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AS THE WORLD MOVED INTO A NEW MILLENNIUM and the many challenges facing a changing world, so too The Briars Sporting Club Ltd has to address the same changes.

The Club has recorded a financial loss; however the loss has arisen out of our decision to engage the Club's first full time employee. A review of our accounts will show that, in the absence of the costs of the employee, a profit would have been returned. In this respect, the Board considers that steps are being taken to address the question of the profitability of the Club.

Once again, Bar turnover has failed to reach expectations. It is heartening to know however, that the profitability of the Bar has been increased. This has occurred primarily due to a continued upgrading and monitoring of the Bar equipment.

We continued to have good relations with our tenants, who continued to pay rent on a timely basis. In the current climate of minimal consumer price index increases, the rental return has not increased substantially. However, the reliability of our tenants is appreciated.

Over the year, a review was conducted of our financial investments in an attempt to maximise future earnings, and funds have been placed appropriately.

We have continued the gradual upgrade of the Club's premises. In last years Annual Report, it was noted the Board is mindful of ensuring that any expenditure carried out will ultimately increase the return of such investment to the Club. One hopes that with the soon to be completed re-carpeting the Club rooms will become a more inviting venue for socialising, with a return to strong profits.

As a Sporting Club, we have continued to excel and noting that this is the primary reason for our existence, it is in this area we should judge the continued success of the Club. Cricket continued the magnificent era they are in by winning the Club Championship yet again, successfully defending 1st Grade premiership, winning our first under 24 premiership and again winning the 4th Grade premiership. Additionally, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade and 5th Grade were beaten Semi-Finalists. It is also heartening to note that the success of Cricket comes with a growing group of players, which augers well for the future. Once again, the efforts of Gerard Price, his players, coaches and Committee are acknowledged.

Last year saw Hockey promoted to the Premier Division of the Sydney Hockey Association. This year the Club finished 4th place in the Club Championship. The 1st Grade team were beaten in the minor Semi-Final and the 2nd Grade team beaten in the preliminary Final. A growing junior Club and successful female teams, coupled with an aggressive junior program in the area, ensures that Hockey will continue to grow provided our efforts are continued. During the year, Dean Garland resigned as Chairman and was replaced by Greg Dunn and congratulations go to both of them and their Committee.

Probably the highlight of the Hockey season was the opening of the Hockey Field adjoining Concord Oval. As was reported last year, Concord Council elected to build this facility and financial assistance was provided by the Briars Foundation. Significantly, the financial arrangements associated with the running of the Hockey field and its canteen, has ensured that Hockey has made a healthy profit, which will greatly assist in the continuing development and promotion of Hockey within the local area.

Squash was reported last year as continuing to perform reasonably in difficult circumstances. The situation does not change. Ron Marshall retired as Chairman during the course of the year and was replaced by Guy Amedee. The most significant challenge that faces Squash is the availability of a suitable venue with the continued suggestion the Five Dock Squash Centre will close. Notwithstanding that one of the Courts remaining in the local area, which is our home base at the present time, may close, the Squash Committee has committed itself to ensuring that Squash continues as a major sport in Briars. Continuing efforts are being made in an attempt to re-locate to suitable courts if necessary, to seek to have further Courts developed in the local area.

Rugby continued to struggle in 3rd Division. One cannot detract from the efforts of Matt Waddington, Rugby Chairman, his fellow Committee members or the coaching staff. The results throughout the year were mixed with no team making the Semi Finals. However the potential that exists within the Club was most clearly displayed by the fact that we defeated the 1st Grade Minor Premiers, Petersham, in the 1st round and were beaten on the bell by them in the 2nd round.



President's Report

Clearly, greater input is required into Rugby and it is heartening to note that Mal Weber, a Rugby player of the 80's, has taken the bit between his teeth and is working with the Committee to re-establish the supremacy of Briars Rugby. The year 2001 will see Briars Rugby emerge in a new strip, with a new coaching staff and with a new resolve. The early indications are that this is the beginning of the journey back to where Briars Rugby belongs.

To be a Chairman of a successful sport, with many people willing to assist while not being an easy job, is generally satisfying. To carry the Chairman's role in a sport that continues to struggle, requires great fortitude. The Board thanks Matt Waddington and his Committee for their continued efforts and trust that the injection of more senior members into the Rugby Committee will give Matt the honour of leading Rugby back to its rightful place.

Once again, we have received support from Burwood RSL by way of donation. These have been used in meeting the cost of various junior development programs. If there has been one area the Club has continued to excel in, it is the development of junior programs, primarily within Hockey and Cricket. The year 2001 is also going to see significant involvement in junior Rugby.

As mentioned earlier, the Club has employed its first staff member. Unfortunately, the road has been somewhat rocky with our first two employees resigning after a relatively short period of time. Notwithstanding this, the Club has seen the benefit of having a full time employee in assisting in the smooth running of the Club. There is little doubt our Treasurer, Bill Hooker and Hon. Executive Officer, John Threlfo, have appreciated the assistance given by these people. The presence of a paid employee has also enabled us to become more involved in the Schools and the surrounding junior Associations. We believe the continuation of this arrangement will continue over the next few years and all junior sportsman and women within the Burwood and Concord areas will become well acquainted with the Briars Sporting Club.

The past year has also been a period of consultation in relation to a proposal to change the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Club to allow for female membership. A Committee was formed, made up of people who covered all views in relation to the question of female membership. There has also been extensive canvassing of members, both young and old. I note that at the last Annual General Meeting, the question of allowing female membership was to be put. However, it was agreed that it was inappropriate to consider such a significant move without having first thoroughly investigated the effect of such a decision on the continued running of the Club. I believe anyone who has wished to have a say, has been given ample opportunity to do so and so the question of female membership will go to the members at this Annual General Meeting.

I acknowledge the contribution and assistance of Board and Management Committees. Once again, the outstanding contribution of Bill Hooker as Treasurer of our Club, cannot be underestimated. During the last year, Bill, in addition to his voluntary work for The Briars, has been constantly involved in the Paralympics and we thank him for his contribution.

At the time of writing this report, it is with sadness that I acknowledge the passing of our Patron, Harvey Ford. During my time as President, I have on many occasions been contacted by Harvey with his views on where the Club is going and comments in relation to any proposed changes within the Club. Notwithstanding that Harvey represented in some respects the views of the earlier years of the Club, he has also acknowledged that the people now running the Club were those who would make the decisions in relation to the future of the Club and was full of support for whatever those decisions may be. The passing of Harvey is the passing of a true gentleman, the passing of a Briar of whom we have always been proud.

Finally, the support of the following bodies is acknowledged:-

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| - Concord Council | - Burwood Council |
| - Burwood RSL | - Squash Racquets Association (NSW) |
| - Sydney Hockey Umpires Association | - NSW Cricket Association |
| - NSW Suburban Rugby Union | - Sydney Rugby Referees Association |

Paul Mattick

President



IT WAS WITH GREAT PLEASURE that the Briars Foundation allocated an \$80,000 loan during the year to Concord Council for the construction of the synthetic international hockey field behind Waratah Rugby Stadium. The hockey field was used as a practice ground for the Sydney 2000 Olympics. The loan to Concord Council is interest free and is to be paid back in annual instalments over the next four years. Briars Hockey has a lease with Council over the hockey field for a number of years.

John Price is to be congratulated for his time and effort to see this project come to fruition. Sincere thanks also go to the Foundation Directors and Treasurer and the Board of Briars Sporting Club for their support over the past year. Also, a thank you to Jim Barrett and Col Dennis for their outside help.

The Foundation is pleased to announce that for the year ended 30 June 2000, donations received were for \$13,500 and currently \$152,465 is invested in gilt-edged securities.

Should you know of any member or non-member who would like to help the Foundation financially, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Foundation Directors.

I G S Blair
President



AFTER YET ANOTHER SENSATIONAL SEASON the cricketers are certainly riding high on the crest of a huge wave with more success being achieved than in any other season. We thought 1998/99 was a season we would find difficult to match but this season was almost beyond belief with the following results:

1st Grade	PREMIERS
2nd Grade	Semi Finalists
3rd Grade	Semi Finalists
4th Grade	PREMIERS
5th Grade	Semi Finalists
Under 24's	PREMIERS
Club Championship	1st

The 1st Grade performance, captained by Paul Price, was quite an achievement as they were successful in defending their title, a very difficult task. Fourth Grade also put up a magnificent effort under the leadership of Nick Rojo. They were clearly the dominant team in their competition and were deserved winners.

The under 24 team had been gaining momentum over the years and were primed for an assault on the trophy. Captained again by Robin Nandi and managed by Gerard Abood and Jason Harris, the team went through undefeated to achieve a well earned trophy.

The "Jewel in the Crown" for the Club, as always, was our 5th Club Championship in the past 7 years. We won the trophy by only 33 points (less than a 1st Grade win) and celebrations were well enjoyed.

Cricket Chairman's Report

Cricket

Chairman's Report



There was another trophy that we won this season, that being the Turnbull/ Richardson Trophy that is contested with the Epping Cricket Club. The Club that achieves the most Club Championship points when we play each other wins the trophy. We have not lost the trophy in its 8 year history.

Below is a summary of trophies won over the last 20 seasons by the cricketers:

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Under 24	T/ Richardson	Club Champ.
1980/81	Won		Won				
81/82							
82/83		Won					Won
83/84							
84/85	Won						Won
85/86				Won			
86/87							
87/88							
88/89							
89/90		Won		Won			
90/91							
91/92							
92/93						Won	
93/94		Won	Won			Won	Won
94/95						Won	
95/96		Won				Won	Won
96/97						Won	Won
97/98				Won		Won	
98/99	Won		Won			Won	Won
99/00	Won			Won	Won	Won	Won
TOTALS	4	4	3	4	1	8	7

As you may be aware this season was the first year we participated in the Metropolitan Cup where we organised a 5th Grade side. Thanks to the involvement of Nick Beams and Ken Welsh, this team was organised with a view to the future as it provides an avenue for our juniors to progress to the seniors and play in a turf wicket competition. It also provided an opportunity for us to increase our player numbers and ensure more players had a game of cricket. To make the semi finals in their first year was a mighty effort.

One of the toughest and most important roles during the season is that of the captain. Not only do they give up time every second week selecting teams, but there are endless phone calls, organising afternoon tea, covers and finally the captaining duties on the day. The captains performed exceedingly well and contributed in a large way to the success of the season. Well done and thank you guys on a job well done. The captains were as follows:

1st Grade	Paul Price
2nd Grade	Brett Howle
3rd Grade	Terry Murphy
4th Grade	Nick Rojo
5th Grade	Nick Beams
Under 24's	Robin Nandi

Throughout the season we lost quite a few players who were very important to our performance, due to work commitments and injury. These included Paul Beacroft, Chris Gillard, Andrew Poole, Ash Squire and Stephen Hudson. To achieve what we did after losing such quality players certainly adds further merit to the results.

Although these guys were unavailable for vital parts of the season, we were fortunate to call on quite a few players who were willing and able to "fill in" when required. These guys included Dan Rojo, Richard Tregeagle and Michael Oliver and to these guys we are most appreciative.

As in past years the Club is fortunate to play on some excellent wickets – being Rothwell Park, Ron Routley Oval and St Lukes Oval. To Adam, J.D and the other curators we thank them for their efforts. To the administration staff at Concord Council including Robert Hook and Liz Jarrett, we also thank them for their assistance during the season.

I believe that for a Club to be successful on the field they must be organised and strong in administration off the field. Fortunately, the cricketers have plenty of helpers who are prepared to do the various tasks that need to be undertaken.

Firstly, to my assistant Nick Rojo, who involved himself in everything including social and sponsorship, as well as captaining a team, a huge thanks.

To Paul Price for his organisation of two well attended dinners at Il Buco, Enfield and another restaurant in Concord, for his general assistance around the place, and his organisation of the Presentation Night, my sincere thanks.

The managers of the Under 24s, Gerard Abood and Jason Harris, also deserve congratulations and thanks for the time and effort they put in to ensure a successful team. Thanks guys.

Over the years the Club has built up a set of records of which we can be extremely proud. Fortunately, we have a member in Terry Murphy who has continued updating the records and we thank him for his efforts.

Dan Rojo, although not playing regularly, still assisted in organising both the Club Christmas Party and the cricket "end of season" function. Thanks for your contribution.

Our involvement with our juniors, ACC Briars, continued again this season with a couple of our players regularly attending weekly training sessions to coach the lads. These included Corie Dickeson and Cameron French, with some involvement from Brad Sculley and Dave Smit. The future of our Club depends on this continued involvement and we thank these guys for their coaching efforts.

Aside from his involvement in the juniors, Corie Dickeson was involved in writing a weekly article for the local newspapers, writing the regular newsletter, organising a horse tipping competition and organising helpers at the Golf. Congratulations Corie on jobs well done.

The success of the Club and individual players has been contributed to during the season by our coaching staff of player/coach Greg Douglas and assistant coach Peter Burkhart. Greg originally played in our juniors many years ago before embarking on a grade career with Wests and Penrith where he played both 1st and 2nd grade. Upon his



Cricket Chairman's Report



arrival at the Club he earned every player's respect and was a regular attendee at the Club after games and training. Peter continued his role as 1st grade captain with Wests and introduced plenty of fielding drills to keep players entertained. To both of them, thanks guys for your role in the successful season.

This year we were fortunate to retain the sponsorship of both Liptonice and Pat Coles SMASHMASTER. Their financial assistance is vitally important to our budget and their support is invaluable. To both of them we are grateful and hope we can continue to support them, especially Pat Coles SMASHMASTER.

Another significant sponsor during the season was finalised early in the year and that involved a Melbourne based company called Venus Packaging. Their wide spread involvement in sport spread to cricket and we were fortunate enough to be an attractive proposition to this company. We anticipate this involvement to be ongoing as well and thank Venus Packaging.

During May, we organised our Annual Presentation night where the David Walker Trophy and Ted Watt Trophy were awarded. The night was well attended by past players including Peter Mansford, Ted Watt, Bob Streeter, Ian Blair, David Jamieson and Jack Balmforth to name a few.

The Ted Watt Trophy, awarded for "Best New Talent" to the Club was won by Cameron French, a newcomer who played 1st Grade and Under 24's, winning both premierships and making a significant impact. Well-done Cameron.

The David Walker Trophy, awarded to "Services to Cricket" was won by Steve Schomberg. The "Trojan" is still a major player in 2nd Grade and we hope he still has a few more years left in him.

The night also saw the Players Player in each grade and to these players we say well done.

1st Grade	Brad Sculley
2nd Grade	Steve Schomberg
3rd Grade	Brent Patterson
4th Grade	Brendon Bailey
5th Grade	Will Hood
Under 24's	Brad Sculley

Finally, I would like to thank the Club for their provision of Club Championship shirts (again) and to all the various supporters who watched games during the season, especially the semis and finals.

If there are any other people I have omitted to thank I apologize, but your efforts and support are very much appreciated.

Gerard Price
Cricket Chairman

THE FIRST GRADE SHIRES COMPETITION consists of highly paid ex first grade players, a number of ex Sheffield players and the odd ex Test player. To win one competition is remarkable: to win two in a row is amazing – and that's what the mighty Burwood Briars have achieved.

After achieving what we'd been searching for, for a number of years – a "Premiership" – in 1998/99, this season was always going to be difficult. No First Grade Shires premiers have made the semi-finals the following season for the past four years. So our aim for this season was exactly that – to make the semi-finals. Well, not only did we achieve that we also became the first Briars 1st Grade side in 50 years to win back to back premierships – a remarkable achievement.

The loss of Darren Holley back to Sutherland, and an early season exit to Port Macquarie by Phil Adams – two of our top performers last season, was always going to make things difficult. However the inclusion of Greg Douglas (former junior) from Penrith, Dave Smit, our English friend, and Cameron French from Parramatta certainly filled the gap. More consistent performances by Anthony Raymond and Sarkis Achmar and penetrating bowling from Brad Sculley and Gerard Price also impacted dramatically on the side. Our English Dave Smit has been a revelation with over 600 runs in first grade to date and 300-400 runs in under 24's. Although we started the season a little slower this time, we hit form at the right end of the season and peaked during the FINALS, despite being in 8th place just after Christmas.

We started the season with a bye and then played our eventual Grand Final opponents in Round 2. The scores were as follows.

ROUND ONE - BYE

ROUND TWO VS EPPING (two day game)

We batted first and made 210 with Dave "Pommy" Smit debuting with a superb 101. We then knocked them over for 140 with Brad Sculley 5-67 and Gerard Price 3-42 taking the honours.

Burwood Briars 210 (D. Smit 101, P. Price 25) defeated Epping 140 (B. Sculley 5-67, G. Price 3-42)

ROUND THREE VS CANTERBURY-BEXLEY (two day game)

They made 144 and we were dismissed 6 short for 138. We then had them 9-56 before dismissing them for 112 with Sculls taking 6-74. Needing 119 to win we were also dismissed for 112 – disappointing loss.

Burwood Briars 138 (C French 26, P Adams 33) & 112 (C French 37) lost to Canterbury-Bexley 144 (A Raymond 3-17, G Price 3-26, B Sculley 3-63) & 112 (B Sculley 6-74).

ROUND FOUR VS STRATHFIELD (two day game)

Rain washed out day one and once again halted play after 33 overs on day two with us 7-96

Burwood Briars 7-96 (G Abood 29) drew with Strathfield

ROUND FIVE VS LINDFIELD (two day game)

We grafted our way to 189 on day one with Paul Price 44 and Anthony Raymond 39 n.o top scoring. They were 3-98 overnight and 9-176 at one stage before being bowled out for 224. A gutsy performance despite it being a loss.

Burwood Briars 189 (P Price 44, A Raymond 39 n.o, C French 28) lost to Lindfield 224 (B Sculley 4-47).



**ROUND SIX VS SOUTH SYDNEY (two day game)**

A vital match against last year's runners-up. We batted first on day one and made 217 with Ross Hardy 54, Gerard Abood 34 and Anthony Raymond 31 batting well. South's were 4-8 overnight and never recovered, eventually being dismissed for 122 – a sweet victory. Sarkis Achmar made a superb return to Firsts taking 5-29 and Ray took 3-17. We batted again and were 5-78.

Burwood Briars 217 (R Hardy 54, G Abood 34, A Raymond 32) and 5-78 (R Hardy 26, P Price 20) defeated South Sydney 122 (S Achmar 5-29, A Raymond 3-17).

ROUND SEVEN VS MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

We smashed them on a big Macquarie ground to amass 7-319 with Dave "Pommy" Smit 132, Greg Douglas 59, Paul Price 44 and Ross Hardy 40, the destroyers. On day two we were the only game in the Southern Hemisphere washed out, with no attempt by Macquarie Uni to prepare a pitch on the second sunny day – no wonder they never make the semis.

Burwood Briars 7-319 (D Smit 132, G Douglas 59, R Hardy 40) drew with Macquarie Uni.

ROUND EIGHT VS BLACKTOWN (one day game)

A great win against the competition leaders. We made 216 with Paul Price 61, Dave Smit 54, and Greg Douglas 47. Despite being 1-73 at one stage they were never really in the hunt, eventually being dismissed for 155 with all the bowlers doing a great job.

Burwood Briars 216 (P Price 61, D Smit 54, G Douglas 47) defeated Blacktown 155 (B Sculley 3-31, G Price 2-20, A Raymond 2-27).

ROUND NINE VS AUBURN (one day game)

We sent them in and knocked them over for 74 in this one dayer with Sarkis Achmar 4-47 the pick of the bowlers. We reached the target 5 down with Roscoe scoring 23.

