

THE KINGSMEN



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Recent Membership Campaign has good Results

As advised previously since 1996 we have had a membership campaign. Invitations along with a "Kingsmen" have been sent in the main to those who have shown an interest in Kings (i.e., reunions or functions). They have also been sent to those who were prominent whilst at Kings (i.e., sport, head prefect, dux). We were of the opinion that prior to this we were poorly represented from those we would have expected to be members.

In our March 1999 issue we showed the membership numbers over years which recorded a dramatic decline in members from those commencing High School from about the early 1960s to the present time. The school roll passed 700 in 1961 and 750 in 1970 being substantially higher than when most Association members attended, and double many of the earlier years.

An overseas ex-pupil who joined this year described the membership numbers as pathetic which applies to later years including his. We have commenced contacting starters from that period by using lists compiled by the Convenors for each year for the 50th and updated by them, or their replacement for the 60th. A reply from one was received as follows:

Thank you for your letter inviting me to join your pathetic membership numbers but alas I feel I may not have the necessary credentials.

I may have very short, cropped hair and sprouting some hair on my lip but no matter, I am still of the fairer sex and fear that this may exclude me from your group. Still that may be a little presumptuous of me and you may really want to include me anyway.

I wish you all the best in getting the Old Boys together. I would have liked to have attended (bound to be some dishy males out of all that lot). If you need to boost your numbers let me know.

Yours in humour

We are considering sending Warwick's name and address but not his age and photo.

SPORTS QUIZ (RUGBY THIS TIME)

1. Which test teams and year did the School 1st XV play in a curtain raiser before at Carisbrook?
2. Name the teams (one connected with Kings) which played in a curtain raiser to an Otago v Wellington game in 1948?
3. In 9 years from 1936 to 1999 the 1st XV has been unbeaten in its *annual* interschool games. How many can you name?
4. In which 4 of those years were they also unbeaten in grade competition games?
5. In which year were they South Island School Champions and qualified for the Top 4 competition?

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AROUND AND ABOUT

Leo Gosney (1943-46) of 59 Summerfields Drive, Caboolture, Queensland 4510 requested a list of those known to be living in his state which has been sent. There is interest in maintaining connections out there!

At the time of writing Wellington branch were to hold their second dinner on the 10th November with an Old Boys' golf day at Heretaunga in early December. A cocktail evening and second annual meeting is to be held late March early April 2000. Contacts: Adam Coxon (04 566 2792), Brian Farrant (04 385 6156), Bruce Thomas (04 569 7507) or Box 2195, Wellington.

OLD BOYS TIE

At times we have received inquiries as to whether we have a tie for sale. In the 1950's there was one, and for the Golden Jubilee in 1986 another. The Executive have approved the manufacture of a third design which is more conservative than the previous one. It has a shield and motto on a plain dark blue background and should sell for \$26 delivered within New Zealand.

SCHOOL FILMS

The Natural History Unit have transferred our films from 1936 to 1969 to video. As these amount to over 5 hours viewing we are investigating a more marketable video to be supplied with a record of content and times.

This will be finalised and advised in our next issue in March.

OVER THE YEARS

Where are they now?

In our last issue we listed the 1st XI Soccer and Hockey captains to 1985. We are grateful to members who supplied addresses not known to us. Actually the addresses for two hockey captains were each supplied by three members. Far better than none! Also thanks to Lindsay Toms of Palmerston North who supplied fourteen addresses.

The following have been traced:

Soccer

1944	F. A. P. (Pres) Peterson, Stoke, Nelson
1954-55	F. (Forrest) Niven, New South Wales
1968	P. O. (Philip) Keene, Dunedin
1972	W. P. (William) Leiper, Palmerston North
1973-75	J. H. F. (John) Peacock, Napier
1978	C. B. (Craig) Kerr, Ngaruawhia
1980	K. I. (Ken) Baird, Lower Hutt
1982	J. H. (John) Cook, Wellington
1985	T. B. (Terry) Martin, Dunedin

Hockey

1955	A. S. (Alan) McIndoe, Napier
1965	B. A. (Bruce) Chapman, Christchurch
1978	A. J. (Alan) Williams, Wingatui
1982	D. R. (David) Watts, Dunedin
1983	D. R. (Derek) Gillions, New South Wales

Also the remaining rugby captain from 1982 M. S. (Mark) Scott has been located in Mosgiel.

