

INTERVIEW OF THE WEEK

The Vicarian (TV) Interview of the week.

This weekend we welcome back players from the 1990's. Personally I cannot remember the 1990's so who better to remind me than OIRFC historian and analyst*

John Bain (JB)

** Analyst - def. a retentive analyst).*



INTERVIEW:

TV - JB. How good is it going to back in the past?

What was your most memorable memory of the 1990's.

JB - "Most Memorable Memory" my god Boggy did you ever go to school. I think I know what you mean . . I would have to say that my "MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT" of the 1990's was in 1997 when I was the first to established the Old Iggies Website. Tell me Boggy what was yours most memorable?

TV - Well I remember one day working the Old Iggies BBQ in 1994 and someone pissed you off. I then watched as you threw the BBQ scrapper clean over the change rooms.

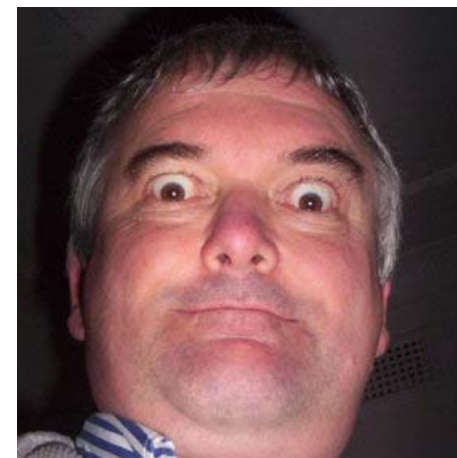
JB - Yeah, I never did find that again! Yeah, Guy Coleman always said I had a little temper. I have settled down with old age.

TV - OK so you really are not crazy?

JB - I guess I did have a little temper. . . . But if you had to live / work / play rugby / party & drink with Mick Fahey and Guy Coleman you would not be sane either.

TV - OK, so quickly in a few words what can you say about the 1990's?

JB - Were do I start . . . In 1993 the 1st division of Suburban Rugby merged with what was then the Metropolitan Competition to form a 20 team comp aimed at sorting the wheat from the chaff in second tier Sydney footy. The top ten teams would form the new 1st Division while the bottom half would combine the next year in a 20 team 2nd Division comp and so on and so on until everyone had a home in the brave new rugby world. Turned out we were chaff and it was back to 2nd Division for us. All a cunning plan of course, that allowed us to regroup in 2nd Division without the stigma generally attached to sides that get themselves dropped on their lonesome. And a mere 3 seasons later we secured four Premierships (including one for the Colts side formed just a few years earlier), a nail biting win in the Club Championship (to land us back in 1st Division) and of course the undying hostility of the Gordon Rugby Club who won't be taking our booking again for a presentation dinner anytime in the next millennium. 1996 was without doubt the most....**[Interview continues over page]**



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. . . outstanding year in our history to that point. [Oops - I am starting to yawn] 4th Grade gave us our first 1st Division title in 1997 when they defeated Waverly 8 - 5 to secure the Judd Cup. We also got our hands on another first past the post Halligan Cup in 6th Grade, fielded 7 sides and registered over 200 players all busting a gut to run around for The Old Ignatians. Of course, any discussion of the year 1997 would be incomplete if it didn't mark the launch of Iggies onto the World Wide Web thanks almost completely to the creator of this site's predecessor John Bain. [Officially just nodded off] 1998 rolled around and the Club really started its move up the Club Championship table with a fourth place finish. Five teams were still in it come the end of the season proper and 3 were still on the dance floor come the last weekend. [I woke from my sleep and nodded in agreement] 3rd Grade took out the Whiddon Cup while Fours and Fives stumbled at the final hurdle. Australian Rugby Review gave us their Club of the Month award in September (one or two of the now disintegrating t-shirts that made up the prize for this honor can still be seen at the odd training). At the completion of the Clubs 30th year (1999 for the mathematically challenged) Iggies were 2nd on the Club Championship table, [I fell asleep again] all 6 teams had made the semis, we were named Suburban Club of the Year by the NSWSRU and were the holders of the 2nd and 5th Grade trophies (2nd grade securing theirs in what can only be described as a bloodbath boil over at sunny Concord Oval against a Mosman 2nd Grade that was quite frankly expected to wipe the floor with us). So in summary we actually won the following Premierships: [oh my god is this still going] 1995 Richardson Cup (Defeated Matraville 6-3); 1996 RELIANCE SHIELD (2nd Division); 1996 Blunt Cup (Defeated Briars 23-5); 1996 Robertson Cup (Defeated Oatley 25-7); 1996 Richardson Cup (Defeated Matraville 8-5); 1996 Halligan Cup (First past the post); 1997 Judd Cup (Defeated Waverley 8-5); 1997 Halligan Cup (First past the post); 1998 Whiddon Cup (Defeated UNSW 24-17); [do you think JB has realised I have left the building] 1999 Burke Cup (Defeated Mosman 13-11); 1999 Sutherland Cup (Defeated Newport 15-0). OK that was pretty quick.

Boggy I also wanted to correct you. John Bugner fought Ali in twice in 1973 and then again in 1975.... Not 1974 like you reported on Page 1. He was actually born in Hungary [NO STOP THERE]