Burwood Briars 5-75 (R Hardy 23) defeated Auburn 74 (S Achmar 4-17, B Sculley 3-26, G Price 2-19)

ROUND TEN VS LANE COVE (two day game)

We sent them in and had them 4-13 before they recovered and reached 131 and at the end of the day we'd collapsed to 5-12, and then 6-63. Gerard Price and Andrew Blaikie batted superbly to add an unbeaten 100 7th wicket partnership and we cruised home on day two. Blaikie made 41 n.o whilst Gerard capped off an amazing game scoring 51 n.o to add to his 5-34. We had them 6-100 in their second innings.

Burwood Briars 6(dec) -132 (G Price 51 n.o, A Blaikie 41 n.o) defeated Lane Cove 131 (G Price 5-34, B Sculley 3-26, G Price 2-19)

ROUND ELEVEN VS WARRINGAH (one day game)

We sent them in on a wet Weldon Oval wicket and knocked them over for just 80 with Brad Sculley 4-28 and Anthony Raymond taking 3-24. As the day progressed the wicket seemed to deteriorate and we collapsed from 0-20 to be all out for 36.

Burwood Briars 36 (C French 17) lost to Warringah 80 (B Sculley 4-28, A Raymond 3-24)

ROUND TWELVE VS ROSEVILLE (two day game)

Nearly an outright. We bowled first and dismissed Roseville for 80 with Brad Sculley continuing his excellent season taking 4-20 and Anthony Raymond 3-14. We finished day one at 9-156 with Cameron French 40 and Dave Smit 40. After declaring overnight we had Roseville in trouble at 2-18. We were then to rue a costly umpiring decision as their skipper given not out, caught behind at nought, went on to score 93 before we eventually dismissed them for 198. We then had 18 overs to score 123. Early wickets cost us before Paul Price 51 and Greg Douglas 47 gave us a sniff. We needed 4

off the last ball of the match, but with ten men on the boundary the task was impossible. Still, an excellent win.

Burwood Briars 9 (dec)-156 (C French 40, D Smit 40) and 8-121 (P Price 51, G Douglas 47) defeated Roseville 80 (B Sculley 4-20, A Raymond 3-14) and 198 (G Price 3-24, R Hardy 3-45)

ROUND THIRTEEN VS PENNANT HILLS (one day game)

Sent in on a green top at Rothwell, we batted superbly. An opening stand between Cameron French 32 and Paul Price 28 set up the score before Ross Hardy made a welcome return to form with 80 n.o. With the assistance of Dave Smit 32 and new boy, 17 year old Steve Hudson, 22 n.o. we amassed 4-245 off our 60 overs. Despite a few worries with drizzly weather we eventually dismissed them for 115. Brad Sculley took his 40th wicket with 3-10 whilst Sarkis Achmar also bowled well with 3-27.

Burwood Briars 4-245 (R Hardy 80, C French 32, P Price 28, S Hudson 22 n.o) defeated Pennant Hills 115 (B Sculley 3-10, S Achmar 3-27)

ROUND FOURTEEN VS HILLS

We hit Round Fourteen in Fourth position. However, an incredible outright victory against Hills at Hills saw us elevated to second spot with one round to go.

Burwood Briars 245 (D Smit 70, M Oliver 45, R Hardy 40) and 5 (dec)-119 (P Price 42 n.o) defeated Hills 148 (R Hardy 3-10) and 54 (G Price 6-16, S Achmar 3-18) outright.

ROUND FIFTEEN VS HOLROYD

The final round was against the strong Holroyd side. We won on day one, luckily, as day two was washed out. Sarkis Achmar took a record breaking 9-27.

Burwood Briars 7-196 (C French 43, P Price 40) defeated Holroyd 94 (S Achmar 9-27).

SEMI FINAL VS STRATHFIELD

Finishing second, we played 5th placed Strathfield in the Semi-final. Once again it was a torrid battle and once again we were the victors. We batted first and made a grafting 175, with Cameron 33 and Dave Smit 33 batting well. We had them 5-87 overnight and eventually dismissed them for 123 with Gerard taking 7-41. We then made 6-121 before Strathfield called it a day.

Burwood Briars 175 (C French 33, D Smit 33, J Harris 27) & 6-121 (G Douglas 40) defeated Strathfield 123 (G Price 7-41)

FINAL VS LINDFIELD

Once again we batted first and everyone contributed to a grafting 204 on a dampish wicket following a late start. At stumps we had Lindfield 3-37 and continued the job demolishing them for 73 with Brad Sculley taking 5-16. Now for the Grand Final.

Burwood Briars 204 (D Smit 58, C French 37, R Hardy 34, P Price 23) defeated Lindfield 73 (B Sculley 5-16, A Raymond 2-17)

GRAND FINAL VS EPPING

We sent them in on day one, gradually taking wickets before dismissing Epping for 108 at tea. Rain delayed the re-start, however we eventually got under way and at stumps we had gutsed our way to 1-61 with Paul Price and Ross Hardy combining well. A few heart flutters on day two before we eventually passed their total 7 down and with a few more rain delays we were eventually dismissed for 136. With time running out Epping smashed 4 for 72 leaving us 45 to win in fading light. A juiced up wicket made life difficult, however the winning run came with 3 wickets remaining, sparking an invasion of the ground by all players, and for the second consecutive year the R B Clark trophy was ours and a huge night of celebrating awaited.





Like last year it was a complete team performance. To win the competition you need to play as a team, and our team spirit was our greatest attribute. Greg Douglas, who played for Wests, Balmain, and Penrith, but is a Briars Junior, summed it all up when he said "....this Club has something special that no other Club has..." and it is this that makes us so successful. Congratulations to every First Grader on another remarkable achievement. Also, sensational effort by Fourths (Premiers), U/24s (Premiers), Seconds (Semi Finalists), and Metro Cup (Semi Finalists), and to the Club - Club Champions again - 5 in 7 years!!! And a final congratulations to the world's best Club Chairman, Gerard Price, on another year of remarkable success.

Some of the highlights of the season were:

- Dave "Pommy" Smit scored 652 runs in First Grade plus 329 in Under 24s, which was a record for all grades in a season (981 runs) (previously 921 runs - B. Pozuelo).
- Sarkis Achmar 9-27 vs Holroyd - equal record wickets in an innings.
- Brad Sculley 58 wickets in First Grade and 22 in Under 24s (80 wickets for season) including 5 for and 7 for in the finals.
- Gerard Price 46 wickets for season

Some Career Milestones

- Gerard Price 550 1st Grade wickets (600 overall)
- Gerard Price 4400 1st Grade runs (5000 overall)
- Paul Price 5500 1st Grade runs (6500 overall)
- Ross Hardy 1000 1st Grade runs
- Sarkis Achmar 50 1st Grade wickets
- Andrew Blaikie over 100 1st Grade dismissals (wicket keeper)

Finally thanks and congratulations to Brett Howle (2nd Grade Capt) Terry Murphy (3rd Grade) Nick Rojo (4ths) and Rob Nandi (U/24s) on a wonderful season. Thanks also to Concord Council for two great wickets and to our wives, girlfriends and supporters for all their patience during the season.

Player Profiles

CAMERON FRENCH - Cam was a breath of fresh air to the club. His enthusiasm combined with his aggressive opening batting was invaluable throughout the season. Had 9 innings over 30 including two valuable knocks in the finals. Will have a big season in 2000/2001. Best fielder in the team.

PAUL PRICE (Captain) - Not only enjoyed success as skipper again but also had a good season with the bat scoring 485 runs including a couple of valuable innings in the finals. Two premierships in a row as skipper.

ROSS HARDY - Had a reasonable season with the bat scoring 431 runs with 50's against Souths and Pennant Hills. His dour 38 in the final was a match winner. Bowled well with the limited opportunities, however still took 16 wickets at 10. Great to have in the team.

DAVE SMIT - What can you say about "Pommy". 652 runs including two centuries. Was one of the main reasons why we won the comp. Dave was the backbone of our batting and is a terrific fieldsman. Fitted into The Club brilliantly from day one and we can't wait to get him back one day.

GERARD ABOOD - Not one of Gerard's better seasons with the bat and was unfortunately dropped after Round 15. Still a very valuable member of the team and will be sorely missed as he pursues a career in umpiring.

JASON HARRIS - Came into the team for the semis after playing earlier in the season. Scored a valuable 27 v Strathfield in the semi and finally achieved his "dream" - a First Grade Premiership.

GREG DOUGLAS – Scored 380 runs including 7 valuable scores over 20. Was a huge asset to the team and The Club and his advice was invaluable. "Rover" was one of the most respected guys in the competition and a pleasure to have in the side.

GERARD PRICE – Another superb season by the old fella. Scored 176 runs including a match winning 51 n.o vs Lane Cove. Once again had the ball on a string regularly taking the vital early wickets. Finished with 46 wickets including 7-41 vs Strathfield in the Semi. Deserved another premiership.

ANDREW BLAIKIE - Had another excellent season behind the stumps with 26 dismissals. His 41 n.o as part of his match winning 101 partnership with Gerard when we were 6-31 showed that he can do the job with the bat.

BRAD SCULLEY - Deserved to be chosen as Players Player. Bowled superbly throughout the season taking 58 wickets. Once again performed brilliantly in the Semis taking 5-16 vs Lindfield and then 7-40 in the Final vs Epping. Should score more runs – but that will come. Well done "Sculls" on a superb season.

ANTHONY RAYMOND - Big Ray had his best season ever. Bowled consistently well all season taking 24 wickets and always chimed in with the vital wickets. Also added a couple of valuable hard-hitting 30's with the bat. Ray deserved to be part of the Premiership team.

SARKIS ACHMAR - "Sarky" had a fantastic season. Took 35 wickets and actually won the 1st Grade bowling averages for the competition with an average of 9.71. Took 5-29 vs Souths on his return to firsts and also took an amazing 9-27 vs Holroyd. After missing the Finals last season he really deserved this premiership and was one of the main reasons why we achieved it. Needs to work on his batting – just joking!

Thanks to Michael Oliver (who bought Pommy to The Club) and for his contribution in his one game vs Hills. Also thanks to Steve Hudson, Phil Adams and Terry Aili for your contributions during the season.

CRICKET PRESENTATION NIGHTS

On Friday April 28th we had a huge representation at the Annual Sydney Cricket Association Presentation night at Randwick Racecourse. Once again approximately one thousand people attended and we collected the 1st, 4th, U/24s and Club Champions trophies. Sydney Morning Herald writer Phil Wilkins called it the Burwood/Bankstown Presentation Nights because of both clubs' dominance.

On Saturday May 27th The Briars Annual Cricket Presentation was held at the Coronation Club in Burwood. Once again over 100 people attended and it was great to see such a great representation from older players such as Ted Watt, Dave Walker, Geoff Tweedale, Bob Streeter, Kevin Price, Jack Blamforth, Peter Richardson, Rod Smith, Graham Ireland, Peter Mansford, Dave Jamieson, Col Blair and Ian Blair.

As mentioned, The Club had an amazingly successful season winning four out of a possible six trophies, plus the Annual Epping (Richardson/Turnbull) trophy. The individual winners on the night were:-

1st GRADE PLAYERS PLAYER	Brad Sculley
2nd GRADE PLAYERS PLAYER	Steve Schomberg
3rd GRADE PLAYERS PLAYER	Brent Patterson
4th GRADE PLAYERS PLAYER	Brendon Bailey
METRO CUP PLAYERS PLAYER	Will Hood
U/24s PLAYERS PLAYER	Dave Smit
MASTERS PLAYERS PLAYER	David Wright
TED WATT TROPHY (best new talent)	Cameron French
DAVE WALKER TROPHY (services to cricket)	Steve Schomberg

Congratulations to all The Club and Trophy winners on an amazing season and thank you to everyone for attending such a memorable evening.



Cricket

Second Grade



ANOTHER SEASON, ANOTHER SEMI FINAL, but alas no premiership. After a very slow start to the season (as usual), the 2nd grade side got their combinations right, winning the majority of their games after Christmas to secure a semi final berth yet again. However, this was as far as the side was to progress during the season.

As usual 2nd grade had a core of players who were the main stay during the year and provided the nucleus of the side. Added to this were a mixture of new faces to the club and other players who earned their place in the side. During the year a total of 25 players were used, which in an ideal situation is too many, however due to the mixture of unavailabilities and injuries, we were forced to call upon as many players. Overall the side was always competitive and most importantly, we enjoyed ourselves at the same time.

The first round started with the bye, which seemed to make the off season even that little bit longer. Round 2 was against Canterbury Bexley where we lost the toss and Canterbury accumulated 260. Pick of the bowlers was Andrew Poole in his second grade debut grabbing 4-24 from 15. The score was too large as we replied with 182 with Jason Harris 72. Round 3 against Strathfield saw us bat and accumulate 3-172 until rain intervened for the balance of the first day and the entire second day. Again Jason Harris performed well with 74 no. Following Strathfield was Lindfield with the less said the better. We capitulated to be all out for 54 in the first innings, Rob Nandi 29 no. However a spirited bowling performance in reply had Lindfield dismissed for 66, Sarkis Achmar 4-19, Andrew Poole 3-19. With only a small deficit we then put on 9-181, Andre Berenger 67 no, to set Lindfield a target which they achieved 5 wickets down.

Round 6 was against the competitive South Sydney. Losing the toss we helped South Sydney to 3-330 by dropping about 7 catches during the day. Steve Hudson 3-35. We responded with 146, Brett Howle 47, Rob Nandi 42. By this stage the side had yet to register a win and was still on 6 points, courtesy of the bye.

Round 7 against Macquarie Uni was when we started to turn things around. Being sent in we totalled a disappointing 162, Chris Gillard 44. However, we knew we had the ability to make this a winning score and then set about proving this with our bowling. A good start by Uni had them at 0-45. However 5-30 from Adam O'Keefe and 3-13 from Steve Schomberg had Uni dismissed for 137. In the second innings we declared at 9-167 Steve Hudson 42, Anthony Clarke 49 and then set about to bowl Uni out for the outright. This was not to be as they ended at 5-73. There was relief for the Burwood side as we registered our first win for the season, and started our momentum.

Round 8 in the one day match against Blacktown had Blacktown sent into bat and we dismissed them for 155. Newcomer Nick Murphy 3-28 took the honours. A shaky start at 3-45 saw the side recover to pass their total 6 down with Steve Hudson securing the win with 59 no.

Christmas had arrived and the side was well entrenched in the middle of the competition ladder.

In round 9 after Christmas against Auburn we batted first to amass 198 with Paul Simpson 91 and Brett Howle 57. A superior bowling performance had Auburn dismissed for 115, Anthony Clarke 4-31 and Steve Hudson 3-13. Round 10 versus Lane Cove did not start in the best way as Anthony Clarke evidently fractured his bowling wrist during warm ups, but still bowled 4 overs just to make sure it was broken. We dismissed them for 178 with 3 each to Chris Gillard, Steve Schomberg and 2nd grade debutant Marty Oxley. After recovering from 4-44 we climbed to 4-75 overnight to be 4-105 but were finally all out for 148, Jason Harris 65. Batting again Lane Cove were all out for 102, (Rob Nandi 5-38) which saw us require 133 from 24 overs for the outright. After a good start at 2-72, we then saw a flurry of wickets whereby we were 9 down but still with 2 overs to go. A stoic one handed batting performance by Anthony Clarke saw Lane Cove denied the outright. This was a disappointing loss as we should have won on the first innings, then having lost that, should have won outright.

In Round 11 vs Warringah we had ourselves in early trouble at 2-3 but recovered to 2-119 only to be all out 199, Phil Tregeagle 48, Brett Howle 59. In a tight one we dismissed Warringah for 176 with Steve Schomberg and Rob Nandi 3 wickets each. Next game vs Roseville had us at 6-202 overnight, batting on into the next day. Richard Freeman scored a quick fire 28 including a six from the last ball as we declared at 6-248, Phil Tregeagle continuing his good form with 82 no and Richard 28 no. With 75 overs to bowl we only needed 63 with Roseville all out 181. Chris Gillard 4-37.

A one day match vs Pennant Hills followed and in a rain interrupted match we batted first and scored 4-272 from our 60, Paul Simpson 79, Brett Howle 59 no. In a shortened match Pennant Hills required 190 from 42 but ended at 8-169, 3 each to Steve Schomberg and Andrew Poole.

Round 14 vs Baulkham Hills finished tightly. Batting first we again underachieved to be all out 185 with Rob Nandi the only stand out with 66 no. Baulkham Hills were on line for a victory at 6-155 however we fought hard to have them 9-179 and they were one player short which secured a victory for us and a semi final position.

The last round vs Holroyd we had them at 5-103, but they recovered to be all out 307, with the second week washed out.

In a sense of De-ja-vu, not only for the game prior but for the semi final the year before, we met Holroyd again at Monty Bennett in a semi final (The side was still dirty about the semi the year before, but that's another story.). Losing the toss, we again had Holroyd in early trouble at 5-53 but they recovered to be all out for 305, (perhaps they should reverse their order). In difficult conditions all our bowlers toiled hard and never gave in. In reply we could only post 144 with Paul Simpson a lone hand with 82, and our season completed.

Holroyd ultimately progressed to the final only to lose against South Sydney, and our congratulations go to South Sydney.

Every year I write these reports it seems that we win a club championship and congratulate other Briars side for a premiership. I am certain that second grade's time will come in the near future as we have the ability to win.

Firstly, congratulations to all players for the spirit in which we compete, and success we achieve. It is this spirit within Briars which continues to play a large part in our recent successes. Congratulations to Paul Price and First Grade on their consecutive premierships. To win the first one is hard, to back up and do it for 2 in a row is often harder. To Nick Rojo and his merry men in fourth grade, a deserved premiership also. Nick has the toughest job in the club which makes the premiership even more satisfying. To Rob Nandi and the Under 24's side, well done in achieving the club's inaugural Under 24 premiership, with the several years of hard work and planning finally paying off.

Congratulations to Steve Schomberg on being named as the second grade players' player. Steve epitomises The Briars spirit.

Gerard Price can be well satisfied with his achievements as Chairman for another year. His work ethic in running the administration of cricket is evidenced in the record success via premierships that the club has achieved yet again this year. To my fellow captains, selections are never easy when a club is going well and well done again. Thanks again to Concord Council and the ground staff at Rothwell Park for their preparation of the wicket and outfield one of the best playing and looking grounds in Sydney.

Lastly, well done to all players who competed under The Briars cap. To win 4 of the 6 trophies that are on offer through out the year is a truly remarkable performance. I look forward to being able to report that 2nd grade will be part of that equation in the near future.

Brett Howle Captain



The Players

SARKIS ACHMAR: Started the season in 2's but was promoted to 1's from round 6. A solid left arm bowler who can swing the ball both ways.

ANDRE BERENGER: Andre is a player who has the ability to play 2's but has not quite cracked it as yet. A great 67 no against Lindfield was unfortunately followed up by some poorer performances which resulted in Andre spending the last half of the season in thirds. With more concentration and practice Andre can be a more effective opening batsman.

SCOTT CASTLE: Scott joined the side in round 14 after some fine performances in thirds. Scott is a fit and tireless bowler who will steam in until asked to stop. Scott should aim to cement a position in 2's by the end of the next season now that he has had a taste of seconds. A natural number 11 batsman.

ANTHONY CLARKE: An indifferent year whereby he started in thirds and moved into seconds until he fractured his wrist (in warm ups) against Lane Cove. Prior to this showed his allround ability with 49 against Lindfield and 4-31 vs Auburn. Clarkies' run up is diminishing at about 2 steps per season.

RICHARD FREEMAN: Another tidy year behind the stumps with 17 dismissals. As usual did not miss a game during the year but apart from 28 no against Roseville did not contribute with the bat as much as he would have liked to or at times when the team needed him to.

