

## 1991 TEAM REUNION

In The year 1990, a group of very talented players, lead by Senior Coach, Graham Potaka, had a very successful season, making their way into the Finals, first defeating Perth 19 – 4 then moving into the Preliminary Final, where they defeated Cottesloe 13-10.

Then it was the big one – the Grand Final, with Nedlands waiting in the wings !

A very hard fought game resulted in a win to Nedlands 10 – 6.

The following season, a good summer was put in by all of the boys under new coach Peter McGrath.

At the time, there was a strong saying going around the club that there was some 'unfinished business' to be done.

Peter McGrath talks about several things involving the successful 1991 Team.  
'A lot of hard work that resulted in achieving all of the goals that had been set'.

A comment made after the Grand Final was that he was extremely pleased at the commitment and disciplines that the team displayed throughout all of the Finals games and he also made a special mention about the psychologist Brian Daniels, who worked with all of the players for the last 6 weeks.

Peter summed the day up by saying the Grand Final was a great game of Rugby, even though no Try's were scored. The game produced so much excitement and tension that kept everyone on the edge of their seats !

The crowd support was magnificent and I am sure this helped lift the players when the pressure was on.

This support culminated in elation and tears of joy when the final whistle blew.

Peter McGraths words were 'The commitments and discipline displayed in this game was equal to anything I have experienced in 8 years of coaching in New Zealand'.

## PALMYRA RUGBY UNION CLUB (INC.)

W.A.R.U. FIRST GRADE — MAJOR PREMIERS 1991  
PALMYRA 9 — NEDLANDS 0



Back Row: G. Huddy, R. Smith, B. Kini, D. Goldingham, B. Fulker, W. TePania, T. Hickling, J. TePania, W. Kigden.  
Middle Row: A. Larven (Team Manager), L. Turnbull (President), B. Ruddell, G. Chapman, P. Edmonds, G. Howard, B. Law, D. Galbraith, L. Flavell, B. Daniel (Motivator), A. Hayden (Physio).  
Front Row: A. Slee, O. Daymond, A. Ross, R. Smith (Captain), P. McGrath (Coach), W. Johns, C. Crackett, G. Wagstaff, J. Halliday.  
Absent: P. Mulvaney, K. Beverley, R. Wall, P. Robson, S. Kerr.  
Games Played 20: Won 15, Lost 5. Points For 384. Against 164.

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Team Manager, Alan Larven, has organized a 20 year reunion of his team and will be held on the weekend beginning Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of May.

Coincidentally, that Saturday Palmyra will play Nedlands ! Let's hope for the same result as in 1991.!

Alan has indicated that the number of players attending the reunion is looking very good, with 5 flying in from 'New Zealand' 1 from 'Queensland' and 1 from ' Darwin'.

I believe this is a very good opportunity to make a big effort to get to this Home game on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of May and catch up with this very successful group, that is a big part of our Palmyra History.

Hoping to see you there – Let's make it a great day !!