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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Member,

As I write this 84th Annual Report of the club being my first as President, I reflect on previous reports and note a common repetitive theme. That is the world is changing dramatically and that we at the Briars are running flat out to either keep up or maintain the edge in our well performing sports. Previous reports also acknowledge that we as a club have to address this change and in some ways we have. We have admitted women members and are engaging Junior teams, this has been especially notable in hockey. The Club should note with pride the dramatic change over the last five years in hockey, expanding from four teams to now an 'organisation' with up to eighteen performing sides, seven of which will be women next year. Hockey is making the club run flat out to keep up and whilst we say "fantastic isn't it great to watch hockey be successful" we should be mindful and recognise what it is that is going to make hockey stay successful. I use hockey as an example of what can occur in our other sports but we as a Club have to be mindful of what it takes to run a business of \$100,000 turnover with eighteen sides, volunteer management, pressures of professionalism and of course playing in the top division. We have to be mindful that to stay successful we need the resources.

During the year we initiated discussions with Greenlees Bowling Club at Concord with the view to merging. The Briars and Greenlees, for some members this has all gone too slowly, to yet others, need convincing that we have to move to Concord at all. Our four man team of Ian Blair, Peter Richardson, John Threlfo and I are hopeful of being able to present to our members the cases for and against such a decision in the very near future. This very time consuming issue has been brought about by thinking of the future and discussing what it is that our members, both male and female require, and what resources are required to maintain and be successful in the future as a sporting club.

The year gone by has produced a financial loss. This loss has principally been the result of building maintenance expenditure being very high, a combination of age and water leakage. Additionally we have lost this year the all-important revenue from golf that we have become familiar with. This year the planned golf tournament at Concord was called off as a result of lack of sponsorship. We are hopeful that this tournament will be available to us next year, as it is evident that it is vital to our profitability.

A recurring theme in this financial loss is the lack of turnover at the bar. Thanks to Chris Lamond, Bar Steward, and to Ian Blair who have generated interest back on Friday nights we are noting a turnaround in these figures.

As a Club we have performed well on the sporting field this year. Importantly if we have fallen short of our own standards, we have been and are always competitive.

Cricket had a strong year, congratulations to Gerard Price and his committee on a well performing and organised club with all sides being represented in the final series. Cricket has been the Clubs most successful sport over the last decade and its administration is the main reason for its continuing dominance.

Rugby finished its season in 6th position in the Club Championship. Notably, First Grade performed strongly in the second round and was unlucky not to make the semi-finals. Congratulations to Brad Scully in his first year as chairman to his coaches and committee members for their efforts. Importantly, rugby is already organising themselves for next season, endeavouring to build on the solid base and rebuilding that has occurred in the last two years.

Briars has exploded onto the scene in both men's and women's hockey and is proving itself as the club to watch and play with. Congratulations to John Price, Greg Dunn, Jan Sullivan, their

committees and coaches. Special mention of the successful Under 17's men's side winning the grand final under the coaching of Silas Moss. This obviously augurs well for the future.

Three squash teams made the finals in the Western Sydney Pennants series, congratulation to the C1 side for winning the crown. Briars Squash has now relocated to Concord and this move should be beneficial to our squash teams. Greg McManus has squash well organised and primed for growth in both men's and women's teams.

Congratulations to Silas Moss and Cameron French in the continued development of juniors within the club and their outstanding efforts in the local school programs. For the club to be successful in the future we must continue to generate and stimulate local junior teams. Burwood RSL has again donated funds for the club to continue the junior development program.

At the time of writing this report, it is with sadness that we remember the passing away of Jack Balmforth, one of the great stalwarts of the Club who held many cricket records. Jack will always be remembered as one of the all time Briar greats and recently was awarded the David Walker trophy for services to cricket.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Board and Management in the running of the Club. The outstanding contributions of Ian Blair as Honorary Executive Officer and the ever lasting Bill Hooker as Treasurer are invaluable to our success. There are many issues that are required to be dealt with for the benefit of members. Your Board is solely committed to growing and maintaining the Briars name.

Finally, thank you to all those bodies that support the Briars, These include CanBay Council, Burwood Council, Squash Racquets Assoc, Burwood RSL, Sydney Hockey Assoc., NSW Cricket Assoc., NSW Suburban Rugby Union, and Sydney Referees.

Mal Weber
President

FOUNDATION

The Briars Foundation received donations of \$9,000 for the year ended 30 June 2002, bringing to seventeen the number of Foundation members.

The Balance sheet shows total assets of \$174,883, with cash and gilt-edged investments of \$128,708 and sundry debtors of \$46,175, representing the outstanding loan to the Briars Club for the development of the hockey facilities at Concord.

The Hockey Committee is to be congratulated on their outstanding efforts in repaying the loan to date. This project stands as the blueprint for how the Foundation can deliver on its charter.

With the future of The Briars poised for extraordinary change, the Foundation's services may again prove to be a critical asset. Much will unfold in the next few months

Although it is outside of the timeframe of this annual report, Jack Balmforth's death in September must be acknowledged and we will all carry warm memories of our favourite Yorkshire man, and great stalwart. The Directors and Treasurer of the Foundation are very grateful for Jack's contribution, as Administrator of the Foundation for six years.

I would like to acknowledge the support and assistance of the Directors and Treasurer during the year.

C K E Dennis
President

GOLF REPORT

The 2002 Briars Social golf day was held at Morisset Golf Club on 10 March, 2002 and the weather god smiled benignly on us. It was the first time our club had played at Morisset and 19 players fronted the starter, new players included Ken Welsh, Dan Haikin, Paul Andrew and Rob King. The winner was one of our most consistent attendees, John Gee, with a net score of 62. Second place went to Chris Leung on 66 and third place to Jeff Andrew, on a countback from Les Cousins, on 67. The Calloway was won by Ken Welsh and Scratch (86 off the stick) by Les Cousins. Neil Shoebridge managed to strike the ball 133 times on his way to winning the Bradman Prize. Thanks to those who attended.

The 2002 Briars Open golf day will be held at Bowral Golf Club on 17 November, 2002. Peter Bowyer continues to frustrate Anthony Clarke's attempt to win the Open through his dedication to his handicapping duties. The support provided by Greg and Debbie Kelly by purchasing a good range of prizes is very much appreciated. The continued donation of prizes by Ray Pontifex is also gratefully acknowledged.

John Threlfo

CRICKET CHAIRMAN REPORT

The 2001/02 season once again promised a successful season during our pre season preparations however injuries and unavailability's to key players stretched our playing personnel throughout the grades. To this end it was a credit to all players involved that we were able to ensure 5 out of 6 teams competed in the semi finals and the Club finished 3rd in the Club Championship. Two of these teams, the 2nd grade and the Under 24's, were defeated in their respective grand finals.

