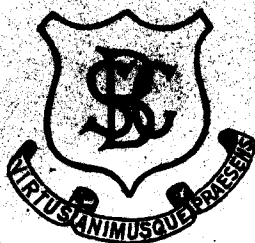




# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB



TWENTY - NINTH

# ANNUAL REPORT

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Presented to Members at the Club Rooms, Burwood,  
14th November, 1947.

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H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1923/1924
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E. J. Siddeley	..	..	..	..	1931/1932
H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1932/1933
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R. W. May	..	..	..	..	1936/1937
R. W. May	..	..	..	..	1937/1938
R. W. May	..	..	..	..	1938/1939
E. J. Siddeley	..	..	..	..	1939/1940
E. J. Siddeley	..	..	..	..	1940/1941
E. J. Siddeley	..	..	..	..	1941/1942
R. W. May	..	..	..	..	1942/1943
H. G. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1943/1944
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FIRST XI — 1946-1947  
Municipal and Shire ('A' Division) Premiers.

T. BRENNAN, H. LENNARTZ, J. MASON, S. HIPWELL,  
J. HOLLANDS (V.-Capt.), T. MOBES, F. RANDLE, L. DAVIS,  
C. MITCHELL, H. G. WHIDDON, Esq. (Pres.), D. PROWSE (Capt.),  
E. J. SIDDELEY, Esq. (V.-Pres.), W. ELDER.  
Absent: R. McLaughlin, A. Rose, W. Rodd, E. Watt.

## TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE AND HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT

To the Members of the Briars Sporting Club:  
Gentlemen:

In accordance with an amendment of the Rules approved at the last Annual Meeting, altering the closing date of the Club's year, the Twenty-Ninth Annual Report of the Club, presented herewith, covers a period of fifteen months up to 30th September, 1947.

The period under review was one of great progress in which many important decisions were reached and there was a substantial realisation of the hopes expressed in last year's Report for an influx of new members.

Foremost among the actions of the Club's executive was the decision to formulate a plan of development of the Club Rooms. The plan consisted of two phases, the first being related to improvements of an immediate nature and the second having as its objective the ultimate expansion of the Club Rooms. The work of inquiring into and reporting upon these matters was left in the hands of a Development Sub-Committee, the activities of which are set out in more detail in a later section of this Report. Suffice it to say here that a plan of development has not only been drawn up but is in course of implementation.

Another action which should meet with general approval was the amendment of the Rules which now enables a junior member to participate in the management of the Club. This entails not only an extension of the franchise to these members but also the right to be elected to office on the Club's executive and it is felt that it will encourage greater interest among these members in the Club's administration.

Important though the foregoing decisions were, of far greater value was the large number of new members introduced into the Club during the year. It is already apparent that the great majority of these young men will make ideal members in whose hands the Club's future may safely rest.

At the end of the period under review, the total membership was 233, an increase of six on the total as at 30th June, 1946. Complete figures are as follows—

	1946	1947
Full . . . . .	98	124
Associate . . . . .	59	58
Country . . . . .	12	29
Junior, Class 1 . . . . .	11	21
Junior, Class 2 . . . . .	2	—
Honorary . . . . .	45	1
Total . . . . .	227	233

Honorary membership was extended to servicemen and the drop in this class of members was due to their discharge from the Forces. A large number of these members, mostly those who had been with us for only a short time before enlistment, did not continue their membership. For this reason the above figures are misleading if totals only are compared and the true position is evidenced by the increase of 34 in full and junior members.

Whilst it is the function of this document to present a report of the year's activities, it is felt that it would not be amiss to take the opportunity here of inviting the attention of members, particularly the newer ones, to certain features of the Club's administration. Many years ago, it was realised that the volume of work was too great for a single body to cope with and, consequently, it was decided to adopt the principle, common in efficient business circles, of delegating functions to subordinate bodies. A number of Sub-Committees was set up, each to administer a particular phase of the Club's activities, subject to the general supervision of the Committee. These Sub-Committees performed their duties with outstanding success and, by virtue of the fact that only the chairman of each Sub-Committee was bound to be a Committeeman, they furthermore provided a field of recruitment for the General Committee itself. During the war, the curtailment of activities automatically caused many of the Sub-Committees to cease their functions with the result that now when we wish to return to the full scope of our previous activities, we are faced with a lack of comprehension on the part of most active members for the reason that their membership does not include any experience of the pre-war system. It is the purpose of the above remarks to remedy this defect and to point out to all these members that the administration of the Club is a big job in which they all have the opportunity to share.

The Club's sporting activities during the past year were well up to pre-war standard, the highlight being the success, yet once again, of the First Cricket Eleven in the "A" Division of the Municipal and Shire Competition. This now makes four wins for this team in the past six years, a feat of which any Club might well feel proud.

The scope of the Sub-district football was widened by the re-introduction of the Whiddon Cup Competition. This, together with the Kentwell Cup and Burke Cup Competitions, made three grades, in all of which the Club was represented and performed creditably. We are confident that last year's experience is the prelude of great things to come in this sport in the ensuing years.

The hockey team finished as runners-up in the 1946 season and repeated the performance in the season just completed.

In addition, basketball was introduced as a Club sport and proved quite successful.

From the sporting aspect, therefore, the Club has every reason to be pleased with its activities over the season under review.

We were greatly assisted during the year by the continued co-operation afforded us by the Concord Council in the direction of improvements to Rothwell Park and we are very grateful for the Council's kind interest. Both the Council and the Club have done a lot of work towards the improvement of the Park and the Club has a programme of further improvements which it is prepared to carry out at its own expense if the Council is agreeable. The area was used by the Club for the first occasion last cricket season and conditions were somewhat unpleasant early owing to the harrowing of the outfield shortly before the season commenced. However, this proved for the ultimate benefit of the ground and in the later stages of the season it was well up to standard. In pursuance of this policy of development, the outfield has recently been harrowed again and consequently the cricketers can expect to be put to some degree of inconvenience during the early part of the forth-

coming season. However, members will realise that this is only a temporary condition which will be more than compensated for by the resultant improvement.

So far, the Club has been unsuccessful in securing a ground for its City and Suburban team and has had to rely on the good offices of the City and Suburban Cricket Association to provide it with accommodation. This question has engaged your Committee's attention with a view to the ultimate acquisition of a wicket locally. Investigation of the matter is proceeding with some hope of success.

It was with great pleasure that the Committee took the opportunity during the year to make, on behalf of the Club, some tangible expression of appreciation in repayment of the great debt of gratitude the Club owes to Mr. Reg Herford, Honorary Secretary of Western Suburbs District Cricket Club, for the part he played, as President and Vice-President, in the earlier years of the Club's development. It came to our knowledge that Wests were seeking club-room accommodation in which to provide social amenities for their members. Consequently, we offered them the use of our Club Rooms for Thursday night each week and we are pleased to record their grateful acceptance. The Committee is confident that its action will meet with the unanimous approbation of the members and that it will assist in the cultivation of a closer contact of the two Clubs.

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## CRICKET

(Sub-Committee: H. Lennartz (Chairman), T. Brennan, S. Hipwell, J. Hollands, J. McCourt, T. Mobbs.)

For the 1946-47 Season, the Club again fielded four teams, namely—1st and 2nd XI's in the Municipal and Shires Competition, 3rd XI in the Third Grade of the Western Suburbs Cricket Association's Competition, and a team in the City and Suburban Association.

The Municipal and Shires Competition was played under the pre-war system of "A" and "B" Grades and a team was entered in each grade.

More than sufficient players were available to maintain all teams at full strength throughout the season and keenness was a consistent feature of the year's performances.

As previously mentioned, Rothwell Park became available for the first time for the Shire teams. Although the wicket was somewhat uncertain in the early stages, it improved as the season progressed and, with proper care, it will prove equally as good as our old wicket on St. Luke's Park. We appreciate the efforts of the groundsman—Mr. Frank Watson—in this connection.

An innovation so far as the 3rd XI was concerned was the covering of the wickets with malthoid instead of matting. This material provides a good playing surface but, unfortunately, due to misuse, there were instances of damage to the malthoid, which caused dangerous conditions at times. It appears that, with the present prohibitive cost of matting, the new material will be used for several years.

The City and Suburban team was fortunate in being able to obtain a number of fixtures on Old Cranbrookians' wicket at Rose Bay, and we are grateful to that Club for their kindness.

