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Gentlemen

I am very proud to present my first report as President of your club. As Craig Hickey alluded to in last year's report, we are facing challenging times and that is very true in our business, private and social lives.

Sports continue to rise to the challenge with Cricket to the forefront in winning the club championship for the 2nd time in 3 years. All teams contributed to this outstanding achievement and congratulations to Second Grade on their emphatic win in the final. Rugby were very competitive all season and at one stage looked like giving the club championship a shake. With the keenness and enthusiasm in the sport, I think we can look forward to promotion to Kentwell Cup in the near term. Squash continued on their winning way with pennants galore but have been struck a blow by Squashlands, Burwood, being sold and the club required to find alternative home courts. The challenge will be to retain the club identity at their new home courts at Five Dock. Hockey did not enjoy a good season on and off the field. The complacency in the sport has been well and truly exorcised and I am sure Hockey will turn the corner in the coming season.

Your club continues to adhere to the ideals on which it was founded and prospered over the years. However, many clubs whom we compete against have been envious of the sound financial footing of The Briars Sporting Club, and the clubrooms in particular. Some of these clubs have now acquired their own premises or have been able to organise financial backing for their organisations. In my view, to keep The Briars Sporting Club at the forefront of amateur sport, we must make hard and courageous decisions to move the club into the next chapter of its illustrious history.

Board is focused on examining the positioning of sports within their relevant competitions; the need to encourage junior development with appropriate support structures; and the mix of sports within the club. In addition Board must keep in mind the need to maximise the returns from the club's investments and ensure the clubrooms are adequately maintained and well patronised.

The executive of your club, Board and the Management Committee, do not resile from examining these issues and ensuring decisions are made in the best interest of the club and, you the members. Board is asking each sport to put in place a management structure appropriate to each sport and I am pleased to report that the sports realise the relevance of a strong management structure to enhance on-field achievements. To those of you involved in committee structures in the individual sports or functions, please accept this as public acknowledgement of your often unsung contribution to the welfare of your chosen sport and your fellow club members.

It is becoming increasingly obvious that a structured junior development program must be a priority across most sports and is an issue which deserves the closest scrutiny. Juniors can become an integral part of each sport's recruitment program but there is a price to pay, and that is continuing commitment to supporting a carefully planned junior program, utilising the abilities of current players and parents who wish to contribute along the way. Hockey are well advanced with a junior program already in place and continued support from Senior Hockey will ensure a dividend in the near future. I hope this is not a one-off dividend and Junior Hockey continues to prosper - it really is in the hands of Senior Hockey to ensure this is the case.

The club again experienced difficult bar trading conditions with turnover now about half of what it was 4 years ago. Board has continued to upgrade the clubrooms and bar and indoor sports facilities to encourage patronage. Further initiatives are being explored to boost bar turnover. The gross margin on trading is now back to an acceptable level, reduced turnover is the problem.

Board and Management continue to highlight the need for fiscal accountability in all our operations. Increased emphasis will be placed upon the sports to ensure that they conduct their operations in a financially responsible manner. The financial deficit of Hockey was particularly disturbing and strong action is being taken to get the sport "back on the rails".

With the depletion of our cash investments over the last few years for the Building Refurbishment, the past year has seen a steady increase in funds, largely due to the rental from the modernised shops below the clubrooms. Board will continue to ensure that our cash investments are gradually built up again.



Presidents Report

I am indeed blessed to be associated with a hard working and dedicated club executive. Their commitment to the club and dedication to their particular positions is gratefully acknowledged. Craig Hickey resigned his directorship during the year and his outstanding contribution over many years as a player, administrator, director and finally Club President sets a very high standard for us mere mortals. Thanks, Craig, for your personal support and sage advice, I hope you enjoy your "retirement" from those innumerable phone calls and can relax and enjoy a quiet beer at the club.

Paul Viglienzzone (Focus), Rob McQuade (Rugby), Brett Graham (Hockey) and Jim Farrell (Squash) retired from their respective positions on the Management Committee during the year. Each has made a special contribution to their portfolio and I thank them for it. Greg McManus has stepped into the demanding role of Honorary Executive Officer and brings fresh enthusiasm to the position. What can one say about Bill Hooker that hasn't been said before. Bill is currently Treasurer and puts in an enormous effort at the club and at home on the club accounts. Bill also jointly organises the club's involvement in major golf tournaments.

Life Members, Stan Jones and Percival Murray, passed away during the year and sincere condolences are extended to the respective families. Each of these outstanding club members made an incalculable contribution to the club, on and off the field. It is because of members of this calibre that the club enjoys such high standing in the sporting community. Both gentlemen joined the club in the early 20's and I must now sadly report that, to my knowledge, this era of the club has now passed into history and our earliest club members now date from joining the club in the 30's. May those members enjoy good health for the coming year. Vice Presidents Fred Lucas (a Foundation Member), Alan Reid and Don Walker also passed away this year. Sincere sympathies to those members who lost loved ones during the year.

The club was fortunate, and rightly proud of the fact, for ex-member Gordon Samuels to be appointed as the Governor of New South Wales. As many would be aware, the Governor acknowledges his time playing rugby with the club and the friendship and comradeship which flowed from those playing days. He attended the Annual Dinner as Guest Speaker and it was personally gratifying to see so many of his contemporaries there to enjoy the occasion. Special thanks to Spencer Hipwell for his assistance in this regard. The Governor also attended a rugby home game against Oatley and enjoyed the informality of the day. He even went back to the club to enjoy a "quiet one" and catch up with just how much the clubrooms had changed or remained the same, depending on your point of view. Oatley's contribution to a successful day is also gratefully acknowledged.

Numbers at Old Members Nights have been steadily increasing in recent years and the organising efforts of Rod Smith deserve special mention. Rod seems to have made this annual event his special contribution to the club and I thank him for it.

To each of the trophy winners, a special acknowledgement of your achievement. These trophies are not awarded lightly and you can be assured you have earned the honour of being awarded a trophy on the highest criteria this club can muster.

The support of the following bodies is acknowledged:

Burwood Council
Concord Council
Sydney Suburban Rugby
Sydney Rugby Referees Association
Council of Municipal and Shire Clubs

Sydney Hockey Association
NSW Cricket Association
Squash Racquets Association of NSW
Sydney Hockey Umpires Association

John F. Threlfo
(President)



I have great pleasure in presenting the first annual report of the Foundation. The amount contributed to this date is \$76,000 and after income and expenses, a net profit for the period was \$74,368. The treasurer will elaborate further on our investments at the General Meeting.

On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to thank the sponsors who have so generously donated money in this our inaugural year.

May I also thank the many members who helped get the Foundation off the ground - Jack Balmforth, Richard Crookes, Harvey Ford, Craig Hickey, Bill Hooker, Doug Prowse, the late Ted Stockdale, the late Don Walker and Keith Wearne.

To the Board and Executive, my sincere thanks for the support during the year. I am particularly grateful to the Directors of The Briars Sporting Club Ltd., in particular Presidents Craig Hickey and John Threlfo and Treasurer Bill Hooker who gave the foundation great support both financially when first incorporated and by encouragement for our success.

During the year the Foundation did not receive any requests for projects.

Last but not least the driving force behind the Foundation has been Chris Walker. Without his vision and extraordinary amount of personal time from the other side of the world, the Foundation would not have commenced.

The Foundation is entering the new financial year with considerable vigour to increase our membership base. The executive will be sending out brochures to members to obtain a commitment for financial support in the coming year.

I G S Blair
(President)



The 1995/96 season began with our usual preparation of pre-season training session, our coach Steve Thomlinson, and a severe determination amongst our players to improve on our disappointing previous season.

Our 8th place in the Club Championship in 1994/95 was not our best effort and with the addition of some "new blood" and good talent as well, we were able to overhaul Warringah with 2 rounds to go and hold on to win the Club Championship by one solitary point.

The big improvement during the season was via our Under 24 team who were successful in 4 games out of 6 and proving valuable Club Championship points in narrowly missing the semis. During the off season we appointed Paul Price and Peter Richardson as co-managers and Gerard Abood captained the side again. To all three we offer sincere thanks and congratulations on their efforts during the season.

Winning the Club Championship was obviously the major highlight of the season but we were also successful in having 3 sides in the semis and 2 in the Grand Final. Unfortunately, the third grade side were defeated but our second grade side, will led by the veteran Garry Schomberg, were successful in the Grand Final. After finishing 2nd during the rounds the 2nd's completely dominated the finals series outplaying both Holroyd and Strathfield.

The 4th grade side, led by Spiro Troubetas were defeated in the semis but they fought magnificently to the end in narrowly losing to South East Sydney.

With Peter Richardson at the helm in 3rd grade the side bowled and fielded well all year only to lose the final to a very strong Auburn side.

Cricket Chairman's Report

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Throughout the grades there were also many fantastic individual performances. These include the following:

Batting

| | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|------|----|----------------------|
| Centuries to: | Paul Simpson | 102x | vs | South East Sydney |
| | John Platania | 109 | vs | Holroyd (Semi Final) |
| | Garry Schomberg | 111x | vs | Strathfield (Final) |
| | Rohan Appleton | 110 | vs | Epping |

Bowling

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sarkis Achmar | 60 wickets |
| Nick Rojo | 50 wickets |
| Richard Tregeagle | 62 wickets (including 2 hat tricks) |
| Gerard Price | 48 wickets |
| Terry Murphy | 45 wickets |
| Sammy Hraiki | 42 wickets |



During any season there are many people who deserve thanks for their assistance in performing any functions. These include Richard Tregeagle for his vigilant collection of the fees, Spiro Troubetas for his assistance in the social functions, Geoff Armstrong for his organisation of another fantastic Trivia Night, Anthony Clarke for his help on the Harbour Cruise, Paul Simpson for his organisation of the training each week, and anyone else who I have not mentioned but played a part during the season.

Once again the cricketers organised the Annual Schools "7-a-side" competition at Rothwell Park. To Gerard Abood and Jason Hughes we thank you for a job well done.

Throughout the season there were a number of supporters who frequented Rothwell to catch a glimpse of the stars and to you all, thanks, we appreciate the support.

Our Club is very fortunate to have the use of good wickets in Rothwell Park and Ron Routley Oval. The groundsmen Phil and Adam work very hard to provide top class wickets and we thank them immensely. During the season Concord Council acquired the services of a new Operations Manager in Robert Hook. His efforts and involvement in the club have been very encouraging and we look forward to cementing this relationship. Robert and the staff at Concord Council are to be thanked for their assistance during the season.

Congratulations and thanks must also be extended to the four captains and our chairman of selectors Greg Wallace for their numerous mid week phone calls in organising teams and for sacrificing their time every second Saturday night. Well done guys.

Finally, I would like to thank and congratulate all the players during the season for the absolutely magnificent efforts put in. As one of the few clubs not to pay any players we can be very proud of the fact that we have now won 2 of the last 3 Club Championship, the ultimate reward.

Gerard Price
(Chairman)

The 1995/96 season can be one we can be a little disappointed with as we finished 1 win short of making the semis. There were 2 games during the season which we most definitely should have won after getting into winning positions but forfeited any victory chance through some ordinary batting.

Unfortunately, our batting during the season was consistently disappointing with only 1 player, Paul Simpson scoring over 400 runs. However, our strengths were obviously in our all round bowling strength.

The season began well with easy victories over Baulkham Hills and Pennant Hills. A draw followed against Strathfield before a devastating loss to minor premiers Lindfield. After dismissing them for 177 we batted superbly to be 4-140. But, then we succumbed to some tight bowling to be dismissed for 160 and a crucial loss.

We were back on track against South East Sydney when we dismissed them for only 158. Some good batting allowed us to declare at 6-263 in quick time and but for the torrential downpour that followed, an outright win was denied as they finished at 8-62.

Another game we were disappointed with was against Blacktown. We dismissed them for 131 in a one dayer and were 6-100 before eventually being dismissed for only 114.

Victories followed against Auburn and Lane Cove before a sensational game against Warringah. Once again some poor batting saw us dismissed for only 93. We then bowled and fielded well to have them at 6-76 overnight. An amazing 2nd day followed as we cleaned up the tail to dismiss them for 86. However, the game was still a long way from over. Needless to say our batting crumbled again as we were routed for only 82. This left Warringah 90 to win in 23 overs. They took up the challenge and scored runs rapidly. We also took wickets rapidly and Warringah finished at 8-73. A very exciting game.

Our winning streak continued as we accounted for Roseville, Macquarie University, the eventual premiers, an outright win over Epping, and Canterbury before our last round encounter and Holroyd. Needing to win to ensure a semi final spot we batted very well on day 1 to finish at 8-296, enough to win if we played well enough. However, we didn't play as well as we needed and a crucial loss resulted. Unfortunately, the loss cost us a semis spot and a disappointing end to the season.



Player Profiles

Paul Price - didn't enjoy the success he is capable of with plenty of good 20's and 30's. Only had 2 scores of over 50 including 71 vs Baulkham Hills and 53 vs Pennant Hills in scoring 398 for the season. Took 11 catches and was a valuable contributor on and off the field. Didn't bowl.

Phil Tregeagle - our other opening batsman, Phillip also had mixed success scoring 84 vs Pennant Hills and a fantastic 65 vs Lindfield but only had 3 scores over 30. A great team man who scored 342 runs. Fields well and didn't get a bowl.

Bart Pozuelo - unfortunately Bart worked every Saturday morning often arriving at games after we had started. This affected his form dramatically with scores of 94 and 52x the only ones of any note. Four ducks and 5 other scores under 10 illustrated his poor form. Didn't bowl much either.

Paul Simpson - pound for pound one of the best players in the club, just ask him. Was the teams leading run scorer with 423 including 102x vs South East Sydney, 76 vs Pennant Hills, and 53 vs Holroyd. Made plenty of starts but failed to turn these into more big scores. Didn't bowl this season. A great club man.

Greg Wallace - began the season in 1sts with 2 ducks before a short stint in 2nds. A couple of good scores and he returned to the side but didn't perform to his expectations.

Steve Arahill - a valuable team member who contributed with both bat and ball at various times. Another who scored plenty of 20's and 30's without going on to bigger scores. Bowled well on plenty of occasions and took 12 catches.

Andrew Blaikie - joined the club as the 1st grade keeper and did a splendid job. Did a great job at the training sessions assisting coach Thomlinson in the various fielding drills.

Cricket First Grade

Took 32 catches and 1 stumping and compiled a super innings of 69x against Macquarie University.

Jeff Ho - missed the first 2 games through injury before joining the side and taking 20 wickets. Bowled brilliantly against Epping to ensure an outright victory and his batting talents were shown against Strathfield (50) and Lane Cove (32). Can still bowl quick.

Brad Wilson - didn't enjoy a very successful season with the bat with the exception of the Strathfield game. Bowled consistently well all season taking 17 wickets but unfortunately was not assisted by the Rothwell wicket.

Richard Tregagle - the old block just keeps getting better with age. Enjoyed a sensational season capturing 2 hat tricks and took 62 wickets at 9.84. Took at least 1 wicket every innings except once proving he still has the strike power. Well done Rich. A great season.

Kevin Price - our ever reliable 12th man and scorer. Couldn't wait for Bart to turn up so he could get off the field and proved an invaluable team member. Thanks Kevin.

Gerard Price - once again combined with Richard to form a pretty formidable opening attack. Took 48 wickets at 11.98 and bowled very well at times. Batted well against South East Sydney (63x) and Strathfield (42).

Gerard Price
(Captain)



| Matches | Won O/R | Won 1st Inn | Lost 1st Inn | Drawn | Points | Position |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|
| 15 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 64 | 5th |
| Runs For | Wickets For | Average For | Runs Against | Wickets Against | Average Against | |
| 2724 | 122 | 22.33 | 2455 | 170 | 14.44 | |

| Batted | Matches | Innings | N/O | Agg | Ave | HS | 100's | 50's | Catches |
|-------------|---------|---------|------|---------|-------|----------|-------|------|---------|
| P. Simpson | 15 | 15 | 2 | 423 | 32.54 | 102x | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| P. Price | 15 | 16 | 0 | 398 | 24.88 | 71 | 0 | 2 | 11 |
| P. Tregagle | 15 | 16 | 1 | 342 | 22.80 | 84 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| G. Price | 15 | 12 | 4 | 180 | 22.50 | 63x | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| B. Pozuelo | 15 | 16 | 3 | 286 | 22.00 | 94 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| S. Arahill | 15 | 14 | 1 | 261 | 20.08 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| A. Blaikie | 14 | 14 | 6 | 154 | 19.25 | 69x | 0 | 1 | 32/1 |
| J. Ho | 13 | 9 | 2 | 107 | 15.29 | 50 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| G. Abood | 4 | 5 | 1 | 56 | 14.00 | 37x | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| G. Wallace | 7 | 8 | 1 | 49 | 7.00 | 24x | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| B. Wilson | 15 | 12 | 1 | 95 | 8.64 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| R. Tregagle | 15 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 3.33 | 4x | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| R. Appleton | 2 | 2 | 0 | 76 | 38.00 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Harris | 2 | 2 | 0 | 28 | 14.00 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| D. Rojo | 2 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Bowled | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Ave | Over/Wkt | Best | | |
| R. Tregagle | 255 | 70 | 610 | 62 | 9.84 | 4.11 | 5.17 | | |
| G. Price | 234.3 | 54 | 574 | 48 | 11.98 | 4.89 | 6.29 | | |
| J. Ho | 157 | 49 | 358 | 20 | 17.90 | 7.85 | 3.11 | | |
| S. Arahill | 134 | 43 | 291 | 14 | 20.79 | 9.57 | 4.18 | | |
| B. Wilson | 143.4 | 39 | 391 | 17 | 23.00 | 8.42 | 3.20 | | |
| B. Pozuelo | 21 | 4 | 86 | 2 | 43.00 | 10.50 | 2.23 | | |
| D. Rojo | 29 | 10 | 69 | 1 | 69.00 | 29.00 | 1.15 | | |

The 1995/96 season for the Burwood Briars 2nd grade side was outstanding, culminating in a victory in the Grand Final over arch rivals Strathfield.

This year saw a new captain, several new faces and an abundance of talent, which was utilised very well to achieve the premiership. It was a close knit team effort that saw our side totally dominate the competition (except for two hiccups) - this fact is shown in that 8 batsmen averaged over 25, and all 5 bowlers took between 17 and 33 wickets each. The fielding was of an exceptionally high standard throughout the year, with a total of 75 catches being taken.

On reflection, the team knew from game 1 that the premiership was ours, as long as everyone focussed on that goal. There were very little personnel changes throughout the year, showing a dedication and application to the team that made the job of captaining such a committed group all that much easier.

In brief, the semi final against Holroyd saw Yianni Platania and Rohan Appleton score 150 together with Rohan (61). Andy Macky joined Yianni for 69 runs together, Andy (49). Yianni was finally dismissed for 109 - an outstanding innings under pressure. We finished with 274 with Jason Hughes and Steve Schomberg adding 37 for the last wicket. A. Raymond struck twice before stumps, then we totally dominated them on day two, with tight accurate bowling, two superb runouts (R. Appleton, G. Abood) to have them all out for 132.

In the Grand Final, our bowlers did the job - A. Raymond started with 3-32 off 12 tight overs. Steve and Jason tightened the screws, Steve bowled 19 straight overs, 2-39. Dan Rojo came back all fired up, 2-62 and Jason cleaned up the tail, 3-29. Strathfield were all out for 185.

After a few tense moments in the batting - Yianni (33), we were 3 for 83, but Colin Wilcockson 39 (6 fours x 2 sixes) and Gerard Abood 65 dominated the attack to leave us 4-189 at the end of day one. Gerard's six over covers to win on 1st innings will always remain a shot to be remembered. On day two Andy Macky (39) and Garry Schomberg steadily increased our lead with a 75 run partnership. Then Garry cut loose - 10 fours and 8 sixes to finish with 111*. Jason Hughes batted well for a 48 run partnership with Garry. They conceded at lunch with our side 9 for 345. A tremendous victory, thoroughly deserved.



Player Profiles

Johnny Platania - Yianni was rock solid this year at the top of the order. He contributed in many games, but none so more important than his 109 in the semi final. He was enthusiastic in the field, and surprised everyone with a dynamic spell of bowling in one game.

Jason Harris - Jason had some great starts in many games, helping the team building some very solid innings. Enjoyed a few games in 1st grade, and showed his true club colours near the end of the season. Jason has potential to be a regular 1st grader with further application.

Gerard Abood - Colonial Gadafi - eat your heart out. Gerard had an answer to everything, and the way he answered with a 65 in the grand final was outstanding. His enthusiasm was well appreciated by the team. Definitely bigger and better things for Gerard next competition.

Greg Wallace - Greg had an up and down year - between 1st and 2nd grade. Had some excellent starts (one 97) but for unknown reason, just seemed to miss out on scoring the big ones. His experience and determination was an obvious factor in the 2nd grade achieving the premiership.

Rohan Appleton - Rohan had an excellent year with the bat scoring runs in 1st and 2nd grade. His 110x on a wet track against Epping was a total demolition and a pleasure to watch. He was rock steady in the semi with a 61 against Holroyd. Rohan's fielding at times was outstanding.

Colin Wilcockson - Colin's batting is dynamic - all or nothing. He smashed the attack on several occasions and contributed 39 valuable runs in the grand final. His 58 against Epping was amazing. Colin was always enthusiastic in the field. He did wimp out on the grand final celebrations, but got the messages!

Cricket Second Grade

Garry Schomberg - Had a very enjoyable year in his 1st year as captain. Showed some form of old with 500 runs for the year, and a demoralising 111* in the grand final. Also had a good year behind the stumps. Rumour has it he has become a "trolley-dolly" and will miss a season.

Andy Macky - Andy had another rock solid year. The only disappointment from the captain's point of view was that the batsman above and the bowlers below were doing their job too well. Andy showed what a true team player he is. Had some great starts with the bat, bowled well when given a chance, and maintained his excellent fielding in the gully.

Dan Rojo - What an asset to have such a demon bowler in the team. Dan was our main strike bowler sometimes scoring out the opposition with both the ball and his mouth. Dan regularly took 3 wickets per game with a best of 6-5 against Auburn. His 9 catches for the year was second only to the skip. Dan showed spirit and pride when competing with Ray as the teams all rounder.

Anthony Raymond - Ray was the partner in the best 2nd grade attack in Shires. He was always ready for the big wicket haul, and while never getting it, his bowling in the semi and grand finals helped the team to victory. Won the mantle as an all-rounder with some hard hitting performances with the bat. A good team man from the greater west.

Jason Hughes - Jason was the third in a dynamic bowling attack. His accuracy and determination saw him pick up a 5-47 against Strathfield and a 3 wicket haul in the grand final. He continually kept everyone on task with his enthusiasm, and as usual, his fielding was always of a high standard.

Steven Schomberg - The last member mentioned, but the first one picked in any team. He is the ultimate team player - a role model for any player. He picked up 5 wickets in two separate games, and bowled 19 straight overs in the grand final to help break Strathfield's batting. His innings against Canterbury to win the game showed that he is the best number 11 going around. His fielding in slips was always 1st class, taking 7 catches. The 'every ready man' - he just keeps going and going!

Garry Schomberg
(Captain)

| Matches | Won O/R | Won 1st Inn | Lost 1st Inn | Drawn | Points | Position |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|
| 15 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 54 | 2nd |
| Runs For | Wickets For | Average For | Runs Against | Wickets Against | Average Against | |
| 3154 | 93 | 33.91 | 2429 | 134 | 18.13 | |

| Batted | Matches | Innings | N/O | Agg | Ave | HS | 100's | 50's | Catches |
|---------------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|------|---------|
| G. Schomberg | 16 | 15 | 5 | 524 | 52.4 | 111* | 1 | 4 | 22 |
| R. Appleton | 14 | 13 | 2 | 439 | 39.91 | 110 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| G. Abood | 14 | 12 | 1 | 431 | 39.18 | 94 | - | 4 | 4 |
| A. Macky | 16 | 14 | 5 | 352 | 39.11 | 74 | - | 1 | 8 |
| J. Platania | 13 | 13 | - | 423 | 32.54 | 109 | 1 | 3 | - |
| G. Wallace | 11 | 10 | 1 | 289 | 32.11 | 97 | - | 1 | 3 |
| J. Harris | 13 | 13 | - | 342 | 26.31 | 62 | - | 2 | 5 |
| C. Wilcockson | 14 | 11 | 1 | 262 | 26.20 | 76* | - | 2 | 5 |
| S. Schomberg | 13 | 6 | 4 | 47 | 23.5 | 20* | - | - | 7 |
| A. Raymond | 15 | 10 | 3 | 152 | 21.7 | 44* | - | - | 2 |
| D. Rojo | 14 | 9 | 3 | 93 | 15.5 | 47* | - | - | 9 |
| J. Hughes | 16 | 8 | 2 | 84 | 14.0 | 19 | - | - | 5 |

Also batted

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| J. Price: | 2 for 30 runs |
| M. Pemberton: | 2 for 32 runs |
| M. Burns: | 1 for 15 runs |
| D. Jenkins: | 1 for 11 runs |
| J. Ho: | 1 for 3* runs |
| S. Achma: | 1 for 0* runs |

| WICKET | TOTAL | PARTNERSHIP |
|--------|-------------------|--|
| 1 | 94 | J. Platania / J. Harris |
| 2 | 150 | J. Platania / R. Appleton |
| 3 | 116 | J. Platania / R. Appleton |
| 4 | 74 | C. Wilcockson / R. Appleton |
| 5 | 170 (club record) | G. Schomberg/R.Appleton |
| 6 | 75 | G. Schomberg/A.Macky |
| 7 | 47 | A. Raymond/D.Rojo |
| 8 | 42 | A. Raymond/D.Rojo |
| 9 | 48 | G.Schomberg/J.Hughes |
| 10 | 37*/37 | M. Pemberton*/J.Hughes S. Schomberg /S. Schomberg |

BOWLING (min 8 wickets)

| | Matches | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average | Best |
|-------------|---------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|------------|
| S.Schomberg | 13 | 167 | 66 | 339 | 21 | 16.14 | 5-24, 5-42 |
| J. Hughes | 16 | 195 | 52 | 481 | 27 | 17.81 | 5-47 |
| D. Rojo | 14 | 223 | 61 | 601 | 33 | 18.21 | 6-51 |
| A. Raymond | 15 | 203 | 63 | 512 | 23 | 22.36 | 3-22 |
| A. Macky | 16 | 138 | 30 | 400 | 17 | 23.5 | 4-26 |
| J. Ho | 2 | 45 | 14 | 78 | 10 | 7.8 | 4-22 |

Also bowled

| | |
|--------------|----------|
| P. Schouten | 6 for 69 |
| J. Price | 3 for 62 |
| S. Ackma | 2 for 14 |
| J. Platania | 1 for 2 |
| D. Jenkins | 0 for 27 |
| G. Wallace | 0 for 29 |
| M. Pemberton | 0 for 1 |



Cricket Third Grade

For the second time in three years the Burwood Third Grade cricket team completed the preliminary rounds as Minor Premiers. This season however, we were unable to take the excellent form maintained throughout the season and repeat the performance of two years earlier in converting the minor premiership to a premiership. Nevertheless, given the circumstances of the final and despite the fact that we did not play to our full potential in that game, the team should be very proud of its accomplishments during the season.

The strength of the team was undoubtedly based upon its pace attack headed by Sarkis Achmar, Nick Rojo and later in the season, when he returned to cricket with the Club in the second half of the season after injury, Phil Adams. In particular Sarkis' performance in securing 60 wickets at 9.55 in his first season in Shires cricket was outstanding. Phil and Sarkis came first and second in the third grade competition's bowling averages respectively, and the latter led the wicket takers for the grade with Nick being equal second leading wicket taker with 50.

Even recognising that it was difficult to accumulate high scores at our home ground for much of the season because of the slow wicket and outfield, our batting lacked stability and it was fortunate that our bowlers were able to defend these low scores with comparative ease. Indeed it may seem surprising that the team achieved the Minor Premiership without one of its players being in the top twenty of the competition's batsmen on averages.

Now to review our participation in the end of season final series.

In the semi final at Epping Oval we met Lane Cove, who we had beaten comprehensively earlier in the season. Winning the toss and electing to bat we were in early trouble at 3 for 27 and later 8 for 95 before Anthony Clarke (73) and Sarkis Achmar (15*) compiled a superb century partnership to restore credibility and a score of 199. When bad light stopped play on the first day, our opening bowlers had made heavy inroads into the Lane Cove batting for them to be 4 for 34. On the second day these two continued unchanged to rout the opposition for 73, with Sarkis Achmar and Nick Rojo both taking five wickets. Rather than enforce the follow on, Burwood chose to bat again, but struggled somewhat to be all out for 105. Set 229 to win we were able to maintain the pressure to dismiss Lane Cove for 83 with Sarkis, Nick and Phil Adams each taking three wickets.

So set the scene for the final, when we were drawn to play a very strong Auburn side, which was somewhat surprising, given the relative standing of their two higher grades. Unfortunately for Burwood the game was set for Airey Park which had the effect of the wicket blunting our four pronged pace attack and proving to be ideally suited to the Auburn bowlers whose two legspinners were able to derive prodigious spin even before lunch on the first day.

Having won the toss and elected to bat, we proceeded to lose wickets progressively, and were all out for 133, with eight of our batsman falling to the two Auburn spinners. Only John Price, playing a dedicated lone hand to compile 39, providing any real resistance. Despite defending a meagre total and bowling on a pitch unresponsive to our pace attack, we approached our task with full commitment.