CHRIS GILLARD: A gifted cricketer with either the bat or ball. Due to this ability was on the edge of playing one's during the year. A full season from Chris without the interruptions of weddings and injuries should allow Chris to show his true potential as an all rounder. Chris was an important part of the team until the above factors came into account during the last stage of the season.

JASON HARRIS: Another solid year from Jason with 291 runs at 36 saw him elevated into one's from round 14. Jason would be the first to admit that at times he is his own worst enemy by doing the hard yards in getting to 20 or 30 only to throw his wicket away with a rash shot. If Jason can discipline this part of his game he will no doubt post higher scores which he is capable of.

BRETT HOWLE: A fair season with the bat with 413 runs at 30 and 12 catches. Again needs to be looking to turn mediocre scores into larger ones for the benefit of the team.

STEVE HUDSON: At 17 years of age Steven is progressing into a fine cricketer. Only played approximately half the season due to various other commitments, but when he did play was a valuable member to the side with his allround ability. Top score was 59 no against Blacktown and also picked up 8 wickets with his medium pacers.

ROB NANDI: Maturing as a cricketer the more he plays. Ninja did not reach the targets he would have set himself as a batsman this year but at the same time played some important innings when was required to do so. This maturity is also becoming evident in his off spin bowling as he continues to strengthen this part of his game. Drove the captain nuts however with his continual no balls. (How can a slow bowler bowl no balls!)

ADAM O'KEEFE: Ad's played the entire season in second grade and will be much better for the experience. Picked up 26 wickets at 23 and rarely failed to take a wicket. Best was 5-30 against Macquarie Uni in a fine display. Should work on his batting as he can also be a contributor to the team in this area as well. Bowled the widest wide ever against Blacktown.



ANDREW POOLE: Made his second grade debut this year with a fine 4-24 vs Canterbury. Poolie played in 6 games during this year and ended with 15 wickets at 15. Another player with the batting ability but has not harnessed this in to more scores. Due to work commitments he moved to Qld in the late stages of the season and was missed by the side and the club.

STEVE SCHOMBERG: Topped the wicket aggregates with 29 at 17. Another solid year from Steve as you would expect nothing less. Was easily voted the players player for the season due to his on and off field contributions to the side during the year. Only once failed to take a wicket, and that was only due to a five over spell. Was as competent as ever at second slip grabbing 11 catches.

PAUL SIMPSON: Played sporadically during the year due to work and baby commitments, but when Simmo did play he did not let the side down with scores of 91 vs Auburn, 79 vs Pennant Hills and 82 in the semi vs Holroyd. Simmo finished the season with 331 at 37, and was called upon from time to time for variation with his offies.

PHIL TREGEAGLE: Phil joined seconds late in the season from Round 11. Played a very patient 82 no vs Roseville which was the foundation of our win. If most batsmen had the temperament and mindset that Phil displays everytime he goes into bat would result in many more higher scores being posted.

RICHARD TREGEAGLE: Due to the losses of Gilly and Poolie, Richard was again coerced out of semi retirement to play from Round 14 onwards and captured 10 wickets in the process.

Season Statistics

Matches	Wone O/R	Won 1st	Lost 1st	Lost O/R	Wash Outs	Pts	Pos	
16	0	7	4	1	3	4th	4th	
Batting	INN	NO	HS	AGG	AVE	CTS	100s	50s
P Tregeagle	4	1	82*	149	49.67	1	-	1
P Simpson	9	0	91	331	36.78	1	-	3
J Harris	9	1	74*	291	36.38	6	-	3
B Howle	16	2	59*	413	29.50	12	-	3
S Hudson	6	1	59*	126	25.20	4	-	1
C Dickeson	4	0	37	77	19.25	6	-	-
R Nandi	14	3	66*	209	19.00	4	-	1
C Gillard	8	0	44	138	17.25	4	-	-
A Berenger	9	1	67*	111	13.88	0	-	1
A Clarke	9	2	49*	92	3.14	4	-	-
J Platania	7	0	27	71	10.14	1	-	-
S Schomberg	10	5	15*	44	8.80	11	-	-
R Freeman	13	1	28*	94	7.83	17	-	-
A O'Keefe	12	5	16*	45	6.43	5	-	-

Also Batted

A Poole	6 for 43	S Achmar	3 for 9
M Oxley	4 for 27 (2c)	T Aili	4 for 34
A Hudson	3 for 42 (1c)	N Sheikh	1 for 8 (1c)
R Tregeagle	2 for 22	G Abood	3 for 42
S Castle	2 for 0 (1c)	S Khan	1 for 0*



Cricket Second Grade

Bowling	OVRs	MDNS	WKTS	RUNS	AVE	BEST
S Hudson	37	5	6	103	12.88	3-13
A Poole	70	18	15	228	15.20	4-24
R Tregeagle	62	20	10	152	15.30	5-55
S Achmar	49	6	9	140	15.56	4-19
S Schomberg	179	51	29	498	17.17	3-13
A Clarke	65	11	11	217	19.73	4-31
S Castle	47	9	6	137	22.83	3-55
A O'Keefe	190	40	26	608	23.38	5-30
C Gillard	73	16	9	211	23.44	4-37
R Nandi	79	12	8	283	35.38	5-38

Also Bowled

J Platania	2 for 45	S Khan	0 for 35
N Murphy	3 for 28	M Oxley	4 for 66
P Simpson	0 for 27		



Cricket Third Grade

AT FIRST GLANCE, going into the final series with a record of 9 wins, 2 losses and 3 draws could be regarded as a successful season. However, those figures were soured by an incompetent performance in the preliminary semi final.

A slow start to the season produced both a win and a loss by one wicket and two games destroyed by rain after we had established clear ascendancy. We then experienced a run of 7 wins by conquering a strong South Sydney, crushing victories over Macquarie University, Warringah, Lane Cove and Roseville and points secured from Blacktown and eventual premiers Auburn, after we were forced to bat on wet wickets.

A few problem areas surfaced in our loss to Pennant Hills and we finished with another crushing win and a wash out.

We entered the preliminary semi final having had a preview of our opponents, Holroyd in the previous round. We had the advantage of the best home wicket we had seen all season and batted in 35 degree heat, yet it was our batsmen who wilted under mild pressure. The game was virtually lost before lunch as poor shot selection and execution gifted wickets to the moderate attack. The later batsmen showed how easy it was but the damage had already been done.

I hope that the players who participated in this game will have gained an understanding that the purpose of the preliminary rounds extends beyond winning to development of a blueprint for winning the games that count.

On a positive note, our points made a significant contribution towards yet another Club Championship and several players produced significant individual performances as detail below and in the statistics. Congratulations are extended to each of the members of our three premierships teams, especially Nick Rojo, who captained a winning side at first attempt.



I thank all thirty three players that played in the side during the year: Player profiles of regular team members appear hereunder:

Player Profiles

PAUL BEACROFT: contributed either runs or wickets in most games prior to moving to Perth in January.

MICHAEL BODMAN: competent middle order batsman who scored two half centuries. The only member of the team to run in the Olympic Torch Relay.

SCOTT CASTLE: Enthusiastic fast bowler who bowled without luck early in the season and then hit a purple patch where he took 17 wickets in 3 matches at extraordinarily low cost. Finished the season in 2nd grade.

CORIE DICKESON: Middle order batsman that gets on with the game. Particularly severe on bowlers who are short of the required standard, punishing Roseville and Hills with centuries. Useful fielder who is only too happy to advise opponents on how to improve their game.

ADAM HUDSON: scored more than 250 runs in only 4 innings and spent the rest of the season in 2nd grade.

SAEED KHAN: Proved that he had been wasted in 4th grade in the previous 2 seasons when his 8 games produced 20 wickets at the excellent average of 11.5. Knee problems restricted his appearances later in the season. Had a batting average of 2.25.

ALAN LOGAN: Mr Reliable kept wicket in every game and topped the association dismissal list with 23 catches. Five scores in excess of 30 meant that Alan was runner up as Player of the Year.

NICK MURPHY: Aggressive fast bowler who arrived from Melbourne mid season and took wickets consistently to finish with 22 at 15 each. Took another 3 in his only appearance in 2nds. Fields like some of the great fast bowlers of the past.

BRENT PATERSON: Increased availability allowed Brent to develop into the key batsman in 3rd grade. Scored 419 runs and reached double figures on 11 occasions. Capable of similar figures in 2nd grade. Voted Player of the Year by his peers.

NADEEM SHEIKH: A large hundred against Macquarie University demonstrated he was in fine form before he was called suddenly to Pakistan to advise Inzamam on running between wickets. Outstanding slips fielder.

ASH SQUIRE: Finally began to deliver some of his undoubted potential when consecutive forties preceded a broken thumb in the Under 24s Final. Bowling would benefit from greater consistency.

Terry Murphy (captain)



Cricket

Third Grade

3RD GRADE Statistics

Batting

	INN	NO	HS	AGG	AVE	CTS
A HUDSON	4	0	98	251	62.75	3
C DICKESON	9	1	142	333	41.63	7
N SHEIKH	9	1	128*	295	36.88	7
M BODMAN	8	3	54*	163	32.60	2
B PATERSON	14	1	85	419	32.23	1
M OXLEY	10	1	92	272	30.22	1
A BERENGER	6	2	74*	114	28.50	0
P FRASER	4	1	35	82	27.33	6
P BEACROFT	6	2	44*	106	26.50	1
A LOGAN	13	2	58*	269	24.45	23
A SQUIRE	6	0	42	136	22.67	0
T MURPHY	8	2	36*	95	15.83	5

also batted

A CLARKE	4 for 45 (2c)	J BAILEY	1 for 8
B KHAN	2 for 15 (1c)	M ABOOD	3 for 17 (1c)
S KHAN	4 for 9 (1c)	R NANDI	1 for 0
S HUDSON	2 for 43 (1c)	S CASTLE	2 for 22
T AILI	3 for 30 (2c)	C GILLARD	2 for 27
G SCHOMBERG	1 for 34 (3c)	A POOLE	1 for 15
D ABOOD	1 for 9 (1c)	K IVINS	1 for 10 (1c)
P TREGEAGLE	1 for 49	N MURPHY	3 for 25
L STEWART	1 for 4 (1c)	M JAMSHAD	1 for 52



Bowling

	OVRs	MDNS	WKTS	RUNS	AVE	BEST
S KHAN	81	11	20	230	11.50	5-50
P BEACROFT	58	15	12	160	13.33	5-31
S CASTLE	139	34	26	351	13.50	6-41
M ABOOD	76	17	13	203	15.62	3-28
N MURPHY	137	39	22	345	15.68	4-15
A POOLE	39	5	7	112	16.00	4-41
M OXLEY	89	21	17	294	17.29	3-20
A CLARKE	63	16	7	166	23.71	3-42
A SQUIRE	40	5	5	153	30.60	3-36
T MURPHY	66	18	5	164	32.80	2-4

also bowled

B KHAN	4 for 84	S HUDSON	1 for 18
C GILLARD	1 for 58	A HUDSON	0 for 5
R TREGEAGLE	2 for 39	A BENNETT	0 for 53
K IVINS	2 for 30	L STEWART	0 for 15

PARTNERSHIPS

		WKT	RUNS
A BERENGER	& N SHEIKH	1ST	127
A HUDSON	& N SHEIKH	2ND	172
P BEACROFT	& M OXLEY	7TH	135
P TREGEAGLE	& B PATERSON	1ST	136
C DICKESON	& B PATERSON	3RD	113



Cricket

Fourth Grade



WINNING A PREMIERSHIP with these guys was simple and the only acceptable result. In any other club the majority of the side would have been in higher grades, but getting all 11 players to the same ground, on time, and with all the equipment necessary to play cricket was the challenging part.

The excitement of being captain was quickly washed away in the first game of the season against Canterbury/Bexley as I slowly realised that I had been suckered once again by one of the Prices. Watching the sun go down behind the houses of Concord I tried to recall the moment I actually accepted the position, but strangely, I couldn't. But getting wholloped by Canterbury was the wake up needed and thankfully we played the remainder of the season without losing another match.

As in any successful team the nucleus remained more or less the same for the whole season and when we were in trouble against sides it was the strength of our core that we relied on to get us home. For me it was the experience and fierce competitiveness of Kevin Ivins that greatly helped me motivate the team and the reliability of the opening partnership in Jason and Brendan Bailey that provided a solid start on most occasions. Their unbeaten opening stand against Macquarie Uni of 265 was not only a club record but an SCA record as well. Unfortunately for Jason, overseas commitments meant that he was not with us at the end of the season but he was an invaluable part of the team for 9 matches. Although these two guys seemed to dominate most of the match reports throughout the season the efforts of other players cannot go unmentioned. Paul Pannuti was the target of many team jokes but always gave 110% and proved his ability with the ball on many occasions, Babar Khan took wickets whenever he bowled and managed consistency with the bat and Dan Rojo was coaxed off the comfortable lounge to play as a batsman and ended up averaging 42 from his four digs.

So those were the highlights and there weren't too many disappointments, mostly unforgettable experiences. Like the semi-final where one brother couldn't bat because his other brother was wearing his underpants. Or the final against Souths where an experienced bowler was mistakenly cautioned by the square leg umpire for 'sledging' the batsman when in fact the abuse had been levelled at his captain because he'd made the outrageous decision to give the bowler a rest. The game against Warringah provided some amusement with Saquib Khan, Babar Khan and Asif Khan all in the same team and even the same car. Or Roseville where Jason, Brendan and Mark were all in the same car but arrived at different times to the game because an argument had erupted over directions and along the course of the discussions someone had ousted the street directory along Delhi Road. Arriving late, one came directly to pre-match drill, the other went for a walk while the third stayed skulking in the car. I challenge any cricketer not to grow old prematurely captaining a fourth grade side, but it is entertaining.

Finishing minor premiers gave us a great advantage going in to the finals series and ultimately it was a telling factor. The Epping lads provided some tough opposition in the qualifying final and batting first, posted a moderate 116. They were routed by some excellent bowling from Babar Khan with 4 for 18 off 15 overs. In reply Adam Langhans and Brendan Bailey got us to 57 before Brendan went for 39, but a solid 57 from Adam got us home before a middle order collapse on day two saw us finish on 164. Epping then scrapped a competitive 119 with Pannuti taking 4 for 28 off 18 overs. There were a few nerves before we got to 5 for 68 and close of play.

Winning the Semi-final against Warringah was going to be much tougher and when I lost the toss we were sent in to bat on a sticky Ron Routley wicket. Being 3 for 13 after 9 overs wasn't what we had planned but good batting from Paul Fraser and Babar Khan started a middle order revival. Babar's 47 was his best innings of the summer and with Kevin Ivins 24, Luke Stewart 31 and Mark Bailey 18* we finished a defendable 165. At the end of day one Warringah were 2 for 79 and things weren't looking that good for us

but on day two good bowling and finals pressure got to the young Warringah side and the runs on the board were enough to secure us victory. Seasons' best figures of 5 for 30 for me couldn't have come at a better time, and some good fielding grabbed us two run-outs.

On to the final against everyone's favourite club, South Sydney. This time we had a fair chance with neutral umpires, although how they managed to get the final played on their home ground is beyond reasoning. They won the toss and elected to bat first, finishing 182 all out. Their usual niggling and delaying tactics were adding fuel to an already tense final and unfortunately the flare ups detracted from a solid fielding effort that contained and dominated the South Sydney batsmen. Overnight rain should not have been a problem but regrettably for Souths their expensive covers leaked water onto a good length at both ends of the pitch. Souths were desperate now, so off they went to Kennards and hired themselves an industrial blower and a generator to match.

Sitting back in the sheds knowing that a draw was good enough and watching one or two of our favourite South Sydney players sliding around in the mud will keep me laughing for many years but after all their hard work they finally had Burwood on a sticky wicket with 50 odd overs to win the game. Solid sensible batting saw us get to 108 without loss before they gave up and surprisingly called off the game. I can't imagine their despair!.. I suppose the papers read better if the game finished up a draw, and they were probably thinking of their sponsors. Still, everyone who was there knows that they quit! Excellent batting under extreme pressure by Adam Langhans 33* and Brendan Bailey 64* gave the Briars a well-deserved premiership. It's a funny game cricket!

Many thanks to all 25 guys that came through the fours this year, thanks particularly to Gerard and Paul Price who offered some good advice throughout the season and helped me greatly with selections, tactics and even finding players at the 11th hour. Special thanks also to Kevin Ivins who added to the team a great sense of focus and commitment, to the other captains for letting me keep the Baileys (I think?) and to Daffy for giving us the only motivation we needed to win.

Congratulations to the mighty fours for a great season and some really good laughs. By the end of the season we developed a strong attitude as a team and it proved to be a winning formula. I just hope I never see any of you guys ever again. Congratulations also to Paul Price and the other first graders, Rob Nandi and the 24's and congratulations to all cricketers for the Club Championship. It's great to be part of such a successful club.

Nick Rojo Captain

Player Profiles

BRENDAN BAILEY- You don't need to be a genius to realise that Brendan is a talented cricketer. His reliability and controlled aggression at the top of the order demolished most attacks, his figures tell the story. On a personal level he annoyed the hell out of me for the entire season and that gave him enormous satisfaction.

JASON BAILEY- A couple of seasons in Scotland saw Jason return to the club a much improved cricketer, and playing the anchorman for Brendan he was often the batsman we built our innings around. Doubling up as the keeper probably made it a little tougher, but not as tough as the decision to leave for Scotland half way through the season. You have to give him credit for doing the right thing though.

KEVIN IVINS- The ex-grade player and now experienced campaigner provided the team with a real rev up whenever the opposition started to dominate. This extremely intense and competitive player made me thankful I was on the same team, but on occasions even then that didn't save me. Kev always took his wicket seriously and he guts it out for us more than a few times when we needed a score.



Cricket

Fourth Grade



BABAR KHAN- One of the real characters, Babar's relaxed style of cricket often surprised opponents as much as it surprised his teammates. Averaging 22 with the bat and 12 with the ball highlights what a valuable part of the team he was. Babar was often the one to take the wicket at a crucial time and I relied a lot on his ability as a dependable change bowler. A very under-rated cricketer.

PAUL PANNUTI - In his first season at the club Paul was at once a likeable and very capable cricketer. As our main strike bowler his outswingers were often just too good for the bunnies we play against. Higher grades will get him more wickets but a note to future captains! Don't ask Paul about his leg side theory, killing fish (humanely) or how to make lentil soup.

MARK BAILEY- The mystery man of the side, "Where's my box?" or "Brendan did you bring my shirt?" or "Does anyone know how to make the box stay up in a pair of boxers?" I couldn't work out whether Mark actually liked cricket or not. One game he'd take 3 for 10 but be out for a duck, the next he'd score 49 and bowl rubbish. I think Mark just wanted to be with his brothers and that is the main mystery. Why?

PAUL FRASER- Paul was going well in 3's but we needed a keeper when Jason left and, all credit to Paul, he continued to bat well in 4's. His 66* against Lindfield was a great knock and his glove work was equally consistent. A good club man and team player.

DAN HAIKIN- Probably got less of a run in this side than he would have liked but during the season Dan put in some really good performances. As a lower order batsman he played a hand in more than a few substantial partnerships and he was easily the best fielder in the side. A haircut wouldn't do him any harm either.

DAN ROJO- A cameo comeback from Dan strengthened the side on the way to the finals and playing mainly as a batsman he didn't let anyone down. As Dan said himself, "The ball comes through a bit slower in 4's" but given how many times he made training(0) an average of 42 is pretty good.

ADAM LANGHANS- This journeyman of Sydney cricket drifted quietly into the club and just as quietly disappeared but after a slow start he showed his quality with the bat in the finals with two fifties under pressure. With the ball he is a capable off spinner and frustrated many batsmen with his accuracy. A good kid who would have continued to do well at this club had he stayed.