The increasing cost of material was a matter of grave concern, and every step should be taken to see that the maximum life of the equipment is obtained by careful maintenance. Balls were again in short supply and it was only possible to obtain sufficient for the season by securing some from Melbourne.

With a view to providing experience on turf wickets for some of the younger members playing in the Third Eleven, a number of picnic matches were played during the season at Birchgrove Oval. These proved of considerable benefit as well as being most enjoyable and will be continued this year.

We desire to convey our congratulations to Balmain Cricket Club in winning the "B" Division of the Municipal and Shires Competition and to Concord West Amateur Sports Club, divisional winners in the Western Suburbs Third Grade Competition.

The opportunity is also taken to congratulate the District Club on its fine performance last season in winning the Club Championship and the 1st Grade Competition.

Messrs. Siddeley and Robinson continued to act as Scorers for the Firsts and Seconds respectively and the members of the teams took the opportunity on the occasion of the annual cricket dinner to present each of these gentlemen with a cigarette lighter as a token of their appreciation.

We are grateful to the N.S.W. Cricket Association for the very generous grant of £25 received during the year.

#### :: FIRST ELEVEN ::

The 1946-47 Season found the First Eleven once again Premiers, thereby completing the hat-trick. The successful team of last year was further strengthened by the addition of three members of the Seconds whose performances had been outstanding, indicating that the Firsts would be a very hard team to beat. This early optimism was borne out by the final results.

The main feature of the team's success was the attack, the brunt of which was taken by T. Mobbs who took 62 wickets at an average of 8.00. He invariably bowled at the wicket and with his consistent length forced the batsmen to take risks. He was ably supported by E. Watt, A. Rose and J. Mason, and on only six occasions throughout the season did our opponents score more than 150 runs in an innings.

The batting was much stronger than last year and frequently the team exceeded 200 runs in an innings. The all-round strength of the team can be judged from the fact that although it won six matches outright, on only two occasions was it necessary to bat in the second innings. Three centuries were scored, two by D. Prowse and one by L. Davis.

The fielding very rarely reached pre-war "A" Shire standard.

E. Watt proved his worth as an all-rounder by taking most catches for the season and finishing second in both batting and bowling averages. A forcing batsman, he will score a lot of runs once he learns to control his tendency to "have a dip."

W. Elder was a good opener and could always be relied upon to stay there. His bowling worried a lot of batsmen and he took 20 wickets at an average of 14.8, being responsible for breaking up many dangerous partnerships.



L. Davis returned to the team after Xmas and demonstrated his ability by scoring 48 and 101 in quick succession.

R. McLaughlin very capably filled the position of wicket-keeper late in the season and also produced one or two bright innings.

C. Mitchell was always on the lookout for runs but unfortunately did not have the best of luck.

S. Hipwell, one of the younger players, started off in the Firsts with a very valuable 54 not out but afterwards appeared to become unsettled. However, his undoubted ability will enable him to come to the fore again.

J. Mason and A. Rose were always on the spot with the ball but were rarely tested.

H. Lennartz and F. Randle did not fulfil the promise shown last season with the Seconds but were at all times very sound in the field.

:: "A" GRADE MUNICIPAL & SHIRES TEAM ::

Matches Played	W.	W.I.	L.	L.I.	D.	T.	Pts.	%	Comp. Position
11	6	3	—	2	—	—	83	75.45	1
Runs For		Wkts. For		Avg.	Runs Against	Wkts. Against		Avg.	
2273		103		22.07	2492	201		12.39	

AVERAGES

(Batting)

Name:	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
D. Prowse	12	2	136x	539	53.9
E. Watt	9	4	75x	197	39.4
L. Davis	6	1	101	182	36.4
W. Elder	12	3	47	263	29.2
F. Randle	12	—	48	199	16.4
S. Hipwell	7	1	54x	97	16.1
C. Mitchell	11	—	43	176	16.0
T. Mobbs	10	1	40	111	12.3
T. Brennan	8	1	29	66	9.4
J. Hollands	7	1	27	71	6.8
A. Rose	9	2	8x	16	2.3

x—Not Out.

Also Batted: J. Mason, 5 innings (4 not out) for 26 runs; R. McLaughlin 4 for 81; H. Lennartz 5 for 31; W. Rudd 4 for 23; W. Farnsworth 1 for 10; E. Stockdale 1 for 25.

(Bowling)

Name:	Overs.	Mns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
T. Mobbs	154	21	498	62	8.0
E. Watt	83	8	348	30	11.6
J. Mason	67	4	267	19	14.0
A. Rose	137	18	457	31	14.7
W. Elder	51	3	296	20	14.8

Also Bowled: H. Lennartz, 8 wickets for 137; J. Hollands 8 for 190; W. Farnsworth, 7 for 72; F. Randle, 2 for 33; C. Mitchell, 0 for 58.

:: SECOND ELEVEN ::

The Seconds experienced a most enjoyable and successful season. All matches were played in the best spirit of keen but friendly rivalry.

A total of 28 players appeared with the team and 17 of them played three or more matches. It is unfortunate that to some extent any second eleven is apparently destined to suffer the adverse effect of changing personnel throughout a season.

The players at all times displayed a high standard of team spirit and in filling fourth place in the Competition recorded a very creditable performance. Special tribute is paid to those members who made themselves available during their holidays and to those who assisted in transporting players and cricket gear.

Possibly the two outstanding individual efforts were those of A. Land who batted through the innings against Roseville scoring 105 not out, and B. Trevenar, who achieved the "hat-trick," all clean bowled, against Ryde.

A. Land regained his batting form after one or two disappointing seasons and proved himself a capable skipper.

L. Hokin registered good batting and bowling performances and held the most number of catches for the team—a real all-rounder's performance. As Vice-Captain, he played no small part in inspiring and assisting the players.

S. Hipwell showed promise as a batsman which gained him promotion to the Firsts. He will go far once he develops strokes and improves his fielding.

R. McLaughlin was also promoted to the Firsts after having kept wickets successfully and played some useful innings for the Seconds.

E. Annetts turned in yet another fine all-rounder's effort. He secured the most wickets but did not maintain the high-fielding standard he had shown in past years.

A. Thomson was a great trier and always willing. As wicket-keeper for the greater part of the season and a useful forcing batsman, he contributed his share to the team's success.

J. Tatham had some good performances with bat and ball.

R. Fullwood played only for half the season, but secured the bowling average and captured the second highest number of wickets. His departure to the country was a severe loss to the team both from the viewpoints of cricket ability and team spirit.

B. Trevenar commenced playing mid-way through the season and although inconvenienced by a strained back, continued with success in the role of stock bowler.

The form of J. Rudd, W. Rudd, R. Williams and T. Brennan was generally disappointing but will no doubt prove to be of a temporary nature.

The team's out-cricket performances were not consistently good, and players should grasp every opportunity to improve their fielding standard. Too little importance is placed on this aspect of the game.

:: "B" GRADE MUNICIPAL & SHIRES TEAM ::

Matches Played	W.	W.I.	L.	L.I.	D.	T.	Pts.	%	Comp. Position
13	5	5	1	2	—	—	87	66.92	4
Runs For		Wkts. For		Avg.	Runs Against	Wkts. Against		Avg.	
2904		180		16.1	3126	234		13.3	

AVERAGES

(Batting)

Name:	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
A. Land	18	1	105x	468	27.5
L. Hokin	17	—	59	355	20.8
S. Hipwell	6	—	42	120	20.0
R. McLaughlin	9	1	57x	155	19.3
E. Annetts	14	—	47	226	16.1
T. Brennan	6	2	21	59	14.7
A. Thomson	17	3	26	164	11.7
J. Tatham	19	4	25	171	11.4
B. Trevenar	8	1	23	80	11.4
R. Fulwood	10	2	26x	86	10.7
W. Rudd	7	1	17	63	10.5
J. Rudd	17	1	62	146	9.1
R. Williams	18	6	23	104	8.6
W. Farnsworth	8	1	14	23	3.2

x—Not Out.

Also Batted: M. Annetts, 5 innings for 128 runs; F. Randle, 3 for 86; H. Lennartz, 5 (1 not out) for 66; T. Mobbs, 2 for 59; J. Hollands 5 (1 not out) for 36; J. Atwill, 2 (1 not out) for 20; B. McKittrick, 3 (1 not out) for 10; J. Mason, 2 (1 not out) for 5; L. Davis, 1 for 22; R. Bradley, 2 for 18; B. Adcock, 1 (1 not out) for 4; L. Gosling, 1 for 0; R. Thomas, 1 for 6; K. Astridge, 2 (1 not out) for 9.

