

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE AND HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT

To the Members of The Briars Sporting Club:
Gentlemen:

Your Committee has much pleasure in presenting for your perusal and adoption the Thirty-first Annual Report of the Club for the year ended 30th September, 1949.

As expected, the year has been one of consolidation rather than of spectacular change.

From the administrative point of view, the most important matter which has received your Committee's consideration during the year is the question whether the present system of government of the Club is satisfactory for present needs.

Some of your executive officers feel that during the post-war period the size of the Club and the scope of its activities have increased to the extent that drastic constitutional changes are necessary to enable the administration to work with the proper degree of efficiency. Three of the suggestions put forward were for (a) an enlargement of Committee to secure adequate representation of all sections of the Club; (b) a reduction of Committee to enable matters to be dealt with more expeditiously; and (c) a combination of both ideas by creating a Council and a Management Committee to replace the present General Committee. Other suggestions were directed mainly to improvements in the Sub-Committee system.

No major decision has been reached so far, but no doubt the question will continue to exercise the minds of Committee members during the ensuing year.

The Committee's deliberations have, however, had one practical result, and that is the extension to the members participating in the major sports of the right to elect their respective Sub-committees. Previously, all Sub-committees were appointed by the Committee. The new procedure is a concession to democratic principles, but it depends for its success upon the realisation by the members concerned that their franchise involves a great responsibility, the responsibility to see that the government of their sporting activities is placed in capable hands.

Possibly, all the difficulties attaching to the present system which have been used by proponents of various new systems in support of their arguments would be resolved by a general increase in the standard of administration. It is reasonable that in a Club of our size we should be able to find more than sufficient talent for the various jobs that are available and thus create a state of competition. The fact that we have not been able to do so does not mean that the talent is not there. Unfortunately, it provides a ground for the assertion that there is a general attitude of disinterest and a feeling of apathy on the part of the great bulk of the members towards the work involved in the arrangements which have to be made for the conduct of the various sporting and other activities during the year.

The members as a whole probably do not know sufficient of their Club to appreciate whether or not the administration of any particular Club activity is proceeding smoothly. The real fact is that some very disturbing weaknesses have been displayed in recent years, and members who really took an interest in their Club would be aware of them. The fact that proposals for new systems of administration have arisen should be sufficient

to indicate that some members, at least, of the present executive are not satisfied.

Far too many members at present have their sole interest in playing sport each Saturday or in availing themselves of the amenities and facilities available at the Club Rooms. They fail to realise that they owe their enjoyment to a comparative few of their fellow-members who receive very little thanks for their efforts. This spirit of selfishness must be eradicated if the Club is to prosper and everyone must do his share of the work that has to be done. There are good and valid reasons in some cases to prevent the members concerned from accepting administrative office. But it is open to everyone to take an interest in Club affairs generally, to co-operate with the executive officers and to contribute in some small way, even if it is only to wash a few glasses occasionally.

In previous Annual Reports reference has been made to the work of the Honour Roll Sub-committee. We are pleased to record that this work reached its culmination on Sunday, 30th October, 1949, when at a service held at St. Anne's Parish Church, Strathfield, the Memorial Tablet which now has its shrine in our Club Rooms was dedicated in the presence of relatives and friends of the fallen, representatives of the Burwood, Concord and Strathfield Councils, and various sporting bodies with which we are affiliated, and of a very large gathering of the members themselves, their relatives and their friends. Although this event took place outside the period covered by this Report, we feel that this is the document in which the record should be made. We extend our grateful appreciation to the Rev. W. G. Nisbet, Th.L., Rector of St. Anne's, not only for his conduct of the service, but also for his intense interest and practical assistance in the making of the necessary arrangements. Those who were present will never forget the Dedicatory Address delivered by the Rev. C. M. Gilhespy, Th. Schol., Ex-Senior Chaplain of the Forces, and to him also we extend our sincere thanks. Our thanks are also due to Lt.-General F. H. Berryman, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C. Eastern Command, to whose good offices we owe the presence of the buglers who sounded the Retreat and Reveille and thus lent further solemnity and dignity to the occasion.

Apart from those named above, there were many others, both within and outside the Club who helped to make the occasion fit the purpose, and whilst we know that they were proud to be given the opportunity to play a part in such a worthy cause, we would like them to know that their work has not been forgotten and that we are truly grateful.

Let us hope that the Memorial will serve as a reminder to us and to those who follow us not only of our comrades who have gone, but also of the glorious traditions of which we are the heirs.

During the year the Club continued to recruit new members, and at 30th September, 1949, the total membership was 278, of which number 181 were active members. The complete figures, dissected into the various categories, are as follow:—

	1948.	1949.
Full	142	160
Junior Class I	31	20
Junior Class II	1	1
Associate	56	71
Country	26	26
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	256	278
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It will be seen that an overall increase of 22 was obtained during the year. The number of active members breaks the record of 177 established

in 1947/48, and we can look with satisfaction upon the fact that 37 new members were welcomed into the Club during the year.

The sporting limelight of the year fell upon the footballers. The Kentwell Cup team, in a last minute run, brought another Premiership for inclusion in the Club's list of sporting honours. For the second consecutive year the Club Championship also came our way. The Club has every reason to be proud of its footballers and to be grateful for the unselfish efforts of the various coaches, officials and supporters who contributed so largely to the success and enjoyment of the season.

The cricket teams again performed creditably, and although no Premier-ships were won, the high standard of previous years was maintained.

Once again Premiership honours just eluded the hockey teams. The "A" Team managed to win the Minor Premiership, but were then defeated in the Final and again in the Grand Final.

A general review of our sporting activities during the year must lead to the conclusion that in all spheres the Club's traditions were well maintained.

Our happy relationship with the Concord Council continued and Rothwell Park is showing gradual improvement. With the aid of a £50 grant from the N.S.W. Cricket Association and a vote from ordinary Club finances we hope to provide the Council with a substantial contribution to further improvements of the ground.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we record that our application to the Burwood Council for the use of the playing area on Burwood Park as a hockey ground was approved. The Council was at first reluctant to grant the use of the ground to any Club for Saturday afternoon sport during the winter months, and it speaks highly for the Club's reputation that the Council saw fit to change its policy. The Council has shown itself to be most co-operative by keeping the ground in first-class condition, and we record our grateful appreciation.

Your Committee still has in mind the question of obtaining a suitable ground for the city and suburban cricket team, and it is hoped that the forthcoming year will produce some concrete results of a satisfactory nature.

A very important problem which was under consideration at the close of the year was the tenancy of the Club Rooms. Our application for renewal of the lease could not be dealt with, as the mortgagors were negotiating with the mortgagees for redemption of the mortgage. The implications of this development are not yet apparent, but can easily cause a grave situation to arise concerning our accommodation. We can only hope that the incoming Committee will be able to find a satisfactory solution.

On the personal side, we feel that mention should be made in this section of our Report of the action of the Thirtieth Annual Meeting in electing the Hon. H. W. Whiddon, M.L.C., and Messrs. E. J. Siddeley and R. W. May as Life Members of the Club. The fact that these three gentlemen were the first to attain this honour means that a very high standard has been set, and we take this opportunity to congratulate them upon their election.

We also desire to convey to the various sporting bodies with which we are affiliated, the various District Clubs and other Clubs with which we have association, our best wishes and hopes for a continuance of past happy relationships.

CRICKET

[Sub-committee: J. G. Hollands (Chairman), B. Adcock, A. Scholes, D. A. Walker, and N. Walker.]

For the fourth successive season the Club was represented by four teams. A team was entered in each grade of the Municipal and Shire Competition and in "C" Grade with the Western Suburbs Cricket Association. The fourth team played in the non-competitive series conducted by the City and Suburban Cricket Association.

The withdrawal of the District Clubs from the Municipal and Shire Competition on account of the creation of the Fourth Grade Competition was disappointing to our teams, as it caused a decided lowering of the standard of play.

All three competitive teams performed creditably, the First and Third Elevens finishing the season near the tops of their respective points tables.

The form of the younger players, on the whole, was very disappointing, and it was left to the older players as a rule to come to the rescue. It was hoped that several of these young players would be able to take their places in the First Eleven, but there does not appear to be any reasonable prospect of this in the near future.

The fielding of the Second and Third Elevens in particular was very weak and was the cause of several lost matches. This phase of the game will need to receive much attention, especially from the younger players, for whom there is no excuse for slovenly fielding.

The Shire teams enjoyed the use of Rothwell Park, the playing surface of which continued to improve and drew favourable comments. The improvement was due in no small measure to the efforts of the groundsman, Mr. W. Hollis, to whom our sincere thanks are offered.

The Third Eleven again had the use of the wicket on Burwood Park, and the excellent playing area and pleasant surroundings lent much enjoyment to the team's home engagements.