Despite all these efforts, Auburn were able to bat well into the second day to be eventually all out for 224. Our bowlers toiled without luck, with Sarkis Achmar particularly bowling absolutely superbly, conceding only 44 runs off 23 overs and consistently having a former first grade district player playing and missing outside off stump. Indeed as the Auburn batting very much revolved around this particular player, the fall of his wicket in the early stages would undoubtedly have provided a very much more keenly contested match. With time limited, we commenced our second innings with a view to scoring quick runs and hopefully setting a target. Unfortunately this last hope proved to be forlorn and we collapsed for a total of 52.

Although confronted with circumstances that made winning the game difficult, for the most part, our top order batsman did not set about doing the necessary hard work to build the innings. On the other hand the performance against adverse conditions in the field was full of commitment and, although we did not win, the team should be very proud of the fact that at no stage did that commitment fall away.

Without wishing to detract from the very good all round performance of Auburn, to whom our congratulations on achieving the premiership are conveyed, in my view the wicket prepared for the final was less than suitable for a match of that status. Unfortunately it appears the selection of a ground with a wicket that provided fairer conditions to both teams



was not possible because of the prolonged season and the unavailability of more appropriate venues so late in the season.

In concluding this report, it is fitting to again recognise and thank:-

Gerard Price and his team, including my fellow selectors, for the most valuable support that continues to be provided to the Club's cricketers.

Club coach, Steve Thomlinson who must derive immense satisfaction in seeing Burwood achieve the Club Championship for the second time in three years, and

finally to the Concord Council ground staff for the preparation of the Ron Routley wicket, which in its early existence continued to show improvement during the course of the season.

Player Profiles

John Price - Invariably able to establish a good start, however did not carry on his many scores of over twenty into innings more substantial. Most consistent top order batsman in both semi final and final when he did his best to hold the middle order together. Due to strength of our pace attack, John's off spin utilised only sparingly. Mobile phone at times appeared to hamper his fielding and umpiring duties.

Phil Adams - Great to see Phil return to cricket with the Club after a prolonged absence. Quickly regained his form with his high action left arm pace bowling, on all too many occasions being far too good to get the edge. His effectiveness was shown by having the lowest average of bowlers in the third grade competition. In the last two games before the finals showed his undoubted class with the bat with two scores of seventy. A good field with a magnificent throwing arm. Look forward to seeing Phil performing in the higher grades next season.

David Trewin - Provided his usual stabilising influence for the lower order, although was also was unable to convert good starts into more substantial scores. Another who was not given a bowling opportunity because of the abundance and quality of pace bowling that the side was fortunate to have. His contribution as vice captain, particularly in providing the on field encouragement that is necessary to maintain momentum, was very much appreciated.

Cory Dickerson - Still at school, Cory showed much promise in his first season with the Club. A forceful first or second wicket batsman, who in time will undoubtedly develop the skills needed to pace his innings in the context of batting out the target overs. A capable wicketkeeper and very athletic in the field when given the opportunity. Unfortunately we lost Cory for the second half of the season due to football commitments. Hopefully will return next season when I am sure he will develop into a most capable cricketer for the Club and in time make his contribution to the higher grades.

Anthony Clarke - A most combative cricketer with either bat or ball. With our highly successful opening bowling pair, Anthony had to be content with second and third use of the new ball, which he did without complaint. Can be devastating to an opposition if on fire with the bat, as he so clearly showed when he played a superlative knock to set up our first innings score against Lane Cove in the semi final. With his typical Club and team attitude, took the brunt of organising and on many occasions carrying out the onerous task of putting down the pitch covers on Friday nights.

Peter Richardson - Chipped in with an occasional useful innings with the bat in the lower order, including a three hour plus marathon when he assisted with a determined lower order to deny Macquarie University a win when they decided to continue batting into the second day of the game with an overnight score of 330. Very much enjoyed the opportunity of leading a very competitive and harmonious team.

Jason Bailey - Did not enjoy success with the bat until the last few games when his confidence returned and he set about showing a very commendable application to make the necessary adjustments to his game. Also capably assumed the role as wicketkeeper when Cory Dickerson became unavailable for the latter part of the season.

Nick Rojo - Enjoyed a most successful season, working as an opening bowler in tandem with Sarkis Achmar, and taking fifty wickets at 13.3. Both these bowlers by virtue of their different



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styles complemented each other to provide an ideal opening attack which in many other clubs would have warranted selection in higher grades. Very reliable in the field. Nick also was more than willing to assist in many of the necessary off the field duties for both the team and cricket in general.

Peter Schouten - Joined the side and played for the rest of the season after the sixth round. Peter's opportunities were limited because of success of our opening two bowlers and to a lesser extent to recurring injury problems. Provided a wholehearted effort each time given the opportunity.

Sarkis Achmar - In his initial season in Shire cricket and on turf, made a magnificent debut. Maintained a remarkable control over line and length and his ability to make the ball swing late from the off contributed to many of his victims being bowled. Also developed the ability to straighten up the occasional ball to induce a catch behind the wicket. His outstanding efforts in both the semi final and final have already been mentioned in the body of this report. As a late order batsman, showed he highly valued his wicket, and contributed to a match winning partnership in supporting Anthony Clarke in the semi final. If can work a little harder on his fielding skills will surely make a name in the higher grades.

Thanks also go to the many occasional contributors to the team during the season:-

Col Wilcockson, Brett Howle, Sammy Hraiki, Terry Kershaw, John Platania, Shane Mantle, Peter Catalovski, Jason Harris, Darren Heming, Terry Aili, Brendon Bailey, Marc Burns, Rohan Appleton, Steve Schomberg, and Mick Abood.

Peter Richardson
(Captain)



| Matches | Won O/R | Won 1st Inn | Lost 1st Inn | Lost O/R | Drawn | Points | Position |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|----------|
| 17 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 76 | 2nd |
| Runs For | Wickets For | Average For | Runs Against | Wickets Against | Average Against | | |
| 3,073 | 178 | 17.26 | 2,760 | 201 | 13.73 | | |

| Batted | Matches | Innings | N/O | Agg | Ave | HS | 100's | 50's | Catches |
|--------------|-----------|---------|-----|-------------|-----------|-----|---------|------|---------|
| J Price | | 16 | 2 | 316 | 22.5 | 46 | - | - | 6 |
| P Adams | | 13 | - | 285 | 21.9 | 75 | - | 2 | - |
| D Trewin | | 20 | 4 | 291 | 18.2 | 49 | - | - | 8 |
| C Dickerson | | 11 | - | 187 | 17.0 | 46 | - | - | 10 |
| A Berenger | | 10 | - | 154 | 15.4 | 51 | - | 1 | 2 |
| A Clarke | | 21 | 2 | 277 | 14.6 | 73 | - | 2 | 5 |
| P Richardson | | 17 | 4 | 183 | 14.1 | 45* | - | - | 4 |
| J Bailey | | 18 | 2 | 168 | 10.5 | 33* | - | - | 15 |
| Also Batted | Catches | | | Catches | | | Catches | | |
| C Wilcockson | 3 for 121 | 3 | | N Rojo | 12 for 99 | 7 | | | |
| B Howle | 2 for 71 | 8 | | T Aili | 2 for 24 | - | | | |
| S Hraiki | 1 for 29 | - | | B Bailey | 5 for 48 | 5 | | | |
| T Kershaw | 2 for 38 | - | | M Burns | 9 for 86 | 3 | | | |
| J Platania | 4 for 125 | - | | R Appleton | 2 for 17 | - | | | |
| S Mantle | 7 for 99 | 2 | | S Achmar | 6 for 38 | 4 | | | |
| P Catalovski | 1 for 13 | - | | P Schouten | 5 for 22 | 3 | | | |
| J Harris | 4 for 47 | - | | S Schomberg | 2 for 5 | 2 | | | |
| D Heming | 1 for 10 | - | | | | | | | |

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Bowling

| Name | Overs | Maidens | Wickets | Runs | Average | Best |
|------------|-------|---------|---------|------|---------|------|
| P Adams | 92.4 | 23 | 21 | 199 | 9.47 | 5/20 |
| S Achmar | 314 | 96 | 60 | 573 | 9.55 | 7/24 |
| A Clarke | 130.1 | 17 | 25 | 412 | 16.48 | 7/16 |
| N Rojo | 271.5 | 67 | 50 | 665 | 13.30 | 5/32 |
| P Schouten | 103.1 | 20 | 14 | 271 | 19.35 | 4/52 |

Also Bowled

| | | | |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| S Schomberg | 14 for 67 | M Abood | 1 for 27 |
| S Mantle | 5 for 87 | P Richardson | 0 for 4 |
| J Price | 8 for 208 | S Hraiki | 0 for 14 |



The 1995/96 season was a successful one for the 4th grade side. Consistently fielding a strong side enabled us to achieve some good results. We finished second in the competition losing one game in the process.

After another successful Club Championship win, 4th grade was looking to go a couple further and win the Grand Final. It wasn't to be as we lost a tough match against South East Sydney.

The players were asked for a bigger commitment during the season and this brought more consistent performances throughout the year most notably Terry Kershaw (362) and Brendon Bailey (307) with the bat, and Terry Murphy (45 wickets) and Sammy Hraiki (42 wickets) with the ball. Congratulations to Terry for taking out the bowling averages for 4th Grade Shires.

Thank you to all the players for their support, especially Brian Kirk and Terry Murphy who did endless work to assist me throughout the year.

Congratulations to Garry Schomberg for winning and captaining 2nd Grade to another premiership. Thanks also to Greg Wallace, Gerard Price and Peter Richardson for your support during the season.

Thanks to Steve Thomlinson for his coaching expertise and a special thanks to Gerard Price who puts in endless hours in cricket for the Club. Much appreciated Gerard.

Lastly, a special thanks to The Briars Club for honouring me with the Cricket Memorial Trophy. It was a great honour and was very much appreciated.

Spiro Troubetas
(Captain)

Cricket Fourth Grade

Profiles

Michael Abood - Due to unavailability, for various reasons, Michael had a disruptive start to the early season, missing four out of the first eight games. That didn't enable him to find that early form that every bowler searches for. Michael only showed glimpses of his best taking 25 wickets for the season, his best return was 4-14 off six overs against Macquarie Uni. He was exceptional in the field saving many runs at crucial times. He also fancied himself with the bat and as a lower order batsmen was very handy, his high score of 30 against Pennant Hills proved this. I am sure Michael can realise his potential by continuing to work hard at his game.

Brendon Bailey - A rugby reject and from what I've seen he is better at cricket (just joking). It took a while for Brendon to settle into the cricket season due to rugby commitments, he then proved to be a very handy all round cricketer. He topped the averages with 34.10 and in the process scoring 3 half centuries his best been 65 against S.E. Sydney in the second innings of the semifinal (first innings would of have nice Brendon). He also showed great potential with the ball with his best spell being against Holroyd where he took 6 for 37.

Brendon on your first season with Briars cricket I must say a successful one at that, with some extra fine tuning you could certainly be playing higher grades next season.

Andre Berenger - Played only the last five games in fourths due to his recent promotion to 3rd grade. Was a little out of touch and struggled to find the previous form that got him into higher pastures. Andre got some starts but didn't convert them to high scores. He only really shined against Canterbury with his highest score in fourths of 28.

He was a big improver in the field taking some good catches in the process. Andre is a keen cricketer who always strive to do his best, works on his batting a lot and with that in mind I am sure that he will consistently play to his potential very soon.

Marc Burns - Marc was another player to come to fourth's from third grade playing in only five games. He played a big hand in Burwood's win against Roseville scoring a gutsy 42 out of 103 run partnership with Brendon. Marc got a few starts and failed to convert then into big scores. He always tries his best in the field which was noticeably improved. I am sure with a more positive attitude in his batting Marc will reach his potential as a consistent middle order batsman and converting those solid starts to big scores.

Darren Heming - Hemo's batting has improved greatly since coming to Burwood, and he proved just that at the start of the season. With some solid scores of 26, 51* and 41 he looked in great form and was primed for a huge season. Unfortunately it wasn't to be, Hemo fell away for the rest of the season throwing his innings away on many occasions when getting starts. Due to work commitments Hemo couldn't put in the training required which was the main reason for his decline. An excellent in close fieldsman who never sheds the opportunity to welcome incoming batsman to the crease. Great to have you in the side Hemo as I know you always gave 100%.

John Hill - Scored a solid 46 in his first dig against Baulkham Hills which also ended up being his highest score for the season. John also got plenty of starts but failed to convert them. Without any doubt the best fieldsman in the side which also earned him the nickname greyhound. He showed a good pair of hands to take 11 catches and always gave his best. He assisted me on many occasions with covers and other chores. A good club man and a pleasure to have in the side.

Roy Hraiki - Joined Burwood from the local competition and showed plenty of promise. His innings of 43 against Pennant Hills gave him the injection of confidence he was looking for. But unfortunately for Roy his form and confidence fell away, as he tried to make the adjustments of previously playing on synthetic pitches to turf. While in fourths he performed well in the field and always strived to do his best. Fitted in well with his team mates and was always keen to contribute.

Sam Hraiki - Also joined Burwood from the local competition with his brother Roy. A cricketer who showed plenty of potential with bat and ball. Mostly known for his bowling Sam (Hurricane Sam) terrorised all batsmen with his pace. With plenty of bowling strength throughout the grades Hurricane Sam played mostly in fourth's. He always led from the front and was responsible for the destruction of many opposing batting line ups. Sam took 42 wickets his best 6 for 17 against Epping. He also managed to score 244 runs, his high



score of 61 against Pennant Hills came off about 25 deliveries. Sam has shown this season that he has the potential to play in higher grades, I have no doubt about his ability as long as he stays committed.

Terry Kershaw - Known to his team mates as 'The Professor' played a big role in getting fourth grade into the semi's with some good solid performances with the bat. Was responsible in getting Burwood off to good starts, and at times out of some difficult situations. He amassed 362 runs, his highest of 87 against Holroyd. He had the dropsies this season taking only 5 catches but normally a reliable slips fieldsman. A genuine team player and sporting cricketer, always gives me pleasure in playing and fielding in slips with 'The Professor'.

Brian Kirk - Vice Captain: Provided very able support and tactical advice in his role as V/C. He assisted me on many occasions with covers, tea and ongoing chores that made my job a hell of a lot easier. Brian is very competitive on the field and this is an integral part of any team wanting to be successful. Captain Kirk known to his team mates, had a good year without any significant highlights due to the bowling strength of the side, his bowling talents weren't required as often as I would of liked and I am sure Brian as well. Never the less it goes without saying he is a valuable member of side and the club and was surely missed in our biggest game of the year. Look forward in teaming up with you again in the near future Brian.

Anthony Love - A batsman / keeper so he says. Love kept soundly in the games he played last year, he took 15 catches and made 1 stumping. A batsman who looks like scoring lots of runs every time he goes into bat, though sometimes shot selections and lack of concentration gets the better of him. Love first started out in thirds and I am sure that soon he will produce the goods and play their a's as I know he wants to, but it takes hard work and real commitment to do it. So its up to you Love. His best innings came at a crucial time for Burwood scoring 47 on a sticky wicket.

Terry Murphy - Came back from another stint at Sydney Uni and played a major role in getting fourth grade into the semi finals.

His experience and tactical advice was invaluable to the side and myself. He constantly took wickets with ease tallying up 45 wickets to be the leading wicket taker and also took averages 9.17. His best bowling 5-6 against Auburn. Terry also chimed in with a high score of 28 against Penno. He is a great asset to the side and club and still has the enthusiasm and ability to play at a higher level. He was always on hand to offer advice to the younger players when required. Thank you for all your help with covers and tea and especially that all important supra-soper work at Epping that got us 10 points.

Tim Worner - It gives me great pleasure to finally write a report on Tim. Who for many years led fourth grade as skipper and I might add he did a great job at that.

Tim had one of those season's batsmen don't need to be reminded of. Due to unavailability Tim filled in here and there and so his form suffered. Always gave 150% and assisted me in chores that makes it possible to play cricket week in week out. A great sense of humour and a great club man. You can be assured that cricket can never get boring with Tim in the side. I look forward in teaming up with you in the near future again.

Spiro Troubetas - An all-rounder in every sense of the word. Scored over 400 runs, collected 30 wickets and 11 catches. He displayed a very serious approach to the game and expected his troops to demonstrate the same degree of application and determination. His slip fielding and afternoon teas were class acts.



| Matches | Won O/R | Won 1st Inn | Lost 1st Inn | Drawn | Points | Position |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|
| 15 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 66 | 2nd |
| Runs For | Wickets For | Average For | Runs Against | Wickets Against | Average Against | |
| 2805 | 119 | 23.57 | 2327 | 180 | 12.86 | |

Cricket Fourth Grade

| Batted | Matches | Innings | N/O | Agg | Ave | HS | 100's | 50's | Catches |
|--------------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-------|------|---------|
| B. Bailey | 8 | 11 | 2 | 307 | 34.10 | 65 | | 3 | 6 |
| S. Troubetas | 15 | 18 | 2 | 422 | 26.37 | 79 | | 3 | 11 |
| T. Kershaw | 13 | 15 | - | 362 | 26.85 | 87 | | 3 | 5 |
| A. Love | 12 | 12 | 3 | 199 | 22.11 | 47 | | - | 15 |
| M. Abood | 11 | 7 | 3 | 85 | 21.25 | 30 | | - | 2 |
| T. Murphy | 15 | 12 | 6 | 120 | 20.00 | 28 | | - | 4 |
| D. Heming | 14 | 17 | 4 | 248 | 19.07 | 51* | | 1 | 10 |
| S. Hraiki | 12 | 13 | - | 244 | 17.42 | 61 | | 1 | 3 |
| R. Hraiki | 8 | 7 | - | 98 | 13.57 | 43 | | - | 2 |
| J. Hill | 15 | 17 | 1 | 211 | 13.18 | 46 | | - | 11 |
| T. Worner | 8 | 10 | 1 | 70 | 7.7 | 20 | | - | 8 |

Also batted

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| M. Burns | 5 for 166 |
| A. Berenger | 5 for 105 |
| C. Wilcockson | 1 for 31 |
| S. Schomberg | 1 for 11 |
| A. Krnel | 1 for 0 |
| J. Bailey | 1 for 1 |
| R. Entwistle | 1 for 27 |
| P. Catalovski | 1 for 10 |

Bowling

| | Overs | Maidens | Wickets | Runs | Average | Best Bowling |
|--------------|-------|---------|---------|------|---------|--------------|
| D. Heming | 218.4 | 69 | 45 | 413 | 9.17 | 5-6 |
| S. Hraiki | 204 | 44 | 42 | 588 | 14.00 | 6-17 |
| M. Abood | 161 | 40 | 25 | 396 | 15.84 | 4-14 |
| S. Troubetas | 185 | 40 | 30 | 477 | 15.90 | 6-52 |
| B. Bailey | 72.2 | 16 | 18 | 195 | 10.83 | 6-37 |
| B. Kirk | 71.4 | 17 | 10 | 206 | 20.60 | 2-12 |

Also bowled

| | |
|---------------|------|
| D. Heming | 1-71 |
| J. Hill | 3-24 |
| J. Bailey | 1-10 |
| P. Fitzgerald | 1-19 |
| M. Burns | 0-5 |
| A. Love | 0-5 |
| P. Catalovski | 1-17 |

Best Partnership

| | | |
|------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 1 st | 72 | T. Kershaw & B. Bailey |
| 2 nd | 126 | T. Kershaw & B. Bailey |
| 3 rd | 77 | T. Kershaw & S. Troubetas |
| 4 th | 92 | R. Hraiki & S. Troubetas |
| 5 th | 103 | B. Bailey & M. Burns |
| 6 th | 77 | S. Troubetas & A. Love |
| 7 th | 75 | S. Hraiki & D. Heming |
| 8 th | 78 | S. Hraiki & B. Kirk |
| 9 th | 16 | B. Kirk & B. Bailey |
| 10 th | 30 | S. Troubetas & M. Abood |



The Under 24's completed a very successful season during 1995/96. Last season the team lost all seven matches. In the season just completed, the team played seven games for four wins, two losses and one draw (a washout).

The two losses were against the premiers of the past two seasons, Holroyd, and a very strong Strathfield side.

The side must be congratulated on a magnificent performance. Although we narrowly missed the semifinals, the team has turned around from being easybeats to being one of the most professional teams in the competition.

Of the two divisions in the Under 24's, ours (Western) would definitely be the stronger one, hence to win four games against teams which in most cases have five to six 1st Graders compared with our one is a great team effort.

The side has also contributed vital points to our Club Championship title.

The future of cricket depends on the strength of our younger players and from this year's squad only two players are not eligible next season, therefore with the introduction of a few new players through our junior development, combines with the talent we already have, there is no reason why we can't go even further next season.

To captain Gerard Abood and vice-captain Jason Hughes, who bow out of Under 24's this season, congratulations and thanks for your tireless efforts over the past years. You guys deserve to experience this year's success.

Thanks also to co-manager Peter Richardson for all your hard work, Clarkey and Simmo for the BBQ's at home games and to the guys who came and supported us, thank you.

Here is a summary of the 7 matches:-

Round 1 Briars 9-79 drew with Baulkham Hills

Losing the toss on a wet one, we were sent in and at lunch had collapsed to 9-79. Heavy rain during lunch continued for the remainder of the day and play was abandoned.

Round 2 Briars 2-88 beat Auburn 87

After sending Auburn in, our bowling and fielding combined superbly with Sarkis Achmar picking up two early wickets.

Jason Hughes ripped through the Auburn middle order, taking 5-25 as Auburn were dismissed for 87. Aggressive batting by Tim Richardson (41 not out) and Gerard Abood (36 not out) saw us through to an important first up victory.

Round 3 Briars 4-68 beat Bexley 67

Winning the toss, we sent Bexley in and a super spell of pace bowling by Sam Hraiki (5-27) saw Bexley capitulate to be all out for 67. Despite a couple of early wickets, we eventually achieved the required target, losing four wickets in the process with Phil Adams smashing 38 not out.

Round 4 Briars 150 lost to Holroyd 2-152

Playing against the Premiers for the last two seasons, was always going to be a tough assignment on their home turf. We won the toss and batted and with the help of three ordinary decisions collapsed to 7-82 before Sam Hraiki smashed 46 not out to help us at least have a target to bowl at.

Andre Berenger (36) and young Matthew Pemberton (19) also batted very well.

In reply, Holroyd batted extremely aggressively on a ground which favours such batting and passed our total two wickets down. A few lessons would have been learnt from this game.

Round 5: Briars 43 lost to Strathfield 176 (S. Achmar 3-24, M. Abood 2-24). We had them 5-69 but then lost the plot. Enough said.

Round 6: Briars 205 (C. Dickenson 88, G. Abood 37, P. Adams 25) beat Canterbury 185 (S. Mantle 4-26, S. Hraiki 2-43). A super knock by Corey and good assistance by Gerard and Phil enables us to reach a competitive total. Canterbury were coasting at one stage before Shane Mantle went back to bowling medium pacers and picked up 4-26. Sammy also bowled well to take 2-43.



Cricket

Under 24's Grade



Round 7: Briars 9-158 (B. Bailey 36, J. Hughes 23 n.o.) beat Blacktown 157 (S. Hraiki 3-51, S. Achmar 2-24). What a win!

Bowling first against everyone's favourites, we worked very hard to knock them over for 157. Sammy took three wickets, Sarkis two and everyone else chipped in. We were 3-11 with three of our guns out, but an aggressive 36 by Brendan Bailey put us in with a chance. Very mature batting by youngsters Mathew Pemberton, 18, and Peter Catalovski, 19, kept us in the hunt. Then a match winning 23 not out by Jason Hughes, putting on 8 for the last wicket for Sarkis, got us through to a thrilling and very important one wicket victory. What a dream finish for Hughesy. Well done gutsy on a super effort!

Final competition table (Western Division): Holroyd 36, Strathfield 30, Burwood 24, Canterbury 18, Auburn 12, Baulkham Hills 12, Bexley 6, Blacktown 6.

Paul Price
Manager

AVERAGES

Batting

| Name | Innings | Runs | H/Score | Average | Catches |
|-----------------|---------|------|---------|---------|---------|
| Corie Dickenson | 6 | 133 | 88 | 22.16 | 5 |
| Gerard Abood | 7 | 122 | 37 | 20.33 | 1 |
| Sam Hraiki | 4 | 56 | 46x | 18.66 | - |
| Phil Adams | 7 | 106 | 38x | 17.66 | 7 |
| Tim Richardson | 4 | 46 | 41x | 15.33 | 4 |
| Brendan Bailey | 4 | 42 | 36 | 14.00 | 1 |
| Jason Hughes | 5 | 41 | 23x | 13.66 | 2 |

Also Batted:-

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|----|--|--|---|
| Matthew Pemberton | 4 | 39 | | | 6 |
| Michael Abood | 2 | 18 | | | - |
| Andre Berenger | 7 | 63 | | | 2 |
| Peter Catalouski | 2 | 18 | | | 1 |
| Shane Mantle | 4 | 21 | | | 1 |
| Chris Bettiol | 1 | 4 | | | - |
| Sarkis Achmar | 2 | 5 | | | 1 |
| David Reay | 2 | 5 | | | - |

Bowling

| Name | Overs | Wickets | Runs | Average |
|---------------|-------|---------|------|---------|
| Jason Hughes | 39 | 9 | 107 | 11.88 |
| Sam Hraiki | 43 | 10 | 145 | 14.50 |
| Sarkis Achmar | 59.4 | 11 | 177 | 16.09 |
| Shane Mantle | 27 | 6 | 107 | 17.83 |
| Michael Abood | 21 | 3 | 63 | 21.00 |
| Phil Adams | 46.4 | 3 | 177 | 29.50 |

Also bowled:-

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Peter Catalovski | 1 for 12 |
| Brendan Bailey | 1 for 4 |

1996 Playing Highlights

The most successful rugby season in the history of The Briars, with 1st Grade, 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade in the Grand Finals.

The only club throughout the whole of Suburban Rugby Union to have 1st Grade, 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade in the Grand Finals for the 1996 season.

David Guille's 1st Grade coming from a close 4th position on the table at the conclusion of the season to eliminate St. Ives and then Old Ignations to get to the Grand Final.

Rahai Nanua, after coming to Australia at the beginning of the season, coaching 2nd Grade to the Grand Final.

Tom Rampoldi coaching 3rd Grade to the Grand Final for the 2nd season in a row.

Colts, in their first season, consistently playing well and matching most sides despite not having their fair share of wins.

Ken Williams achieving his 800th rugby game, representing The Briars in front of the Governor of NSW, His Excellency Gordon Samuels AC.

1996 Operational Highlights

The establishment of working and successful Rugby Committee and having that Committee meet monthly during the season.

The establishment of the Rugby Handbook, providing all necessary information required by our players and administrators.

The establishment of a Code of Conduct for which players and coaches could refer to for guidance.

The Canteen Revenue far exceeding expectations.

The establishment of a Selection Policy for which players and coaches could refer to for guidance.

The large influx of new players to our ranks at the beginning of the season, most of whom proved to be vital to the seasons success.



Strategy Plan and Objectives

Mission

For our Players to be the best and fairest rugby union players in the NSW Suburban Rugby Union Competition.

Vision for Briars Rugby and its Players

To be Club Champions in Kentwell Cup or its equivalent.

To create valued friendships and relationships among rugby union players, irrespective of colour, race beliefs or backgrounds.

Core Values

Integrity & Honour
Camaraderie

Playing Prowess
Leadership

Sportsmanship
Discipline

Strategic Objectives

- i) To play Kentwell Cup or its equivalent in the immediate future.
- ii) To ensure the club has the best coaching team available.
- iii) To develop current player abilities to their highest quality possible.
- iv) To ensure leadership in administration of rugby union.
- v) To increase current player numbers to 120.
- vi) To secure the best rugby facilities available.
- vii) To increase rugby's budget to \$50,000 in revenue per calendar year.
- viii) To develop a well run Juniors team.

Public Profile

Our Club continues to gain greater public profile, and in 1996 this was perhaps the best it has ever been. What with the Governor of NSW, His Excellency Gordon Samuels AC, mentioning his association with the Club in The Australian Newspaper and the press coverage of Ken Williams' 800th game, it truly was a great season for the Club's public profile. Briars Rugby will need to leverage from such publicity to gain more sponsorship dollars and greater recruitment.