(Bowling)

Name:	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
R. Fulwood	92	12	332	30	11.06
E. Annetts	127	10	490	41	11.95
J. Tatham	37	—	197	14	14.07
L. Hokin	92	5	428	29	14.75
B. Trevenar	114	14	414	28	14.78
R. Williams	54	2	335	12	27.91

Also Bowled: J. Hollands, 11 wickets for 62 runs; B. Adcock, 2 for 35; R. Bradley, 0 for 4; K. Astridge, 9 for 109; M. Annetts, 10 for 84; H. Lennartz, 7 for 144; J. Mason, 6 for 58; T. Mobbs, 5 for 44; W. Farnsworth, 3 for 117; J. Atwill, 1 for 10; T. Brennan, 1 for 29; F. Randle, 1 for 1; S. Hipwell, 0 for 14; L. Davis, 0 for 1; L. Gosling, 3 for 40.

:: THIRD ELEVEN ::

The season was commenced with a weakened Eleven, such stalwarts as S. Hipwell, C. Mitchell and A. Thomson being with the Shire teams. This loss accounted for our comparatively poor showing in the first round when three of four defeats of the season were sustained. However, in this period the recruits to the team found their feet and following on a general all-round improvement only the first match of the second round was lost. In the final game we inflicted on the winners of the Division that team's only defeat of the season—this is becoming a habit with the Thirds.

Throughout the season the policy was to give each and every player an opportunity of developing whatever talents he possessed and to make each game as enjoyable as possible to all. This may have cost a few competition points, but results were reflected in the excellent team spirit evident at all times, keenness being maintained to the very end of the season. Other factors operating to make this particular season one of the most enjoyable for some years in this grade were—(1) the selection of players was limited to a much smaller number—(2) improvement in the playing area particularly as regards cutting of grass and levelling of ground, and (3) attendance of an umpire at almost every match.

The best performances came from our bowlers. G. Turner, A. Chard, R. Thomson and B. Adcock provided the spearhead of the attack and were possibly the best combination in the competition. When it is borne in mind that we always had Brian Williams, A. Folbigg and R. Clark for support there can be no doubt as to the bowling strength. However,

matches cannot be won by a team of bowlers and the batting was not strong enough to take advantage of the many openings our bowlers made.

As mentioned before, the batting did not live up to expectations as far as scores were concerned but on the other hand there was a decided improvement by all the younger batsmen who have gained in confidence and stroke-making.

There is still room for improvement in the fielding, the slips position being the greatest weakness. The outfielding was good but elsewhere lacked anticipation and snap. A great improvement was shown in running between wickets very few run-outs being recorded, and many valuable runs resulted.

G. Turner bore the brunt of the attack securing the greatest number of wickets and the bowling average. His figures would have been better still had we had a slips fieldsman as efficient as Gordon himself. With the bat he had a very poor first round as a tail-ender but then blossomed forth as an opening batsman and gave some delightful exhibitions. He was one of the best all-rounders in the Grade.

R. Thomson reaped a harvest in the first round with his slows but was used sparingly later. He was a source of worry to most batsmen. He batted well in his inimitable style but faded away somewhat towards the end of the season owing to concentration on studies.

A. Chard came into the team late in the season and improved with every match. His left hand slows always looked dangerous and with a little more experience and coaching he should be a useful bowler for one of the Shire teams.

B. Adcock, the baby of the team, used his off-breaks intelligently, always bowling to his field. Should he develop his leg spinner and maintain his accuracy he will secure yet better results. He is an excellent field and although he did not find his form with the bat, his 48 against Enfield showed great promise.

Brian Williams broke many dangerous partnerships but has a tendency to bowl too short. When able to control length and direction he always looked effective. He has plenty of ability as a batsman but did not settle down to his most suitable style. He was inclined to be too aggressive and to neglect his defence.

A. Folbigg showed promise with the ball and bowled very well on occasions. He set a high standard in the outfield, some of his catches being sensational.

R. Clark bowled his usual immaculate length and was generally called upon when it was necessary to keep runs down. Also, on many occasions he pulled the team out of a tight corner with his scientific hitting.

J. Clingan was a model of consistency, always scoring runs at a critical period.

E. Stockdale was much more confident and played some very fine innings. His batting was more forceful and his defence sounder. His fielding was below standard.

C. Jones was perhaps the stylist of the team and a pleasure to

watch when in a scoring mood. His defence was not sound, especially against slow bowling.

R. Atwill had the leanest of seasons until the final match when he opened the innings for the first time and made a matchwinning 59 by skilled and plucky batting against hostile bowling.

L. Meulman again headed the aggregate but after scoring freely in the first round failed to maintain his form. He captained the team efficiently having in mind its role in developing the younger players for graduation to the senior teams.

F. Nicholas and J. Whiting shared the wicket-keeping and did reasonably well. Joe batted breezily at times but Rick was not able to gauge the pace of the wickets.

:: THIRD XI ::

Matches Played 14	W. 4	W.I. 5	L. —	L.I. 4	D. 1	Pts. 37	Comp. Position 3
Runs For 2700	Wkts. For 166		Avge. 16.3	Runs Against 2096	Wkts. Against 205		Avge. 10.2

AVERAGES

(Batting)

Name:	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avge.
L. Meulman	15	5	98x	429	42.9
J. Clingan	14	2	50	249	20.8
G. Turner	15	2	50x	245	18.9
R. Clark	16	2	46	238	17.0
E. Stockdale	20	3	63x	281	16.5
R. Thomson	13	1	55	197	16.4
J. Whiting	13	4	18	103	11.4
C. Jones	19	2	31	191	11.2
R. Atwill	9	—	59	91	10.1
B. Williams	19	1	46	175	9.7
E. Adcock	11	—	48	93	8.5
A. Chard	5	3	8x	17	8.5
F. Nicholas	8	1	17	46	5.6
A. Folbigg	8	3	6x	13	2.6

x—Not Out.

Also Batted: A. Thomson, 2 innings (1 not out) for 29 runs; K. Campling, 3 (1 not out) for 56; S. Hipwell, 4 (1 not out) for 52; G. Thomson, 4 (3 not out) for 3.

(Bowling)

Name:	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avge.
A. Chard	40	5	122	17	7.2
G. Turner	139	30	355	44	8.1
E. Adcock	70	5	261	30	8.7
B. Williams	62	12	215	20	10.8
R. Clark	79	11	204	17	12.0
R. Thomson	103	9	436	36	12.1
A. Folbigg	58	12	195	14	13.9

Also Bowled: E. Stockdale, 2 wickets for 5 runs; J. Clingan, 2 for 8; R. Atwill, 3 for 18; L. Meulman, 2 for 19; C. Jones, 1 for 22; S. Hipwell, 0 for 8; J. Whiting, 0 for 15.

:: CITY AND SUBURBAN ::

While the Briars are only newcomers to this Association, it is felt that the team's conduct and performances during the past season created a permanent place for the Club in future years. This has been confirmed by the willingness of other Clubs to book matches with us for the present season even though we are at a disadvantage due to the lack of a home ground.

All matches were keenly fought and towards the end of the season the team recorded a number of meritorious victories.

J. Walker's performances were most outstanding and his century at Balmoral plus his bowling epic of 8 wickets for 44 runs at Rydalmere finished off a most successful season for a player who, if residentially qualified, would undoubtedly be playing with the Club's "A" Shire team.

A. Leadbeater and L. Robinson combined well as opening batsmen and were responsible in no small way for the team's many victories. The former is another whose loss is keenly felt in Shire cricket. His Club spirit and keenness are shown by his travelling from Port Kembla to play with the side.

I. Cozens and J. Atwill were also pillars of strength primarily for their bowling but both were capable of scoring runs in good style when they were badly needed. The former secured the coveted hat-trick in recognition of which feat he was presented with the ball, suitably inscribed.

The team did not have a recognised 'keeper and this onerous task eventually fell to E. Gay who fulfilled these duties efficiently as well as proving a forceful batsman.

G. Lee, D. Fraser and A. Arnold infused a carefree spirit into the side and occasionally showed glimpses of their former brilliance.

The team was a very happy one and can be expected to maintain the good impressions already created among the teams playing under the City and Suburban Association.

