Professor Mark Henaghan's University Rugby career



The Colts Golds 1972 S.J.Allan,G.J.Burgess,T.G.Read B.J.Mundie E.J Hornbrook,D.Shand B.Enoka,W.Hewat,G.Mirkin,D.M.York,G.J Colhoun,M.J.Murray,C.Y Grant. R.M.Henaghan. J.G.Dallas J.A.Barsb (coach) I.J.Prior,A.Mcleod(Capt)R.H.Hayburn(selector),E.Willis

Above: Otago Rugby Football Club photo, 1972.

Below: The University Law Vultures Club, 2016, including Professor Mark Henaghan.



More than 44 years after pulling on a jersey for the Otago University Rugby Football Club's Golds team, Professor Mark Henaghan still enjoys taking to the field.

The Faculty of Law Dean made his university rugby debut as an undergraduate in 1972, and his most recent appearance was for the University Law Vultures this year.

Professor Henaghan enjoys playing hooker in the golden oldie scrums but will "turn out and play wherever required."

The Club celebrates players who have 100 "caps", but Professor Henaghan estimates he has played more than 300 games.

In the early-1970s he played alongside Greg Burgess, who later went on to become an All Black prop, and other former teammates include Ian Willis, later a Southern captain and Otago player, and John Hornbrook who went on to play for Zingari and Otago.

Professor Henaghan is best known for his off-field career, which has involved teaching the first-year course LAWS 101 The Legal System, and specialising in Child and Family law.

Thanks to Blooz Nooz writers who recently caught up with Professor Henaghan playing as scrum half for the Vultures; unfortunately he was forced from the field after 15 minutes – but not by injury or failing fitness though! He had to give a lecture to nursing students.



Above: Professor Mark Henaghan in action with the Law Vultures.