Standards

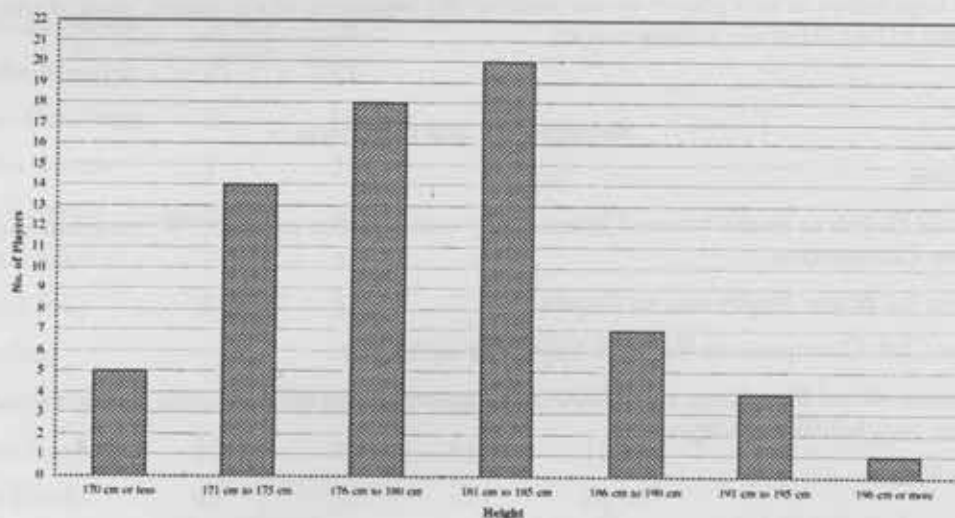
The standard of competition this year improved dramatically from that which we experienced in 1995. Despite this our players were able to lift themselves up and equal most teams in most facets of the game. However, it did become evident that if Briars is to succeed in achieving their goal of playing Kentwell Cup, the club's technical skills will need to be improved somewhat. For this to happen we need to take a more professional approach to training and be carrying and using the ball in nearly every drill. Selection of coaches for 1997 will hinge upon accreditation and technical ability. Too many times have we relied upon sheer determination and heart to win crucial games, and whilst this is every important it does not guarantee wins.

Fitness in 1996, especially during the latter half of the season, was less than adequate. It is intended that in 1997, that fitness training will be taken in squads rather than as a large group. This should help to group players into their respective playing abilities, fitness levels and commitment and enable differing drills for differing abilities.

In 1996 we introduced a monitoring of player physical characteristics, and found this to be both very interesting and also very useful in helping to analyse player performance. The characteristics measured included, height, weight and speed over 100 metres. Measurements were taken at different times during the season. The following graphs provide a player profile for the 1996 season.



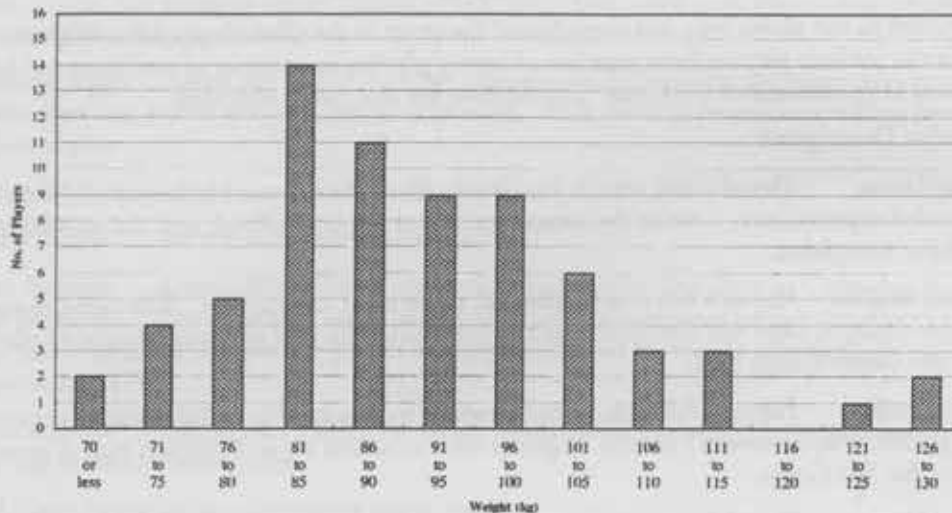
Player Height Summary - 1996



As can be seen from the above graph the majority of our players are between 176 cm and 186 cm tall. This would appear to be reasonably normal however if our club is to dominate line-out possession more 186 cm plus players will need to be recruited.

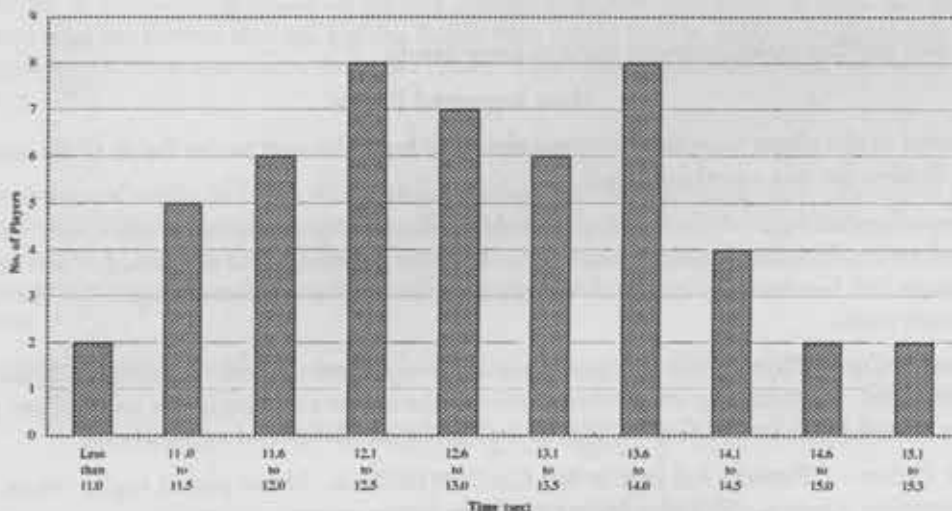
Analysis of weight graph (page 23) is somewhat limited by the inability to determine the fat content of the players. Suffice to say, when analysing this weight graph against the height graph, our players in general appear slightly heavier for their height, than what would be expected from a normal athlete. To improve the use of this information a fat test will be developed for the 1997 season.

Player Weight Summary - 1996



Speed over 100 metres was perhaps quite good. The results detailed in the graph do however appear inaccurate given that some of our players managed to clock times below 11 seconds, world record pace in anyone's standards. Not to detract from the players speed, careful attention will be made when measuring the distance in future seasons.

100 metre Time Summary - 1996



At the conclusion of the season the coaching teams and the Rugby Committee decided upon suitable players to receive the awards. The following table summaries the finalists and winners for each of the specific awards and the best & fairest award. It also provides a summary of the criteria for selection for the specific awards.

Best & Fairest Players

Awarded to the player with the highest number of best & fairest points accumulated during the season. This year we selected random critics to award the points for different games. Care was taken when selecting critics to avoid favouritism. It should be noted, that for future years team managers take more care in recording points awarded so that we do not need to rely on scraps of paper used by our Club Captain for his after match speech.

Grade Best & Fairest

| | |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1st Grade | Ted Churchyard |
| 2nd Grade | Richard Vosper |
| 3rd Grade | Terry O'Kane |
| 4th Grade | Terry Cleary |
| Colts | James McCue |

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Best Playing Clubman

Awarded to the player who has contributed the most to the Club throughout the season. This can include playing for a number of teams, playing in a variety of positions and being crucial to the success of the Club. The finalists for this award included:

Finalist Description

Greg Guest Played a full year in 1st Grade. Was selected as a breakaway and consistently exceeded expectations. Late in the season was asked to play halfback and did so willingly and without complaint.

James McCue Played a full year in Colts as a five-eight and captain. Was called upon several times to assist 4th Grade and 3rd Grade during the year and was selected to play in the 3rd Grade Grand final.

Mark Parker Played a full year in 3rd Grade as halfback. Was called upon to help out up the grades. Played several (maybe 2) games with a broken leg and chicken pox. A crucial player for 3rd Grade.

Steve Davis Played five-eight for no fixed team. Started in 3rd Grade and began working his way up the grades. Played 2nd Grade and 1st Grade and was a vital component in 3rd Grade & 2nd Grade making the Grand Final.

Reg Taiata Another great season for the ever present Reg. Halfback for 1st Grade and then wing. Quite a surprise to say the least. Contributed in 3rd Grade during the later half of the season as well.

Ted Churchyard Played the whole season in 1st Grade and was vital to the success of the scrum and team in that grade. Was also captain and led by example.

The best playing clubman award went to Steve Davis.

Most Improved Player

Awarded to the player who has improved the most from the start to the finish of the season. The finalists for this award included:

Andrew Rowlands First season with the Club and began playing in 4th Grade. Improved enormously during the season in the 2nd row position. Was promoted to 3rd Grade and then 2nd Grade and played well above expectations. An excellent prospect for the Club in future years.

James McCue Played a full year in Colt as a five-eight and captain. Previously played Aussie Rules. Outstanding improvement during the season culminating in an excellent game in the Grand Final for 3rd Grade. Played well above his ability and expectations.

Mark Parker Played a full year in 3rd Grade as halfback. Never played rugby before, but you wouldn't know it. Will play higher grades in future seasons.

Daniel Leseberg Came to the Club from Lithgow to play Colts. Played Colts for the majority of the season but also played 4th Grade and 3rd Grade.

Grant Hansen The Flea ! Plenty of room for improvement and improve he did. Consistently held down his position in 4th Grade despite continued pressure from other players.

Matt Waddington Played the majority of the season in 2nd Grade and improved to hold down his breakaway position despite plenty of pressure.

Paul Koziollek 1st Grade all season. Led by example and was crucial to the team achieving and exceeding their goals. Improved as a player and leader during the season.

The most improved player award went to James McCue.

Rookie of the Year

Awarded to a player in their first year with the Club who was considered the most outstanding player in that year.

Andrew Rowlands See the comments made above.

Daniel Sherer Played the season in Colts and was the most consistent player on the field. Was always willing to train hard and help the team develop. He will prove to be an outstanding breakaway and play 1st Grade in future years.

Glen Munroe Consistently showed higher grade players how to tackle and perform on the field. Played the majority of the season in 4th Grade but could have played much higher had he been given the opportunity.

Hasting Singh Played the majority of the season in 2nd Grade on the wing. Never played in that position before and was prepared to learn. Will prove to be an outstanding footballer in future years.

James McCue See the comments made above.

Mark Parker See the comments made above.

Sean Stevens A specialist fullback who was forced to play 2nd Row in Colts due to the lack of players. Played without complaint and was always prepared to put the effort in to gain the rewards. It is expected that in future years he will be able to play fullback and really show us his skills.

Steve Arnold The Shark! Played 1st Grade Lock with a passion. Had a spectacular season and will do so in future years.

Ted Churchyard See the comments made above.

The Rookie of the Year for 1996 went to **Mark Parker**.

Highest Point Scorer

Awarded to the player in the Club who scored the most points during the season. The award was won by **Stuart Brisbane** with 134 points scored.

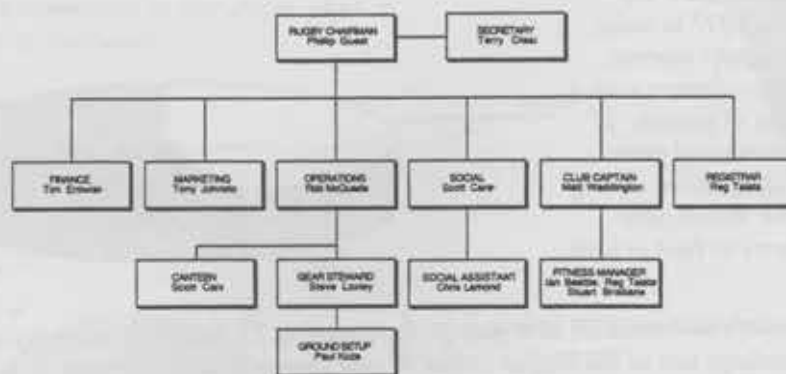
Clubman of the Year

Awarded to a non-playing member of the Club who has consistently given all to the cause. A person who has proven through actions rather than words that in order to make things happen you have to contribute time and effort. This award was unanimous, well done **Scott Carey**.

Governance

Governance of rugby in 1996, was perhaps the best and most efficient that I have ever seen at The Briars. The Rugby Committee was formed in early March 1996 (far too late to properly plan for the 1996 season) and had its inaugural meeting later that month. The Committee continued meeting monthly for the remainder of the season and has also met during the off-season.

The 1996 Rugby Committee consisted of the following people in the following positions:



The Committee worked very well and faced a number of very difficult issues which were resolved successfully. Many thanks must be extended to each and every one of the members for their time and efforts during the season.

Each Committee members efforts can best be summarised as follows:

Terry Cleary: Terry held the role of Secretary on the Committee. He always gave his best and was instrumental in developing the Handbook concept. Terry, thanks for the efforts, a job well done.

Tim Entwisle: Tim was assigned the Finance Managers role but I did not allow him to fulfil



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that role properly. Tim was always prepared to state an opinion on matters which were being discussed. He also prepared an informative and accurate paper dealing the issues facing rugby and its attempts to develop a juniors team. Thanks for your efforts Tim.

Tony Johnston: Johnno proved to be an exciting and powerful committee member. He was responsible for the recruitment policy and sponsorship function. The lack of success from a sponsorship perspective did not reflect the effort devoted by Johnno in preparing proposals and mail-outs. Thanks Johnno.

Rob McQuade: Rob took on the Operations Managers role and did a great job. His opinion was always respected by other committee members and he provided valued input into the running of the code. With his trusty disciples, Scott Carey - canteen, Steve Loxley - gear steward and Paul Koziollek - ground setup operations was perhaps the smoothest it has ever been. Thanks boys for all your efforts during the season.

Scott Carey: Scotty put in a huge effort this season. What with holding down 2nd Grade Manager, Canteen Officer, and Social Manager there was no one else during the season that could match his efforts. With his good mate Chris Lamond, social was well covered. Well done Scotty and Chris and thanks.

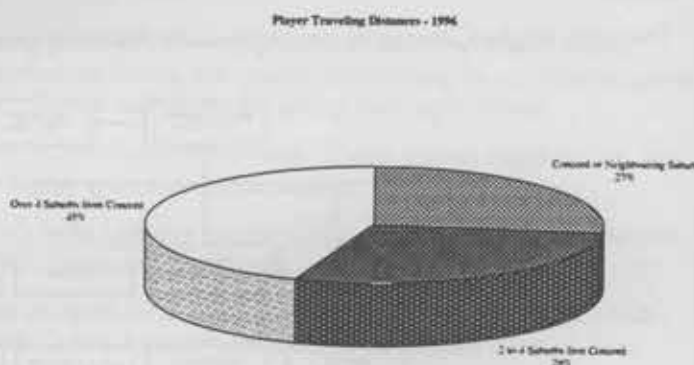
Reg Taiata: Reg put in an enormous effort as Club Registrar during the season. With the huge increase in new players together with the inability of players to properly complete forms, Reg had a mammoth task. Deciphering the name was difficult enough. Thanks Reg a great season.

Matt Waddington: Club Captain is always a difficult role. Matt was the right choice. He commanded respect among the players and coaches and was also able to use himself as an example in most disputes. With the introduction of the Code of Conduct and Selection Policy Matt's work doubled. Well done Matt, a good solid mature season.

Fitness Manager: Ian Beattie, Stuart Brisbane, Reg Taiata and Terry Cleary all assisted in this role, Ian was original appointed, but due to work commitments was unable to give as much time as he would have liked. Thank boys for your efforts during the season.

Membership

There were 178 rugby players who played 1 or more matches for the Club in the 1996 season. This is a relatively large number, given we field only 4 grade sides and 1 colts side. The colts team had by far and away the highest turnover of players, with some 33 players playing more than 1 match this season. It is evident from these high turnover rates that the Club must field a 5th Grade side in 1997 in order to maintain player interest and attempt to prevent such a large turnover of players. If the Club maintained every player that came down during the season we would have enough players to field at least 8 teams.



The 1996 season saw some 59 new players, representing 33 % of our total playing base. This represents perhaps one of the biggest influx of new players that I have seen in the Club for many years. We must ensure that these new players maintain their interest.

It is also worth noting that a large number of rugby players are drawn from suburbs not traditionally considered Briars suburbs. The graph above highlights the ever increasing distances Briars Rugby is drawing players from, and certainly future planning needs to carefully consider this fact.

Facilities

In 1996 Briars Rugby used two ovals within the Concord Municipality. Rothwell Park on Majors Bay Road was the home ground for the Club and accommodates both cricket and rugby during the year. Ron Routley Reserve behind Concord RSL was Briars Rugby's training ground.



Rothwell Park has been the Club's home ground for some time. The Club has over a number of years invested a considerable sum of money in its beatification and improvement for use by both Cricket and Rugby.

Rothwell has been considered our home ground for many years and therefore is historically significant to the Club and its players and supporters. Players both past and present, together with spectators, are familiar with Rothwell and its location. Rothwell is relatively close to the Club rooms at Burwood and the cost of leasing Rothwell is within Briars Rugby's current fiscal constraints.

Despite the above, Rothwell cannot accommodate after match speeches; the canteen facilities are becoming small for rugby and are insecure and require considerable upgrading to accommodate the ever increasing importance of the canteen; it does not have lights and therefore cannot be used for training purposes; it is not close to public transport and players and spectators have traditionally driven to the ground, a luxury not always available to everyone; and it has limited storage space to store equipment and goods.

Ron Routley Reserve has been the Club's training ground for several years. It is relatively large and has lights. There are, however, no facilities on site to store equipment, the ground is relatively far away from the Club rooms and therefore prevents any real post training discussion; and, the ground is nowhere near public transport, preventing players from using this form of transport to attend training.

It is imperative that future Rugby Committee's continue to examine the playing facilities currently used by rugby and compare them to those which are available elsewhere. By doing this the rugby facilities used will always be the best available.

Finance

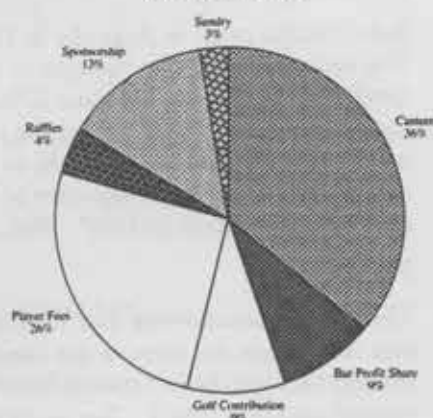
The graphs below summarise the constitution of rugby's finances for the 1996 season. From these graphs it is quite clear that without the continued support of a few areas of revenue, rugby will not be in a position to meet its strategic goals. That revenue is made up of:

- i) Player fees - collectability is crucial for the viability of the code
- ii) Sponsorship - a replacement for Manchester Unity will be required for 1997
- iii) Canteen, and - continued patronage is appreciated
- iv) Bar profit share - enjoy it while you can.

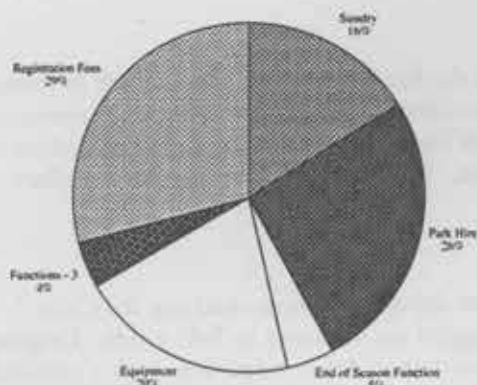
It is important that every player be aware of this fact and be supportive to any player asked to contribute to our cause.



Rugby Revenues - 1996



Rugby Expenses - 1996

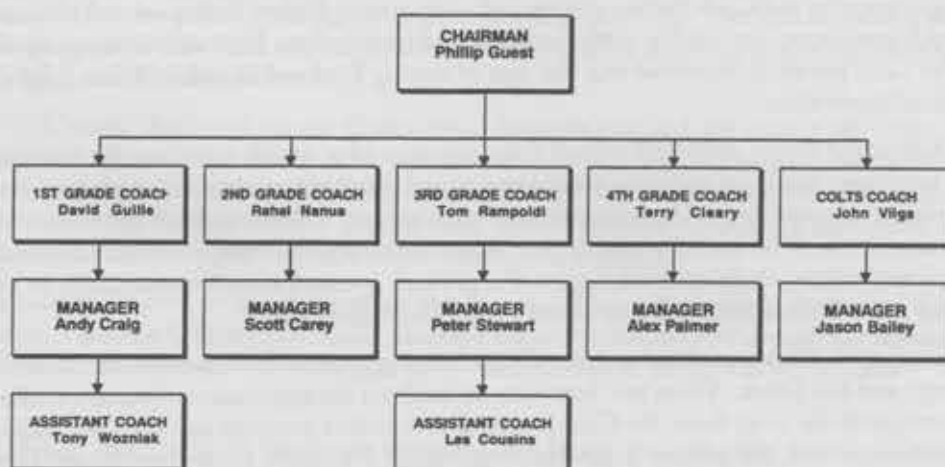


Special thanks must be extended to our sponsors for the 1996 season:

Advance Hire - for all your hire needs
 Australian Hot Water - for all your hot water, gas and heating needs
 Antony Syndicate - for financial advice
 Dianne Porter - for physiotherapy
 Five Dock Laudromat - for all your laundry needs
 Concord RSL - for parties and functions or just a quiet drink

Coaching Team

The coaches and managers in 1996 put in an outstanding effort. The chart summarises who they were and what teams they were responsible for.



1st Grade

After having such a successful season in 1995, one would be excused from believing that the 1st Grade coaching team would be the easiest to select. The first difficult job of the Rugby Committee was to decide upon a 1st grade coach for 1996. Despite all the uncertainty, David Guille, to his credit, volunteered and was awarded the job. Together with his assistant coach Tony Wozniak and team manager Andy Craig, David Guille had another successful season. To achieve what 1st Grade achieved in back to back seasons was an outstanding effort to say the least. The 1st grade coaching team deserves full credit for their efforts during the season. A job well done and let the record speak for itself.

2nd Grade

Rahai Nanua came to Australia in 1996 and approached the club to take on a coaching role. The enthusiasm that he brought to the Club was overwhelming. He was appointed 2nd Grade coach, perhaps the most difficult coaching role in the Club. With his manager Scott Carey, he was able to bring out the best from players. His willingness to allow players to pass up through his grade was a credit to his ability. He was always willing to take the time to help players improve, irrespective of the grade they were playing. He will certainly be approached to coach in 1997. Well done Rahai, on a very successful season.

3rd Grade

This was the second year that Tom had coached 3rd Grade and it proved to be the second year that he got the team to the Grand Final but lost it. With his assistant coach, Les Cousins and manager Peter Stewart, Tom was able to use the players he had available to him to succeed on the paddock. Too many times, however, Tom was reluctant to allow players to be taken up the grades, and I think this can be accredited to his will to win. I hope Tom will be willing to coach in 1997 as his ability speaks for itself. A good season.

4th Grade

Terry Cleary and Alex Palmer perhaps had one of the hardest jobs for 1996. Week in week out they were forced to select a team from an abundance of players, knowing that anyone not selected would not get a game for that week. Both Terry and Alex deserve congratulations for being able to manage the players they had available. Well done boys, thanks for the effort and time.

Colts

Full credit to John Viga and Jason Bailey for a great inaugural season coaching the Colts. Colts had the highest turnover of players and struggled on occasions to field a side. Despite the lack of wins the players rallied together on occasions to defeat sides, they took a personal disliking to. Perhaps if they had that same disliking for all teams they would have won more games. Top effort John and Jason, a good season.



Publications

1996 saw the introduction of the Rugby Handbook, the bible containing everything players needed to know about playing rugby for The Briars. The handbook was very well received by all players and full credit must go to the Committee for having the vision to put it together. It will be a regularly updated document and hopefully used for many years in the future.

Team Reports

Overall Performance of the Club

The Club had a very successful season. It was certainly a disappointment not to have won one of the Grand Finals we played in, but the fact that we were able to get 3 team there in the first place was a success in itself. From a Club Championship perspective, the following graph summarises our position in comparison to other clubs.

From this graph it can be seen that The Briars required only 131 Club championship points



to equal Old Ignatians. This 131 points represents any of the following possible combination of wins (not all possibilities disclosed):

- 5 x 1st Grade wins - 150 points
- 4 x 1st Grade wins & 1 x 2nd Grade win - 136 points
- 3 x 1st Grade wins & 3 x 2nd Grade wins - 138 points
- 2 x 1st Grade wins, 4 x 2nd Grade wins & 1 x 3rd Grade win - 132 points

This just shows how close the competition was and how crucial it is to win those games you expect to win.



Rugby First Grade



Team Performance Analysis

| Clubs | Played | Won | Loss | Draw | For | Against | Points | Position |
|---------------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|---------|--------|----------|
| Forest | 18 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 421 | 244 | 28 | 1st |
| Old Ignatious | 18 | 13 | 5 | | 428 | 265 | 26 | 2nd |
| St. Ives | 18 | 12 | 6 | | 388 | 246 | 24 | 3rd |
| Briars | 18 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 399 | 245 | 21 | 4th |
| Newport | 18 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 338 | 261 | 20 | 5th |
| Barker | 18 | 9 | 9 | | 318 | 338 | 18 | 6th |
| Oatley | 18 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 238 | 389 | 13 | 7th |
| Canterbury | 18 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 258 | 355 | 11 | 8th |
| Knox | 18 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 285 | 459 | 11 | 9th |
| Matrville | 18 | 4 | 14 | | 246 | 517 | 8 | 10th |



The 1996 season was the most successful season for the club in the Briars club's history! - 3 teams in the grand final!

Briars 1st grade almost achieved what most people believed the impossible - well done 1st grade!

The achievements for Briars Rugby were:

- 4th in the club championship with a total of 681 club championship points!
- 3 grades in the grand finals!
- Our first Colts (under 21's) side in the history of the club!

Congratulations to all five grades, the coaches, the managers, and the people that have worked so hard to ensure that the 1996 season is one to remember - it is indeed!

To 1st grade players - congratulations - almost legends!

A summary of the full years statistics (including finals) for the 1st grade were:

| | 1996 | 1995 |
|-----------------|------|------|
| Played | 21 | 18 |
| Won | 12 | 18 |
| Lost | 8 | 0 |
| Draws | 1 | 0 |
| For | 429 | 399 |
| Against | 284 | 163 |
| Average For | 20 | 13 |
| Average Against | 12 | 9 |

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Minor semi final : | Briars 13 | St. Ives 11 |
| Final : | Briars 6 | Old Ignations 3 |
| Grand final : | Forest 28 | Briars 11 |

The points were scored in the following manner:

| | |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| Tries | 52 (48 tries in 1995) |
| Goals | 26 |
| Penalties | 35 |
| Field goals | 4 |

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|------------------------|---|
| Leading try scorer - | Brendan Bailey 10 tries |
| Leading point scorer - | Stuart Brisbane 134 points (3t,22c,25p) |

Scores for the season were as follows with some memorable highlights and some terrible lows

| | | | |
|---------------|------|-------|---|
| Canterbury | Lost | 7-6 | Longest game of the season, 30 mins overtime |
| Knox | Won | 58-19 | A game we really put it together with 8 tries |
| Old Ignations | Won | 16-14 | A game of total lack of discipline, we were lucky to win |
| Forest | Lost | 24-5 | Played with injuries, lacked commitment, and deservedly thrashed |
| Barker | Lost | 26-25 | Leading 25-6 at half-time and playing well, lacked discipline and fitness 2nd half |
| St. Ives | Won | 13-12 | Excellent game to defeat the leading side at the time 2 tries to nil! |
| Newport | Won | 31-11 | Excellent game to defeat a very committed Newport side 4 tries to 1 |
| Matrville | Won | 30-5 | Excellent game with score 7-5 at half-time, beat a very physical side 4 tries to 1 at their home ground |
| Oatley | Won | 33-5 | Good win against a very spoiling side that would not give in |
| Canterbury | Draw | 20-20 | Terrible result, a game we should have won easily but were intimidated |
| Knox | Lost | 21-17 | Gave opposition 10 points start, 2 soft tries and always thought we would win it, underestimated the opposition and their enthusiasm |
| Old Ignations | Lost | 20-13 | Beaten by a more committed side on the day, although 3 simple missed tackles in the backs did not help the late comeback |
| Forest | Won | 32-0 | Needed to win badly at this stage of the season, and the commitment to the game plan was outstanding. Side was close to full strength and directed outstandingly by Trevor Folsom |
| Newport | Lost | 18-14 | Big heads from the previous game and a weeks layoff |
| Barker | Won | 26-6 | 1st round result was certainly not to be repeated - good commitment |
| Oatley | Won | 22-8 | Scrappy tough win with the loss of Johnno for the season a telling blow! |
| St. Ives | Lost | 15-8 | Scored more tries, had more shots at goal and lost the game? |
| Matrville | Won | 30-14 | Tough bruising game with the end result as expected. |
| Semi final - | | | |
| St. Ives | Won | 13-11 | Beattie 10 points, Brownie a field goal, and a very determined team performance |
| Final - | | | |
| Old Ignations | Won | 6 - 0 | Two beautiful penalty goals in the 1st half, by Beattie under very difficult windy conditions, and controlled football into a howling gale and rain in the 2nd half showed the courage and commitment of the side |
| Grand final - | | | |
| Forest | Lost | 28-11 | Led 6-3 at half time in a very tight match. Injury to personnel and the pressure and injury toll of the struggle to get to the grand final saw our hopes dashed and Forest worthy winners. |



Rugby First Grade

With the 1995 season a resounding success, it was anticipated that with some hard work and some off season recruiting the club should compete reasonably well in the 2nd division competition. However the season did not start as planned, with only 8 of last years 1st grade side beginning the season. The overlap of the cricket season by 2 weeks, delayed the appearances of some last years 1st graders until round 3 and 4. This also excluded some players at the trials and made it difficult to judge form and abilities. Accordingly by round 4, 1st grade had won only 50% of their games.

Fortunately with the availability of some players as the season progressed the team was able to build and compete to a level as was required in the new division. The 2nd division competition was not any tougher than 3rd division, but the standard of each club was more even rather than in 1995 where only the top 4 were of a consistent standard.