LUKE STEWART- Another young Briar with plenty of potential, Luke is a good bat but prone to inconsistency. Unfortunately for Luke he came down ill a few days before the final and selflessly withdrew himself from selection. I liked his enthusiasm for the game and hopefully he will continue with the club for many seasons.

NICK ROJO- Much as I'd love to give myself a wrap here I had a pretty ordinary season. I managed a few good scores with the bat and probably the five wickets against Warringah helped my figures but I found it difficult to captain as well as contribute with the ball. Even so we won the comp so I can't have been that bad. I did win more tosses than I lost too.

MICK BODMAN- Mick came back from 3's late in the season and really only had one decent knock but it was the best dig I've seen for a long while. We were in real trouble against Roseville and Mick put his head down to get us to a defendable score, so good in fact that we attempted an outright the second week.

Season Statistics

M	W1	WO	L1	LO	D	Washouts	Points	Position
17	10	1	1	-	1	4	76	1st

Batting

Batsman	Agg	Innings	NO	HS	Average	Catches	50's	100's
Brendan Bailey	725	17	3	138*	51.7	4	3	2
Jason Bailey	313	9	2	100*	44.7	8	1	1
Kevin Ivins	302	9	0	96	33.5	4	2	
Mark Bailey	215	12	2	49	21.5	8	-	
Babar Khan	180	9	1	54	22.5	3	1	
Paul Fraser	147	8	1	66*	21	5	1	
Dan Rojo	128	4	1	55*	42.6	-	1	
Adam Langhans	177	14	4	57	17.7	1	1	
Luke Stewart	131	7	0	51	18.7	3	1	
Nick Rojo	120	10	3	32*	17.1	6	-	
Mick Bodman	99	5	1	74	24.7	2	1	
Dan Haikin	91	7	2	31	13	7	-	
Paul Pannuti	68	9	4	23	7.5	6	-	

Also Batted

Ash Squire	3 for 59	Saaed Khan	1 for 5
Adam Hudson	1 for 84	Asif Khan	2 for 2
Adam Marsh	1 for 27	Saqui Khan	2 for 14
Terry Kershaw	2 for 11	Gary Schomberg	1 for 45
Brett Douglas	2 for 7	Terry Aili	1 for 81
Mark Fog	2 for 1	Lee Margerison	1 for 5

Bowling

Bowler	O	M	W	R	Best Fig.	Average
Paul Pannuti	213	63	28	440	4/26	15.7
Adam Langhans	136	27	23	389	4/14	16.9
Nick Rojo	185	58	23	416	5/30	18
Babar Khan	124	36	18	233	4/18	12.9
Mark Bailey	99	36	13	294	3/12	22.6
Ash Squire	42	13	9	144	6/48	16
Dan Rojo	38	11	6	97	2/26	16.1
Dan Haikin	45	10	5	130	2/19	26

Also bowled

Mark Fog	3 for 19
Kev Ivins	3 for 166
Saqui Khan	3 for 32
Adam Hudson	1 for 18
Mick Abood	0 for 27
Faisal Irfan	0 for 24
Lee Margerison	0 for 7
Brendan Bailey	0 for 5
Luke Stewart	0 for 20
Mick Bodman	0 for 0



Cricket

Fifth Grade

WHAT STARTED OUT AS AN EXPERIMENT for the club ended in a successful and enjoyable season for all concerned. Gerard was very keen to provide a vehicle for younger players to make the transition to Shires cricket, and the Metropolitan Cup in which we played was ideal.

We started out with a group of 17 and 18 year olds along with two extremely experienced players and threw in the enigmatic James Steele for what might be called a well-rounded unit.

Many of the team had not played on real grass pitches prior to the first game. So when we turned up to find the groundkeeper (the writer is unsure of the female version of groundsman!) marking the creases on mud, we assumed this was a normal thing to do in the real version of the game.

Suspensions arose when the experienced opposition batsmen were bundled out for 42. But the conditions obviously suited our slow bowlers. Will Hood taking 4 for 9 off 5 and Nick Beams getting 3 for 9 off 7. A promising baptism. But Cricket's a funny game and moments later we were 8 for 41 in pursuit. Enter Daniel Haikin with a six and once again it looked easy.

And as the season progressed it never ceased to be fascinating. Our fortunes fluctuated with our batting performances. No individual stood out with the bat but several made valuable contributions in different matches. Michael Towells's magnificent 64 in the Semi final against Sydney University was probably the highlight of what was really a fairly dismal year with the bat.

Our bowling was a different matter with Will Hood, Nick Beams and Kenny Ferrera being the pick.

We were able to win more than half our games including some against the more fancied grade clubs. So, all in all the experiment was a success, and The Briars spirit was picked up by some talented youngsters. Some of them will no doubt rest on their laurels and return to park cricket; others will head to bigger and better things both within the club and elsewhere. Whatever they do, they all benefitted from being a part of this truly great club and its tradition.

For the coming season we clearly need to score more runs and score them consistently. It's hard to imagine how we'll do this if players don't come to practice. This year many had the excuse of the HSC but that's over now. The facilities are there, the encouragement is there and the coaching is available. But you can only lead a horse to water. If you're thirsty for success you'll practice. If you're not you need to ask yourself why you are playing at this level. There are plenty of park cricket teams that are happy to cater for the less serious player. It's over to you but we'd love to see everyone back in 2000/2001, full of enthusiasm and attending practice.

Ken Welsh

The Players (in order of appearance at the crease):

LUKE STEWART. Luke was the most successful of the batsmen. His enthusiasm and team spirit were infectious and he was rewarded after a handful of games with promotion to the 4th grade.

MICHAEL FRANKLIN. Flappers' had a solid season with both the bat and ball. Often seemed to forget to bring afternoon tea and half his kit and very often forgot the starting times. A very talented cricketer who hasn't yet realised his potential. But for all that he gave it his all and wasn't scared to discuss the progress of the match with opposing batsmen, bowlers, spectators, umpires, passers by.



PAUL TOWELLS. Paul is one of the players who should benefit most from the experience. A quiet player, who is a keen student of the game, he had a disappointing year by his own standards. A great team player Paul was ever willing to umpire, score or provide his share of whatever support was required. It's to be hoped Paul will bounce back and put his talent to good use in future seasons with Briars.

BEN CRITCHLEY. It's very hard being the second 'leggy' in any team. (In some teams it's hard being the first 'leggy') but Ben did his utmost with the batting and chipped in with some valuable scores and bowled well when the opportunity arose. A top contributor to the afternoon teas and always ready to provide the humour in a tense situation.

WILL HOOD. 'I can't believe I got out to that bloke'. This anthem was muttered thirty-seven times during the season (and once by Terry Murphy at a practice match.). Unperturbed, Will just kept rolling his arm over, dropped the ball on the spot and tantalized the batsman into his seemingly innocuous web. Had a disappointing season with the bat but demonstrated his ability to score runs with a couple of useful half centuries. Another who had difficulty getting his mind around the concept of providing afternoon tea for everyone.

SIMON WILLIAMS. Our very reliable wicket keeper who will benefit greatly from his initial season on turf. Simmo has a great eye and would benefit greatly from some serious batting coaching to get some chinks out of his technique. Took some great catches, stopped lots of bad balls and was a great support to Nick and Will standing up to the stumps. The quiet man of the team who is never out LBW despite what the umpire thinks.

KEN WELSH. Ken made two very valuable contributions to the club this year. The first was his huge support to one of our sponsors in drinking the club's entire supply of Guinness (He's still waiting for it to be replaced); and the second was to finally succumb to the reality that he is past his use by date as a cricketer.

NICK BEAMS. Known to the boys as 'The Colonel' because of his bearded resemblance to that famous promoter of dead chooks. Nick really did suffer on a number of occasions from being too good a bowler for the opposition batsmen. He bowled well, he batted with enthusiasm and captained the side with distinction. Nick can be seen at the nets in Croydon on any winter Saturday afternoon. No batsman is required as he loops his variations into the mist and rain as he refines yet another mystery with which to torment his unsuspecting foe.

ANDREW DONIKIAN. Andrew was another who seemed to have difficulty remembering what to bring and when to get there. But he did bat well on occasions and was very supportive of his teammates on the field.

MICHAEL TOWELLS. Mick opened the batting despite carrying a nagging knee injury for most of the season. He provided some very entertaining batting lower down the order and his magnificent 64 against Sydney University, including a towering straight drive over the grandstand, was a highlight.

STEELEY. The resident 5th grade coach decided after seeing Steeley's first 'knock' that some life preserving intervention was required. So the two headed to the nets before young James's second dig to sort when not to go onto the front foot! Ending his first season at the ripe old age of 30 with a batting average approaching double figures was pretty good going. Two scores in the high 20's provided ample encouragement for a return in coming seasons. That aside, Steeley had a key to the club, which was a welcome feature of his game.



Cricket Fifth Grade



KENNY FERRERA. Kenny was probably the find of the season. He bowled well and improved with every game. He gained confidence with his batting to the extent that he was farming the strike towards the end of the season. We wish him well in his pursuit of a future in grade cricket.

DEREK WELSH. Other biographers will more objectively describe this talented young player at a later time. He played some magnificent shots and some lazy shots. He bowled some unplayable deliveries and he bowled some that were eminently playable. He took a couple of sensational catches and fielded with distinction. With some dedicated training he could well be a useful player for the club for years to come. He does come with substantial afternoon teas provided by his devoted number one fan and driver, who watches every ball he bowls or faces. She will tell anyone who cares to listen, (and anyone who doesn't care to listen) about the undoubted abilities of this, her son.

BRETT DOUGLAS. Ah Brett! Full of enthusiasm, and the potential to be a devastating batsman, Brett just couldn't get it to happen this year. Encouraging to his bowlers and supportive of his batting partners, Brett just tried too hard and on a number of occasions just seemed to lose concentration, as he was about to get going onto something big. The ability is there. With perseverance who knows what he might do?

Cricket Under 24s Grade

WE FINALLY WON THE SHIELD! For the first time in the Club's history, our under 24's won the Frank Gray Shield competition this season. Dominating, efficient, professional and ruthless all aptly describe the manner in which this squad went about its business in realising its premiership aspirations.

To say that winning this competition is the result of a number of years of hard work and planning would be an understatement. Rob Nandi, as skipper, has moulded the core of the team over the last three or four seasons into a highly credentialed and awesome outfit.

To illustrate just how dominant Burwood was throughout the season, our lowest total of 171 was more than the highest score against us in any game. With the bat, we had eight batsmen average more than 20, including David Smit, who finished with an average of 65.8. With the ball, each of our four main strike bowlers averaged under 12 runs per wicket. In years to come, when people look back over various team performances, I have no doubt that the 1999/2000 under 24's will be spoken of as one of the great sides to have represented Burwood.

Of course, great performances on the park are invariably supported by efforts off the field. In this regard, my sincere thanks go to my co-manager, Jason Harris, for his tireless work behind the scenes, and in preparing the guys for each game. Thanks also go to Jason's far-better half, the lovely Janette, for the three course, gourmet afternoon teas provided at every home match.

To Rob Nandi, our Captain, I unreservedly offer my congratulations. Rob has worked with this side for a number of years, and demonstrated this season that his captaincy

skills are of highest order. His ability to extract peak performances from his side, game in game out, is a testimony to his quality as a person and a Captain. There is no more deserving winner of a premiership than Rob, and I thank him for his support throughout the season.

To the whole squad, I applaud the efforts, the attitude and the professionalism with which you went about your task this season. Having been eliminated from the previous competition due to inclement weather, the side as a whole made a pact that every post would be a winner this season. Mission accomplished.

Finally, I would like to thank Gerard Price and the rest of the Management of the Club, including our regular spectators, for their continued support of the under 24's throughout this and previous seasons.

Burwood 171 beat Strathfield 141

Smashed 'em!! The first game of the year was the classic local derby with everybody's favourite, Strathfield. Following a rusty start, Al Logan (18), Ash Squire (47*) and Paul Beacroft (25) rallied late to see us reach a respectable total of 171. Then we all got the chance to see just how dominant our bowling was going to be throughout the season. Brad Scully (4-41) and Adam O'Keefe (4-49) controlled the game from the outset, and Strathfield succumbed to the inevitable, falling 30 runs short.

Burwood 2-64 beat Pennant Hills 63

Smashed 'em!! This game was simply awesome. We bowled first, and it was pure carnage. Allowing only one batsman to get to double figures, our four pronged pace attack routed the cocky Pennant Hills for just 63. Light work was then made of the run chase, passing them two down. David Smit (42*) gave the opposition a frightening prelude to how dominant he would prove to be throughout the season.

Burwood 7-326 beat Hills 83

Smashed 'em!! If we thought last game was a solid win this was even better. Having been sent into bat by Hills, David Smit took control of the game from the outset, displaying the benefits of a good preparation and build up for a game. He ripped the heart out of the Hill's bowlers, amassing a huge score of 180 in one of the most awesome batting displays I have ever seen. He was ably assisted by Rob Nandi (56) and Steve Hudson (36) on our way to a record score of 326. Hills were never in the hunt, being bowled out for 83. Again, Brad Scully (4-33) was in the thick of it, with great support from Steve Hudson (3-12).

Burwood 2-118 beat Holroyd 114

Smashed 'em!! Another authoritative display by the guys, bowling first and dismissing Holroyd for 114. Steve Hudson (4-23) and Scotty Castle (3-29) did most of the damage this time, with Brad Scully and Adam O'Keefe chipping in. With the bat, the spoils were shared with David Smit (28), Adam Hudson (39) and Cameron French (29*) all contributing to see us pass Holroyd 2 down.

Preliminary Final

Burwood 0-114 beat Lindfield 110

Smashed 'em!! Now at the business end of the season, the guys knew they would have to stand up. They had no difficulties in doing so. Bowling first against Lindfield, the guys never lost control of the innings, taking the wickets regularly. Scotty Castle (3-24) and Adam O'Keefe (3-15) were the stars, with Rob Nandi (2-21) chipping in as well to see Lindfield dismissed for 110. A promotion up the order for Brad Scully (43*) to open the batting with David Smit (51*) saw us cruise past the Lindfield score without losing a wicket.



Cricket

Under 24s

Grade



Semi-final

Burwood 171 beat Blacktown 117

Smashed 'em!! Batting first, we displayed our great depth and consistency, with almost everyone contributing to reach a formidable total. Brad Scully (35), Steve Hudson (27) and Al Logan (24*) were the highlights. The bowling was again simply explosive. In the space of five overs, Brad Scully (5-47) and Adam O'Keefe (4-29) sent Blacktown reeling from 1-30 to 7-37. Blacktown were never going to recover from that stage, and the rout was completed by dismissing Blacktown for 117. One game to go.

Final

Burwood 238 beat Strathfield 170

Smashed 'em!! The boys had waited a long time for this opportunity, and they were not going to waste it. Batting first, the guys went about their task with focus and commitment amassing a daunting score of 238. Cameron French (54) was the standout, and he was assisted by Adam Hudson (29) and Al Logan (30). 238 is a lot of runs to chase in a final, particularly with the bowling strength we had at our disposal. Strathfield were never really in the hunt, with all our bowlers chipping in to close out Burwood's first Frank Gray Premiership. Cameron French, following on from his display with the bat, starred with the ball (3-43) to grab a man of the match performance. He was supported by Brad Scully (2-32) and Rob Nandi (2-24) in rolling Strathfield for 170. What a great win and a great premiership.

Well done guys, a season to be really proud of for many years to come.

THE YEAR 2000 WILL BE REMEMBERED for many things. The Millennium celebrations, the Wallaby World Cup victory, the Wallaby Bledisloe Cup victory, the Wallaby Tri-Nations victory, the best Olympics and Paralympics ever and the unbelievable fireworks displays on Sydney Harbour. Unfortunately, for Briars Rugby, the year 2000 season was not a season that will be remembered very fondly.

As this table of results shows (I know you've seen it before, but I spent so much time on it that I thought I'd use it again) we started the season strongly. We even had reserves for fourth grade at one stage. However, due to injuries and lack of commitment, this became an all too familiar shortage of players later in the season.

RND #	V'S	VENUE	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	UNDER 19'S
1	Petersham	Away	10-7 win	27-3 loss	29-10 loss	7-5 loss	BYE
2	SSNZ	Home	20-8 win	13-12 win	41-0 win	7-5 win	v's Beecroft 7-3 loss
3	CBOBS	Away	26-15 loss	24-20 loss	15-5 win	14-5 loss	v's Dural 40-7 loss
4	Barker	Away	36-7 win	10-10 draw	27-7 win	35-5 win	v's Dundas 5-3 loss
5	Lane Cove	Home	30-6 loss	31-0 loss	24-5 win	10-13 loss	v's Beecroft 8-8 draw
6	H.Valley	Home	15-6 loss	20-10 loss	13-0 loss	7-8 loss	v's Dural 26-9 loss
7	Blue Mtns	Away	29-7 loss	39-8 loss	13-10 loss	12-0 loss	v's Dundas 21-7 loss
8	Epping	Home	16-14 loss	58-0 win	24-17 win	15-0 win	BYE
9	Beecroft	Away	38-16 loss	8-5 win	15-10 loss	7-3 loss	v's Beecroft 15-0 loss
10	Petersham	Home	16-15 loss	30-5 loss	22-10 loss	45-7 loss	v's Dural 14-7 loss
11	SSNZ	Away	13-6 loss	21-17 loss	19-8 win	24-5 loss	BYE
12	CBOBS	Home	36-12 loss	32-5 loss	29-5 loss	17-5 loss	v's Dundas 20-12 win
13	Barker	Home	83-0 win	29-17 win	22-0 win	28-0 win	v's Kings 58-5 win
14	Lane Cove	Away	41-5 loss	36-0 loss	17-0 loss	26-0 loss	BYE
15	H.Valley	Away	111-0 loss	22-12 loss	24-0 loss	15-5 win	BYE
16	Blue Mtns	Home	78-0 loss	25-0 loss	15-12 loss	12-0 loss	v's Dural 13-7 loss
17	Epping	Away	48-28 loss	39-10 win	16-10 loss	14-12 win	v's Kings 19-8 loss
18	Beecroft	Home	37-20 loss	22-15 win	17-0 win	20-0 loss	v's Beecroft 17-7 loss

Minor Semi-final
v's Kings 15-0 loss

There were some, albeit few, highlights. We fielded an under 19's team for the first time, in 1st grade we beat Petersham (the eventual premiers) in round 1 and should have beaten them again in round 10, and then there was round 15 against Hawkesbury Valley when we only had about 30 players show-up. The commitment shown by most of those players to 'back-up' and play, in some instances, 3 consecutive games was outstanding.

The following Briars should be congratulated on their selection for the Under 19 Suburban representative team:- Peter Mair(VC), Tony Jenkin, Neal Coyte(manager) and Genevieve Maiden(physiotherapist). All thoroughly deserved their selection and I trust it was a great learning experience being involved in a representative program.

The Club Championship table finished as follows, please note that under 19's results are not included in the third division club championship as there is no obligation to field an under 19's side at this level.



Rugby Chairman's Report

Petersham	861
Lane Cove	760
Blue Mountains	756
Christian Brothers Old Boys	618
Beecroft/Cherrybrook	563
Hawkesbury Valley	544
South Sydney NZ	406
Briars	312
Epping	304
Barker	96

It is clear by this table that there wasn't much between the top three clubs and how great the gap is between the club champions and Briars. If we are to gain promotion back into second division we will need to accumulate around 800 club championship points or 500 more points than we achieved this year. For those who aren't aware 1st grade is worth 30 points, 2nd grade is worth 16 points, 3rd grade is worth 8 points and 4th grade is worth 4 points. I'll let you work out your own maths as to how to make-up the extra points.