The City and Suburban team was again without a home ground and had to rely upon the kind invitations of other teams to fill the season's list of games. That the team was successful in obtaining a full programme was a tribute to the Club's popularity in this Association.

Our congratulations are offered to Canterbury-Bankstown Cricket Club upon their Premiership success in the "A" Division of the Municipal and Shire Competition, particularly in view of the fact that this was their first season in the Competition. The "B" Division was won by Lane Cove Cricket Club, and we extend our congratulations to that Club as we do also to Enfield Raymond Cricket Club upon their success in our division of the "C" Grade Competition under the Western Suburbs Cricket Association.

The opportunity is taken also to convey our hearty felicitations to the District Club upon their winning of the Club Championship and the Third Grade Premiership. The relationship between our two Clubs is a most happy one, and we are grateful for the opportunity afforded to our players to practise at Pratten Park prior to the season.

The Club's grateful appreciation is due to the N.S.W. Cricket Association for their generous gesture in making available grants of £50 and £25

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for specific use in the improvement of cricket facilities and for general use respectively.

As in previous years, a number of picnic matches were played at Birchgrove Park and, although we were not always successful in selecting opponents of appropriate strength, the games served a practical purpose in providing experience for the younger players who took part.

On the administrative side, good service was rendered by a number of players who undertook the responsibilities of packing the gear, collecting fees, arranging afternoon tea, etc. However, there was too great a tendency on the part of the majority to leave these jobs to the few, and it is hoped that in future years players will offer their services more readily so that the necessary work will be more evenly distributed.

In previous years emphasis has been laid upon the necessity to preserve our equipment. This still possesses paramount importance as costs continue to rise, and it is the responsibility of each and every member to see that the gear is properly cared for. We regret to report that some members apparently do not appreciate the position, and too often is a valuable item of equipment damaged through an act of gross carelessness. The only remedy seems to be for the team-mates of the guilty parties to educate them in the care of our common property.

In conclusion of this introduction to the cricket section of the Report, we feel that mention must be made of the handicap occasioned to the First and Second Elevens by reason of the Association's decision to include in the season's list of fixtures a number of all-day Saturday games. Some of our players are required to work on Saturday mornings, and on the occasions when our teams have had to bat first they were two or three men short. The players themselves do not view the innovation with favour.

FIRST ELEVEN

Once again we take up our pens and cast our minds back over the concluded season in the field of cricket. All sportsmen derive much pleasure from thoughts of the past—of a great catch, a grand knock or a hat-trick. One does not necessarily have to perform these feats—just to be a witness retains its thrill as we glance back over the score-book. So it is with great pleasure we bring this report to you on the ups and downs of the First Eleven.

The batting averages were an improvement on the previous season's figures, but many of the runs scored lost their value, weather at times preventing us from pressing home the advantage. Sometimes fielding was the weakness and at other times when under pressure our batsmen collapsed, thus nullifying the superiority gained by good bowling. It's rather easy to score runs after a first innings lead is gained, but the test of a good batsman is when every run is urgently needed.

There was at times a hint of evidence that batsmen were guilty of watching their averages instead of playing the game. It is necessary, therefore, that we remind them that it is good to be known as a good bat, but it is great to be hailed as a good sport and valuable team man.

As umpiring in our grade is fast becoming a dying profession it will be necessary in future that players continue to do their own umpiring. Some of the team lack confidence in this role. We strongly suggest that each player become umpire conscious, learn the rules of the game and be

certain of his decisions. It is pleasing to report that our players were always fair and impartial as umpires. Confidence can only be attained by practical application of theoretical knowledge.

Only one match appears to be outstanding from the reporter's angle. All the games were enjoyable, but our clash with Canterbury-Bankstown was the most eagerly awaited match of the season, and we weren't disappointed. The match was an all-day game at Bankstown Oval. Canterbury-Bankstown batted first and, due to accurate bowling, particularly by Ted Watt and Tom Mobbs, and good fielding, were all out for 166 in their allotted time. Burwood began badly, Aud Land and Aub Taaffe both being out with the score at 20. However, a dogged partnership of 106 by Fred Randle (87) and Les Davis (37) swung the game our way. Dave Walker (29 n.o.) and Tom Mobbs (20) soon put the game beyond doubt, and at stumps we were 8 for 206. This was the first of the only two defeats the Premiers suffered for the season. It is well worth reporting, incidentally, that Fred Randle came from Katoomba to play in this match—the true Club spirit.

Our grateful thanks are due once again to Mr. E. J. Siddeley. His faithful support and scoring was invaluable.

E. Watt, primarily a stock bowler, had trouble to find a length, but more than made amends with the bat. Topped the averages, and his 107 n.o. against the strong Bexley side was a great exhibition of stroke play. We hope that this is the first of many centuries from him.

T. Mobbs had another good season, taking 45 wickets. Always bowled intelligently and finished with a batting average of 20.3—not bad for a fast bowler who had to bowl a lot.

A. Rose showed excellent form with the ball, capturing 45 wickets at 10.4 runs apiece and never failing to pin down the best of the opposition.

A. Taaffe, a very reliable opening bat, added a solidarity which was previously lacking. From an onlooker's point of view, would be well rewarded by attacking the bowling when well set. Fielding lacked the dash and certainty which is very essential to cricketers, irrespective of other qualifications.

A. Land, statistics very good. Opposition teams who know him of old always breathe a sigh of relief when he gets out. Secret of his success is his keenness.

Dave Walker, uncertain behind the wicket early in the season, but as time went on gained confidence, and by the end of the season had very few superiors in the Competition. Good stroke-maker with the bat when he gets going and made runs when the team was up against it. Took 16 catches and stumped five.

N. Walker did not produce his form of the previous season. His 64 against Pennant Hills was a good knock, and we look to Neil for some records again next season.

F. Randle, promoted from the Seconds on account of his brilliant form which he brought with him. Took the role of opener and put some kick into the first wicket partnerships.

D. Prowse came to the verge of being dropped from the team. However, when his wife presented him with another boy he celebrated at the

expense of the bowlers. His 139 n.o. against Ryde contained eight sixers and ten fours. He hit 39 from one over from Ken Clarke and went from 77 to 101 in four hits. He took 16 catches, mostly near impossible ones at silly point, and his fielding in that position often won the match.

L. Davis handled the side confidently and coolly. His lone stand of 80 against N.S.W. Juniors was highest effort.

B. Adcock, in the absence of a stock leg-break bowler in the side, was called on to add variety to the attack. Once he was asked to bowl "tripe" and obliged. He is young and did quite well for the side. Is one of the promising youngsters for the future. Has a good arm.

J. Mason did not reproduce his form with the bat this year, but bowled very well at times, and his 4 for 44 against N.S.W. Juniors was a winning effort.

J. Walker, a very respected bowler by the batsmen who know him from the past. His form was not up to his usual standard, but he was able to worry the batsmen with a beauty now and again.

Matches Played	W.	W.I.	L.	L.I.	D.	T.	Pts.	%	Comp. Position
13	3	5	—	3	2	—	76	58.46	2nd
Runs For	3020	Wkts. For	117	Avg.	25.81	Runs Against	2647	Wkts. Against	193
									Avg.
									13.70

AVERAGES

(Batting)

Name.	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
E. Watt	13	4	107x	333	37.0
A. Taaffe	15	3	84x	413	34.4
D. Prowse	14	1	139x	425	32.7
A. Land	13	1	76x	389	32.4
L. Davis	11	—	80	275	25.0
N. Walker	13	1	64	281	23.4
D. Walker	13	3	51x	206	20.6
T. Mobbs	14	2	77	243	20.3
J. Mason	10	3	19	58	8.5

x—Not Out.

Also batted: F. Randle, 5 innings for 155 runs; A. Rose, 7 for 38; B. Adcock, 6 for 34; J. Walker, 6 for 31; J. Rudd, 1 for 8.

(Bowling)

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
A. Rose	108	6	418	40	10.5
T. Mobbs	132	10	501	45	11.1
J. Walker	66	9	232	16	14.5
B. Adcock	46	—	260	16	16.3
J. Mason	87	6	391	24	16.3
E. Watt	66	—	294	15	19.6
N. Walker	28	—	184	9	20.4

SECOND ELEVEN

The Second Eleven had a most enjoyable although not so successful season. All matches were played in a true sportsmanlike manner, being very keen and friendly.

A total of 20 players appeared with the team and 15 of them played in more than three matches. This was due mainly to the absence of players on holidays.

At all times the players displayed a very high standard of team spirit, which speaks highly of them as keen Club men. Although the team was

not at the top of the competition, we always gave our opposition a hard-fought match. The keen team spirit was shown by the members who assisted with the cricket gear, also the effort which was made to make the afternoon tea period enjoyable—which was a difficult job without the proper heating facilities.