:: CITY AND SUBURBAN XI ::						
Matches Played		W.	L.	D.		
19		11	8	1		
Runs For	Wkts. For	Avg.	Runs Against	Wkts. Against	Avg.	
2385	164	14.5	2453	158	15.5	

#### AVERAGES

(Batting)

Name:	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
I. Cozens	19	2	77	412	24.3
R. Ackermann	12	5	46	159	22.7
A. Leadbeater	17	1	55x	359	22.4
J. Walker	10	—	105	175	17.5
J. Atwill	11	—	34	158	14.4
L. Robinson	13	1	30	133	11.1
E. Gay	14	1	30	132	10.1
G. J. Lee	17	1	37	152	9.5
A. Arnold	12	2	16	72	7.2
D. D. Fraser	9	1	10	34	4.3

x—Not Out.

Also Batted: J. McCourt, 1 innings for 2 runs; J. Rudd, 4 for 42; W. Farnsworth, 4 (1 not out) for 24; R. Lord, 2 for 1; B. Ritchie, 6 (2 not out) for 16; D. Prowse, 1 for 54; B. McKittrick, 1 for 12; E. Watt, 2 for 40; R. McLaughlin, 2 for 21; R. Atwill, 3 (1 not out) for 51; F. Richards, 1 (1 not out) for 2; H. Lennartz, 1 for 0; W. Rudd, 3 (1 not out) for 16; B. Trevenar, 1 for 0; E. F. Watt, 1 for 2; F. Nicholas, 4 (1 not out) for 27; R. Glasgow, 1 for 2; R. Goodacre, 1 (1 not out) for 11; R. Henderson, 4 (1 not out) for 16; K. Camping, 1 for 10; D. Walker, 3 (2 not out) for 37; R. Thomas, 1 for 2; F. Randle, 1 for 33; J. Hollands, 1 for 22; A. D. Friend, 1 (1 not out) for 13; P. O. Friend, 1 for 5.

(Bowling)

Name:	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
J. Walker	117	10	480	37	13.0
I. Cozens	123	14	458	30	15.4
J. Atwill	50	1	222	10	22.2
R. Ackermann	46	1	222	10	22.2

Also Bowled: B. Ritchie, 8 wickets for 86 runs; D. Fraser, 2 for 94; G. J. Lee, 3 for 64; R. Glasgow, 0 for 36; R. Henderson, 2 for 42; D. Walker, 7 for 86; W. Farnsworth, 5 for 79; W. Rudd, 6 for 36; E. Watt, 4 for 36; R. Lord, 4 for 15; J. McCourt, 1 for 18; E. Gay, 6 for 75; F. Richards, 0 for 13; R. Atwill, 1 for 9; H. Lennartz, 2 for 19; B. Trevenar, 0 for 34; E. F. Watt, 0 for 18; L. Robinson, 1 for 16; A. Leadbeater, 2 for 35; J. Hollands, 1 for 12; R. Thomson, 3 for 35.

## CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy, which was donated as a Memorial of Club members who lost their lives at the war, is awarded annually to the winner of a competition carrying the following points—

Value to Team . . . . .	25	points.
Conduct on field . . . . .	15	"
General keenness as a cricketer . . . . .	20	"
Value to Club as a member . . . . .	30	"
Neatness of dress . . . . .	10	"
Total . . . . .	100	points.

The winner of the trophy for the 1946-47 season is R. Ackermann. This member was outstanding not only for his excellent record as a cricketer but also for the prominent part he played in the administration of the Club, particularly in his efforts towards building up the new sports, hockey and basketball.

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## FOOTBALL

(Sub-Committee: G. Wright (Chairman), J. Alford, R. Crofts, Don Walker, J. Wallace, B. Williams.)

The 1946 season finished with our Kentwell Cup and Burke Cup teams in fifth and seventh positions, respectively.

This year, the season opened with the very happy prospect of the Club being able to field three teams for the first time since 1930. The meeting held before the commencement of the season was attended by nearly 50 players and, as a result of the large number of new members coming forward, a team was entered in each of the Kentwell Cup, Burke Cup and Whiddon Cup Competitions controlled by the Metropolitan Sub-District and Junior Rugby Union.

Our hopes of success were somewhat dampened by the poor results obtained in the early rounds, which were, to some extent, due to inexperience, since nearly two-thirds of the players were having their first year in Sub-District football. However, improvement was shown as the season advanced and some good football was produced. Each team filled fifth position in its respective competition and this enabled the Club to run second in the Club Championship to Bondi Life Savers Football Club, to whom we extend our congratulations.

We desire to convey congratulations also to Drummoyne (Kentwell Cup), Reliance (Burke Cup) and Canterbury-Bankstown (Whiddon Cup) on their premierships wins.

Our teams trained one night each week on Concord Oval and attendances were very good. Apart from absences due to University or Technical College Classes—this affected the First XV mainly—it was seldom that the Coaches did not have full teams.

This year Mr. Geoff Whiddon was unable to continue as our senior coach, in which position he has always been respected for his knowledge of the game and his ability to pass it on. Thanks Geoff for your past assistance.

We were most fortunate that Reg (Billy) McLaughlin should offer to help us and we gratefully accepted. Bill has brought to the Club a wealth of experience and knowledge which, even at this early stage with new and inexperienced players, has already made its influence felt. We welcome you Bill and hope you will guide the Club teams through many successful seasons.

Thanks also to Doug Vanderfield and Don Walker for their very fine efforts in coaching the second and third teams, respectively, through a hard season.

Ted Stockdale and Brian Adcock deserve special mention for their assistance as linesmen. Both always turned out immaculately, thus adding to the Club's pride in football neatness. The latter also did a splendid job on occasions as referee.

Congratulations to Jack Wallace on gaining selection in the combined Sub-District team which played a combined Reserve Grade side at the Cricket Ground. Jack acquitted himself excellently and scored the only try made by his team.

A visit was again made to the Royal Military College over King's Birthday week-end. Thirty-three members made the trip by car and all voted it a most enjoyable experience. We were beaten rather soundly on the Saturday by the College but redeemed our position by beating combined Canberra 2nd XV on the Monday.

Messrs. G. Wright and R. Clark, as Secretary and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the Metropolitan Sub-District and Junior Rugby Union played an important part in the organisation of the competitions, and were supported by Messrs. Don Walker and R. Crofts as Club delegates on the Council. This is an aspect of sport inclined to be overlooked by members of all Clubs, who fail to realise the work required outside the Club itself to provide them with their games. It is to be hoped that other members will offer their services in future years.

### :: FIRST XV — KENTWELL CUP ::

Record:—Won 8—Lost 5—Drawn 3—Points for 123—Points Against 123.

The team gave some very good displays of constructive football this year, but unfortunately these were intermingled with some very poor exhibitions.

The absence of a reliable goal-kicker was our greatest weakness and cost us many matches.

Numerous players have gone through the ranks of the team, due to new players forcing their way up from the lower grades by fine performances, and to the experimental changing of players' positions in an endeavour to get the best combination. The football played in the concluding matches showed that the experiments had proved successful, which augurs well for next season.

The forwards at first lacked fire in general play and were not constructive in their rucking, but later they gave some excellent exhibitions.

The backs lacked penetration and were inclined to run across field. At times, too, they showed an inclination to hang off their tackles, but these weaknesses were remedied as the season advanced and towards the end they were able to make use of the ball with some excellent backline movements.

Valuable experience was gained, especially by the younger players, and the team should be seen to far better advantage next season.

J. Crawford (Full Back) handled and defended well. Positional play good and ran his backs into position on occasions, but throughout the season appeared to be wanting in condition.



A. Chard (Wing). A very promising player—runs well and defence sound, but has a tendency to lose interest at times.

P. Crocker (Wing) lacked determination when running with the ball but peculiarly enough showed plenty when tackled. Should do well when he overcomes this failing.

J. Walker (Wing and Forward) played solidly on the wing, but was slow for this position. Defence good and always made ground when he had the ball. Moved to the forwards late in the season and should be a tower of strength there next year.

B. North (Wing and Centre) played most of the season in the centres. Was safe but lacked penetrative powers. When moved to the wing he showed first class form, finishing off backline movements with determination.

L. Gosling (Five-Eight). Good penetration but a tendency to run across field marred his displays. Defence weak and at times an uncertain handler.

A. Light (Five-Eight). Promoted from the Thirds, he sharpened up the backline. Varied his game well and always got his backs moving straight and fast. Big things expected of this Player next season.