The results for the season were as follows:

1 st grade	-	5 th
2 nd grade	-	2 nd
3 rd grade	-	3 rd
4 th grade	-	7 th
5 th grade	-	3 rd
Under 24	-	2 nd
Club Championship	-	3 rd

To be a successful club on the field the administration must be in place and organised. Fortunately, the cricketers have a number of players who are prepared to assist in organising the various functions and roles that need to be undertaken and to these people I am extremely grateful.

Nick Rojo has been immense support over the past 2 years as assistant Chairman especially in the vital area of sponsorship. He has managed the 2 major sponsors in Pat Coles Smashmaster and Venus Packaging during this time and for this and all the roles he fulfilled in his time with the Club before moving to start a new life in Ballina, I am very appreciative.

The captains are also to be thanked for their efforts during the year as they are responsible for selection of teams, organising covers and afternoon tea, and ringing players every week. Their excellent efforts are reflected in the performance of the club.

The Club is fortunate to play on some very good grounds being Rothwell Park, Ron Routley Oval, and St Lukes Oval. Once again the wickets were undoubtedly some of the best in Shires. To Adam and his co-workers we are very thankful. We are also grateful to Eddie Rogers, Craig Molloy and all the administrative staff for their assistance during the season.

One of the areas that the club has concentrated on over the years has been our Under 24's squad. These lads hold the future of the Club in their hands and under the guidance of Jason Harris and Sarkis Achmar who have given up plenty of their own time to manage the team, we appreciate your efforts. Sarkis was also of great assistance in the collection of fees with Richard Tregeagle. These two ensured all fees were collected in full well before the seasons end. Thank you.

Brad Sculley provided the weekly updates via the Glebe newspaper articles and also composed 2 or 3 newsletters throughout the season. Terry Murphy was as efficient as ever updating the Clubs comprehensive, unique, and detailed cricket statistics and he provided various individual statistics at a moments notice. For his efforts we are also most grateful.

The Clubs training sessions have continued to prove enjoyable and beneficial and thanks to Cameron French we were able to continue this trend. He also provided coaching to a group of select individuals who also benefited enormously and progressed through the grades.

With these setbacks in place the Club was fortunate to have some of the younger players step into line and perform above expectations. These included Rob Nandi and Ben Chapman who proved to be integral parts of the 1st grade team, and Adam Langhans who bolstered the 2nd grade top order batting.

The year also saw the annual Turnbull/Richardson trophy being contested between the Epping club and ourselves and for the 10th successive year we have been the victors. This trophy is awarded to the club who achieves the most club championship points when the 2 clubs play each other.

The Clubs Annual Presentation night was held at Greenlees Park Bowling Club where the various awards were presented. There were plenty of old and new faces at the night and thanks to the efforts of Paul Price an enjoyable night was had. The recipients were as follows:

1 st grade player's player -	Richard Tregeagle
2 nd grade player's player -	Paul Pannutti
3 rd grade player's player -	Babar Khan
4 th grade player's player -	Jason Bailey
5 th grade player's player -	Ben Critchley
Under 24 players player -	Stephen Hudson
Masters player's player -	Aldo Cantori

In addition, we also presented 2 awards that were named in honour of two of Briars best ever players, David Walker and Ted Watt. The David Walker Trophy for Services to Cricket was awarded to Jack Balmforth, a very deserving winner, and the Ted Watt Trophy for Best New Talent was awarded to Andrew Morris. My thanks go to all who attended the night and helped make it such an enjoyable one.

In closing, I would like to thank all those players who played during the season, whether just filling in or playing every week, and congratulate you on your fine performances and great sportsmanship during the year. If I have omitted anyone who deserved special mention I apologise and extend my thanks once again to all those who contributed during the year.

Gerard Price
Cricket Chairman

CRICKET FIRST GRADE

Every year we talk about who we've lost and how well we've done without those players. Well - it's the same again this year – losing Brad Sculley (our best bowler to a neck injury), Ross Hardy (moved to Bowral or something – too far to travel each week) and Greg Douglas (to Queensland) plus South Australians Dan Crawford and Andrew Jarvis (work commitments) – put an enormous hole in our team for the 2001/2002 season.

However, despite this for the fourth season in a row (including two premierships) the first grade team made the semi final and for the second year in a row drew with the eventual premiers – this year Lindfield.

We started the year with a tight one-wicket loss to Warringah followed by a draw with the eventual premiers Lindfield. A win against Lane Cove, a last ball tie with Auburn mixed in with wins against Roseville and Pennant Hills and a loss to Macquarie Uni puts us in our usual middle of the table spot at Christmas. However wins against Canterbury/Bexley, Strathfield (YES!) and eventually an outright against Holroyd, enabled us to sneak into 5th spot.

However, an 'absolute road' against Lindfield in the semi-final made it impossible for either team to get a result and their higher finish on the competition ladder enabled them to progress further and our season was over.

Congratulations to all the guys on a terrific effort. We bled a number of younger players this year and congratulations to guys like Ben Chapman, Rob Nandi and Paul Pannutti on a fine season.

The highlights of the season were:

- Making the semis again – in a competition riddled with highly paid grade players
- Richard Tregeagle returning to first grade and narrowly winning players player.
- Ben Chapman/Rob Nandi establishing themselves as first graders
- Andrew Blaikie's great form at the top of the order at the end of the season
- Once again – the Briars team spirit

Season Summary

Round 1

Briars 273 (N. D'Costa 82, C. French 54) lost to Warringah 9-274

Round 2

Lindfield 304 (C. French 5-86) draw with Briars 8-253 (P. Price 50 n.o., C. French 43)

Round 3

Lane Cove 93 (A. Raymond 3-19, C. French 3-29) & 5-164 lost to Briars 7 (Dec)/90 (P. Price 38 n.o., B. Chapman 38)

Round 4 (One dayer)

Auburn 6-190 tied with Briars 7-190 (N. D'Costa 38, C. French 28, B. Chapman 29 n.o.)

Round 5

Briars 168 (S. Hudson 42, G. Price 41) lost to Macquarie Uni 7-172 (S. Achmar 3-16)

Round 6

Briars 170 (C. French 61) & 1-91 (C. French 56 n.o) beat Roseville 97 (A. Raymond 3-16, R. Tregeagle 3-32)

Round 7

Briars 196 (N. D'Costa 33, B. Chapman 26, G. Sutcliffe 36) beat Pennant Hills 133 (A. Raymond 4-35, R. Tregeagle 3-39, N. D'Costa 3-3)

Round 8

Briars 139 (G. Price 25, R. Nandi 24) beat Canterbury/Bexley 94 (R. Tregeagle 4-19, G. Price 2-18)

Round 9

Briars 209 (N. D'Costa 66, G. Lasscock 30) beat Strathfield 123 (C. French 3-13, G. Price 2-12)

Round 10 vs Souths (washed out)

Round 11 (one dayer)

Briars 189 (P. Price 51, B. Chapman 61) lost to Epping 5-193 (N. D'Costa 2-18)

Round 12

Holroyd 77 (C. French 4-13, A. Raymond 3-16) & 139 (P. Pannutti 5-16, R. Tregeagle 3-37) lost to Briars 9 (Dec) 102 (R. Nandi 25) & 4-117 (A. Blaikie 51, C. French 41) – OUTRIGHT

Round 13

Blacktown 179 (G. Price 4-33, A Raymond 4-34) beat Briars 113 (G. Sutcliffe 39) & 2-138 (C. French 50, A. Blaikie 48 n.o.)

