster
Owen Sheather
Cameron Signorini
Isaac Smith
Matthew Stirrat
Kai Stuart
Zachary Tilley
Matthew Weight
Isacc Williams

U13E Harbord / Manly Barbarians

Dane Ashton-Rowles
Flynn Barnard
Mitchell Beach
Fintan Boyle
Ethan Carter
Mitchell Chalmers
Lachlan Davis
Jake Dixon
Mitchell Edelman
Ethan Fairlie-Sutton
Josh Hardy
Josh Holmes
Josh Jouault
Noah Kelly
Patrick Kiely
Hamish Lennon
Andrew McMinn
Liam Miller
Zachary Murray-Irvine
Elliot Nash
Zane Ralph
Brad Roberts
Jack Stewart
Monty Taylor
Zac Tilley
Liam Twidell

U11A Gold

Blake Beveridge
Joshua Cox
Ethan Cutler
Max Douglas
Robert Grant
Gabriel Harris
Mitchell Lockie
Freddy Lussick
Dylan Martin
Jacob O'Sullivan
Campbell Robinson
Sean Vaivelata
Brian Walsh
Jack Walsh
Harry Wilson

U11C Blue

Will Abbey
Liam Davidson
Luke Ellis
Lachlan Foster
Zac Fulton
Ryan Hamilton
Samuel Hansen
Dylan Heckenberg
Liam House
Daniel Jackson
Levi Moger
Aiden Pashley
Jake Reid
Kyle Spiteri
Sam Stevenson

U11F Maroon

Nicholas Albertini
Patrick Boyle
Will Candrick
Tom Cullen
Callum Farrage
William Greinke
Connor Hearn
Dylan Heckenberg
Harrison Hoffman
Isaac Ortlipp
Matthew Paul
Taj Ralph
Callum Stiggants
Maxwell Stiggants
Zane Van Eck
Thomas Walsh

U11G White

Fynn Avery
Timothy Brigden
Oliver Chalk
Liam Darcy
Connor English
Mitchell Hines
Lucas Jennings
Zachary Kennard
Jesse Lilley
Reece Lovely
Marlin Millar
Samuel Paul
Callum Peattie
Jonah Putaansuu
Bailey Skelton
Dylan Sullivan



U15A

Soane Alamoti
 Samuel Coram
 William Cronin
 Marcus Cutler
 Andras Eglesz
 Samuel Evans
 Elia Faatui
 Henri Gourley
 Daniel Hayman
 Brendan Hollis
 Jonte Kaplan
 Jon Kelly
 Adriaan Knaap
 Paul Maiolo
 Mitchell Osborn
 Jayden Reber
 James Reid
 Erik Rodgers
 Liam Simonsson
 Charlie Smith
 Scott Williams
 Joshua Yeates

U16B Harlequins / Raiders

Dan Agius
 Rohan Arneil
 Mitch Beattie
 Jake Booker
 Dylan Chant
 Brad Clarke
 Tom Crisp
 Sam Duke
 Jason Freeman
 James Gourley
 Will Gulliford
 Rohan Hedge
 Harry Hyslop
 Jordan Lee
 Jamie Mason
 Oscar Mason
 Isaac O'Shea
 Sean O'Sullivan
 James Pizzie
 Liam Routledge
 Liam Ryan
 Brad Spasojevic
 Marc Taylor
 Jake Watts

HARLEQUINS CUP - PAST WINNERS

Year	U8	U9
2008	Chatswood	Newport
2009	Chatswood	Harbord
2010	Manly	Harbord
2011	Seaforth	Manly

MANLY REFEREES

Current Players

Will Cronin
 Cameron Foley
 Daniel Hayman
 Rohan Hedge
 Jonte Kaplan
 Nason Pybus

Ex-Players

Peter Bowers
 Hamish Ferguson
 Ollie Signorini
 Nic White

MANLY REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

U10

Harry Andrew
 Josh Blank
 Jack Clancy
 Jordie Dixon
 Zac Floyd
 LJ Gleeson
 Tom Latu
 Connor Lind
 Zac Lowery
 Max Lowry
 Will McBean
 Levi Moger
 Isaac Morell
 Luke O'Shannessey
 Noah Perego
 Matt Polome
 Ben Porter
 Jacob Ratcliff
 Josh Reid
 Ed Waddington
 Ben Walsh

U11

Joshua Cox
 Ethan Culter
 Max Douglas
 Robbie Grant
 Mitchell Lockie
 Freddie Lussick
 Dylan Martin
 Jacob O'Sullivan
 Sean Vaivaleta
 Jack Walsh
 Harry Wilson

U12

Jak Andrew
 Tom Flower
 Ben Gleeson
 Tyson Head
 Kai Pickering
 Luke Ratcliffe
 James Roach
 James Sidery
 Harry Tonkin
 Harry Waddington