The batting throughout the season was unreliable and the form shown by some of our recognised batsmen indicated the need for practice against a slow attack, as shown by the collapse against Bexley.

Possibly the most outstanding individual efforts were E. Annetts' 102 and S. Hipwell's 51 n.o. in the second innings against Lane Cove when we were up against it; F. Randle's 84 and S. Hipwell's 46 n.o. against Roseville; J. Hollands' 7 for 39 against Lindfield, and B. Trevenar's 6 for 21 against Canterbury-Bankstown.

Bruce Trevenar captained the side and had the loyal support of his team. He was handicapped for part of the season with a strained back, but when able to bowl did so with great success, obtaining the highest number of wickets.

Brian Adcock only played in three matches when he was promoted to the Firsts, but during this time made his presence felt with both bat and ball.

Fred Randle, like Brian, was promoted to the Firsts after playing seven matches for 369 runs. The team missed the good starts he gave it.

Spencer Hipwell batted with some success during the season. Although slow, his innings were sound.

Jack Hollands' batting was not up to his usual standard, and we hope it was just an off season.

Dick Atwill's batting was disappointing, but with practice he could develop into a sound batsman.

Eric Annetts again displayed his all-round ability. He took 40 wickets for the season, and his century was a sterling effort.

Bill Magrath's batting started quite well, but bad luck took over and lack of confidence followed. His ability is so high, however, that we are sure that his lapse from form will be temporary only.

Ken Astridge bowled quite well, but would meet with more success if he could gain a length before he bowled at top pace. With the bat, played some very good knocks.

Max Annetts again showed his usefulness as a batsman, but still can't resist having a "dip". With the ball he is quite a good change bowler, and during part of the season he filled the role of wicketkeeper in a capable manner. A very handy man to have in any team.

Jack Rudd was very useful as opening batsman and played some good innings. Could improve his running between wickets.

Neil Walker played only three matches with the team, but on two occasions batted very entertainingly, scoring 69 and 56 in good time.

Don Way missed several rounds owing to injuries, but when he eventually played he made his presence felt. He finished the season heading the bowling averages.

Col Jones was promoted from the Thirds and looked to be a good find for shire cricket. Unfortunately, however, he could not strike form, but we hope that this will be only a temporary setback.

Ron Thomas came into the side midway through the season, and as a batsman he will go a long way when he gains a little more experience and gets more power into his shots. As a slips field he was well above average and later on filled the position of 'keeper in a capable fashion.

Matches Played	W.	W.I.	L.	L.I.	D.	T.	Pts.	%	Comp. Position
13	4	2	1	5	1	—	63	48.46	4th
Runs For	2897	Wkts. For	150	Avg.	19.31	Runs Against	2767	Wkts. Against	137
									Avg.
									14.80

AVERAGES

(Batting)

Name.	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
F. Randle	9	1	84	369	46.1
S. Hipwell	15	3	59	306	25.5
R. Thomas	9	1	55	187	23.3
M. Annetts	16	4	41	229	19.1
J. Hollands	14	—	69	241	17.2
J. Rudd	11	—	51	175	15.9
R. Atwill	16	4	32	186	15.5
E. Annetts	13	—	102	188	14.4
W. Magrath	15	—	60	210	14.0
K. Astridge	17	8	46x	119	13.2
D. Way	8	1	23	76	10.8
C. Jones	9	—	38	60	6.7
B. Trevenar	11	2	13	38	4.2

x—Not Out.

Also batted: B. Adcock, 3 innings (2 n.o.) for 53 runs; N. Walker, 4 for 140; R. Ackermann, 2 (1 n.o.) for 26; W. Elder, 2 for 45; L. Robinson, 2 for 20; R. Thomson, 2 for 15; E. Gay, 1 for 2.

(Bowling)

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
D. Way	52.1	10	183	15	12.2
J. Hollands	61.5	1	373	30	12.4
B. Trevenar	161.3	17	611	42	14.5
E. Annetts	132.5	11	582	40	14.5
K. Astridge	133	17	468	29	16.1

Also bowled: B. Adcock, 9 wickets for 57 runs; M. Annetts, 6 for 129; W. Magrath, 4 for 102; N. Walker, 1 for 34; F. Randle, 0 for 27; R. Thomson, 0 for 14.

THIRD ELEVEN.

Following a season of interesting cricket, during which only three matches were lost, the Third Eleven secured third place in the competition. With one or two exceptions, the standard of the teams engaged was higher than in previous years, and the team had to fight hard to secure the position it did.

The measure of success attained was wholly due to the team's batting strength always being capable of making a match-winning score. Unfortunately, our limited bowling attack, rendered less formidable by poor fielding, was not always able to press home the advantage thus gained. We were without the services of a pace bowler, which type is the most effective on malthoid wickets, and inexcusably bad fielding detracted from the destructive capacity of the slow bowlers, with the result that the medium-pace

bowlers had to bear the brunt of the attack. It is to be hoped that the team as a whole will pay more attention to the fielding aspect of the game next season and eliminate what has been a very disappointing feature in this Eleven for some years.

Although the more seasoned players scored the majority of the runs, it was gratifying to see the younger players also recording good figures and showing such promise as to augur well for the future.

Peter Meulman captained the side and was successful in gaining the confidence of the younger players as well as the more senior ones. He also made his presence felt as a batsman and bowler.

Bob Clark used the long handle judiciously and was batting better than ever, but his bowling lacked its former sting. As Vice-Captain, he played no small part in inspiring and advising the players.

Jack Clingan played only in the first four matches, when he was compelled to withdraw on account of the pressure of private affairs. In the four innings which he had with the team he scored 37, 76, 34 and 27 in that order, and his absence from the ensuing matches was a severe blow.

Ron Thomson batted more brightly and cavalierly than previously and was always a tower of strength with both bat and ball. His bowling figures suffered through poor support in the field.

Stan Hamley showed considerable improvement with the bat and bowled intelligently. He was developing into a good all-rounder, but unfortunately he did not maintain his interest all the season.

Alan Scholes scored freely early in the season, but then struck a bad patch. His batting is developing along sound lines.

Ted Stockdale batted well on occasions and scored the team's lone century. It was an excellent effort against one of the best bowling sides encountered.

Nev. Milne improved with each match. He was always keen in the field and recorded the greatest number of catches.

Warwick Dunn had no confidence early, but later showed he had batting ability. Could develop as a bowler with assiduous practice, but will find his fielding to be a handicap to his progress.

Ron Aiken on occasions bowled excellently, but on other occasions was very erratic. He is young and much will be heard of him if he perseveres.

Laurie Routley did not strike form with the bat, but his fielding was the one bright spot in an otherwise dismal exhibition by the team in this respect.

Gordon Donnan joined the team late in the season and soon secured results with his accurate bowling. Suffered from lack of support in the slips.

Bert Thomson lost touch with the bat, but his stay at the wickets was always interesting, if not profitable. He kept wickets capably and worked hard.

Max Shilling did not have a good season, and as a result appeared to lose interest.

Matches Played	W.	W.I.	L.	L.I.	D.	Points	Comp. Position
14	4	4	—	4	2	36	3rd
Runs For	Wkts. For	Avg.		Runs Against	Wkts. Against	Avg.	
3275	155	21.13		2553	170	15.02	

AVERAGES

(Batting)

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
R. Clark	14	2	85x	432	36.0
S. Hamley	12	1	85	371	33.7
R. Thomson	14	1	70x	405	31.1
L. Meulman	10	1	77	258	28.7
A. Scholes	14	—	68	297	21.2
E. Stockdale	14	1	107	275	21.2
N. Milne	17	2	52	247	16.5
W. Dunn	12	3	41x	139	15.4
L. Routley	8	1	17	73	10.4
A. Thomson	11	—	17	90	8.2
M. Shilling	15	—	21	122	8.1
G. Donnan	9	2	18x	54	7.7
R. Aiken	13	4	7	43	4.8

Also batted: J. Clingan, 4 innings for 174 runs; C. Jones, 4 for 24; P. Meulman, 2 for 1; N. Thomas, 1 (1 n.o.) for 2; G. Thomson, 1 (1 n.o.) for 2.

x—Not Out.

(Bowling)

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
G. Donnan	50	13	117	10	11.7
R. Thomson	104	11	481	37	13.0
S. Hamley	66	7	318	23	13.8
L. Meulman	64	10	219	15	14.6
R. Clark	151	25	461	31	14.9
R. Aiken	73	8	338	18	18.8

Also bowled: J. Clingan, 2 wickets for 10 runs; M. Shilling, 7 for 73; N. Milne, 7 for 102; W. Dunn, 4 for 82; L. Routley, 1 for 25; E. Stockdale, 1 for 27; A. Scholes, 1 for 29; N. Thomas, 1 for 43; C. Jones, 0 for 23; P. Meulman, 0 for 37.