At a minimum we will need to improve our overall attitude and commitment. The attendance at training has been at best, poor. Too often there were only enough guys there for first grade to train together as a team with mixed opposition from the rest of the grades. This makes our coaches jobs of selecting players extremely difficult. The top 4 clubs this year, all train one night a week. But if you're not there on that one night, you do not get a game that weekend. We, at least, have a choice. To be quite honest and as polite as I can be in this publication, if you don't come to training you cannot expect to win any games, and that feeling you get when you win a game is the whole reason why we continue to play. If you are just going through the motions and don't really care about the other guys in your team, or whether you win or lose (maybe because you think that it's all about the way you play the game), you don't deserve to play for The Briars.

Stepping off my soap-box, the following people did show commitment to their respective teams and were worthy winners of this seasons awards.

1st Grade Players' Player	- Steve Davis
1st Grade Best & Fairest	- Ben Murphy
2nd Grade Players' Player	- Simon Pollard
2nd Grade Best & Fairest	- Tim Callaghan
3rd Grade Players' Player	- Garry Pearce
3rd Grade Best & Fairest	- Anthony Clarke
4th Grade Players' Player	- Mark Parker
4th Grade Best & Fairest	- Steve Davis
Under 19's Players' Player	- Peter Mair
Under 19's Best & Fairest	- Graeme Harrison
Rookie of the Year	- James (Jimbo) Allsop
Most Improved Player	- Simon (Pylon) Pollard
Clubman of the Year	- Daniel (McManager) Sherer



Many thanks to our sponsors without whom running rugby would be a considerably more expensive task. Namely they were:

Kingstons Bread and Cakes for supplying all bakery needs for the canteen and after-match functions - cheers Kingo.

The Crystal Palace for supplying all our weekly players' players with dinner vouchers for the restaurant on first floor in the Enfield RSL - thanks Melinda.

CRT (the rural suppliers) for supplying all our match standard footballs -thanks Timmy, it was worth getting your head shaved for...

Thanks to all the staff at Concord Council for supplying us with the best prepared ground in the whole competition, Rothwell Park.

Thanks to all the guys who managed sides, Gilly for his superb work with the first grade, Sherer for being at more training sessions than some players as well as being the manager of seconds and for being my sideline manager. Pearcey for managing and playing his testimonial season for the thirds, and for Kens tireless efforts with the fourth graders. We didn't have a manager for the colts and I would like to thank their coach, Steeley for shouldering the extra responsibility.

My thanks and sympathies go to the coaches, John Hurley, Chris Lamond, Les. Cousins, Alex Palmer, and James Steele, who did show great commitment to the club for the whole season. It was a pity more players didn't follow your leads.

And finally to my fellow house-mates at 14 Eureka St. who ended-up, by default, becoming this years Rugby Committee. It is true that all the important rugby decisions were made around our dinner table, or was that arguments over the din of the TV, whatever...?



I hope to see you all at training early next year,

Matt. Waddington

Rugby Chairman.

1ST GRADE REPORT:

Games Played	18
Total Wins	4
% Wins	22
Total Losses	14
% Losses	78
Total Draws	-
% Draws	-
No. Close Wins	1
% Close Wins of Games Played	6%
% Close Wins of Total Wins	25%
No. Close Losses	3
% Close Losses of Games Played	17%
% Close Losses of Total Losses	21%
Total For	299
Total Against	566

Rugby First Grade

Rugby First Grade

Av. Points Scored Per Game	16.6
Av. Points Scored Against/Game	30.9
Av. Winning Margin	31.8
Av. Losing Margin	27.4

WELL, ANOTHER SEASON ENDS and another coach misses all the deadlines to get his report into the Annual Report. I guess that's fairly typical of the attitude in the whole club at the moment, the same old faces doing all the work and everyone else distancing themselves from any responsibility.

So here I am, sat down in front of Channel V on a Saturday night contemplating what the hell I'm going to write about so as to fill the blank pages, which were to be the First Grade Coaches report, without upsetting the other coaches who all had their reports in a long time ago. The season ended five months ago and my memory has faded somewhat, so I hope these recollections are an accurate account of the season, then again they must be because they are in the Annual Report and are now part of Briars history.

Strict adherence to the 'no training, no playing first grade' policy early in the season meant that by the first game against Petersham, the first grade side had all trained together for a while and were re-developing their combinations from last year. The side remained largely unchanged from 1999, there were however some new players to the club who were selected to strengthen some of the weaker positions. It was no real surprise, to me anyhow, that we won our first game. The introduction of a set playing style throughout all the grades had ensured that we were all focused and that even the reserves, which came on during the game, knew what was expected of them.

Our second game was against South Sydney New Zealand and was our first home game. We again won and proved that the first round win was no fluke. The numbers at training doubled during the next week. The third round saw us meet an in form CBOBs side who had also won their first two games. Only one side was to remain undefeated and unfortunately it wasn't us. It was a slight speed hump in our successful start to the season. Barker was the next club to be beaten by our now very much in form (or so we thought) first grade side.

That was where the bubble burst though. We didn't win another game until we met Barker in the second round, and that was to be our only other win for the year. We often led at half time, sometimes convincingly, only to fall asleep or try and shut games down before the final whistle. All our opponents capitalized on these errors and only needed a glimpse of victory to make us crumble into submission.

I guess there are plenty of excuses for our marked change of form. Numbers had been getting weaker at training, injuries were mounting, enthusiasm was down and a large number of first graders were playing warm-up games to help out the lower grades. All are just excuses though and good sides overcome adversities and make them work in their favour. If we are to become a dominant force once again in Suburban Rugby, our attitude to training must improve. It is a necessary evil, you can't expect to win without it (I think I've written that before).

Congratulations must go to the guys who earned the awards. To our Best and Fairest, Ben Murphy, who gained the respect of his fellow teammates and opposition, with his terrier-like attitude and never-say-die approach to the game. Steve Davis is always an inspiration on the rugby field, his influence on a game can be evidenced by the fact that he received more Players Player votes than any other player in any other grade in the club, another very deserved recipient.

Thank-you to the other coaches, Chris Lamond, Les Cousins, Alex Palmer and James Steele for being there all year and not complaining too much when they lost players to the higher grades.



A big thank-you to Anthony Gill the first grade manager. I know that all the first grade players really appreciate having Gilly as their manager.

Thanks also to Genevieve Maiden for patching the wounded troops and getting them back out onto the paddock.

Thanks also to Matt.Waddington, Rugby Chairman and report writer extraordinaire.

Matt. Waddington

For John Hurley

First Grade Coach.



2ND GRADE REPORT:

Games Played	18
Total Wins	6
% Wins	33
Total Losses	11
% Losses	61
Total Draws	1
% Draws	6
No. Close Wins	3
% Close Wins of Games Played	17
% Close Wins of Total Wins	50
No. Close Losses	2
% Close Losses of Games Played	11
% Close Losses of Total Losses	18
Total For	259
Total Against	376
Av. Points Scored Per Game	14.4
Av. Points Scored Against/Game	20.9
Av. Winning Margin	18.3
Av. Losing Margin	20.6

The season 2000 will be remembered as the season that could have been. Unfortunately, due to a poor attitude and a lack of commitment by some players, we weren't able to get it together on the field, and a team which had plenty of talent on paper often looked lacklustre and lacking focus on the paddock.

That isn't to say that we didn't play well in some of our games. The loss against CBOB's in round 3, the win against Epping in the second last game and both of the wins against Beecroft were all matches where we performed well. It is interesting to note that these

Rugby Second Grade



Rugby Second Grade

matches were spread throughout the season, which shows our lack of consistency due to a lack of attendance at training.

Training together as a team is the most important thing a side can do in its preparation for a game. Without it, we are simply using the first half of the game as a team training session. This just leaves half of the game to try to win, often after the horse has bolted.

Simon Pollard was one player who showed commitment for the whole year. His attitude and aggression (which needs to be controlled occasionally) are exactly what all players should carry with them out onto the field. Simon attended most training sessions from early in the pre-season and was a very worthy winner of the Players' Player award and the clubs award for the most improved player. If we had a team of Simons, no-one would have beaten us.

Tim Callaghan also showed that he has an attitude and commitment, although these often weren't working in tandem. At times Tim would tell everyone what they should be doing but then not follow through himself. Despite this short-coming Tim managed to win the Best & Fairest players award for the second year running.

I must thank Dan. Sherer for managing the side this year. I think Dan attended more training sessions and games than a lot of the players, even though an injury from last year meant that he couldn't train or play.

I would also like to thank all the players who played in the seconds this year. There were obviously too many players to mention everyone in this report. I would especially like to thank all those players who played two, three and even four games in one day.

Thanks also to John Hurley and Les Cousins for all their help at training and on game days, and to the guys at 14 Eureka Street for helping with the team selections and phone calls.

If we are to become a dominant force again in Subbies rugby, we must improve our attitude towards training.

Chris Lamond

Second Grade Coach.



Rugby Third Grade

3RD GRADE REPORT:

Games Played	18
Total Wins	8
% Wins	44
Total Losses	10
% Losses	56
Total Draws	-
% Draws	-
No. Close Wins	1
% Close Wins of Games Played	6
% Close Wins of Total Wins	13
No. Close Losses	4
% Close Losses of Games Played	22
% Close Losses of Total Losses	40
Total For	256
Total Against	235
Av. Points Scored Per Game	14.2
Av. Points Scored Against/Game	13.1
Av. Winning Margin	18.4
Av. Losing Margin	12.6

Rugby Third Grade

The season started really well for third grade, and with four wins out of the first five games, we were top of the division for a while. I thought we were about to have a really good season and were even semi final prospects. Then the rot set in with player injuries. Mainly through doubling up and a lack of fitness in the final fifteen minutes, also a few indiscretions by one of the senior players lost us a few close games.

It got really hard mid way through the season turning up on a Saturday and having to select a side from those on the touchline and whoever else turned up, but we battled on and were very competitive every week. Special mention must be made to a few players, who turned up week in week out and played their hearts out. I would like to specially thank Clarkie who initially came down to watch but was finally coaxed into having a run and ended up player of the year, congratulations to him. And Garry Pearce my manager who had another fine year playing almost every game and was the players player, if only we could find more players with hearts as big as these guys. I would also like to give a special mention to Cameron Slapp my captain for most of the year who led the troops and was outstanding at breakaway. I would also like to thank Lyle McLean for bringing along a few players and hope he can do the same next year. Mark Parker played outstandingly for third grade each week after having already played in fourth grade, another example of a player with guts. Thanks to Peter Newman who turned up after a few games and played the rest of the season, along with James Munroe, if only he hadn't gone overseas for six weeks, Thanks to Shane Teau, Reggie, Scott McGill, Matt Grace, James Allsop who ended up playing first grade, Anthony Gill and Daniel Bott who played most of the season in second grade before a terrible injury. Special mention to Blacky and all the fourth graders who backed up, also some of the first graders who helped out when things started to get tough, Johnny, Lincoln, Lee Tone, Boyter, and Corie.

Thanks to John Hurley, Chris Lamond, Alex Palmer, my manager Garry Pearce and all the other managers for the year, I would also like to give a special mention to Kim Pearce who sat on the side line every week helping out by filling in team sheets, keeping score and also doing stints in the kitchen.

Thank you all and hope to see you all next year and lets have a better season.

Les Cousins

Third Grade Coach.



4TH GRADE REPORT:

Games Played	18
Total Wins	6
% Wins	33
Total Losses	12
% Losses	67
Total Draws	-
% Draws	-
No. Close Wins	2
% Close Wins of Games Played	11
% Close Wins of Total Wins	33
No. Close Losses	4
% Close Losses of Games Played	22
% Close Losses of Total Losses	33
Total For	161
Total Against	242
Av. Points Scored Per Game	8.9
Av. Points Scored Against/Game	13.4
Av. Winning Margin	12.8
Av. Losing Margin	13.2

Rugby Fourth Grade

Rugby Fourth Grade

The strongest thing to come out of fourth grade, was the great Briars spirit of many players. Generally there was never any problem fielding a competitive fourth grade side, thereby fulfilling our obligations to the opponents and the Club Championship.

Fours finished eighth on the competition table with six wins, but it must be noted that many of the losses were by narrow margins.

A deserving winner of the Best and Fairest award was Steve Davis, who helped the team unselfishly. It must be noted he became somewhat partial to playing flanker.

The seasons Players' Player winner was Mark Parker. This was a fitting reward for his consistent top performances, as well as scoring the most number of tries to be equal leading point scorer.

Michael McDermott was the other leading point scorer. And would you believe it? He played only one game before dislocating a shoulder.

Another amazing statistic was the number of players used. This season 76 players took the field with Ken Williams and Alex Palmer playing all games, just ahead of Briars longest serving player Chris Murray. They are also the three oldest!

Ken Williams, as manager, always tidied up the loose ends on game day and ensured we didn't need to opt for uncontested scrums.

Special thanks to Thirds Coach, Les Cousins, his manager Garry Pearce, as well as John Hurley and Chris Lamond, along with James Steele and Matt Waddington, who all supported fourth grade without question.

And thanks to all those who helped or offered help. A hard but enjoyable year – but I guess that's why we do it.

Alex Palmer
Coach.



Rugby Under 19 Colts

UNDER 19 (COLTS) REPORT:

Games Played	13
Total Wins	3
% Wins	23
Total Losses	8
% Losses	62
Total Draws	2
% Draws	15
No. Close Wins	-
% Close Wins of Games Played	-
% Close Wins of Total Wins	-
No. Close Losses	4
% Close Losses of Games Played	31
% Close Losses of Total Losses	50
Total For	138
Total Against	168
Av. Points Scored Per Game	10.6
Av. Points Scored Against/Game	12.9
Av. Winning Margin	22.7
Av. Losing Margin	12.3

The best thing about colts would have to be the ratio to beer drunk, games played, and times spewed would have to be the highest in the club. Not only are the boys learning about rugby but with the Briars unique atmosphere they're also learning about life. My phone still rings in the early hours of the morning with one of our colts talking Spanish on the other end.

Highlights for the year would have to be that BBQ the night before the semi final (in hind sight perhaps not the best idea) and that other night at the Paragon, which ended up back at the club Sunday afternoon with the 'Berg' as the last colt standing. It was outstanding to beat Dundas and drink a carton of beer on their hill before leaving and an even better effort was smashing Beecroft who were always tough on field.

The squad we had this year were by no means the largest pack but when they weren't hung over and managed to keep their mouths shut they showed great commitment to the ball and defended heroically against solid opposition. We were still sorting out positions towards the end of the year but our loose forwards Pete Mair, Linberg, Malouf, Andrew Clark, and a few others were outstanding and often outplayed our opposition with our fast pick and go combinations. Second rower Graeme Harrison was a tireless workhorse all year and it was impressive seeing him knock back 5 too many beers at the club in the name of team spirit. Luke Stewart showed his class whenever West's didn't have a game and was handy as line-out-ball and just about everywhere else he popped up. Rob Sheldrick was also strong in the lineout and tough around the paddock. Tim Doyle proved hard to stop with his impression of the bionic man at fullback and Harry may one day be able to justify wearing that ten jumper. Actually Harry kicks like a genius and a real coach will make a champion 5/8 of him if we can keep him away from soccer. Stefan Ellis was precise at halfback and impressed Murphy with his ability to play a whole game without stomping any of his own players. Luke Munroe also performed well at halfback but was by far the most slapped man in the squad (if we can only convert some of that effort to training). Luke Denny, Macca and Kieran O'Connor proved aggressive in the centres with Simon Harper showing a lot of ticker in defence. Thanks to the front rowers for whatever it is you were doing (Terry O'Kane assures me it's quite technical). Scruffy (Mathew Cliff), Alex McGowan, Erin Guinan & Michael O'Rourke had the toughest assignments as we played against some monster front rows, particularly Dural who have some sort of human growth hormone at work in their scrums. Lets not forget Liam who runs well with the ball, tackles most of the time and comments on just about everything. I can't remember Hammer's real name (Michael something) but he's strong running, aggressive tackling at inside centre was fun to watch. He's also one of the few colts to have a girlfriend (also fun to watch).

Overall I was impressed with the guts shown on the paddock and willingness to enjoy life at the club and other establishments shown by the side. Hopefully we can get them all back next year where we can further develop skills and show a bit of commitment to train and perhaps pick up the cup. Thanks to all those who helped out and to Pete for leading the side. Sorry about the paperwork Waddo.

James Steele

Under 19's Coach



Hockey

Chairman's Report

SEASON 2000 PROVED TO BE OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL TO DATE. The highlights included:

- Opening of our new field, the Cintra Hockey Complex
- Fielding an extra Men's and Women's team
- Semi-Finalists in 1st Grade
- Finalists in 2nd Grade – losing to the eventual Premiers
- Grand Finalist's in the U/17's and U/15's
- Minor Premiers and Grand Finalist's in the Women's Gold team
- Semi-Finalist's in the Women's Maroon team
- Successful Luncheon at Parliament House
- Introduction of a Tuesday Night Minkey program

Following 12 months of intensive work involving The Foundation, Peter Woods, Robert Hook and Phil Willis from Concord Council, Peter Higgs from Canbay and Briars Hockey, we achieved what often takes clubs 10 years to do, build our own field. Although about 3 months behind schedule, we opened the ground to a very good crowd on Saturday 3rd June. In doing so we have firmly secured Briars as a major force in Sydney Hockey.

The 'word of mouth' response to how well our Hockey is organised saw the attraction of enough extra players to field both an extra Men's and Women's team. Both Bob Tagg and our retiring Chairman Dean Garland deserve special mention for the success of this growth. Already next year we have enough interest to field 4 women's teams. Well done guys.

Led by the coaching expertise of Club Coach Warren Birmingham and 1st Grade coach Greg Kay, our 1st grade achieved results never seen before from a club in only its second year in the Premier Division. Finishing the season strongly, we nudged out last year's Grand Finalists Ryde to finish fourth. Unfortunately, inexperience got the better of us the following week where we lost 4-3 to Glebe. Congratulations must go to all players on performing so well throughout the season.

The 2nd Grade side realised the untapped potential of last season where they finished 8th, to almost play in the Grand Final. Having played consistently well throughout the year. 2nd grade continued their form to defeat Glebe 3-1 in the Semi. The Final saw us dominate 30 minutes of the first half but go in 2 nil down at half-time. We played well in the second half but couldn't finish off and eventually lost 3-1 to the eventual Premiers Ryde. Congratulations must go to these guys who have now established themselves for a huge season 2001.

Made up of a bunch of keen but inexperienced guys, the U/17 are also to be congratulated for their results this year. With only 4-5 players who had ever played before, the guys pulled together and responded well to the tuition of Rod Smith. To make the Grand final was a truly wonderful effort by all concerned. Also a special thanks goes to our always efficient manager, Ken Welsh.

The U/15, having won the B division last year, took the big leap into A division. Having just scraped into the Semi-Finals, the players showed just how they have improved, by making it all the way to the Grand Final. To the coaching staff of Silas Moss and Nathan Fryer, very well done guys. Special congratulations must also go to David Jones (no not the David Jones) on becoming the 1st Briars junior to make a State Representative team. Well done David.

What can we say about the Women? We had two sides in the same competition, and both performed extremely well, with the Gold team being Minor Premiers and the Maroon after a slow start, also making the Semi's. Eventually, the results didn't go our



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way and the teams finished 2nd and 3rd respectively. The team of Deano and Tagg, ably assisted by Burgo, did a tremendous job that we know is appreciated very much by all the girls. Well done guys.

With an up-market venue like Parliament House, all enjoyed a sell-out luncheon which also raised a substantial amount of money for Briars Hockey. We must thank Singo and Roy for putting on a great show, and to John Murray MP for hosting the lunch on our behalf. Special thanks to all of those who organised a table.

