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AND  
BALANCE SHEET  
1965-1966

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# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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Gentlemen,

The 48th Annual Report and Balance Sheet is presented for your perusal and acceptance.

NEW MEMBERS: One of the most pleasing features of this year, was a well organised and imaginative drive for new members. The fact that the initiative came from relatively young members, makes it even more admirable. That the effort was worthwhile, is borne out by the relatively greater overall standard of play in the Club's three major sports. We now have players of ability in other than top grades awaiting their opportunity to oust the established first graders. To John Singleton and the Chairman of the Club's major sports, must go the credit for a most successful year, new member-wise. To these, and to all members, the executive of the Club would like to say-- well done and keep up the good work with a sustained effort again this coming year -- remember new members are the life blood of the Club and the 50th Anniversary is just about upon us and we want to make it a "Golden Year".

WALLABY MANAGER: The Club is proud to have one of its members, Bill McLaughlin, appointed Manager of the Wallaby team to the British Isles. Congratulations Bill.

NEW ZEALAND VISITORS: Our members had the opportunity, on two occasions, of repaying the hospitality shown our team which visited New Zealand, when we played host to the Northern Southland and South Otago Colts Rugby teams. Both sides were billeted by members and the various entertainments arranged by the Club's Social Committee, were enjoyed by all. The Briars have become the leaders in New Zealand-Australian Club team exchanges and will be hosts again next March -- this time to the Merivale Christchurch team.

NEW SPORTS GROUND: The prospects of obtaining an additional sports ground in the area, have improved considerably in the past year and the Planning Committee is following this urgent need closely. Because of a general shortage of sports grounds (particularly turf wickets) in Sydney, the entry of some of this Club's teams in competition is jeopardised, and it has become vital to obtain an extra ground if we are to maintain the same number of teams playing sports.

CLUB ROOMS:

Over the past two years, the Club rooms have been improved considerably, last year by the laying of a carpet and this year by re-upholstering and general restoration of the lounge chairs. Whilst billiard and table tennis tables received some use, consideration is now being given to facilities which will provide for wider patronage of members.

RUGBY:

The Rugby season just completed, was a most satisfactory one. While we did not take out any individual grade trophies, the four teams as a whole won the coveted Bruce Graham Shield for Club Championship. The players obviously enjoyed the season and the good performances amongst the lower teams means that competition for positions in all grades, will be keen next year. All coaches did a fine job in building team and Club spirit. Excellent representations were obtained in Combined Sub-District teams which featured an interstate trip to Brisbane for the first time this year.

HOCKEY:

A most pleasing result of our winter season this year, was the resurgence of keenness in our Hockey teams. All members concerned with the lifting of spirits in this sport are to be heartily congratulated. The transfusion supplied by a few new players, together with a further influx next year, should guarantee even better results next season. A feature of the season was a number of hockey players sharing the rigours of Wednesday night training with our Rugby players.

CRICKET:

Cricket during the 1965-66 season, produced a more even distribution of winning matches amongst our teams. Both "A" and "B" Shires contested the finals, the "B's" being Minor Premiers. However, no individual grade was won. The "C" Shires had a number of good wins. A sign of the Club's overall standard, was our position of second place in the Club Championship. The senior side, the "C. & S.", enjoyed their season with better than average results.

GOLF:

The response to Golf Days was a little less enthusiastic this year, partly due to unavoidable clashes with other Club activities. However, moves are in hand to try a more geographically convenient course for one day next year as well as an experiment in a mid-week game at a local course. A chartered bus was used for transport to the final day this year with some success.

SQUASH:

Squash is still attracting its usual stalwarts and these members are thereby looking after their physical well-being as well as

scoring some notable successes in competition.

SKI LODGE: The invigorating atmosphere of Thredbo is claiming more Club adherents every year and a pleasant sojourn in ideal conditions at the Briars Lodge, is the reward of those who venture to the snow country.

THE LATE RON THOMSON Late this year, a most generous donation was made to the Club by the family of the late Ron Thomson. Ron was a valued member who made a real contribution to the organisation and soul of the Club and it is fitting that a Memorial to a member of such stature should receive the most careful consideration being accorded it by Management and Board Members at this time.

ANZAC DAY: On the Saturday before Anzac Day, a short service of remembrance was held under the Club's Memorial Plaque in honour of those members who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II. Doug Vanderfield spoke reminiscently of those who died and their association with the Club.

SOCIAL: As usual, the Annual Ball was an unqualified success and once again, a very pleasant Annual Club Dinner was well attended by members. Partly due to a heavy calendar of activities for our New Zealand visitors, the number and variety of Club Socials was not all that members could ask for. However, a very successful night for new members, as well as a "Meet the Briars" night for Sports Masters in the district, were held during the year.

FINANCE: For the second year in succession, trading figures created a record. Sound investment of temporarily surplus Club funds will be noted in the Balance Sheet, and the Club can be said to be in a strong position to maintain and improve its existing facilities.

ADMINISTRATION: The Club was well served by the members of Board and Management Committees as well as the various Sub-committees. It is important for members of all Committees to realise that the attendance at each meeting is most important. While the absence of a member may cause no noticeable loss, the contribution he may otherwise have made, is not gained. All decisions made by a Committee are subject to the thoughts and ideas of each member and by the very force of human nature, each individual will contribute a different slant to any given argument.

Particular thanks are due to Bill Elder, who retired as President last year, only to have the

responsibility of Acting President thrust upon him for part of this year due to the President's absence.

All other office bearers, committee-men, stewards and others who serve the Club, have earned the thanks of members.

THANK YOU:

We would like the Burwood, Concord and Strathfield Councils to accept the Club's thanks for assistance given during the year.

Thanks also to the following organising bodies connected with the Club's sporting activities:

N.S.W. Rugby Union  
 Sydney Rugby Union  
 N.S.W. Rugby Union Referees Association  
 Metropolitan Sub District Rugby Union  
 Sydney Hockey Association  
 N.S.W. Cricket Association  
 Council of Municipal and Shire Clubs  
 City & Suburban Cricket Association  
 Western Suburbs District Cricket Club  
 Sydney Hockey Umpires Association  
 Squash Association of N.S.W.  
 Leura Golf Club  
 St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Our thanks are also due to the organisers and players of clubs who provided us with sporting competition during the year.

Our membership stands at 350, compared with 344 last year, and consists of the following:

	<u>1965-66</u>	<u>1964-65</u>
Full Members	252	248
Junior Members	11	5
Associate Members )	87	91
Country Members )		
	<u>350</u>	<u>344</u>



1965-66 CRICKET SEASON

Committee: C. Dennis (Chairman), J. Wade (Deputy Chairman)  
J. Scott, J. Balmforth, B. Vaughan

Selectors: C. Dennis, J. Wade, J. Balmforth, R. Clark.

All points considered a satisfactory season was conducted.

To our disappointment we failed to win a premiership, the A's finishing in 3rd place, and the B's second, but despite the final results this was a better overall performance than the previous season.

Our "C" Shire side showed some improvement on 1965 efforts but an influx of quality players is necessary to allow a better balanced side to be fielded in future.

Our "senior side" finished about all square on wins and losses and it is most pleasing to see the old brigade out and about.

What was considered our major task, that of winning the Club Championship, also eluded us, but we were pleased to finish in second place.

We offer our congratulations to University of N.S.W. (Club Champions and "A" Shire Premiers), Epping "B" Shire, and Balmain No. 1 "C" Shire.

Rothwell Park was again our headquarters for "A" and "B" Shire matches and generally we were presented with fair wickets which would no doubt be improved if an earlier start in preparation could be undertaken.

For the second year the C's played their home games at Hudson Park in Strathfield, this park being available during the end of the year school holidays when it is not used by St. Patricks College.

The "C" Shire competition instituted by the Council of Municipal and Shire Clubs in 1964, was this year taken under control by the N.S.W.C.A. and conducted as an official competition as per "A" and "B" Shire, although not counting for the Club Championship. This produced an influx of entries from the grade clubs resulting in 20 teams participating in a very strong competition.

With four teams now operating on turf wickets it makes it most imperative that we secure for a full season, the use of another oval to supplement Rothwell Park, which, of course, we hope to retain.

Thursday afternoon practice at Rothwell was reinstated

but attendances were poor. The difficulties in attending are obvious but with a little effort more could attend these sessions.

We are pleased to report that "Friday" changes were less frequent, however nothing short of 100% eradication is considered good enough. We retain our small core of players who treat their cricket as second rate, too often prepared to drop out for other functions that not only could be postponed but in fact should not have been arranged in the first place - again more effort is necessary.

The introduction of Messrs. Balmforth and Clark as roving selectors proved a success and should be continued if possible.

It is not to the Committee's credit that we failed to organise a country trip, and this should be rectified next season.

Our second single wicket competition was held at Goddard Park being won by Tom Mobbs. This is an excellent day and it is a great pity that we must limit it to 16 players as almost every one of our Shire players nominated for the draw.

Although rain foiled our plans we are indebted to the Western Suburbs District Cricket Club for granting our request to use Pratten Park nets for our pre-season practice and to Homebush Boys High whose wicket filled the breach when the weather interfered.

Although individual performances will be examined further on in team reports, special mention can be made here of two fine efforts, that of Kevin Holley who notched 70 wickets and scored 333 runs for the A's and Joe Dess who in being responsible for 34 dismissals (28 catches 6 stumpings) as keeper for the B's created a Club record (Shires).

#### "A" SHIRE

A satisfactory season on all counts, enjoyable and with a final position in the competition generally in keeping with our average performances. We were never unbeatable nor were we disgraced.

To the competition winners, University of New South Wales, we extend our congratulations on their fine all round performances throughout the complete season and look forward to next season's matches with them in the hope that we can make these more closely contested than were those of last season.

We would regard our own final as being the last round game with our evergreen foes, Auburn-Lidcombe, when some very wonderful individual performances were recorded as well as some equally shocking - on both sides. So even were these ups and downs that the match was a thriller. There was little between us and the game was played with such spirit and keenness that although we eventually went down, George Parry and his merry band were under pressure all the way.

The margin was so close that if we didn't have the worry of Jack Balmforth's blood pressure on the side line, the end result may have been different.

The innovation of roving selectors Bob Clark and Jack Balmforth proved a complete success and could not have been undertaken by a more helpful and agreeable pair (they both make good tea). The balanced perspective obtained by them ensured correct selections for all teams and we only hope that even without Bob the same procedure can be carried on next season when we hope to consolidate with more young blood in this, our senior team.

The general conduct and play of the team was good with fielding up to standard, bowling reasonably aggressive, but unfortunately very dependent on our star for the year, Kevin Holley, and batting our weakest phase. This was unpredictable particularly in the latter matches. To explain why is difficult but perhaps a reasonable comment is that many players were not applying themselves to bat in a manner dictated by the position of the games.