CITY AND SUBURBAN

This team completed another successful season, not so much in respect of the number of matches won, but by the sporting way in which each game was played and the happy spirit which existed among the players themselves.

All matches were keenly contested, and in many instances the difference between a win and a loss was only a very few runs.

Gordon Lee took over the captaincy of the team and his own happy attitude to the game reflected itself most fittingly in the reactions of the team to his leadership.

The team's most outstanding batsman was Alec Leadbeater, who, after an unlucky start, finally struck form and scored a brilliant century against Parramatta Rugby Union. A fitting reward for his keenness in travelling from Port Kembla each week-end to take part in the matches.

Murray Kirby and Vic. Nee were called upon to do most of the bowling, and runs were never easy to obtain while they were at the crease. The former also did well with the bat—generally when runs were badly needed. Bill Rudd was also a great asset with both bat and ball, not forgetting some of the brilliant catches he held during the season.

Others to shine with the bat on odd occasions were D. North, L. Robinson, J. Buzacott and C. Mitchell, although the latter's brilliant bowling spell on one (only one) occasion cannot be allowed to pass without mention.

The season was a most enjoyable one, and we look forward to the time when we shall have our own ground and so will be able to return the hospitality of the many Clubs who have entertained us so well during the past few seasons.

	Matches Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
	22	10	12	—
Runs For	Wkts. For	Avg.	Runs Against	Wkts. Against
2830	196	14.4	2953	203
				Avg. 14.5

AVERAGES
(Batting)

Name	Innings.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
D. North	7	1	63	194	28.3
J. Rudd	6	—	61	170	28.3
A. Leadbeater	13	1	104x	269	24.1
R. McLaughlin	6	—	42	125	20.8
R. Ackermann	14	5	35	168	18.7
C. Mitchell	9	—	54	156	17.3
M. Kirby	14	1	35	201	15.4
E. Gay	10	1	27	121	13.4
J. Buzacott	9	—	30	119	13.2
L. Robinson	13	—	36	158	12.2
B. Williams	18	3	36x	181	12.1
W. Rudd	20	3	44	202	11.9
G. Lee	16	1	38	176	11.7
H. Gillies	12	3	16x	72	8.0
B. North	9	—	34	66	7.3
A. Arnold	15	5	19	71	7.1
V. Nee	11	2	16	52	5.6

x—Not Out.

Also batted: S. Hipwell, 1 innings for 6 runs S. Hamley, 1 for 12; R. Thomson, 1 for 17; R. Clark, 2 for 6; W. Dunn, 1 for 0; E. Stockdale, 1 for 7; K. Hughes, 1 for 15; P. Cooper, 3 for 2; S. Pye, 2 for 12; G. Thomson, 1 for 0; A. Scholes, 1 for 0; N. Walker, 1 for 3; Dave Walker, 1 for 1; T. Mobbs, 1 for 41; H. Windon, 1 for 1; J. Crawford, 1 for 16; B. Adcock, 1 for 7; C. Macfie, 1 for 4.

(Bowling)

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
H. Gillies	54	7	210	21	10.0
M. Kirby	97	5	489	38	12.8
B. Williams	51	1	281	20	14.1
W. Rudd	70	2	317	19	16.7
R. Ackermann	47	2	255	15	17.0
V. Nee	59	3	300	17	17.6

Also bowled: R. Clark, 4 wickets for 40 runs; J. Buzacott, 4 for 153; W. Dunn, 2 for 31; R. Thomson, 3 for 43; S. Hamley, 1 for 25; E. Gay, 3 for 39; D. North, 5 for 39; C. Mitchell, 4 for 55; L. Robinson, 0 for 6; C. Macfie, 2 for 38; P. Cooper, 5 for 64; A. Leadbeater, 1 for 31; S. Pye, 0 for 8; T. Mobbs, 3 for 2; N. Walker, 2 for 33; A. Scholes, 0 for 11; B. Adcock, 4 for 36; J. Crawford, 2 for 30; J. Walker, 3 for 8; G. Lee, 1 for 23.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

This Trophy commemorates those of our comrades who lost their lives whilst on active service and 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 the Club as a member	30	"
Neatness of dress	10	"
Total	100	"

The 1948-49 winner of the Trophy is Tom Mobbs. Tom thoroughly deserves the honour which has been conferred upon him. He has rendered sterling service to the Club in his capacity as delegate to the Metropolitan Hockey Association, and it is doubtful whether the members generally realise how much work he has done. When his performances on the field of cricket and his popularity with his fellow-members are also taken into consideration we can truly say that Tom is a very worthy winner of the Trophy.

FOOTBALL

[Sub-committee: Messrs. D. P. Walker, R. Fay, N. Gibbs and J. Powell.]

The past season proved to be a most satisfactory one. We were once again able to field four teams and, in fact, were compelled to stand players down on alternate Saturdays to ensure a game for all participants in this sport.

Our teams were entered in the competitions controlled by the Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Union, one each playing in Kentwell Cup and Burke Cup and two teams in the Whiddon Cup grade. The results achieved were most gratifying, since we are able to record the winning of the Kentwell Cup competition and the Club Championship; the Burke Cup team just missed making the semi-finals, while the Whiddon Cup "B" team achieved this honour. The Whiddon Cup "A" team also achieved some measure of success.

Of more importance, however, than the winning or losing of games was the way in which the sport was played and the total absence of anything suggestive of lack of sportsmanship was a feature of the play throughout the season, and equal credit goes to all our teams in this connection.

Attendance at training was excellent at the beginning of the season, but unfortunately lighting and transport restrictions had once more to be contended with and affected the roll-up during this period. While the sub-committee and coaches appreciated the difficulties, it was felt that more effort could have been made by some players who, it was felt, used the conditions as an excuse for evading their obligations.

As Senior Coach and guardian of the Kentwell Cup side, we were fortunate in having Bill McLaughlin once again, and his enthusiasm and tireless efforts in moulding his players into an efficient unit were amply rewarded.

Bill's lieutenants were Doug. Vanderfield, Bill Elder and Gordon Lee, and these members controlled the Burke, Whiddon "A" and Whiddon "B" teams, respectively.

We are unable to state how much we appreciate their interest and keenness in the perplexing task of coaching under the difficult conditions presented to them this year, and our sincere thanks go to them all.

It was pleasing to see the following the teams had this year, particularly at home, and it was most inspiring to hear "B-R-I-A-R-S, Briars" shouted across the ground in unison. It certainly encouraged the players.

Messrs. Stan Jones and Peter Meulman carried out the difficult task of selecting the various teams, in conjunction with the coaches, and we are grateful to these members for their interest.

This year we were unable to accept an invitation to visit the Royal Military College at Duntroon, due to the competition being played over the King's Birthday week-end, but the Kentwell Cup side was able to get away to Orange for a match on the date of the bye and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Our congratulations to the competition winners, Moore Park (Burke Cup) and Hunters Hill (Whiddon Cup), and also to Western Suburbs Club on winning the Third Grade District Competition.



Back Row: N. BARRELL, W. MARSHALL, G. HEBBLEWHITE, W. FARNSWORTH, R. CLIFFORD (Vice-Capt.),
J. CRAWFORD, P. HOTEN.
Second Row: B. WILLIAMS, J. MILES, R. E. M. McLAUGHLIN (Coach), D. W. GUEST (Capt.), F. F. Watt
(President), S. HIPWELL, R. K. VINCENT.
Front Row: J. POWELL, A. CHARD, J. FENWICK, P. O. FRIEND,
Absent: D. LEGGETT, A. FOLBIGG.

We would also like to express our sympathy to the Mosman Club, who were eliminated in the Kentwell Cup semi-finals after going through the main competition undefeated.

At the present time the Minor Premiers have no right of challenge, and we trust that the Sub-District Rugby Union will provide for this in future years.

KENTWELL CUP

Record:	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Byes	Pts. For	Pts. Against
	14	10	3	1	2	215	82

After a very pleasant season this team came out on top as premiers. To a large extent team spirit was one of its greatest assets and helped to tide it over the early part of the season when play was considerably interrupted by international matches and the bye.

The forwards must take credit for the greater part of the success of the team, particularly in the semi-finals, when their vigorous tight play was instrumental in eliminating the minor premiers, Mosman. They had a pronounced monopoly of the ball from set scrums and line-outs, and at times their rucking reached a very high standard.

At the beginning of the season the backs were most impressive in attack and defence, but later the inside backs seemed to lose confidence in their attack, thereby depriving the two hard-running wingers of a lot of try scoring opportunities. Nevertheless, their defence held good throughout, and few tries were scored from back-line moves by the opposition.