C. Killip (Five-Eight). Attacked well at beginning of season but bad handling lapses and cross field running spoilt his later efforts. Appears better at half-back where he moved well.

A. D. Friend (Half-Back). Very dependable and varied his game well. Passes at times were slow, probably due to inability to be present at training.

R. Henderson (Breakaway). A lively player, always on the ball, but handles badly.

R. Crofts (Breakaway). Gave some excellent performances in loose play. Condition very good but defence weak. He very rarely tackled the opposing five-eight. When he rectifies this fault, he could be a top-line breakaway.

P. O. Friend (Breakaway). Plays about two stone above his weight. An excellent tackler and very good in the loose.

W. Farnsworth (Lock and 2nd Row). An 80-minute player. Excellent line out man and his rucking is fiery and constructive. Probably our best forward.

S. Bradbury (2nd and Front Row). A young player with plenty of football in him. Very good in loose play but inclined to hang on to the ball too long. Experience will overcome this fault.

D. Mackie (2nd Row). Seems to be lost when in possession of the ball and lacks devil, but these points can be easily overcome with tuition.

N. Barrell (Front Row). A hard working and excellent "prop." Most consistent forward in the team.

J. Alford (Hooker). Gave the team a lion's share of the ball, as well as being a good rucker and defender. Sorry to lose him towards the end of the season.

K. McCausland (Hooker). A young player with plenty of possibilities. Very good in the loose. He should have a bright future.

J. Wallace (Front Row). Captained the team well, always worked hard, an excellent dribbler with the ball and inspired the team with his exhibitions.

D. Moors (Half Back and Breakaway) was Captain of the team until he left for the country. A fair half-back, but excellent breakaway where his good all-round play proved most effective. His departure was a severe loss to the team.

:: SECOND XV — BURKE CUP ::

Record: Played 16 games—Won 8—Lost 8—Points for 121—Against 112.

After a promising start, the team had its ups and downs and finally finished the competition in fifth position, which, in the circumstances, was quite a creditable performance. Some idea of the difficulty in working up a sound combination may be gathered from the fact that, due to injuries and replacements for the First XV, no fewer than 45 of the 60 regular players stripped for the team during the season, and in 16 competition games there were five different captains.

The forwards were the mainstay of the team and generally were more than a match for opposing packs. Improvement could have been effected by tighter play in rucks and line-outs and by showing more fire when the going was tough. Condition in some players also left room for improvement.

The backs were greatly affected by the constant changes in personnel but, when at full strength and functioning smoothly, they made the team a winning combination. Several of the younger players showed distinct promise.

B. Williams (Full Back). At his best, a brilliant player. Inclined to be unreliable under pressure.

G. Darling (Winger). Started the season moderately but gained confidence in later games and showed determination when running with the ball in possession. Weak defender.

B. Pyle (Wing). Good in defence and at times showed penetration and trickiness.

G. Turner (Centre). Available only for first half of season. Showed ability to penetrate but lacked determination and speed.

S. Hipwell (Centre). A most promising young back. Has penetrative ability and good defence.

D. North (Centre). Was an inspiration to the backs when he gained condition. Brilliant in attack and sound in defence.

J. Powell (Five-Eight). Another young player who was showing promise until injured. Sound in defence and a safe handler. Not frightened to go down on the ball.

D. Guest (Half-Back). A hard worker and good tackler, but inclined to be on the slow side for this position.

D. Matheson (Half-Back). Showed distinct promise in the few games he played before being injured.

J. North (Winger). His experience and ability made him very welcome in the team. Unfortunately, he was unable to play regularly.

J. Fraser (Front Row). A tigerish forward who is always in the game.

J. Dunbar (Front Row). A most improved forward who revelled in the "tight." Has good prospects if he can improve his condition still further.

R. Clifford (2nd Row). Always a trier but unfortunately lacks fire. Excels in line out work.

B. Scrivener (Breakaway). One of the keenest and best conditioned players in the Club. Very versatile, playing in numerous positions in both backs and forwards.

D. MacDougall (2nd Row). When fit and in form, an asset to any team.

P. Hotten (2nd Row). A solid player who likes the tight work. Very keen, and will improve immensely with experience.

::      **THIRD XV — WHIDDON CUP**      ::

Record: Played 14 games—Won 7—Lost 7—Points for 89—Against 108.

This team enjoyed its fair share of success. It comprised a mixture of experienced and inexperienced players and, as could only be expected, provided a recruiting ground for the senior teams.

The players developed a very high standard of keenness, which largely compensated for whatever was lacking in football ability, and despite the loss of many capable players through promotion the team finished the season on a high note, winning three of the last four matches and only losing the other game by a very narrow margin 6 to 3.

It is pleasing to note that of the original team four members finished in the First XV and four graduated to the Second XV. Generally, the players showed considerable improvement and the Club can look forward to them becoming a force to be reckoned with in future years.

Due to the fact that early in the season, five members of the back line moved to higher teams, the bulk of the work devolved on the forwards, who did a fine job their rucking at times being really good. However, in later games very much improved play was seen from the back line.

The manner in which the team acquitted itself against more seasoned and heavier opponents was in the very best tradition of the Club.

David Walker (Full Back). Played consistently well. Is a safe handler, fair line kick but a trifle slow in moving to the ball.

R. Waite (Wing). Having his first season in Rugby. Runs fast and with determination. Will make a good winger when he gains some experience. No keener player in the Club.

R. Vanderfield (Wing). Tries hard and improved considerably. Still has much to learn.

E. Goodacre (Centre). Played exceptionally well at times and just as badly on other occasions. Handling weak.

E. Barbour (Front Row). Led the team well. Is a good hard working forward who, at all times, set a fine example to his team.

G. Barber (Front Row). New to the game, but should become a very useful player next season.

K. Brady (Breakaway). Played out of position most of the season. Is a good versatile footballer who revels in the game.

C. Dunbar (2nd Row). Had more experience than most. Lack of condition a big detriment to his general play.

W. Meads (2nd Row). One of the mainstays in a good pack. Will be very useful to the Club in future years.

M. Kirby (Lock). His first season, but is learning quickly. A tower of strength in the line outs and an excellent team man.

E. Smith (Breakaway). Very good loose forward. He played well at all times and should develop into a good footballer.

J. Parkinson (Breakaway). Outstanding for his age. Played with determination and courage. Never off the ball in rucks and always there in the open. Has a bright future.

D. Crago (Hooker). Played a few matches in the Third XV and captained the team until he left for the country. A fine forward of Kentwell Cup standard, who always played well above his weight. Hard to replace.

R. Heine (Breakaway). A little on the light side, but a trier. Filled unaccustomed position as hooker towards the end of the season and performed creditably.

## GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

This trophy was donated to the Club to perpetuate the memory of a young member, Gordon Bevan, who met a tragic death in a car accident several years ago. Gordon had very many good friends in the Club and ever since the Shield was initiated in 1938 its award has been regarded as a signal honour. It is awarded to the winner of a competition for which the following points are allotted—

Attendance at training . . . . .	20 points.
Value to his team . . . . .	20 "
Most improved player . . . . .	20 "
General keenness as a footballer . . . .	15 "
Value to his Club as a member . . . .	15 "
Neatness of uniform . . . . .	10 "
Total . . . . .	100 points.

For the 1946 season, the winner was Don Walker. The record of this member, both as a player and as an administrator, is one which can hardly be surpassed and he is truly a worthy winner.

The winner of last season's competition was S. Hipwell, one of the younger members, who not only showed great improvement as a footballer, but also displayed a keen sense of clubmanship. In this instance also, the choice has been a happy one.

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## HOCKEY

(Sub-Committee: R. Ackermann (Chairman), C. Jones, H. Lennartz,  
T. Mobbs, B. Trevenar.)

In last year's Report, reference was made to the excellent progress of the Club's hockey team in the 1946 Competition.

The hopes expressed in that Report were realised and the team found itself in the final four. However, after a victory in the semi-final, it went down narrowly to the Minor Premiers, Glebe, in the final. The team's effort was a most meritorious one in its first season of Competition hockey.

Approaching the 1947 season, consideration was given to the question of going up a Grade, that is, into Third Grade. The general consensus of opinion among the players was that the matter should be left to Western Suburbs District Hockey Club, under whose banner we played, to decide as they saw fit. Wests considered that the team should be promoted but unfortunately the sudden creation of a new District Club—Canterbury-Bankstown—deprived Wests of a number of players at the last minute, the ultimate result of which was that in order to preserve our identity without unduly disturbing Wests' other teams, our team was again entered in Fourth Grade.