Hockey Club 50th

The K.H.S.O.B. Hockey Club was formed in 1950 at the instigation of Frank Charlton, the master in charge of hockey at the school, by a group of enthusiasts who received help from our Association.

In 1957 the club was opened to outsiders because it was in danger of not being able to field a second team due to transfers from Dunedin, preference to play for University or Teachers College, or study priority. This action was not taken lightly but for very many years a good proportion of players had gone to Kings.

Illustrating this in 1969 its 20th season, which must have been one of its best, four teams were fielded. The Senior team won their competition and the second team won the next grade. The first XI included the following from the school in its regular XI that year:

N. D. K. (Don) Campbell (1964-68), G. L. (Gerald) Cessford (1964-68), A. B. (Alan) Foote (1963-67), K. C. (Ken) Isaac (1962-67), K. R. (Keith) Lees (1961-65), L. M. (Merv) Rowe (1949), D. C. (David) Stott (1964-68), A. F. (Alistair) Young (1960-64) with G. G. (Graham) Haase (staff 1958-72) as sole selector coach.

About ten years ago the club merged with an earlier established women's hockey club called Kings, and a few years

ago joined with the older United Club and is now known as Kings United Hockey Club.

It is hoped to have a 50th Reunion next year.

BITS AND PIECES

President Clinton may well have appreciated the part King's High played in making his visit to New Zealand so pleasurable. J. E. (John) Griffin (1969-73) the Millbrook professional and former international helped him improve his golf, while M. S. (Michael) Clydesdale (1977-79)—son of K. W. (Ken) Clydesdale (1949-50)—was responsible for catering for the big APEC dinner. Now if only King's had been a co-educational school

G. A. (Greg) Kane (1993-94), a joiner with Stevenson and Williams in Dunedin, won third-equal placing in the Skills New Zealand joinery awards held in Auckland in August.

Dr B. A. (Bruce) Chapman (1962-66) is a specialist gastroenterologist (i.e., he operates on livers!) at Christchurch hospital.

King's High believes in keeping the peace. Lieut Col M. A. (Michael) Thompson (1969-73) is currently commanding officer of the NZ peace-keeping contingent in the Sinai. He succeeded Lieut Col P. E. (Peter) Cosgrove (1970-75), who had been commanding officer for the preceding 12 months.

P. O. (Peter) Riley (1965-69), although sceptical originally, turned organic for health reasons, and grows vegetables, herbs, and flowers commercially at Kakanui.

M. J. (Mark) Townsend (1975-79), who has been officer in charge of DOC in Owaka for the past 3 years, has taken up a new position within DOC as recreation manager of the Wairarapa conservancy. There are 3 forest parks and a number of reserves there, and he will be involved in recreation-related activities and concessions. He hopes to return to the Catlins within the next 10 years, and expects that by then the South Island Landless Natives Act land problems will have been solved, and a marine reserve created at Nugget Point.

G. T. (Gordon) Brown (1964-67) is sports reporter for the Daily News in New Plymouth, and features occasionally on television. His brother, I. M. (Ian) Brown (1961-64) is a dentist in Auckland.

N. D. (Don) Campbell (1964-68) completed a Master of Business Studies (with 1st Class Honours in human resource management) in 1997 and was made a Fellow of the NZ Institute of Management. He is currently Director of Corporate Services at Northland Polytechnic in Whangarei. His brother A. M. (Alistair) Campbell (1966-68) is a builder and cherry orchardist at Renwick, near Blenheim.