Semi vs Lindfield

Lindfield 414 (R. Tregeagle 4-65 [32 4 overs], C. French 3-87) drew with Briars 5-177 (R. Nandi 48 n.o., A. Blaikie 42).

The standout thing for the season was the lack of luck. We seemed to lose every toss on a wet wicket and just couldn't seem to get a lucky break – what could've been. However despite all this, thanks to all the guys for their commitment and friendship throughout the season.

We still had a very good season, thanks also to Adam the groundsman from Concord Council for a fabulous job yet again and to the wives and girlfriends thanks for your patience and support throughout the season. Well done to Gerard Price (Chairman) and all the other Captains on a terrific job throughout the season.

Player Profiles

Cameron French: An excellent season, however probably not as good as he'd like. 398 runs without a 100 and 21 wickets, still a good season but it could've been better.

Greg Lasscock: Newcomer from Melbourne (through Roger Gerney) struggled but was a good team man. Scored a valuable 30 vs Strathfield

Neil D'Costa: Was a welcomed addition to the Club. Scored 291 runs including a match winning 66 vs Strathfield and picked up a handy 12 wickets including 3-3 vs Pennant Hills. Mixed in well with the Briars spirit.

Rob Nandi: Finally established himself in firsts. 267 runs at 24 was a good effort with some good starts but unfortunately never went on with it – good luck in Ireland next season.

Paul Price (Captain): Had a good season. Made the semis again and scored 258 runs at 25 including valuable 50's vs Lindfield and Epping. Will finally retire from Captaincy. Reached his 6,000th first grade run to put him 5th in the overall all-time list

Ben Chapman: Another young guy who did really well. 226 runs at 22-6 was a great effort, including 61 vs Epping. A devastating knee injury will keep him out of the 2002/03 season.

Gerard Price: Had a pretty good season. 18 wickets at 17 and 170 runs at 15 including 41 vs Macquarie Uni & 4-33 vs Blacktown was a good effort. Still a great competitor. Took his 600th first grade wicket to put him second overall in the all-time list.

Andrew Blaikie: Had a fantastic finish to the season when promoted to the top order. Scored 250 runs (best ever at the Club for Andrew) including 51, 48 n.o. and 42 in 3 of his last 4 innings. Also kept well with 24 catches and 3 stumpings. Well done Blaikies.

Glen Sutcliffe: A newcomer to the Club through Dougo. Had a frustrating season – only 14 wickets (opening bowler) and 167 runs. However he goes out with the best sort in the comp – we love ‘Crystal’.

Anthony Raymond: Had a pretty good season. 25 wickets (the most for firsts) with a couple of match winning fours was a really good effort.

Richard Tregeagle: At ‘74’ won the Players Player – well done old fella. Took 21 valuable wickets at 15 and was an absolute asset – again.

Thanks also to the following players who contributed throughout the season:

Sarkis Achmar, Steve Hudson, Andrew Jarvis, Paul Pannutti, Jason Harris, Corie Dickeson, Paul Simpson and Dan Crawford.

Good luck to the team and Skipper (Neil D’Costa) for the 2002/03 season and carry on the Briars tradition.

Batting	Inn’s	Not Outs	Highest Score	Runs	Average	Catches
Cameron French	14	1	61	398	30-62	7
Paul Price	13	3	51	258	25-80	3
Rob Nandi	14	3	48 n.o.	267	24-27	9
Andrew Blaikie	13	2	51	250	22-73	24c3s
Ben Chapman	12	2	61	226	22-60	1
Neil D’Costa	13	-	82	291	22-38	5
Anthony Raymond	10	5	25 n.o.	92	18-40	1
Glen Sutcliffe	10	-	39	167	16-70	4
Gerard Price	13	2	41	170	15-45	7
Greg Lasscock	13	1	31	167	13-92	6

Also batted	Inn’s	Not Outs	Highest Score	Runs	Average	Catches
Dan Crawford	1-22					
Andrew Jarvis	2-39					
Steve Hudson	4-65					4
Jason Harris	1-13					1
Corie Dickson	3-30					2
Paul Simpson	1-2					
Paul Pannutti	1-1					
Richard Tregeagle	7-16	7				1
Sarkis Achmar	1-0					

Bowling

Bowler	Overs	M	Wickets	Runs	Average
Richard Tregeagle	136	34	21	320	15-24
Gerard Price	119	30	18	310	17-22
Neil D'Costa	65.3	13	12	227	18-92
Anthony Raymond	176.2	37	25	481	19-24
Cameron French	150	27	21	434	20-67
Glen Sutcliffe	144.3	33	14	387	27-64

Also Bowled	Average
Paul Pannutti	6-43
Sarkis Achmar	6-73
Andrew Jarvis	2-63
Rob Nandi	1-34
Greg Lasscock	1-101
Steve Hudson	0-21
Dan Crawford	0-44

CRICKET SECOND GRADE

Burwood second grade again fell at the last premierships hurdle with a final lost against Warringah for the 3rd time in the last 4 years. With the exception of the final the side only lost one other game during the year to end the season on 64 points, 6 points behind minor premiers South Sydney. More importantly however the side again had a great time on the field, were highly competitive and continued to show the Briars spirit both on and off the field.

Round 1, in a replay of the previous years final was against Warringah. They batted first and were dismissed for 140 in a good start for the season with Sarkis Achmar bagging 5-30 from 15. We were 4-79 at stumps on day one and we then passed them 5 down to be all out 179 with the runs shared around. A promising start to the season against a strong side. In round 2 versus Lindfield we batted first and amassed a healthy 280 with a top score by Corie Dickeson of 44 meaning the runs were again shared around. We were all out at the end of day one and the following week Lindfield were always in trouble being 5-109 and were finally all out 214 with Richard Tregeagle 3-59.

Next round v Lane Cove we were in unnecessary trouble at 8-116 until the tail wagged led by Andrew Morris with 55* for us to be all out 188 and a target to bowl at. Lane Cove ended at 4-27 overnight and the game in our favour, with them all out for 148 in the second week. Richard Tregeagle 5-35 from 25 continuing his good form and Paul Pannuti 3-61 from 28.