This year's win should be an incentive to all players for a greater effort next season, not only in playing but in training.

J. Crawford (full-back). Gave a good all-round display. Although out of the game for two months through injury, he finished up as leading try scorer for the season—a really remarkable performance for a full-back. More attention to training would put him in top line class.

A. Folbigg (full-back). Played with the team when available from the Navy, and showed outstanding ability. Equally at home on the wing.

J. Fenwick (winger). Good positional player, but lacked condition to finish off moves. Out of game early through injury.

A. Chard (winger). Still the elusive, heady player; unfortunately he had to chase the ball, as it never seemed to come his way, and on occasion he even went to the opposite wing in an endeavour to score.

W. Marshall (winger). A most determined runner, very good in defence. Irrespective of what was in front of him, he did his utmost to get to the try-line, and, like Chard, went looking for the ball in desperate efforts to score. His magnificent run late in the closely fought game against Colleagues in the final will be long remembered by those who saw it.

B. Williams (centre). Lost confidence in attack, but occasionally played very well. Early in the season he was in outstanding kicking form, but then lost touch. Defence uncertain. In the final his handling was a lesson to a lot of young players.

S. Hipwell (centre). Began brilliantly in attack and defence, but seemed to lose his ability to attack. His deadly tackling stopped many opposition back-line moves. It is hoped he regains his confidence next season.

W. Magrath (centre). Played early, but forced out through injury. Unfortunately, he was unable to get into good condition through his inability to train.

J. Powell (five-eight). Safe handler and sure kick; a perfect link between half and inside backs, although a trifle slow at times in sensing an

opening. Gave some sound performances. His ability to snap field goals from any position was a valuable asset to the team.

D. Guest (Captain, half-back). By his displays he inspired his team. His passing at times was astray, but he was dogged in defence and improved in his ability to move from the base of the scrum.

J. Miles (breakaway). Good backing up and tackling were features of his game. Seemed to be always there at the right time.

P. O. Friend (breakaway). Improves with age. Always there to stop forward rushes and has the ability to break away on his own with the ball at the toe.

R. K. Vincent (breakaway or lock). Sickness kept him out of the game for quite a period, but when he played he made his presence felt by devastating tackling and his ability to make headway with the ball.

W. Farnsworth (second row). If possible, showed even more improvement this season. His ability to gain the ball from line-outs was outstanding, and in the heavy going he was always to the fore.

R. Clifford (Vice-Captain, second row). As leader of the forwards he was an inspiration with his untiring efforts. Had the ability to keep his forwards tight and at the same time spur them on to greater efforts. His assistance to Farnsworth in the line-outs was most valuable.

G. Hebblewhite (lock). This player on many occasions was transferred from Burke Cup to Kentwell Cup, owing to injuries, but never complained. He played really good, hard football, and with this season's experience behind him will be a great asset next year.

N. Barrell (front row). His experience ripens the more he plays. The confidence he gave to other players in the tight work was apparent when he joined the team. He did a grand job in front row.

P. Hotten (front row). An honest, hard-working forward. Improved out of sight and bigger things are expected from him next season. Probably the best conditioned player in the team, and scored a number of tries through always being up with the play.

D. Leggett (hooker). Never beaten for the ball—even if it was in the opposition second row he would still attempt to, and often succeeded, in retrieving it. Very alert in the open, but lacked a little judgment.

G. Tweedale (breakaway or lock). A keen player who was forced out of the game early through injury. Look forward to seeing him right to the fore again next season, because he showed indications of being a valuable unit.

BURKE CUP

Record:	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Byes	Pts. For	Pts. Against
	13	8	5	—	—	120	95

As has been the case for years past, this team started the season very well and looked to have a very good chance of being one of the finalists. However, illness and injuries took their toll as well as replacements for the 1st XV, and from being one of the leaders for more than half the season they gradually slipped to fifth place at the end, being beaten for a place in the semi-finals by one point. The backs were most seriously affected by the constant change of personnel, and it was difficult for them to develop any sort of combination. The forwards were always a sound pack, and with far fewer changes were the mainstay of the team. They were able to at least hold their own with and generally shade the opposing packs, and won more than their fair share of the ball. Some indication of the team's ability before the back line was cut about may be gauged from the fact that during the first half of the season they played seven games to win six, and scored 88 points to 27. Complete results for the season,

however, were a different story, as can be seen above. Whatever the results, the team was a happy one, and enjoyed their football as well as the good fellowship.

J. Walker (full-back). Early Captain, and his experience and ability held the team together, but unfortunately was injured before the season was half over.

R. Middleton (winger). Always a trier. When in possession ran with great determination and tackled keenly.

J. Holcombe (winger). Steady player, with good cover defence and determined running. Handling at times faulty.

I. Templeman (winger). Became available late in season and showed promise and ability to use opportunities.

M. Cannon (winger). Joined team late in season and improved with every game. Runs hard when in possession.

R. Crofts (centre). Captain for latter half of season. Although a breakaway forward, he played out of position as a centre and was the mainstay of the back line. Positional play and penetration quite good, but could improve his defence.

P. Hunter (centre). Started off as the team's most promising back, but illness kept him out of the game since early in the season.

R. Hamilton (five-eight). A brilliant attacking player when in form, but unfortunately was often on the injured list and could never get into condition.

V. Jenkins (utility back). Although he came into the team late and was injured after playing only a few games, he displayed sufficient form to suggest he is a player of much promise.

R. McCarthy (half-back). Although a forward, he was put behind the scrum and acquitted himself creditably. Took a lot of punishment, but was always keen and did his best.

J. Shepherd (breakaway). A very good player whose services were appreciated, but unfortunately a succession of injuries kept him on the side-line for most of the season.

E. Burrows (five-eight). Not always fully fit, but revealed surprising speed and penetrative ability when on his game.

J. Parkinson (breakaway). Tireless worker and hard tackler. Plays well above his weight. If he continues to improve as he matures, will be a fine footballer.

E. Smith (breakaway). A neat and honest player, who does a lot of hard work despite lack of weight.

J. Sharpe (second row). Always did his best and put honest effort into the rucks. Revealed speed of a back and showed determination in some solo dashes.

G. Samuels (second row). Over weight, but tried hard, and his experience was a big asset to the team. Did good job as leader of the forwards.

J. Dunbar (front row). A good, honest forward who played some rugged games.

J. Fisher (front row). Light but keen. A neat tackler and sure to improve. Always on the ball.

M. Grieve (front row). Fast and energetic, and he played a number of good games. Inclined to be a little careless and give away free kicks.

K. McCausland (hooker). Hooked well and played intelligent football. Another player who is never far from the ball.

E. Barbour (front row). Rugged, intelligent and versatile forward, but unfortunately was not available at the latter end of the season owing to studies.

WHIDDON CUP "A"

Record:	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Byes	Pts. For	Pts. Against
	12	5	7	—	1	78	114

This season the "A" team was comprised of the older members for the most part, which was the reverse of last year's designation.

Quite a few of the 1948 players were back with us again, and with the number of new members offering we had prospects of fielding a fair team. This was borne out early, but unfortunately we had to suffer the loss of our better players on several occasions to the higher teams, which prevented the moulding of a good combination. Nevertheless, the team gave of its best at all times, although its position in the competition does not indicate this. This team also suffered a further disability in that its coach was not in a position to enable him to witness the team in actual match play.

K. Brady (full-back). Filled this position quite well, but could take more care in fielding the ball.

W. Atkinson (winger). On some occasions played well and showed promise, but displayed hesitation and lack of determination when in possession.

C. Abbott (winger). Although played out of position frequently, was always a trier. Good in defence.

W. Wardrop (winger). Displays determination but lacks experience.

J. Rufhus (utility back). Joined the team late and lacked condition, but gave indications of being a useful player.

B. Pyle (centre). Most improved player in the back line. Was sound in both attack and defence.

B. Oram (centre). Perhaps the most penetrating of the backs; fast and excellent in attack, but inclined to hold on too long. Could pay more attention to defence.

D. Younger (five-eight). Only played for first half of the season. A trifle slow for the position, but a useful member of the team.

I. Kershaw (half-back). A gallant little player who showed determination at all times and stood up to some gruelling tests. A player with potentialities.

B. Dobson (breakaway). Perhaps the lightweight of the pack, who, nevertheless, showed to advantage. His low, hard tackling could be emulated by other member of the team.

H. Gilmore (breakaway). A good, reliable forward who, with more experience, will give a good account of himself.

R. Fay (breakaway). Captained the team capably and inspired the team under adverse conditions. A very useful player.

A. Burford (lock). A steady, good worker who will improve with more experience.

N. Gibb (second row). A most conscientious, hard-working forward who used his weight and height to advantage.

B. Gibb (second row). Much improved on last season's effort. Useful in line-outs. His speed proved useful on many occasions.