With some off season recruiting, the club was fortunate to gain the services of some new players of 1st grade standard such as: Ted Churchyard, Steve Arnold, Lee Tone, Phil Mason, Trevor Folsom, David Taylor, Silui Pita. This combined with the availability of players to 1st grade this year of: Phil Guest, Rob McQuade, Tai Singapu, George Ford, Mark Kingston, Jason Riik. These players had not played 1st grade in 1995 and with the existing players formed a good nucleus to work with and good depth.

The hardest part this season was to instil the discipline of the 1995 side into the team, and to get the team to forget the 1995 season and put the hard work in that was required to compete at the appropriate level. This was very hard throughout the season and together with the amount of injuries sustained made it difficult to maintain the consistent form that is required to win a premiership. However as with most good sides, in times of adversity, "when the going gets tough - the tough get going". This was evident in the last round when we had to win to ensure that we were in the semis and also in the semis and finals where the team came from the fourth position to play in the grand final.. A feat I'm sure many people did not think the team could achieve.

A total of 30 players played 1st grade throughout the season with no one player playing the full season. Those players with most games were Ted Churchyard and Greg Guest with 20 games each and Scott Hyde and Brendan Bailey with 19 games each.

The best and fairest award went to the 1st grade captain, Ted Churchyard, who had an outstanding season, and was a most deserving winner. In addition Ted also won the player's player award for the entire 2nd division competition, which showed the impact he had in the 1996 season.

On reflection of the 1996 season, it was a season of missed opportunities, players plagued by injuries, players transferred in their work, and some players lacking commitment of club policy and therefore the aspiration to play 1st grade. The opportunities missed were in losing the games such as, Canterbury (1st 7-6, 2nd round 20-20), Barker 26-25 after leading 25-6 at half time, Knox 21-17 giving them 10 points start in 3 minutes and a soft try, Newport 18-14 with a total lack of commitment, St. Ives 15-8 where we scored more tries and had more shots at goal and still lost the game. Considering the missed opportunities (i.e. 6 games) a further 12 points would have put 1st grade on 33 points and easily minor premiers.

Players lost to injury and unavailable were:

Anthony Johnston: arguably the best no. 4 in the competition and greatest impact player in the side with a broken hand in the 16th round

Lee Tone: a most exciting runner with the ball who broke his leg in the 2nd game of the season.

Trevor Folsom: 5/8 extraordinaire, the director of the team, and in my opinion could have directed us to win the Premiership had he not been injured, lost to the side after the 14th round with dislocated shoulders.

David Taylor: loose head prop, pinched spinal nerve after 17th round

Other players injured at any one time that caused a reshuffle in the side were Riik, Brisbane Taiata, McQuade, Beattie, Tepe, Koziollek. Other players lost to the side were Phil Mason, outstanding loose head prop, and Tai Singapu a good defensive and attacking outside centre, who both were transferred with their work late in the season.

As can be seen from the above the team was unable to settle into a nucleus of 15 players, and on a week to week basis new players were being tried in various positions or existing players



shuffled into other positions to best complement the team. Unfortunately, with the fortunes of 1st grade not as outstanding as the 2nd and 3rd grade sides at approximately the 3/4 mark of the season, some players decided that they would prefer to play only in the position of their own choice. This is contrary to club policy and in no way assists the rugby club as a whole. Fortunately all but one of the players was able to understand that 1st grade is the most important grade as it achieves the most points for the club championship and it is only by winning the club championship, that the club is promoted to 1st division, the goal we all aspire to. In the words of one outstanding player in the club when asked to play in a position not fancied by him- "for club or country !!!" (to quote an esteemed poet - "there's a spirit in The Briars - etc.")

However, in spite of all the problems that the team encountered the players were able to rally and produce some excellent games. For mine the three outstanding games of the season were the St. Ives 13-12 (2 tries to nil), Newport 31-11(4 tries to 1) wins in the first round, and the 32-0 annihilation of Forest in the 2nd round. In the Forest game we had close to our best side and with Trevor at the helm showed what could have been on grand final day had he and the other 5 players missing on the day through injury been available.

For sheer commitment to the task at hand the semi final against St. Ives, won 13-11 on full time, and the final against St. Ignations won 6-0 defending a lead and playing into a howling gale into the 2nd half, were outstanding achievements and showed the true character of the side. Both these teams had beaten Briars at their last meeting and given the situation of sudden death football, the 1st grade side rose to the challenge.

The style of play adopted this year was once again to run good ball, punch up bad ball until it is good ball and then use it. The side played attractive football and this was evident with 52 tries being scored in the 21 games played. The tries were evenly shared with 26 tries being scored in the backs and the forwards. The play was directed from the 5/8 position and used the runner on the inside and outside. At times the team suffered by not having the mobility to ensure that each phase was controlled. For this season the scrum was a lot stronger than last year, but if the forwards do lack a particular trait it is that they need to concentrate more on their technique and ensure that each phase of their game is controlled. This will come with a greater emphasis now there is a common nucleus of players in the side. These features do not just happen but take time, confidence and a willingness on the part of the player to make it happen rather than play one out type football. I believe the last two years has engendered the confidence and never say die attitude in the players and will pay huge benefits in the 1997 season. As I stated in my last year report the 1st grade side now has a will to win and regardless of the score at half time believe in themselves that they can win any game.

It should be said that the camaraderie of players is the strength of any team, in this side and for that matter in the club the players not only generated good vibes amongst themselves but given the situation with unavailability of players through injury and the like, it was for this reason that the team and the club had such a good year.

As the coach of the side and ably assisted by Tony Wozniak, we were pleased with the results of the season. Certainly there are things that need to be fixed but to have competed in the grand final in the 1st year in 2nd division, was an outstanding effort and the players are to be congratulated and should be proud of their achievements. However, having said that the goal is to get the club back into 1st division, and each year it is left to happen becomes that little bit harder.

We believe that with the new coach as now secured, and the benefits and access to players that he will undoubtedly bring with him and the standard of players currently with the club, ensures that the 1997 season will be a good one. Furthermore it is now time to have a professional trainer for the club that is not associated with the club in any way, and his job is to ensure that the fitness of the players is at an appropriate level. For too long the majority of these tasks has been handled by the players in 1st grade and it does not allow them to concentrate sufficiently enough on their own fitness.

Highlights of the season were: the semi final and final - you had to be there to experience it and words cannot describe the feelings that Woz, Andy and I felt when we won a birth in the grand final for the 2nd year in a row.

The season was a successful one but mainly due to the hard work and support of a lot of people. Special thanks must go to my assistant coach Tony Wozniak for his 2nd year in support. Woz's talents and experience as a coach were invaluable. His support, understand-



ing, and patience assisted the team and myself greatly. Woz has the ability to recognise the problems readily and communicate clearly the ways of addressing the problem without being dogmatic in his approach. A great deal of the success of the team in the last two seasons was in my opinion due to communication that we had together with the team being of paramount importance and the relationship and communication with the players over the last two years. Woz has the respect of the players and also the ability to relate to the players at the highest level. Thanks Woz.

Andy Craig, in a difficult year for him handled the duties admirably. As manager of the side, Andy has only one problem in that he is so passionate about the team he sometimes is unaware that he is the manager. Andy was more than a manager, he was another team member and often could be heard barracking and driving the team that little bit more. Andy was the third coach often discussing the benefits and disadvantages of the team with Woz and I. It should be said that the success of the team was due to the open communication that existed with Andy, Woz and myself and certainly I was very appreciative of the support given to me by Andy. An extremely good clubman well liked and respected by the players. Thanks - Andy

Special thanks to the players who led the training sessions on a weekly basis: Stu Brisbane, Reg Taiata, Terry Cleary, Phil Guest, Ian Beattie. The club physio, Dianne Porter, who worked tirelessly to keep our players on the paddock and ensured they were well taped and strapped before the games. We are very fortunate to have a lady of Dianne's abilities, strength of character, and love of the club and team - we should never take her for granted. - Thanks Mrs. churchyard!! To John Threlfo for his support on the sideline, and support as Club President. To Chris Walker for his continued support and advice from overseas. To those people that always helped out when required especially Steve Loxley.

Last, but not least, special thanks must go to Phil Guest whose tireless work and organisation behind the scenes laid the foundations for a very successful 1996 season! The Governor's Day, an excellent function, organised by Phil was testimony to his hard work. Phil's administration and drive and support ensured that what was formulated at the beginning of the season became practice throughout the season. Whenever things did not work as planned, it was always Phil that got in and made sure it worked. Briars rugby have been very fortunate in the last two years with the football and it is hoped that the person opting for the role in 1997 can put the effort in that the last two have and lead the club to further success and back to the premier division. Well done and thanks for your efforts Phil! It is hoped that the new football Chairmen can lead the club to further success and back to the premier division.

In conclusion, I am sure that the team can go on to greater things and be equally successful in the 1997 season. Provided that the team can display the same dedication, commitment, discipline and most importantly establish the same camaraderie that was so evident this year, together with the will to win, there is no reason why the Barraclough Cup cannot be won in 1997. Let's get it right in 1997 and approach the rugby as a club and set our goal to win the club championship and get promoted to Kentwell Cup, the premier division. To succeed in 1997 the team will have to forget the success of the previous two seasons and put in all the hard work required to gain promotion. It starts with you.

Finally I would like to say it has been a great pleasure to be associated with such a good team and in particular a very mature fine group of men. The memories of the 1997 season will always be with me and I consider myself very fortunate to have had two good years in assisting in the rebuilding of rugby within The Briars.

David Guille
1st Grade Coach

Player Profiles

Greg Brown: Full back (18) Outstanding player good under the high ball with a safe pair of hands. Good timing and has the ability to beat a player and create breaks. Very good in attack and organises the players well around him in defence. A much quieter season for Greg as he approaches his veteran years. A handy goal kicker at long range. Will get even better with improved fitness. A great acquisition for any team and needs to be involved as much as possible. Shall we ever forget his field goal against St. Ives?

James Steele: Left wing/centre (16) A good positional winger with good defence that is not afraid to support the forwards when required. Lost interest in the wing position but with new found enthusiasm in the centres was a good asset for the team. Elusive runner with the ball with deceptive speed. Needs to motivate himself at training a bit more but always gave 100% on the field. Had a good season that was enhanced with his centre form in the final series.

Silui Pita: Left wing (9) A very strong offensive and defensive player that cemented his position in the side with some strong runs into the back line and big hits on the opposition. Lacks some positional play but this will improve with further experience. A good half back if required. Had a good debut season in 1st grade.

Lee Tone: Left wing (1) An under 21 player who showed devastating form in the trials, but unfortunately broke his leg in the 2nd game of the season. A very strong runner with the ball, but needs to learn positional play and concentrate on his defensive game. An outstanding prospect for the future.

Chris Lamond: Right wing (10) Started the season strongly but either through lack of interest in the position or the coach decided he did not want to play 1st grade wing. Took a heavy knock against Matraville in the 9th round and his form suffered. Played 2nd grade in the centres with distinction and with his experience and abilities was an attribute to any side. Needs to get more involved at training and practice his kicking. A good season but Chris can do better. Started the season at fullback and showed his versatility in playing in all positions in the backline.

Brendan Bailey: Outside centre/winger (18) Brendan, only 22 years old and a player with enormous potential, may have found his position at wing. Given a roaming position is a very dangerous runner of the ball and scored 10 tries for the season. Defence improved on the wing rather than when in the centres. Had a very good season and will only get better with more maturity. With his natural talent was able to easily make breaks through the opposition backline. Has still to learn the fundamentals of rugby. Given his all round talents will make a good five eighth once he learns the fundamentals. Outstanding effort to have only missed 2 games in two seasons. A very gutsy effort to play the grand final after being flattened the previous week. Must be the training.

Phil Guest: Wing/centre (6) Phil started the season in 1st grade but suffered due to some defensive lapses. Possesses a good turn of speed, good hands and sound attacking skills. Phil needs only to concentrate on his front on defence to ensure a regular 1st grade berth. Positional changes from wing to centre to full back in respective grades and his heavy work load of Football Chairman did not help his cause. Without the heavy work load and the worry of running rugby Phil should approach 1997 with a passion and ensure that the he and the 1st grade side are premierships contenders. Had a good year but with less commitments will do much better.

Steve Davis: Inside centre (2.5) What should have been a good season for Steve in 1st grade was lost due to the club policy not being instigated properly. An outstanding player that would play well in any position, but in my opinion is an inside centre. Played 5/8 with some distinction in lower grades. A loss to 1st grade.

Tai Singapu: Five eighth/outside centre (7) Started the season at 5/8 after playing outstanding football in the trials. Lacked some experience at 5/8, but when selected at outside centre later in the season played outstanding football. A very strong defender and good runner of the ball. Unfortunately for the team left prior to the end of the season and was a tremendous loss for the team. A good team man and trainer.

Trevor Folsom: Five eighth (10) Trevor brought his grade experience to the side and quickly stamped his authority on the game. A good ball distributor and punishing defender was able to lead by example. With his talents it would be good to see him have more of a go himself and with his upper body strength be the first receiver from the ball runner. Showed this form in the 32-0 win against Forest and netted him 2 tries. A good communicator. Needs to understand subdistrict rugby and its strength. It is hoped he will return in 1997 and work closely with the new coach. Played his last game in the 14th round and was a terrible loss to the team.



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Rob McQuade: Inside centre (15) After a break last season from rugby due to study and administration duties as Rugby Chairman, Rob had an outstanding season providing a good link with the backs and the forwards. Took the ball up strongly and was secure in defence. A very good tactical kicker of the ball that took the pressure off the 5/8. Rob added the experience to the backline that was necessary and it was good for the team that he was back on the paddock for the grand final. Still has his best football to come but needs to approach his fitness with a vengeance to bring the best out of himself.

Ian Beattie: Five eighth /breakaway (8) Last years captain and goal kicker of the side, Ian suffered recurrent injuries and this reduced the number of 1st grade games he played. An outstanding breakaway and competent 5/8 Ian has all the skills. Has the ability to kick with either foot and together with his fitness, strength and determination was the complete player. Because of his discipline, and his ability to set the example, complemented the team especially in the harder games. This was evident in the semi and final where he scored a personal tally of 16 of the 19 points scored in the two games. His contribution in the early part of the season was missed but in playing "for club or country" was there when it counted. A very strong personality that is well respected by his team-mate and mentor. Would be disappointed with his season because of injuries but his high standards will ensure 1997 will be a better one.

Brandon Sheppard: Five eight (3) One of the best natural talents in the game Brandon was at first reluctant to commit himself to a full rugby season, just like last year and this year he kept his word. Only played three games. Captained the side against Forest and scored the teams only team try. Should still be playing - remember Brandon, never give the game away, the game gives you away!! Would have been an outstanding asset to 1st grade or any other grade had he wished to continue. Wants to play but?

Reg Taiata: Half (17) The most respected half in the competition, Reg was determined to make up for the injuries sustained last year. Played strongly through the season until a slight injury midway through the season. Missed 4 games and returned on the wing. Played strongly on the wing but did not like it and when returned to the spot in the St. Ives game, played with a passion and flattened any opposition in sight - a good tactical ploy by the coach!! Has plenty of football left in him on his current form and should approach the 1997 season with a passion. His strength is his running with the ball and trailing players and running from broken play. Very committed in defence.

Greg Guest: Breakaway (20) Started the season slowly due to being overweight but with his normal approach shed the pounds and produced the form that made him the form player of the side. A very committed player in both attack and defence, this was probably Greg's best season. Showed his diversity and talents by playing half for 8 games and played with distinction. With Scott Hyde probably the most committed player in the team and was instrumental in the team making the final series. A good team man and trainer, Greg communicates well with all and sundry. A good popular clubman.

Scott Hyde: Lock / 2nd row (19) Scotty is the most important player in the 1st grade side and regardless of the team at hand plays with undying commitment and strength that is an example to every player on the field. Scored three tries in one game this year, more tries than all of last season. The complete player Scott has good ball skills, toughness, technique and sound defensive game. Was asked to play 2nd row and acquitted himself extremely well. When we needed props said he would play prop. Has the right attitude and believes that 1st grades what one should aspire to. Scotty was not as fit this year as past years and under the new coach and improved fitness will have a big season in 1997. Well done Scott. Deserved every bit of his 2nd grand final appearance..

Steve Arnold: Lock / 2nd row (12) This was Steve's first year in the club and "Shark" as he is affectionately known produced the goods when it counted. Played 1st early in the season but had a form slump which saw him go down to 2nds. Given a 2nd chance after a little chat, Steve produced the goods and in the finals was one of the best players on the field. A devastating runner of the ball from the back of the scrum or ruck area, who could bust open the opposition defences with a good fend. Needs to make sure he runs straight rather than across field to take full advantage of his strength and size. Work rate is good in defence and looks for work in attack. A good first up season that will only improve with time. Well done Steve.



Stu Brisbane: Breakaway (18) Another typical season for Stu, Mr. Perpetual Motion was having a good season until the 2nd last round where he was flattened by his team mate Guesty. It had to be a good hit to put Stu down and unfortunately it cost him his rightful position on the side of the scrum for the remainder of the season. As goal kicker for the side Stu amassed a total of 134 points from 15 games made up of 3 tries, 25 penalties, 22 goals. An excellent player whose drive, dedication and general all round demeanour in sport should be an example to us all. Missed selection in 1sts in the grand final, the hardest decision the coach had to do all season. Came on as a replacement and played outstanding after having played a full reserve game. Well done Stu.

George Ford: Breakaway (7) An outstanding talent and if he applies himself and could play the whole season in 1st grade. Needs to get fully fit, attend all training sessions and apply himself for the full season. For a young person. George has great technique and a great ability to bust the opposition in attack. A punishing defender George possesses all the skills of a tight breakaway or lock. With the added experience of the 1996 season, George should dominate in 1997.

Paul Koziollek: Second row (17) Slow start to the season for Koz due to injury ended up getting better as the season progressed. An excellent No. 2 jumper, Koz had to shoulder the jumping duties when Johnno was ousted through injury. Koz has great enthusiasm, fitness and an ability to learn quickly once shown the first time. Will only get better with time and once again should be a dominant factor in 1997. As in 1996 formed an extremely good combination with Johnno who both dominated in lineout play, scrummages and open play. Well done Koz.

Anthony Johnston: Second row (16) Another excellent season for this very talented backrow. Johnno possesses all the skills and in losing him in the 2nd round Oatley game, was a huge blow to the teams final chances. The team suffered in the lineouts without Johnno, where the brunt of the jumping was left to Koz. An enthusiastic and fit player who after only 2 seasons of second row play has still not realised his true potential. With the disappointment of the 1996 season will come a determination to succeed in 1997 and I predict a big year for Johnno in 1997. Is gradually controlling his verbal outbursts and putting his aggression into his play - like all good players do! Scored 9 tries in the 16 games played - well done Johnno.

Dean Anese: Prop (5) Deano, had another very good season and was rewarded with his performances by captaining the 2nd grade side. What Deano lacked in some areas in technique, but I hasten to add quick to learn, he made up for in 100% commitment, enthusiasm and non stop play. Was always in the thick of it, and gives a new dimension to props for non stop play. Captaincy brought out the best in him, and he was always good value when playing in the 1sts. It is hoped he also approaches the 1997 season with enthusiasm as he now approaches his veteran years. 30 years old is young for a prop isn't it.

James Munro: Prop (5) A very good scrummager and strong runner with the ball James was always giving his best. James did not play a lot of 1st grade this year but when asked always acquitted himself with distinction. Suffered with bad ankles which makes it difficult for a prop, but his passion for the game resulted in him being in the team at the right end of the season. It is hoped that he approaches the 1997 season with the determination to play a full season in the 1st grade side and put the previous years disappointments behind him. A very good competitor when fit.

David Taylor: Prop (5) David (Bubba) Taylor came to the club late in the season, late June and showed his obvious class in 2nd grade. To provide stability, size and strength in the front row he was immediately drafted into 1st grade. Possessed all the skills of a good loose head prop except for reliability. Could have been a huge impact in the final series but was very difficult to get committed. Good ball skills, mobility, technique, knowledge of the game and physical prowess made him a good acquisition for the club. To be a good player needs commitment. Injury in the 2nd last game of the season cut his involvement short. Would be a good acquisition for 1997 provided he was committed.

Tepe Taia: Prop (5) No nonsense Tepe only played 5 games for 1st grade, but each game he gave 100%. Injuries, age and fitness took its toll on Tepe and if he is keen to continue then he should improve his fitness. A tough competitor that always took the ball up hard and straight and never shirked his work. A good competitor in 1st grade.



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Phil Mason: Prop (10) Phil came to the club early in the season only for a 3 month tenure due to work commitments. A Waikato under 21 representative, he showed his obvious class early. Very passionate about his rugby, like most kiwis, Phil possessed all the skills. Good mobility, technique and knowledge of the game, he was always on the ball. Due to a job transfer we lost Phil early and he indeed was a sad loss to the team. He was a good team man, popular who enjoyed the club in his short stay. It is hoped he returns to The Briars, when he returns to Sydney.

Ted Churchyard: Hooker (20) Captain The best acquisition the club has had in my involvement with the club, Ted had an excellent season with the club. Ted was captain of the side and led the side with distinction. A quiet person, ted led by example and let his actions do the talking. Not only was he the best and fairest in 1st grade, but also won the subdistrict award for player's player. -an outstanding achievement. Possesses all the skills and loves the game. My prediction is that he will lead the side to the premiership in 1997. Well done Ted- an excellent season and thanks for your assistance through the year.

Mark Kingston: Prop (11) Kingo has always been a good big player but unfortunately the big was what stopped him from playing 1st grade more often. This year Kingo improved his mobility and together with his obvious ball skills, good technique, and passion to be in 1st grade, he performed with distinction in 1st grade. Injuries hampered his performances at times but without any complaints he did his job. A pleasure to have in the side - well done. Needs to approach the training sessions early in the season with a vengeance and keep off the milk.

Dooley Davis: Prop (1) Dooley only backed up for 1st grade twice for about half a game each time, but he did it without any complaints and with distinction. Would always stand by as a reserve when required. Dooley is a good club man. A good scrummager that needs to improve his mobility and aggression if he wants to play more 1st grade.

Jason Riik: Prop / hooker (2) Jason only played two games for 1st grade due to injuries and overseas commitments. A good strong competitor that would get on with the job without complaints. Possesses all the skills and should approach the 1997 season with a determination to be in 1st grade.



Rugby Second Grade



Team Performance Analysis

| Clubs | Played | Won | Loss | Draw | For | Against | Points | Position |
|---------------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|---------|--------|----------|
| St. Ives | 18 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 295 | 154 | 26 | 1st |
| Briars | 18 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 266 | 165 | 25 | 2nd |
| Forest | 18 | 12 | 6 | | 320 | 164 | 24 | 3rd |
| Oatley | 18 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 298 | 185 | 22 | 4th |
| Knox | 18 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 188 | 185 | 19 | 5th |
| Newport | 18 | 9 | 9 | | 234 | 176 | 18 | 6th |
| Old Ignatious | 18 | 9 | 9 | | 251 | 259 | 18 | 7th |
| Canterbury | 18 | 5 | 13 | | 138 | 295 | 10 | 8th |
| Matrville | 18 | 5 | 13 | | 120 | 334 | 10 | 9th |
| Barker | 18 | 4 | 14 | | 123 | 316 | 8 | 10th |

As a new coach to The Briars I found it difficult to become accustomed to my new home ground. Patience and common sense kept my path at a very steady pace. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the club, this year was an overwhelming experience. With the opinions, input and discussions I rendered with David Guille, Scott Carey and Phil Guest, made the coaching position easier to deal with. Thank you for your support.

My first approach is always to select players to complement the game plan. My second approach is to select the best available players whose style will require some modification of the ideal game plan. Thirdly observing the trials made it easy for me to select a team.

My long term goal for the team in 1996 was to make the semi final, first or second on the table. My short term goal was to win every game we played. As a team we achieved both goals and the side set sail for the final and grand final.

During the year the forwards dominated the lineouts and second phase which lead to the backs scoring tries, from well drilled moves. A few injuries in key positions made it hard for the team to win some of the games.

2nd grade making the grand final will always be the highlight of my career. I would also like to thank my manager come assistant coach, Scott Carey for the considerable effort he put in during the season. His efforts were clearly recognised by receiving the best non-playing clubman of the year. Also special thanks to all the other coaches and the trainers for their assistance, it was most appreciated.

I have always believed in the short philosophy, "it is not what you do, it is the way that you do it". I give thanks to the players in 2nd grade for their support, commitment and respect. Without you all there would be no need for me. All the best to you all and your families. A kind notation to our physiotherapist, Dianne Porter for her support in keeping the players injury free.

Unfortunately, due to family commitments, I will not be available to coach again next year. However I could be back as a player in 1997. In conclusion I wish The Briars Sporting Club all the best in the 1997 season.

Rahai Nanua
(Coach)



Player Profiles

Richard Vosper: Fullback. Very good under the high ball and knows where to position himself at all times. Runs his lines and also links well with his wingers. Outstanding player both in attack and defence which led to his winning the best and fairest award. He also achieved the highest try scorer with 6 tries. Well done, and good luck in 1997.

Hasting Singh: Winger. Hasting was struggling to know his positional role on the field but as the season progressed he developed into a good winger. Got to work more on his defensive patterns. No doubt he will be a better player in the future.

James Steele: Winger. Good solid attacking player and proved tackler. Spent only part of the season in 2nd Grade and the rest in 1st grade. Lacked a little concentration at training but will continue to play good football in future years.

Matt Gray: Winger. Very dangerous with the ball in hand and effective tackling skills. Matt sometimes needs to come off his wing position and look for more work in field.

Phil Guest: Outside Centre. Just hearing Phil barking at training sessions brings out the best in players. He takes his leadership off field, on the field and produced the goods. On attack, Phil always set up his wingers and kicked effectively. On defence, had the ability to tackle hard and always in correct alignment and body position and commitment. He showed his attacking skills against Matraville, scoring 2 tries and getting the points of the day. Should be in 1st grade at all times. Good luck Phil.

Chris Lamond: Inside Centre. Just watching Lamond do a flick pass from the wrist shows his ability for the ball to beat the man. Plugs the corners well with his kicks down field and has good attacking and defensive skills. Has good combination with Steve Davis and Phil Guest. Is well liked and shows respect to his fellow team mates.

Rugby Second Grade



Steve Davis: Five Eight. Strong runner with the ball in hand and very hard to stop. Balanced skills in attack and defence. As a five eight Steve needs to work more on his directional play and tactical options. Should cut out kicking the ball in the attacking quarter. My pick for tackler of the year. Steve has the potential to become a great player in the years to come.

Neal Coyte: Half Back. Always nippy with the ball in hand and distributes it well to his five eight. With an experienced pack in front of him, Coyote possesses all the skills required of a half back. His kicking boot never lets the team down, which saved 2nd grade against Matraville in the last round. At the end of the season he scored the highest points in the side. Thanks Coyote for your input through out the season.

Graeme Bayliss: Lock. Tech studies limited his match practice attendance which I think sometimes affected his fitness ability. But every time he takes the field his performance is 100%. Always taking the ball up hard and hitting it at pace with perfect body height. Snouty should work more on his fitness and with the form he displayed this season should put him into higher grades.

Paul Andreazza: Lock/Flanker. Every Saturday Paul makes me wonder who I'm going to replace him with if he doesn't turn up. Ten minutes before kick off he shows up red eyes and all plus an excuse for being late. But never mind Paul because there's a saying "better late than never". Paul always gave his best on and off the field. Paul also needs to work on his body height and passing skills but apart from that his attacking & defensive skills are excellent.

Matt Waddington: Flanker. Waddo built with a shoulder of steel always links with other loose forwards to form an attacking unit. His defensive role from the scrum and lineouts was outstanding. In general play Waddo shows effective speed to the breakdowns. Just needs to improve on taking correct lines, otherwise Waddo would be another player to watch in the years to come.

Cameron Slapp: 2nd Row. 2nd grades "Skylab", jumps well at No 2 and always taking it two handed. Scored a try against Old Ignations from a lineout 10m out from the line, took a two handed take then drove to the tryline. His mobility and support play makes him a complete player.

Ian Thomas: 2nd Row. Every time ET take the field he puts his body on the line and does the hard work. Captained the side on numerous occasions and leads by example. His team talk and motivation always an asset to the team. Hampered by a shoulder injury and was a great loss to the team. Off the field ET is always present at training sessions and match play to support the team. Thank you ET for your tremendous support.

Dean Anese: Prop. When Deano took leadership of the side against Forest in round 13 he stamped his authority and showed the players who was boss. On attack he had the ability to support the ball carrier and also runs the ball up hard. On defence tackles hard and leads by example up front. His endless determination and motivation at team talks lead them right to the Grand final. Deano I think is the prop of the 90's and your efforts were very much appreciated.

Munokoa Isaia: Hooker. He catches opposition by surprise on the tight head and applies physical pressure on the opposing hooker at all scrums. Lacks knowledge of the lineout calls which leads him to throw the ball anywhere in the lineout. In general play nobody can argue about his continuity of play and ball retention but needs to get to the breakdown a bit faster.

Tepe Taia: Prop/2nd Row. Tepe I think was one of the most experienced players I have ever come across. He likes taking the ball up and setting second phase play platforms. Tepe is always aggressive on the field and very strong at holding the scrum. Well respected by opposition front rowers at all times. His lack of discipline sometimes makes me think that Tepe is playing the wrong sport, that he should be in the ring with Iron Mike Tyson. Well done Tepe 1997 is another year.