Auburn was next in a one dayer where we bowled first with Auburn all out 185, Andrew Morris 3-38. We were in a little trouble at 4-85 then 7-143 however 43* from that man again Andrew Morris again got us the 6 points. 4 wins from 4 starts.

Into round 5 against Macquarie Uni at home we were yet again in early trouble at 4-24 then 5-89 however a 158 run partnership between Brett Howle 81 and Corie Dickeson 108 allowed a

competitive score of 260 to be posted notwithstanding that we lost the last 5 wickets for 14 runs. Such was the dominance of the partnership that the side were 5-216 from 39 overs at tea. Uni were never in the hunt being dismissed for 146 with Richard Tregeagle again the pick with 6-40. Forced to follow on Uni were all out 238 with Steve Schomberg 6-23 from 14. With a target of 123 from 14 overs we had a crack for the outright but finished at 7-75.

The first week washed out against Roseville, then in an all day game with a late start due to a wet wicket we batted first and declared at 9-212 from 50 with Scott Brennan 86 and Brett Howle 45. Roseville was all out 110 thanks to disciplined bowling from the team with Paul Pannuti 5-33 and Steve Schomberg 3-20. Both weeks against Pennant Hills in round 7 were frustratingly washed out whilst other sides achieved results.

Therefore at Christmas time we had won 6 games and a washout but were in equal second placed 4 points behind the leaders.

A one-day game against Canterbury Bexley had them bat first and post 9-234 due to some wayward bowling. Paul Pannuti 3-36. We were 5-164 with 15 overs to go and should have won it from there but were not able to carry on to be all-out 214. Jason Harris 38.

If our bowling was bad against Canterbury Bexley then at least it only lasted 50 overs as Strathfield amassed 9-295 on day one in an ordinary bowling performance. Peter Catalovski 3-52. Strathfield declared overnight and we were again up against it at 4-34 however some determined batting saw this total passed due mainly to a sixth wicket partnership of 148 between Brett Howle and Alan Logan. We finished at 6-296 with Brett Howle 123* Jason Harris 60 and Alan Logan 54 the contributors in front of many Briars spectators which is always great against Strathfield. This was an important win for the side as it confirmed our belief to win a game in any situation, but in particular to chase a target.

Into round 10 against South Sydney at Sydney Park they batted first and were all out 186 with Chris Gillard 4-67. We faced 19 overs on the first day to be 1-33. The second week was washed out, however 4th grade who were only playing down the road were miraculously able to play the second week, but it would be wrong to suggest that this was only because South's were in a strong position in that game and not in ours.

The first week against Epping was washed out so a one dayer in the second week had us bat first to post 237 from our 50. Scott Brennan 56 and Chris Gillard 43. Epping were in early trouble at 4-18 and never recovered to be all out 165 only minutes before the heavens opened. Paul Pannuti 3-34 and Adam Langhans 3-47. Into round 12 against Holroyd Hills we won the toss and batted first to post a disappointing 203 thanks mainly to Adam Langhans 59. This was going to be difficult to defend however our opening bowlers did the job with Chris Gillard 3-51 and Sarkis Achmar 3-38 well supported by the others.

Into the final round vs. Blacktown and our disappointment of being all out for 145, Steve Hudson (36), was only compensated by dismissing Blacktown for 44 on the first day. Paul Pannuti 7-25 and Sarkis Achmar 3-17 only needing 20 overs. We completed the outright win the following week by dismissing them for 143, Sarkis Achmar 4-26 and got the required runs with the loss of two wickets.

We finished the rounds with only one loss in second place on 64 points behind South Sydney.

In the qualifying final against Holroyd Hills at Rothwell we sent them in and dismissed them for 89. Sarkis Achmar 5-25. In reply we reached a disappointing 158 when a bigger score was required to put the game beyond doubt, Corie Dickeson 49. Batting again Holroyd Hills were all out 140 with Chris Gillard 4-29. After a few nervous moments at 2-0 we again got the required runs for the win with only 2 wickets down..

The semi final against South Sydney again at Rothwell was a delayed start due to overnight rain and we were sent into bat on a seaming wicket. We were 4-189 overnight and continued intelligent batting by all saw us score a respectable 252. Jason Harris 64. Souths had a minimum of 59 overs to get the runs but were never in the chase when bad light ending play with them at 9-

169 and Burwood progressing due to our higher position on the ladder as South's had lost the week earlier. 2 wickets each to Pannuti, Achmar and Gillard.

So for the third time in 4 years we faced Warringah in the final, this time at Alan Davidson Oval. Losing the toss we toiled with great effort to dismiss them for 216 at the end of the first day. Steve Schomberg 3-30. We did very little wrong with the ball and in the field and were well pleased with our efforts, as this figure was certainly an achievable target for our batsmen. Into the second day and we were never in a dominating position with the bat being 3-27 and then 5-63 and were all out 131, Brett Howle and Corie Dickeson 31 each. Congratulations to Warringah for their win.

It could be a fair summary of the season to state that the batting within the side under performed and we relied upon the bowling to get us through. That is not to say we did not have the ability with the bat but what let us down was perhaps a lack of application by the batsmen at times.

A special thanks to all those players that played seconds during the year, I hope you enjoyed yourself. Thanks also to my fellow captains, Paul Price, Nick Rojo, Andre Berenger, Will Hood and chairman of selectors Gerard Price for the time spent in selections and in running the sides generally. Again it goes without saying that Gerard Price is the linchpin of Briars cricket as he has been for over the last decade and the success enjoyed by the club over this period of time is a direct result of the significant amount of time Gerard devotes to running the sport. A last thanks to Canada Bay Council, particularly Adam our groundsman at Rothwell for the wickets prepared every week. Bring on next season!

The Finalists

Adam Langhans 237 runs @ 13.9, 8 wickets @ 14.3

Chang did not enjoy his best season as the above statistics show. Without doubt he has the temperament and ability to occupy the crease for long periods of time that is essential in his role as opener and this will develop as he gains more experience at this level. Top score was 59 against Holroyd which was valuable in the win. Took 8 wickets with his off spinners and this provides a good variation in the side when called upon. Has a permanent smile on his face.

Scott Brennan 348 runs @ 20.5

Did not reach the levels he desired or the side required him to do during the year. Perhaps the most disappointing aspect of Scott's game in the manner in which he gets out which is inevitably caught by playing an inappropriate shot. On his day Scott can dominate a bowling attack however as opener he must aim to occupy the crease for long periods of time and must discipline his game accordingly. Top score was 86 against Roseville but 9 scores under 20 means greater concentration is required.