Two schools of thought exist in the Club, one that little individual comments on players should not be made in this Annual Report as we play as a team, the second - particularly by the "Elders" - that the report is not complete without such comment and it adds interest, so we bow to their experience and have our say.

"HAMMY" LENNARTZ: Very satisfactorily earned through performances, that title bestowed on him by one of our team, who unfortunately always had the kit in his car so couldn't be dropped, of "our non-playing captain".

JOHN WADE: Our much needed steady influence in the batting line-up but suffered because too often he was called upon to act in this role through lack of support. As Vice-Captain his experience and soundness was both very acceptable and beneficial in all aspects of general team functions and selection.

DAVID WALKER: Any team is improved on and off the field by his inclusion. Unfortunately didn't maintain his batting form of early in the season but this was plenty good enough

for him to take batting honours for both aggregate and average. As usual, very capably fulfilled his duties as wicket keeper taking 22 catches and 6 stumpings.

GRAHAM IRELAND: Considering his proved ability he had a lean run-getting trot but he is still our classiest performer and always likely to get on top of the attack. Consistently good in the field and especially valuable at short mid-on.

PETER RICHARDSON: Has as much batting potential as any other player and showed how this will develop on too few occasions. Expect big things this coming season. In the field he is without doubt the keenest and best slip field we have in the Club, sharing thirteen catches for the season.

GRAHAM CORDEROY: Delightful aggressive opening bat, but a little more restraint and selection of when and what to punish would allow us to enjoy the spectacle of his run getting more often. Solid in the field with fourteen catches to his credit and a great team man.

PETER MANSFORD: Batting improvement apparent during the season with a number of innings worth more to the team than the runs would indicate. Energetic on the field and a pleasure to have in the side.

PHIL McEACHRAN: Batted well and wasn't given sufficient opportunity to do even better indicated partly by the records which show six unfinished innings. More match bowling should reproduce his known ability and make him our most valuable "all rounder". A most conscientious and dedicated cricketer.

RAY YOUNG: Valuable as a stock bowler being used a great deal to keep one end under reasonable control, but didn't have the success hoped for.

BARRY VAUGHAN: Captured forty wickets and earned them all. With suitable conditions in some of the games played, bowled superbly and always demanded respect. Fielding is safe with patches of brilliance particularly with catches off his own bowling.

KEVIN HOLLEY: Like our children, we save the best things till last. This was Kevin's year and he bowled exceptionally well to finish with seventy wickets at an average of 12.8. Always bowling with fire and that necessary "tiger" but much more under control with both ball and temperament than previously. Apart from being the bowling mainstay, he also starred on a number of occasions with very correct and beautiful batting performances and generally gave us the impression we would be a sick old team without him. Keep up the good work, Kevin.

**"A" SHIRE STATISTICS**

Matches Played	WON O'R	WON 1st	LOST O'R	LOST 1st	Drn	Pts	Position in Competition
15	1	8	1	2	3	66	3rd

Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average
2979	151	19.72	2959	195	15.17

**B A T T I N G**

	No. Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Average
D. Walker	18	-	184	578	32.1
J. Wade	16	5	71*	339	30.8
P. McEachran	16	6	51*	252	25.2
K. Holley	18	4	60*	333	23.7
P. Richardson	16	-	59	287	17.9
P. Mansford	17	2	50	253	16.8
G. Ireland	14	-	56	225	16.0
G. Corderoy	18	-	41	308	15.4
H. Lennartz	14	2	33	158	13.1
B. Vaughan	8	3	7	17	3.4
R. Young	3	1	2	3	1.5

Also batted: R. Downe 4-87; S. Hipwell 3-62;  
B. Trevenar 1-13\*; T. Wells 1-4.

**B O W L I N G**

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
K. Holley	246	45	896	70	12.8
B. Vaughan	154	21	526	40	13.1
R. Young	131	16	532	25	21.2
H. Lennartz	67	5	328	15	21.8
P. McEachran	111	8	510	17	30.0

Also bowled: T. Wells 8-154; G. Ireland 5-59; J. Wade 3-69; P. Mansford 2-32; J. Hazelwood 1-34; B. Trevenar 1-44; G. Corderoy 0-10; P. Richardson 0-17.

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**"B" SHIRE**

Another successful season passes with the team finishing up as Minor Premiers by a clear margin, but being defeated in the final by Epping to whom we offer our congratulations.

The team's strength was in its bowling and fielding. Five bowlers finished with an average less than 13. The only matches lost were when the team fielded badly.

The batting was inconsistent but somebody always came to light with a score, as no less than nine members of the team scored over 50 runs in an innings. The potential was there but there was a lack of application.

There were 14 decisions out of 15 matches which shows the eagerness to obtain maximum points whenever possible. With 92 competition points this must nearly be an all time high.

However, the team can be well satisfied with the season's performance and can look forward to another season of good cricket next year.

T. MOBBS (Captain): Had a mixed season with the bat but managed to head the aggregate. Was always willing to apply the closure for the 10 points if possible.

B. CARDWELL (Vice-Captain): Did not have a good season with the bat, but his fielding was a delight to watch. He was of great help to his captain and played for the team.

N. WALKER: Was the team's most reliable batsman. He is still the best leg trap fieldsman in the Club. He still claims his bowling talents have not been used to advantage.

G. GORTON: Had a mixed season with the bat but his innings of 70 against University was a gem. He could be the best batsman in the Club if he would only concentrate. A good field.

E. WATT: Missed the early games but soon made his presence felt. Headed the batting averages and bowled well also took some good slip catches. Always adds that little bit of sparkle to brighten up the game.

D. SIMPSON: Had a disappointing season with the bat - was shanghaied into opening bat but it did not suit him but it was not from lack of trying. Was often dismissed in unusual circumstances. Was the best fieldsman in the side taking 17 catches nearly all close to the wicket.

R. DOWNES: Came into the side late in the season and showed he is a class batsman. His innings of 26\* in the final on a wet wicket was superb. A great acquisition to the Club.

J. DESS: Showed outstanding improvement as "Keeper" and broke the Club record with 34 dismissals. The slowies still give him some trouble. Played some good innings with the bat when the side was in trouble.

C. JONES: Took most wickets and bowled very well at times. Had a good all-round season but should concentrate a little more on his batting.

N. YOUNG: Had his best season with the ball for a long time. Bowled accurately and economically and also fielded very well. He believes his batting ability is not used as it should be.

J. HAZELWOOD: The bowling find of the season. Has the speed and stamina to become a really good fast bowler and above all he hates batsmen. A really good team man and is expected to make his presence felt in higher company.

## "B" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	WON O'R	WON 1st	LOST 1st	LOST O'R	Drn	P O I N T S in Competition
15	5	8	2	2*	1	92

\* Lost 2 outright after leading on 1st innings.

Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average	Runs For	Wickets For	Average
2885	226	12.76	3368	186	18.11

## B A T T I N G

	No. Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Average
E. Watt	15	4	56*	270	24.5
N. Walker	22	2	81	457	22.8
T. Mobbs	23	1	84	479	22.6
R. Downes	9	1	50	174	21.7
G. Gorton	23	2	70	438	20.8
C. Jones	16	3	55*	251	19.3
B. Cardwell	20	3	60	283	16.6
J. Dess	18	3	52	222	14.8
D. Simpson	21	1	50	240	12.0
J. Hazelwood	8	4	8	27	6.7
N. Young	13	5	6*	24	3.0

Also batted: G. Ireland 5-155; J. Richards 5-22;  
J. Barrett 3-62; T. Wells 4-26; C.J. Jones 3-16; J. Carr  
2-29; B. Williams 1-2; B. Trevenar 1-1; R. Young 2-5;  
M. Melville 2-16.

B O W L I N G

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
T. Mobbs	89	17	25	261	10.4
J. Hazelwood	136	27	40	457	11.4
C. Jones	187	29	58	684	11.7
N. Young	147	32	38	467	12.2
E. Watt	115	29	23	293	12.7

Also bowled: R. Young 13-127; B. Trevenar 6-62; T. Wells 5-128; G. Gorton 4-77; J. Richards 4-114; N. Walker 1-11; B. Cardwell 1-23; I. Carr 0-11; J. Barrett 0-3.

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"C" SHIRE

In writing a team report one is often guided by the successful aspects of the season, which, unfortunately few and far between in what was a rather disappointing, if enjoyable year.

This is not to detract from the many fine individual performances or heap coals on poor ones, rather to emphasise that this is a team game and success must be forthcoming by all eleven members.

Examination of the three departments reveals -

Batting: Basically a team of middle order batsmen with few members really competent against any type of bowling. Lack of experience on turf wickets most evident.

Bowling: Fairly competent, usually accurate, mostly aggressive.

Fielding: Sad, sad, sad. Even our good fielders were affected by our generally poor fielding. Although our ground fielding usually started well, once we let it slip mainly through lack of concentration, a lot of extra "foot-work" was undertaken.

Over these points lies the fact that we were a happy side never guilty of throwing in the towel and in difficult positions we recorded some fine wins by determination alone.

We offer our congratulations to the Balmain Club on the excellent performances of their premiership side.

D. DENNIS (Captain): Competed in three events - Fielding Gold medal, Bowling silver, Batting bronze (tarnished at that).

TREVOR PARKER (Vice-Captain): To the team's dismay too often dismissed early in his innings. Loves to attack right from go and perhaps should be allowed to rather than



hampered with plaintiff cries of "settle down". Fast and safe in the field. Trevor kept wickets well for part of the season. A good bloke to have as Vice-Captain.

JOCK SCOTT: All bowlers worked hard to dismiss Jock. A resolute batsman who was prepared to get his head down, resulting in several fine innings. Kept wickets well until forced out with an injured hand.

IAN CARR: "Top dog", headed both batting and bowling averages. Good footwork enabled him to perform well against spin bowling, hit the ball well and along the ground. Bowled intelligently and economically. A good field.

BRIAN BOURKE: One of our middle order batsmen, who was called on to open unfortunately with adverse results - will have to bat further down the list next year. Keen and alert in the field.

LYN WILLIAMS: An unhappy season with both bat and ball. A strong hitter with a good eye but must concentrate on playing himself in. A promising bowler who attempted too much variation in his early overs which hastened his departure from the crease. With restraint next season could be a good one. The side's best close to the wicket fieldsman.

CHARLES McMONNIES: One with prospects as a "leggie", gets a fair amount of turn, must be given more overs to work on to a length. Helped our overworked tail to wag on a few occasions, ground fielding needs attention.

JOHN RICHARDS: A fairly competent all-rounder. Will undoubtedly benefit from his year on turf and should be a tower of strength next season. A good team man and a neat field.