Paul Tauia: Inside Centre. Hair Bear loves his red 1 move because he doesn't like side stepping his opponent. Its either crashing through them or over them. Sustaining an injury against Knox in the 11th round made it hard to come back into the side but never mind Paul looks forward to 1997.

Siliusi Pita: Half Back. At the start of the season played half back. The "Train" smashed anybody that stood in front of him. Very dangerous from broken play and around the scrum. Moved him to wing and he modified his tackling skills and torpedoed hit anybody that ran on his track. Watch out everybody the "Train" will be back next year.

Andrew Rowlands: 2nd Row. Observing Andrew play in the lower grades from the start of the season, I knew that he would come through the grades. Andrew has the drive and willingness to learn more about the game. Another player hampered by injury. Take it easy Andrew and be alert for the 1997 season.

Rob Brown: 2nd Row. Our best attacking weapon at a four man line out, Rob takes the ball two handed and maintains continuity. Serious injury on the shoulder made Rob retire for the rest of the season. Fix the problem Rob and come back next year.

Tua Singapu: Prop. Tua always produced his best every time. Niggling injuries limited his full strength during play. Strong runner with the ball and always committed himself on defence. Good on ya, Tua.

James Munroe: Prop. James always impressed me at game situations. At training I had reservations as to whether he was paying attention to game plans and tactics. Once James was on the field he performed everything that was required of him. Every time he takes the ball up he drags everyone with him. Thanks James for taking the initiative and advice.

Jason Cheers: Centre. Awesome player both on and off the field. Jason is so quiet off the field but when on the field he is always crossing the oppositions score line. On defence he is always tackling man and ball taking them out of play. Jason's work commitments sometimes limited his appearance in 2nd grade.

Tai Singapu: Five eight. Tai is a very talented player but could not cement a regular spot in the side because if he is missing from second grade he is up in 1st grade. I wish him all the best in New Zealand.

Shaun Humpfrey: Hooker. Shaun is the make-up of modern hookers. His pace around the field, support of the ball carrier and his fearless dive on any ball that goes to ground attitude shows his commitment to the team. Had a bad injury against Knox but made a comeback in the semi final.

Dooley Davis: Prop. Being the first player of the front row to contact the opposing front row on our scrum feed. Dooley drops the anchor to stabilise the scrum at all times. His body position in the scrum and of course his huge frame makes it harder for any opposing team to push our pack backwards. He shows good sportsmanship on and off the field. Keep up the good work Dooley and results will come. You are a true champion.

George Ford: Flanker. Watching George with ball in hand and hitting the line at pace was just awesome. Showed his true form against Barker in round 6, scored 2 tries and won the best and fairest points for the day. The highest try scorer for 2nd Grade (7 tries) and our sides secret weapon. Always putting opposing five eights in two minds, whether to kick or run. His king hit tackles always upset anybody silly enough to run the ball at him. George should get super fit and attend training sessions regularly. No other grade next year just 1st grade.

Ian Beattie: Five eighth/Flanker. One of the most talented players I have seen. Possesses all the skills required of a five eighth. The captain and goal kicker of the side, played a major role in the teams success. Beattie has the ability to kick effectively and accurately with either foot. His tactical decisions on attack and in defence is so superb. Beatties team preparation before a match very much contributes to the sides performance on the day.

Steve Arnold: Lock. No wonder people call him the "Shark". He is always breaking from the back of the scrum with the ball in hand, running 6 meter up field before being pulled down to the ground. Losing the Shark to 1st grade left a big hole in the pack. All the best Shark, watch out for the killer whales.

Mick McDermott: Winger. Mick backed up on the wing when we were short of wingers. He scored a try and kicked a goal against Old Ignations. AS player in a mould of his own. Well done Mick.

Michael Bova: Five eighth. Quiet man at training sessions but gives his best on the field. Should continue at five eighth and master the position.



Rugby Second Grade

Willie Willie: Flanker. Our own Willie O doing his own stuff by scoring tries every time he takes the field. Willie always stuck to the game plan and enjoys his game. Suffered through injury which limited Willies participation during the season. Willie always turned out at Rothwell and supported the boys. Good on you Willie.

Les Cousins: Lock/2nd Rower. Les always solved 2nd grades problems when needed. Hard and rugged player who is always committed to the team. Thank you for your support Les.

Mark Kingston: Prop. The size and strength of the man no doubt makes opposing front rows think twice about packing down against him. Very strong in the scrum. Kingo needs to concentrate on his physical fitness.

Other Players: Gary Pearce, Rob McQuade, Jason Riik, Mark Parker, Scott Hyde, Glen Munroe, Trevor Folsom, Terry O'Kane and Paul Brooks. A very special thanks for helping 2nd grade to the grand final.



Rugby Third Grade

Team Performance Analysis

| Clubs | Played | Won | Loss | Draw | For | Against | Points | Position |
|---------------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|---------|--------|----------|
| Old Ignatious | 18 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 327 | 120 | 28 | 1st |
| Briars | 18 | 14 | 4 | | 267 | 129 | 28 | 2nd |
| St. Ives | 18 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 222 | 121 | 25 | 3rd |
| Forest | 18 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 287 | 127 | 23 | 4th |
| Matrville | 18 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 257 | 286 | 19 | 5th |
| Oatley | 18 | 6 | 10 | 2 | 211 | 227 | 14 | 6th |
| Knox | 18 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 121 | 194 | 13 | 7th |
| Newport | 18 | 6 | 12 | | 178 | 314 | 12 | 8th |
| Barker | 18 | 5 | 13 | | 139 | 381 | 10 | 9th |
| Canterbury | 18 | 4 | 14 | | 189 | 299 | 8 | 10th |

Season 1996, 3rd grade will be remembered not only for losing yet another grand final (bridesmaids again) but for the ability of the whole team to bind together as a unit.

Leading the competition for most of the year, the dominant way the team performed was a credit to the boys. Losing key players in key positions late in the season through natural progression up the grades did not help, but we still finished the competition equal 1st with a very good for and against. Far too many mistakes directly led to points in the grand final (my pet hate) in the first half. But, once again 3rd's showed guts and determination to come out and win the second half.

Coach's Awards

Get out of Gaol Award - 2nd round against Newport. Down 12-0, two tries in the last five minutes.

Best Try Award - J Cheers in 2nd round game against Newport.

Best Goal Award I - R Owens second attempt from the sideline in that same Newport game.

Best Goal Award II - St. Ives kick in front blowing back out of the posts.

Most Satisfying Game for Coach - Toss up between 2nd round game against St. Ives which we won 7-5 to secure a top 2 finish and semi final in gale force conditions against St. Ives which we won 6-3.

Telstra Shares Award - Toss up between Project and myself for the amount of phone calls made to each other during each week.

Head Explosion Award - He'll know.

Best Dressed Award - Les again with his training clothes.

Womaniser Award - He is a member of the backline.

Best Underwear - Who else but that private school five eight.

Special thanks for the 1996 season go to:

- All the players who played 3rd grade all year, our turnover of players was enormous.
- Project for managing the team superbly. I could always count on him through the year and I hope our association remains for future years.
- Les Cousins for co-coaching and taking some of the selection worries off my shoulders.
- All the players who sat on the bench throughout the semi finals. Some didn't get a game, but they were always willing to train and play on request.
- David Guille whom I have a healthy respect for and I think has brought an air of professionalism into the club. I hope that the club responds and implements some of his ideas.
- Phil Guest for the thankless job he performed as Rugby Chairman.
- Terry O'Kane, as whenever I needed help or an opinion, he would always accommodate me.
- Rahai Nanua for understanding our 3rd grade plight and giving us some rope as players were selected to play higher.
- Finally, thanks to my wife Lisa for putting up with my coming home annoyed (to say the least) from training each Tuesday & Thursday and the games each Saturday.

Tommy "Two Cans" Rampoldi
Coach



Player Profiles

Dooley Davis: Prop. I could always rely on Dooley to get in and work. Once again, proved that fitness let him down.

Tua Singapu: Prop. A very good first round performance. After injury, took some time to reach the same standard.

Shaun Humfrey: Like a rabbit on the field, his ability and enthusiasm is second to none. Short season due to a groin injury. Carolyn helped rehabilitation.

Andrew Rowlands: 2nd Row. "The Kid". Definitely a higher grader in the making. Lost Andrew to 2nd grade 3/4 of the way through the season. Needs to learn the game more. 2nd grade gain, our loss. High on my list of rookie of the year.

Gary Pearce: 2nd Row/Lock. Mr. Reliable, always plays at a high standard. Kept the average age of the team up.

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Les Cousins: Lock/Flanker. Led the team well. Always enthusiastic, good talker and motivator and never shied away from his work on the field.

Jason Bailey: Flanker/2nd Row. Has the raw ability and commitment. Still needs to curb his aggression and channel it elsewhere.

Terry O'Kane: Hooker/Lock. What can I say about this guy? 3rd grade best and fairest speaks for itself. Another season please Terry, Lisa wouldn't have anyone to talk to otherwise.

Graham Bayliss: Lock. Snouts impact on a game is better from No. 8. Always breaks the first tackle. Too lazy to play anywhere else. Losing Snout to 2nds 3/4 of the way through the season was the biggest blow to the team.

Mark Parker: Half Back. My choice for Rookie of the year. Very talented and willing to learn. Will be a future 1st grader, but needs to come through the grades slowly.

Steve Davis: Five eight. In my opinion, has the potential to be the best five eight in the club. Has all the skills needed, except the ability to read the game well. Losing Steve with 3 games to go was also a big blow.

Craig Sandwell: Centre. Our stability in the backline. The understanding he and his outside centre had was probably the best in the club. Always able to stand and off load or take it in and set up play.

Jason Cheers: Centre. Our best attacking weapon out wide. Very skilful with good pace and evasion skills. His work commitments meant he could only play 3rd grade, what a shame, as he would have played 1st grade.

Michael Bova: Five Eight/Centre. Great early season form. Very good footballer who's only downfall is his versatility. Very good thinker on the field.

Matt Gray: Winger. Went up grades late in the season but should have been there anyway. Always chases and very sound defensively.

Rob Owens: Fullback. Good trainer and very enthusiastic. Moved around to different positions but never complained. Very good club man.

Mick McDermott: Winger. Also very good clubman. Confident and reliable and kicks goals. Another good season.

James McCue: Utility. I will be very interested to watch this kid come on in 1997. Has all the skills needed and the ability to listen and wants to learn. Only played in the finals, but judging by the comments from myself and others on the sideline, will be one to watch.

Other Players: A very special thanks to all those other players, not individually named above, for helping 3rd grade to the grand final.



Team Performance Analysis

| Clubs | Played | Won | Loss | Draw | For | Against | Points | Position |
|---------------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|---------|--------|----------|
| Old Ignatians | 18 | 17 | | 1 | 516 | 74 | 35 | 1st |
| Matrville | 18 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 417 | 40 | 33 | 2nd |
| Barker | 18 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 226 | 221 | 23 | 3rd |
| Canterbury | 18 | 11 | 7 | | 185 | 143 | 22 | 4th |
| Forest | 18 | 10 | 8 | | 205 | 207 | 20 | 5th |
| Oatley | 18 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 177 | 281 | 15 | 6th |
| St. Ives | 18 | 6 | 12 | | 166 | 294 | 12 | 7th |
| Newport | 18 | 4 | 13 | 1 | 103 | 328 | 9 | 8th |
| Briars | 18 | 3 | 15 | | 91 | 238 | 6 | 9th |
| Knox | 18 | 2 | 15 | 1 | 71 | 331 | 5 | 10th |

In taking on the 4th grade side this year I set myself a number of goals. First of all, that the 4th grade team would front each week as a competitive, well organised unit that had been selected on merit and training, with everyone enjoying themselves. Second, that as a team we would provide a platform for new players in the club, especially those who hadn't played rugby much, and a platform for the other grades higher up as the need arose. My third goal was to coach and indeed play in a premiership winning side.

So how did we go? Three wins in a season don't add up to a premiership! And the other goals? A well organised team... well most of the time. There were those few occasions that we had to drag a few spectators or past heroes onto the field as the opening whistle blasted. A team selected on merit and training? Yep, numbers at training in 4th grade were as good as any grade this year. Enjoyment? Well it would have been more enjoyable with more wins, but it is a credit to the guys who played 4th grade this year for the way they kept their heads up and kept at it all season.

In relation to the second goal it was enjoyable to see a couple of guys start the season in 4th grade to be leading candidates for the most improved player and rookie of the year awards. There were also many times that the Colts backed up for us and had the opportunity to taste the senior game. As for providing players for the higher grades I think that Tom would say, and rightly so, that he would have liked a greater choice of players to have been able to pick from. That's not a criticism of any of the 4th grade players. By the end of the season, throughout the Club there was just about a side out injured, which meant that effectively by the end of the year everyone had moved up a grade.

What became apparent was that if we want to have a competitive 4th grade that is supplying players up the grades, we also need to have an organised and competitive 5th grade and even 6th grade. We need that to keep the pressure on the higher grades to keep performing. In the end we ended up playing over 50 guys in 4th grade throughout the year with an average age in early to mid 30's. Old Ignatians, the premiers in 4th grade selected about 20 players in total with an average age of about 24 or 25. Its a big difference!

Many thanks to Alex Palmer for his hard work all season as Manager. A thanks to all those players and everyone who supported us throughout the year.

Terry Cleary
(Coach)



Player Profiles

Tony "Boxer" Lane: Mostly played fullback, but helped out as needed at halfback and even as flanker. Only player to play all games week in week out in 4th Grade. A great team man who performs every game and who other players enjoy having in their side.

Ken Williams: Brought up his 58th for The Briars, followed by his 800th a week later. Dropped for a couple of games early in the season, Ken got back on the paddock with a series of 3 pointers, just to stick up the coach. ("Best coaching move all year" - coach)

Rugby Fourth Grade



Glen Munroe: Wing/Outside Centre. Deceptively quick winger and great tackler who didn't get enough ball (problem was the 5/8 had spent the last 3 years on the wing himself and hadn't seen the ball all that time!) Made the most of every opportunity especially when there was a bit of space. Great first year. Yes Glen aim higher next year. Should be pushing for 1st Grade selection in years to come.

Chris Murray: Never picked, always played - not quite but always available and just about always played. Not quite as quick these days and a bit of a tardy trainer especially if Miss Nude was on at the RSL. Took a fancy to the chip kick early in the season but decided to keep the ball in hand as the season went on, much to his co-forwards delight.

Richard Jarvis: Congratulations on 800 games, Richard. Oh sorry your not the one playing 800 games. Its that other young looking fellow in the photograph! Had a good season consistently up front. - we didn't lose any games this season because we were being pushed around in the scrums. Good on you Mr. Schwarzkopf.

Tim Entwisle: Loves playing - training's not his forte. Best no train excuse all year. Something about cold fingers from working at the computer all day. Maybe a speed typing course will improve your rugby Tim! Had a few problems getting his five eight to pass it right but overall had a solid season. A blinder defensively against Old Ignations. Injury at the end of the season led to a painful weekend at Gosford and a trip to Fiji.

Scott McGill: Played 3rd & 4th's most of the season, then mostly 4th's. Likes to have a say. His enjoyment of the game however is infectious. Funniest moment all year was when he acknowledged that he had been beaten in the lineout by the Knox flanker with one arm.

Alex Palmer: A quiet year on the paddock for Alex, by his own standards. Hindered by a late injury. Reluctantly took on the role of player manager and did it well. Thanks Alex, your love of the game inspires players throughout all grades.

Grant Hansen: The Flea! Winner of the inaugural Flea Cup for players' player in 4th grade. With each game, each touch of the ball turned to gold. Most popular point scorer back at the club, whom seemed to relish his notoriety. See you next year Grant. Watch out 1st Grade.

Greg Landy: Interstate work commitments meant that Reg couldn't see out the season, which was a shame for Greg and the club. An important part of the team at halfback who doesn't like to lose. Get your priorities right Greg and get a different job. See you next year.

Frank McDermott: Most consistent forward performer all season at hooker, until injury put him out with 6 weeks to go. Always there in cover defence pulling off inspirational try-saving tackles. Plays his rugby with an honest ruthlessness that makes him seem meaner than he really is, or at least is off the field.

Peter Atwood: Took a few weeks to get his fitness up and lose a bit of weight, then went AWOL working for ABS. Requested a game at hooker cause he reckoned he would give Ted Churchyard a push next year. Last seen asking not to play hooker and instead 2nd row. See you in January Peter.

Peter Viiga: Injury and work commitments prevented Peter from having a great season. Frequently pulled great performances out of the bag. Sort of guy you like to play beside, strong, allusive and not afraid to have a go. Should be putting pressure on flankers in higher grades if he can work out injuries and job.

Reg Stuble: The best and only good thing about pre-season training is watching some guy arrive after a couple of games and struggle for fitness. Reg began breathless out wide in the backs but finished winning plenty of lineout ball as a 2nd row. We haven't seen his best yet, see you in January 1997 Reg!

Jarrold Bryant: A rookie who thought he had better learn something about the game to support his day job. Don't give up your day job Jarrold... just joking. Once he got on the paddock he showed his potential and strength. Should play higher next year.

Dom De Santis & James Vianellos: Having decided not to play in 1996, these guys thought they would get an early pre-season start for 1997 by turning up to the last 4 games. Should be in great shape by April 1997.

Riki Tai: Was there all season, saving his best performances to his last few games, with a couple of tries.

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Terry Cleary: Started season heavy taking of playing in the forwards. Ended up at five eight cause he knew the coach. Had a few good games early on but forgot how to pass, Ended up at fullback/wing where he belongs !

Robert Owen & Andrew Rowlands: 3rd grade took our tall timber away just when we were on a winning streak. Never saw them again. Good season guys.

Rahai Nanua: 2nd Grade coach who kept saying he was available if needed. We needed him eventually. A great guy to play beside who inspires you with his belief in himself and others at all times. Thank Rahai.

Rob McGuiness: Always a late call up on Saturday morning. Thanks Rob for helping out.

Andy Craig & David Guille: Thanks guys for helping out. Andy came on against Newport and nearly won the game for us. Long will we remember great tackles in defence Dave and that kick at St. Ives.....

James McCue, Adam Nicholson, Daniel Sherer, Kelly Moore, Sean Stevens, Anthony Fummado, Daniel Leseberg, & Micheal Oxley: All seemed to relish the opportunity to run straight back out there and do it all again. Thanks for helping out guys.

Other Players in 1996 Willie Taia, Graham Murray, Terry O'Kane, Mark Parker, Micheal Booth, Mark Gavin, Tangi Malturta, James Munroe, James Steele and Alan Waddington.



Rugby Colts

Team Performance Analysis

| Clubs | Played | Won | Loss | Draw | For | Against | Points | Position |
|---------------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|---------|--------|----------|
| Old Ignatians | 18 | 16 | 2 | | 470 | 135 | 32 | 1st |
| Oatley | 18 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 395 | 107 | 31 | 2nd |
| Knox | 18 | 14 | 4 | | 454 | 126 | 28 | 3rd |
| Barker | 18 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 335 | 105 | 27 | 4th |
| Forest | 18 | 9 | 9 | | 251 | 279 | 18 | 5th |
| Terry Hills | 18 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 261 | 229 | 17 | 6th |
| St. Ives | 18 | 6 | 12 | | 187 | 370 | 12 | 7th |
| Briars | 18 | 4 | 14 | | 176 | 549 | 8 | 8th |
| Macquarie Uni | 18 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 121 | 390 | 7 | 9th |
| Mosman | 18 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 360 | 0 | 10th |

This was the first ever Colts team that The Briars had ever fielded and at the beginning of the 1996 year the rugby committee was undecided as to whether it was going to be successful. After a lot of hard effort on the part of the coach John Viiga, the assistant coach and team manager, Jason Bailey and yours truly, Phil Guest the season was extremely successful.

The on field performance of the team was on most occasions outstanding despite playing opposition teams who had more players, better skills and specialist forwards. The Colts team consisted of mainly players who were 19 year old or less. The team lacked quality forwards with many of the backs being called upon to play forward positions they were unfamiliar with.

Putting aside the skill difference, the Colts team was extremely enthusiastic and eager to play rugby. In some cases they played grades sides with one notable game against Randwick, yes Randwick 7th grade.

This Colts side and its players will go on to form the nucleus of a great side in 1997 and it is imperative that the Club continue to foster such young footballers. In fact some of the Colts also held down positions in 4th and 3rd grade.

A great season was had by all, and we look forward to seeing you in 1997 to build upon what we set up in 1996.

Player Profiles

James McCue: A spectacular season for James. Will play higher grades next year.

Adam Nicholson: Always enthusiastic and a keen footballer. With more experience should blossom into a good player.

Daniel Sherer: One of the most consistent players in the Colts side. An example for all others including some grade players. Always at training and always willing to put his body on the line. Very close to receiving a couple of awards this year.

Kelly Moore: Injury affected season, but brought the side together well. After getting into 2nd Grade in 1995 he will come back in 1997 and should prove to be a better player.

Sean Stevens: Had the ability to play 2nd if not 1st grade at fullback, perhaps one of the most underrated players in the club. Perhaps his willingness to play 2nd row for the team did not allow him to have a spectacular season. 1997 will see him play grade in his proper position. Frustration's on occasions got the better of him sometimes landing him in hot water with referees. Don't forget Sean, as you know they are always right even when they're wrong.

Anthony Fumaono: An outstanding season where his impact was so noticeable in the tight and loose play in the forwards. An excellent prospect for front row in the top grades.

Daniel Leseberg: Sometimes referred to as the "horse", Daniel had a great year. Quite often would be seen doing sprints around the field to warm up. Perhaps the boy from Lithgow should conserve a bit more energy. He will play higher grades in 1997.

Micheal Oxley: An injury early on in the season affected his on field performance. Micheal has a desire to win and perform his best. With some weight training in the off season Micheal will come back as an excellent half back.

Brett Stevens: An excellent flanker who managed to sneak several games in despite his school commitments not permitting him. Will come back in future years to play 1st grade, provided he maintains his skill level and fitness. Well done on a good season.

Martin Simone: No previous experience but performed well under pressure, with more match play he will improve.

Gerald Puckey: Injury affected season. 1997 should prove to be a better year.

Gerard Smith: Did not have a good a season as in previous years, due mainly to the lack of props and his moving house to Campbelltown making transport difficult. We are hoping to get Gerard back for another season.

Soukkasuem Ngo: In the mould of Fai Tsang and with a little more practice will tackle as well as him. It was good to see Souk's enthusiasm and he will prove to be a good winger in future years. On one occasion his corner posting was better than some of our 1st grade wingers.

Sum Trinh: A keen footballer but with more attention to training and listening to those with more experience he will develop into a better player.

Ibrahim Bailey: One of the many Bailey brothers to play for Colts, but perhaps the only one who was illegible. Plenty of height and speed and with some careful nurturing will play higher grades easily.

Adam Munro: A good year. It was a shame not to see him for the whole season. Hope to see him in 1997.



Daniel Moss: With his good mate Sherer, was perhaps the keenest Colt around. In the mould of his father but with much more speed. Revelled playing opponents sometimes 4 years older than him. Will prove to be one of our better club members in future years and comes to us with that Briars blood in him. Injury whilst participating in one of Phil Guest's brilliantly designed warm up games, brought a quick end to his season. Will be back in 1997.

Junior Masters: A young 15 year old with plenty of potential for future years.

Adam May: Has all the skills to play higher grades in 1997. Just has to watch his communication skills.

Anthony & James Inu: A brief spell with us but with some careful persuasion may come back in 1997. An awesome front row pair.

Christian Herrera: A good season. Good defensive player and with more experience will become a better player.

Others: For all those players who came and left during the season we would dearly like to see you in 1997. Please come down.

Conclusion

It has been a very successful year but lets stay focused on our goal of Kentwell Cup. We have already established a Committee who began preparing for the 1997 season in October 1996, and have appointed a 1st Grade coach with outstanding credentials. If you are not already attending training please make an effort to get down. I have enclosed a copy of the Grand Final program (thanks to David Guille) for all to see.

Phillip Guest
Rugby Chairman



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| Macquarie University Oval #1 | | |
| KICK OFF 3:00 PM | | |
| BARRACLOUGH CUP GRAND FINAL - 1996 | | |
| FOREST | V | BRIARS |
| 1. F. SAYRANI | | 1. M KINGSTON |
| 2. S HARRIS | | 2. T CHURCHYARD (C) |
| 3. M CLARK | | 3. J MUNROE |
| 4. D MCANDREW | | 4. P KIDOLLEY |
| 5. C GIBSON | | 5. S ARNOLD |
| 6. A HUGHES | | 6. G GUEST |
| 7. M DONALDSON | | 7. G FORD |
| 8. M HULLEY | | 8. S HYDE |
| 9. M MOORE | | 9. R TAIATA |
| 10. D COLEMAN | | 10. I BEATTIE (VC) |
| 11. C HODGES | | 11. S PITA |
| 12. M HAWKING | | 12. R MCKUADE |
| 13. C SCOTT | | 13. J STEELE |
| 14. P WALTON | | 14. S BAILEY |
| 15. D CHAMBERS | | 15. G BROWN |
| RESERVES: H BRADSHAW, M SAUNDERS, S FALANOE | | RESERVE: S BRISBANE |
| COACH: ALASTLEY | | COACH: DAVID GUILLE ASSIST: TONY WOZNIAK |
| REFEREE: M WILKINSON | | |

| STOCKDALE CUP | | |
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| KICK OFF 1:20pm | | |
| ST IVES | V | BRIARS |
| BLUNT CUP | | |
| KICK OFF 11:50am | | |
| OLD IGNATIANS | V | BRIARS |
| RICHARDSON CUP | | |
| KICK OFF 10:30am | | |
| MATRAVILLE | V | OLD IGNATIANS |

Hockey Chairman's Report

1996 proved once again to be not the greatest year in the history of Briars Hockey. We find ourselves being unsuccessful and part of the reason is that we are not doing enough of the basic things, some of which I will outline later.

As is normal we had an unprepared start to the season, in spite of preseason warm up games and a registration day, these were poorly attended. An exodus of players from the previous season made things appear very grim indeed. Thanks to the informal recruitment efforts of Andre De Clase, Jesse and Bob Singh and others we were able to field three teams pretty consistently throughout the year.

On field performances varied across the grades and throughout the season but were on the whole disjointed, disunited and feeble. Lack of constructive on field direction and cohesion from senior players made things difficult for younger players who found themselves disagreeing with many ideas being suggested. Training attendances also varied greatly, having record numbers near the start of the season but declining rapidly to be quite poor by the end of the year.

The support of players for fund-raising and social events must again be called into question. If players are not prepared to spend the time and effort to ensure these successes, they must inevitably pay higher fees, which no-one wants to do. A hockey season does not run itself, it takes money and work. To be successful requires a certain high level of commitment and effort from all involved. It is a very sad fact that apathy spreads very easily and keen people lose their motivation and enthusiasm very quickly if they are not supported and their good example is not followed.

In these days of high cost amateur sport we must endeavour to defray expenses as much as possible by fund-raising, social events and especially the pursuit of sponsorship, which is the best avenue of raising working capital.

Lack of financial knowledge and poor decisions by hockey management coupled with player apathy and lack of a thoughtful budget contributed to a \$7000 loss for the season. This is unacceptable and may well mean the decision is made to play on grass in 1997. This would probably mean the death of Briars Hockey as we know it. The Hockey Management Committee is continuing its efforts to ensure that this does not happen and will require every players' assistance and support. This includes mass fund-raising activities, attendance at the golf tournaments and social events.

The Board of Directors has requested and we have submitted, a Business Plan for 1997 to outline ways to improve the financial and morale situations. This Plan, among other things, must be followed closely if we are going to recover from our recent poor experiences and forge ahead to bigger and better times.

Discipline was again a problem on occasions throughout the year. Board has expressed concern about what strategies we have in place to maintain discipline. Rugby have produced a Code of Conduct for themselves, it may be a good idea to do the same for Hockey to have an outline of recognised appropriate behaviour and an official point of reference within Hockey for disciplinary procedures.

On a more positive note, our junior program was very successful this year. The all-conquering under thirteens won the Sydney Junior Hockey Association North Area competition and were declared Premiers, after downing Northern Districts 3-0 in the Grand Final and only losing one game all year. Congratulations go to the players and also to Coach Nick Pervushin and Manager Lachlan Boa for a committed, positive and professional attitude throughout the year.

Numbers and training attendances were excellent for all three junior teams, but insufficient for an Under 15 team this year. We will, however, have a strong Under 15 team in 1997. Behaviour was quite good, with just a few undisciplined players causing the occasional few headaches on and off the field. Kids were happy and satisfied most of the time, as were the parents, who gave great support throughout the year.

Allen Chu did an outstanding job in his position of Junior Convenor, sending out regular memos and newsletters, attending S.J.H.A meetings and generally ensuring that everything was under control and running smoothly. He was ably assisted by the Junior Committee which included player Paul Burgess and parents Barbara Allsop, Sandra Hook, Dean Garland and Vicki and Harry Miliatis. The Junior Presentation Night at the Club was a big success.