Jason Harris 301 runs @ 27.4

An up and down season for Jason in more ways than one as he spent time between first and second grades which is frustrating for anyone. A 60 against Strathfield and 64 against South's in the semis were highlights. Jason must continue to balance his game between natural aggression and occupancy of the crease as required at the time and this season Jason went a long way towards achieving this.

Steve Hudson 198 runs @ 28.3, 7 wickets @ 10.7

Rejoined the side from round 12 onwards and got several starts with 3 scores of 30's but without going on with it. Also captured 7 wickets, which provides handy variation as a batting all rounder. A talented player for his age we will not see the best of Steve unless he commits himself to a full season of cricket as he has the ability to cement a spot in firsts if he does.

Corie Dickeson 327 runs @ 25.2

An inconstant year for Corie with a hard-hitting 108 against Strathfield but 7 scores under 20. Other highlights were 44 v Lindfield and 49 in the first semi. As an aggressive player Corie needs to ensure a more consistent flow of runs in the future by perhaps not hitting the ball in the air as often as he does.

Brett Howle 456 runs @ 32.6

Started the season in reasonable form but fell away towards the end. Pick of the season was 123* against Strathfield as part of a 300 run chase. Other score 81 vs. Macquarie Uni. Getting a little tired of making the same post match speech after the final but enjoyed the season none the less. Apparently always finds some issue to be cranky about.

Alan Logan 161 runs @ 23, 16 Catches 3 stumpings

Joined the side from round 8 and continues to improve every year which will result in Alan finding himself in the top grade in the near future if this continues. Keeping wise, Alan was consistent and reliable behind the stumps capturing 14 catches and 3 stumpings. With the bat top score was 54 against Strathfield and added other runs at times when needed. Had a run around in the field against Epping with 2 catches.

Chris Gillard 158 runs @ 22.6, 22 wickets @ 19.8

Gilly also joined the side from Round 8 and was a consistent performer during that time never failing to get a wicket during a match. Best was 4-29 in the semi against Holroyd. With the bat Gilly provided contributions along the way but is capable of being a true bowling all rounder by not throwing his wicket away at times with a silly shot as he well knows.

Steve Schomberg 139 runs @ 15.4, 28 wickets @ 14.0

Another year for Steve and another solid performance as 28 wickets testify as our change bowler. Missed a game by aggravating a lower back injury in circumstances best not mentioned. Best was 6-23 against Macquarie Uni. Involved in some important lower order partnerships that enabled competitive scores to be posted. Just keeps going.

Sarkis Achmar 56 runs @ 11.2, 28 wickets @ 13.6

Sofie also had a consistent year delivering 28 wickets. Bagged 5-30 v Warringah and 5-25 in the semi v Holroyd. Provides a good variation with his left armers achieving both swing and cut. Believes he is underrated as a batsman and a little fiery at times which is required in a fast bowler but Sofie attributes this to his ancestry.

Paul Pannuti 55 runs @ 9.1, 40 wickets @ 17.6.

Easily enjoyed his best season with the club leading the way as opening bowler with 40 wickets. Bowled with good pace and accuracy that inevitably led to an early breakthrough. In his own words can expect theatrics when he has the ball in his hand. Will be deservedly lost to first grade next year based on this years performance.

Brent Paterson 12th Man 63 runs @ 15.8

Brent joined the side from round 9 but did not quite achieve the scores he desired but remained as 12th man for the side during the finals in a much-appreciated contribution. He will be lost to the club next season as he moves to Brisbane due to work commitments.

Other contributions during the year came from Ash Squire, Ben Chapman, Richard Tregeagle, Marty Oxley, Andrew Morris, Sanjiv Khalko, and Peter Catalovski.

Brett Howle
Captain

STATISTICS

M	Won O/r	Won 1 st	Lost 1 st	Drawn	Wash Outs	Points	Position
15	2	9	2	2	1	64	2 nd

BATTING

Batsman	Matches	Innings	Not Outs	High Score	Aggregate	Average	100's	50's	Catches
Brett Howle	15	15	1	123x	456	32.57	1	1	8
Scott Brennan	14	17	0	86	348	20.47	0	2	4
Corie Dickeson	13	13	0	108	327	25.15	1	0	17
Jason Harris	11	12	1	64	301	27.36	0	2	2
Adam Langhans	15	18	1	59	237	13.94	0	1	2
Steve Hudson	7	9	2	36	198	28.28	0	0	5
Alan Logan	9	8	1	54	161	23.00	0	1	16
Chris Gillard	9	8	1	43	158	22.57	0	0	5
Steve Schomberg	14	12	3	25x	139	15.44	0	0	12
Andrew Morris	4	5	2	55x	118	39.33	0	1	2
Marty Oxley	6	7	1	28	83	13.80	0	0	1
Ash Squire	6	12	1	64	79	11.29	0	0	1
Richard Tregeagle	5	5	2	24x	72	24.00	0	0	2
Brent Patterson	5	6	2	20x	63	15.75	0	0	0
Sarkis Achmar	11	9	4	14	56	11.20	0	0	4
Paul Pannuti	14	10	4	13x	55	9.11	0	0	10
Sanjiv Khalko	3	4	0	42	49	12.25	0	0	3
Ben Chapman	2	1	0	34	34	34.00	0	0	0
Peter Catalovski	2	0							

BOWLING

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best	Average
Paul Pannuti	244.1	40	703	40	7-25	17.57
Sarkis Achmar	170.5	49	382	28	5-25	13.64
Steve Schomberg	143.5	35	391	28	6-23	13.96
Chris Gillard	122.3	14	436	22	4-29	19.81
Richard Tregeagle	78	20	232	16	6-40	14.50
Adam Langhans	32.1	4	114	8	3-47	14.25
Steve Hudson	32	10	75	7	2-6	10.71
Ash Squire	27.3	1	147	5	2-43	29.40
Andrew Morris	37.2	6	162	5	3-38	32.40
Marty Oxley	29	5	132	5	2-29	26.40
Peter Catalovski	23	5	77	3	3-52	25.67

CRICKET THIRD GRADE

This season started out in the same way as many others with great hopes of fielding 5 full strength sides and every player being available for every game. As usual Gerard and I were kidding ourselves again. But on a positive slant we were all the more enriched for knowing the individuals that came and went from our side at various times of the season.

Having said all that we still maintained a group of regulars and enjoyed many good laughs, usually at each other's expense. Warwick and Sanjiv provided a batting highlight with an opening stand of 177 against Lane Cove, with Sanjiv making 102, 17 byes, 34 leg byes, 6 no balls, 8 wides, 5 runs off the helmet and Warwick a gritty 5 not out.

Newcomers to the club gave great service and guys like Mark Maher and Andrew Morris slotted in nicely to the team and club. The bowlers once again worked hard all year, Dan Rojo toiled non-stop and even wanted more, Pete Catalovski was the destroyer on a number of occasions and the Clarkster even got away with his dirty old offies.