WARREN PARTINGTON: One of the season's successes. Took a while to find form with the bat but went from strength to strength when he did. Has good concentration and was prepared to knuckle down. Must stop taking fielding lessons from R. V. Winkle.

MAX DIXON: An aggressive right arm fastie who hates batsmen. Bowled consistently well and stuck to the task when called on to bowl for long spells. Likes to clobber the spinners and was quite a fair bat at No. 11.

BARRY FAIRBROTHER: Had an unhappy season with the bat mainly through being over anxious to open his account. Style changes suggested by Jack Balmforth should be worked on. A fairly safe field with a strong arm.

IAN TREVENAR: Another who batted a little too high. Has good style and with a bit more aggression will get his share of runs. Safe hands and an accurate arm but must concentrate

on getting to the ball faster. Running between wickets needs attention.

TERRY WELLS: Came into the side after injury forced him out of the higher grades. Although unable to hit top pace his bowling commanded respect at all times. Had a lean trot with the bat. We look forward to seeing Terry fit next season.

Our thanks to the numerous other members who helped out during the season.

## "C" S H I R E S T A T I S T I C S

<u>Matches</u> <u>Played</u>	<u>WON</u> <u>O'R</u>	<u>WON</u> <u>1st</u>	<u>LOST</u> <u>O'R</u>	<u>LOST</u> <u>1st</u>	<u>Drn</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Position</u> <u>in</u> <u>Competition</u>
14	2	5	5*	3	1	51	13 (20 teams)

\* Lost 2 outright after leading on the 1st.

<u>Runs</u> <u>For</u>	<u>Wickets</u> <u>For</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs</u> <u>Against</u>	<u>Wickets</u> <u>Against</u>	<u>Average</u>
2345	189	12.40	2340	180	13.00

## B A T T I N G

	<u>No.</u> <u>Inns</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>
I. Carr	16	3	73*	376	28.9
W. Partington	15	1	75*	359	25.6
T. Parker	15	1	72	233	16.6
J. Scott	17	-	52	249	14.6
M. Dixon	9	7	13*	40	20.0
J. Richards	8	-	27	77	9.6
C. Dennis	19	1	32	167	9.2
L. Williams	16	-	25	146	9.1
I. Trevenar	14	-	34	118	8.4
C. McMonnies	13	4	27	107	8.2
B. Bourke	20	1	25	137	7.5
B. Fairbrother	13	3	19	50	5.0
T. Wells	8	-	11	34	4.2

Also batted: B. Trevenar 4-10; M. Elder 4-23; M. Melville 4-1; E. Aikman 3-42; C.J. Jones 3-7; G. McIntyre 3-2; J. Neale 2-55; J. Doss 2-0; J. Edmonds 2-21; G. Williams 1-1; J. Balmforth 1-12.

B O W L I N G

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	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
I. Carr	117	14	416	34	12.2
M. Dixon	92	14	369	24	15.3
C. Dennis	127	17	474	27	17.5
T. Wells	71	10	251	13	19.2
J. Richards	64	14	223	11	20.2
L. Williams	50	5	223	10	22.3

Also bowled: B. Trevenar 20-148; B. Bourke 4-96;  
W. Partington 2-30; C. McMonnies 2-102; I. Trevenar 1-53;  
J. Neale 0-20; J. Edmonds 0-9.

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CITY & SUBURBAN

R. McLAUGHLIN: Supposed to be Captain which is why he gets mentioned first and opens the batting for the same reason. One felt as the season progressed that his continual showering of praise and adulation on all members of the team (though no doubt stemming from a gentle and placid disposition) could at times even if only occasionally have been varied with a little well meant criticism.

One thing is he could speak English.

D. WILLIAMS: Still a reliable opening batsman. Unfortunately at the commencement of the season his desire for excessive speed involved him in a motor car accident. He sustained injuries to the head which though improving his facial appearance cut down his pace in the outfield from 18 to 23 seconds per hundred yards with a corresponding loss in his running between the wickets and in the number of runs scored. May still come good if he keeps his eyes on the road.

E. STOCKDALE: Opened up the season in great form and appeared set for huge scores. However, owing to the Captain being continually on it, his back failed to sustain the pressure and thereafter (although managing to get a few half centuries with a broken spine) he made few appearances until finally forced to retire to the shelter of the bar.

D. NORTH: Made one of the greatest comebacks known to modern medical science - his youth virtually deflowered last season by a major injury in a nasty spot - he finished the season with a hat-trick and 70 runs; his advice now eagerly sought and freely given is as follows:- For best results use the North Emasculator - the course is painful but the results are there for all to see.

C. MITCHELL: It is little short of remarkable how this gifted cricketer retains his immaculate form. One can only reiterate that a style founded on correct principles, clean living, early hours and a set of ear plugs have proved its worth many times over the years.

J. EDMONDS: What can be said about this lethargic, weary and indolent cricket who so aptly typifies the spirit of the C & S. Apart from getting the batting average, acting as substitute wicket keeper and taking a few wickets there seems little to justify his selection in the team and he would be considered one of the favoured few.

A. ROSE: When the late Dr. W. G. Grace first saw this man bowl he was heard to remark in his quaint accent "Eh Laad this'un'll woory baatsmen for oompteen years" and again the eminent doctor proved correct for despite almost negligible support from the field he once again (for the forty-fifth year) captured the bowling figures. It is a pity he has just given up football as it is rumoured on good authority that had he been available for the Wallabies Rugby tour he would have been the first man picked being just the right age.

A. CLIFFORD: Aptly named the "Killer" in past years it is this writer's opinion that the loss of considerable weight considerably affected his fearsome reputation. The approach to the wicket of an almost invisible sylph-like figure did not appear to throw the same dread into the batsmen as that of a well-fed hippopotamus bearing down on them and his bowling figures consequently suffered. Although one of the classic stroke makers of the side, never really got a fair go with the bat.

BRUCE TREVENAR: One of life's tragedies on the cricket field.. Years ago came to the team as a lively, energetic fellow with vitality spurting from every pore. However, over the years the Captain has with unending bowling worn him down so much that he now takes the field with bowed head and glazed eyes, like a zombie. Every time the word "over" is called his hand automatically extends and as the ball falls into it the machinery starts up another session at the treadmill which is varied periodically with a high piercing scream of "Owzat". May not be too far gone to recover under a new captain and interpreter.

JIM BARRETT: Unfortunately proved himself to be a very competent slow bowler so that once again your correspondent (though itching to try his new atomic ball) was never able to get to the crease. As he is still only a boy with many years ahead of him and is also no slouch with the bat it

seems that the only chance is to deal out some of the North medicine to him.

**W. McBURNEY:** Fresh from his expedition to sunny Spain "Lover Boy" McBurney (or as some prefer to call him El Mantis) had a particularly good season coming to light with valuable scores under pressure on a number of occasions. No doubt this was due to his experience gained with the Real Madrid First XI while abroad. Also spared no expense in providing son David with lollies to hand to the boundary fieldsmen every time he got a wicket. This habit has cost him at least two packets of lifesavers over the years.

## "CITY & SUBURBAN" STATISTICS

		<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>		
		23	9	12	2		
<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>		<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>	
2678	184	14.55		3251	186	17.47	

## B A T T I N G

	<u>No. Inns</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>
J. Edmonds	7	1	72*	165	27.5
D. North	11	2	83*	185	20.5
R.E. McLaughlin	17	1	56	308	19.2
E. Stockdale	8	-	40	133	16.8
W. McBurney	15	2	36	197	15.1
D. Williams	15	-	42	210	14.0
C. Mitchell	14	-	37	123	8.7
B. Trevenar	13	4	17	78	8.6
G. Rolleston	11	1	25	76	7.6
G. McIntyre	10	1	16	63	7.0
A. Clifford	12	5	7	32	4.5
A. Rose	13	4	6	25	2.7

**Also batted:** E. Aikman 6-22; J. Barrett 5-134; J. Hollands 4-14; G. Halliday 4-0; B. Williams 3-15; P. Burt 3-47; J. Hazelwood 2-55; M. Elder 2-16; W. McLaughlin, Jnr. 2-1; G. Ashdown 2-19; N. Young 2-15; E. Watt 2-43; B. Bourke 2-15; T. Parker 1-12; G. Williams 1-1; B. Fairbrother 1-5\*; D. Prowse 1-27\*; P. Mansford 1-40; J. Richards 1-9; C. Dennis 1-2; D. Walker 1-34; T. Mobbs 1-35; M. Dixon 1-15\*; D. Simpson 1-0; J. Scott 1-30; G. Gorton 1-75; J. Neale 1-6; L. Williams 1-1; R. Anstey 1-2.

B O W L I N G

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
A. Rose	99	5	533	52	10.2
D. North	59	4	354	23	15.3
B. Trevenar	135	12	599	26	23.0
A. Clifford	58	3	357	14	25.5
W. McBurney	27	2	111	4	27.7

Also bowled: J. Barrett 7-71; P. Burt 5-97; E. Watt 5-57; D. Simpson 4-59; J. Edmonds 3-53; N. Young 3-42; T. Mobbs 3-27; J. Hasbwood 2-91; C. Mitchell 2-142; D. Williams 2-5; J. Hollands 1-38; P. Richardson 1-44; W. Partington 1-4; G. Kelston 1-120; M. Dixon 1-14; T. Wells 1-8; C. Dennis 1-31; J. Neale 1-37; J. Richards 1-34; G. Halliday 0-3; C. McMonnies 0-54; G. Gorton 0-14.

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F O O T B A L L

Sub Committee: P. Darragh (Chairman), G. Ahern,  
M. Elder, G. Hickey, L. McNeil,  
M. Mathews, K. Maughan, C. Walker,  
J. Wearne.

Coaches for each team were -

Kentwell - Chris Walker, Burke - Steve Keir,  
Whidden - Bob Spedding, Judd - Charles McMonnies.

These four coaches together with Bill Elder were the Selectors.

These members are primarily responsible for the organisation and running of the Football but there are others who contribute with such tasks as oranges, water and a towel at half time, first aid to injured players and other such jobs. They go about their tasks in such an unflagging manner that it may seem we take this reliability for granted. Indeed this is not so, we appreciate their assistance. Although I have tried to thank everyone connected with Football this season I trust they will read this report and recognise the contribution they made.

Before the season commenced a special drive for new members brought very gratifying results. Over 50 prospective members were introduced to the Club. We had 34 new players try out with us before the competition started. Many of these did not carry on to the end of the season for a variety of reasons, mainly missing training or trial games. It is hoped they will turn out again next season.