J. V. (Julian) Mess (1964-69) is Academic Manager at Southland Polytechnic, Invercargill.

A. G. (George) McLay (1982-86) is the dry goods manager at Countdown in Dunedin.

Anyone who hasn't yet decided where to celebrate the New Year and the millennium sunrise should head for the Lammerlaw Range and view most of southern New Zealand and Stewart Island at functions organised by D. P. (Peter) MacDougall (1955-58) and the Millers Flat Hall committee.

R. A. (Richard) Langston (1973-77), a reporter for TV3's 20/20 programme, and his cameraman spent an

uncomfortable 12 days in East Timor before the referendum, then had to be hurriedly flown out subsequently when they became targets for irate militiamen. Yet after an hour's flight, Bali seemed just as unreal to them as Dili had been—but for different reasons.

G. J. (George) Humphreys (1950–54) of Papakura was one of the contacts for a reunion for former staff of the recently closed Princes Street branch of the B. N. Z. held recently. Sadly the Exchange area with its imposing buildings (often rather empty) is no longer the hub of finance, law, insurance, and accountancy.

J. B. (Jim) Lewis (1961–65) is a ship-broker with Laurie Collins Commercial in Auckland. He recently organised the tender of HMNZS Waikato for the navy, as a result of which it could end its days as floating accommodation, a museum, a restaurant, or at the bottom of the sea as a dive attraction!

Rev. W. J. (Winston) Baker (1954–58) has completed a four-year contract with the Kowloon Union Church in Hong Kong, and has returned to New Zealand.

W. J. (William) Flockton (1995–98) has been awarded a \$3750 bursary by the Community Trust of Southland, spread over three years of tertiary study at a satisfactory level of progress. There were 120 top applicants for the 20 bursaries available, and William was selected on his results, on testimonials, and on final interview with the Trust Board.

E. S. (Evan) Taylor (1959–63, Staff 1967–68), a partner in the Dunedin accounting firm of Taylor McLachlan has missed student life so much that he enrolled this year for a strategic management paper offered by the university's advanced business programme. He enjoyed being an active participant in his assigned syndicate, and contributed to the case studies, being the only person on the course with formal accounting qualifications. He intends to pursue further papers and may well add an MBA to his collection of degrees.

R. (Robin) Marks (1958–62) a teacher at Taieri High School was project leader for the school's new indoor sports training facility: in five and half years, \$100,000 was raised.

Our secretary, D. H. (David) Horne (1954–58) is an enthusiastic member of the World Century Travellers Club, eligibility being restricted to those who have visited more than 100 countries. Having so far visited 122, he is working steadily towards qualifying for his 150 countries silver certificate—although this can be hazardous. While returning recently from visiting the Faeroe Islands, Denmark, Sweden, Gibraltar, Spanish North Africa, Morocco, Malta, Guernsey, Jersey, San Marino, and Romania, he faced a five-hour stopover in Singapore, and rather than tasting local fare, he travelled by catamaran to the nearby Indonesian Island of Bintan to lunch there. Unfortunately his arrival there seemed to spark a riot, and after observing bullets ricocheting and glass breaking from a (hastily adopted) prone position, he decided that an airline meal several hours later on a homeward-bound aircraft would be much more nourishing!

J. S. (John) Kaye (1979–83) then a surveying student, broke his neck while playing rugby in 1984, and his condition

worsened during his transfer to the Burwood Spinal Unit—a result he lost the ability to breathe spontaneously. After three months' treatment, he was transferred to intensive care in Dunedin with a life expectancy of up to 18 months. Nearly 15 years later, he graduated from the University of Otago with a B. A. in computer science, and is believed to be the first ventilator-dependent quadriplegic in New Zealand to achieve a university degree.