U13

Harry Mayhew
 Thomas Pizzie
 Cameron Signorini
 Isaac Smith

U15

Soane Alamoti
 Sam Coram
 Will Cronin
 Marcus Cutler
 Andris Eglesz
 Elia Faatui
 Henri Gourley
 Jonte Kaplan
 Paul Maiolo
 Mitchell Osborn
 James Reid
 Liam Simonsson
 Charlie Smith
 Scott Williams

U16

Sam Duke
 Jason Freeman
 James Gourley
 Rohan Hedge
 James Pizzie
 Liam Routledge
 Brad Spasojevic
 Jacob Watts
 Scott White

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COMPETITION LADDERS AT END OF REGULAR SEASON

Grade	Team	Place	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Bye	FFT	PF	PA	PD	Points
U10A	HH Gold	1	15	12	3				402	121	281	54
U10B	HH Blue	6	9	1	6		2		60	198	-138	34
U10D	HH Maroon	5	12	5	6		1		178	188	-10	36
U10E	HH White	1	12	8	4				217	157	60	49
U10G	HH Black	5	13	4	9				173	235	-62	34
U11A	HH Gold	1	14	12	1	1			317	113	204	53
U11C	HH Blue	4	13	7	5	1			333	212	121	41
U11F	HH Maroon	2	12	8	3		1		272	194	78	52
U11G	HH White	1	15	12	3				302	89	213	54
U12A	HH Gold	3	13	8	3	1	1		267	144	123	45
U12C	HH Blue	5	9	4	5				167	260	-93	34
U13B	HH Gold	6	12	2	9		1		78	283	-205	30
U13E	Harbord / Manly	7	4	2	2	1	1	2	92	114	-22	23
U15A	HH	3	14	8	6				206	227	-21	44
U16B	HH	3	15	10	5				376	289	87	50

honour board

CLUB AWARDS

Coach of the Year - Minis	Barry Smyth (U9 Blue)
Coach of the Year - Juniors	Tim Herbert & Dave Tonkin (U12A Gold)
Manager of the Year	Simon Osborn (U15A)
Supporter of the Year	Rick Pybus (U10B Blue)

PLAYER AWARDS

Team	George Smith (Best & Fairest)	Team Player	Most Improved
U10A Gold	Max Lowry	Luke O'Shannessy	Noah Perego
U10B Blue	Ben Porter	Langi Joe Gleeson	Kyle Whittard
U10D Maroon	Liam Grady	Aiden Campbell	Harry Herbert
U10E White	Hugh Cameron	Jimmy Crozier	Lachlan Bamford
U10G Black	Lincoln Zannon	Paddy Bamford	Jack Paffard
U11A Gold	Freddy Lussick	Jacob O'Sullivan	Brian Walsh
U11C Blue	Liam House	Levi Moger	Lachlan Foster
U11F Maroon	Will Greinke	Isaac Ortlipp	Will Candrick
U11G White	Callum Peattie	Jesse Lilley	Lucas Jennings
U12A Gold	James Roach	Mitchell Chalmers	Sam Porter
U12C Blue	Mitchell Beach	Cadel Sumner	Alex McCaffery
U13B Gold	Kris Martin	Ben Pickering	Lochie Moyes
U13E Harbord/Manly	Lachlan Davies	Zach Tilley	Joshua Holmes
U15A	Will Cronin	Scott Williams	Jayden Reber
U16B Harbord/Seaforth	Sean O'Sullivan	Mitch Beattie	Tom Crisp

LIFE MEMBERS

Michael Harradine (2006)
Chris Hedge (2009)

5-YEAR BADGES

Tom Arnold	U8
Myles Davidson	U8
Gabriel Foley	U9
Charlie Forsyth	U9
Max Grayling	U9
Zac Lawler	U9
Teddy Wilson	U9
Joshua Blank	U10
Aidan Campbell	U10
Jack Clancy	U10
Jordan Dixon	U10
Tom Douglas	U10
Ben Gallacher	U10
Liam Grady	U10
Thomas Latu	U10
Kai Spriggs	U10
Blake Beveridge	U11
Josh Cox	U11
Robert Grant	U11
Harrison Hoffman	U11
Aiden Pashley	U11
Harry Wilson	U11
Jake Dixon	U12
Ethan Fairlie-Sutton	U12
Thomas Flower	U12
Noah Kelly	U12
Jordan Marks	U12
Cadel Sumner	U12
Zach Tilley	U13
Soane Alamoti	U15
Ross Bacon	U15

10-YEAR MEDALS

Henri Gourley	U15
Jayden Reber	U15
Sam Duke	U16
James Gourley	U16

HARLEQUINS PREMIERS 2011

Harlequins U10A
Harlequins U10E
Harlequins U11A
Harlequins U11F
Harlequins U12A



2011 GALA DAYS - FINALISTS

King of the Hills

U9 - Manly Roos v Harbord Harlequins

Harlequins Cup

U8 - Seaforth Raiders v Manly Roos White
U9 - Manly Roos v Harbord Harlequins

Wahroonga Tigers

U9 - Harbord Harlequins v Ryde

JUNIORS INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Coffs Coast Challenge (10-a-Side)

U15 - Age Group Champions