No less than four coaches from last year were

unavailable this year and coaching seemed to be a major problem for this season. We had relied on them and although we were sorry to lose them as coaches we realised their commitments. Steve Keir was the only coach to turn out again this year. The other three although new to coaching were among our most experienced players and this with their unequalled keenness turned a problem into a perfect result. Only a coach can know how hard his job is but the satisfaction of achievement and the exhilaration of final success can make it all worth while.

Attendance at training was always good and this is the basis for success. Individual training is also necessary and the results of this is shown in the player's game. The keenness and ability of our newer and younger players has given the Club a sound basis for future teams.

Generally our supporters followed and encouraged our teams in a manner of which we were proud. Occasionally some of us were drawn into verbal conflict and we might better show our support by rallying our own team and not criticising the opposition.

This season we had four teams again but the fourth team was entered in Judd Cup and played at 12 noon. This meant for the first time since we have had four teams we had all games on the same ground each Saturday.

We finished the season with all four teams in the semi-finals. Kentwell, Burke and Whiddon being Minor Premiers in their division. This was a great result and gave us a clear win in the Club Championship. Everyone connected with Football may feel that they had some part in winning this Championship for the Club. However, I thought during the season that the winning of this Shield was too prominent in some players' minds. If all teams drive on harder each week and make the grand final their objective the Club Championship points will mount up and it will be won as part of the final result not an objective in itself.

Our Burke Cup team went right through to the Grand Final and we were all very hopeful that they would bring home the Cup for us. Although the final result was against us, our team gave a grand performance.

The structure of the Sub District Competitions with 64 teams playing for 32 positions in the semi-finals leaves little or no margin for mistakes after a team has reached the semi-final. After being used to a good following of supporters we often found ourselves at strange grounds and playing teams we have not played before. This is because of the A, B and C Divisions in each Cup. It is as well to remember that the disadvantages are the same for the team

you are playing, and to win Grand Finals the attitude must be different than for other games.

Our congratulations to Colleagues on their wins in Kentwell Cup and Judd Cup. Knox Old Boys in Burke Cup and Chatswood in Whiddon Cup.

We were represented in the two combined Sub District teams which played and beat combined Second Division this year by - Firsts: Chris Walker (Captain), Dick Crookes (Vice-Captain), Jim Barrett, Warick Harper, Brett Lockett, Mike Mathews, John McNicol. Seconds: David Lindsay (Captain), Peter Darragh. Reserves: Mike Elder, John Mortlock. A combined Sub District team was also chosen to play Brisbane Sub District in Brisbane. Chris Walker (Captain), Dick Crookes, Jim Barrett, Warick Harper, Mike Mathews, John McNicol, made the trip. The Club was also represented in an unofficial capacity by three well-travelled members and their keenness in going all that way just to watch football is worthy of mention.

At the beginning of the season we were hosts to firstly Northern Southland and later South Otago Colts both from New Zealand. We were most happy to have them visit us as we were able to return the hospitality our members had experienced when they toured New Zealand in 1960 and 1965. Our record against New Zealand teams was not improved and the visitors recorded a win in each case. These visits further strengthened the association between us and we look forward to a visit from Merivale Club from Christchurch next season and return visits from other clubs we played in New Zealand.

These games early in the season ensure that we start serious training earlier than would be usual. The only regret is that we have to play these games in March when we are still trying to select our teams. Even allowing these tours to take place in April would ensure that we could have better combination and be in better condition.

Our annual game against Powerhouse Club was in Melbourne this year. We went down at Easter and the result was another home team victory. There seems to be some dispute about the exact score so we will not add to the confusion by repeating it here. The Queen's Birthday weekend saw a strong team depart to play National University at Canberra. The journey down had taken more out of us than expected and even brilliant play by our backs could not counteract the penalty kicking of University and we were beaten 16-14. The hospitality extended to us and the entertainment provided by our hosts in each case was much appreciated.

We congratulate Roger Vanderfield on his appointment



to referee the Second Test in Brisbane this year between Australia and the British Isles.

### KENTWELL CUP, 1966

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Points For</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
14	12	2	-	227	120	24	3rd (overall)

This year Briars finished a rather ignominious 3rd.

Undoubtedly there would be years past and future when 3rd would/will be considered satisfactory. However, with the players who formed Kentwell this year the result can only be considered disappointing.

The following facts help to support this view and the title, well earned, of minor premiers adds further weight.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Other</u>
C.Dennis	Full Back	27	6'0"	13.6	6 years Kentwell	
M.Elder	Full Back	25	5'7"	12.12	5 years Kentwell	
M.Mathews	Wing	27	5'11"	13.4	8 years Kentwell	Combined Sub.Dist.
J.Mortlock	Wing	24	5'11"	12.7	5 years Kentwell	
J.Randle	Wing	21	6'0"	11.9	1 year Kentwell	
L.Dytor	Centre	23	6'0"	11.3	3 years Kentwell	
J.Wearne	Centre	27	5'11"	12.0	3 years Kentwell	
B.Lockett	Centre	24	5'11"	13.8	4 years Kentwell	
J.Edmonds	Five-Eight	23	6'3"	15.0	3 years Kentwell	
B.Holt	Five-Eight	22	5'10"	11.0	1 year Kentwell	
C.Walker	Half	27	5'10"	12.6	10 years Kentwell	Combined Sub.Dist.
J.McNicol	Lock	23	6'2"	15.0	4 years Kentwell	Combined Sub.Dist.
P.Darragh	2nd	29	6'1"	13.6	5 years Kentwell	Combined Sub.Dist.
J.Barrett	2nd	26	6'1"	14.2	6 years Kentwell	Combined Sub.Dist.

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<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Exper- ience</u>	<u>Other</u>
M.Goldsmith	B.W.	26	5'10"	11.4	5 years Kentwell	
G.Ahern	B.W.	23	6'2"	13.7	4 years Kentwell	
L.McNeil	B.W.	23	5'10"	12.0	1 year Kentwell	
R.Crookes	Prop	21	6'0"	16.7	3 years Kentwell	Combined Sub.Dist.
D.Lindsay	Prop	29	5'11"	14.9	6 years Kentwell	Combined Sub.Dist.
I.McGregor	Prop	23	5'10"	12.10	1 year Kentwell	
W.Harper	Hooker	22	5'9"	14.4	2 years Kentwell	Combined Sub.Dist.

It should be noted that only players who actually played against either Combined 2nd Div. 1st & 2nds THIS YEAR are recorded as Combined Sub. District. From the remaining 13 names 7 have either been selected or have been trialists for Combined Sub. Dist. during the last 2 years. There are also some players who have enjoyed a period of grade football.

Some facts emerging from above:-

1. The weight and experience and general ability of our forwards was superior to any other pack.
2. Combination in Backs, especially between half - five-eight and wings was in the main several years old.
3. 1966 Combined selections show that most players were considered individually better than any of their opponents.
4. The team did achieve heights, the second round game against Colleagues was our best performance - at this stage of the season, middle of second round the team was really performing.

Having suggested that we were the strongest team in Kentwell - on paper at least, the next question of course is "why didn't we win?"

It is not the intention of the writer to attempt to answer this. However, the reason could be any or a combination of the following:

1. Forwards though undoubtedly the most experienced and capable pack were also the most incapable coverers.

This was most evident throughout the entire season and though it improved substantially for a couple of games it was not consistent. Cover from forwards is just as important when the ball is won as lost. Perhaps the thought of one forward "Why should we cover - we win the ball" was indicative of pack thinking.

2. Covering or doubling up is also an important back function, with one exception, Bob Holt, backs were generally content to leave it to the man with the ball. Seldom were tries scored by players "in support".
3. Most players having played in a previous premiership winning side lacked the necessary determination which produces "Do or Die" effort.
4. Too much individual thinking was in evidence producing anything but teamwork. Possibly this results from the experience of the players combined with the inexperience of the Coach.

It should be added that individual thinking was, earlier in the season, used as a medium of motivation. However, this was carried on to the ultimate detriment of the team.

5. Extensive back line re-shuffle just prior to the semi-final.
6. Lack of a good goal kicker. Both Colleagues - 1st, and Lane Cove - 2nd, possessed kickers who recorded more than 100 points for the season.
7. The team was geared and motivated towards beating Colleagues. Lane Cove slipped under our guard once and went from strength to strength.
8. Our inability to recover from the overwhelming defeat of the semi-final.

The season, though (judging from the above) complicated, was enjoyed by most players.

The duties of a Briars 1sts team are not only to win the Kentwell Cup. The team's players generally set the impressions by which the Club is judged. This season's players proved themselves good ambassadors and typical Briars. The team was accepted as unlikely to be beaten, on or off the field, certainly no quarter was asked or given at either.

Final thought .....

Briars are unlikely to field for many years a Kentwell team so experienced and theoretically capable as that of 1966, and because we failed to win, perhaps it's just as well.

BURKE CUP "A" DIVISION

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Points For</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
14	12	2	0	216	123	24	2nd (overall)

From the table above may it be explained that this team were minor premiers in "A" Division and went on to win the semi-final and final and as a result played the winners of "B" Division in the grand final which we lost 9-18 after 20 minutes extra time.

Members of the team who played in the semi-final and grand final were: Ian Blair, Dave Boylson, Ken Beh, Ian Bailey, Lyn Dytor, Dave Edmonds, Mike Elder (Vice-Captain), Bob Holt, Bob Hellyer, Joe Janssen, Ian McGregor (Captain), Les McNeil, Bill McLaughlin, Ted Ross, Graham Sampson, Graeme Rolleston and Jim Wasson.

Others who played a major part in the team's success but were not in the team at the end of the season, due either to injury or promotion were: Mick Logan, Col Dennis, John Randle, John Wearne, Chris Keay, John Singleton, Greg Williams and John Edmonds.

This was a most enjoyable season for the coach, and I trust for the players also, even though there was some disappointment that the Burke Cup is not positioned in pride of place at the Club now. During the season quite a few more players other than listed above played in the team and my thanks go to them for the way they performed.

This team was made up of players who played as a team the whole season, because of this no one could be chosen as an outstanding player. I did not hear any talking or criticism either on the field or off, which to me was one of the most pleasing points of the season.

The first competition match was played against Homebush Old Boys who beat us with ease (14-6). This made all players realise the competition would not be an easy one and from then on everyone put so much more into training and their game that we only lost one other match; this was to Colleagues, who won (15-9). This game taught the team one important lesson; we had to start when the game started. We had always been slow beginners and Colleagues took this opportunity and had 10 points on the board after only five minutes play.

Our semi-final game was against Colleagues at Marrickville Oval. The game was very tight with neither side giving any latitude. Well into the second half the score was

3 all until Joe Janssen scored the try of all tries this season. It was a solo effort and Joe kicked the ball three times, handled it four times before scoring. We won this game 6-3.