L. J. (Lindsay) Brown (1956–60) a Dunedin chartered accountant has been elected pro-chancellor of the University of Otago. He has been a Government-appointed member of the Council since 1983, and is currently convenor of both the student accommodation board, and the audit committee. He has worked for Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu for more than 30 years, including 10 years as managing partner, specialising in business advice to medium sized clients, and in business valuation and litigation support services. Lindsay is also a director of Reid Farmers Ltd, Dunedin Airport Ltd, and is a trustee of the Ashburn Hall Charitable Trust, secretary of the Otago and Southland division of the Cancer Society; and councillor of the Otago Medical Research Foundation. He is a Fellow and former Otago chairperson, of the Chartered Accountants of New Zealand, and has served as treasurer of the Otago University Graduates Association. Also a past president and treasurer of our Association.

K. B. (Keith) McInnes (1947–52) got rather carried away with rugby fever during super 12 final time, by advertising "Welcome to the house of Pain" on the window of his Roslyn dental surgery!

OBITUARIES

H. J. (Jack) Wilkinson (1941–44) of Hervey Bay, Queensland, died May 1998

R. M. (Reay) MacKay (1939) died at Johnsonville 9/7/99

B. S. (Byron) Harford (1951–54) of Wanaka, died at Clyde 9/7/99

J. E. (Jack) O'Hara (1944) of Bluff, died at Invercargill 15/7/99

W. R. (Bill) Lindsay (1978) died at Linden, Tawa 24/7/99

C. J. (Charles) Bedford (1952–55) died at Dunedin 25/7/99

D. (Dallas) Dillon (1941–42, 1944–45) of Westport, died at Greymouth 13/8/99

W. C. (Raymond) Gin (1953–54) died at Auckland 21/8/99

T. R. (Russell) Donaldson (1950–52) of Howick, died at Middlemore 14/9/99

D. A. J. (Alex) Luke (1938–41) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 12/10/99

C. R. (Chris) Hannah (1968–72) died at Cambridge 13/10/99

W. J. (Bill) Dabinette (1972–75) died at Nelson 18/10/99

G. B. (Gordon) Simpson (1949–52) died at Dunedin 25/10/99

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

In 1997, S. J. (Steven) Garland (1982–86) compiled *Fields of Glory*, which recorded the first 21 years (1976–96) of NPC rugby. This book of 408 pages contains statistics, reports of matches, and contributions from prominent rugby writers, photographers, administrators, and players. A graduate from the London School of Journalism, Steven has also been working on two novels: one for children, and the other for an adult audience. He is the son of B. J. (Barry) Garland (1956–62).

C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw (1957–61) delivered the 1999 Hocken Lecture entitled “Stepping out from the shadows: Nationalism and Identity at the End of the Millennium.” He claimed that after embracing globalisation with almost obscene enthusiasm, New Zealand was now a sitting duck for cultural predators. He warned against global cultural homogenisation, which generally aimed at the lowest common denominator. He forecast that by 2020, New Zealand would be a Pacific-oriented nation with a constitution fully incorporating the Treaty of Waitangi: a vibrant argumentative, and at times volatile little republic!

Part-time geography teacher and writer B. C. B. (Bernard) Thornton (1956–61) has published his first novel, *Schist*: a contemporary romantic story set in the Central Otago high country. After graduating MA from the University of Otago in 1969, and gaining his Diploma of Teaching from Christchurch Teachers’ College, Bernard taught at Greytown before shifting to Gore about 15 years ago. His poetry has appeared in the Listener, Landfall, and in other journals and magazines. A reviewer of his novel commented that “this debut novel with its insight into land conservation issues and economic politics, spiced by the love interest, makes a good little read.”

The Dresden Trust is a British organisation contributing to the reconstruction of the German city of Dresden, which was destroyed by Allied bombing in 1945. This year, one of its fund-raising projects was the publication of the first comprehensive, history of the city in English—*Dresden: a City Reborn*. A contributor to the book was Canon P. E. (Paul) Oestreicher (1945–49).