Sadly I missed one of the talking points of the season while I was watching the batsman run between the wickets. After Clarkekey yelled for me to take a look I turned around too slowly only to see Babar Khan getting up off the ground and dusting himself off. Not having seen it for myself I cannot verify this, but 3 of the guys swear to me that Babar had dived for the ball in attempt to stop it. To this day I still do not know whether they were taking the micky or not.

Throughout the season we demolished most sides and seemed to be well on our way to another final, I was confident that with a bit of luck we could grab the title. Unfortunately I lost the toss in the semi and much as I hate to say it South Sydney batted well enough to put the runs on the board. Still, we gave it everything and came up just a bit short of the runs, so that was it for another season.

From a personal perspective, this year was my last at the Briars and I would like to thank all those people I have met that have been associated with the Briars Club. This club still means a great deal to me, and it was an incredibly hard decision for me to leave Sydney knowing that it meant leaving the club as well. Good luck to you guys on and off the field and I hope you will remember me when I come back for a beer. Keep giving it to Daffy's superstars and I'll see you in Byron.

Nick Rojo

Bowler	O	M	W	R	A	R/O	Batting	Agg	I	NO	Average
S. Hudson	8	2	4	16	4.0	2.0	S.Khalkho	120	3	0	40.0
P. Catalovski	94	30	20	220	11.0	2.3	A. Morris	159	5	0	31.8
C. Gillard	34	10	9	109	12.1	3.2	N Sheik	30	2	1	30.0
S. Khalkho	14	6	2	26	13.0	1.9	P.Frost	28	1	0	28.0
M. Maher	89	22	18	236	13.1	2.7	B. Patterson	159	6	0	26.5
N. Rojo	151	51	24	341	14.2	2.3	B. Khan	298	13	1	24.8
A. Morris	77	21	12	190	15.8	2.5	M. Oxley	139	7	1	23.2
A. Clarke	94	16	19	340	17.9	3.6	P. Catalovski	205	11	2	22.8
M. Oxley	42	7	8	144	18.0	3.4	W. Giblin	152	11	3	19.0
A. Squire	22	0	4	74	18.5	3.4	D. Rojo	129	10	3	18.4
D. Rojo	150	35	20	407	20.4	2.7	M. Maher	126	9	2	18.0
B. Khan	55	13	7	169	24.1	3.1	A. Clarke	70	9	5	17.5
W. Giblin	1	0	0	2		2.0	N. Jowatt	159	11	1	15.9
D. Welsh	10	3	0	12		1.2	A. Logan	59	4	0	14.8
A. Crawford	2	0	0	11		5.5	A. Squire	83	6	0	13.8
N.Jowatt	2	0	0	4		2.0	D. Welsh	59	5	0	11.8
							N. Rojo	91	10	2	11.4
							S. Hudson	9	1	0	9.0
							A. Hudson	16	2	0	8.0
							M. Marshall	8	2	0	4.0
							A. Crawford	4	1	0	4.0
							C. Gillard	8	3	0	2.7
							L. Munro	2	1	0	2.0
							A McLaren	4	3	1	2.0

Total Runs

2301

Total Runs

2117

Total Wickets	147
Total Overs	845
Team Bowling Average	15.7
Team R/O	2.72

Total Innings	136
Total NO's	22
Team Batting Average	18.6

Best Batting Average (Min 200 Runs)	24.8	Babar Khan
Highest Score	102	Sanjiv Khalkho
Highest Aggregate	298	Babar Khan
Best Bowling Average (Min 20 Wickets)	11.0	Peter Catalovski
Most Wickets	24	Nick Rojo
Best Bowling	5 for 13	Peter Catalovski
Hat Tricks	0.0	
Most Catches	12	Alan Logan

CRICKET FOURTH GRADE

A First time for every thing, as this was the first time in many years a Briars Fourth grade side did not make the finals.

After a solid start to the season we where placed in a solid position leading up to Christmas, wining five out of the seven games with easy. This was due to some outstanding individual performances, which in the end saw players been rewarded with positions in the higher grades.

But after Christmas the club as a whole was affected by players been unavailable, which affected forth grade like never before. As for the first time in many years fourth grade was in constant need of players to make up numbers, to form a side week to week.

Forth grade not having a constant team saw us lose the close games, which ended up effecting our standing on the table. In the end cost forth grade a position in the finals.

Even though we where effected with players been unavailable it gave us the opportunity to give new players a go, which in the end proved to be a valuable asset to the club as a whole. By doing this we found some new talent, players such as Gerard Buchanan, Peter Frost, and Stuart Turnbull. To name a few who I am sure will make the transition to the higher grades in years to come.

From my point of view even though we did not make the finals it was an extremely enjoyable year and I would like to thank all the players who contributed to forth grade through out the year. I would also like to thank Boris Haikin for all his support and help throughout the year as it was much appreciated by all.

A special thanks to Gerard Price for all his help and support and I would like to congratulate all the other sides on their outstanding performances through out the year.

Andre Berenger
Captain

Player Profiles

Jason Bailey: What an impact Jason made to the side a true team player willing to take on any role. Jason this year surprised us all with ability not only with the bat but also with the ball. Jason became a true bowling force taking the new ball on several occasions, best of 4-4 off 4 overs. Just rewarded as Jason was voted Players Player.

Peter Frost: What a debut! Frosty's first game saw him score a valuable 51 not out, this innings saw the sponsors emerge as he became the first fourth grade cricketer to have a sponsor "MRF". Peter showed his class with the bat as he was quickly taken to the higher grades due to some outstanding performances. Great bloke always looking for a laugh, but needs to work on his fielding "Buckets", expect a big next season from him.

Shan Rana: Shan played the latter half of the year and what an impact he made, not only with the ball as he averaged 18, but also with the bat as he averaged 40. Shan is a true competitor who will surely play in higher grades in years to come.

Dan Haikin: Started off the season where he left off last year...on fire!! Highest score of 47 against Auburn and taking 8 for 40 against Macquarie. Dan was in fine form before getting ill half way through the year but never quite recovered. Dan is a hard worker with a big next season to come.

Andre Berenger: Didn't have the season with the bat, as he would have liked highest scoring 51. But thoroughly enjoyed the season and role as captain.

Nick Beams: What more can we say about Nick! A true cricket lover who will bowl all day every day. Nick had a great season with the bowl with a best of 7 for 50 against Lindfield and took 32 wickets for the year. Expect another big season from Nick a lot more bowling to come.

Adam O'Keefe: What else is there to say about Adam, as he is a true performer, year after year. Adam only played a hand full of games this year due to work. But what an impact he made averaging 12 with the bowl best of 5 for 29 against Holroyd and scoring his first 50 for the club in the last game of the year against Blacktown. If Adam is available next year he will definitely play higher grades.

