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THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLUB

To the Members of the Briars Sporting Club Limited:

Gentlemen:

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Report of the Club for the year ended 30th September, 1952, is herewith presented for your perusal and adoption.

In our previous Reports, we have always been fortunate enough to be able to represent the year's activities in a rosy light and to express optimistic hopes for the future.

To do this in the case of the period under review, however, would be to ignore the facts entirely and we consider that we would be remiss in our duties if we did not reveal the serious decline which has taken place during the past year.

Those members who have centred their interest solely upon the Club's achievements in the field of sport will assuredly be shocked to read such a gloomy opening to our Annual Report. Admittedly, our record in sport over the past twelve months has been a glorious one. Nevertheless, we have no hesitation whatever in saying that from the overall point of view the year has been the worst in the Club's history.

Too few of our members seem to realise that behind the actual fielding of teams in football, cricket or hockey there lies an immense amount of organisation. When we add to this the Club's activities in the way of providing Club Room accommodation, social functions and other amenities, it should surely be appreciated that unless we have an efficient administration then the Club must eventually fail. To the casual observer, the deterioration would not become apparent until too late because the momentum of good administrative machinery enables its influence to be felt for some time after the moving force has ceased to function.

Those of us who represent the Management Committee recognise that the foregoing remarks may legitimately be interpreted as a self-indictment. We desire to point out, however, that it is you, the members, who elected the Committee and it is likewise you who, through your failure to take an interest in the Club's administration, have the greater responsibility for the serious position in which the Club is now situated.

Speaking in a collective sense, we have no reason to be proud of the Club's administrative record during the year although, individually, there have been some notable contributions to the Club's welfare. This is an honest statement on our part and we wonder whether you, as a member, are prepared to be similarly honest in admitting that you have avoided your responsibility to see that the reputation of the Club is maintained, not only on the field of sport, but also in the primary sphere of administration.

For obvious reasons, we cannot, in this Report, detail what we conceive to have been the administrative deficiencies - any such action would naturally involve personal references and consequently

is repugnant to our ideals. It is for you, the members, to use your own powers of observation and to provide the remedy. If you fail, then the Club must likewise fail.

In consonance with what we have stated above, is the fact that Bob Clark, the one man who symbolises the Club and all it stands for, is relinquishing his position as Honorary Secretary. It is right you should know that Bob is not taking this step because of any lack of interest in the Club's future. On the contrary, the Club is Bob's one great love in life and the older members, in particular, must know how true this is. In the circumstances, we feel that you should ponder deeply as to the real reason for Bob's retirement, and, in doing so, have regard to the implications of the remarks we have made above.

We sincerely regret the necessity to open our Report in this strain, but it is surely better to do so than to attempt to hide the situation beneath a veneer of hypocritical self-praise. We feel it is our duty also to invite attention to the ever-growing proportion of members who, even in the sporting sphere of the Club's activities, have no hesitation in placing their own selfish interests above those of their respective teams. Time and time again, during the past year, a player has casually informed the Selectors that he would be unavailable for a particular match, simply because he had another engagement which promised greater personal enjoyment for himself. Sometimes, even the courtesy of giving such advice has been neglected. It is not expected of a member that he will place his sport above the calls of his private avocation or of his other true obligations but, apart from these and sickness, no other interests should prevail over the duty he owes to his team.

It must never be forgotten that the very basis of our existence is the promotion of the amateur sports of football, cricket and hockey, in all of which teamwork is the key-note of success - and when we say success, we do not mean merely the winning of matches - we mean that far greater and far more important thing, the cultivation of the spirit of comradeship and service in the mutual interest.

Let us not be misled, therefore, by our recent successes on the field of sport. Let us not concentrate our attention on the winning teams only and, ignoring the others, say all is well. All is not well and we predict that within a very short time, unless you, the members awaken from your sloth, this Club is doomed to topple from the proud position to which it has become accustomed.