A very auspicious start to the season was the defeat of our old rivals, Glebe. The team continued undefeated right up to the second encounter with Glebe in the 12th round. Glebe secured revenge, but even so Briars were still leading by one point in the Minor Premiership. However, an unaccountable draw in the following match, against St. George A, brought us back level with Glebe. This position remained until the completion of the normal Competition rounds when Glebe, having the better goal average, were declared Minor Premiers.

The semi-final against Easts was won, and Briars again faced Glebe in the final as in 1946. On this occasion the match was even more closely fought and it was only in the extra time allotted that Glebe managed finally to clinch another victory. It was hard luck for Briars but our sincere congratulations must go to Glebe for their fighting display.

R. Ackermann captained the side and his inspiring leadership plus his own sterling play in the pivotal position of centre-half, moulded the team into a formidable combination.

T. Mobbs, as centre-forward, was the team's goal-scoring mainstay and was unlucky not to add to his already ample total on many occasions. He combined well with the other forwards and was the spearhead of a most efficient attack.

H. Lennartz and C. Jones, as inside forwards, not only paved the way for many of the goals scored by T. Mobbs but proved quite capable of scoring themselves when the opportunity arose.

The two wingers' positions were filled at various times during the season by J. Kerr, A. Thomson, G. Thomson and R. Thomson, all of whom did their share in attack.

R. Atwill played as right-half and was undoubtedly the most consistent member of the team. The solidarity of his defence could hardly be faulted.

J. Hollands played first as a back and then, towards the end of the season, as left-half. He filled both positions most effectively but the latter gave him greater scope for his undoubted ability in attack.

A. Land was a member of the back line and his sterling displays in this defensive role proved heart-breaking to the opposition forwards.

B. Ritchie found his niche towards the end of the season as the other back and his amazing eye enabled him to bring off spectacular shots which time after time converted defence into attack.

M. Hill was the team's goalie and proved most difficult for the opposition to beat.

Towards the end of the season, the team paid a visit to Moss Vale where they participated in the local Hockey Carnival. This was a new experience for our players and proved most enjoyable although the team's performances were only mediocre. However, this may be excused by the strangeness of the conditions and the strength of the opposition. Opportunities will be offering in subsequent seasons for trips further afield and the keenness already displayed is a sure indication that these trips will be popular.

Successful though the introduction of hockey as a Club sport has been that very success gives rise to a problem which must be solved in the near future if the sport is to continue. The Association has, no doubt for very good reasons, laid down a policy of confining hockey to a district basis and it has been only through the kind co-operation of Wests that we have been able to play.

The present arrangement is that our team plays, nominally, as one of Wests' teams but its domestic management is entirely in our Club's hands. Obviously, this is not completely satisfactory to either party—to us because we cannot play as Briars and under our own colours and to Wests because the necessity to cater for our team restricts them in providing for their own players.

If hockey is to develop in this Club we must be in a position to build up more than one team. However, we can hardly expect Wests to provide for us any further than they have already done, because to do so could not conceivably be in the best interests of their own members.

The perfect solution of the difficulty would be for the Association to realise that whilst district hockey may have its advantages there are Clubs such as our own which play more than one sport and members

who join us to play, say, cricket, are not likely to join another Club to play a winter sport although they would be prepared to play that sport as Briars. If the Association recognises this, it would be only compatible with its expressed policy of developing the popularity and, consequently, the standard, of hockey, to make some provision to enable Clubs such as ours to participate in its Competitions in their own right. Such a step in our case would not in any way encroach upon Wests' field of recruitment.

This is a question which must engage our serious consideration before the next season and we trust that some equitable solution will be found.

Whatever may eventuate our sincere thanks and appreciation go to Western Suburbs District Hockey Club for its unselfish and helpful attitude.

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## BASKETBALL

(Sub-Committee: R. Ackerman (Chairman), E. Gray, J. Walker).

Since the last Annual Meeting the Club has participated in two Basketball Competitions with the City of Sydney Basketball Association. Our initial season in the 1946 Summer Competition was quite successful and it appeared at that stage that basketball could quite easily become one of the most popular sports in the Club's already numerous activities.

Unfortunately, the same degree of enthusiasm was not displayed by the players in the 1947 Winter Competition. This was possibly brought about by unforeseen difficulties such as examinations and study by the older players. However, some ray of hope may be seen for the future of this sport in the Club in that some of the younger members showed a keen desire to participate over the concluding stages of the season.

The aim in future will be to encourage the younger members of the Club to learn the fundamentals of the game and before entering any Competition we must have a definite standard of proficiency together with a sense of Club responsibility to maintain the prestige of the Briars in sporting spheres. This censure is made owing to the team forfeiting three of its matches during the season when a little co-operation on the part of the players could quite easily have placed them at the head of the Competition table.

During the Summer Competition, 12 matches were contested. The team finished third, having 8 wins and 4 losses. Leading goal scorers were—R. Ackermann 86 points, R. Clifford 52, R. Crofts 41 and J. McCallum 26. Apart from these players, whose sole job was to score goals, special mention should be made of J. Walker and S. Hipwell's tenacity in defence, which contributed in no small way to the team's success. The team's thanks are extended to S. Jones whose assistance during the Competition was invaluable.

In the Winter Competition, the team played 12 matches in a higher grade, winning 5 of them and, as mentioned above, our downfall was brought about by 3 forfeits. Goal-scorers were E. Gay 84 points, R. Ackermann 70 and C. Noble 21. E. Gay was the outstanding player in the side. R. Henderson came to the team's assistance when it was in trouble as also did C. Jones who incidentally showed great promise.

Taking everything into consideration, the experiment of the Club participating in this new activity was not completely a failure and it is hoped that greater numbers of players will be available for future seasons.

## GOLF

(Sub-Committee: M. Mitchell (Chairman), and C. Mitchell.)

After a break of seven years, a popular minor sport of the Club was resumed with a golf outing at Cabramatta on 24th August, 1947. The attendance of 37 members was most gratifying and the pleasure of the day was greatly increased by the catering arrangements attended to by M. Hill to whom the members are indebted accordingly.

The following results were recorded—

18-holes Stroke Handicap — K. Campling, 1st; N. Fisher, 2nd and C. Mitchell, 3rd.

Four-Ball-Best-Ball Stableford — N. Fisher and J. Munro, 1st; G. Vanderfield and D. Vanderfield, 2nd and K. Campling and N. Thomas, 3rd.

It is hoped that similar outings will now be a regular feature of the Club's programme.

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## TENNIS

(Sub-Committee: L. Meulman (Chairman), and F. Randle.)

Only one tournament was held during the year. This was a doubles handicap event at the Strathfield Recreation Club's courts and was attended by 24 players. The tournament was played off in two divisions the winners of the "A" Division being W. Elder and T. Mobbs and the "B" Division being won by A. Thomson and L. Knight.

The main difficulty in the way of arranging further functions has been the inability to obtain courts and unfortunately this position does not look like improving. If any members have knowledge of where accommodation may be obtained, it will be appreciated if they will contact the Sub-Committee. At least two courts would be required.

No teams were entered in the Sunday morning competitions this year, but having acquired the use of a court a number of members availed themselves of the opportunity to play regularly on Sunday mornings throughout the winter months.

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## OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENTS AND SOCIAL

(Sub-Committee: Don Walker (Chairman), P. Crocker, S. Hipwell, J. Walker and J. Wallace.)

Seven functions of a social character were conducted during the period covered by this Report. Four dances, two Club Dinners and a Xmas Smoko were held. Unfortunately, various restrictions prevented the usual cocktail parties which had been a popular feature in preceding years.

The Balls were all reasonably well attended and provided the usual standard of enjoyable entertainment. We were fortunate in once again being able to acquire the use of the N.S.W. Lawn Tennis Association's Club Rooms at White City, a fact which ensured the success of the functions. One disappointing feature was the consistent failure of many of the older members to attend. These occasions provide a very happy opportunity to renew old acquaintances and we look forward to more support from our veterans in the future.

The two Dinners at the conclusion of the cricket and football seasons proved most auspicious occasions. These dinners are becoming features of the Club's activities and the large and happy gatherings are a sure indication of their popularity. We are most grateful to the wives of members who helped to ensure the success of these functions and to L. Knight for his untiring efforts as an entertainer.