The final was played at the same ground against Newington Old Boys. It took a great deal of explaining during the season on how important it is not to give away penalties, and this is why we won this game 14-8, as Newington gave us too many.

The grand final was played at Concord Oval against Knox Old Boys who won the "B" Division final.

The game was rather scrappy to start with, due to windy conditions, but our forwards were winning more than their share of the ball and as a result Bob Holt scored a try, and at half time we were only down 6-3, Knox having kicked 2 penalties.

In the second half we were running with the wind but our possession from set play fell away and we did more defending this half. Lyn Dytor made a break and was stopped inches from the line, but shortly after Joe Janssen scored. Mike Elder put a penalty over and we held our 9-6 lead until a couple of minutes from the end when the opposition kicked another good penalty to level the scores. As can be seen, penalties were our downfall in this game.

In the twenty minutes extra time that followed, the opposition's condition was too good and they scored two tries and a penalty to take the Burke Cup, 18-9.

Our congratulations go to Knox Old Boys on their win and our thanks to all other clubs for most enjoyable games throughout the season.

My personal thanks go to Ian McGregor as Captain, and Mike Elder, Vice-Captain, and the team as a whole, with which I was very pleased to be associated, and had the honour of coaching this year.

#### WHIDDON CUP "A" DIVISION

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Points For</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
14	11	1	2	122	50	24	4th (overall)

Believe it! One of these years we will win the Whiddon Cup - (of course the same holds good for Burke). Next year's as good as any. All we need really is for Kentwell Cup players to stop getting injured, Burke Cup to be abandoned, a friendly referee for semis and finals, two

6'8" forwards and a certain five-eight to realise when he's had enough. All this and the fittest 15 players in Whiddon Cup.

Despite the traditional drawbacks, however, the '66 Whiddon Cup team did well to finish up the season as minor premiers. We were beaten 11-6 by the Bank of NSW.

Highlights of the season included our win against previously undefeated Newington in the second round, and our first round win over Colleagues.

My sincere thanks to every member of the team - for their co-operation at training and during our games. And thanks to all the players who played with Whiddos throughout the year. Congratulations to Chatswood who won the Whiddon Cup, and to Steve's Burke Cup for giving it a damned good shake.

LEN GRAFF (Full Back): Despite his immobility on the field, there is no truth in the rumour that Len is 35. Played more safe, reliable games than the other kind. Used to be a goal-kicker.

DAVE EDMONDS (Full Back and Winger): One of these days Dave will find his true position. One thing is sure, wherever it is, more reliability, a little more thought for the "team" will make him a better player.

PETER BRAND (Winger): Near the line Pete showed the determination to score that every winger should have. A little more of this in general play and some centre kicking practice wouldn't go amiss.

GRAEME ROLLESTON (Winger, Centre): Only played a handful of games, but with his football know-how, versatility and goal-kicking ability he proved a great asset in our last few games.

GREG WILLIAMS (Limpy Centre and Wing): Had an un-Williams-like run of injuries that sapped his confidence and dulled his attacking force this season. Still tackled with determination. Despite his setbacks, few Club footballers showed Greg's keenness to get a game each week.

RICK CADE (Centre): Rick chased them all over the field to make some stirring tackles. In attack he showed glimpses of his long stride which is most deceptive. A little learnt in positioning in attack could help make the most of this ability.

JOE JANSSEN (Centre): Scored some of the best tries, and certainly more of them than any other Whiddo player. In attack Joe's anticipation and speed were outstanding. We loaned him to Burke where he scored a brilliantly thoughtful try to clinch one of their semis.

"CURLY" HUMPHRIES (Half-back): A full-game player who's non-stop backing up was a credit to his fitness. As a half-back he tended to get into the thick of play a little too often but his service was as reliable if not as fast as in previous years.

ROGER JUDGE (Lock): On transfer from the old country. Loves the game and showed it by his willingness to play where selected. Always led the team home at training and this fitness showed up in his covering work and backing up.

COL BOVA (Breakaway): Didn't play enough consecutive games to run himself into the kind of condition where he plays his best football. Wasn't reaching his man quickly enough to be the defensive force we know he can be. Needs to re-evaluate his positional play in every aspect of the game.

PETER CHAMEN (Breakaway, Lock): A young player with loads of potential. Displayed a robustness and willingness to throw himself into the game that is vital to any forward. Temper it with experience, but never lose your fire, Pete.

NEIL JONES (Breakaway and breakable Half-back): Played far above his weight as a breakaway but was a valuable foraging forward whose attack in the loose started many a promising move. Runs well with the ball but a little too far on occasions.

CHRIS KEAY (Second Row): In the latter half of the season Chris took over the responsibility of winning line out ball. He jumped well, if not as often as he should have. In general play he rucked and tackled with determination.

GRAHAM SAMPSON (Front-Row): Played more games in Burke than Whiddon and so was a valuable asset. Played with plenty of fire although at times, for a front rower, he was rather too loose.

JACK COOPER (Lightning Hooker): If there was a combined Whiddon Cup team Jack would have to be the hooker. With the help of his front row he outraked all opposition and gave us the possession that helped us win so many games. Liked nothing more than to go tearing away in a forward rush. Good solid tackler.

KEVIN MAUGHAN (Front-Row): Once again this season, Kev lacked the real weight to put into effect the natural football ability he has. Nevertheless he used his cunning to win many a ball from loose rucks. He has been known to use hands.

# JUDD CUP 1966

				<u>Points</u>		<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>		
14	11	3	0	112	55	22	4th (overall)

Many Briars had the honour of playing Judd Cup football this year and with such a large number contributing to team effort it is difficult to write a concise team report. Many players progressing either toward or from higher grades teamed with a small and reasonably stable core of older and newer members who played for this team fairly regularly.

In a way this year's Judd Cup record was something of a Club achievement. Rather than a team spirit it was aided by a Club spirit and to the credit of our Club this proved to be in no way detrimental to the team's performances.

The team enjoyed a very successful season. Of the fourteen competition rounds only three resulted in defeat - 112 points were scored for and 55 points scored against. Apart from this, the semi-final loss of only 6 points to 9 against Hunters Hill could be considered a very creditable, although unhappy, end to a very good season.

These successes in competition proved to be no more or no less valuable to the Club than those of any of the other teams in winning the Club Championship. And it is with a real sense of satisfaction that those that contributed can look upon the season in retrospect. As well they are to be congratulated upon the way they enjoyed their own company as a group apart from the playing field. This all important aspect of Club football was not diminished after the competition and one can't help feeling that there will be very few, if any, who will not back up for more next year.

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#### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Briars	..	..	232 points
Colleagues	..	..	214 points
Newington Old Boys	..		168 points

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#### H O C K E Y

Sub Committee: K. Willis (Chairman), E. Wade, B. Cox,  
I. Trevenar, P. Mackay, K. Bell.

While the results achieved on the hockey field in 1966 did not come up to those of past years we can all look back with some satisfaction on the past season. The standard of hockey played by the Firsts improved immeasurably over that of last year, while the Seconds and Thirds had players who with more experience will become valuable players for the Club. I feel that 1966 saw the start of a long climb back for Briars Hockey to the heights of the 1950's from the near disaster that was 1965.



There is still a long way to go to consolidate the gains made this year and with this in mind we have already formed a committee which has met each month since August. This committee is discussing and organising ways to promote hockey within the Club and any suggestions would be welcomed.

The committee is mindful of the fact that with a bit of effort last summer we gained about nine new players most of whom had played some hockey before and who were under 21. If we can do this once we can do it again. To improve the standard of hockey over the three grades we have to have a fourth team as reserves. While this may seem to be over ambitious when we are struggling to field three teams it is not impossible. So I exhort you all to try to introduce at least one bod. If he is young he can learn to play the game. The committee is investigating the possibility of commencing indoor hockey next year and if our efforts are successful you will be told of the details by circular. We are hopeful that indoor hockey will become a supplement to normal training. As you know we trained with the footballers at Goddard Oval this year, while this has some disadvantages the attendance was the best for some years. It was notable that although the numbers fell away a nucleus of players continued training until the end of the season.

On the social side we also had the best season for some years, the highlight naturally being our trip to Canberra to play Barton. Although we lost both games all agreed that they were the most enjoyable games of hockey we have played for some time and worth going 190 miles to play. We wish to express appreciation of the assistance and co-operation extended by Burwood Council for use of Burwood Park as our home ground.

#### 1st GRADE (Second Division)

NOTE: No statistics available for any team.

In 1965 - last; in 1966 - fifth; and in 1967, could a first be predicted? Such optimism is rightly queried as being unfounded in fact, but this could happen if only the message of the 1964 Report was heeded and implemented. At the risk of tedium, we reiterate the pertinent paragraphs:

"For future success, the faults of this season must be corrected. The time has arrived, surely, for the appointment of a knowledgeable non-playing coach, to develop an overall pattern of play for Club teams, to originate team tactics before and during matches, to supervise the development of stickwork, and lastly, to condition players. Without intensive pre-season, mid-week and/or Sunday morning training, most of this is not possible.

"The past days, when players could have foggy Friday night - arrive 5 minutes before a match (having had no training) - then have a pep-talk - play the match and STILL expect to win, as some did this season - have finished.

This regime could certainly not be in the past tradition of Briar hockey, wherein our members play mainly 'for the fun of the game', and the post-mortems whilst quenching their awakened thirst. Such an edict as 'no train - no play' would need the recruitment of some 33 more seriously minded players."

The results of this 1966 season bear out that success follows even a partial enactment of the preceding. By past hockey standards more players attended training this season, and even allowing for the difficulties of playing hockey under lights, the improvement in the participants' match play was evident.

Probably the most disturbing aspect of the first grade hockey team is the complacency with which it views its performances. The attitudes that we can't expect to defeat the top teams, and that of satisfaction with giving the leaders "a good game", are rife. Unless eradicated and the members motivated to a total effort, then fifth is perhaps the best position we will ever attain.

We hasten to add that the team is a happy one, and pleased with the results of its limited effort. Indeed the team performed remarkably well, opening the season with a win over Western Suburbs, a team that had barely missed a semi-final place in 1st Grade, 1st Division. Further wins over teams like Gordon and University who in past seasons had proved unconquerable, raised the team's morale, but any premiership hopes were shattered by severe drubbings from Sutherland and the ultimate premiers, North Sydney. To the team's credit we later had close battles with these clubs, which only proved how little increase in effort would be needed to annex a premiership.

Surprise defeats and draws to the lowly placed teams, Nirimba and Eastern Suburbs, and two matches against University "bombed" by complacency and preoccupation with umpiring deficiencies, cost the team a probably third or fourth placing.

The season's highlight was the closing match, with Briars playing their best attacking hockey for seasons to beat an admittedly depleted Gordon team, 6-0, perhaps a happy augury for a successful season in 1967.