A recent book by a British academic has confirmed that the late NZ diplomat, Patrick Costello, had indeed spied for the KGB in the decade following World War II. However, his Communist Party links and left-wing political views had already been revealed by M. J. C. (Malcolm) Templeton (1936–40, Staff 1945) in his 1988 book *Top Hats Were Not Taken*.

QUIZ ANSWERS AND INFORMATION

1. New Zealand v South Africa 1956. They lost to Waitaki 3–9. Gordon Slatter in the book “Football is Fifteen” 1972 stated “that we were cheered up by a great game between Waitaki Boys’ High School and King’s High School.” The article including this was one of many selected by Graham Hutchins in Classic Kiwi Sport series “Rugby” (1997). This interschool game has been mentioned in the media at times over the years even this year in relation to historical film footage.
2. King’s Old Boys played Otago Boys Old Boys and won 16–11. Reports at the time stated the Otago Rugby Football Union commented on the brightness of the rugby played, and that the majority of our team were Senior grade (now Premier) players but our records do not name any.
3. 1940, 1950, 1955, 1962, 1975, 1977, 1990, 1996, 1999. Matches with Otago and Southland commenced in 1938, with Waitaki added in 1939. Interschool games existed with St Kevins from 1937 to 1941 whilst Shirley was added in 1962. In 1940, 1950 and 1955 the winning record was spoilt by a draw in each year whilst Otago Boys’ were not played in 1977.
4. 1940, 1950, 1955 and 1977. The grade in which the team played has varied over the years affecting the record.
5. 1996. An organised competition throughout the country commenced in mid 90’s culminating in the the “Top 4” with one school from the South Island. From 1987 until about the change Kings played and won at times a Quadrangular tournament with Tauranga Boys’, Wanganui Boys’, and Rongatai College (Wellington). Also prior to the reorganisation there was a Top 4 invitation tournament to which Kings were invited in 1990. In 1999 our team was runner-up in the South Island.



All the Best to you this Christmas

BUSINESS SECTOR

Healthcare Otago chairman, D. R. (Ross) Black (1961–65) is collecting directorships on hospital boards: he is currently on four! As well as Otago, he is a director of Southern Health, Canterbury Health, and Wellington's Capital Coast Health—although he is expected to resign from Southern Health in the near future.

S. J. (Stephen) Brocklebank (1968–73), a principal in the Dunedin chartered accountant firm of Hunter Brocklebank, and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand, is also in collecting mode. A past president of the Otago Chamber of Commerce, he is currently on the board of the NZ Chamber of Commerce; chairman of Otago Netball Ltd; deputy-chairman of Tourism Dunedin and a director of Molyneux Holdings Ltd. Recently he became a director of St James Multiplex Ltd, which has been redeveloping the former cinema—now leased to Rialto Cinemas.

J. E. (Jim) Govan (1941–45), a member of the board of Central Electric Ltd since 1993, has retired as deputy chairman following the splitting up of the organisation.

T. J. (Trevor) Mason (1956–60) is finding that two of his chairmanships are keeping him on his toes. As chairman of the Wilson Neill Corp which is looking for a new name to distance itself from the former liquor company of sad memory), he faced severe criticism at the AGM from a disgruntled Auckland-based shareholder, but emerged unscathed. As chairman of the Otago Presbyterian Girls' College Board of Governors, he is trying (unsuccessfully so far) to obtain resource consent from the DCC for the construction of a \$1.5 million gymnasium block at Columba College.

The Pearsons have not moved far from the family home opposite King's where they lived as schoolboys! In 1987 they took over West's Cordials which had started at the back of Tom West's grocery in Maclaggan Street in 1876 before ultimately establishing on the corner of Bay View Road and Moreau Street. L. R. (Lance) Pearson (1950–53) became managing director and while keeping Tom West's simple business principles in mind, has instituted many changes (although they still make the pineapple and pear cider which has featured at many school functions over the years): the factory has been upgraded, the wine shop revamped, plastic bottles have replaced glass, and a new logo featuring a large 'W' with drops of bottled sunshine on top has been designed to symbolise a quality product which is distributed South Island-wide. In 1997 a brewery was installed which produces West's Draught and West's Strong beer, while isotonic sports drinks for athletes have been developed in association with the University of Otago. Brother R. G. (Ray) Pearson (1939–40), a former Mayor of St Kilda, keeps an eye on proceedings from just around the corner in East Avenue, and his son M. R. (Mark) Pearson (1971–74) is also involved in the business.