In securing our future, Silas Moss led an able team of U/9 coaches through our Minkey Program. This program targets kids who are under 9 years of age and teaches them the basics of hockey. It also provides us with our 2nd U/11 team commencing next season, with the eventual goal being to field 2 junior teams in every age group within 3 years. Silas and the boys did a great job with all 24 participants commenting on how much they enjoyed the program. Well done guys.

Finally special thanks to our coaches who gave of their time so generously including Greg Kay, Glen Williamson and of course the world's best Warren Birmingham. To the Manager's Rob Bracey, Michael Bates, Simon Bergfield and Ken Welsh, Ground Marshal Chris Poll, Physiotherapist Ian Starkey, Canteen Supervisor Alan Jones, and our committee thanks for your support through a wonderful season. See ya next year.

John Price



WELL IT ONLY SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY that Busta and I addressed the 1st Grade squad outlining the goals that we believed were achievable for the year 2000 season.

In fact, it was November 1999 and although we did not achieve the highly desired 2000 Premier Division title, we were able to record the club's best ever result of a top 4 finish and in the process serve strong notice to all other clubs that "Briars" are now true contenders capable of achieving even higher honours in the coming years.

The results achieved this season are all the more meritorious when we take into consideration the significant obstacles that were placed before us at various stages – these included the unavoidable disruption to training schedules due to the delay in the construction of our magnificent new Cintra playing field and the frequent unavailability of a number of our talented players due to representative commitments, serious injuries and unfortunately forced suspensions.

New Team Members

This year we welcomed several new members to the team in Ian (Mary) McGregor, Adam (AJ) Pascoe and Danny (Dano) McIver. I am pleased to report that they all quickly settled into the Briars family and consistently displayed their high level hockey qualities to contribute to the great success of the 1st grade team.

Throughout the season all players in the team were personally subjected to many physical, mental and emotional challenges. Some valuable lessons were learned which in no small way contributed to the tremendously successful results achieved and

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accordingly has established a further substantial foundation from which the 2001 season can be launched.

Players Contribution

My personal broad assessment of the team performances is as follows ; -

Our strikers (Nathan, Silas, Dave C and Mary) caused problems for all the opposition teams defenders with their speed and high workrate. Nathan, with his bag of goals in a new role of centre striker, was the team's most improved player.

At the back Donga, Razor, Alex, Azza and AJ put their bodies on the line for the team and were consistently in the face of their opponents to restrict their scoring opportunities and cause regular turnovers of possession which then sent us into attack.

Jono, Jason and BJ (the team leader) patrolled and controlled the important midfield zones and when BJ dominated the centre of the field we invariably won.

Dano was truly inspirational at times in the net, which served to motivate all other team members. However, his methods can be described as somewhat unconventional.

Thank you also to Banksie, Rod, Banners, Reno and Rohan who made strong contributions when called upon during the season and never let the team down with their personal commitment.

Personal and Team Development

The further development of a culture for success for this team should continue to centre on positive attitudes, strong self belief, unreserved commitment and consistent hard work for continual improvement.

Although in the end we did not take the 2000 premiers title (notwithstanding we definitely have it in our sights for the immediate future), I believe we can honestly say that this year we added to the greatest trophy collection of all times, "Our Memories", in what was an enjoyable and tremendously successful season.

Congratulations, guys on all your personal efforts in what has been a truly high achieving and memorable season.

Finally I would like to especially thank Busta for your valuable support and wise counsel throughout the season (sometimes from remote locations), and also to JP, a special acknowledgement for your outstanding guidance, managerial and administrative efforts for the team which were very much appreciated by me and all the players.

Individual Awards

Best and Fairest	Ian McGregor
Coaches Most Valuable Player	Jon Head
Players Player	BJ Hemmy

Greg Kay

First Grade Coach



Player Profiles

DANNY MCIVOR- Came to us from opposition club. A good decision from him and our clubs point of view. Played sensationally when fully prepared and focused.

ALAN (RAZOR) ALDERSON- 2nd half of the season saw Razor back to his best. Definitely the best fullback in the competition when focused and enjoying his game.

ALAN (DONGA) CHARLTON- Great season and I could mention all the super things he does. Plays best when he believes in himself and makes first 5 metres in offence and defence with urgency.

ALEX HEAD- Tough reliable and determined. Great asset to the team until he was suspended.

AARON FRYER- The team player everyone respects. Has a great ability to complement the play of those around him. Always gives 100% in every instance.

ROD SMITH- Although playing most of the year in twos, he is always regarded as a squad member. Great team and club player who would never give up.

BJ HEMMY- Back to his best towards the finals and as I've said before, doesn't realise how good he could be. Certainly has the potential to go much further but needs to understand you have to train 7 days a week to play for Australia.

DAVID CROSER- Super season as always until he had a freak accident. If he wasn't from FNC it may have been much worse. He will get the benefit of the last two years work when he comes back into the side in 2001.

IAN (MARY) MCGREGOR- Super speed and skill - big future especially if he develops a bit of ruthlessness and aggression. Great finals lead up and series.

JONATHON HEAD- Played an excellent role in the midfield. Always a great contributor and team player. Definitely will be even more confident next year after this years performance.

NATHAN FRYER- Strong and committed in the centre. Has tonnes of ability and needs to spend more time on the training track to reach his full potential - good season.

JASON POWELL- Big step up for Jason this year. In the second half of the season he really excelled and came right up to the level.

ADAM BANNISTER - Came back late in the season and made a great contribution to first and seconds in the finals. This guy can play and I would really enjoy seeing him fully fit.

SILAS MOSS- Dynamite when he is in the mood. Hard to control if he isn't. Proved again he has enormous ability at this level.

KURT MILLER- Started the season in great form until he was injured. Came back late in the season and certainly would have been a big part in our finals campaign if he had more time to get his fitness, skills and confidence back.



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Second Grade

THE MAJOR GOAL FOR THE 2ND GRADE TEAM this season was to significantly improve on the previous years 8th position.

After a somewhat slow start to the season, the records will now show that this was the club's best performed men's team for the year 2000, with a 3rd place finish following a hard fought tussle before losing to Ryde (the eventual premiers) in the final. With an ounce of luck this team could have went all the way, such was the closeness of the competition amongst the contenders.

The clear strength of the team was the talent of the players with Rod, Banksie, Reno, Banners, Powelly, Rohan (The Rock) and Scotty C all having 1st grade experience. These players coupled with the emergence of the young guns (Wade, Kurt, Shana and Brett) and the consistent strong performances of Pikey, Bainsie and also Wayne and Dunny before they unfortunately succumbed to season ending injuries during the 2nd round contributed significantly to the success of the team.

Another of the major factors for this team's success season was all the players personal commitment and efforts (as evident by Wade travelling down from Newcastle and Kurt up from Goulburn each week for training) in being an integral part of a larger and highly enthusiastic 1st grade squad.

Player Profiles

WADE SHARROCK (Goalkeeper) - proved to be a very valuable last line of defence and whose performances contributed significantly to the end result in a number of critical matches.

TIM PIKE (Fullback) - solid defender who never lets the team down. Following a mid season sojourn overseas, Pikey returned to play a major role in the teams finals success.

MICHAEL BANKS (Fullback) - after spending the early part of the season in 1st grade, Banksie really came into his own with many dominant displays for 2nd's. His high workrate and never say die attitude made it very difficult for all opposition attackers.

ROD SMITH (Midfield) - experienced player who sets high standards with his personal commitment and attitude for the team. Proved to have a cool head under pressure and was respected for his leadership qualities.

KURT MILLER (Midfield) - was a key member of the team until an unfortunate work accident (two broken wrists) interrupted his season for 10 weeks after round 5. His return 3 games before the finals was a major boost and invariably when he dominated a game the team was successful. Kurt has great potential to secure a 1st grade position from next season.

IAN REYNOLDS (Midfield) - Reno as the team captain always led by example. His skill and never give up attitude was inspiring for the other team members and he rarely put in less than a 100% performance

MICHAEL BAINES (Fullback / Halfback / Forward) - Bainsie is a solid player who really enjoys his hockey every week and never fails to give a 100% effort. He hates losing and inspires his team mates with consistent performances in whatever role he is asked to play whether it be fullback, halfback / midfield or wing. Bainsie is just one of those great team guys who will never let you down.

WAYNE ALLSOP (Left Half) - a solid no frills defender who more than capably held his own when called upon to play in 2nd's. A nasty hand injury in round 14 against Ryde cut Wayne's season short but no doubt he will be back rare'n to go next year.



ROHAN MASCARENHAS (Right Wing) - Rohan is a talented forward with great evasive skills. He regularly set up the attacking raids in every game from the right side and also scored some fine goals. Rohan's future at a higher level is only limited by his self belief and personal commitment.

JASON POWELL (Inside Right) - Jason was lured down to Briars from the Far North Coast and quickly showed his tremendous stick skills he learned as a NSW junior player. Jason's easy going attitude allowed him to quickly settle in to the club and given that this season was a valuable learning experience in the rigors of Sydney premier division hockey, it is evident that he has the ability to secure a 1st team position from next year.

GREG DUNN (Centre Forward) - An experienced and important member of the team given that he was seen as the main goal scorer and usually was able to influence results. However, overseas work commitments and an unfortunate knee injury saw Dunn complete only a handful of games this year. Hope to see you back raring to go next year.

SCOTT COMMENS (Inside Left) - Scott's experience and hockey skills were invaluable amongst a relatively young and inexperienced forward line. His ability to control and distribute possession enabled us to sustain constant pressure on opposition defences which was a major factor in the team's success this season. Scott's ability to regain a regular 1st team spot is only limited by his personal commitment to hockey amongst his busy life.

SHAN RANA (Left Wing) - Shan as a recent graduate from the under 17 ranks was experiencing his first full season in premier division hockey. With plenty of raw ability and self confidence, he was an enthusiastic learner and played every game with the passion of a much more seasoned player. Shan was the major goal scorer for the team (19 - which was the best in the club) with some brilliant and important touches that swung the course of several games in Briars favour. Shan has a fiercely competitive nature, strong work ethic and is a very good athlete who has the ability to develop into a future 1st team member.

ADAM BANNISTER (Midfield) - Due to an unfortunate off season skate boarding accident (fractured wrist), Banners was only able to commence playing from round 14. His presence as a gifted and quality player lifted the team and his personal performances contributed significantly to the great run into and through the finals. He will no doubt be looking forward to being injury free for next season and having the opportunity to secure a 1st team position.

DAVID HUNTER (Midfield) - "Pommie" was our secret weapon who joined us in round 7 for 3 months during his stay in Sydney. Dave was a quality player from England who despite not having played hockey for some time, contributed strongly in the midfield to the control almost every game in which he participated. Unfortunately he had to leave two games before the finals and I have no doubt that if he could have stayed and with the return of Kurt from injury, the team would have been very close to premiers. Rumors are that he intends to return (possibly with some of his fellow UK hockey mates) next year. Anyway thanks for all your efforts.

BRETT REDMOND (Half / Forward) - Brett is another young guy from the country (up Coffs Harbour way) who experienced Sydney Premier Division for the first time. Although he spent most of the season in 3rd's, when he was elevated during the year he more than capably held his own. Again like Shaun, Brett has a tremendous learning attitude towards his hockey and with continual development is capable of being a regular member of the 2nd team.

Congratulations to all the players on your well deserved success in the 2000 season and I trust that you all can look forward to next season with the confidence that the premiers title is now well within reach.



Hockey Second Grade

Thank you to JP for your valued assistance in attending to the managerial responsibilities and also to Glen and his 3rd grade for providing player support to our team throughout the season.

Individual Awards

Best and Fairest

Ian Reynolds

Coaches Most Valuable Player

Rod Smith

Players Player

Tim Pike

Greg Kay



Hockey Third Grade

Results

Played	Won	Draw	Loss	For	Against	Points	Position
18	6	2	10	26	54	14	6th

WELL DONE to all the players involved with third grade this year. 2000 proved to be the year that Briars third grade just was not there to make up the numbers. The club should be extremely proud of the effort of these players.

When I sat down at the beginning of the year thinking on the best possible finish (realistically), mid ladder was the aim. With some hard work and a great bunch of guys we achieved the goals (poor joke, I know).

Unfortunately we threw away some games that we really should have won but by the same token we scored some results that not only surprised the team but also the opposition. For example a shock loss to Baulkham Hills was the team's worst performance and teams wake up call. On the positive side to score two goals in last five minutes against UTS (to grab a draw) and have Sutherland 2 - 1 up with 10 seconds to play (only to have some bad luck, ending 2 - 2) and many other countless moments.

Training is still an issue with all the lower grades. Thank you to Jesse, Lachlan, Ratty, Ben Scully, Dave Cannon and Dan Tagg for always being there or letting me know. So next year we need to work more on both fitness and general training.

Awards

Players' Player	– David Ratcliffe
Most Valuable Player	– Daniel Tagg
Best & Fairest Player	– David Cannon

Profiles

DAVID RATCLIFFE (Goalkeeper) – Ratty was the inspiration of the team. He would make save after save to keep us in games. My only advise to Ratty is make sure you get to games on time to have a good warm up!

DANIEL TAGG (Fullback) – Daniel provided solid defence and good support to Ratty. He will continue to improve with more senior experience and with self-belief.

LACHLAN BOA (Fullback) – The Enforcer, Lachlan tried very hard this year to make his mark on every forward in the competition. By years end Lochie had learnt that there is more to hockey then hitting the cover off the ball.

DAVID CANNON (Left Half) – After starting the year in fourths, Dave became a regular player quarter way through the season. Ever reliable in the task at hand, a coaches delight.

BRETT GRAHAM (Centre Half) – Once Brett realises that you can pass the ball to left he will become a good Centre Half. Congrats on reaching 300 games at the end of the year.

ADAM HACKETT (Right Half) – Adam joined Briars this year and made a mark. He filled a much-needed space in the team with his commitment and experience.

ADAM BRACEY (Left Wing) – Unfortunately for Adam an injury kept him off the field in the later part of the year. Just needs to work on his confidence and strength over the ball.

ADAM KENNEDY (Inside Left) – Kenno found the transition from Country to City hockey a bit difficult early this year but by season end looked like he had been there all his life. His relaxed approach to his game was a calming influence on the other younger players.

BRETT REDMAN (Inside Forward / Half) – Worked hard all year on his performance and deserved his late season inclusion in 2nd grade. Keep up the good work Brett.

PAUL ANDREW (Centre Forward) – Providing some much needed experience and a level head to a relatively inexperienced forward line.

BEN GARLAND (Inside Right) – Ben made the step up from fourths and deserved his chance to play the thirds. Unlike some other members of third grade, Ben does not lack any confidence on or off the hockey field.

NICK PERVUSHIN (Right Wing) – Nick's speed across the ground and stick-work posed questions to defensive systems of all teams throughout the year.

I would also like to thank the following people for providing valuable support to third grade this year:

- Bob Bracey for providing the team with a manager and his opinions.
- Michael Baines and Wayne Allsopp (started the year in 3rd but gained a position in 2nd's)
- Jesse Borthwick, Adam Schasser and Ben Scully (often played both 3rd and 4th grade each week)
- Special thanks to Dean Garland, John Price and the entire Briars board for their on-going support.



Hockey

Fourth Grade

Results

Played	Won	Draw	Loss	For	Against	Points	Position
18	3	2	13	22	57	11	9th

This year proved to be a frustrating one in many ways for fourth grade. Unfortunately the team regularly had either players that had played their second game for the weekend (thanks to all that helped out) or lost discipline at vital stages in the all too often close games.

Without the presence of a true striker (myself included) we struggled to make the most of the opportunities that presented themselves. To the player's credit the second half of the year showed with some commitment and good teamwork anything is possible. Special credit must go to Adam Schasser, Ben Scully, Jesse Borthwick and Craig Miller.

Awards

Players' Player – Adam Schasser

Most Valuable Player – Ben Scully

Best & Fairest Player – Marc Burns

Profiles

DAVID RATCLIFFE (Goalkeeper) – With the lack of regular goalkeepers in the club, Dave had to (or wanted to) play both 3rd and 4th grade this year. To his credit he gave 100% effort whenever he took the field. Thanks Ratty.

ADAM SCHASSER (Fullback / Centre Half) – After starting the year in third grade Adam provided the wise head that we needed. His sound defence proved annoying to many an opposing forward line.

MAX FRANCIS (Fullback) – Max joined the club year and made an instant presence on and off the field. Unfortunately Max did not play as many games as we would all like.

MARC BURNS (Left Half) – Started the year full of confidence, many thought Marc would play the majority of the year in third but a few injuries denied him that. By years end he had recaptured that form – good effort.

BRENT DIPROSE (Centre Half / Fullback) – Dipper provided the team with some much needed direction around the field. His ability to deliver the pass straight to a player provided many an opportunity.

BEN SCULLY (Right Half / Fullback) – Always dependable, Ben often played both third and fourth grade. A year whereby Ben should be very pleased with his efforts. Unfortunately for him, a few minor injuries occurred during the year.

JESSE BORTHWICK (Left Wing / Inside Left) – Jesse's level of commitment to Briars Hockey is unmatched. With his ability to eliminate his opponent and set up opportunities is a sight to be seen. On most weeks Jesse would play both 3rd and 4th grade and would possible play 5th's if he was allowed.

CHRIS ZOL (Utility) – Another young player to watch in the years to come. After starting the year as a 5th grade player, Chris played the majority of the year playing 5th and 4th straight after. Rewarded with a spot in 3rd's at the end of the year – Well Done Chris.

GLEN WILLIAMSON (Centre Forward) – All I can say is that from a playing point of view it is a year I would rather forget. As with most of 4th grade missed many an opportunity.



Hockey

Fourth Grade

PAUL DAVIES (Inside Right) – Proved all too often to the rest of the team what is possible with 100% commitment to playing hockey does. Paul is just as reliable in defence or bringing the ball into attack. Scored many a good goal.

CRAIG MILLER (Right Wing / Right Half) – Started the year slowly but got better with every week. Always had the ability to be in the right spot at the right time.

Other players that made appearances throughout the year include – Brett Redman, Ben Garland, Adam Kennedy, Mike Bate, Jay Hook and Derek Welsh. I apologise to anyone I forgot.

Hope to see you all next year.

Glen Williamson

Coach



FIFTH GRADE MADE A GOOD START TO THE SEASON but had trouble maintaining the momentum. We treated the year as a chance to settle in a new group of players and finished looking forward to next year with the same group. Next year holds for us a home ground, the same group of players and some coaching - Watch out!

JAMES WHALAN: Indestructible but trying hard anyway. Hit by everything and everyone on the field and still came back for more. Finally taken out by work.

KURT RAVEN: The man with the magic eyes. Kurt had to stop more shots at goal than any other keeper in the Sydney comp.

PETE MILIATIS: Stolen from the U17s as often as we could get him. Pete was the "cordon sanitaire" around the fifth grade goalface.

DEREK WELSH: Played anywhere and everywhere on the field and made it look easy. Great speed, great skill, great player. Many tried to tackle him, few lived to tell their side of the story.

DAVE BOSMA: Mr 110% himself. Star left half. Could run down anybody else in the 5th grade comp. Known to warm up before the match, thereby causing fear in opposition.

OLI DREYFUS: Multi-lingual wizard of the centre field. Dominated with brilliant trapping and passing. A brand new stick half way through the season and then we knew he was taking it seriously!

MIKE BATE: Mr Fix-it of the 5th grade team. Able to get a side onto the field no matter what the weather, no matter where the ground, no matter how many people were too drunk from the night before.