PETER RICHARDSON - Goalkeeper: Defended in his usual immaculate fashion and the combination developed over the past two seasons with his backs was missed when Peter was lost to the team midway through the season, due to a knee cartilage operation.

WERNER MUNDELL - Goalkeeper: Showed commendable club spirit in making himself available to keep goals, rather than play in the field. Werner took some time to settle into his old routine but then defended well with some sensational, albeit hair-raising, one handed clearances. He was undoubtedly the best dressed goalie, lacking only a Club tie.

KEN WILLIS - Back: No doubt helped by regular training, a fitter Ken had a good season, being suited by the reversion to the old "Sticks Rule", under which he cleared the ball hard downfield without ever being penalised. His general defensive work is excellent though still slow to retreat and cover errors. For an experienced player too often gets upset by umpiring errors, and must refrain from commenting on the field to other players about their failings. The team and Club is indebted to Ken for his oft thankless efforts as chairman in trying to organise hockey for such a disorientated lot as Briars hockey players.

BRIAN COX - Left Half: A determined and efficient half, always a trier for the whole game. Is now distributing his passes better but still tends to stray too upfield leaving the dangerous right wing unmarked.

RAY LARKIN - Centre Half: As a newcomer with justifiable confidence in his ability, Ray proved a great asset as centre half and materially helped in lifting the team's fortunes. He must make himself more aware of his forwards' positions which will cause better distribution of his passes. His positional play is fine, though has a tendency to drift across field, and crowd the other halves, though usually combination of the halves was good. He handled the job of captain in the last three matches capably, and could be the breeze hockey needs to blow new life into it.

WARREN PARTINGTON - Right Half: A very sound half who guards his winger well, and whose general play has improved considerably, though had troubles with the "Sticks Rule". Becomes dispirited at times if he has a patch of errors, and is easily upset by players' comments. Determination to concentrate on his own play and better conditioning would overcome these defects.

PETER MANSFORD - Left Wing: Peter was new to the difficult position of left wing and adapted himself well, and uncomplainingly, to this post showing pace and determination, though having initial difficulties in gaining control of

the ball speedily. Later he returned to his inside right berth in the B's to make way for Col Jones.

VIC KOH - Right Wing: Vic displayed great speed in his dashes down the right wing, but lack of a reliable and firm centre limited his effectiveness. His early games gave great promise, but a loss of form affected his confidence, a lapse surely only temporary for such a rarity in Briars - a really keen player.

IAN SULLIVAN - Left Wing: In the second half of the season Ian offered to fill the unwanted role of left wing, and being much fitter and slimmer (?) as a result of constant attendance at training, proved a success, though still having trouble in stopping gaining control of the ball quickly. Ian is a great team man, always gives his all, and was rewarded with a fine goal in the last match.

IAN TREVENAR - Inside Left: A dangerous forward in the circle, with a powerful and quick hit, and good stickwork. However, to fulfil his youthful promise, he should concentrate on improving his footwork in moving to, and receiving passes, and try to increase his speed "off the mark", which is essential for good forward play.

GARRY HANSEN - Inside Right: Garry arrived back from Vietnam in peak fitness late in the season and proved a robust and determined forward. His goal shooting has improved, being more accurate and speedier, and with better positional play should develop into a top notch forward.

GEOFF GORTON - Centre Forward: The fastest forward in the team, with a tremendous hit, but seems to lack the determination and the condition to overcome the problems set him by opposing centre halves, and was often shut out of play. Geoff is more suited to a wing position, but was happy to fit in with team requirements.

ERIC WADE - Inside Right and Right Wing: With an increasing waistline looking like a fugitive from the Alka-Seltzer TV commercial, Eric nevertheless turned in his usual enthusiastic and vocal performance, and when shifted to the right wing, was an instant success. With more room to move, and a strong centre hit, his play was much more effective. However, close marking sometimes caused him to play the man unduly, and he must remember a right wing is under the umpire's nose.

COL JONES - Left Wing and Inside Left: As befits a veteran entering pristine into the marriage game, Col was placed on the left wing, as we feared him suffering exhaustion. However, he assured us that he is a veteran at other pastimes, so he was left inner again. More purpose and thrust was

given to the forward line by this move, with Col acting as their leader.

If Col's play was more subdued than usual this season, we expect his normal exuberant and productive effort in future years when vino, vimmen and vodka are no longer a novelty.

DAVID WALKER - Captain: (Written by Sec.) Reliable as ever at full back but one wonders, after reading remarks about Ken Willis concerning umpiring, that he was not referring to himself!

### 2nd GRADE HOCKEY

The 2nd Grade team was an improved side on last season due mainly to the fact that this season we saw some new and young faces come into the ranks. If the Club is to remain in and gain higher honours in the 2nd Division we need more of these younger players and it is the duty of each Club member to do something about it.

The annual fixture with Barton in Canberra was a good constructive lesson to all Club members in positional play and stick work given by the Barton side. The younger members of our Club could take note because next season the 2nd Grade should go to the top of the competition.

As Captain of this team it has been a very enjoyable season and a pleasure to be able to lead such a side of keen club and team spirited players.

JOHN RICHARDS: John was promoted from the thirds as left back, he is one of the most improved players of the season. His keenness to learn the game and his energetic approach is good to see in a new player, if he continues on his steady improvement he should be one of the Club's leading backs. John has been known to exert so much energy that he couldn't just keep his eyes open after 7 o'clock.

COL AIKMAN: Colin played his usual robust game in the halves and has proved himself as a regular second grader who can play in any position which will be an acquisition to the Club build up of these young players.

COL WILLIS: Colin (Music Hall) had a very mixed season; he played in the halves, and was up and down between 1st and 2nds. Col is one of the steadier players not spectacular but always there when the pressure is on and he sets a good example to the younger players.

MIKE CORCORAN: Young Mike was a new member of the team and from his keenness shown this season he could force his way into the 1st in the near future. Mike played as right half throughout the season, could be relied on to keep his

opposite number under control but has one weakness - likes to run around the ball too much.

SPENCER ROSS: Spencer played on the left wing mainly. Was tried at inside forward but not successful. He could develop into a good winger if he showed a little fire when tackling or following through a long pass. As this was Spencer's first season with the Club we are looking forward to some spirited hockey in future seasons.

JOHN BEADSWORTH: Left wing, was unfortunately not able to complete the season due to his work, but the few games we saw him he proved that his comeback next season will be welcomed.

SIMON PARTRIDGE: Was unfortunate in so far as he had to return home to England due to family illness. Simon showed that he was a well equipped hockey player and on his return will give the side next season the added strength that is needed.

JOHN (Chucker) CROCKART: Played in the halves as a utility player from the 3rd Grade and acquitted himself well; should be hard to keep out of a regular position next season.

BRUCE TREVENAR: Captain and right back. Age shall not weary nor the years condemn - as long as he has a hockey stick in his hands instead of a whistle, the side can rely on his experience to guide it out of trouble.

PETER MANSFORD: Was the regular inside right for the season turning in some very good performances, he combined well with the centre forward and scored some good goals; with a regular right winger we would have seen many more goals from Peter. He is one of the players who shows a bit of fire when the going gets tough.

JOCK SCOTT: Vice Captain. Had his usual season, a utility player playing in the halves and inside forward but unfortunately was not able to settle down in any one position due to the number of players, and positions to be filled, not at any stage did he let the side down - always a trier. As vice captain he had to lead the team on several occasions and acquitted himself well.

BRIAN (Redeye) COX: In true Briars spirit filled in as goalie when Peter Richardson was injured in the 1st Grade and Vern Mundell moved up to take his place. Brian played very well in this position but lacked experience. His biggest downfall was the road maps he displayed.

LINDSAY THOMAS: Half. A late newcomer only played the last 3 games and shows excellent promise of better things to come.

### 3rd GRADE HOCKEY

Although the 3rd Grade team failed to win a game in 1966 the season cannot be said to have been really disappointing. The team contained eight newcomers to Briars hockey and it is only to be expected that it takes a season for the players to settle down. As the third team the C's bore the brunt of the Club's shortage of players and rarely fielded the same combination for two weeks in a row. Regardless of these difficulties all the blokes played with great team and club spirit and did not allow their lack of success to get them down. Most of the newcomers are under 23 and with experience and training will improve their standard of hockey both individually and as a team. It has been a pleasure to captain the 3rds, and thanks, to all those who played, for an enjoyable season of hockey.

COL AIKMAN: Col filled in for the C's as goalie, very spectacular even when he misses. Surely the quickest goalie on short corners in 2nd division.

KEVIN BELL: Captain. Full back. Led the team under extreme difficulties. A consistent player and an example of behaviour on the field.

H. LINSILL: Full back. One of the new players, has a solid tackle but needs to develop his hitting.

L. SMOOTHER: Played in just about every position in defence. A good utility player.

R. PENA: Centre Half. Another of the newcomers. Showed a lot of promise and in condition will put pressure on the B Grade halves.

P. MACKAY: Half. Good in defence with tackling and stopping the ball. Needs to practice distribution and hitting.

D. LANIGAN: Half. A keen new member of the Club. In his first season of hockey; improved over the season and will do better next year.

P. HACK: Wing forward. Another new member also playing hockey for the first time. Very keen and with experience will do better.

P. SAWYER: Wing forward. Also a new member. Showed promise and has a good hit, but did not get many opportunities.

G. MCINTYRE: Inside forward. Played hard and well all season and improved as his team work with the other forwards improved during the season.

F. PAYNE: Inside forward. A convert from football. Picked up the elements of the game quickly and showed great improvement over the year, but must keep his tail to the sideline.

GRAEME TREVENAR: Wing forward and Half. Another convert from football. Keen to learn and improved his game over the last half of the season. His keenness certainly made up for lack of experience.

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### INDOOR ENTERTAINMENTS AND GOLF

Sub-Committee: M. Elder (Chairman)

This year we arranged for 5 golf days at Leura but half-way through it was decided to cancel the mid-winter day as most players thought it too uncertain weatherwise.

Unfortunately, due to a harbour cruise for the South Otaga N.Z. touring team on the 3rd April and the Sub District seven-a-side competition 29th May, the first two days were not very well attended. The third was an improvement while on the last we introduced a bus to take players up and whilst we only had twenty on the bus we still had our best day with 36 players. All those who made use of the bus were very satisfied and from indications of those who drove up in cars it looks as though the use of the bus could catch on well for next year's sorties to Leura.

We also hope that those who have never been up to Leura and those who have got out of the habit will find the time to come up now that we have arranged the bus.

