

On 29 MAY 1937 at West Hobart University had its third successive win ("Mercury" headline) with 40 points against High School's 28 in atrocious conditions.

University

Goals Chambers 2, Pedder, Wood, Gee, Game

Best Smith, Johnstone, Gee Edwards

My last game was at Queenborough on 12 JUN 1937 against Long Beach who won with 68 points to 34. Basil Sproule took over the Captaincy for this match.

University

Goals Pearce 2, Chambers, Wood, Linford

Best Simpson, Edwards, Sproule, Chambers, Wood.

Comments about new players in 1937:-

BOWLES, Bill Ex-Devonport High. Schoolteacher

GAME, S. James. A. LL.B. 2nd A.I.F. WW II

MAGOWAN, Ian. Ex-Hutchins. Well known Hobart medico.

Pedder, Lou Ex-Clemes College. Lives at Burnie.

SPROULE, Basil Ex-Hobart High and 1936 O.H.A. Team. LL.B. Later a Police Magistrate. Deceased.

SIMPSON, Tom D. Ex-Hutchins. In R.A.A.F. WW II. Of "Dambusters" Fame. D.F.M., D.F.C. LL.B. Hobart Solicitor

MORRIS, Stan Ex-Devonport High. Teacher. Good footballer..

I managed to get a few ex-Devonport High players from Teachers College on odd occasions. I knew them all as I had been at Devonport High 1927/29!

It was very difficult to get even 16 players for every Saturday during the season as the majority lived in the north of the state and went home for some week ends and for vacations. Undergraduate numbers were small and as Rugby was started at about the same time competition for players was fierce. I remember playing a couple of games with the Rugbyites when the football team was not playing and once or twice one or two Rugby men turned out for us.

The late Justice Peter Crisp, Marcus Crisp LL.B. and Bob Kennedy LL.B. were Rugby stalwarts. The Crisps had played the game at Riverview School in Sydney and were, I'm sure, the founding fathers of Rugby in Tasmania.

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As regards "The History of the Club" it should begin thus:-

"Welcome to the largest sporting club at The University of Tasmania with a tradition that goes back over sixty years. The club played social games at least as early as 1934 and in 1936 played its first organised football in The Queenborough Association, finishing third out of the four teams in the roster. The following year...."

To get an outline of the history of the team from where I have left off to 1948 when it entered The Amateur league is merely a matter of someone devoting some time doing research at the library in Murray Street. Photocopies of "Mercury" newspapers are available and if the football pages from about the end of April to about the middle of September each year are scrutinised, what became of the team during those years should emerge.

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