Hockey Chairman's Report

Much thanks and recognition must go to Paul Burgess, for the many necessary but thankless administrative and junior tasks he performed during the year, and to Brett Graham and Jesse Borthwick, without whose everyday assistance the season would have been an absolute disaster, instead of a minor one. Players mentioned and others including Marc Burns, Marcus Thiele, Brad Fussell and John Price obviously care a lot about the Club and will form the basis of Hockey Management next year. I urge any other players who have the same feelings to become involved, it can be very rewarding.

Things we must endeavour to perform in 1997 include; setting up a motivated skilful, workable Committee of Management; establishing good communication, i.e. a regular newsletter; and task allocation. So we know who is responsible for doing what. Card completion, match reviews, field bookings, uniform supply and control/maintenance, Focus article writing, attending meetings, keeping a diary and getting up to the club after games are some tasks we must improve on. We must also put a lot more players through umpiring courses and secure ourselves more badged umpires within the Club. Basically we need to have a more professional attitude towards everything we do.

In conclusion I would like to thank all players and supporters for their efforts during 1996 and I look forward to seeing you next season. I sincerely hope that we find within ourselves what is necessary to have a more successful 1997.

Chairman

Hockey First Grade

After 8 straight losses we had 3 wins in a row and were determined not to finish wooden spooners. The competition leaders were well ahead as we settled in well in team work, individual players were beginning to feel the pressure and began adjusting to team play. Younger and least experienced players were brought into the team from the seconds and proved valuable and remained with the team for the rest of the season.

We were let down badly in goals as we did not have any reasonable substitute for our "Canadian" import who was away on occasions. This resulted in various players wanting to play the Samson role at any expense with the sound advice of various coaches as to "Mate if it's a tough one let it in". This advice sometimes worked in our favour sadly to see the ball in the top net, compliments of some "Dodgy" umpiring decision.

As I have said, I was very satisfied with the team effort towards the end of the season which saw us score some brilliant goals and the resulting satisfaction from each players from the backline onwards. In the end it came a bit late as the season was coming to the end and we were rewarded with not finishing WOODEN SPOONERS. Hurray to all.

Many thanks to the committee for all the support and the following players represented the Club in First grade.

Weldon Johnston: Goalkeeper
Canadian Import

Adam Schasser: Fullback

Matt Yager: Fullback / Half

Craig Ardill: Half / Inside Forward

Brett Graham: Centre Half

Paul Price: Right Wing

Jon Pears: Inside Forward

Andre De Clase: Centre Half / Inside Fund

Keith Isaacs: Inside / Centre Forward

Ganasan Nariansaomy: Centre Forward

Daniel Peacock: Centre Forward

Nick Pervushin: Wing / I. F/ Half

Ben Scully: Left Half

Narindor (Bob) Singh: Centre Half / Fullback

Michael Taylor

Marcus Thiele: Sub Goalkeeper

Lyndon Tully

Andy Wong: Half

Special thanks to Matt Yager and Brett Graham who sometimes took training when I was summonsed to the judiciary or called upon to defend some "dodgy" decisions.

Ganasan Narianasamy

Coach

Hockey Second Grade

Like Our #rd grade team, 2nd grade finished in seventh position with 14 points at the completion of the competition rounds. The team won seven, lost eleven and scored 41 goals with 68 scored against them. As this indicates, the team had defensive problems and this was not helped throughout the season when we were without a goalkeeper for some games. The highest goal scorer was Papu Singh with 8 goals.

The 2nd grade squad included: James Whalan, Matt Avar, Jessie Singh, Bob Singh, Ben Scully, Lachlan Boa, Brett Graham, Andre Declase, Andy Wang, Andy Mason, Lindon Tully, Derek Sterry, Papu Singh, Paul Dudley, Kevin Lewis, Marcus Thieleu and Brad Fussell.

Congratulations to Andy Wang who was awarded th 'Most Improved Player' and Jessie Singh who was awarded the 'Best and Fairest Player'

The result for 2nd grade was a below standard performance compared to previous years. Although, there were a number of games where the taem lost by the odd goal. Hopefully the end result in 1997 will be greatly improved.

Finally, thankyou to all who played in our 2nd grade squad this year in what was a difficult year for all teams. Let's hope the off-season will be a time of reflection where we all think about how we can improve, and what our team and individual goals are next year.

To all the players and their families, Saecons Greetings and best wishes for 1997.

Alan Chu
Manager



Hockey Third Grade

1996 was a disappointing year in terms of results for the side as they failed to reach the semifinals but pleasing for the fact that the guys displayed a ton of character and a great deal of improvement and earned the respect of every side they faced. In fact they were the most successful side in the club this season.

The side was a strange mix of experience and inexperience of age, youth and in some cases ability and lack thereof but one in which all members of the team were generally happy and united and played to the pre-game plan.

The team lost many close games throughout the season and this was largely due to the lack of a goalkeeper which is something that the club must address for next season as a high priority. Despite this obvious disadvantage on many occasions the team always displayed a positive attitude and a great desire to win which made them competitive and respected by all of their opponents.

There are many positives that I feel we can take away from this season however which can be built upon for next season.

Firstly is the fact that the side contained many new faces to the club who demonstrated reasonable ability such as Andy Mason, Rob Easterbrook, Mike Bates and Paul Dudley and I hope that we see more of these players next year.

Secondly there was a tremendous improvement from some of the lesser lights of last season in particular Danny Peacock who was one of our better performers even though still in the Under 17s, together with Jesse Borthwick and Marc Burns who typified the never say die attitude of the team.

Finally there was the excellent contribution of the experienced players such as John Price, Allen Chu and Lindsay Cooper who learned to live with the limitations of their team-mates and who never complained about the errors that were made during the learning process and I would like to thank them in particular for their patience.

I have little doubt that this side has the ability to be a threat next season but it will require dedication and commitment and sacrifices. Training will be compulsory next season and the benefits of training as a team and as a club will become immediately obvious.

Before closing I would like to thank all of those other players who played with us during the season for their assistance and support and I look forward to seeing you all shortly and building towards a successful and enjoyable 1997.

Brett Graham
Coach

It gives me great pleasure to write the 1996 Junior Hockey Report. This was our second year in the Sydney North Area Junior Hockey competition. We fielded 3 teams: U/11, U/13 and U/17. As Matt Yager has mentioned earlier, we had a very successful year with our U/13 team winning the grand final 3-0 against Northern Districts! This being our second year with juniors, it just shows that we have some talented young hockey players in our area.

Our success in 1996 can only be explained through the hard work by the management committee, coaches, the development and enthusiasm of our players and the support of their parents.

I would like to thank each member of the Junior Hockey Management Committee which met for the first time in January 1996 where we organised the Minkey Program at MLC School, Burwood. We then had monthly meetings - planning the activities for the year and working together to get things done. The team members included Allen Chu (Junior Convenor); Sandra Hook (Secretary); Lindsay Cooper (Hon. Treasurer); Vicky Miliatis (Canteen and Social); Paul Burgess (Records Officer); Dean Garland (U/17 Manager); Nick Pervushin and Lachlan Boa (U/13 coaches).

The highlights for 1996 season include:

- a) smart new uniforms for the three teams;
- b) U/13 Premiers for 1996;
- c) improvements in U/17 and U/17 teams;
- d) 4 representative players to the Sydney North Area teams - David Jones (U/11); Daniel Tagg (U/15); Chris Zol (U/15) and Bjorn Hook (U/17);
- e) successful canteen facilities at our home games and raffle;
- f) a full house (players and parents) at the Junior Presentation Night on Wednesday, 11/9/96.

I would like to thank the coaches (U/11 - Allen Chu; U/13 - Nick Pervushin and Lachlan Boa; U/17 Matt Yager) for your extraordinary efforts, time and dedication to the cause of junior hockey (training and match days). Also, I wish to thank each team manager who played a vital role in team dynamics (U/11 - Barbara Allsop and Alan Jones; U/13 - Amanda Aduckiewicz (part) and U/17 Dean Garland). Our canteen facilities were superb this year and Vicky Miliatis ensured that we had food and drinks available at each home game - a very big thank you. Our results for all our matches were recorded by Paul Burgess (with the help of Bob Tagg for U/17s) and this centralised process ensured that our results were recorded early and accurately - a great job well done Paul. Finally, to the parents, thank you for your support - washing uniforms; transport to games and training; setting up and putting away the goal posts at our home games; and selling raffle tickets.

In 1997, we will look towards winning another premiership (or two!) and to field 4 junior teams. Hence, we need an U/13 team - so any cricket players who wish to join us, you are more than welcome. Also, I would like to see some of our talented U/17 players play both at U/17 level and in our senior teams so that they can improve their skills and gain valuable grade experience.

Our 1996 season was fantastic and we should be able to achieve the same results in 1997. Thank you to all who were involved in junior hockey in 1996. The coaches have written their team reports below. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 1997.

Allen Chu
Junior Convenor

Junior Hockey Chairman's Report



Junior Hockey Under 11's

As I write this U/11 Report at the end of 1996, the start of season seemed only yesterday. It was a pleasure to be the U/11 coach. Before the season started, things looked grim - we had only two players from 1996 U/11 team, i.e. Derryn Allsop and Lee Miliatis. We were fortunately to have some recruits from Wests Hockey Club and a couple of young cricketers. By the start of the year we fielded 11 players and by the end of 1996 we had 15 players!

The most pleasing point with this team was the harmony of the team and the willingness of each player to learn, especially when we had so many players who had never played before! By the end of the season, one would think that some players had played a few seasons. Without going through each match result in 1996, we just missed out on fourth spot and a place in the semifinal. A great effort to all the team.

A quick summary of each player is provided below:

Lee Miliatis: (goalkeeper): Lee was the guy a team needed as the last man in defence. He saved numerous goals and kept us in the matches which were close. Lee had an excellent season and a worthy winner of the Sydney North Area Encouragement Award. He also showed his keenness and versatility by playing in the half line in the Premiership winning U/13 team. Congratulations Lee!

Shaun McDonald: (fullback): Shaun was one of our new hockey players and formed a good partnership with Andrew to keep the opposition out. For his first year, Shaun has the potential to be a good player. I would like to see Shaun get more involved in the play in 1997 and also concentrate for the full game. A good first year effort Shaun.

Andrew Kilazoglou: (fullback): Andrew was one of our new players from cricket who really picked up the skills involved in hockey very quickly. Andrew was strong at the back in both tackling and positional play. He will improve in 1997 and will be a great asset to the team again. Andrew is a worthy winner of the Sydney North Area Encouragement Award.

Anthony Rizr: (right half): For his first year in hockey, Anthony had a solid year. His enthusiasm was great and was prepared to "have a go". In defence, he was our team announcer, saying "CROUCH" in a loud voice to remind all of our players to be in a crouching position to cut off the opposition hit. The last few games saw Anthony improve and understand the positional play and skills involved. Good effort Anthony.

David Jones: (centre-half): David was a new comer to hockey from cricket. David is a gifted player who played as if he was a veteran. His positional play was superb which enabled him to be in the right position and David also displayed good dribbling skills. He was a worthy winner of the 'Best & Fairest' award and was our only representative player in the Sydney North Area team.

Michelle Braganza: (left-half): Michelle was in her first year of hockey and learnt about some of the basic hockey skills. She was keen every week and was prepared to chase the ball and be involved with the play. Michelle will improve on her efforts this year.

Jessica Matthews: (right wing): Jessica was one half of our "2 Jessicas" combination on the right side of our forward line. When the ball did come to the wings, Jessica took the ball down the sideline or passed inside to Jessica Ellem. For her first year, it was a pleasing effort.

Jessica Ellem: (right inner): Jessica came to us from the Wests club and her performances indicated that she had previously played hockey against older players. Jessica formed a good partnership with Jessica Matthews and Derryn Allsop in our attacking moves. She had good dribbling skills and got past many of our opposition defences. Jessica has natural ability and comes from a sound sporting family line (her father Mick will be the 1997 rugby coach!).

Derryn Allsop: (centre-forward): Derryn was our captain and our leading goal scorer. From his experience in 1995, Derryn improved greatly on his dribbling and shooting skills. Combined with his pace, Derryn usually "kicked away" from our opposition and scored. In one U/13 game, Derryn (played as they were short of players) scored a goal within the first 30 seconds from the hit-off. Congratulations Derryn as our "Most Improved" player for 1996.

Lisa Malek: (left inner): Lisa was another player from the Wests club who also had a good year. Lisa formed a good combination with Derryn and showed her versatility when she played at fullback on some occasions throughout a match. Lisa had good dribbling and tackling skills and improvement in her hits will ensure that her 1997 season is successful.

Madelaine Petrie: (left wing): 'Maddie' was also from Wests who showed improvement



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throughout the year. On the left wing, she took the ball down the wing and also passed inside to Lisa. She was a good team player.

Craig Braganza: (left wing): Craig was our youngest team member (5 years old) and he was our little dynamite player. He was always willing to learn and get involved in the action. The size of the opposition player didn't matter, Craig would still be chipping away. In providing Craig his Briars socks, the smallest pair still had to be rolled in half so that it fit below his knees! From his experience this year, Craig will improve in 1997.

Robert Tang: (inside-left): Robert joined us half way through the season and wanted to try hockey as a sport. He enjoyed so much that he had his brother David and friend Dennis join as well. Robert was a versatile player and was keen to be involved with the play. Robert will improve his positional play in 1997.

David Tang: (right-half): David saw his brother play for one week and then joined us the following week. As a first time player, David was also keen to get involved and was a team player. He can only get better in 1997.

Dennis Ma: (left half): As a real novice to sport, Dennis learnt the basics of hockey fairly quickly holding a stick and pushing/hitting the ball. He will improve in 1997 as he hopefully joins us from the start of the season.

As a team of unknown players in 1996 this year's U/11 team will be together again in 1997. I can see a semifinal spot waiting for us and they will be a definite contender for the premiership. I have enjoyed being the U/11 coach for the last 2 years and it is now time to move on. I will pass the coaching responsibilities to Jonathan Pears (a 1st grade player), who will do an excellent job.

Finally, I would like to thank the parents for their wonderful support in 1996. It was a successful year and without their efforts, we could not have enjoyed the results and friendship together. Particular thanks must go to Barbara Allsop and Alan Jones for the time they have spent in managing the team, especially during the last 4 matches when I had to go overseas due to work commitments.

For this U/11 team, 1997 will be your year.

Allen Chu
Coach



Well, what can I say? This is the most successful team in Briars Junior Hockey history, finishing the 1996 season on 22 points with 11 wins, 2 losses and 2 draws and securing both the Minor and Major Premiers.

From the outset we knew that we had to ability to make it to the semifinals with a brilliant 6-0 thrashing of Redlands. By round 2 of the competition it was an obvious three way race for the Premiership, as we conceded a draw to Baulkham Hills and a loss to Northern Districts. At the end of the regular season we turned up and whipped Baulkham Hills then had an unfortunate 2-2 draw with Northern Districts.

The Major semifinal was against Northern Districts at Ku-Ring-Gai (Gordon). We turned on some our best hockey all year only to go down 2-1, not helped by a pitiful display of umpiring witnessed by all at the ground.

We had one last chance to make it to the Grand Final, but we had to go up against Baulkham Hills. After 60 minutes of hockey (i.e. full-time) in summer weather the score was locked at 0-0. We began a 20 minute period of overtime and scored after 5 minutes. We held out Baulkham Hills for the next 15 minutes and were courageous winners 1-0.

The Grand Final. After just over 5 months of hockey it came down to this one game against Northern Districts, against whom we had only managed 1 draw and two losses in our three outings against them. The extra semifinal and training session in that week worked in our favour and we were fully prepared for the game.

We started the match very strongly and scored in the 13th minute to go to half time with a 1-0 lead. In the second half we scored two more goals and narrowly missed two other scoring opportunities to take out the Grand Final 3-0.

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Junior Hockey Under 13's

The skill, teamwork, courage and desire to win shown in this match was the greatest shown by any Briars Hockey team in 1996 and I was proud to be a part of it.

This result and indeed our entire junior season are very encouraging signs for the future of Briars Junior Hockey, in which the players can take tremendous pride.

Thanks and congratulations must first go to the players who performed above and beyond the call of duty. My joint coach Lachlan Boa who due to work commitments could not attend all games and training sessions was an invaluable help. We couldn't have done it without our cheer squad and transport company of parents who were behind us all the way. Aside from cheering themselves hoarse early every Saturday morning, they also became involved with administration, completing match cards, umpiring regularly and setting up the goals at Majors Bay Reserve, our home ground.

Special thanks on behalf of all juniors to Vicky Miliatis who did a super job running the canteen, raffle and organising the food on the Presentation Night.

Thanks also to all the senior players who supported and assisted throughout the year.

Results

After 7 rounds (8 team competition)

| Position | Win | Draw | Loss | For | Against | Pts |
|----------|-----|------|------|-----|---------|-----|
| 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 32 | 4 | 11 |

After 13 Rounds

| Position | Win | Draw | Loss | For | Against | Pts |
|----------|-----|------|------|-----|---------|-----|
| 1 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 58 | 9 | 22 |

Player Profiles

Alki Georgallis: Half/inside Forward Alki came to us midway through the season. She showed a reasonable amount of ability and was one of the most consistent players. Will improve in years to come.

Alan Logan: Centre Forward - our Team Captain had an amazing season. In his first year of hockey he scored more than half the team's goals, led the team admirably and took out the Best and Fairest award. Alan's talent will be an asset to any hockey or sporting team he plays with in the future.

Alana Tagg: Inside Forward - Alana has more ability than she realises. Showed she was capable time and time again. Will be a great player for the club in years to come if she puts her head down and develops the skills she already has. She has good game sense and thinks on the field about the right thing to do at the right time.

Chloe Tuffin: Wing - Daughter of the Briars Rugby Ray Tuffin, Chloe has the ability to run through tackles. Chloe will surely continue to improve as she sustains the enthusiasm she has shown this year.

Corey Allsop: inside Forward/Centre Forward - Corey has more ability than he gives himself credit for. A temperamental player who showed a lot of brilliance during the season. Scored a few goals, definitely a future first grader.

Derek Welsh: Forward/Fullback - Another talented youngster who could create havoc (for the opposition!) wherever he played. He often held the defence together when we needed it. Having him at fullback probably saved us from a few losses. Has the ability to play representative hockey.

Jay Hook: Centre Half - Arguably the best Centre Half in the competition and one of the most talented players in Briars Junior Hockey. At this young age Jay has an enormous amount of skill and reads the game as well as a much older player. Could play any level of hockey his discipline and maturity allows.

Kelsey Williams: Half/Wing - Definitely the most improved player for 1996- Didn't play to the best of her ability. We'll have to wait until next season to see how well she can really play.

Lee Miliatis: Goalie/Forward - Lee came from the Under 11 side to fill in for a few games and found himself playing half the season with the Under 13s, in goal and on the field. This didn't bother Lee in the slightest, as has a lot of ability and will improve a lot in the next few years. A hidden talent.



Mark Eggors: Wing - Only played a few games late in the season but scored a goal in his first game of hockey ever and four in his second. I only hope that we can retain him next year, as he seems destined for good things.

Nick Brassel: Half/Fullback - just can't seem to bring himself to get more involved. A player with great backing up ability but tends to be too relaxed, I'm sure this will change for the better next year.

Peter Miliatis: Fullback - Mr Consistent. Very safe at the back and rarely has a bad game. Supports his goalkeeper very well. His team can always rely on Peter to get them out of any defensive trouble.

Stuart Turnbull: Goalkeeper - the best *goalie* in the competition and still getting better. This is the goalie Briars has been looking for. Stuart is keen to develop and has already started to train with the under 17s. Liked by everybody in the team.

Simon Callender: Half/Wing — Simon was the most enthusiastic player all year. Not necessarily the most talented but makes up for it in determination and persistence. Practice makes perfect, and he will become a good player with his continued enthusiasm.

Nick Pervushin
Coach

In 1996 the Under 17s had a great learning and developing year, winning two games during the season which were the first two for quite a while. A round of drinks (cokes) up at the Club after the wins was enjoyable (coach's shout). Their attitude to training and games was mostly very positive, with many players showing great improvement throughout the year and having two players selected in Sydney Junior Hockey Association (S.J.H.A) representative teams. Not having an under 15s side this year resulted in a few under 15s players being promoted to under 17s where they put in an admirable effort. If the boys stay together and get a better coach next year! I'm sure they will become very competitive.

Player Profiles

James Whalan: Goalkeeper - developed his skills in the goals greatly this year, made some great saves and understands how defence should work. Played several games in the senior ranks as well, learning to shout abuse at defenders to mark up! Greater maturity and self confidence and less going out on Friday night will see James become a formidable obstacle for opposing forwards in the future.

Kumar Manix: Fullback/Right half - one of our several players who could still play Under 15s, a very attentive marker and solid tackler at the back with a huge heart who was a popular member of the team. Greater fitness attention to reading the play, technical playing skills and concentration will see Kumar go even further next year. Had a couple of sensational games in goals when James was recovering from aforementioned nights out.

Adam Aduckiewicz: Fullback - in only his second year of hockey Adam impressed with his enthusiasm and drive on and off the field. Towards the end of the season he was making some great tackles and passes, bringing the ball out well from defence. A bit more training, concentration and dedication in developing playing skill will help Adam become a fine hockey player. Taking his saxophone onto the field may help to distract the opposition!

Kurt Ravn: Left Half - in his second year with the club and hockey, 'the big fella' developed his skills greatly this year, being the recipient of the Most Improved award. Drove his opposite winger crazy with close marking, extended his ball handling skills and game sense and has a hit that makes goalkeepers tremble. Drives a VW with 'Ps' (scary) and is certain to play full time senior hockey next year.

Ian Moran: Centre Half/Centre/Inside Forward In his first year of hockey, Ian impressed everyone with his good understanding of the game and how to play it, excellent stick and ball skills and a positive attitude. Received the Best and Fairest award. Doesn't say much but can always be counted on. Well done Ian.

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James Parry: Right Half: James suffered a fractured wrist in a school game early in the season but made a successful return to play some solid hockey. One of the most mature players in the side, has good speed, reach, tackling and marking skills and always puts in a million percent especially when backtackling. One player whose hair probably gets in the way.

Muneeb Allie: Right Wing -In his first year of hockey Muneeb enjoyed himself but his concentration seemed to let him down at times, usually when he was in front of the goals with the ball! Nevertheless he did score a few legendary goals and we look forward to seeing him improve again next year.

Christopher Zol: Inside Right or anywhere - a pleasant unassuming young man, whose hockey skills increased greatly throughout the year and was selected in the S.J.H.A Under 15 representative side. Chris showed good enthusiasm and a positive attitude, is very keen to learn and applied good concentration to training hints and advice from senior players. Played much excellent hockey in only his second year, making good tackles, passes and runs with the ball and always returning in defence.

Daniel Peacock: Centre Forward/Inside Forward/Fullback - a young man with enormous potential to be an outstanding hockey player whose attitude, discipline and patience can sometimes let him down. On his day he can score goals at will from anywhere in the circle, putting them anywhere in the net. Blistering speed and a powerful hit are his best attributes while game sense and tackling need more attention. Played a lot of senior hockey throughout the year and full time senior hockey next year will assist Danny to mature and develop further. Needs to be more friendly with umpires and more understanding of the mistakes they allegedly make. The most naturally gifted player in the side.

John Wurtz: Inside Left/Left Wing another new player with great attitude and enthusiasm, applies himself well to training and games. Threw himself around the field like a madman at times and has a great future in cinematography and film direction! Transition to senior hockey next year will be good for him.

Erin Eisler: allrounder - didn't seem keen enough early in the season, so the coach and manager put a few rockets under him and to his great credit Erin lifted his play and attitude to a very high level. Only his second year of hockey but can read the play, tackle, run and pass the ball with good skill. Still needs to lift his head and stick his chest out and behave more positively.

Sami-Ullah Khan: Put in a good effort this year. Needs to be more committed and aggressive towards the ball on the field. Has several years left in junior hockey and so will slay the under 15s when he plays there next year.

Daniel Tagg: Centre Forward - Playing against boys often twice his size Danny often made them look foolish with his ability to move the ball in creative ways. Is only 14 yrs old but has a huge heart, good game sense and a powerful hit. A few more inches of height and muscle will make Danny a force to be reckoned with in junior hockey for many years to come.

Bjorn Hook: Centre Half/Fullback probably the most experienced under 17s campaigner in Sydney, with the skills to match, was selected in the Sydney Hockey Association (SHA) representative side. A well rounded fellow with a lot of other interests outside hockey. Was the mainstay in defence, settled the team down and caprained the side in most of the games. Needs to concentrate more on attitude to both training and playing and less on bashing Ben.

Ben Garland: Left Wing - another long serving under 15s player (inmate?) who is at that stage when it appears that his hormones have taken over his body. Needs to shorten his backswing, keep both hands on the stick, improve concentration and listening ability and quit trying to bash Bjorn. One of the most consistent players this year though.

I must thank and congratulate Dean Garland, Team Manager, for his excellent job throughout the year, organising uniforms, draws, cards, player attendance liaising with Sydney Hockey Association (SHA) and many other sundry official items. Dean's authority and size was also a great help in maintaining discipline and control and various times throughout the year.

Congratulations and thanks to all the players for an enjoyable season. Also thanks to all the parents for their support. Look forward to seeing to you all early next year.

Matthew Yager
Coach

Spring 1995

Spring 95 saw the Squashies recruit a State 3 side for the first time in many years. Briars have had a "grade" side before but it was many moons ago - back when Ray Pontifex was a mere lad in his mid-30s, picking up squash pennants for enjoyment instead of golf trophies. This major coup was due to the efforts of Ken Kable in the main, who incidentally became an old man of five-oh some time this comp. The Spring 95 comp saw us field 16 teams, 11 of those made the semi-finals and another 4 pennants were eventually added to the already overflowing pennant cupboard. Congratulations to the B3, C4, D1 team 15, and D2 team 14 guys who showed the other clubs how Briars play squash. Mick Franco even picked up two pennants in one night - his own D2 grade and then one with the D1 team he subbed up for - not a bad effort. Two pennants in one night is a bigger haul than Paul Jones has managed since leaving Burwood Independent.

Joe Caristo organised the Squashies for the Australian Open Golf jaunt and in true Squashie fashion we topped the takings bill with \$1809 raised. A massive effort and one that saw Joe a marked man of the "Future Squash Chairman" variety. Greg Kelly was as dependable as ever in his indispensable role as Squash Treasurer. Wayne Rastall and his arthritic knees managed to burgle enough matches to pick up the performance trophy. I have never seen anyone who can look so close to the grave without actually stepping in it. Obviously the late night/morning rumbling Wayne puts in is worth its weight in sweat - congrats Wayne - and next time you rumble, pick up your own keys!!

Many thanks to all those mentioned above and also to those who I have not mentioned. Briars Squash goes from strength-to-strength and this is due to the efforts of every club member. Keep up the good work.

Results

3rd Grade - Team 1

The squash played by this team was in the main inspiring stuff. They narrowly missed the semis to come home in 5th spot but having #1 Anthony Crandell (ex 1st grade) only available for 3 matches didn't help any. Christian Hennock played strongly in between stress testing racquets and will be bumped up the order next comp.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot Pts | Avg |
|---------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Anthony Crandell | 3 | 1 | 33% | 9 | 3.00 |
| George Kannalis (c) | 13 | 4 | 31% | 28 | 2.15 |
| Rodney Doig | 11 | 3 | 27% | 23 | 2.09 |
| Christian Sylvestre | 3 | 3 | 100% | 16 | 5.33 |
| Jon Kranitis | 11 | 4 | 36% | 26 | 2.36 |
| Christian Hennock | 10 | 8 | 80% | 43 | 4.30 |

A2 - Team 2

Started strongly but faltered at the finishing post. Tony "Splits" Porter made a slow recovery from his attempt to neuter himself while in a neutered state. Paul Byrne was his usual dependable self during the first round at #1 with Ports injured, but for some reason found it harder when playing #2 in rd 2

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|-----------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Tony Porter | 7 | 0 | 0% | 2 | 0.29 |
| Paul Byrne | 12 | 9 | 75% | 44 | 3.67 |
| Joe Elias | 10 | 6 | 60% | 35 | 3.50 |
| Jim Farrell (c) | 6 | 0 | 0% | 5 | 0.83 |
| Mark Arduin | 5 | 1 | 20% | 7 | 1.40 |
| Adam Selway | 12 | 9 | 75% | 44 | 3.67 |

A4 - Team 3

This team made the semis in spite of having a 50 year old playing at #1, but unfortunately that was as far as they went. Victor went through unbeaten which was great to see. A special welcome to Paul, Ellis and Barry (ex-Concord) who, judging by the late nights they spend at Briars, should have been part of the club for the past 20 or 30 years.



| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|--------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Ken Kable (c) | 10 | 4 | 40% | 26 | 2.60 |
| Paul Burgess | 12 | 7 | 58% | 52 | 4.33 |
| Ellis Patterson | 10 | 3 | 30% | 22 | 2.20 |
| Barry Hannally | 10 | 6 | 60% | 33 | 3.30 |
| Victor Holubinskyj | 12 | 12 | 100% | 61 | 5.08 |

A4 - Team 4

Failed to make the semis to prove that our grading was better than the grading committee. We didn't want A4 for this side but the grading committee thought they knew better. Jonesy managed to win 4 from 11 (which doesn't include a win against the formidable KK because he didn't win).