Numerically, the Club's membership continued to be satisfactory and this is demonstrated by the following figures showing the comparisons as at 30th September, 1952, with 30th September, 1951:-

	1951	1952
Full ...	154	174
Junior ...	18	20
Associate...	55	55
Country ...	25	33
	<u>252</u>	<u>282</u>

It will be seen that the overall increase was 30, 22 of whom were active members. Superficially, this might be regarded as a good sign but upon more detailed analysis it will be realised that the figures are somewhat misleading. The most important point which is

not revealed by the statistics is that very few of our new members join to play all-year-round sport with us. In the Club's early days, the great majority of members played both cricket and football with the Club. Now, the footballer who also plays cricket with the Club is comparatively rare. Whilst we do not presume to make this fact a point of criticism against present members, yet it is obvious that when this trend towards specialism is borne in mind, the above figures are not a true guide. We venture to state that it will be for the great benefit of the Club if in the future this trend is reversed.

As previously indicated, the Club's performances in sport, if judged solely in the light of Premiership honours won, must be regarded as highly commendable. The "B" Shire cricket, Kentwell Cup football and "A" Grade hockey teams won their respective competitions. Apart from the fact that the latter won its third successive Premiership, we feel bound to record that in hockey, the Club had its most successful sport not only on the field of play but also in its administration.

The success of the Kentwell Cup side was most gratifying particularly as the team came from behind to win. Yet we must temper our elation by thoughts of the poor record, from the point of view of Club welfare rather than of matches won, of the lower teams. It must not be overlooked that it is from these lower teams that we expect to recruit our stars of the future and it behoves us therefore to ensure that the principles of team spirit, as well as technical proficiency, are inculcated in these younger players at the earliest opportunity. The failure to do this during the past year is a cause for deep concern.

The "B" Shire cricket team won the Premiership by probably the biggest margin ever. However, as with football, there were disturbing signs of lack of interest and proper organisation.

The Club continued to receive the utmost co-operation of the Burwood and Concord Councils in relation to its existing sporting fields. We believe that soon dressing accommodation will be available on Burwood Park and that light and power will be connected to the dressing-rooms on Rothwell Park. We sincerely thank the respective Councils for their efforts to secure for us these essential amenities.

We have much pleasure in recording that during the year your representatives met the Strathfield Council and we have every confidence in stating that that Council is most sympathetic towards our request for the use of a turf wicket on Freshwater Park.

We have much to be thankful for in the support we have received from the civic bodies who, composed as they are of people giving voluntary and honorary service to their fellow-men, are appreciative of the potential worth of organisations such as our own in making an effective contribution to the communal welfare. We trust that their confidence in us will continue to be justified.

With nine teams to cater for, four cricket, three football and two hockey, the annual expenditure on sporting equipment is a big item and we feel that we should record our protest at the policy of the responsible authorities in loading us so heavily with levies on account of Sales Tax.

As a Club, we have no political affiliations whatsoever and it is therefore without any intention of criticism on these grounds that we desire to express our complete disagreement with a taxing system which imposes such a financial burden upon the playing of sport. Sport is a term applied by the press to activities far beyond the scope of what we conceive to be sport. In our conception, sport indicates actual participation in physical competition between individuals or teams without any incentive of monetary gain.

It is our firm conviction as Australians that real sport is an essential component of our collective status as a virile and healthy Nation. How incongruous it is, therefore, that those who are entrusted with the directing of our national destiny should see fit to levy upon sporting bodies (that is, within our definition of such) a financial impost which, even after recent reduction, is nevertheless a heavy and unfair charge upon the financial resources of Clubs such as our own. It is common knowledge that despite increases in our local population, the actual sporting element of the community has decreased in numbers over the past year at least and that the reason for this is mainly financial. Surely, the organisation of clean healthy sport is a contribution to national welfare to be applauded and even subsidised rather than to be penalised.

We trust that this fact will eventually be recognised by our parliamentary representatives and, irrespective of party and political advantage, be rewarded by at least the abolition of the completely unrealistic and, from a national viewpoint, suicidal policy which at present prevails.

We desire to take this opportunity of recording our expressions of appreciation at the continued good relationship between the Club and the various sporting Associations with which we are affiliated. We extend our thanks and good wishes to N.S.W. Rugby Union, Metropolitan Sub-district Rugby Union, N.S.W. Cricket Association, Western Suburbs Cricket Association, City and Suburban Cricket Association, Council of Municipal and Shire Cricket Clubs, Sydney Hockey Association and, indeed, to all the Clubs with whom we have had contact during the year. In particular, we desire to mention Western Suburbs District Cricket Club with whom we have enjoyed a close and most cordial contact arising, first, from their use of our Club Rooms on Thursday evenings and, secondly, from their many reciprocal gestures including investment in the purchase of our building, arranging for the cleaning of the Club Rooms and making available to our cricketers the practice facilities at Pratten Park.