As usual the competitions were of aggregate stableford and the results were as follows:

3rd April, 1966	G. Morgan & M. Loneragan
29th May, 1966	No record
21st August, 1966	G. Gorton & J. Witham
23rd October, 1966	G. Morgan & J. Beadsworth

On this year's results and research into other years' results it has been decided to present G. Morgan with the "Greatest Burglar Ever" award.

Again we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Partridge and his staff at Leura Golf Club for their continued perseverance with our somewhat exuberant, if not proficient, golfers and also thank them for the four days that have been arranged for next year.

This year also saw the return of Club Tennis days with one being organised for White City on 27th March with about 40 members agreeing to play. Unfortunately this day was washed out, but due to the animated response from members, it will be attempted next year with, we hope, much greater success.



In closing I would like to extend my thanks to J. Barrett and C. (Hockey) Jones for their help in looking after the first two Golf days when I was unable to attend.

### SQUASH

Secretary: P. Mansford

The Club's participation in Pennant Squash during the year again consisted of the entering of two teams in each of the Winter and Spring Competitions.

Once again our teams acquitted themselves only reasonably well, the second team being particularly disappointing considering the fact that they played B4 and C1 Grades. However the improvement shown by Kerry Trollope during the competitions was most encouraging and it is anticipated it will not be long before Kerry is playing in a higher grade.

The first team played A2 Grade in each of the competitions and despite David Walker was able to make the semi-finals on each occasion. We were unable to advance any further than the semis, however, and it is hoped that we will show sufficient improvement in the future to enable us to seriously challenge the top teams in this grade.

We again had Bill McLaughlin's courts as our home courts and to Bill we are sincerely appreciative.

### BRIARS SKI CLUB - THREDBO VILLAGE

Secretary: R. Anstey

Alas, another season passes by and time has arrived for those so keen to fish and relax in the mellow summer sunshine of the mountains while keen skiers fretfully clean and polish gear in preparation for next year.

Whilst the Briars are not winning the Kentwell Cups of the snowfields we are leaving our impressions (loosely worded) and the Lodge has accommodated successfully a larger number of persons this year. A number of new skiers ventured south and had no hesitation in saying it was beaut, bonzer, all right mate, etc. and I should say that we shall see them again in pursuit of their respective pastimes at Thredbo (not all care for skiing).

Briars members would do well to note information concerning the Lodge during the summer, to be published at a later date. We can't offer sand and surf, but you would find it hard to beat for relaxation with all the amenities of home.

## SOCIAL

Committee: John Edmonds (Chairman), Richard Crookes,  
Mike Elder, Andrew Clifford

This year's social events commenced with a stewards' night at Christmas in the clubrooms. This is a very popular evening and a similar one is planned this year.

Early February saw our inaugural mixed deep sea-fishing party take to water and by the general reaction (over the side) by the participants it will be some time before another one can be arranged.

Our 2nd Annual Surf Carnival (in March) between Newport and Briars was once again a very enjoyable affair followed by a barbecue in the evening.

At the start of the football season the Club played host to two visiting New Zealand teams, Northern Southland and South Otago Colts - Northern Southland was entertained at a social held in the club rooms, South Otago Colts were subjected to the punishment of a harbour cruise at which all previous records were broken.

A mid-season social was held in the clubrooms in June and was well attended.

This year's Annual Ball was held at the Menzies Hotel, Sydney on 27th August, 250 people attended the largest for some years.

The Annual Club Dinner was held at Concord Golf Club on Friday 4th November, 90 members attended this formal dinner. The guest speaker was Australian cricketer Mr. Peter Philpott.

Plans are in hand for a Christmas Social and Stewards' Evening and members will be advised accordingly.

## CLUBROOMS

The bar trading for the year was the best since the Club became licensed. It is difficult to ascertain why, but one reason perhaps is that the honorary stewards have maintained a constant and regular service. Also the bar equipment, including beer pipes, are constantly cleaned and maintained and the standard of the "brew" certainly fares more favourably than other sources, this meaning our members visit the Club more frequently. The Club continues to trade Monday to Thursday 5 to 8 p.m., Friday 5 to 11 p.m. and Saturday 5 to 10 p.m. The question of opening on a Sunday for a one month trial period from 5 to 7 p.m. was recommended by the Management Committee but rejected by the Board of Directors.

## STEWARDS

The Club is extremely grateful to our permanent weekday stewards for the fine service they render, although at times the closing hours are sometimes extended - mainly to suit members' requirements, not the stewards. The weekday stewards are Dick Crookes, Geoff Gorton, Andy Clifford, Ian Bailey and Ian Sullivan. Because of other commitments the following members had to relinquish their weekday duties: Peter Brand, David Edmonds, Les McNeil, "Jock" Scott, Lawson Smoother, Colin Willis and John Edmonds, and we thank them for their valuable assistance.

The late Friday and Saturday evening service was maintained by the undermentioned:

Ross Anstey	Grant Hickey	Les McNeil
Barry Cardwell	Colin J. Jones	Alan Reid
Peter Darragh	Steve Keir	Max Spencer
Colin Dennis	Greg McIntyre	Bruce Trevenar
Garnet Green	Charles McMonnies	David A. Walker

## STOCKS

The majority of all popular lines of drinks are kept, we could keep more, but unless the demand is available we prefer not to overstock. At the request of members we have ordered lines not normally kept but on some occasions they have not continued to purchase and we have been left with "dead stock". However, this is a very rare occurrence. The soft drink range has been extended to include Pineapple and Orchy and with Passiona, lemonade, lemon squash and bitter lemon available members now have a wider selection.

## PLANT

The present plant is still working satisfactorily considering the inexperienced people who use the equipment. Jim Alford constantly checks the equipment for defects and we are thankful to him. During the year a refrigerated cabinet was purchased and this machine pre-cools kegs before they are transferred to the bar. With an even temperature being maintained the beer pulls without too much froth, enabling a constant pour of beer, whereas previously when a new keg had been put behind the bar at room temperature a very heady beer was poured. However, despite this additional equipment home games in winter still caused trouble and this will continue unless the number of taps are increased. This would be a very expensive alteration as it would entail new equipment, so for the present we will have to do with the present equipment.

## DELIVERIES

Mr. Bill Simes and his nephew maintained their very ready

assistance in receiving our supplies, and we cannot adequately express our thanks for their willingness.

### CLEANING

The following members cleaned the Club on Sundays and we are indeed grateful for their assistance:

I. Bailey, I. Blair, J. Cooper, R. Crookes, P. Darragh, D. Edmonds, M. Elder, R. Hellyar, G. Hickey, D. Jamieson, M. Logan, I. McGregor, W. McLaughlin Jnr., L. McNeil, M. Mackenroth, C. McMonnies, J. Osterman, G. Prowse, J. Randle, G. Williams.

We again thank Mrs. Stockdale for doing the Club's laundering.

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### CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy is intended as a remembrance of those of our members who lost their lives during service in World War II. The basis of arriving at the winner is similar to the Football trophy, and points are allotted as follows:

Value to team as a Cricketer	-	35 points
Conduct	-	15 points
General Keenness	-	15 points
Value to Club as a member	-	25 points
Neatness of Dress	-	10 points
		<u>100 points</u>

The Cricket Trophy this year was won jointly by Colin (Cricket) Jones and Peter Richardson. Our heartiest congratulations to them both.

Colin has been playing with the Club for many years in the Shire teams but this is his first award. He is the Club's auditor.

This is Peter's fourth successive year in winning a Club trophy. He previously won the Cricket in 1962-63, 1964 the Robinson and 1965 the Stone trophy. Peter is also Assistant Treasurer. In all the joint winners are of great value to the Club.

### GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

This shield is presented each year to the footballer who, in the opinion of the Club, has done most towards football, and to the Club in general.

It is presented in memory of a young "Briar" who was tragically killed in a road accident. Points are awarded as follows:

Attendance at training	-	20 points
Value to team	-	20 points
Most improved player	-	20 points
General Keenness	-	15 points
Value as a Club member	-	15 points
Neatness of uniform	-	10 points
		<u>100 points</u>

This year's winner is Charles McMonnies.

Charles was Captain/Coach of the Judd Cup this season. His value to this team and his contribution to football could not be praised enough. Also found time to do some steward work. Well done Chas.

#### A. J. ROBINSON SHIELD

This shield, donated by the late A. J. Robinson, is won by the player obtaining the most points allocated as follows:

Value to team as a member	-	35 points
Value in hockey administration	-	20 points
Value to Club other than Hockey	-	20 points
Conduct on field of play	-	15 points
Neatness of dress	-	10 points
		<u>100 points</u>

This year's winner is Brian Cox. Brian has been playing with the "A" team for many years. Brian is on the hockey sub-committee and this is his first award. Congratulations, Brian.

#### J. H. STONE TROPHY

This trophy is named after the first president of the Club, the late John Stone. It can only be won by a member under 25 years of age, and by one who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club's welfare during the year.

This year's winner is Grant Hickey. Grant is the Assistant Secretary. Being an understudy to Stockdale is no easy task and he has carried out everything asked of him by the Secretary. Grant does a lot of work "behind the scenes". Our best wishes, Grant.

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#### PETE DARRAGH

Peter Sinclair Darragh died on the night of Thursday November 10th, after undergoing a brain operation at the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital, Wahroonga.

The suddenness of this tragedy is more fully realised after reading earlier sections of this report. The prelude on the 1966 Football season just passed was written by Pete

in his capacity of Football Chairman, just a few days before his admission to hospital.

His deeds as a Kentwell Cup footballer are best remembered by those who were privileged to play alongside him.

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Pete first joined the Club in 1955 after attending Sydney Grammar School. In his final year Pete was a member of the first XV, he rowed in the VIII and was a school prefect. This record is in keeping with his accomplishments over the last decade. Peter has rowed in the Sydney Junior Eight, played in the Briars first XV and during 1966 been Chairman of Football and a member of the Club Management Committee.

Pete's first season of football was in the 1955 Kentwell Cup side. He subsequently played in the 1957-8-9 Kentwell sides.

Pete was then transferred to the country and for some time we saw little of him. He did nowever manage to join us for country trips.

In 1959 he was a member of the team that went to Canberra to play Duntroon.

In 1960 he joined a team at Yeoval and played for us against Yeoval. Also in that year he went to New Zealand with our first touring side, thus becoming one of the very few to have made both trips to New Zealand when he again toured in 1965. Undoubtedly Pete was our most travelled footballer. In addition to the aforementioned he has also travelled with the Briars to Dubbo, Orange, Bathurst, Kiama, Molong and Melbourne.

Seasons 1962-3-4 Pete played grade football with Eastwood.

Pete returned to Briars again in 1965 playing in the Premiership Kentwell Cup side. In this season he was awarded the Gordon Bevan Shield.

Pete's Briars career has also been active off the field. For many years he has been a Club Steward and in 1965 he was Assistant Secretary.