H. R. (Harry) Price (1956–60), as Chief Executive of Westpac

Trust recently launched a NZ-wide scheme to raise \$800 million through a new class of share issue. Even more recently he has been promoted to a wider role, based in Sydney, with the parent group Westpac Banking Corporation. It is to be hoped that this increased responsibility will slow him down a little, for while visiting his holiday home in Central Otago recently he was caught speeding: the traffic policeman helpfully explained that he might pay the fine at any Westpac branch! Harry accepted that advice stoically, while his wife fell about laughing

M. M. (Mark) Scorgie (1967–72), managing director of the Gourmet Ice Cream Company is trying to establish mobile stalls around the country to sell his products, but is running into difficulties in his home town: the DCC complains that the prototype stall, despite loyally featuring the Otago colours of blue and gold, does not fit the Octagon's heritage character!

Seatrans is New Zealand's leading independent shipping agency and has had a branch in Dunedin for 30 years. This is staffed entirely by King's old boys: manager W. F. (Wayne) Ward (1961–63), C. J. (Colin) Mangos (1970–72), and B. M. (Brent) Key (1980–83). In the Wellington head office are general manager G. B. (Gordon) Brander (1954–58) and Lloyd Triestino trade manager L. J. (Lindsay) Scott (1973–77).

G. R. (Geoff) Thomas (1958–62) is a director of Dunedin Casino, a \$14 million development which opened recently in the refurbished former Grand Hotel building in the Exchange. The opening hours are from 11.00a.m., until 3.00a.m., every day (open for 24 hours on Fridays and Saturdays), and it is expected to attract 1100 'investors' each day.

SPORTING TRIUMPHS

At the annual meeting of the Sports Foundation of New Zealand, G. B. (Graham) Gosney (1950–55) was elected as a governor.

Those who received grants from the Skeggs Foundation in October included: H. J. (Hayden) Allen (1994–98) basketball, B. A. (Brent) McEwan (1995–97) golf, P. E. (Eddie) Smith (1993–97) Triathlon, K. J. (Keiran) More (1993–98) surf life saving, and present students J. P. (James) Simpson (field events) and B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (cricket).

The Masters Games will be held in Dunedin in February 2000 and once again J. T. (John) Bezett (1957–58, Board of Governors 1985–88, Board of Trustees 1989–95) is the executive committee chairman. A total of 7500 competitors are expected.

Basketball

G. I. (Glen) Denham (1977–82), who lectures in health and physical education at the Dunedin College of Education, was recalled to the Tall Blacks this year for their (successful) attempt to qualify for the Sydney Olympic Games, but announced his retirement from international games after their win against Guam. New Zealand's most capped player, he played in 152 tests following his 1984 debut, although his

unofficial tally is believed to be close to 190 international matches. He captained the Tall Blacks from 1987 until recently. Although as fit as he has ever been, he has yet to decide whether to continue playing in the NBL.

Bowls

F. W. (Frank) Wilson (1937) is president of Bowls Dunedin, with E. H. (Ted) Dowland (1936–38) and F. J. C. (Fred) Earl (1945) on the committee.

Fred Earl has been convenor of the Dunedin Bowling Umpire's Association tutorial panel for 10 years, and of the countless umpires whom this former staff instructor for the NZ Railways has trained only one failed to qualify. He remains on the panel, and has been made a life member in recognition of his services.