W. Smithers (front row). His good condition this year was a decided asset. Tough enough in close work, but seems to like the open play. His goal kicking was very good at times, but unfortunately was not consistent.

G. Miller (front row). A much-improved player on last year's performance. He filled a vacancy in front row quite satisfactorily. A good, hard-working forward.

R. Morris (hooker). Played in this position for the first time, and acquitted himself creditably, always getting his fair share of the ball. Apart from his hooking, he was a useful forward.

G. Barber (front row). Unfortunately was only available at the latter end of the season, but even so he showed that he had not lost any of his former skill.

H. McDade (second row). A late-comer to the team, who displayed such form as to warrant promotion to Burke Cup for the last game. Should be very handy next year.

WHIDDON CUP "B"

Record:	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Byes	Pts. For	Pts. Against
	14	7	7	—	—	122	140

The team consisted of the younger players, many of them having their first season of football with the Club.

An excellent team spirit existed throughout the season, and every man always gave his best; as a result, the standard of the play improved during the season and some meritorious wins were recorded. The outstanding match was, of course, the victory over Hunters Hill, which was that team's only defeat of the season. Although the team finished fifth in the competition table, it fully deserved its inclusion in the semi-finals when A.M.P. were forced to withdraw from the final four.

A particularly pleasing feature was the good attendance at training and the manner in which the reserves were stripped and ready for any emergency each Saturday.

Many of the players in this team should have a bright future in Club football.

B. Morton (full-back). New to this position, but with practice and perseverance improved considerably. When he controls his kicking, will develop into a competent player in this position.

L. Routley (winger). Is keen and has speed, but must improve his handling and tackling. Lacks determination at present.

N. South (winger). Runs hard, but tackling and positional play need improvement. Always a trier.

R. Wiley (winger). Showed great improvement. Runs hard and tackles well. Will be an asset in future seasons.

R. Aiken (centre). A natural footballer, who runs hard and tackles in a determined manner. When his handling improves, should develop into one of the Club's best centres.

G. Clemesha (centre). A safe handler and hard tackler. Will improve with experience.

N. Milne (five-eight). Has plenty of natural ability and will develop with experience. Inclined to kick too much at present.

G. Donnan (half-back). Played some good games, but service from scrum rather slow. Needs to vary his game more.

H. Durant (half-back). Was showing promise when an injury put him out for the season.

J. E. Walker (centre). Unfortunately was not available for most of the season, and showed his best form when playing with the "A" team against the "B's".

D. Killen (breakaway and front row). Always played hard and was ever on the ball. Good in the loose, but tackling could be improved.

L. Fozzard (breakaway). Very keen, but light. Eager to learn.

R. Vincent (breakaway). Played some very good games. A useful utility man who filled the position of half-back on many occasions.

B. Cormack (lock). A tireless worker and good in defence. Should be prominent next season.

E. Hebblewhite (lock). Joined late in season and was a decided asset. Should develop into a really sound player.

D. Guest (second row) (Captain). Lead the team well; always in the thick of things. An excellent line-out man. This year's experience should stand him in good stead.

M. Friend (second row). A good, solid player with distinct possibilities.

P. Meulman (front row). A much-improved player. Settled down to the front row position very well.

G. Morton (front row). Showed promise, but left for the country half-way through the season.

R. Chessher (hooker). A very good hooker. Always on the ball and excellent in the loose. A tireless worker.

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

There is no honour more sought after among the footballers than to be the winner of the Gordon Bevan Shield. This trophy forms a memorial to Gordon Bevan, whose tragic death deprived us of one of our most popular members and came as a severe shock to the many friends he had found within the Club. The system upon which points are awarded in the annual competition for the Shield is designed to give prominence to those features of sportsmanship which were so apparent in Gordon himself. The points are as follow:—

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

It is with the greatest pleasure that we announce the winner of the Shield for the 1949 season to be Bob Clifford, the popular Vice-Captain of the victorious Kentwell Cup team. Affectionately known to his fellow-members as Curly, Bob displays to the highest degree all those qualities which we like to feel indicate the true Briar. We extend to him our heartiest congratulations—in which we are sure the members as a whole will join.

HOCKEY

[Sub-committee: T. Mobbs (Chairman), B. Adcock, K. Hughes, J. Hollands.]

The 1949 season has been completed, and it was a most pleasant and successful one, as is apparent in the results that were achieved by both teams.

We were fortunate in having secured Burwood Park as our home ground, and it compared very favourably with other grounds. The dressing accommodation was rather primitive, but it is hoped that eventually something more substantial will be available.

It is gratifying to see the younger members of the Club taking an active interest in the administration of the hockey within the Club. K. Hughes, B. Adcock and A. Scholes are all deserving of special mention, and it is hoped they will carry on the good work.

A pleasant trip was undertaken to Canberra at Easter time in quest of the "Barton-Briars Shield," which has been donated by Mr. H. Williams, a resident of Canberra, for annual competition between the Barton Hockey Club and our Club, each team visiting the other in alternate years at Easter. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Williams for his kind gesture.

On this occasion we were defeated by 4 goals to 2 after a hard game. The physical condition of the team was the major cause of our defeat, but we think we can turn the tables next year, when Barton is due to visit us and suffer the hospitality which we shall be glad to bestow upon them in return for the excellent way in which they entertained our players last Easter.

"A" Team

This team had the pleasure of being Minor Premiers, but all to no avail, as it went down in the Final and Grand Final to the experienced Mosman Veterans team. We congratulate Mosman Vets. upon their success and look forward to doing battle with them again next year.

It is an unique record for our team to have been runners-up in each of the four years in which we have played hockey.

In the competition proper the team played 15 matches, winning 12 and drawing 3 to score 55 goals to 7 against.

The team was skippered by Tom Mobbs, who as centre-forward was also the main scoring medium. He wasn't as consistent as of yore, but, nevertheless, was a tower of strength to the side.

Doug. Prowse was Vice-Captain and played as inside-right. At times he played brilliantly, but condition was his greatest trouble.

Ken Astridge played as inside-left and was one of the most consistent and hardest-working players in the team.

Neil Walker has developed into one of the best left-wingers in the Minor Division, and he was always a danger to the opposition when in possession.

Les Davis was a newcomer to hockey and showed remarkable adaptability and great promise. He is one of the fastest wingers playing and should be a tower of strength next season.

Ray Ackermann as centre-half was just as brilliant as ever, and his ability to find the openings and open up the game was astounding.

Col Jones as left-half was perhaps the cleverest man at ball control in the team, but he still has a tendency to hang on a little too long.

R. Atwill as right-half was one of the most consistent members of the team, but he would do well to learn to mark his opposing winger a little closer.

Bruce Ritchie played very well at right-back, but got himself into trouble too often with his "speculator," which he must learn to eliminate.

Dave Walker as left-back was the most improved player in the team and was always very sound.

Kevin Hughes as goalie played grandly when he was needed, and with only seven goals getting past him additional comment is not needed.

"B" Team

This team was once again comprised of a number of novices, and to be able to make the Final speaks volumes for its progress during the season. Whatever the team lacked in knowledge it made up for in keenness.

Our congratulations are extended to Canterbury-Bankstown upon winning the "B" Grade Premiership.

Our team won 12 and lost three matches during the season, scoring 36 goals to 13 against. They won their way to the Final, where they went down by 3 goals to 1 against "Berries".

Bert Thomson skippered the team most ably, and also was a tower of strength as right-back. Bert is like good liquor—he improves with age.

Brian Adcock was Vice-Captain and inside-left, but had the misfortune to be injured at training early in the season, with the result that he was unable to take any further part in the competition.

Max Annetts as inside-right was playing brilliantly until he left for Melbourne to reside. His loss was a severe one.

John (Cracker) Kerr played very soundly as left-back, and was one of the most consistent players in the team.

Allan Hill was a newcomer to the team and eventually filled the important position of centre-half, where he showed exceptional ability and promise.

George Scholes, another newcomer, played well as left-half and will benefit greatly from the experience gained during the season.

Jack Cassidy, right-half, was the best-conditioned man in the team and always tried hard.

Jack Hollands was the backbone of the forward line, and as centre-forward was the main goal scorer. Jack would have scored many more goals with a little more support from his fellow forwards.

Alan Scholes as inside-right was another newcomer who showed outstanding promise. He would do well to take more advantage of scoring opportunities when they are available.

Don Dick played as left-winger and performed very creditably for his first season. He will make his presence felt in the future.

Col Macfie was unfortunately the utility man of the team and did not get a chance to settle down in any one position. However, he performed very well under such trying conditions.

Col Cunningham, on the right wing, was a vastly improved player and held his own against the opposition.

Bruce Commens was another newcomer to the game and played very well on occasions. He will be much more valuable if he can learn positional play and be more alert.