It is not really any of the above for which most of us will remember Pete. There are undoubtedly happenings over the years which each one of us can recall in our own minds as being associated with "Dags".

The things which most make him unforgettable are his sincerity, his big heart, his quiet manner, his rucking, his

dour sense of humour and the many other lovable features which went to make him bigger than most of us.

We will all miss "Old Pete".

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### CONGRATULATIONS

To the undermentioned we offer our sincere congratulations for their achievements. To those members we have missed - our apologies. The three eligible bachelors, Messrs Clark, Hotten and Stockdale still remain "unhooked". However, we are suspicious of Robert who has returned to Scandinavia again, whilst rumour has it that for Hotten there is more than his property at Orange. Stockdale - no hope.

#### Engagements:

Mike Elder  
Mike Logan  
David Edmonds  
Grahame Corderoy  
Ian Brabant  
Jack Burkhart

#### Married:

Mike Mathews  
Colin (Hockey) Jones  
John Hazelwood  
Graeme Rolleston  
Bob Fischer  
Jack Burkhart  
Lawson Smoother  
Bob Ryan  
Bob Snow  
Len Graff

#### Births:

Warren Partington	(a daughter)
Trevor Parker	(a daughter)
John Wade	(a daughter)
Ray Young	(a daughter)
Grahame Ireland	(a daughter)
Phil Vickery	(a daughter)
John Wearne	(a son)
Grahame Morgan	(a son)
Peter Burt	(a son)
Noel Young	(a son)
Bill Atkinson	(a son)
Ian Hill	(a son)

ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors and Management Committee each held 12 meetings (October to September) during the year, with attendance as under:

<u>Board:</u>	R. Clark	6*	D. Prowse	9
	W. Elder	11	E. Stockdale	11
	A. Land	6*	G. Whiddon	4*
	H. Lennartz	9	B. Williams	10*

Note: \* Please note that R. Clark, A. Land, G. Whiddon and B. Williams were granted leave of absence. Bob and Audley were granted leave to travel overseas from April and May respectively, and both will not be returning until the new financial year. Alternate directors were appointed to fill their places - Don Williams for Bob, and he attended 6 meetings, and Jack Balmforth for Audley, and he attended 5 on his behalf. Don Williams also attended an additional 3 meetings as Treasurer. Geoff was unable to attend any meetings until April because of illness and Brian was hospitalised for the May and June meetings.

<u>Management:</u>	R. Anstey (appt. 12/65)	7	C. Jones	9
	P. Darragh	12	P. Richardson	9
	C. Dennis	10	E. Stockdale	11
	M. Elder (appt. 12/65)	10	B. Trevenar	7
	J. Edmonds	8	K. Willis	10
	G. Hickey (appt. 11/65)	10	B. Williams	9*

Note: \*Brian was in hospital for the May, June and July meetings

ADDENDUM

As President, I wish to extend my personal thanks to our honorary office-bearers, stewards and members who assist in the cleaning of the Clubrooms.

These members give their time voluntarily and unselfishly, and are to be commended for their efforts towards keeping our Club functioning smoothly.

B. U. WILLIAMS,

President



## C O N C L U S I O N

We convey to members, both collectively and individually, our best wishes for success in the forthcoming year at the respective sports, and express our hope that the Club will continue to prosper and play its part in the community.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Management Committee.

B. U. WILLIAMS, President.

B. TREVENAR, Honorary Secretary.

E. G. STOCKDALE, Hon. Admin. Secretary.

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## F I N A N C E

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th September, 1966, together with the Balance Sheet as at that date and with the report of the Auditor thereon are appended to this report.

Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year amounted to \$2,661 compared with a surplus of \$1,546 in respect of the previous year.

During the year under review Income increased by \$1,532 due principally to an increase in rentals received (\$721) and additional profit (\$783) on house trading.

Costs of ground hire and equipment for the major sports, after writing off the installation of hot showers at Rothwell Park, were approximately the same as for the previous year. Alterations to the Clubrooms and reupholstering of lounge room chairs resulted in increased administration and club-room expenses during the current year.

Depreciation at an appropriate rate has been provided for in the accounts.

An amount of \$200 has been set aside out of current year's profits for provision for deferred maintenance which, when added to the balance of the provisions at 1st October, 1964, makes a total of \$1,000 as shown on the Balance Sheet.

During the year 5% Unsecured Debentures amounting to \$40 were redeemed at par and the equivalent amount was transferred from Debenture Redemption Reserve to General Reserve.

The surplus for the year enabled the Club to increase its investment in Debentures, and \$4,000 has been placed with Public Companies of some substance to bear interest of from  $6\frac{1}{2}\%$  to  $7\frac{1}{2}\%$  per annum. These debentures can be readily realised on the open market should the need arise.

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1961 as amended, the Directors state:-

1. The results of the Company's operations in the period covered by the Profit and Loss Account have not, in their opinion, been materially affected by items of an abnormal character.
  2. No circumstances have arisen which render adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Company misleading or inappropriate.
  3. No contingent liabilities have been undertaken by the Company since the end of the period covered by the last report and no contingent liability has become enforceable within the succeeding period of twelve months which will materially affect the Company in its ability to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.
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**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED (A Company Limited by Guarantee) BALANCE SHEET as at 30th SEPT., 1966**

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1965	\$	\$
<u>RESERVES &amp; ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</u>		
10682	GENERAL RESERVE	10722
2350	DEBENTURE REDEMPTION RESERVE	2310 13032
ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
	Balance 1st October, 1965	9598
	Add: Net Profit for year	
9598	ended 30th Sept., 1966	2661 12259
22630		25291

<u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u>		
5% UNSECURED DEBENTURES OF \$10		
2290	EACH DUE 1st JULY, 1970	2250
INTEREST FREE UNSECURED DEBENTURES		
60	OF \$10 EACH DUE 1st JULY, 1970	60 2310

<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES &amp; PROVISIONS</u>		
586	TRADE CREDITORS & ACCRUEMENTS	2058
930	SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID IN ADVANCE	966
800	PROVISION FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE	1000 4024

\$ 27296

\$31625

1965	\$	\$	\$
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
18532	LAND & BUILDINGS-At Cost		18532
	CLUB ROOM FURNITURE & FITTINGS		
	At Deemed Valuation 30th Sept. 1962	1212	
	Additions at Cost	1086	
		2298	
1584	Less: Provision for Depreciation	1057	1241
	BAR EQUIPMENT		
	At Deemed Valuation 30th Sept. 1962	1314	
	Additions at Cost	370	
		1684	
956	Less: Provision for Depreciation	491	1193
	GLASSES, CROCKERY, ETC.		
40	at Valuation		40 21006
<u>INVESTMENTS</u>			
DEBENTURES IN COMPANIES LISTED ON			
PRESCRIBED STOCK EXCHANGE -			
1000	At Cost (Market Value \$4916)		5000
SHARES IN RUGBY UNION CO-OP TRADING			
10	SOCIETY LIMITED - At Cost	10	5010
<u>DEBENTURE REDEMPTION FUND INVESTMENT</u>			
4% METROPOLITAN WATER SEWERAGE & DRAINAGE			
BOARD LOAN - At Cost \$1400 maturing 1st			
1400	December, 1968 (Market Value \$1379)		1400
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
832	STOCKS ON HAND (At lower of cost or replacement value)		719
72	DEBTORS		227
2450	CASH AT BANK		2664
34	CASH ON HAND		35
386	PREPAYMENTS	564	4209
27296			31625

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITEDCERTIFICATE BY DIRECTORS

We, Brian Urquhart Williams and Douglas Vernon Prowse being two of the Directors of The Briars Sporting Club Limited do hereby state on behalf of the Board that in our opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at 30th September, 1966, and that the accompanying Profit and Loss Account is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the business of the Company for the year then ended.

DATED at SYDNEY this 8th day of NOVEMBER, 1966.

Signed on behalf of the Board

B. U. WILLIAMS     )  
D. V. PROWSE        ) Directors

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DECLARATION BY SECRETARY

I, Edward George Stockdale, Administrative Secretary of The Briars Sporting Club Limited do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying Balance Sheet and accompanying Profit and Loss Account are correct.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act, 1900.

DECLARED at SYDNEY this     )  
8th day of NOVEMBER, 1966    ) E. G. STOCKDALE  
Before me:                     )

G. C. NICHOLLS J.P.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

In my opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and accompanying Profit and Loss Account are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1961-1966 and so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs.

The accounting and other records (including registers) examined by me, have, in my opinion, been properly kept in accordance with the said Act.

51 Pitt Street,  
SYDNEY

C. G. JONES, A.C.A.  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

8th November, 1966

Registered under the Public Accountants  
Registration Act, 1945, as amended



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED (A Company Limited by Guarantee)  
**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1966**

1965			
\$	\$	\$	\$
CRICKET			
300 Ground Hire & Registrations	397		
586 Material	299		
- Shower Equipment-Rothwell Park	<u>150</u>	846	
HOCKEY			
346 Registrations, Equipment, etc.		312	
FOOTBALL			
146 Ground Hire & Registrations	346		
400 Material & Equipment	165		
- Shower Equipment-Rothwell Park	<u>150</u>	661	
CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS			
30 Billiards & Table Tennis	43		
16 Loss on Social Activities	-	<u>43</u>	1862
ADMINISTRATION & CLUB ROOM EXPENSES			
246 Lighting & Heating		228	
Repairs Maintenance & Club Room			
224 Expenses		809	
334 Stationery, Stamps & Telephone		328	
204 Annual Reports		215	
152 Insurance		125	
72 General Expenses		94	
250 Donations & Presentations		73	
414 Depreciation-Furniture & Fittings	<u>411</u>	2283	
PROPERTY EXPENSES			
16 Commission	-		
290 Insurance	340		
254 Rates	330		
280 Repairs & Maintenance	<u>189</u>	859	
142 DEBENTURE INTEREST		115	
200 PROVISION FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE		200	
NET PROFIT FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED			
30th SEPTEMBER, 1966, TRANSFERRED			
1546	2661		
<u>\$6448</u>	<u>\$7980</u>		

1965			
\$	\$	\$	\$
2772 PROFIT ON BAR TRADING			3555
CRICKET			
442 Batting Fees, etc		438	
HOCKEY			
270 Ground Fees & Sale of Equipment		232	
FOOTBALL			
420 Registrations, Sale of Equipment etc.		393	
CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS			
16 Billiards & Table Tennis	8		
- Profit on Social Activities	<u>49</u>	<u>57</u>	1120
1726 MEMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS			1668
- DONATIONS RECEIVED			22
150 INTEREST RECEIVED			242
PROPERTY INCOME			
652 Rents Received			1373
<u>\$6448</u>			<u>\$7980</u>

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