Scotty Castle: Played towards the end of the season and made an impact from the word go, an outstanding competitor who is always willing to give his all with the ball. Scott averaged 21 with the ball and had a best of 3 for 35.

Luke Munro: Didn't have the season as he would have liked as he struggled to find consistency with the bat. Luke has a great technique but needs to work on his concentration. Great hands in the field, with more patience and concentration will become a valuable opening bat.

Stuart Turnbull: Stuart came into the side as a fill-in but soon became a permanent member. Stewart has a great technique and eye and is outstanding in the field, a young kid with a big future in the club, will definitely go on to higher grades.

Batting

Batsman	Agg	Inn	No	HS	Ave	Catches
Jason Bailey	218	11	-	50	20	5
Luke Munro	111	9	1	4	14	5
Anthony Paino	108	7		126	18	7
Andre Berenger	203	11		53	18.5	14
Peter Frost	150	5		93	37.5	2
Dan Haikin	127	11		47	11.5	6
Adam O'Keefe	151	7	1	55	25	2
Shan Rana	160	6	2	40*	40	5
Mathew Marshall	129	4		54	32	4
Stewart Turnbull	84	4	2	56	21	2

Also Batted:

Dan Rojo	1 for 83	Scott Castle	4 for 9
Matthew Marshall	4 for 129	Mark Mair	3 for 62
Luke Stewart	5 for 57	Adam Hudson	3 for 15
Gerard Buchanan	3 for 106	Andrew McLaren	4 for 44
Mick Hill	3 for 77	Nadeem Sheik	2 for 39

Ben Chapman

1 for 40

Nick Beams

7 for 10

**Bowling
Bowler**

	Overs	M	Runs	Wickets	Best	Average
Jason Bailey	140	42	332	20	4-4	17
Nick Beams	159	25	472	32	7-50	15
Dan Haikin	129	29	352	18	8-40	19.5
Adam O'Keefe	115	38	205	17	5-29	12
Shan Rana	269	15	269	15	4-28	18

Also Bowled

Ben Clark	3-36
Derick Welsh	2-11
Peter Frost	1-62
Mark Mair	5-87
Warick Giblan	3-33
Dan Rojo	2-37
Gerard Buchanan	6-44
Luke Stewart	9-176

CRICKET FIFTH GRADE

It was a mixed season for the 2001/02 Metro Cup side. With many lopsided results it was always a lottery one way or another. We capitulated at times collapsing early & only just scraping over the 100 mark. On other occasions we simply outclassed our opponents with 3 scores over 300, as a team we averaged about 170. Bowling was consistent throughout the year with the highest score against us being 264 & the lowest 65 with all teams being dismissed for less than 150 at some stage through the season. We scored our runs at a reasonable rate, averaging 3.81 runs per over & conceding them at 3.77.

Some individual performances of note were Ben Critchley's 126* against Holroyd Hills & Michael Towells' 7-63 in the same match. The two above-mentioned players stood out in a team that constantly changed week to week due to the high amount of unavailability's last season.

We secured our spot in the semis (top 4) with two rounds still left to play. We then defeated Balmain-UTS quite convincingly in the last round & that set up another showdown with them in the semi final. But this was a much tougher assignment with them having to draw to win & mother nature doing all she could for that result to eventuate. It turned out (through some bad sportsmanship from Balmain) that we were washed out Saturday & that left us with the task of beating them in one day. We scored a paltry 118 but fielded & bowled to our highest standard of the year to lose the match by just 1 wicket. Although we fell short of a premiership all the fellas thoroughly enjoyed the year and hopefully most of them will be back next season to give it another shot. I would also like to thank all the guys who helped us out through the season who aren't mentioned in the Player Profiles below; Adam O'Keefe, Gerard Buchanan, Matthew Sherwood, Jason Bailey, Weis Faisal, Way Yeoh, Daryl Bangs, Nick Jowatt, Luke Munro, Luke Stewart, Ken Welsh, Anthony Mair & Scott Castle.

Player Profiles

Matthew Clift: In and out of the side early in the year but held his spot as keeper after the departure of Daryl Bangs. Took some great catches this season but needs to work on his concentration at the crease. Expect some useful runs from him next season.

Simon Carolan: Got off to a flyer with a blistering 95 against Macquarie Uni, Simon failed to produce such form for the remainder of the year but was often batting in difficult circumstances. Should improve with his experience from this year.

Matthew Marshall: Promoted to fourth grade after a superb start to the year with a 59 & 89*. Struggled with form during the middle section of the year but came back with some valuable runs opening with Stefan late in the season. Matt was one of the side's most valued players leading into the semi-finals & will be even more of an asset next year.

Stefan Ellis: Missed the first third of the season after being snapped in half playing rugby. Stefan took a few games to hit his straps but once in form was a thorn in every opponent's side striking up some fine opening partnerships with Matt Marshall. Also bowled tightly in some tense situations.

Mark Histon: Carcas was the surprise packet of this year's team. The Praying Mantis took an extraordinary 14 wickets in 3 matches to catapult us up the ladder & ensure our place in the finals. Also saved us with a gutsy 39 against Souths early in the season, which set the standard for the tail & got him a promotion to number 9.

James Ward: James once again looked solid with some poor figures for the year. Never short of enthusiasm James was often out trying to force balls through the offside that should have been left alone. Capable of plenty of runs if he can correct a couple of technical flaws.

Andrew Donikian: Andrew was constantly on stand by for us this season and saved us a few times when we looked like we might take the field with 10 or less players. Always enthusiastic, Andrew produced some pretty good performances with the ball. Will look to be a permanent part of next year's team & will be integral to the teams success.

Lloyd Andrews: Lloyd rocked up at training one week & was slotted straight into the starting line up. He looked rock solid with the bat & made a couple of 30s in the limited opportunities presented to him. Hopefully Lloyd will be a permanent member of next year's team.

Rhys Brett-Bowen: Bowled brilliantly at the beginning of the year but was quite unlucky at times. Despite arguments from Mick Towells, Rhys was clearly the sharpest bowler in the side, which wasn't always to his advantage. Still improving Rhys is a pleasure to have in the side.

Paul Towells: Paul was an extremely important member of this years' side. I would often go to him for his thoughts on the game. Batted solidly but not to his potential though his fielding was nothing short of excellent at mid-off. Paul is capable of big things with the bat & ball next season if he trains regularly.

Michael Towells: A skippers dream as a bowler always giving 119%. Took a sterling 37 wickets and had nearly 250 runs to his name. Michael had a lot of teams running scared with his pace and swing. He was the standout bowler of the competition. He could be slightly disappointed with his season with the bat but as he adjusts to turf will pile up plenty of runs for Briars. Look for him to be playing higher grades in the future.

