



## DRUMMOYNE RUGBY CLUB (NSW)



### TEAMS

The Dirty Reds have more than 200 registered players. The 1998 season will see the club field five grade teams, one colts team and a women's rugby team. First grade have won premierships in both years, losing only three games over two years. Fourth grade also taking the premiership with second grade being runners up. The club won nine Sydney first grade premierships.

### PERSONALITIES

Drummoyne has produced many characters over the years, including former Test referee, Arthur Tierney, now at age 79 the official timekeeper at all home games. Other club stalwarts include the Miles brothers, Max and Warren, former club president, John Mulford and former Sydney representative Spot Stephenson.

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### REPRESENTATIVES

The club has produced 45 internationals, including five captains. W. Watson was the first Australian representative in 1912 and Drummoyne's most famous son is former Australian captain, the late Greg Davis. Seven of the immortal Waratahs of 1927-28 played for the club. They were, Whyllie Breckenridge, Johnnie Wallace (captain), W. Cerutti, A. Findlay, F. Malcolm and Eric and Jack Ford. The 1920s internationals comprised C. Blondfield, P. Buchanan, R. Chambers, T.S. Davis, V.A. Dunn, R.E. Elliot, D.J. Erasmus, R.T. Ferguson, W.S. Friend (captain), G. Mackay, A.V. Mayne, O.E. Nothling, E.V. Ritchie, E.J. Reid and H.E. Tancred. During the '30s international representatives included B. Palmer, C. Campbell, F. McPhillips, R. Kelly, J. Malone, M. Ramsay and R. Rankin. In the '40s Eric Freeman and Doug Keller were Drummoyne players called up for international duties, and in the '50s, '60s and '70s, the club internationals were Jim Leslie, Eric "Nookie" Tindall, Alan Cardy, John Freedman, Ian Moutray, Ray Clobert and more recently, the colourful Arthur McGill and Steve Williams. Drummoyne now has five Australian representatives in women's rugby: Nicky Wickert (captain), Karen Lambert, Sharon Foote, Ronnie May and Shez Mould.

### MANAGEMENT

The club is run by former first grade players, Danny Rawlings and David "Bearshead" Newell, with coach Fred Andrews.

## The Dirty Reds fight on

**D**rummoyne Rugby Club has a long tradition in Australian rugby which dates back to the club's inception in 1874. Formed then as Balmain Rugby Club, it became Glebe-Balmain in 1919 but changed its name to Drummoyne in 1931, when the club moved to its present home, Drummoyne Oval.

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The then Drummoyne Council provided land by levelling the "Chinese Gardens" on the proviso that the club be named Drummoyne Rugby Club.

The players' bloodied shorts during this era earned them the tag the "Dirty Reds", which still exists today.

Drummoyne played for many years in Sydney's first division but after a series of relegations and promotions during the 1980s and '90s is now competing in the NSW Suburban Rugby competition.



### CLUB MILESTONES:

1997 marks a major milestone in the club's history: Recently the club has been very successful in the Suburban Rugby Competition winning the club championship in 1996 (4th Division) and again in 1997 (3rd Division). This sees the club being promoted to the second division in 1998.