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|---------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Paul Jones | 11 | 4 | 36% | 27 | 2.45 |
| Gary Pengally | 12 | 4 | 33% | 24 | 2.00 |
| Steve Clark | 12 | 4 | 33% | 25 | 2.08 |
| Joe Karam | 13 | 8 | 62% | 47 | 3.62 |
| John Gee (c) | 8 | 2 | 25% | 16 | 2.00 |

B3 - Team 5

Dominic Maggs was the best performer overall with 8 wins from 10 for this team on their road to a pennant for the Briars, but we still don't see him at practice. A flash of brilliance saw DK snapped up for this team after returning from his lengthy sexcursion in Thailand and Europe. After an initial 2 losses he found his squash shoes to be unbeaten for the rest of the comp through the semis and Grand Final. Alan, Dominic and Bill provided the support for a well deserved pennant for the boys.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|---------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Alan Cameron | 9 | 5 | 56% | 27 | 3.00 |
| Frank Bortollotti | 7 | 3 | 43% | 23 | 3.29 |
| David Kable | 5 | 3 | 60% | 18 | 3.60 |
| Dominic Maggs | 10 | 8 | 80% | 47 | 4.70 |
| Dominic Caristo (c) | 10 | 5 | 50% | 34 | 3.40 |
| William Pace | 10 | 5 | 50% | 30 | 3.00 |

C1 - Team 6

Made the Grand Final in the face of great adversity throughout the comp with team problems galore. Tagged as dead-certs for the glory but unfortunately didn't win on the night. All 14 players who subbed-up during the comp extended their sympathies. Grant had a great comp at #5 to come in with 6 wins from 8, while Patrick wasn't far behind.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|----------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Ian Thompson | 9 | 2 | 22% | 15 | 1.67 |
| Steve Madz (c) | 12 | 7 | 58% | 46 | 3.83 |
| Patrick Hui | 7 | 5 | 71% | 25 | 3.57 |
| Reg Richardson | 4 | 1 | 25% | 9 | 2.25 |
| Grant Heggarty | 8 | 6 | 75% | 34 | 4.25 |

C1 - Team 7

After scratching into the final they were beaten by their own club (team 6). They would have been happy with this result if team 7 had managed a pennant but there were cries of disbelief when word got out that yet another C1 pennant had been snatched from the jaws of victory. The sooner the zones are changed from the current 3 zone format the better. Peter was his usual dependable self in a team where all members had 50% or better - better luck next comp.



| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|-------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Peter Anderson | 10 | 7 | 70% | 34 | 3.40 |
| Jason Loong | 5 | 3 | 60% | 18 | 3.60 |
| Robert Powell (c) | 10 | 5 | 50% | 30 | 3.00 |
| Ray Warouw | 6 | 4 | 67% | 22 | 3.67 |
| Jose Acuna | 6 | 3 | 50% | 16 | 2.67 |

C2 - Team 8

Team 8 missed the semi-finals by a mere 1 point. Alex was so peeved that he took it out on his knees and is now doubtful for the next comp. Ned played strongly when he wasn't talking to Martians and also while his biorythms were high.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Nenad Dobrijevic | 11 | 8 | 73% | 42 | 3.82 |
| Alex Forbes (c) | 11 | 3 | 27% | 25 | 2.27 |
| David Figg | 6 | 1 | 17% | 12 | 2.00 |
| Michael DiMonte | 8 | 6 | 75% | 35 | 4.38 |
| Ed Moore | 12 | 5 | 42% | 30 | 2.50 |

C2 - Team 9

Jordan dropped a mere 4 games as part of the team that blitzed this grade. Unfortunately a drop in form on the big night put this team in 2nd spot by a mere 5 points. Johnny DeGeorge relished the move down the order to burgle 8 matches from 10.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|-------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Jordan Dean | 9 | 9 | 100% | 50 | 5.56 |
| Ed Alcaino | 8 | 4 | 50% | 24 | 3.00 |
| John DeGeorge (c) | 10 | 8 | 80% | 41 | 4.10 |
| Zelco Kalic | 10 | 6 | 60% | 40 | 4.00 |
| Charles Kiso | 9 | 5 | 56% | 31 | 3.44 |



C3 - Team 11

Reported to be organising a team of burglars for the coming comp and they don't wish to be reminded about the Spring 95 comp. Greg Mc's rapid rise through the ranks of Briars to the position of Hon Exec doesn't seem to have done his squash any harm. This team just missed out but will be back with a vengeance.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|-------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Peter O'Donnell | 12 | 7 | 58% | 37 | 3.08 |
| Chris Virgona | 12 | 8 | 67% | 47 | 3.92 |
| Greg McManus | 10 | 6 | 60% | 38 | 3.80 |
| Stuart Santer (c) | 10 | 3 | 30% | 18 | 1.80 |
| GregAnderson | 10 | 7 | 70% | 35 | 3.50 |

C4 - Team 10

Team 10 came home with another of our pennants with solid performances by the whole team. Any thoughts of Wayne giving up squash for a career in rumbling are grossly exaggerated. Serious celebration was the order of the day for this team with Wayne actually going home to get the bacon and eggs for breakfast after their win - now that is forward planning.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|----------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| John Healy | 14 | 13 | 93% | 71 | 5.07 |
| Greg Kelly | 13 | 11 | 85% | 57 | 4.38 |
| Mick Jaroszewicz (c) | 8 | 7 | 88% | 40 | 5.00 |
| Wayne Rastall | 9 | 9 | 100% | 53 | 5.89 |
| Ron Marshall | 10 | 8 | 80% | 47 | 4.70 |

C4 - Team 12

This team came from nowhere into the final but unfortunately that's where they ended the

C4 - Team 12 (cOntinued)

comp. A great effort none-the-less. Tony did well to take the heat off at #1 after starting the comp at #3, a move which was nearly a stroke of brilliance.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Tony Cariola | 11 | 7 | 64% | 40 | 3.64 |
| Stefan Krnel | 10 | 5 | 50% | 32 | 3.20 |
| Paul Bruner | 9 | 4 | 44% | 27 | 3.00 |
| George Waird (c) | 11 | 7 | 64% | 46 | 4.18 |
| Andrew Krnel | 10 | 3 | 30% | 22 | 2.20 |

D1 - Team 13

Even after losing #1 Spencer during the comp, this team showed enough mettle to pick up a pennant anyway. Some members of the team even played the Grand Final against a Briars team for the second year in a row - the sooner the zones change the better.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|--------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Spencer Dines | 6 | 5 | 83% | 26 | 4.33 |
| Darren Peisley (c) | 11 | 8 | 73% | 46 | 4.18 |
| Barney Rudd | 11 | 10 | 91% | 52 | 4.73 |
| Chris Leung | 12 | 9 | 75% | 49 | 4.08 |
| Jay Jayadev | 13 | 4 | 31% | 31 | 2.38 |

D1 - Team 15

Team 15 are hoping for a sudden flash of reason by the Western Districts committee so that they can actually play another club next time they make the Grand Final. Perhaps if Simon Chang had stopped playing like Spiderman on steroids then they may have sneaked in for a win.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Steve Kodela (c) | 12 | 6 | 50% | 33 | 2.75 |
| Alf DiMonte | 11 | 8 | 73% | 43 | 3.91 |
| Simon Chang | 8 | 6 | 75% | 37 | 4.63 |
| Luke Tollemarsh | 3 | 3 | 100% | 18 | 6.00 |
| Norm Habib | 14 | 11 | 79% | 63 | 4.50 |

D2 - Team 14

Young John Siounis put the finishing touches on after a team effort, including a dazzling display of tenacity by Dr Jay. A well deserved pennant for Duncan Bain as captain and a great comp for Mick coming off a club record 20+ losses in a row.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|-----------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Duncan Bain (c) | 13 | 7 | 54% | 48 | 3.69 |
| John Siounis | 12 | 4 | 33% | 31 | 2.58 |
| Robert Leece | 2 | 1 | 50% | 6 | 3.00 |
| Mick Franco | 14 | 11 | 79% | 60 | 4.29 |
| Ian Pitt | 15 | 5 | 33% | 35 | 2.33 |

D2 - Team 16

Team 16 were put out of contention in a semi-final match but these guys have a great future in the game if they stick to it. Inexperience was the only thing that beat them this comp and if the commitment to squash is the same as it was at the golf then this team has a great future.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|---------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Troy Jefferies | 13 | 6 | 46% | 33 | 2.54 |
| Steve Taylor | 14 | 9 | 64% | 46 | 3.29 |
| Tony Vergos | 12 | 9 | 75% | 51 | 4.25 |
| Nick Nardo | 7 | 2 | 29% | 12 | 1.71 |
| Dominic Caristo (c) | 10 | 3 | 30% | 15 | 1.50 |



Autumn 1996

The Autumn 1996 comp saw us field a ladies team for the second time - who just happened to be the reigning premiers of 1st Grade - the top grade in NSW competition. As expected they went through the comp to give Briars our first ladies pennant. This was a direct spin-off from the 3rd grade team last comp - many thanks to Ken Kable (he's 50+ now - did you know?) and Joe Caristo for putting up the sponsorship dollars. The 4th grade team have developed into a real asset to the club, providing both a goal for the rest of the club and also being genuine enough to play anyone from E graders to A graders (even though saying this will probably swell Rodney Doig's head to the extent that he won't be able to fit it through the door of a squash court). They topped off a great comp by picking up a pennant for us as well. The A4 side completed a 3 gold haul for the club with a gutsy win backed up by some really determined celebrating, as only KK and the boys know how to do.

The sad news to hit the club during this comp was that Burwood Squashlands was to close at around the halfway stage of next comp, forcing the club to move. After some hurried negotiations we settled on Granville as the future venue with the realisation that it would not be feasible to go back to the club for supper. As an interim decision this looked the best offer but as it turned out, it came close to decimating squash. After all, how can one play squash for Briars and not benefit from the late night "training" at the club. Even our opposition were crying foul, as it seemed like the end of an institution. The real meat of this fiasco is probably the domain of the next annual report, however suffice to say, the club has now moved to the Five Dock courts which has enabled Wayne and the rest of the boys to resume the late night rumbling and general boisterous events which have grown to be an indispensable part of the Briars ethos. Brett Townsend picked up the performance trophy in a closely fought contest - the first time for many comps that it was won by someone with less than 100% wins. Brett's average of 4.54 and 11 wins from 13 was one to be proud of nonetheless.

Many thanks to my committee and all others who helped me during this and previous comps and I wish success to Joe Caristo in his role as the new Squash Chairman. Joe was invaluable to me during the last two comps as a "right hand man" and I am sure that Briars Squash will continue to move forward with him at the helm. Congratulations also to Joe for winning the Doug Vanderfield Trophy for services to Squash, you sure as hell worked for it. I have enjoyed the help of many people while being Squash Chairman and it is with regret that I have to resign at the end of this comp. The enormous amount of work that the finely oiled squash machine requires should never be underestimated - I have no idea how KK lasted 8 years. Thanks again.

1st Grade Ladies

Briars first ever ladies pennant just happens to be the top grade in NSW. The girls were always going to win this one with Shannon and Carley hardly dropping a game all comp. Unfortunately the change of venue for the club next comp means that this team won't be with Briars next comp - perhaps down the track they may be back.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|------------------|--------|--------------------|-------|---------|-----|
| Shannon McNamara | | No results to hand | | | |
| Jackie McNamara | | No results to hand | | | |
| Carley Foster | | No results to hand | | | |
| Sarah Nelson | | No results to hand | | | |
| Anne Gleason (c) | | No results to hand | | | |

4th Grade - Team 1

Not to be outdone by the girls, 4th grade made it a double for our grade sides by taking out the pennant in this grade. The whole team was solid all comp and Trev came home like a steam train to finish the comp absolutely unbeatable. Rod's effort in the Grand Final to give them a points win was sensational and very much appreciated by the large contingent of Briars watching. This team has developed into a real asset to the club.



4th Grade - Team 1 (continued)

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|-------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Christian Hennock | 11 | 8 | 73% | 40 | 3.64 |
| Matthew Hewson | 12 | 9 | 75% | 44 | 3.67 |
| Rodney Doig (c) | 11 | 9 | 82% | 47 | 4.27 |
| Trevor Smith | 13 | 12 | 92% | 56 | 4.31 |
| David Tesoriero | 9 | 2 | 22% | 13 | 1.44 |

A2 - Team 2

Finished fifth and just five points off the pace. They could have been serious contenders in this comp with just an ounce of luck. Joe Elias came of age with a run of 7 straight wins while Paul and Jim were solid. Tony Porter played well when he was sober but was inconsiderate enough to go on a world tour halfway through the comp. At one stage in the comp there were seven registered players and only 2 available - which didn't help.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|----------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Paul Byrne (c) | 11 | 5 | 45% | 34 | 3.09 |
| Joe Elias | 11 | 8 | 73% | 45 | 4.09 |
| Tony Porter | 6 | 3 | 50% | 19 | 3.17 |
| Jim Farrell | 9 | 6 | 67% | 33 | 3.67 |
| Joe Karam | 8 | 1 | 13% | 14 | 1.75 |

A4 - Team 3

Another pennant for the 50 year old KK to add to his overflowing cupboard. Probably had the oldest average age in the comp (and the whole club for that matter) but put all the young guns to shame with a team effort. Victor's injury prone comp robbed him of a chance to prove himself up the order but he did play strongly in the finals. Barry did well, forcing an unprecedented move up the order and in front of Ellis - think how well he would play if he used the strings occasionally.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|--------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Ken Kable | 12 | 8 | 67% | 39 | 3.25 |
| Paul Burgess (c) | 13 | 9 | 69% | 49 | 3.77 |
| Victor Holubinskyj | 6 | 2 | 33% | 14 | 2.33 |
| Barry Hannally | 12 | 9 | 75% | 54 | 4.50 |
| Ellis Patterson | 10 | 3 | 30% | 21 | 2.10 |

B1 - Team 5

The grading committee once again showed their stupidity by swapping teams 4 and 5 around. Brett showed great promise winning 12 from 14 but the grade was just too difficult. Gazza only played one match and was never seen again - and judging by the way he looked after that one he may have passed away on the way home. He did have a 100% record though!!!

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|----------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Gary Pengally | 1 | 1 | 100% | 5 | 5.00 |
| Alan Cameron | 12 | 0 | 0% | 12 | 1.00 |
| Dominic Maggs | 11 | 5 | 45% | 24 | 2.18 |
| Brett Townsend | 13 | 11 | 85% | 59 | 4.54 |
| John Gee (c) | 11 | 4 | 36% | 28 | 2.55 |

B2 - Team 4

Joe won a case of beer from the checker by getting his team to finish minor premiers and in front of team 5 on the points table. What he didn't tell the team was that they were supposed to drink it AFTER the Grand Final - not before it. After blitzing the comp they did what many teams have done before them and faltered at the final hurdle to come runners up.



B2 - Team 4 (continued)

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|-----------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Paul Jones | 8 | 4 | 50% | 26 | 3.25 |
| David Kable | 14 | 11 | 79% | 57 | 4.07 |
| Joe Caristo (c) | 10 | 7 | 70% | 36 | 3.60 |
| Dominic Caristo | 14 | 10 | 71% | 62 | 4.43 |

B3 - Team 6

Peter, Steve and Ed performed strongly but the team came in 5th to be denied a chance of a bite at the cherry. A strong effort none-the-less given that the preferred grade for this team would have been B4. Jordan had a great comp but in the end the team effort just wasn't quite enough.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|-----------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Peter Anderson | 10 | 6 | 60% | 33 | 3.30 |
| Steve Madz | 9 | 6 | 67% | 30 | 3.33 |
| Jordan Dean (c) | 7 | 6 | 86% | 33 | 4.71 |
| Robert Powell | 7 | 3 | 43% | 18 | 2.57 |
| Zelco Kalic | 8 | 2 | 25% | 10 | 1.25 |
| Ed Alcaino | 6 | 4 | 67% | 23 | 3.83 |

C1 - Team 7

Finished 3rd, made the finals and went down on points on the night. Missed Patrick who had been a consistent performer all comp. Grant showed a fine turn of form for an old fella to top the averages for this team, while the rest of the team all had above 50%.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|--------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Nenad Dobrijevic | 10 | 4 | 40% | 20 | 2.00 |
| Patrick Hui | 8 | 4 | 50% | 24 | 3.00 |
| Reg Richardson (c) | 10 | 6 | 60% | 32 | 3.20 |
| Grant Heggarty | 9 | 8 | 89% | 40 | 4.44 |
| Robert Bedic | 10 | 7 | 70% | 43 | 4.30 |

C1 - Team 8

This team needs a little toning up, a late night or two at the club may help. A consistent effort and the smart money has gone on early for a pennant in the Spring. Import's William and Mick played strongly but their results reinforces just how strong the C1 grade really is.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|---------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| William Pace | 12 | 6 | 50% | 35 | 2.92 |
| Peter O'Donnell (c) | 9 | 3 | 33% | 21 | 2.33 |
| Michael DiMonte | 6 | 3 | 50% | 18 | 3.00 |
| Chris Virgona | 10 | 3 | 30% | 23 | 2.30 |
| Greg McManus | 8 | 4 | 50% | 25 | 3.13 |
| Greg Anderson | 7 | 1 | 14% | 8 | 1.14 |

C2 - Team 9

A team that was never confident once they saw the quality of the other team from Briars in their grade. Bound to have benefited from the experience and sure to be looking forward to going around again. Came in 6th.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|-------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Luke Tollemache | 7 | 3 | 43% | 22 | 3.14 |
| Anthony Newton | 8 | 0 | 0% | 4 | 0.50 |
| John DeGeorge (c) | 9 | 2 | 22% | 20 | 2.22 |
| Ed Moore | 9 | 1 | 11% | 14 | 1.56 |
| Alex Forbes | 9 | 5 | 56% | 27 | 3.00 |



C2 - Team 10

A high quality profile side that looked dead certs and were looking for a back-to-back win. This side struggled early after the long Xmas layoff and fought back like pit bulls only to come in 5th in a photo finish (68 points). Bound to fight back and a team to watch.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|-------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| John Healy | 9 | 5 | 56% | 29 | 3.22 |
| Mick Jaroszewicz | 9 | 4 | 44% | 25 | 2.78 |
| Wayne Rastall (c) | 6 | 3 | 50% | 18 | 3.00 |
| Greg Kelly | 8 | 1 | 13% | 8 | 1.00 |
| Ron Marshall | 7 | 2 | 29% | 14 | 2.00 |

C3 - Team 11

Struggled with their first venture into C3 for some time - another fine decision by the Western Districts grading committee to overrule our Briars gradings. Finished 7th and looking forward to an improved performance next comp.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Tony Cariola | 11 | 2 | 18% | 14 | 1.27 |
| Stefan Krnel | 12 | 4 | 33% | 24 | 2.00 |
| George Waird (c) | 11 | 0 | 0% | 10 | 0.91 |
| Paul Bruner | 10 | 6 | 60% | 34 | 3.40 |
| Andrew Krnel | 8 | 2 | 25% | 17 | 2.13 |

C4 - Team 12

Not far away from getting a taste and should be a force in the Spring. Sound efforts by the rest of the team after David only managed 2 matches. Cappie Steve topped the team averages with 5 wins from 7 to come in 3rd only to dip out before the big money.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| David Figg | 2 | 1 | 50% | 6 | 3.00 |
| Darren Peisley | 9 | 2 | 22% | 20 | 2.22 |
| Barney Rudd | 8 | 4 | 50% | 21 | 2.63 |
| Steve Kodela (c) | 7 | 5 | 71% | 23 | 3.29 |
| Chris Leung | 8 | 6 | 75% | 34 | 4.25 |
| Nathan Chang | 9 | 7 | 78% | 37 | 4.11 |

C4 - Team 13

Lead by their fearless captain Stuart, Alf, Mick, Rene and Young John only needed a little luck and they could have been there. Look forward to seeing them all at training so luck won't be needed. Came in 6th.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|-------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Stuart Santer (c) | 10 | 6 | 60% | 34 | 3.40 |
| Alf DiMonte | 7 | 2 | 29% | 12 | 1.71 |
| Mick Franco | 11 | 5 | 45% | 29 | 2.64 |
| Rene Smeets | 9 | 4 | 44% | 25 | 2.78 |
| John Siounis | 9 | 2 | 22% | 14 | 1.56 |

D1 - Team 14

A solid effort from the boys in only their second comp saw them finish fourth and get a taste of the semi-finals. Best performances were from Steve and Tony with Troy and Nick throwing in a good team effort. The experience will make a difference in future comps.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Steve Taylor (c) | 11 | 8 | 73% | 46 | 4.18 |
| Troy Jefferies | 10 | 4 | 40% | 20 | 2.00 |
| Tony Vergos | 11 | 8 | 73% | 40 | 3.64 |
| Dominic Caristo | 1 | 1 | 100% | 4 | 4.00 |
| Nick Nardo | 8 | 3 | 38% | 17 | 2.13 |
| George Knezevic | 2 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0.00 |



D2 - Team 15

Finished fifth with Nick leading from the front to top the team averages. Only beaten by one point out of fourth place the boys could well be in there next comp. A solid performance by the Jay, Nigel and Dominic will stand them in good stead for future comps.

| Name | Played | Won | % Won | Tot pts | Avg |
|------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|------|
| Ian Pitt (c) | 10 | 6 | 60% | 31 | 3.10 |
| Jay Jayadev | 9 | 4 | 44% | 22 | 2.44 |
| Nigel Woolley | 8 | 2 | 25% | 18 | 2.25 |
| Dominic DeSantos | 8 | 4 | 50% | 25 | 3.13 |
| Nick Criniti | 9 | 5 | 56% | 35 | 3.89 |

Jim "Bucca" Farrell

As another year draws to a close, we are left to reflect on what might have been. Bar sales for the year have been rather poorer than we would have expected. At the time of the major renovations to the club around two years ago, the impact on bar trading was not fully understood. Gone are the days when we can guarantee a few hundred dollars over the bar on a Friday night.

Many ideas have been tried for increasing Friday night turnover, notably Trivia nights, Inter-Sports Trophy nights and Ladies' nights. Thanks to all of those people who have contributed to the limited success of these evenings, with special thanks for the enormous efforts of Geoff Armstrong in compiling five questions for the Trivia nights.

During the year, the usual select few have ensured that my job is that little bit easier. Chris Lamond has provided a vast amount of effort, as in previous years, and took over the reigns for the second time during the year, whilst I was holidaying in sunny England. It is perhaps fitting that I recently stepped down in favour of Chris, as he has already proved that he is well capable of doing the job. I know also, that Chris will be able to rely on the support of all of you in the years to come.

Matthew Waddington was largely responsible for the quality of the draught beer, as he regularly cleaned the beer lines, and often assisted Chris in his other duties. Thanks Carrot !

The notable improvement in hygiene in the bar and kitchen areas were largely due to the efforts of Jenny Murray. Keep up the good work Jenny.

Anthony Clarke continues to be a significant contributor to the ongoing welfare of the club, and was always on hand to assist with bar operations when required.

Greg McManus and Marry Watts have given much of their valuable time up to clearing and reconciling of the till on a regular basis, ably assisted by the efforts of Stuart Lind, who ensured that change was always available, and that our revenue was banked in a timely fashion.

Finally, there were times during my term of office when I would have been unable to continue in my role of Senior Steward without the support and encouragement of Board and Management. It would be remiss of me not to make special mention here of the outstanding efforts of Craig Hickey and Brett Howle in this regard. Thanks to you both, and hurry back to Sydney, Brett. Your club needs you !

Garry O'Brien
Senior Steward

Senior Steward's Report

Social Golf Report

During 1996 the Royal and Ancient Briars Social Golf Club conducted two extremely successful tournaments as part of the internationally recognised professional players (bus) tour.

The first was held at the undulating mountain course at Blackheath and took place on Sunday March 3, attended by 42 players with 18 on the bus.

Our handicapper, Chang, did not make the journey (under threat of death from home) and asking him to describe the Calloway scoring system over the phone when JFT did not have a Calloway card was a feat in itself.

Anyway, golf was the winner on the day although Anthony Clarke might not necessarily agree with that statement. Prize winners were:

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Handicap 1st (C/B) | Chris Lamond |
| Handicap 2nd (C/B) | Andy King |
| Handicap 3rd (C/B) | Anthony Clarke |
| Calloway 1st | Paul Andreazza (I don't know how) |
| Calloway 2nd | Tony Porter |
| Bradman | Stuart Santer (I think Stuart wins whenever he plays) |
| Nearest the Pins | Ron Sudlow, Brandon Sheppard |
| Drive and pitch | Marty Watts |
| Longest drive | Marty Watts |

Highlights of the day included Ken Kable getting his name on all the markers and winning none; Ray Pontifex complaining bitterly about the bets being made on his behalf by his partner (you guessed it - KK) and losing a motza on the day; Craig Hickey not winning L/D (foot didn't work/too many people watching); JFT's error with Clarkie's score; Gary Pengelly partnering a female around the course (such a gentleman); Paul Andreazza's amazing dexterity with words on the bus trip up; Keith Powell and KK putting up a spirited display of comradeship with the fallen Labor warriors; and Joe's magic umbrella as 1st prize.

Our second and, of course, major tournament of the year, ranked by some as more significant in determining the true (bus) tour champion than Augusta or St. Andrews, was The Briars Open, held at the beautiful but testing coastal links course at Kiama Downs on the weekend of October 19 and 20. A record number of entries were received with the true international flavour of the event evidenced by the multicultural nature of professionals who took advantage of the shuttle bus service from overnight accommodation at George Street, Burwood to the course (gee, that floor's hard on the back). In total 45 athletes at the peak of their long training schedules teed off in front of the huge and expectant crowds (and the bus driver), from the famous elevated first tee. Although many players showed obvious signs of nerves, gravity ensures every player at least drove the enormous 20m to the first water hazard across the fairway.

Outstanding performers on the day included an unbeaten 136 (not out) by Stuart Santer to take out the Bradman prize; the skill and *accuracy* of Keith Robert Powell to take out the nearest the pin; and the sheer brute power of 'Long John' Anthony Clarke who took out the longest drive. Of course the ambidexterity of Ray Pontifex who combined the above skills to take out the drive and pitch is also worth of mention.

The Calloway handicapping event run in conjunction with the open championship for golfers yet to earn sufficient prize money to qualify for the main event was taken out by the youthful Frank Galati (I think he's someone's uncle!) with a net 72 from John Siounnis (I think he's someone's cousin!) with a net 74. I did mention it was an international field.

The lowest scratch score on the day was an amazing 78 off the stick from our perpetual benefactor Ray Pontifex and equal third in the Open with net 61's were Paul Jones and 'Choker' Milton Howell. Unluckiest player in the tournament must have been runner up Keith Robert Powell who finished with a record low net 57 (and still didn't win).

However, true champions always come to the fore in these prestigious events and the 1996 Briars Open Champion was just such a chump. Congratulations to the winner, Ray Pontifex, with an outstanding net 56.



This event climaxes an outstanding year for the tour and organising committee. Special thanks should go to our ongoing corporate sponsors, Ray Pontifex and Keith Robert Powell and of course the mouth, meat and brains behind all the organisation President John, Joe Caristo and Chang respectively.

Peter Bowyer
Convenor

Social Golf Report



The highlight of the social calendar was no doubt the Annual Dinner on Friday, 12 July. This was again 'one not to be missed' as we were extremely fortunate to have His Excellency, Gordon Samuels AC, as guest speaker. The evening was very well attended with a good spread of current and past members with numbers just exceeding 200. Of particular pleasure to all those present was the table of 'Good Old Boys', (organised by Spencer Hipwell), who had played alongside The Governor back in the 1950's. Many of the 'Boys' had not had a beer with 'Gordie' for some years and it was a great buzz for them and 'Gordie' to recollect those good old days. This was especially evident in 'Gordie's' speech which recalled many a tale of the glorious battles and victories on and off the field. The tale of Madame Fiffi rating highly with a well behaved audience.

Craig Hickey, on behalf of the Club, gave a gallant and entertaining reply to Gordie. And then up popped the young Terry Cleary whose memorable speech in verse brought the house down. I didn't realise you rugby blokes could read let alone write poetry, good on yous !!

A good idea for the night, that went down well, was a professional photographer. Some extra ordinary pictures of table groups and individuals were taken and these were displayed at the Club for a number of months and orders taken. However, for those who still have not ordered you will be able to capture your 'boat race' and your mates on that auspicious evening of July 12 by contacting :

Dave Lefcovich Tel (H) 9526 1306 or (B) 9561 8159

It was a night that embodied all that is great about The Briars and I look forward to meeting you again next year especially you 'Good Old Boys' of Spencer's era which brought a real sense of history and nostalgia to the occasion. So if you're reading this and you and a few of your old mates haven't been along to an Annual Dinner for a while then give it a try, you may be converted!!

My personal thanks go to all the table organisers, whom without, my job would be an even bigger nightmare!! Also many thanks to Paul, Guy and the staff at Concord Function

Social Report

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Centre for another splendid venue and more terrific service.

There are a few members who gave a commitment to attend the Dinner but for some reason did not. Those who did not contact me to let me know their absence in advance are liable for payment to cover the cost to the Club of \$49. At the time of writing this report there were still a small number of outstanding payments and I ask those members to settle the slate with their Sports Chairman immediately.

Towards the end of 1995 the festive season was celebrated down the Club in the usual good style with the Xmas Party. Entrance cost was down by 60% on the previous year but this did not help to attract the same heaving numbers of the year before. Although a most respectable DJ was hired for the evening those in attendance either didn't have enough grog to cast off their inhibitions, or Mr Right just wasn't there. So consequently the dance floor remained empty all night, except for a quick slow waltz and embrace by Messrs Baldy and Paul Price. My thanks go to ex Squashey, Phil Byrne, who arrived home from Sweden for 2 weeks and spent 90% of that time down the club. Naturally when time was upon us to prepare the tucker Phil was on hand to assist. Also many thanks to those who managed to scoff the second ham, whose Xmas table did that end up on????