Ron Thomson made only spasmodic appearances as inside-right, but always made his presence felt, and his advice was always appreciated by his team mates.

In more ways than one, Maurie Hill capably filled the position between the goal-posts and was often responsible for saving what seemed to be a certain goal.

GOLF

[Sub-committee: M. Mitchell (Chairman) and C. Mitchell.]

Despite the difficulties caused by petrol rationing, it was found possible to arrange a golf outing at the Riverwood Course at Bankstown on Sunday, 31st July. Fifty members participated and, the weather being perfect, a most enjoyable time was had by all.

A four-ball best ball Stapleford Handicap was conducted in two grades, the respective winners being C. Mitchell and E. Siddeley in the "A" Grade and J. Miles and B. Gibbs in the "B" Grade. Also a sealed nine-holes, graded similarly, was won by M. R. Blair, with R. Storey as runner-up in the "A" Division, and Dave Walker, with J. Miles as runner-up, in the "B" Division.

The re-introduction of petrol rationing has spoilt our hopes for the more frequent conduct of these popular events, but no opportunity will be lost to arrange them as often as possible.

CLUB ROOMS

[Senior Steward: W. Elder. Stewards: P. Hotten, K. Hughes, C. Macfie, J. Powell, A. Scholes, R. Vanderfield, R. Vincent, Dave Walker.]

The year under review has justified early indications by the excellent attendance at the Club Rooms. Quite large number of the members avail themselves of the hospitality offering at the completion of sporting activities each Saturday. This is most noticeable during the football season, although the attendance during the early stages of the current cricket season suggest increased interest by this section of the Club.

Friday night is a pleasant time for a goodly number of the members, and the Committee would like to point out that the doors are open on both

Monday and Wednesday nights for those desirous of utilising the Club's amenities and facilities.

Once again we have to extend a sincere vote of thanks to Maurie Hill, Mal Mitchell and Geoff. Whiddon for their assistance in obtaining the necessary supplies of refreshments and other goods.

The Committee's thanks are also extended to a very conscientious team of stewards who so ably assisted in the smooth running of the Club Rooms.

Again we have to thank Mr. Mark Willis for his work in keeping the Club Rooms in spic and span condition. The members of Western Suburbs Cricket Club have continued to avail themselves of the use of the Club Rooms on Thursday nights. We have received expressions of West's gratitude for the accommodation, but feel that the friendly relationship which exists between our two Clubs is ample recompense for anything which we may have done.

LIBRARY

During the year the administration of the Library was restored to the pre-war basis. The recording of issues and returns of books was made a responsibility of the Stewards, whilst the actual purchase and maintenance of the books were made the duties of the Librarian.

Brian Williams, after excellent service in the capacity of Librarian, was unable to find the time to carry on, and at the close of the year the vacancy had not been filled. The Club's thanks are due to Brian, and we now look to some member, of a bibliographic turn of mind, who is prepared to volunteer for the vacant position. The need is urgent, as without someone to look after the maintenance and care of the books the Library will soon reach a chaotic condition, even to the extent that consideration will have to be given to the question whether it should be continued.

The Library is a popular feature with a large number of the members, and it behoves them, therefore, to observe the rules which have been prescribed concerning the issue, return and care of the books.

SOCIAL

[Chairman of Sub-committee: J. Cleary.]

A Xmas cocktail party was held on the Saturday preceding Xmas Day. These parties have become an annual affair, and the members look forward to them. A large crowd attended and, having the festive feeling, made sure that the function was a great success.

The New Year's Eve dance was held once more at "Allambie House," National Park, and although only a small crowd attended it was an excellent night and incurred no financial loss.

The Annual Ball was held in May at the White City and was a great success, resulting in a goodly sum being paid into the Club's Accident Fund. Our thanks are due to the footballers who rolled up in strength. The

cricketers seemed to have retired socially, and our hopes apparently lie with the junior members for social successes.

A cricket cocktail party was held at the finish of the season and was very poorly supported. As stated above, the cricketers seem to have retired socially. This is a great pity, because to meet team-mates on a social basis makes the game more enjoyable and promotes better Club spirit.

As a contrast, the football and hockey teams held a smoko to close the season, and it was a great success. This was the first smoko since pre-war days, and no doubt it will be the forerunner of many more. It was the unanimous opinion of all who attended that a great night was had by all.

The last social event of the year was a dance at the White City on 1st October. Although the numbers were disappointing, it was a very enjoyable night and a financial success.

Next year we would like to see, at one of the dances, all of the old-timers of the Club. We are sure that it is only a matter of organisation among the members themselves and that once they came along they would come again.

BILLIARDS

[Sub-committee: N. Walker (Chairman) and E. Watt, Jnr.]

The Billiards Sub-committee was not formed until April, 1949, and before any arrangements could be made towards running tournaments restrictions on lighting intervened, with the result that we have nothing to report in this connection for the year under review.

The billiard tables were maintained during the year by Messrs. Heiron and Smith, and one of them was re-covered with a new cloth.

The game provides much enjoyment for the members, and at the same time possesses considerable revenue-producing capabilities. We hope to see members availing themselves of this amenity even more than they have in the past.

We desire to convey our grateful appreciation to Mr. R. T. Vanderfield for his gift of a set of snooker balls. As snooker is a very popular game with the members and we only had one set of balls of our own, the donation was very acceptable.

TABLE TENNIS

[Sub-committee: I. R. Vanderfield (Chairman) and D. A. Walker.]

During the past few years table tennis has been included under Indoor Entertainments. However, with the increasing interest which has been shown in table tennis recently, the Committee during the year decided to revert to the pre-war set-up and appointed a Table Tennis Sub-committee, which is the first since 1940. The Sub-committee began functioning in March, but unfortunately its activities have so far been restricted. The number of tournaments possible since March has been only three, due to the impossibility of playing during the months of lighting restrictions.

In the six months prior to March there was only one tournament. This was the 1948 Singles Championship, in which there were 32 entrants and which was won by I. R. Vanderfield.

In March the 1949 Doubles Championship was decided, with Bill Elder and Ron Thomson the winners.

In April a Singles Handicap was held, and at the time of writing a Doubles Handicap is in progress.

A Table Tennis Ladder has been going since March, but it does not appear to have attained any popularity and will possibly be discontinued.

On December 10th last the Club was favoured by the visit for an evening of two State players, C. Comber and L. Laycock. The evening was well attended, and those who came saw a really good exhibition of how the game should be played.

Provided the response warrants it, it is intended that there should be tournaments continually. However, this depends largely upon interest shown and upon those members who are apparently keen on having tournaments, aiding the Sub-committee by arranging their own matches promptly. For such tournaments can be a success only if the participants give the Sub-committee their assistance.

Tournament Results

1948 Singles Championship: I. R. Vanderfield d. F. Randle, 21-19, 21-8, 14-21, 21-11.

1949 Doubles Championship: W. Elder and R. Thomson d. B. Adcock and E. Watt, 21-17, 22-20, 22-24, 22-20.

Singles Handicap (April, 1949): C. Jones (5) d. T. Mobbs (8), 21-14, 19-21, 21-15, 21-18.

ACCIDENT FUND

The Accident Fund for this year was run on a slightly different basis than previous years, in that separate weekly collections were replaced by a flat rate of 10/- per season. Total money received from this source amounted to £25/17/6. Other receipts were £56/9/- from the Ball and £1/15/4 for bank interest.

Claims to date for this season have been very light, amounting to £7/19/6. During the period under review claims for the 1948 football season were met, totalling £17/3/6. Further claims are expected, but these should not total very much. Other payments were a donation to the St. John Ambulance of £3/3/- and the usual £4 for the re-insurance of the two Shire cricket teams.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts:	£	s.	d.	Payments:	£	s.	d.
To Balance	109	7	11	By Claims	25	3	0
" Fees	25	17	6	" N.S.W. Cricket Assn.	8	0	0
" Club Donation	56	9	0	" W.S. Cricket Assn.	19	0	0
" Bank Interest	1	15	4	" St. John Ambulance	3	3	0
				" Loss due to robbery*	5	11	6
				" Balance	150	13	3
	<u>£193</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£193</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

* We have been advised by the Police that £3 of this amount has been recovered from the thief and will be returned to us.

COMMITTEE

Your Committee met on 13 occasions during the year, and the following attendances were recorded:—

R. Ackermann (resgd. 4/4/'49)	1	E. Stockdale	8
R. Clark	13	N. Thomas (apptd. 4/4/'49,	
J. Cleary	5	resgd. 10/10/'49)	1
W. Elder	9	R. Thomson	9
R. Fay (apptd. 10/10/'49)	0	Don Walker	8
J. Hollands	10	N. Walker (apptd. 7/3/'49)	8
C. Jones	8		

Some of the various Sub-committees carried out their duties in a satisfactory manner, but much scope was left for improvement in the methods of administration adopted. There seemed to be a lack of appreciation of the importance of the numerous details which have to be attended to in Sub-committee work. The development of a keener interest on the part of the Sub-committee members generally is necessary.