CRICKET

(Sub-committee: H. Lennartz (Chairman), B. Adcock, B. Trevenar, R. Peisley, E. Watt and W. Magrath).

Again the Club was represented by four teams, namely, the First and Second Elevens in the respective grades of the Municipal and Shires Competition, the Thirds in the "C" Grade Main Division of the Western Suburbs Cricket Association's competition and a fourth team with the City and Suburban Cricket Association.

The most pleasing point to report concerning the outcome of this season was that our team in the "B" Division of the Municipal and Shires Competition finished as Premiers. This is quite a change

from our Annual Reports of the immediate past in which it has become almost a habit to record the success of the First Eleven. As all will agree, it is refreshing to see the honours occasionally fall on different shoulders.

The First Eleven dropped to fourth position whilst the Thirds suffered the indignity of running last. The City and Suburban team again enjoyed a friendly and keenly contested series of games.

The same grounds were used throughout the season, the Shire matches being played on Rothwell Park and the Thirds again playing their home matches amid the pleasant surroundings of Burwood Park. The City and Suburban side continued to lead a nomadic existence but fortunately were able to find accommodation on grounds made available by their opponents. As previously reported, negotiations towards securing the use of a turf wicket on Freshwater Park within Strathfield Municipality have made substantial progress and it is hoped that our City and Suburban players will soon have a ground of their own.

Once again we express our keen appreciation to the groundsman of Rothwell Park, Mr. W. Hollis, for his unremitting attention to our needs during the past year.

We extend our congratulations to the Epping Cricket Club upon winning the "A" Grade of the Municipal and Shires Competition and to Ashfield R.S.L. for their success in the "C" Grade competition under the Western Suburbs Cricket Association.

The usual picnic matches were played at Birchgrove Oval during the season and these were again enjoyed by the regular participants. In addition to these, a very pleasant day was experienced when a team from the Club played the Wollongong District Club. It was in this match that Ken Astridge performed the astounding feat of a hat-trick in each innings. It is to be hoped that engagements of this nature will become regular features of our annual cricket programmes.

The cost of cricket material soared even higher during the year and this makes it even more necessary that each and every player, regardless of his position in the team, shall personally see that nothing is done to needlessly shorten the life of any article of equipment such as by using bats to set stumps in the ground, leaving pads on the floor for people to walk upon, or neglecting to wash sweaty batting gloves every week or so. Regarding the latter item, incidentally, members should note that owing to the costs involved, it is not proposed to replace the existing stock of batting gloves when they are worn out; the Committee considers that it is reasonable in the circumstances to expect players to provide their own.

Before closing this introduction to the cricket section of our Report, it is most fitting that we should take the opportunity to mention the outstanding contribution made by Audley Land towards the Club's cricket records. All keen cricketers are interested in cricket statistics but even the keenest might be excused for recoiling from the herculean task of compiling such statistics when they extend, as ours do, over a period of nearly 30 years for up to four teams. And, however, was not deterred and over the past five years or so, the Land household has been cluttered with upwards of

80 score-books and assorted incidental paraphernalia. Painstakingly, Aud went through each score-book and carefully checked every single entry therein; then he prepared a record sheet for every member who has ever batted for the Club, another for every bowler and a third for every 'keeper regardless of the number of times batted, bowled or kept, as the case may be. On each sheet may be seen the player's performance for each season in which he has played, both in total and in each grade, and in each case the progressive total carried forward from previous seasons. From these sheets, numbering about 700 in all, Aud then compiled statistics of record performances which in themselves consist of about 150 pages of typewritten matter. This terrific task has now been completed and as a result the Club's cricketers are having, and will continue to have, great enjoyment not only in examining records of the past but also in being able to ascertain easily whether or not some new performance has caused an old record to topple. Aud has made a magnificent contribution and we are most grateful.