On the provincial selection panel are E. F. (Ernie) Andrews (1947–49) and G. J. (Gerald) Oliphant (1954–57).

Cricket

W. L. (Warren) Shirley (1952–56) is once again president of the O.C.A., with S. B. (Stuart) Heal (1965–70) and P. A. (Peter) Graham (1970–73) on the board of management.

Cross Country

T. M. (Tim) Dobier (1993–98) won a bronze medal in the junior men's event at the national championships at Hawera in August.

J. C. R. (John) Schmelz (1965–68) won the veteran men's section at the NZ half-marathon championships at Dunedin in September.

Cycling

G. A. (Gordon) McCauley (1985–88) headed off the top English professionals to win British Cycling's season-long competition. This was despite being without sponsorship for part of the season.

Golf

J. S. (John) Roche (1956–60) is the Otago Provincial Golf Association's first executive officer. Initially part-time, his priorities are to attract players to clubs, and to persuade sponsors to support the game at provincial level.

Hockey

P. W. (Peter) Ashton (1962–66) coached the Otago under 21 XI this year.

Orienteering

G. L. (George) McLeod (1956–58) won his age-group event at the national championships recently.

Rugby

T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993) and J. A. (Josh) Kronfeld (Staff 1994–95) represented New Zealand at the World Cup.

J. M. (Joe) McDonnell (1986–88) was selected for the NZ

'Legends' team which attended (and won!) the World Rugby Legends tournament in Wales. Held at the same time as the World Cup, and with teams from Australia, South Africa and the British Isles, the players were available (and matchfit) if required as emergency replacements for World Cup players. Joe was also selected for NZ Maoris.

Joe McDonnell, T. E. (Tom) Willis (1992–97), and C. J. (Carl) Hayman (1993–97) provided an "all King's" front row for the Otago NPC team. B. J. (Brett) McCormack (1985–89) captained Southland, while K. (Kupu) Vanisi (1990–91) represented Wellington.

Carl Hayman, J. D. (John) Willis (1992–96) and A. J. (Ashley) Barron (1992–96) were in the Otago Development XV.

Wyndham Barkman, president of ORFU in 1999, selected his "Best Otago team since World War II," and included Josh Kronfeld, C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw (1957–61), and R. H. (Ray) Bell (1939–41).

L. W. (Laurie) Mains (1960–64), in the first year of a 3 year contract in South Africa has completed a remarkable transformation of the Golden Lions by winning both the Vodacom and Currie Cups (they were 8th in the Currie Cup last season). As a result he will also coach the Cats in next season's Super 12 competition—despite the misgivings of Orange Free State and Griguland West, who with Gauteng comprise the Cats.

M. A. (Michael) Idour (1966–70, Staff 1984, 1988–) will coach the Alhambra Union premier team next season.

Scrabble

K. M. (Kendall) Boyd (1981–85) came second in the national tournament held in Wanganui at Easter. At the world championships held in Melbourne recently, he won 15 games and was 12th out of 106 competitors.

Soccer

G. I. (Graham) Marshall (1981–85), R. D. (Rod) Fleming (1983–88), B. E. (Bradley) Scott (1993–97), A. D. (Andrew) Coburn (1993–97), and N. L. (Nathan) McCullum (1994–98) represented Otago.

Dunedin Technical won the Chatham Cup in 1999, and the Southern League for the fourth successive season. The team was coached by R. F. (Roger) Brooks (Staff 1986–) with assistance from B. J. (Barry) White (1972–74), and players included Graham Marshall, D. J. (Dean) Wilson (1987–92), J. R. (Justin) Flaws (1994–98), S. A. (Shayne) Danielson (1987–92).

At the end of season Soccer Otago awards, Nathan McCullum was judged Young Player of the Year, and awarded the Golden Boot for his prolific scoring (19 goals in the Southern League).

Triathlon

P. E. (Eddie) Smith (1993–97) won a silver medal in the under-20 men's race at the world championships held in Canada recently.