As will be seen from the above, there were three appointments during the years to fill vacancies on the Committee. In all cases the vacancies concerned affected Sub-committee chairmanships, and this did not aid towards the smooth conduct of the Club's administration.

FINANCE

The following are extracts from our Auditor's report:—

In the year just concluded the net profit amounted to £150/19/4, as compared with £124/18/7 last year, and once again I have refrained from charging depreciation on the plant fixtures and fittings, as this figure is still on the low side.

Clubroom Trading Account: The turnover on cigarettes, chocolates and cordials was lower than last year by approximately £86, and naturally the gross profit was reduced. The reduction in this figure was £33. The income is still a great asset for the Club besides being a service to members. Evidently the members are not supporting this service as much, owing, perhaps, to more cigarettes being obtainable on the open market.

Profit and Loss Account: As usual, all sports last year showed a loss, but as stated in my previous reports, this is to be expected. It is pleasing to see a slight increase from Clubroom amusements, and it is to be hoped that this form of revenue will increase even more so during the next year.

A brief summary of the various sporting and social activities is as follows:—

Cricket: A loss of £37/5/- compared with a loss of £46/16/9 last year. If we discounted the grants amounting to £50 from the N.S.W. Cricket Association and the expenditure of £42/8/- on the purchase of the cricket balls for the ensuing season, the appropriate amount for comparative purposes would be £44/17/-.

Football: A loss of £20/-/1 compared with £44/19/6 last year. Both income and expenditure showed a decrease compared with last year.

Hockey: A loss of £2/12/4 compared with £28/8/8 last year.

Clubroom Amusements—Billiards: The income, compared with last year, was fairly stable, there being a decrease of only £1/7/6. £31/10/- was expended on re-covering one of the billiard tables.

Entertainments: The branch of the Club's activities showed an increase of £15/15/11 over last year.

Dances: The gross proceeds from dances amounted to £138/15/- and expenditure £79/13/6, leaving a net profit of £59/1/6, of which £56/9/- was transferred to the Accident Fund.

Members' Subscriptions: After writing off bad debts amounting to £13/8/9, the total subscriptions due totalled £251/8/9, of which £57/15/6 is still outstanding. Having regard to the low rate of subscription, I consider the amount outstanding to be far too large.

Administrative and Clubroom Expenses: Overhead expenses increased by £56/18/5 compared with last year, due mainly to general repairs and maintenance, two new windows alone absorbing £25 of this amount.

Balance Sheet—Assets—Furniture and Fittings: These are shown as £421/18/11, which includes additions during the year of £60/8/-. As stated previously, this is a very low estimate.

Stock on Hand: This represents Cigarettes, Chocolates, etc., amounting to £97/16/11, which are readily realisable.

Sundry Debtors: This account shows an increase of £17/12/11 over last year, and represents outstanding fees.

Commonwealth Bank: The balance has increased by £134/6/7 over the previous year, but this includes £52/-/6, representing donations to the Memorial Fund. This amount is shown as a liability and will be brought into the Profit and Loss Account next year.

CONGRATULATIONS

[Sub-committee: Cupid, Hymen and Mr. Stork.]

The year was an outstanding one from the point of view of the number of members who committed themselves, fulfilled their obligations and produced results.

The first step was taken by the following who announced their engagements, and we extend our heartiest congratulations to the happy couples:—

Bill Farnsworth to Miss Nancy Langford.

Ron Dick to Miss Margaret Davis.

Jim Atwill to Miss Fay Fitzwalter.

Peter Friend to Miss Pauline Ralston.

John Cleary also became engaged, to Miss Pauline Moore, and since the close of the period under review has taken the irrevocable step. The marriage of Neil Barrell and Miss Beth Friend took place during the year. To both couples we extend our best wishes for a long and happy married life.

The married members scored prolifically during the year, those responsible (partly so, of course) being Reg. Hofstetter (a son), Vic. Nee (a son), Bert Thomson (a daughter), John Kerr (a son), Gordon Ross (a son), Doug. Prowse (a son), Doug. Vanderfield (a daughter), Jack Hollands (a daughter), Harry Windon (a son), Alfie Light (a son), Jack

Cassidy (a daughter), and last but not best, Don Vanderfield (twin daughters). To these members and the many others whose efforts escaped notice we offer hearty congratulations tempered with a general admonition to be more mindful of the future needs of the Club—again too many of the products were girls.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Knight upon the loss of their baby, and to Ron, Bert and Gordon Thomson upon the loss of their mother.

APPRECIATIONS

Again we desire to express the Club's deep appreciation of the attention given to our injured players by Messrs. Bjelke Petersen through the good offices of Mr. Bill Turner.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

E. F. WATT, President.

R. B. CLARK, Hon. Secretary.

R. J. THOMSON, Hon. Asst. Secretary.

ADDENDUM

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

E. F. WATT, President.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

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CLUBROOM TRADING ACCOUNT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1949.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1948—Sept. 30.—										
To Stock on Hand—Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc.	100	1	7							
1949—Sept. 30.—										
To Purchases—Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc.	600	1	8							
				700	3	3				
„ Gross Profit Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account				108	4	3				
				£808	7	6				£808 7 6
										£808 7 6

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1949.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1949—Sept. 30.—				1949—Sept., 30.—			
To CRICKET—				By GROSS PROFIT FROM TRADING ACCOUNT			108 4 3
Hire of Ground, Umpires, etc.	40	0	0	„ CRICKET—			
Material, etc.	150	11	0	Batting Fees	94	0	0
			190 11 0	N.S.W. Cricket Association	50	0	0
„ FOOTBALL—				Caps	9	6	0
Registration, etc.	31	8	0				153 6 0
Jerseys, Socks and Badges	53	14	6	„ HOCKEY			
Training and Ground Rent	29	0	0	„ CLUBROOM AMUSEMENTS—			
Materials	4	8	10	Billiards and Cards	35	5	6
			118 11 4	Entertainments	114	4	5
„ HOCKEY—							149 9 11
„ GOLF			39 16 4	„ DANCE RECEIPTS	138	15	0
„ TENNIS			5 0 0	Less EXPENDITURE	79	13	6
„ CLUBROOM AMUSEMENTS—			11 5 8				59 1 6
Billiards	41	4	0	Transfer to Accident Fund	56	9	0
Library	5	7	11				2 12 6
			46 11 11	„ FOOTBALL—			
„ ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLUBROOM EXPENSES—				Jerseys, Socks and Badges	48	19	3
Rent	104	0	0	Registrations	24	12	0
Lighting	27	10	11	Hire of Ground, N.S.W.R.U.	25	0	0
Repairs and Maintenance	55	1	9				98 11 3
Stationery and Stamps	24	18	9	„ TENNIS			8 12 0
Telephone	17	15	6	„ ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS			251 8 9
Insurance	13	18	5	„ SUNDRY INCOME—			
Annual Reports	35	0	0	Interest	4	13	10
Sundry Petty Expenses	29	10	2	Donations	4	4	0
			307 15 6	Telephone	1	4	7
„ BALANCE BEING EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR 12 MONTHS			100 19 4				10 2 5
			£820 11 1				£820 11 1

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1949.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
DEPOSIT ON CLUBROOM KEYS			0 19 0	FURNITURE AND FITTINGS AT COST—			
SURPLUS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES—				Value at 30th September, 1948	361	10	11
Balance as at 30th September, 1948	693	12	10	Additions for 12 Months	60	8	0
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for 12 Months	100	19	4				421 18 11
			794 12 2	STOCK ON HAND AT VALUATION—			
MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS			52 0 6	Cigarettes, Tobacco	83	14	11
N.S.W.C.A. SPECIAL GRANT			50 0 0	Badges, Caps, etc.	14	1	0
							97 15 11
				SUNDRY DEBTORS	57	15	6
				Less Reserve for Doubtful Debts	20	0	0
							37 15 6
				COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK			325 1 4
				PREPAYMENTS—GROUND HIRE			15 0 0
			£897 11 8				£897 11 8

C. JONES,

Hon. Assistant Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of Account and Vouchers of the BRIARS SPORTING CLUB for the 12 months ended 30th September, 1949, and the above Balance Sheet, in my opinion, presents a true and correct view of the Club's activities at this date to the best of my knowledge and belief and according to the books and vouchers inspected by me.

E. G. STOCKDALE,

Hon. Treasurer.

NORMAN G. WALES, F.A.P.A., A.I.C.S.,
Public Accountant and Auditor.