Ben Critchley: Ben impressed in every area this season. With 428 runs, 26 wickets and 11 catches Ben performed consistently every game. A stunning 126* against Holroyd Hills typified Ben's best season yet. Ben is an inspiration on the field and will be an asset to Briars in the coming years.

Will Hood: A very lean year with the bat made, Will was a grumpy captain on occasions. Can improve in all areas this season and will look to work hard through the off-season to achieve this. Led the team to the semis this season after a poor 2000/01 Metro performance, hopes to go one better next year.

Batting

NAME	Runs	Average	HS	Catches
B Critchley	428	35.67	126*	11
M Marshall	262	37.43	89*	4
S Ellis	232	21.09	52	3
M Towells	246	17.57	49	5
P Towells	190	19.00	49	5
W Hood	165	12.69	37	4
S Carolan	157	26.17	95	1
D Bangs	126	15.75	38	7
M Histon	108	15.43	39	4
M Clift	104	13.00	28*	6
J Wad	103	11.44	36*	1
R Brett Bowen	22	5.00	9	2

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Ave	Economy
M Towels	186	46	37	547	14.78	2.94
BCritchley	1205	19	26	448	17.23	3.72
WHood	1145	24	19	327	17.21	2.86
M Histon	74	12	19	230	12.11	3.11
SEIs	68	10	14	202	14.43	2.97
R BettBowen	89	13	8	292	36.50	3.28
ADonkian	203	1	6	80	13.33	3.94
PTowels	19	2	5	119	23.80	6.26
WFazel	21	1	2	75	37.50	3.57
M Marshall	7	2	0	22	-	3.14

CRICKET UNDER 24's

The old saying "Fell at the final hurdle" was well and truly proven by our boys this season. Playing some outstanding cricket at the end of the competition seen our boys finish on top of the ladder after the preliminary rounds with 6 wins from 7 games.

The Quarter final against Roseville was washed out seeing go through to the semi as we finished in top spot. The Semi was a tight well-played contest against Pennant Hills. Penno got on top early but an unbeaten 9th wicket partnership between Alan Logan 36x and Shan Rana 41x seen us get a good total, our bowlers the did a great job and we were in our second final in 3 years.

Unfortunately we picked this day to have our worst performance in 5 years, dropping 5 catches and bowling 19 wides seen us on the back foot and never to recover in the end going down by 70 runs.

Corie Dickeson led the boys for the 1st time and did a great job, learning game by game and making the correct decisions when they were required, as well as Corie, Cameron French and Stephen Hudson showed great qualities with the way the used there experience through out the competition.

With by far the highlight Stephen Hudson equalling the association's wicket taking record with 24 wickets form 8 games at an average of 8.29 runs per wicket and being voted players player.

For myself it was again an honour to manage these guys for the 3rd and last season some great friendships have been made and as I pass the team on I would like to say that these guys have have given me some of the greatest times in my sporting career. So to anyone I have managed in these years I say a big THANKYOU.

Also many thanks have to go to Sarkis Achmar and Gerard Price for there help and support. I wish all good luck in the future and lets bring home FRANK.

JASON HARRIS
Manager 2001/02

Player Profiles

Corie Dickeson: 1st year as captain was a success and with his hard hitting in the middle order seen him and valuable runs to our totals. He also found his way into 1st grade this season and hopefully bigger things will come from Corie.

Cameron French: The clubs leading cricketer Cam again led the way in all area's with a highlight of 100 of 82 balls against Auburn. Cam is to old next year and we would like to thank him for his efforts over the last 3 seasons.

Stephen Hudson: Junior by far had his best season with the ball, equalling the competition wicket taking record with 24, as well with the bat chipped in, no doubt the leading all-rounder in the competition.

Adam Hudson: Slugger had a year dogged with injury but as usually was solid at the top of the order, a little bit more commitment will see him be the leading batsmen at this level.

Alan Logan: Al again was the leading the class keeper of the competition and as a lower order bat always scored important runs late in the innings, his vast knowledge of every subject makes him one of the most interesting players.

Ben Chapman: Finally after a very unlucky previous season chappo showed his class with the bat especially with 102 of 112 balls against Auburn. Big things to come for this boy.

Ash Squire: Again Ash was always in the Game at some stage either with the bat or ball, Ash needs to knuckle down a bit more to gain the success he deserves.

Adam Langhans: Changs 1st year back at the club was ok, he just needs to go on with the good starts he gets. When he gets more opportunity with the ball he will become quite a handy all-rounder.

Peter Cataloski: Opened the bowling this year with great success, his experience at higher levels showed when he constantly bowled to batsman weaknesses and have them struggling to score runs. Bigger things to come for cata.

Dan Haikin: As usual always reliable, but unfortunately illness struck mid-season, and he never regained form, but a new season will bring new results for Dan.

Shan Rana. Shan's commitment to the 24's is full on, he needs to get to training more often and listen to the advise he is being given, if he does and with his natural talent he will move up the grades and be very successful.

Michael Towells: Mick got called in late one Saturday for the team and never looked, he learned and used this to bowl some very impressive spells throughout the season. Needs to train harder and take advantage of the exceptional talent he has.

Dereck Welsh: A very talented all-rounder who fit perfectly into the team in the beginning, unfortunately illness robbed him of a place in the final. Dezzy is the type of player that is only going to get better and better.

Batting

	INN'S	H.S	RUNS	B/F	AVERAGE
C.FRENCH	8	100	329	333	41.125
B.CHAPMAN	8	102	245	354	35.000
C.DICKESON	8	63	158	113	19.750
A.LANGHANS	8	43	148	402	18.500
A.SQUIRE	7	41	125	156	17.850
A.HUDSON	8	66	132	235	17.000
A.LOGAN	7	38*	100	142	16.850
S.HUDSON	8	40	117	215	16.750
S.RANA	7	41*	91	107	15.25

ALSO BATTED

P.Cataloski 45runs,M.Towells 25runs,D.Welsh 75runs.D.Haikin 3 runs

Wicket keeping: Alan Logan 14 catches, 2 stumpings

Catches: 6 S.Hudson, 4 P.Cataloski, 3 C.French, 2 A.Hudson, B.Chapman, C.Dickeson, S.Rana, D.Haikin, D.Welsh, A.Squire.

BOWLING

	OVERS	M	RUNS	WKT'S	AVE
S.HUDSON	71	13	199	24	8.29
P.CATALOSKI	78	16	207	15	13.8
C.FRENCH	62	4	187	11	17.0
S.RANA	80	18	319	15	21.26
D.WELSH	33	5	110	5	22.00
M.TOWELLS	29	5	117	5	22.7
D.HAIKIN	19	3	83	3	27.6