CHRIS REID: Was about to set off for a fourth year of travel overseas. One night of training with the team and he couldn't leave again. Starred down the right wing. Took them all on no matter what their size.

Hockey

Fifth Grade

Hockey Fifth Grade

CHRIS GRANT: Two flashing goals in the last three matches from the left inner. Maybe the most improved player this season and a deserving winner of the best and fairest trophy.

ABBAS RANA: On his day no one could get near our centre-forward. Swiftest stick work in the fifth grade comp and a deadly left handed grip.

BLAKE DURANTE: Hijacked from the U17s because we were running out of inners that could last the distance. Fit, fast and tenacious, Blake was just the man to fill the gap.

CHRIS ZOLL: Fast and furious in the forwards and inners, Chris was regularly poached by other teams. Flashing runs down the right or left, with the most deceptive drag in the team.



Hockey Sixth Grade

SIXTH GRADE COULD HAVE HAD A BETTER SEASON. When we were on our game, we gave the top teams a run for their money but also lost to some teams lower down the ladder. Some highlights were:

- importing a new player from interstate for the first time in years. Welcome Serge!
- the stroke saved by Joel Osmond when he was filling in for David.
- the classic goal scored by Alan Jones in the last game.

On the occasions when we were short of players, good support was provided by 5th grade, the U-17s (thanks Ken), Alan and David Jones. Many thanks to them.

GEOFF ATKINS - Halfback utility player. On the field when not travelling the world.

GREG ATWELL - Fullback. Best eye in the team. Plays the ball but watch out if you are in the way.

DANIEL ATWELL - Inner. Good ball runner who scores goals on a regular basis.

SIMON BERGFELD - Centre Half. Runs around and gets in the way. Likes a cold one after the game.

IAN BROWN - Half back. Known to unleash a straight drive on the odd bouncing ball. Also partial to a aftergame coldie.

SERGE CALCARAO - Inner. Our import from interstate. A high performer on field and probably also won the off field chuckle contest.

JOHN DENNISS - Halfback. Hits the ball bloody hard, not always where it is intended to go. Key man in the after game shout.

MICHAEL DENNISS - Fullback. Good player with fancy foot work. Make his a cold VB.

DAVE MACKENZIE - Utility player. Has tried out a number of positions this season.

TIM MCGETTIGAN - Forward and sometime halfback. A cacky handy convert who runs the ball on his back stick.

DAVID OSMOND - Goalie. Gets better and better with age.

JOEL OSMOND - Wing. Has scored the odd goal by just hanging round that goal post.

ALAN WIGGINS - Forward. The senior player in the team. Known to occasionally put the ball in the net.

CHRIS POLL - Whistle blower. Cops the odd bit of abuse from his own club and the rest but comes back for more.



AFTER A 7 - 0 LOSS TO SUTHERLAND in the first round, with only 7 players, the under 17's grew to a squad of 13 motivated and dedicated hockey players, eventually losing the grand final 4-1 to Gordon - North Sydney. Their attendance to training throughout the season reflected their huge individual and team improvements. With 3 players never playing hockey before they played a very consistent and solid style of hockey. It was a fun and enjoyable season and everyone should be proud of their grand final achievements.

YEHIA ELHGAR (goalkeeper) - For a first time in the goals in a club competition, Yehia showed the talent and dedication of an experienced keeper. With proper, well fitted kickers and more time in the net, Yehia will be a force to be reckoned with in the seniors ranks in the up and coming years.

NICK BRASSEL (Full Back) - Nick our short corner hitter specialist, if only we could have been more consistent with our push outs and trapping, Nick would have easily doubled his goals for the season.

PETER MILIATIS (Fullback) - Huge potential to go far in hockey. Peter's excellent vision and superb reading of the game saved us countless times. Further introduction into senior hockey, will mature Peter's game greatly.

MICHAEL FRANKLIN (Fullback, wing half & super sub) - Michael was most impressive this season when he turned up on time to home games, but more impressive when he remembered to bring a stick! In spite of his quick advice to referees decisions, Michael has played some entertaining hockey in 2000.

NICK GLISIC (Left half) - For Nick, first ever time playing hockey, he has powered on. Many thanks to his fellow teams mates who have helped him with all facets of the game (thankfully Michael, Blake and Derrick have not given him advice on sledging the referee!) Nick should be pleased with his achievements.

Hockey Under 17s

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SAMI KHAN (Right half) - Eventually, after poor coaching/team selections, Sami played a very good right half. After this position change from left half to right half, Sami proved a force up our right side and when focused, eliminated his opponent convincingly.

DERRICK WELSH (Center half and Captain) - A very disappointing end to the season for Derrick, being suspended for the Grand Final, did not give him justice for the good, solid and team leading hockey he has played throughout the season. Exposure to more experienced players and competition, such as the higher grades of seniors will mature and further develop his already strong game!

SIMON CALLANDER (Right wing) - A never ending workhorse and a very strong ball carrier, Simon provided a great opportunity for the team into our attacking half. His efforts were contagious, both at trainings and at the game.

TODD DARVALL (Inside forward, center half) - Todd has got all the moves and a good vision of the game. With more fire in the belly and a higher work rate, Todd will be a very competitive and strong player.

STEVE SMITH (Center forward) - For a center forward, Steve missed more shots from straight in front than any other player, but his field position and ability to get into position for the pass exaggerated this percentage. He has good deceptive pace and skills which will be furthered with any form of exercise!

BLAKE DURANTE (Inside forward) - Another member of the team in their first season of hockey and a left hander to complicate things further! Blake transferred his soccer skills to hockey and displayed excellent vision, speed and reading of the play. His work rate was first class which contributed to his fast learning curve.

JAY HOOKA (Left wing) - Goals from the baseline on the reverse stick was Jays specialty! Countless goals were scored in this manner. His fun nature and sometimes overboard enthusiasm provided a fun and enjoyable twist to the season. One day Jay will find his forestick side and its OK to pass back to the seven yard mark from the base line!

BRIAN BARRETO (inside forward - high striker) - Another huge work rate provided him with a large involvement in the game. He has shown great speed, vision and teamwork to help the 17's get to the grand final in 2000. Another member of the 17's that Briars need to hold onto in the senior ranks!



Hockey Under 15s

A very sluggish start to the season for the Briars Under 15 team, but finishing on a great note. At the beginning of the season we set the goal of making the top four and qualifying for the semi finals at the end of the year. Halfway through the season we were sitting second last on the competition ladder, having played most of our games away on the grass. With the completion of the new synthetic surface at Cintra Park (aka "The Pit"), we saw a dramatic turnaround in our form. Training hard and determined to play in the finals series the team slowly climbed the ladder to finish a close fourth after the regular season.

Maintaining the notion that we had already reached our goals, the team played each finals game with determination, passion, courage, and pride in their shirts. Making the grand final topped off an outstanding season, unfortunately being defeated by a very talented Ryde outfit. The achievement of runners up making us the most successful Briars Under 15 team ever in the North Area "A" Division.

The team also achieved some other great individual feats. The selection of David Jones in the NSW Under 14 Touring Team was a first for the club, an excellent achievement. David, Scott Fernando and Andrew Simpson represented Sydney at the State Championships gaining some valuable experience. Andrew also represented the

Sydney East team at the NSW CHS Titles. Players named in the 2001 Sydney Squads were: U/15 - Ben Jackson, Andrew Kilazaglou, and David Jones

U/17 - Andrew Simpson, Scott Fernando (shadow)

Overall a great season for the Briars Under 15 Team. Seven players move on to the U/17 and Women's Teams. Good luck to those players moving on and to those still in the U/15 be prepared for big things next season. We would like to thank Alan Jones, Jesse Borthwick, and all the parents. Without the help of these people the season would not have been so successful.

BEN JACKSON: Goal Keeper - Showed great improvement throughout the year proving vital to the success of the team saving us on many occasions. Rewarded with Sydney selection.

ANDREW KILAZAGLOU: Fullback - Great leadership skills saw Andrew selected as captain, had an outstanding season as fullback. Also selected in Sydney Team for 2001.

LEE MILIATIS: Fullback - The best tackler in the team, probably even the whole competition. When called upon, he never lets any player past.

LAURA GRIFFITHS: Half - Another solid season for Laura who is moving on to our Women's Teams. She is developing a sound defensive game and possesses the well-known "wonderdrag".

KATRINA SAAD: Half - In only her second year of hockey Katrina improved out of sight, always plays with determination and commitment in the defence. Also moving on to the Women's Teams.

KELLY WILBEL: Half - This was Kelly's first year of Hockey. She improved dramatically over the season becoming our best defensive marker.

SAM CANDINO: Centre Half - Made the centre half spot his own with his great distribution skills. Directs the play with precision setting up many players and also possesses an elusive offensive game with great stick skills. Extremely unlucky not to be selected in Sydney teams for 2001.

SCOTT FERNANDO: Striker - With skill and pace to burn Scott is definitely the best outside striker in the North Area Competition. With more confidence in his ability this kid will go on to bigger things in the future.

ANDREW SIMPSON: Striker - Great skill, attitude, and ability saw Andrew pick up joint Best and Fairest for this year. Andrew possesses one of the best shots on goal in this age group. I am sure you will see more of him coming up through the senior grades. Under 17 Sydney selection for 2001.

MATTHEW MALONEY: Striker - Matt possesses a great ability in being able to be in the right position to finish the goals. He is a very determined young man and loves scoring his goals.

LEWIS MIKE: Inside Forward - Lewis is a very talented young man. In his first season of hockey he played the house down. Took out the Most Improved award and was consistently one of our best all year. His strength and determination on the ball, and hunger to win will see him move up through the grades.

DAVID JONES: Inside Forward - Possesses the best stick skills in the team, seemingly beating opponents with the greatest ease. Joint Best and Fairest player this year. When he plays well everyone lifts around him, providing inspiration to the other players. Loves his hockey, trains hard and was rewarded with State selection this year.

JAY STEVENSON: Forward - The most versatile player in the team. Played everywhere from striker to goal keeper. Always puts in 100% and backs himself at all times. Jay has a great attitude, I hope he sticks to hockey and not the "other" game they play in heaven.



Hockey Under 13s

Profiles

KERCOOLIN: Started off the season as a field player and then found her way to the position of goalkeeper, where almost nothing got by her.

BRENDON: A good solid defender, but needs to try and control himself a bit more.

KARLY: Quiet but effective. Karly made some great tackles in pressure stages at the end of the year.

JESSE: Going from the start of the year not being able to hold a stick properly to making a match winning tackle in a semi-final – I'd say a 100% improvement.

MAX: Max was valuable to the team as we seemed to lift a little when he played.

RACHAEL: Rachael has a lot of potential to go far in hockey but needs to work on a few basic skills (eg speed, hitting) before she can get there.

ALISON: Didn't play every game with us but was more than welcome when she did. A good little Right Half but just needs a few things polished.

NIKKI: It was hard to find a positive for Nikki, as no matter where I put her, she would end up where the ball was. But overall, Nikki had a good year.

VANESSA: Vanessa has a lot of speed and can be very dangerous when in attack. Probably didn't get the ball as much as I would have liked.

MATTY: If I had to pick at Matt's game, the only thing I could find is that he is too lazy in defence. Other than that, Matt has unbelievable skills and can only go up if he puts in the hard work.

MICHELLE: Joined us partly through the year and is shaping to be a very good player, but she has to learn to watch her tackles.

RATIKA: She is one of the shyest people I've ever met on a hockey field. Ratika doesn't believe in her own ability, but when she does and just plays, she can be a great defender.

Overall the year by the Under 13s wasn't a bad one. We didn't get some of the results that we wanted but I think anyone who saw us play at the start of the season compared to the end of the season would agree that the kids improved a great deal.

This was my first year coaching the kids for Briars and unfortunately I was unable to get to every game and every training, but by the end of the season, they made me proud to be associated with a great bunch of kids.

Congratulations on the season guys.



WITH A LARGE INFLUX OF NEW PLAYERS arriving at the club, two Briars Women's teams were entered in the Ryde-Eastwood competition this year. The teams played in Division 2 and with a balanced rather than graded approach to team selection both were expected to be competitive.

The Briars Gold team finished as undefeated Minor Premiers and eventual Runners-Up and the Briars Maroon team finished a very creditable third. An excellent overall result for the Club.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Scott and Mandy Moloney who jointly received the Ryde-Eastwood Association award for the Best and Fairest Player in Division 2.

Congratulations also to Kate Sullivan and Alana Tagg who played in the Ryde-Eastwood representative team that won their division of the U/18 half State Championships held in Grafton.

Thanks must go to Paul Burgess, Judy Williams, Julie Moloney and Dave Radcliffe for their contributions, also to those who supported the teams each week as well as the guys from the lower grades who helped out at training. Special thanks to Nicky and Julie Moloney for helping out on the field when numbers were down, your efforts were greatly appreciated by everyone. To our coach Dean Garland who worked tirelessly all year with both teams, many thanks for another outstanding effort.

AWARD WINNERS

Best and Fairest

Coach's Most Valuable Player

Players' Player

Gold

Jenny Hardacre

Sarah Sullivan

Kate Sullivan

Maroon

Mandy Moloney

Kelsy Williams

Alana Tagg

BRIARS GOLD

Briars Gold had a number of experienced players and played strongly and with great confidence from the start of the season. Completing the minor premierships rounds without loss they moved through the semis to the grand final and unfortunately suffered their only defeat of the season in the grand final going down 1-2 in extra time. A disappointing finish but nevertheless an outstanding effort.

Player's Profiles

OLIVIA AMEY - Very enthusiastic forward who ran all day and scored many goals, good comeback after significant injury.

GEMMA CAMPAGNA - Shows great potential at right wing, consistent effort all season.

CLOE CONGDON - Never gives up, very enthusiastic and formed great combination with Gemma on the right wing.

RACHEL COOMBES - Reliable at fullback, showed great improvement as she gained confidence through the season.

JENNY HARDACRE - Skillful and experienced player who lifted the team with inspirational leadership.

BARBARA MACKIE - Confident, experienced player, always strong and reliable in defence.

JULIE MOLONEY - Thanks for being there in our time of need, your ability and contribution was greater than you think.

KIM RAVN - Used in both defence and attack, relied on to give her best at all times and continues to improve.

LISE RAVN - Good first up effort, went overseas mid season but will continue to improve next season.



ELIZABETH SCOTT - Our other specialist wing who's skills and hard work contributed greatly to the team's achievements.

KATE SULLIVAN - An outstanding effort throughout the season, makes it look so easy, her stick work is very good and her eye-ball co-ordination is enviable.

SARAH SULLIVAN - Most versatile player with excellent skills, despite being thrown from pillar to post had a great season.

MEGAN TURNBULL - Great first up effort as goalkeeper, enthusiastic, keen to learn and continued to improve each game.

SAMANTHA ZAMMIT - Always put in 110%, never gives up and continued to improve throughout the season, a great encourager on the field.

BRIARS MAROON

Briars Maroon took some time to build a combination but as the season progressed they gained more confidence in their ability and played good hockey to proceed through to the final where they suffered a narrow 0-1 loss. A great season.

Player's Profiles

KATIE BRETT - Strong player who's game improved as she settled into the halfback and more defensive role.

MEGAN DOBBS - Good solid performer who put in some outstanding efforts in her new position when moved from wing to fullback.

MEGAN FOXE - Finished the season well as she gained more confidence, good reliable season.

KATIE HARDWICK - Good team player used in a number of positions, could be relied on to always give 100% effort.

MANDY MOLONEY - Continued to show great ability to turn defence into attack, her reliable performances at fullback were an asset to the team.

NICKY MOLONEY - Very promising young player, will improve with further experience.

ANGELA PIGGOTT - Very enthusiastic player, the speedster of the team who never gave up in both defense and attack.

EMILY POWELL - Very reliable player who continues to build on her skills, a valuable performer in the mid field.

NATALIE SIMMONS - Experienced player who worked tirelessly in both defence and attack, her experience and enthusiasm proved a valuable asset.

ALANA TAGG - Good skills and plays with great confidence, always relied upon to put in a solid performance.

LAURA TOOMEY - Consistent solid performer in a number of forward positions, has good skills which improved over the season.

HANNAH WEST - Good consistent performer on the wing who's game will continue to improve as she gains experience.

KELSY WILLIAMS - Showed great skill and confidence in the goalkeeping role, a great performer all season.

BREE WILLIAMSON - Played well in the forwards in a number of positions, gained in confidence and her game improved as the season progressed.

GEMMA WILLIAMSON - Outstanding effort at halfback, very reliable, strong player who contributed greatly to the team's performance.



AUTUMN 2000 PENNANT

Ron Marshall resigned as squash Chairman at the beginning of this competition handing the reigns to yours truly. Thanks to Ron on a job well done over a long period.

Nine teams competed for Briars in the Autumn 2000 pennant representing grades from A1 to E3.

Our teams performed well with 6 teams reaching the semi finals, 3 teams winning through to the grand finals and B4 and E3 winning their pennants. Congratulations to both captains (B4 Steve Humphries & E3 John Siounis) & their teams on a great season.

The future of Five Dock courts, and the possibility of them closing loomed as a threat to squash during the pennant. A sub committee was quickly formed to consider alternative options. Fortunately the threat dissipated (or so we thought) and a 3 year lease was supposedly signed giving us some security for the next pennant.

We are still preparing a business case in the longer term which supports building squash courts in our local area. With time on our hands we started the spring pennant with Five Dock still as our home.

SPRING 2000 PENNANT

Once again 9 teams were registered to play for Briars in the Spring Pennant. Our A2 team was disbanded and a new team was entered at D4, giving us teams from grades A1 to D4.

NSW squash lost a number of teams during the off season resulting in many of our teams being re-graded into higher levels.

In true Briars spirit our teams rose to the occasion and performed well.

3 teams reached the semi finals A1, C2 and D4. A1 surprised all by reaching the grand final but finished runners up in a close match. Congratulations to captain Ned Dobrijevic and the team. C2 finished on top as minor premiers, won the final and went straight into the grand final. Unfortunately the opposition (with combined ages approximately half our team) were too strong relegating C2 to runners up and brides maid for the third comp in a row. Great effort captain Allan Browne & the team. D4 (our new team) also finished on top of the table but had to fight all the way to the grand final, including a draw and rematch on the way. Fortunately their true form was upheld and they won their first pennant. Congratulation to captain Jan Zilstorff, Andrew Jack, Adam and Frank.

At the time of writing this report we have been advised that Fivedock courts will close early next year. Squash will need to relocate and the sub committee has been reformed to decide our future. Our new home (temporary) will likely be either Concord or Coolibah.

Thank you to all those squash people who assisted over the last year. Also thanks to the Briars board members & others who have been so patient while I learned the ropes.

Merry Christmas & happy & safe new year

Guy Amedee.

Squash Chairman.





EVER HAD A DREAM THAT YOU'RE IN A RACE, leading all the way only to fall at the second last and then the last hurdle. Well that's exactly what happened to our side during the year. After comfortably leading the comp throughout the season the side finished minor premiers by a good margin. We then saved our worst to last to bow out in both semi finals. However an enjoyable time was had by all and with several new players to the club the team can look forward to winning in the future.

The players

AYMEN GURGIS: Started the comp with a few games until work commitments took him to Melbourne and unfortunately unavailable for the rest of the comp.

BRETT HOWLE: Won the majority of matches at No 2 then No 1 but was a very late starter for the semi final.

GEOFF DAHLSON: A new comer to the club Geoff will be much better for the experience of his first comp. Finished at approx 50% wins for the season and will chase a ball around the court when most of us would have given up long before.

GARRY PHILLIPS: Returning to squash with Briars after an extended absence, Garry realised that wooden racquets were no longer the go and quickly upgraded to a more appropriate version with immediate results. Also, finished at about 50% for the comp.