FIRST ELEVEN

The opening of the 1951/52 season found our team, Premiers for the two preceding years, full of confidence for their opening match against Auburn-Lidcombe who were new to Shire cricket and therefore considered to be a trifle unlucky to strike the formidable Burwood team in their initiation into the Competition. However, our men, batting first on a pitch which obviously had no parents and which appeared to have been rolled with a football, soon found themselves in trouble. Even so, we were quite content with our small total as, with our competition-winning attack, we considered that Auburn-Lidcombe would need at least three innings to pass our score. Alas, the bowlers soon found that their reputations alone did not take wickets and the full tosses and long-hops they sent down were treated with the contempt they deserved. One Auburnite even had the audacity to score a brilliant century. The match resulted in an easy win for Auburn-Lidcombe.

This match had a very sobering effect on the side and it took some time to recover its confidence. For the next few matches, we depended largely on Land's doggedness, Neil Walker's aggression and Astridge's lightning attacks. The batting strength gradually developed, the fielding was sound without being brilliant but the bowlers, with the exception of Astridge, could find neither length nor direction. During the last few years, the team has depended far too much on its bowlers to win matches.

Once again we express our sincere appreciation to Messrs. R. Walker and E.J. Siddeley for their untiring devotion to the score-book and, in the case of the latter, for his very constructive advice to the team so freely given. To the ladies also we desire to record our thanks for their assistance with the afternoon tea at Rothwell Park.

DOUG PROWSE once again proved an inspiration to the side as a Captain, batsman and silly-point fieldsman. His batting was not as consistent as of yore but he was always likely to pulverise the best of attacks. As a close-in fieldsman, he was a match-winner.

LES DAVIS found some of his best batting form during the latter half of the season. Usually scored runs when other batsmen failed and was very sound in the field.

KEN ASTRIDGE was the mainstay of the attack. Bowled exceptionally well and thoroughly deserved the Club record for most wickets taken in a season of two-day matches. The majority of his victims were bowled and the replacement of broken stumps proved quite expensive. He did not produce the batting of which he is capable but would improve if promoted in the batting order.

DAVID WALKER also collected a Club record in claiming 33 wickets behind the stumps. His keeping, especially to Ken Astridge, was at times brilliant but he is inclined to lose concentration. He showed improved form with the bat and must be congratulated on scoring 500 runs for the season. His running between wickets could be improved.

AUD LAND once again scored the most runs during the season and, as in previous years, was our most consistent batsman. He lacked an opening partner who could force the pace and so allow him to play his natural game. Ground fielding good but prefers running a batsman out to catching him.

RON THOMAS, who was playing his first season in A Shire, took some time to settle down. Has a tendency to lift his head when playing a drive and this caused his dismissal on many occasions. Once he overcomes this fault and gets a little more power into his strokes he will score a feast of runs.

NEIL WALKER topped the batting averages in a photo finish. Batted very solidly, especially early in the season, but loses concentration when he approaches the fifty mark. Has a delightful array of strokes all around the wicket and hits the ball with plenty of power. His fielding was at all times sound but did not have much success with the ball.

TEDDY WATT, for the first half of the season, had very little success with either bat or ball. However, he finished the season on a bright note, batting with his usual confidence and worrying most batsmen with his consistent length.

BRIAN ADCOCK could not find a length for his well-flighted deliveries. At the beginning, he was trying to push the ball through the air too fast and once he corrected this he found difficulty in maintaining a length. Commenced the season very brightly with the bat but lack of restraint caused his dismissal far too often.

ALAN ROSE did not produce the form of previous years and his wicket-taking ability was sadly missed as in the past he had been the mainstay of the stock bowlers. Scored 29 runs in one innings dominated by N.S.W. Juniors but could not reach this figure in his remaining 11 visits to the crease.

PETER COOPER, promoted from the Seconds to replace Don Way, shared the opening attack with Ken Astridge. Has the ability to make the ball lift from a good length and once he learns to swing the new ball will take a lot of wickets. Has a magnificent return to the wicket from the boundary but his ground fielding leaves room for vast improvement.