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## INDOOR ENTERTAINMENTS

(Sub-Committee: A. Land (Chairman), C. Jones, B. Ritchie and E. Watt, Senr.)

Increased activity was in evidence throughout the year on the billiard and ping-pong tables.

Two successful billiards tournaments were held. The first, an open handicap event, resulted in many closely contested matches and was won by R. McLaughlin, with L. Meulman as runner-up. The second, also a handicap event, was restricted to players in the "not-so-hot" class and was held at the instigation of Mr. May, one of our Vice-Presidents and a Past President, who donated trophies for competition. This tournament, which provided pleasant matches for the participants, was won by C. Jones from H. Lennartz.

A further billiards tournament, an open handicap, is at present being arranged and 24 entries have already been received.

Two Table Tennis tournaments, both restricted to junior members, were held. The singles event was won by S. Hipwell from E. Stockdale and R. Atwill and N. Thomas were successful in the doubles. An open doubles tournament is at present in progress and entries have been invited for a singles championship.

The indoor entertainments section of the Club's activities is one which should now be developed but is dependent to a large degree not only upon the work of the Sub-Committee in charge but also upon the members themselves sharing the responsibility by mutually arranging to play their matches at the earliest opportunity. Furthermore, members should convey to the Sub-Committee their views on ways and means of increasing interest in indoor entertainments.

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## EX-SERVICEMEN AND OLD MEMBERS RE-UNIONS

(Sub-Committee: M. Mitchell (Chairman), J. Dinning, S. Jones, M. Hill, Gordon Lee, R. E. McLaughlin, D. Rossell and J. Walker.)

Monthly meetings were held at the Club Rooms with ever decreasing attendances up to June, 1947 at which stage it was decided that further Re-unions were not warranted whilst such small interest was shown.

It is intended as an alternative that steps be taken in future to encourage ex-servicemen and old members to attend other Club functions such as golf tournaments, dances and the like. Success in this direction will serve equally as well from the point of view of providing opportunities for these members to get together and at the same time will be more beneficial in the Club interest.



## LIBRARY

Little or no progress was made during the year towards placing the library on its pre-war basis. This was due to three reasons—firstly, the lack of new literature, secondly, the prohibitive cost (having in mind the necessity to divert funds to more pressing requirements) and, thirdly, the fact that the steward system, which is essential for the efficient conduct of the library, has not yet been fully restored.

Whilst there is little hope that the first two of these difficulties will be removed in the near future, it is hoped that during the coming year, with the help of a staff of stewards, it will be found possible to organise the library so that the members will be able to avail themselves of the present fine stock of books.

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## CLUB HISTORY

(Sub-Committee: R. Thomson (Chairman), R. Clark, S. McGregor, L. Meulman, E. J. Siddeley and Don Walker.)

A rather severe blow to our hopes of producing a Club History on the occasion of the Club's 30th Anniversary (August, 1948) was the discovery that the cost would be prohibitive at ruling rates and entirely unwarranted when so many more important jobs have to be done.

The Committee has been compelled, therefore, to postpone its plans in this connection. At the same time, it is intended to revise and keep up-to-date the manuscript which has been prepared so that if and when a favourable opportunity presents itself, it will be a comparatively easy matter to finalise arrangements for sending it to press.

In view of these circumstances, the Sub-Committee is anxious that members who are in a position to submit items of historical interest will do so.

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## "THE BRIARS' BULLETIN"

(Editor—R. J. Thomson)

Ever since the Club's constitution in 1918, a question which has received periodical consideration has been the feasibility of producing a Club newspaper. The advantages of such a production have been well recognised but apart from an effort which did not progress beyond producing a title page, nothing practical eventuated until during the war years when a "Briars' Letter" was instituted for the purpose of keeping servicemen members in touch with Club activities.

Upon the cessation of hostilities and the return of members from the Forces to civil life, the "Letter" was discontinued. However, the undoubted success with which the venture met caused the Committee to give further consideration to the question of a Club newspaper. After long discussion, approval was given to the production of a newspaper in typewritten form for exhibition on the Club's notice-board.

It was realised that the most desirable arrangement would be to have sufficient copies to provide each member with one. This would have been welcomed particularly by those members who were not able to visit the Club Rooms except on rare occasions. However, the factors of cost and uncertainty of support by the members to the extent of purchasing copies if they were made available, caused the Committee to defer this aspect for review at a later stage.

The first issue of the paper, under the title of "The Briars' Bulletin," was posted in the Club Rooms in November, 1946, and further issues have been produced at regular monthly intervals ever since. It is felt that there is some justification for the claim that the "Bulletin" has proved a popular feature and although its present form is naturally somewhat crude it is hoped that ways and means will be found of developing it as a true Club newspaper. In addition to the factual reporting of Club activities and quoting items of Club gossip, the "Bulletin" has made a feature of dealing with matters of Club administration and policy, the object being to awaken the interest of members in these matters and cause them to enter into discussions per medium of the paper's 50-50 column. This venture has met with a fair measure of success.

One of the main difficulties encountered to date is the scarcity of members willing to act as reporters. If any member feels that he possesses a touch of journalistic genius, he is invited to contact the Editor with a view to offering his services.

In connection with this aspect, mention must be made of the fine work done by F. Randle in reporting all the matches of the First XV in the football season just completed. His articles will be of increasing value to members in future years and will serve to recall to them the many exciting incidents of the matches in which they took part.

## DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

(Sub-Committee: H. G. Whiddon (Chairman), R. Clark, J. Hollands, L. Meulman, O. Osterman, D. Rossell, R. Thomson, Don Walker.)

This Sub-Committee was formed in February last for the purpose of reporting to the Committee on plans for the development of facilities and amenities in the Club Rooms.

It was decided that the proposals to be examined should be classified under two sections as follows—

1. Recommendations for improvements to be effected immediately under the present form of tenancy.
2. Recommendations for the improvement of the Club premises if and when sufficient security of tenure had been acquired.

The Sub-Committee accordingly drew up a comprehensive plan for the development of the Club Rooms on an ambitious but sound scale envisaging the requirements of a growing membership during the next five years or more.

The recommendations were such that progressive steps could be taken as and when finances permitted, culminating in major structural alterations when full security of tenure had been acquired. The development was planned in such a manner that improvements effected immediately would all form part of the final plan.

The Sub-Committee was able to recommend to the Committee that immediate steps be taken to renovate the premises by sanding the floors, painting all rooms, providing new curtains, altering the positions of the billiard and ping-pong tables and improving the lighting. These recommendations were immediately approved by the Committee and the beneficial results are apparent in the enhanced appearance of the Club Rooms at present.

Subsequently, the Sub-Committee recommended the purchase of new chairs and improvements to the water supply. This work is at present in progress.

As a result of the implementation of these decisions, the Club Rooms, which had become very shabby, now present an appearance of which all members may justly be proud. The constructive plans for future developments envisaging much improved facilities for older as well as younger members should ensure a very successful future growth of our Club.

## ACCIDENT FUND

(Sub-Committee: H. G. Whiddon (Chairman), R. Clark, Don Walker,  
J. Wallace, B. Williams.)

After consideration, which has extended over many years, it was finally decided to inaugurate an Accident Fund for the benefit of members injured while playing football for the Club.

This Fund commenced at the beginning of the 1947 Football Season and its objects, as set out in paragraph 4 of the Rules of the Fund, are as follows—

- (a) Full or partial reimbursement of medical, surgical, dental, pharmaceutical, hospital and other like expenses incurred by members of the Fund in respect of injuries and the treatment thereof arising out of their participation in any of the recognised sporting activities of the Club.
- (b) Such other assistance and benefits to members of the Fund injured or incapacitated in the manner prescribed in paragraph (a) hereof as may be deemed suitable by the Committee at its discretion.

At the close of the year only one claim, amounting to 15/6, had been paid, but provision has been made for the payment of further claims on account of J. Powell, C. Dunbar, K. Brady, L. Gosling, A. Friend and J. Parkinson totalling approximately £30.

As will be seen from the sub-joined Financial Statement, the Fund has adequate cash on hand to meet these liabilities.