STEVE JONES: In his first comp Steve made a spectacular debut winning all his round games but perhaps nerves during the semi final accounted for some of his normal zip where he encountered his first loss.

RUM RAJASINGHAM: Another newcomer to the club, Rum was easily the side's best player remaining undefeated. Unfortunately Rum was unavailable during the semi finals and was sorely missed during this time.

Brett Howle,

Captain (D1)

THE 2000 OPEN TOURNAMENT was played at Kiama Golf Club on 29 October, 2000 with 22 players competing for the right to hold the Trophy aloft for the adoring crowd. There were 5 players who competed under the Callaway handicap conditions. The course was in good condition and the bus trip there and back ineventful.

Now and then a player emerges out of relative obscurity to do great things and then, after their 15 minutes in the sun, they return to whence they came. We witnessed such an occasion at Kiama. David Kable, who is modest about his exploits at the best of times, shot an amazing 82 off the stick and with a 31 handicap, you don't have to be a genius to figure out who won on the day. Suffice to say David, enjoy your time in the sun, congratulations on winning the 2000 trophy, and get ready to curse the handicapper. Daylight was second but Anthony Clarke did manage to finish in that position, on a countback, with a net 61. The previous year's winner, Terry Fisher, valiantly tried to defend his title, but in the end finished third with a net 61. The Callaway section was won by Scott Carey and the lowest scratch score by Tony "Legend" Porter with 79 off the stick.

Nearest the pins were won by Greg Kelly and Tony Porter, with the Longest Drive won by Peter Jones and the Drive/Pitch by Scott Carey. The usual bunch of suspects for the Bradman prize did not play on this occasion so the winner's position was keenly contested. How Greg Kelly can win the Bradman prize and a N/P in the one round remains one of life's mysteries.

My thanks go to Peter Bowyer for his handicapping (I tend to think some people wanted to kneecap him about Dave's handicap) and Greg and Debbie Kelly for buying the prizes. If any member is not receiving a golf flyer please let me or the club know so that your name can be added to the distribution list.

John Threlfo



Administration & Trophies

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS and the Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1 October,1999 to 30 September,2000, three of those meetings being joint meetings.

Attendance by members was as follows:-

Board

P. Mattick	11
I. Richard	7
M. Howell	9 (resigned May,2000)
P. Guest	1
J. Threlfo	12
P. Richardson	9
B. Howle	9
S. Schomberg	10
R. Tregeagle	5 (appointed May,2000)

Management

P. Mattick	11
J. Threlfo	12
M. Waddington	8
C. Lamond	8
A. Clarke	12
G. Price	7
G. Amedee	5 (appointed Squash Feb 2000)
R. Marshall	4 (resigned Squash Feb2000)
W. Hooker	9
G. Dunn	1 (appointed Hockey Sep2000)
D. Garland	7 (resigned Hockey Sep2000)
G. Heggarty	9
D. Wright	9

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.

The trophy has not been awarded this year.



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.

When the Ted Stockdale Trophy commenced, it was considered as an award for the quiet achievers in the club ie. the type of person who, like Ted, achieved much behind the scenes. In some respects this year's recipient, John Price, may seem an odd choice.

John has been the public face of Briars Hockey over the last couple of years. However, this award is not in recognition of that work, rather it is to acknowledge the many other tasks performed by John over the years.

John was one of our first Schools Liaison Officers and in that role brought a recognition of The Briars and what it can offer to many schools. The results have been seen with a strong flow of players from various schools. Within the clubrooms, he has always been available to assist in arranging maintenance or using his connections to fulfil club needs.

Of more recent times, he has worked tirelessly to develop a strong liaison with Local Council, bringing many benefits to the club especially the availability of an international standard hockey field at Cintra Park.

John has been a Director of the club and fulfilled a number of roles on the Management Committee. There is little doubt Ted would be proud to see John's name listed as a recipient of 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
	100 points

The winner of this trophy is Corie Dickeson. Corie was a regular member of the 3rd grade side, as well as playing some 2nd grade games, and was a vital member of the victorious Under 24's side. He also wrote a weekly article for the local "Glebe" newspaper; published the monthly newsletter; and coached the ACC Juniors each Tuesday afternoon.

Corie was involved in social functions and is a deserving winner of this award.

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 Keenness	- 15 points
Value as a Club Member	- 15 points
Neatness of Uniform	- 10 points
	100 points

Trophy not awarded this year.

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 recognised 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	- 10 points
	100 points

Trophy not awarded this year.

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	- 10 points
	100 points

The winner this year is John Price, a name synonymous with Briars Hockey. John is a long standing and well recognised club member who has contributed to the club on the sporting fields and through various administrative roles. He is sometimes referred to as "Mr Hockey" or more recently as "the man who gets things done". Whether it be organising functions; recruiting players and coaches; or following up debtors, John is the backbone of Hockey.



John's tireless commitment to the sport, the club and members serves as a role model for those who wish to commit to the future of The Briars and makes him a very worthy recipient of this Trophy.

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.

The winner this year is David Jones. David played season 2000 in the Under 15's side which made the Grand Final. David is also the first home grown club junior to gain selection in a NSW representative hockey side, being selected for the NSW Under 15's team.

David is a quiet, hard working junior member who has provided support to the seniors as a player, ball boy and canteen helper. David is a very worthy recipient of this 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 year's recipient is James Allsop. James came along to pre-season training early in the year and hardly missed a training session for the whole year. His efforts on the training paddock were rewarded by selection into the 1st grade side, a situation he relished even though he was still young enough to be selected in the Under 19's side. He was always on hand to help set up the field; work in the canteen; work the BBQ; and carry out whatever tasks asked of him. James is a very enthusiastic and proud member of the club and is a very deserving recipient of this award.

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's recipient is Rod Smith. Known in hockey circles as "The Rabbit" amongst other things, Rod coached the under 17's team to a Grand Final this year and demonstrated commitment and skill to this role. He possesses a very approachable manner and has been able to develop a very good rapport with junior players.

Rod plays 1st and 2nd grade hockey for the club and season 2001 should be the year he displays his full playing potential. He is a member who has already committed a great deal to the future of junior hockey and his selection for the Outward Bound Scholarship is well earned.

GENERAL

You will notice that a number of trophies have not been awarded this year. The club's executive is always mindful of ensuring that trophies are only awarded to appropriate nominees, so to this year's winners a hearty congratulations.

It is becoming increasingly harder to fill some management positions and the contribution of current club officers to the furtherance of the club's ideals cannot be understated. To those individuals a grateful appreciation for a job well done from the club executive and club members generally.



Administration & Trophies

The following members have moved on from their respective positions and their contribution to the management of the club is appreciated:

Milton Howell (Director)
Ron Marshall (Squash Chairman)
Dean Garland (Hockey)

I would also like to thank David Wright for his support as the Assistant Honorary Executive Officer; Bill Hooker for continuing in his Treasurer role in spite of intense work pressure and the Para-Olympics; and President Paul Mattick for his support and guidance throughout the year.

The decision of the executive to employ a fulltime Marketing & Development Officer had it's ups and downs. We have seen two people, Luke McLoughlin and Jeff Hargrave, move on since last annual report and I thank them for the assistance provided to my position. Current incumbent, Silas Moss, shows great enthusiasm for this demanding role and shows a real commitment to implementing junior strategies across a range of sports. Silas's willingness to work is gratefully acknowledged and his personal support greatly appreciated.

Sports are covered elsewhere in the annual report but I would like to acknowledge the tremendous achievement of Cricket to win the club championship for the fifth time in seven years. It is certainly not getting any easier and Burwood Briars are the benchmark in the Shires competition. Hockey had a very good year and consolidated by building strong junior foundations as well as increasing the number of female teams. Hockey seems to be taking an holistic approach to their sport which augers well for future years. Rugby is going through a rebuilding phase and Squash are having continuing problems identifying suitable playing facilities. Squash is being pro-active to try to overcome the current situation.

Chris Lamond (Senior Steward) and Anthony Clarke (House Chairman) have worked hard at ensuring the clubrooms are presented in an acceptable manner and I thank them for their efforts, including our think sessions after most Management meetings. Anthony and Chris have not been helped in their endeavours by some members who continue to cause damage to club property. In the main, these are mindless acts and do not bring any credit to the perpetrators. Every member has a duty to respect the club premises and facilities. Remember, it is your club and we want you to be proud of it.

The executive introduced an inter-sports competition called The Col Dayman Trophy Trophy some years ago to encourage friendly competitive rivalry between the sports. Unfortunately the concept has not been enthusiastically embraced by the sports and will need to be revamped to encourage participation.

The executive offer their sympathies to the families of members who passed away during the year. It would be remiss of me not to record my sympathies on the recent death of club Patron, Harvey Ford. Harvey joined the club in 1938 and, as well as being a fine sportsman, performed a number of administrative functions with distinction.

Finally, I wish members every success, individually and through teams representing the club, in the upcoming year.

John F. Threlfo

HONORARY EXECUTIVE OFFICER



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED ACN 000 088 479 (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS - 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

Your directors present their report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 September 2000. The following persons hold office as directors at the date of this report:

RICHARD	Robert I G	Company Director
RICHARDSON	Peter D	Accountant
MATTICK	Paul G	Solicitor
TREGEAGLE	Richard	Corporate Solicitor
SCHOMBERG	Stephen	Teacher
WEBER	Mal	Stockbroker
THRELFO	John	Public Service Officer
HOWLE	Brett	Corporate Property Manager

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 Loss of \$37,159 (1999 - \$6,049 Loss). Income tax was not applicable as per Note 1(c) of the Notes Accompanying the Financial Statements.

The results of the Company are disappointing in that we are still unable to turnaround the ever decreasing bar turnover. This has a significant impact upon the Club's revenue base for which we do not have a replacement income source at this stage.

During the year the Club appointed a Marketing & Development Officer to help grow our membership base while also marketing the Club to prospective Sponsors to help alleviate the financial costs of running the various Sports. The costs associated with this position were \$39,320 for the fiscal period. This appointment was never expected to yield a return in the initial 3 years. It is an investment in the future strength and financial viability of our sports. It is an investment that the Board is continually assessing to ensure that we stay focused on the goal of increasing our playing membership and also increasing the contribution by local businesses to our sports operating costs. The need to ensure that we lift our bar contribution is also paramount to this investment.

Subscription Notices were omitted from being sent to members until November 2000. Annual income in the order of \$7,500 has therefore not been received in this fiscal period. Rugby recorded a \$4,367 deficit (1999 \$3,132 deficit) for the period. Board and Management have made changes within the organisation structure of Rugby to try and bring the sport into a financially viable operation.

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:

- indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- 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



P.G. Mattick
Director



P.D. Richardson
Director

Signed in accordance with a Resolution of the Directors
at Burwood this 15th day of January 2001.



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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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, 2000, 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, 2000, 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 11th of January 2001.



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS - 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

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



P.G. Mattick

Director



P.D. Richardson

Director

Signed in accordance with a Resolution of the Directors
 at Burwood this 15th day of January 2001.



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

	NOTE	2000 \$	1999 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
CASH	4	205,222	184,007
RECEIVABLES	5		5,035
INVENTORIES	6	2,651	5,241
OTHER	7	102,504	20,286
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		310,377	214,569
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
INVESTMENTS	8	63,130	63,143
PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	9	203,986	215,095
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		267,116	278,238
TOTAL ASSETS		577,493	492,807
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
CREDITORS & BORROWINGS	10	100,263	56,351
PROVISIONS	11		2,088
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		100,263	58,439
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
CREDITORS & BORROWINGS	12	125,325	45,304
TOTAL LIABILITIES		225,588	103,743
NET ASSETS		351,905	389,064
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
RETAINED PROFITS		351,905	389,064

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 2000

	NOTE	2000 \$	1999 \$
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	3	-37,159	-6,049
INCOME TAX EXPENSE		-	-
PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX		-37,159	-6,049
RETAINED PROFITS AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR		389,064	395,113
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION		351,905	389,064
RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		351,905	389,064

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2000

	NOTE	2000 \$	1999 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Subscription fees received		603	1,457
Interest received		5,454	4,533
Rent received		68,886	67,596
Bar Sales		49,814	54,773
Sports playing fees		61,038	40,837
Golf tournament fund raising		15,693	6,979
Sponsorships		17,510	7,700
Focus newsletter (net)		(5,206)	(6,306)
Social functions		(97)	(1,892)
Payment to suppliers for bar purchases		(32,511)	(33,764)
Outlay for sports running costs and general administration (net)		(153,078)	(129,268)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	14	28,106	12,645
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for -Plant and Equipment purchases		(6,891)	(8,921)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		(6,891)	(8,921)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for non-current debentures		-	-
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities		-	-
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		21,215	3,724
CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		184,007	180,283
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	13	205,222	184,007



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**ACN 000 088 479****(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)****NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000****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.**(e) Due to the need for the Sports within the Club to raise monies for not only the current financial period but for future periods also the Club has adopted the accounting treatment of transferring operating surpluses, after any Club subsidies to reserves held in trust for the sport. These reserves can be called upon in future periods should a sport run at a deficit.****NOTE 2 - OPERATING REVENUE**

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

	2000	1999
	\$	\$
Bar sales	49,814	54,773
Subscriptions	2,419	4,230
Interest	5,454	4,533
Golf tournaments general revenue	5,445	2,572
Rent from shops	68,886	67,596
TOTAL REVENUE	132,018	133,704





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	2,572	2,228
Interest - other	2,882	2,305
Transfer from Sports Reserves to cover deficits	4,932	1,150
(ii) Charging as Expenses:		
Amortisation of building	14,109	12,535
Depreciation of plant and equipment	3,891	5,444
Transfer of Sports Surplus to Reserves	12,951	3,038

NOTE 4 - CURRENT ASSETS

CASH		
Cash in Hand	400	400
Cash at Call	84,822	163,607
Cash on Term Deposit	120,000	20,000
TOTAL CASH	<u>205,222</u>	<u>184,007</u>

NOTE 5 - CURRENT ASSETS RECEIVABLES

Sundry Debtors	-	5,035
TOTAL RECEIVABLES		<u>5,035</u>

NOTE 6 - CURRENT ASSETS INVENTORIES

Bar stock	2,651	3,308
Clothing and sports equipment	-	1,933
TOTAL INVENTORIES	<u>2,651</u>	<u>5,241</u>

NOTE 7 - CURRENT ASSETS OTHER

Prepayment of Cintra Hockey Field Ground Fees	100,000	-
Other Prepayments	2,504	20,286
	<u>102,504</u>	<u>20,286</u>

	\$	\$
	2000	1999

NOTE 8 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS INVESTMENTS

Secured Debentures in Listed Companies - at cost	20,000	20,000
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Trust Funds:

R.J. Thompson Memorial Trust Fund		
Unsecured Note in Listed Company	1,496	1,496

J Sheehan Sporting Scholarship		
Bank Term Deposit	1,634	1,647

R J Clark Outward Bound Scholarship		
Secured Debenture in Listed Company	40,000	40,000

TOTAL INVESTMENTS	<u>63,130</u>	<u>63,143</u>
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NOTE 9 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS**PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT****LAND & BUILDINGS**

Freehold Land & Buildings - at cost	281,358	281,358
Less: Accumulated Amortisation	85,869	71,760
	<u>195,489</u>	<u>209,598</u>

FURNITURE, FITTINGS, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Furniture, Fittings, Plant & Equipment - at cost	118,355	111,464
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	109,858	105,967
	8,497	5,497
TOTAL PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	<u>203,986</u>	<u>215,095</u>

NOTE 10 - CURRENT LIABILITIES**CREDITORS AND BORROWINGS**

Trade Creditors and Accruals	58,952	22,370
Subscriptions in Advance	339	2,157
Unearned Income from Sports	6,774	5,371
Sporting Funds held in Trust	25,873	19,224
R Clark Outward Bound Scholarship	7,229	7,229
Burwood RSL Junior Development Grant	1,096	-
TOTAL CREDITORS & BORROWINGS	<u>100,263</u>	<u>56,351</u>





	\$	\$
	2000	1999
NOTE 11 - CURRENT LIABILITIES PROVISIONS		
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	-	1,085
Provision for Junior Development (General)	-	1,003
TOTAL PROVISIONS	-	<u>2,088</u>

NOTE 12 - NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

CREDITORS & BORROWINGS

Trust Funds

R J Thompson Memorial Trust Fund	2,922	2,888
J Sheehan Sporting Scholarship	2,403	2,416
R J Clark Outward Bound Scholarship	40,000	40,000
Briars Foundation Loan on Cintra Hockey Turf	80,000	-
TOTAL CREDITORS & BORROWINGS	<u>125,325</u>	<u>45,304</u>

NOTE 13 - CASH FLOW RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Cash in Hand	400	400
Cash at Call	84,822	163,607
Cash on Short Term Deposit	120,000	20,000
	<u>205,222</u>	<u>184,007</u>

NOTE 14 - CASH FLOW

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO OPERATING PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX

Operating Profit/ (Loss) after Income Tax	(37,159)	(6,049)
Depreciation and Amortisation	18,000	17,979
	<u>(19,159)</u>	<u>11,930</u>
Change in Assets and Liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	5,035	(2,160)
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	2,590	4,008
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Current Assets	(82,218)	491
(Increase)/Decrease in Non-Current Investments	13	(1,404)
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade Creditors and Accruals	43,912	(473)
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	(2,088)	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Non-Current Creditors and Borrowings	80,021	253
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>28,106</u>	<u>12,645</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.

NOTE 18 - RELATED PARTIES

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

R.I.G. Richard	P.A. Guest
P.D. Richardson	J.F. Threlfo
P.G. Mattick	B. Howle
R. Tregeagle	S. Schomberg

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



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
ACN 000 088 479
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

	\$ 2000	\$ 1999
BAR TRADING		
Sales	49,814	54,773
Less : Cost of Sales	33,168	37,797
Gross Bar Profit	16,646	16,976
LESS: BAR OPERATING EXPENSES		
Bar Staff Services	430	6,869
Bar Expenses and Maintenance	2,339	5,302
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	2,316	1,869
	<u>5,085</u>	<u>14,040</u>
BAR TRADING PROFIT	11,561	2,936
ADD INCOME FROM		
Property Rents	68,886	67,596
Members Subscriptions	2,918	4,230
Interest Received	5,454	4,533
Golf Tournaments	5,445	2,572
Surplus/(Loss) Sale of Clothing	(49)	54
Surplus/(Loss) on Rugby	(4,367)	(3,132)
Surplus/(Loss) on Cricket	765	4,433
Surplus/(Loss) on Hockey	13,782	3,532
Surplus/(Loss) on Squash	(2,231)	(1,150)
Surplus/(Loss) on Social Activities	(97)	(1,892)
	<u>102,067</u>	<u>83,712</u>
LESS OPERATING EXPENSES		
House Expenses including maintenance	23,393	19,753
Annual Reports and Accounting Costs	8,027	8,052
Depreciation (excluding Bar Equipment)	15,684	16,110
Rates & Utilities	6,127	6,712
Focus Newsletter (net)	5,199	6,306
Bank Charges, State Duty, etc.	1,929	1,132
Insurance	14,815	16,649
Postage	1,418	1,058
Sports Subsidies	7,225	9,218
Junior Development Costs	(1,003)	-
Marketing & Development Costs	39,320	-
Sundry Administration Costs	9,073	2,883
	<u>131,207</u>	<u>87,873</u>
TRANSFERS FROM/(TO) SPORTS RESERVES		
Cricket	1,809	(2,056)
Hockey	(12,951)	(982)
Squash	3,123	1,150
Total Net Transfers from/(to) Sports Reserves	(8,019)	(1,888)
SURPLUS/(DEFECIT) FOR THE YEAR	(37,159)	(6,049)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