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Matches										Position
Played	W.	W.1	L.	L.1	D.	T.	Pts.	%		
15	2	9	1	3	-	-	86	57.3		4th
Runs For	Wkts. For		Avg.		Runs Against		Wkts. Agst.		Average	
3,434	160		21.4		3,251		241		13.5	

AVERAGES (BATTING)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
N.R. Walker ..	19	3	65	455	28.4
A.J. Land ..	19	1	66	510	28.3
D.V. Prowse ..	20	4	129x	452	28.2
D.A. Walker ..	20	1	93	504	26.5
L. Davis ..	18	4	67	327	23.3
E.M. Watt ..	17	3	68x	278	19.8
B.W. Adcock ..	16	3	39	193	14.8
P.F. Cooper ..	7	3	18x	59	14.7
K.F. Astridge ..	15	3	24	152	12.6
R.W. Thomas ..	13	1	41	152	12.6
C.W. Magrath ..	7	-	18	67	9.5
A.W.P. Rose ..	12	3	29	53	5.8

x - Not out

(Also batted: T. Mobbs, 1 innings for 18 runs; W. Rudd, 1 for 13; D. Way, 4 (1 n.o.) for 36; B. Trevenar, 2 (2 n.o.) for 0).

(BOWLING)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
K.F. Astridge ..	207	19	731	81	9.0
E.M. Watt ..	112	13	418	31	13.4
B.W. Adcock ..	118	10	507	34	14.9
A.W.P. Rose ..	114	20	373	24	15.5
N.R. Walker ..	70	2	447	25	17.8
P.F. Cooper ..	69	6	285	13	21.9

(Also bowled: D.R. Way, 6 wickets for 67 runs; C.W. Magrath, 8 for 100; B.E. Trevenar, 6 for 89; W. Rudd, 2 for 10; D. Prowse, 2 for 11)

SECOND ELEVEN

After several years of knocking at the door, the Seconds at last attained Premiership honours. This was the first occasion since 1938-39 and the third in the Club's history, on which this honour had been achieved.

Actually, the Premiership was won beyond all reasonable doubt when only two-thirds of the competition programme had been completed and the final winning margin was 35 points which must have been close to a record. To a certain extent, this took some interest out of the latter part of the season. At the same time, it would be entirely false to say that the team's engagements were all one-sided. Certainly, this was true in one or two cases but, generally speaking, the games were closely contested and the team was undoubtedly fortunate on more than one occasion. The Roseville side proved to be our most formidable opponents and, indeed, on all three occasions when we met they established first-innings leads but twice we were able to convert the result into outright victory.

Without question, the team's strength was in its bowling. From a captain's point of view the variety of talent available was ideal. The feature of the batting was its all-round strength; no one being outstanding but everyone, down to number ten, being capable of putting together a match-winning score. Fielding, however, was a different story. We doubt whether any Premiership side produced by the Club has been weaker in the field than this one was. It is idle to attempt to explain this by pointing to the number of

comparative veterans in the team and to say that the standard of fielding was a natural consequence of approaching senility. The sad truth of the matter is that the veterans, as a whole, were much better in the field than their more youthful team-mates. This is a state of affairs which augurs ill for the future and seems to arise from the more-or-less common lack of keenness so prevalent among the present-day younger generation. The cure is beyond our powers to prescribe.

We must take this opportunity to pay sincere tribute to the team's scorer, Mr. A.J. Robinson (alias "Robbie"). Despite ill-health and the distance he had to travel from his home at Mosman "Robbie" missed only one match during the season. The neatness and accuracy with which he kept score were continually the subjects of favorable comment not only from his team-mates but also from everyone who had occasion to examine the score-book. During the winter months, "Robbie" suffered a severe bout of illness but we are happy to report that he is now his usual self again - fit and ready to record the deeds of the Seconds during the forthcoming season and to give vocal and impartial expression to his disgust as and when occasion so merits.

RON THOMSON had the honour of leading the team to victory and his unorthodox methods were favoured by good fortune. Apart from one or two efforts, lost all pretensions to batsmanship but picked up several useful wickets with the ball.

HAMMY LENNARTZ acted as Vice-Captain but had no opportunity to show his qualities of leadership. As a batsman, excelled himself and his hurricane knocks against Lane Cove and Roseville were match-winning efforts which will long be remembered. Bowled seldom and fielding fair without reaching former heights.

RON THOMAS played in four matches and was then promoted to the Firsts. During this time he showed excellent form with the bat and scored the season's only century.