This coming year there will be no paid DJ, but there will be music in abundance from our in house music system. So you Briars, who hit the clubs in town after the George Street bar closes, have another chance to show us how you entice the young girls to dance the night away.

Mid year saw the Old Members night down the Club. As usual Rod Smith put on a splendid gourmet spread, and sincere thanks go to him. The evening was well attended and in particular the Spencer Hipwell, 'Good Old Boys', stood out. As I understand in 'training' for the big night of the Annual Dinner. Your training obviously paid off Spencer, we look forward to seeing much more of the same next year.

One Friday early in the New Year, a Trots Night is proposed. So watch Focus for details or see your Sports Social organiser to give you details, you won't want to miss it. This event is instead of the Dinner Dance which because of lack of support has been side lined for a wee while.

Merry Xmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all yee Briars and to your 'She, who must be obeyed!!!!'.

Mick Jaroszewicz.



Personnel Report

After doing the Personnel Chairmans role for nearly 100 years the time has come to hand the baton over. Matthew Waddington to take over the role during November 1996. I've certainly enjoyed my role, and in the period I was in charge over 300 new members joined the club ranks. I've also enjoyed being part of the Briars Management team, something of which I am sure I will be a part of again in the future years. Good luck to Matthew who I am sure will do a great job.

Paul Price
Personnel Chairman

The Board of Directors and the Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1 October, 1995 to 30 September, 1996. Attendance by members was as follows:-

Board

| | | |
|---------------|----|---------------------------|
| C. Hickey | 3 | (resigned Feb. 1996) |
| I. Richard | 10 | |
| J. Price | 10 | |
| P. Richardson | 11 | |
| W. Hooker | 11 | |
| P. Mattick | 10 | |
| K. Kable | 4 | |
| J Threlfo | 9 | (appointed AGM Feb. 1996) |

Management

| | | |
|----------------|----|--|
| C. Hickey | 2 | (resigned Feb. 1996) |
| J. Threlfo | 11 | |
| G Heggarty | 3 | Appointed Focus July 1996) |
| P. Price | 9 | (resigned Sept. 1996) |
| M Waddington | 1 | (appointed Personnel Oct. 1996) |
| G. O'Brien | 8 | (resigned Oct. 1996) |
| A. Clarke | 10 | |
| G. Price | 12 | |
| J Caristo | 2 | (appointed Squash Sept. 1996) |
| J. Farrell | 11 | (resigned Sept. 1996) |
| R. McQuade | 1 | (resigned Nov. 1995) |
| G. Abood | 6 | (Schools) |
| J. Hughes) | 3 | (Liaison) |
| W. Hooker | 11 | |
| M Yager | 8 | (appointed Hockey Nov. 1996) (resigned Hockey Sept. 1996) |
| M. Jaroszewicz | 5 | |
| P. Viglienze | 1 | (appointed Focus Sept. 1995) (resigned April 1996) |
| G. McManus | 11 | |
| P Guest | 11 | (appointed Rugby Nov. 1995) |
| A Chu | 1 | (appointed Hockey Sept. 1996) |
| P Andreazza | 1 | (appointed House Sept. 1996) |
| S Carey | 1 | (appointed House Sept. 1996) |
| C Lamond | 8 | (appointed Bar Services Manager March 1996) |



J. H. STONE TROPHY

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

Matt Waddington has been awarded this trophy this year. Matt is testimony to the philosophy of getting more from the club, the more you put into it. Matt has always been a keen member of the club and experienced the usual ups and downs of youthful exuberance. He is now exhibiting all of the qualities to become an outstanding club member.

Matt is a talented footballer who always gives 100% on the field and performs the role of Club Captain with particular relish at the after match speeches. He contributes to Rugby by his behind the scenes work on the Rugby committee and supports other sports by his attendance on playing days and at functions. He assists in the club rooms with general maintenance and stocking the bar. Matt has recently accepted the position of Personnel Chairman and is a worthy winner of this trophy.

Administration & Trophies

THE TED STOCKDALE TROPHY

This trophy has been donated by the Board of Directors in recognition of the outstanding contribution made to the club by Ted Stockdale. It is awarded to a club member who has made a continuing contribution to the welfare and administration of the club over a number of years.

The Board of Directors has awarded the trophy to Martin Watts. Martin has been a fine clubman for many years and has held the administrative positions of Personnel Chairman and Basketball Chairman. He has also contributed greatly behind the scenes by balancing the till; regular stocktaking of bulk and bar supplies; and being available to open the club for maintenance repairs, deliveries, etc. There are numerous other tasks that Martin has carried out in his usual obliging manner and he is an outstanding selection for this trophy.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

The trophy is intended as a remembrance of those who lost their lives during service in World War II. The trophy was donated by the late H. G. Whiddon. The basis of arriving at the winner is as follows:



| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Value to team as a cricketer | 35 points |
| Conduct | 15 points |
| General Keeness | 15 points |
| Value to Club as a member | 25 points |
| Neatness of dress | 10 points |
| | <u>100 points</u> |

The award for the 1995/96 season is presented to Gerard Abood. Gerard has been involved in the club for many years being active and successful both on and off the field. He has been captain of the Under 24's for three years and worked very hard in the important rebuilding years. He has also been involved in the Junior recruitment area as well and organized many successful "7-a-side" competitions.

Gerard was also a prominent member of the 2nd grade Premiership last season and fully deserves this honour.

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

The Gordon Bevan Shield is awarded to the player who, in the opinion of the Club, has done the most toward football and the Club in general. The criteria for selection are as follows:

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Attendance at training | 20 points |
| Value to the Team | 20 points |
| Most improved Player | 20 points |
| General Keeness | 15 points |
| Value as a Club Member | 15 points |
| Neatness of Uniform | 10 points |
| | <u>100 points</u> |

The Shield is awarded to Reg Taiata.

Reg has played a vital part of Briars Rugby since joining the club many years ago. He is by far one of the most dedicated rugby players we have. In 1996 he held the Registrar position of the Rugby Committee and did an outstanding job. With the massive number of new players in 1996 he was required to take photos of each one and have every player sign all registration papers. This was perhaps one of our most important roles.

Reg was always at training and always prepared to put that little bit of extra effort in. Reg played the majority of the season in 1st grade and only injury prevented him from playing every game in that grade.

Reg also assisted on more occasions than I can remember with the pre-season and fitness training. He showed a level of keenness unequalled by most players. He also assisted Scott Carey with the canteen function, being the main supplier of meat pies.

Reg is a most deserved recipient of this award. Well done Reg. Hope you have many more years of involvement with our club.

A. J. ROBINSON SHIELD

The Shield was donated by the late A. J. Robinson ("Robbie") and is won by the hockey player obtaining the most points in the following manner:

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

This years recipient of the A J Robinson Shield is Jesse Borthwick. Jesse was an inspiration to the club this year, always putting his all into playing, training and helping with administration. He was involved with a myriad of tasks throughout the year, including raffle tickets, Melbourne Cup Box trifecta and the Presentation night. His ball skills, speed, tackling, positional play/game sense and general playing ability improved a lot during the year as well and he ran himself to a standstill on many occasions.

Jesse, nicknamed "Body", was always positive, almost never became stressed out and always maintained his discipline and composure. He is approachable and quick to laugh, but not at the expense of others. Jesse certainly has a great future at the Briars.

Congratulations, Jesse

DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

The Trophy was donated by the late R. D. Vanderfield who was instrumental in commencing Squash in the Club and having it recognized as a major sport. This Trophy is presented to the squash player who has contributed the most to Squash and the Club in general.

Points are awarded as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Value as a team member | 20 points |
| Value as a member of the Club | 20 points |
| Keenness as a player | 20 points |
| Improvement as a player | 15 points |
| Conduct on the Squash Court | 15 points |
| Neatness of dress | <u>10 points</u> |
| | <u>100 points</u> |

What can one say about this years winner, "Pizza Joe" Caristo? A short round fellow who learnt how to drink pints of beer on a squash trip to NZ (he thought they were "short black" coffee and drank them as such). Joe was invaluable to the Squash Chairman over the past year and in fact without Joe's help squash would have been in very dire straits indeed. Countless hours were spent by poring over team selection, followed by the obligatory pizza of course. He made dozens of phone calls to chase members availability, sorted out personality clashes within teams (and believe me this is no easy task), talked to prospective Squash Court owners about taking Briars on, sponsored one of our grade sides and generally took a tremendous amount of the load off. Since joining the club after that fateful tour to Hong Kong (I'll bet he wishes he never went), Joe has proven himself to be a true blue Briar of the highest order and I both congratulate him and wish him success during his tenure as the new Squash chairman.



Administration & Trophies

R. D. VANDERFIELD TROPHY

This Trophy is awarded to a member of Junior Hockey who has contributed most to the junior teams. It carries the name of a past President who showed great interest in the formation of junior teams.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the 1996 R D Vanderfield winner for the outstanding Junior Hockey player is Alan Logan. Alan was captain of our Premiership winning U/13 team which defeated Northern Districts Green 3-0 in the Grand Final. The team itself lost only one game throughout the year, oddly enough to Northern Districts Green.

On a personal note, Alan had a fantastic season. I recall Alan attending our Minkey program at MLC School, Burwood and I am sure that this is his first year in hockey. From his cricket background, he quickly learnt the basic skills of hockey. He started the year at centre-half and established a very good combination with Derek Welsh. Later in the year, Alan moved to centre-forward and thrived on being able to attack. He scored the most number of goals for the U/13 team.

As a captain, he lead from the front - ensuring that the team was focused and at the same time there was harmony amongst all the players. Alan would inspire his fellow players and also had time to give advice on many aspects of the game, e.g. how to improve a hit, dribbling. etc...to those players who needed help.

Alan is a worthy winner of the 1996 R.D. Vanderfield Trophy.



GEOFF ARCHIBALD TROPHY

This is awarded to the rugby player who has made the greatest contribution to the Club in his first year playing rugby for the Club.

This years winner is Mark Parker.

Mark was one of our many new players this season. The quality of all those new players was outstanding and it is a credit to Mark to win this award over and above those other players. This award proved to be the most difficult to award with a number of players playing most of the grades and having outstanding seasons. Well done Mark. Hope to see you back in 1997.

ROBERT BRUCE CLARK -

OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is funded by a donation from the estate of ex-Patron and foundation member of the club, Bob Clark. It is awarded to a younger member who, in the opinion of the executive, displays outstanding potential to contribute to the welfare of the club and it is considered that attendance at an Outward Bound course would assist in the character development of the individual.

This year the executive decided not to award the Outward Bound scholarship just for the sake of it.

The award is held in the highest esteem by the club, not only because it was donated to the club by the late Bob Clark but it is given to a young club member who has made an outstanding contribution to the club with the view that the recipient being able to put back into the club over a period of time as has been shown by previous winners Chris Lamond and Matt Yager.

The contribution of the club's office bearers is mentioned each year but, until you have experienced the demands of these positions, can you truly appreciate what these fellows put themselves through. The rewards certainly come back to you in various ways and I hope each of these individuals have been rewarded in their own way.

A new era started last February with John 'Police' Threlfo accepting the role of President of the Briars Sporting Club. John is without doubt one of the most dedicated, hard working club members I have ever seen, all that and he is a Public Servant. He is placing importance

on club history and ethics in the management of the Briars and is keen that we look to the future, but never forget where we've been. I have thoroughly enjoyed being associated with John's passion for the club and as long as he remains 'Married' to Briars the club will succeed.

Whilst I mention one Director it would be remiss of me not to mention one other member of the Board, who without his outstanding contribution each year the club would not be held in its current high esteem. Bill Hooker is our Treasurer and manages the financial affairs of the club and all sports, he also has his own business, a family, enjoys watching and playing sport and is one of the most decent blokes God ever put breath into. All members should be very thankful of the contributions made by both John and Bill and thank them for their knowledge and efforts and give them the help to continue.

Playing wise, the club had a sensational year in Rugby, Grand Finalists in First's, Second's and Third's and having a committee that any major company would be proud of. At the time of writing Cricket were once again in a position to win the club championship, something that is going to fill their wardrobe by the end of the century. Hockey are showing good signs for the new season and are full of energy both on and off the field. And for Squash, after what has been a difficult year with a change in venue are looking strong for the 1997 seasons with approximately 10 teams.

Sports are more accountable in administrative and budgetary terms as witnessed by the financial accounts. Bill Hooker, as Treasurer, continues to oversight the club's financial resources in a very conscientious manner. Chris Lamond has taken on the role of Senior Steward and has taken a boots and all measure to attract increased patronage, even if it means consumption by himself. The executive's appreciation goes to the organizers of club and sports functions for their time and efforts, especially the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Andrazza, Scott Carey and of course Anthony Clarke for their never ending work at improving and in some instances repairing the club premises.

The executive continued The Briars Annual Inter-Sports Trophy during the year to encourage friendly competitive rivalry between the sports. The trophy was kindly donated by Col Dayman who has always encouraged the bringing of individual sports closer together through a common sporting bond and the executive thank him for his gesture. The competition involved snooker, table tennis and darts this year and other activities could be added next year. Squash emerged victorious led by Joe Caristo with superb efforts by Ron 'pockets' Marshall and Tony Porter. We are always looking to improve the format and this may include some outdoor activities.

In my first full year on the Management Committee I personally would like to thank you for your support and guidance. I would also like to state that this is a sporting club of great integrity with an ethic of playing hard and being good sports. I would also like to congratulate each trophy winner for their effort, but I would also like to congratulate those who came second or third, because that is what makes this club so special, we are a great team and everybody makes the effort.

Greg McManus
Honorary Executive Officer



Directors Report

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
ACN 000 088 479
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS - 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

Your directors present their report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 September 1996. The following persons hold office as directors at the date of this report:

| | | |
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| RICHARD | Robert I G | Company Director |
| RICHARDSON | Peter D | Accountant |
| MATTICK | Paul G | Solicitor |
| KABLE | Kenneth R | Business Proprietor |
| HOOKE | William F | Accountant |
| PRICE | John K | Business Proprietor |
| THRELF | John | Public Service Officer |

Activities:

The principal activity of the Club during the year was that of the promotion and playing of amateur sport. The Club is a licensed club under the provisions of the Registered Club's Act 1976 as amended. There has been no change in the company's activities since the last report.

Results:

The net result of operations for the year was a Profit of \$9,653 (1995 - \$4,342). Income tax was not applicable as per Note 1(c) of the Notes Accompanying the Financial Statements.

The results of the Company reflect the continued difficult bar trading conditions of recent years. Patronage of the bar after sport and on Friday evenings continues to decline reflecting the cultural change with "drink driving". The refurbished shops are fully occupied and returning the Club considerably higher rents.

The Directors and Management of the Club are continually instigating various initiatives to improve the Bar Trading and general use of the Clubroom facilities. We now have modern Clubrooms with good facilities that need to be utilised by the membership a lot more than is currently the situation.

Sports continue to find it difficult to contain operating costs without significant sponsorships. The loss of some major sponsors has impacted the recent operating results of Cricket and Hockey. The deficit recorded by cricket was after providing for a write down of equipment inventory values by \$3,811. The large Hockey deficit has been addressed by the Hockey Committee and Board with steps now in place to ensure that the sport is administered in a financially sound manner to ensure that no further deficits are experienced. Budgets provide for the recovery of this year's deficit over the next 3 seasons.

Directors' Benefits:

Since the end of the previous financial year no director of the company has received or become entitled to receive any benefits.

Indemnity against Liabilities:

The company has not during or since the financial year, in respect of any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company or a related body corporate:

- (a) indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- (b) paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors

J. F. Threlfo
Director

W.F. Hooker
Director

Signed in accordance with a Resolution of the Directors
at Burwood this 13th day of January 1997.



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
ACN 000 088 479
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Scope

I have audited the financial statements of The Briars Sporting Club Limited for the year ended 30th September, 1996, consisting of the Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and accompanying notes. The Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an Independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Company.

My audit has been planned and performed in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide a reasonable level of assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the Company which is consistent with my understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements of The Briars Sporting Club Limited are properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to give a true and fair view of:
 - (i) the state of affairs of the Company as at 30th September, 1996, and of the Profit of the Company for the financial year ended on that date;
 - (ii) the other matters required by Division 4, 4A and 4B of Part 3.6 of the Corporations Law to be dealt with in the financial statements;
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Corporations Law; and
- (c) in accordance with the Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

C.G. JONES

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Signed at Sydney

this 10th of January 1997.



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS - 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

1. In the opinion of the Directors of the company:
 - (a) The accompanying Profit and Loss Account gives a true and fair view of the profit or loss of the company for the financial year;
 - (b) the accompanying Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year;
 - (c) the Statement of Cash Flows gives a true and fair view of the cash flow for the financial year.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company can meet its debts as and when they fall due.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors



J. F. Threlfo
Director

W.F. Hooker
Director

Signed in accordance with a Resolution of the Directors
at Burwood this 13th day of January 1997.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

| | NOTE | 1996 \$ | 1995 \$ |
|----------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| CASH | 4 | 115,183 | 56,990 |
| RECEIVABLES | 5 | 8,220 | 6,438 |
| INVENTORIES | 6 | 18,833 | 19,732 |
| OTHER | 7 | <u>12,625</u> | <u>18,492</u> |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>154,861</u> | <u>101,652</u> |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| INVESTMENTS | 8 | 44,551 | 64,442 |
| PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT | 9 | <u>262,016</u> | <u>282,736</u> |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>306,567</u> | <u>347,178</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | <u>461,428</u> | <u>448,830</u> |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| CREDITORS & BORROWINGS | 10 | 33,619 | 25,009 |
| PROVISIONS | 11 | <u>8,449</u> | <u>14,223</u> |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>42,068</u> | <u>39,232</u> |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| CREDITORS & BORROWINGS | 12 | <u>44,551</u> | <u>44,442</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | <u>86,619</u> | <u>83,674</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>374,809</u> | <u>365,156</u> |
| MEMBERS' FUNDS | | | |
| RETAINED PROFITS | | <u>374,809</u> | <u>365,156</u> |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

| | NOTE | 1996 | 1995 |
|---|------|----------------|----------------|
| | | \$ | \$ |
| OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) | 3 | 9,653 | 4,342 |
| INCOME TAX EXPENSE | | — | — |
| PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX | | 9,653 | 4,342 |
| RETAINED PROFITS AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR | | <u>365,156</u> | <u>360,814</u> |
| TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION | | <u>374,809</u> | <u>365,156</u> |
| RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR | | <u>374,809</u> | <u>365,156</u> |

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996

| | NOTE | 1996 | 1995 |
|--|------|----------|-----------|
| | | \$ | \$ |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Subscription fees received | | 7,260 | 8,253 |
| Interest received | | 5,531 | 7,518 |
| Rent received | | 67,755 | 54,603 |
| Bar Sales | | 59,285 | 68,116 |
| Sports playing fees | | 30,617 | 19,973 |
| Golf tournament fund raising | | 7,372 | 7,545 |
| Sponsorships | | 8,265 | 16,940 |
| Focus newsletter (net) | | (8,265) | (11,181) |
| Social functions | | 587 | (295) |
| Payment to suppliers for bar purchases | | (30,763) | (46,036) |
| Outlay for sports running costs and general administration (net) | | (89,451) | (134,866) |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | 14 | 58,193 | (7,890) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Payments for - | | | |
| Refurbishment of building | | | (55,760) |
| Plant and Equipment purchases | | | (3,003) |
| Net Cash Used in Investing Activities | | 0 | (58,763) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Proceeds upon maturity of debentures and deposits | | | (20,000) |
| Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities | | 0 | (20,000) |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD | | 58,193 | (86,553) |
| CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR | | 56,990 | 143,463 |
| CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR | 13 | 115,183 | 56,990 |



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting standards and the Corporations Law, including the disclosure requirements of Schedule 5 of the Corporations Regulations. The financial statements have also been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the Accounts:-

(a) Depreciation

Non-current assets, at cost or valuation are depreciated at rates based upon their expected useful economic lives, using the prime cost or diminishing value as applicable.

(b) Inventories

All inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost has been determined by specific identification.

(c) Income Tax

The club considers its operations to be exempt from income tax under section 23(g) of the Income Tax Assessment Act in that the Club is established for the encouragement and promotion of amateur sport.

(d) Subscriptions in Advance

Subscriptions in Advance represent membership receipts beyond the current financial period. Such income is brought to account in the period to which the subscription relates.

NOTE 2 - OPERATING REVENUE

Included in the operating results of the company are the following items of gross revenue:

| | 1996 | 1995 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Bar sales | 59,285 | 68,116 |
| Subscriptions | 7,495 | 7,669 |
| Interest | 5,281 | 7,382 |
| Golf tournaments general revenue | 2,538 | 1,425 |
| Rent from shops | 65,805 | 54,603 |
| Donations and gratuities | 127 | 1,175 |
| Sundry income | 72 | 87 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 140,603 | 140,457 |

NOTE 3 - OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit before income tax is arrived at after crediting and charging the following specific items:

(i) Crediting as Income:

| | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| Interest - bank | 3,037 | 1,915 |
| Interest - other | 2,244 | 5,467 |
| Write back of deferred maintenance provision | 3,823 | - |

(ii) Charging as Expenses:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Amortisation of building | 12,535 | 12,535 |
| Depreciation of plant and equipment | 4,341 | 11,713 |
| Interest paid - bank | 16 | 34 |
| Write down of cricket equipment | 3,811 | - |

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NOTE 4 - CURRENT ASSETS

CASH

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Cash in Hand | 800 | 400 |
| Cash at Call | 94,383 | 56,590 |
| Cash on Term Deposit | <u>20,000</u> | <u>-</u> |
| TOTAL CASH | <u>115,183</u> | <u>56,990</u> |

NOTE 5 - CURRENT ASSETS RECEIVABLES

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Sundry Debtors | 8,220 | 6,188 |
| Interest Receivable | - | <u>250</u> |
| TOTAL RECEIVABLES | <u>8,220</u> | <u>6,438</u> |

NOTE 6 - CURRENT ASSETS INVENTORIES

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Bar stock | 7,419 | 4,982 |
| Clothing and sports equipment | <u>11,414</u> | <u>14,750</u> |
| TOTAL INVENTORIES | <u>18,833</u> | <u>19,732</u> |

NOTE 7 - CURRENT ASSETS OTHER

| | | |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Prepayments | <u>12,625</u> | <u>18,492</u> |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|

NOTE 8 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS INVESTMENTS

| | | |
|--|---|--------|
| Secured Debentures in Listed Companies - at cost | - | 20,000 |
|--|---|--------|

Trust Funds:

R.J. Thompson Memorial Trust Fund

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Unsecured Note in Listed Company | 1,167 | 1,167 |
| Cash in Bank | <u>1,334</u> | <u>1,334</u> |
| | <u>2,501</u> | <u>2,501</u> |

J Sheehan Sporting Scholarship

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Bank Term Deposit | 1,281 | 1,172 |
| Cash at Bank | <u>769</u> | <u>769</u> |
| | <u>2,050</u> | <u>1,941</u> |

R.J. Clark Outward Bound Scholarship

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Secured Debenture in Listed Company | <u>40,000</u> | <u>40,000</u> |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS | <u>44,551</u> | <u>64,442</u> |

NOTE 9 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

LAND & BUILDINGS

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Freehold Land & Buildings - at cost | 273,986 | 273,986 |
| Less: Accumulated Amortisation | <u>34,155</u> | <u>21,620</u> |
| | <u>239,831</u> | <u>252,366</u> |

FURNITURE, FITTINGS, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

| | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Furniture, Fittings, Plant & Equipment - at cost | 108,171 | 108,171 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | <u>85,986</u> | <u>77,801</u> |
| | <u>22,185</u> | <u>30,370</u> |

TOTAL PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

262,016 **282,736**

NOTE 10 - CURRENT LIABILITIES

CREDITORS AND BORROWINGS

| | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Trade Creditors and Accruals | 19,110 | 12,893 |
| Subscriptions in Advance | 4,339 | 4,574 |
| Unearned Income from Sports | 8,220 | 7,542 |
| Rent received in advance | <u>1,950</u> | <u>-</u> |
| TOTAL CREDITORS & BORROWINGS | <u>33,619</u> | <u>25,009</u> |



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| | 1996 \$ | 1995 \$ |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| NOTE 11 - CURRENT LIABILITIES PROVISIONS | | |
| Provision for Deferred Maintenance | 6,049 | 10,823 |
| Provision for Junior Development | 2,400 | 3,400 |
| TOTAL PROVISIONS | <u>8,449</u> | <u>14,223</u> |

NOTE 12 - NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES
CREDITORS & BORROWINGS

| | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Trust Funds | | |
| - R J Thompson Memorial Trust Fund | 2,501 | 2,501 |
| - J Sheehan Sporting Scholarship | 2,050 | 1,941 |
| - R J Clark Outward Bound Scholarship | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| TOTAL CREDITORS & BORROWINGS | <u>44,551</u> | <u>44,442</u> |

NOTE 13 - CASH FLOW RECONCILIATION OF CASH

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Cash in Hand | 800 | 400 |
| Cash at Call | 94,383 | 56,590 |
| Cash on Short Term Deposit | 20,000 | - |
| | <u>115,183</u> | <u>56,990</u> |

NOTE 14 - CASH FLOW RECONCILIATION OF NET
CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES
TO OPERATING PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX

| | | |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| Operating Profit after Income Tax | 9,653 | 4,342 |
| Depreciation and Amortisation | 20,721 | 24,248 |
| Write back of Provision for Deferred Maintenance | 3,823 | - |
| Write back of Provision for Junior Development | 1,000 | - |
| Write down of Inventories | 3,811 | 1,300 |
| Change in Assets and Liabilities: | | |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables | (1,782) | (4,554) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories | (2,912) | (2,208) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Other Current Assets | 5,867 | (11,084) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Non-Current Investments | 19,890 | (40,594) |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Trade Creditors and Accruals | 8,610 | (20,157) |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions | (10,597) | 223 |
| Increase(Decrease) in Non-Current Creditors and Borrowings | 109 | 40,594 |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | <u>58,193</u> | <u>(7,890)</u> |

NOTE 15 - COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The amount of capital which is not capable of being called up, except in the event of and for the purpose of the winding up of the Company, is not to exceed \$2 per member by virtue of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

NOTE 16 - SEGMENT REPORTING

The Company operates as a Licenced Club in New South Wales providing services and facilities common to Sporting Clubs.

NOTE 17 - AUDITORS REMUNERATION

The audit of the accounts is undertaken on an honorary basis.

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NOTE 18 - RELATED PARTIES

The names of persons who were directors of the company at any time during the financial year are as follows:

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| C R Hickey (Resigned 9/9/96) | R I Richard |
| P D Richardson | W F Hooker |
| J F Threlfo | J K Price |
| P G Mattick | K R Kable |

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director has received or become entitled to receive any remunerations.

**BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996**

| | 1996 \$ | 1995 \$ |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| BAR TRADING | | |
| Sales | 59,285 | 68,116 |
| Less : Cost of Sales | <u>29,376</u> | <u>39,009</u> |
| Gross Bar Profit | <u>29,909</u> | <u>29,107</u> |
| LESS: BAR OPERATING EXPENSES | | |
| Liquor Licence | 2,988 | 3,752 |
| Bar Expenses and Maintenance | 7,758 | 4,150 |
| Depreciation of Bar Equipment | <u>3,845</u> | <u>3,84</u> |
| | <u>14,591</u> | <u>11,747</u> |
| BAR TRADING PROFIT | 15,318 | 17,360 |
| ADD INCOME FROM | | |
| Property Rents | 65,805 | 54,603 |
| Members Subscriptions | 7,495 | 7,669 |
| Interest Received | 5,281 | 7,382 |
| Interest Expense | (16) | |
| Golf Tournaments | 2,538 | 1,425 |
| Donations and General Fundraising | 127 | 1,175 |
| Surplus/(Loss) Sale of Clothing | 72 | (113) |
| Surplus/(Loss) on Rugby | 1,776 | 6,292 |
| Surplus/(Loss) on Cricket | (4,100) | 617 |
| Surplus/(Cost) on Hockey | (6,161) | (1,176) |
| Surplus/(Cost) on Squash | 337 | 17 |
| Surplus/(Loss) on Social Activities | <u>(587)</u> | <u>669</u> |
| | <u>72,567</u> | <u>95,920</u> |
| LESS OPERATING EXPENSES | | |
| House Expenses including maintenance | 10,204 | 8,555 |
| Annual Reports and Accounting Costs | 6,425 | 5,515 |
| Depreciation(excluding Bar Equipment) | 16,876 | 28,403 |
| Rates & Utilities | 7,749 | 9,102 |
| Focus Newsletter (net) | 8,265 | 9,016 |
| Bank Charges, State Duty,etc. | 1,089 | 1,173 |
| Insurance | 12,375 | 9,750 |
| Postage | 1,115 | 1,448 |
| Sports Subsidies | 6,978 | 18,040 |
| Junior Development Costs | 3,815 | 4,321 |
| Sundry Administration Costs | <u>3,341</u> | <u>4,222</u> |
| | <u>78,232</u> | <u>91,578</u> |
| SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | <u>9,653</u> | <u>4,342</u> |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