At the commencement of the current Cricket Season, the position of members playing this sport came under consideration. It was felt desirable that the Club should participate in the Insurance Scheme conducted under the auspices of the N.S.W. Cricket Association. However, this scheme only applies to teams taking part in this Association's competitions, which, so far as we are concerned, involves only our two Municipal and Shire teams. As the membership of these two teams is not constant and is, to a large degree, interchangeable with that of the other two teams, it was decided to overcome the administrative difficulty by insuring all cricketers with the Club's Accident Fund, and, in turn, the Fund has insured the two Shire teams with the N.S.W. Cricket Association. Under this arrangement, a member is eligible for the benefits of the Association's scheme whilst playing with a Shire team, and will come under the Club's Fund whilst playing in either of the other two teams.

With a view to placing the Fund on a financial footing, permission was sought and granted by the Department of Taxation for the proceeds of two dances to be exempted from taxation and paid over to the Fund. This resulted in an amount of £74/19/0 being made available.

Committee feels that a record should be made of the fact that the prime mover in bringing the Fund into existence was one of the younger members—Mr. Brian Williams—and desires to express the Club's thanks for his initiative.

We are also most grateful to Mr. Don Vanderfield who devoted considerable time to the preparation of the Rules.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts:	£	s	d	Payments:	£	s	d
To advance by Club ..	10	0	0	By repayment of ad-			
„ Proceeds of Dance				vance .. . . . .	10	0	0
5/7/'47 .. . . .	43	3	6	„ Printing & Stationery	1	10	0
„ Proceeds of Dance				„ Claim—K. Brady ..	0	15	6
6/9/'47 .. . . .	31	15	6	„ Balance 30/9/47 ..	72	13	6
Total .. . . .	£84	19	0	Total .. . . .	£84	19	0

## COMMITTEE

Your Committee has met on 16 occasions during the period under review, and the following attendances have been recorded—

R. Ackermann . . . . .	13	M. Mitchell . . . . .	13
R. Clark . . . . .	14	E. Stockdale . . . . .	14
R. Crofts . . . . .	9	R. Thomson . . . . .	14
W. Elder . . . . .	15	Don Walker . . . . .	12
H. Lennartz . . . . .	14	G. Wright . . . . .	11

The Sub-Committees have performed their duties in an increasingly satisfactory manner.

Mr. R. Crofts was unable to continue in his position as Treasurer and during the concluding three months of the year his duties were performed by Mr. E. Stockdale. These officers have carried out their tasks most capably. It is particularly pleasing to have such a conscientious worker as Mr. Stockdale to carry on the job.

Mr. W. Elder once again filled the position of Senior Steward in his usual thorough manner and has been assisted in recent months by the appointment of Messrs. B. Adcock, C. Jones, S. Hipwell and B. Williams as Stewards.

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## FINANCES

We quote hereunder extracts from the Report of our Honorary Auditor, Mr. Norman Wales—

By altering the date of the ending of the financial year from 30th June to 30th September, the statements submitted cover a period of fifteen months instead of twelve months as previously, and when comparing this year's figures with those of last year the additional three months Income and Expenditure must be borne in mind. Even after taking into consideration this additional period, your excess of income over expenditure for the period under review, on a basis of 25% added to last year's figures, still discloses an increase of £69 compared with last year, which I might state is more than the total net profit of £64 made last year.

The total profit for the fifteen months amounts to £149/9/0, after writing off £88/16/0 to Clubroom Improvements Account for painting and sanding the floors of the Clubroom.

No depreciation has been written off Furniture and Fittings this year as, in my opinion, the figure of £293/11/10 is much below the actual value of these assets.

**Clubroom Trading Account:** This account discloses a gross profit of £109/5/0 and shows an increase of approximately £47 after adding 25% to last year. Purchases and sales both show a marked increase.

**Profit and Loss Account—Cricket:** A loss of £47/7/8 is shown in this sport compared with £75/10/4 last year, but if the grant of £25 from the N.S.W. Cricket Association is disregarded the loss is about the same.

**Football:** This account shows a loss of £19/6/3.

**Tennis, Hockey, Basketball:** There is a small loss in each of these accounts.

It will be seen that every branch of sport played during the year showed a deficit and, to enable the Club to carry on, the members must assist in the social activities to provide sufficient funds to carry the losses

incurred. It is, therefore, pleasing to see the increase in the sales of cigarettes, chocolates, etc. The members' subscriptions cover the overhead expenses of the Clubroom.

**Clubroom Amusements—Billiards and Cards:** Receipts from these activities at £20/19/2 is far below what one would expect.

**Dances:** The first two dances showed a profit of £37/18/8, which was credited to the Club's account, but the last two held yielded a surplus of £74/19/0, and this was transferred to the Club's Accident Fund.

**Annual Subscriptions:** An increase of £143/0/11 after writing off bad debts amounting to £30/4/9. This increase is mainly brought about by members who were previously in the Services and on honorary membership, now being back and taking their position as full members again. Active membership is also larger.

**Administrative and Clubroom Expenses:** Overhead expenses have increased from £127/17/11 to £230/9/11, but this figure includes £23/3/1 being cost of printing Annual Reports, which was shown separately last year. Making allowance for this and adding 25% to last year's figure, the increase amounts to approximately £48.

**Balance Sheet—Assets—Furniture and Fittings:** Additions amounting to £61/11/10 were added to this account, being cost of vacuum cleaner, polishing machine, blinds and curtains purchased during the year.

**Stock on Hand:** Shows an increase of £62/5/1.

**Prepayments:** The figure of £15 shown against this account is for ground hire to 31st December, 1947, paid to Concord Council.

**Commonwealth Savings Bank:** The credit at the Bank has been reduced by £61/7/10, but taking into account the amount expended on improvements the figure of £160/5/2 is more than satisfactory.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Eric Siddeley, first upon his marriage and then upon the happy blessing of the union with the recent arrival of a daughter. The same event brings forth our congratulations to Mr. Siddeley, Senr., upon his elevation to the status of "Granpop."

Others to enter the state of marital bliss during the year were Dick Gee and John North, to whom our congratulations are also offered.

In our last Report we referred to Dr. Stork's busy year. On a comparative basis, the poor old gentleman must have been worn to a frazzle during the year under review. We know that there are cases which have not come under our notice but those which have are as follows—Laurie Nossiter (a daughter); Vic Nee (a son); Ian Cozens (a daughter); Bill Rudd (a daughter); Reginald McLaughlin (a son); Doug Vanderfield (a son); Olaf Osterman (a daughter); Bob Coote (a son); Bob McAnally (a son); Alan Lynch (a daughter); J. Kerr (a daughter); Maurice Hill (a daughter) and, as mentioned above, Eric Siddeley (a daughter). To these proud fathers we offer our congratulations.

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## OBITUARY

It is with deep sorrow that we have to record the deaths, during the year, of Paddy McGlynn and Bob Beale. The former contracted a tropical disease during his service with the A.I.F. which ultimately proved fatal. This makes one more addition to that overlong list of Club members who paid the supreme sacrifice. Bob Beale met his tragic end in a car accident. Both these members were very highly esteemed by their fellow members and we desire to convey to their relatives our sincere condolences.

## CONDOLENCES

We offer to our Patron, the Hon. H. W. Whiddon, M.L.C. and his family, our deep sympathy on the occasion of the death of his brother, Mr. Frank Whiddon. We also desire to convey our condolences to Harry Windon and his wife for the tragic loss suffered by them in the recent loss of their baby daughter.

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## APPRECIATIONS

It is desired to express the Club's deep gratitude to Maurie Hill, Olaf Osterman and Jack Hollands for their exceptional contributions, as ordinary members, to the Club's welfare during the year. Maurie's role as Club caterer is well-known to members whilst Olaf and Jack did a lot of work in improving the Club Rooms in pursuance of the Development Sub-Committee's recommendations.

Our thanks also go to the following—

Messrs. Bjelke Petersen, and particularly Mr. Bill Turner, for his attention to our players.

Western Suburbs Rugby Union District Football Club for their kind donation.

Those members who have assisted with their cars, the transport of the players in the various teams.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

H. G. WHIDDON—President.

R. B. CLARK—Hon. Secretary.

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## ADDENDUM

I wish to place on record my appreciation of the work performed throughout the year by—R. B. Clark (Hon. Secretary); R. G. Crofts (Hon. Treasurer); R. J. Thomson (Asst. Hon. Secretary); E. G. Stockdale (Asst. Hon. Treasurer); W. Elder (Senior Steward); N. G. Wales (Hon. Auditor); also members of the General Committee and various Sub-Committees.

H. G. WHIDDON—President.