NEVILLE MILNE batted brilliantly at times but suffered lapses of concentration. Force of circumstances caused him to be used as an opener and he may do better if he can be relieved of this position next season. Fielded well and bowled usefully when called upon.

JOHN HACKETT showed promise with the bat but appeared to lack concentration. Fielded atrociously.

TOM MOBBS was one of the team's mainstays. In devastating form with the ball early in the season he contributed very substantially to the team's flying start in the competition. As a batsman, he helped to save the side on a number of occasions and was always very reliable in the field.

HUGH SEFTON did not score as well as expected and finally appeared to lose interest.

JOHN WALKER was another key man. His accurate bowling, forceful batting and solid fielding made him an invaluable member of the team.

PETER COOPER bowled very well and as a result was promoted to the Firsts. A very poor fieldsman but could no doubt improve if he tried.

BRUCE TREVENAR was a potential match-winner with the ball and with Walker, Mobbs and Randle set an example to the younger members in the field. Has (or should have) no claims as a batsman.

FRED RANDIE batted unluckily but nevertheless made some useful contributions. Was a useful bowler and very safe in the field. Keenest member of the team and could always be relied upon to try his hardest.

RUSS PEISLEY was the team's most improved player. Developed more vim in his batting and produced some very useful scores. Bowled intelligently and well and showed promise of becoming an outstanding allrounder. Running between wickets needs attention.

BRIAN SIMPSON displayed great talent as a batsman but his effectiveness was largely spoilt by a disinclination to submerge his personal interests in favour of those of his team.

RON EADIE acted as the team's 'keeper and did a good job which would have been better, however, if he had curbed his impetuosity somewhat. Batted brilliantly on occasions but again inclined to be indiscreet.

BILL MAGRATH rejoined the side for the second half of the season and immediately struck form with the bat. His polished displays confirmed his reputation as the Club's most gifted stroke player and it was a pity he could not produce this form during his sojourn with the Firsts.

Matches										Comp.	
Played	W.	W.1	L.	L.1	D.	T.	Pts.	%	Position		
15	9	5	-	1	-	-	126	84	1st		
Runs For	Wickets For		Average		Runs Agst.		Wickets Agst.		Average		
3240	165		19.64		2894		261		11.09		

A V E R A G E S (BATTING)

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Average
R. Thomas	7	2	101x	248	49.6
H. Lemmertz	17	4	97x	404	31.1
C.W. Magrath	7	-	67	198	28.3
T. Mobbs	15	5	72x	242	24.2
R. Peisley	15	3	56	268	22.3
B. Simpson	10	1	51	183	20.3
F. Randle	18	3	50	282	18.8
J. Hackett	7	2	52	91	18.2
J. Walker	14	5	23x	155	17.2
R. Eadie	13	1	70	202	16.8
N. Milne	20	-	44	281	14.1
H. Sefton	14	1	44	174	13.4
R. Thomson	16	3	25	123	9.5
B. Trevenar	9	3	11	34	5.7

x - Not out

(Also batted: P. Cooper, 5 innings (1 n.o.) for 10 runs; J. Rudd, 5 for 72; D. Way, 1 for 11; A. Hansen, 1 for 2; S. Hipwell, 1 for 4; R. Stephens, 1 for 1; B. Tasker, 2 for 23; A. Searle, 1 for 4.)

(BOWLING)

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
T. Mobbs	151	27	443	53	8.4
P. Cooner	51	7	162	19	8.5
B. Trevenar ...	128	18	405	41	9.9
J. Walker	157	34	434	37	11.7
R. Peisley	52	6	210	17	12.4
R. Thomson	104	4	506	36	14.1
H. Lennartz	36	5	181	11	16.5

(Also bowled: J. Hackett, 5 wickets for 106 runs; C.W. Magrath, 6 for 66; N. Milne, 7 for 32; F. Randle, 4 for 46; H. Sefton, 1 for 22; B. Simpson, 0 for 24; J. Rudd, 0 for 2; A. Hansen, 0 for 12; A. Searle, 0 for 40).

THIRD ELEVEN

This team had the doubtful distinction of running last in its competition. The Association, bearing in mind no doubt the complaints made in previous years as to the great gap between the standards of the various participating teams, graded the "C" Grade entries into two Divisions, one for the stronger teams and the other for the weaker. Our team, in view of past performances, was included in the stronger Division but owing to a great deterioration in its own standard, was completely outclassed.

The Third Eleven is the natural training ground for aspirants to Shire honours and it is essential, apart from other considerations, that the standard shall be as close as possible to that of the Second Eleven. It is desirable, therefore, to examine the reasons for the Thirds' poor record over the past season.

There is a tendency to blame the recruitment of some of the players to the Seconds. However, this is something that happens every year and, in this particular case, the position was no worse than usual. As a matter of fact, none of the players promoted had more than 5 innings with the Thirds and it is difficult to argue therefore that the demands of the senior team had any substantial impact.

In our opinion, factors which had a much greater bearing on the matter were -

- (a) the National Service Training Scheme,
- (b) the absence of a nucleus of older and more experienced players,
- (c) atrocious fielding, and
- (d) a general lack of keenness.

Dealing with these serially, the first was one which just could not be avoided. It made severe inroads upon the team's personnel but it is doubtful whether the position would have been very much better if this factor had not operated.

It must be acknowledged that a major part in the successes of the Thirds over the post-war years was played both in leadership and in actual performances, by veterans like Peter Maulman, Ron Thomson and Bob Clark. Gradually, these have disappeared from the scene and last year there was no one to take their places.

Fielding has been a weakness of the Thirds over a number of years but, despite the comparative youth of the side, it is now apparently worse than ever it has been. There were some quite capable bowlers in the team and we have no doubt whatever that if they had received even moderate support in the field then their figures would have been much superior to those actually shown by the score-book. It is no exaggeration to say that with very few exceptions fielding is a lost art among the younger generation and there are no signs of improvement.

However, the really fundamental defect was the general lack of keenness displayed. Loyalty to the Club and their team was largely ignored by the majority of the players and it was quite an ordinary thing for a member to casually forfeit his cricket in favour of a week-end away. In these circumstances, the development of a team spirit is well nigh impossible and we sympathise heartily with the few who tried to carry on.

ALAN SEARLE had to undertake the rarely successful dual role of Captain and opening bowler. Considering the circumstances, he was as successful as could reasonably be expected. Handy as a stubborn batsman and quite a capable fieldsman.

ALAN HANSEN, as Vice-Captain, provided noble support. He was the side's star all-rounder being outstanding as a batsman, bowler and fieldsman. A particularly good prospect for Shire Cricket.

JACK LANG batted effectively on a number of occasions and was always likely to contribute a large score. Kept wickets well until handicapped by eye trouble.

BILL ZEALL improved as the season progressed, developing into quite a handy bowler. One of the team's few safe fieldsmen.

DAVE McKEOWN showed promise as a batsman but lost form towards the end of the season. Useful change bowler. Fielding needs improvement.

ALAN STEED bowled better than his figures indicate. Fast in the field.

BRUCE TASKER displayed considerable talent as a batsman but inclined to be too impetuous. Appears to lack keenness and finds it hard to keep awake in the field. If he can remedy these faults, he should have a bright future.

BOB HARRIS scored consistently as an opener until lack of interest caused him to withdraw from the team. Poor fieldsman.

IAN THOMPSON batted well at the start of the season but then his form fell away. Troublesome eyesight was a severe handicap to him against the pacy bowlers and this probably accounted for fielding errors. Excellent team spirit.

DICK ATWILL only played occasional matches but showed quite good form with the bat. Still over-impetuous in the field but took some good catches.

PETER KEMPNIICH had a poor season but batted vigorously on the few occasions when he got a start.

JEFF STINSON was literally a human dynamo and it was a pity that his keenness was not practised by the majority of his teammates. Has talent as an all-rounder but his performances suffered somewhat from his desire to hit the ball further than anyone else had even hit it and to bowl it faster than anyone else has ever bowled it. Definitely, a type to be encouraged.

LAURIE ROUTLEY failed to produce any form but nevertheless showed excellent team spirit.

JOHN HARMER tried hard as a bowler but met with little success. However, he has natural ability and with practice and perseverance, should improve rapidly.

TEDDY STOCKDALE joined the team towards the end of the season but could not strike form.

Matches Played	W.	W.1	L.	L.1	T.	D.	Points	Comp. Position
14	3	4	6	1	-	-	28	7th
Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Agst.	Wickets Agst.	Avg.			
2348	196	14.5	2752	169	16.2			

AVERAGES (BATTING)

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Average
R.G. Atwill	8	1	66	170	24.3
J. Lang	17	2	67x	320	21.3
A. Hansen	20	1	37	375	19.7
B. Tasker	8	-	48	154	19.3
J. Stinson	8	2	32	78	13.0
R. Harris	10	-	29	128	12.8
I. Thompson	13	3	36	115	11.5
P. Kempnich	18	-	27	191	10.7
W. Zeall	9	2	26	66	9.4
A. Searle	13	1	32	107	8.9
D. McKeown	10	-	28	72	7.2
E. Stockdale	8	1	21	43	6.1
L. Routley	12	3	8	41	4.6
J. Harmer	11	1	10	34	3.4

x - Not out

(Also batted: R. Ackermann, 2 innings for 24 runs; G. Donnan, 4 (1 n.o.) for 4; D. Fernon, 5 for 61; J. Gostelow, 3 (1 n.o.) for 50; J. Hackett, 5 (1 n.o.) for 226; G. Hammence, 5 (1 n.o.) for 55; L. Meulman, 2 (1 n.o.) for 15; R. Peisley, 2 for 12; B. Simpson, 4 (1 n.o.) for 100; A. Steed, 6 for 21; G. Tasker, 5 for 8; R. Thomson, 1 (1 n.o.) for 35).

(BOWLING)

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Avg.
A. Searle	91	11	369	30	12.3
A. Hansen	134	7	701	54	13.0
D. Fernon	36	4	178	13	13.7
A. Steed	36	2	206	10	20.6
J. Stinson	47	3	215	10	21.5
J. Harmer	36	1	171	7	24.4

(Also bowled: R. Ackermann, 0 wickets for 30 runs; R. Atwill, 0 for 21; G. Donnan, 4 for 86; J. Gostelow, 0 for 9; J. Hackett, 8 for 101; G. Hammence, 9 for 80; P. Kempnich, 2 for 22; D. McKeown, 6 for 126; L. Meulman, 1 for 41; E. Stockdale, 1 for 2; B. Tasker, 1 for 12; R. Thomson, 1 for 14; W. Zeall, 3 for 143.)

CITY AND SUBURBAN

This team was most fortunate in that, despite the lack of home accommodation of its own, it was able to secure the best programme of matches yet. This can fairly be attributed to the fact, we think, that our team could guarantee giving a good account of itself against the strongest opponents without sacrificing in any way the reputation for sportsmanship and goodfellowship built up so successfully over the years.

However, there were times during the season when the performances of our batsmen and bowlers did not come up to scratch and gave us food for thought as to what the future may bring unless action is taken to maintain our standard of play. It is important that we should do this because the stronger opposing teams (which usually have the better class home grounds) naturally offer engagements to teams who can give them good keen games.

Reviewing the season generally, the wins and losses were fairly evenly divided but in the latter case the margins were usually very small and as a consequence there were many exciting contests.

The team's star batsman was Alec Leadbeater who scored a brilliant century against Balmain and followed this effort with an even better 72 against I. Zingari. The other batsmen were erratic with their performances but Jack Rudd, Brian and David North, Chris Mitchell, Brian Williams and Gordon Lee all got respectable scores occasionally.

Of the bowlers, Bill Rudd must be given place of honour. His immaculate length always kept the runs down and he had the unique distinction (for a Briar) of dismissing an Australian XI batsman. Bob Clark and Peter Meulman bowled accurately but lacked their old venom. Doug Guest bowled well at times but was often inaccurate.

In conclusion, it was a very happy season and we thank those teams who entertained us so well and look forward to meeting them all in friendly rivalry again next season.

<u>Matches played</u>			<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>		
25			11	13	1		
<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wkts. Against</u>	<u>Average</u>		
3548	206	17.2	3458	207	16.7		

AVERAGES (BATTING)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
A. Leadbeater	20	1	110x	472	24.8
B. Williams	18	2	65	373	23.3
R. Clark	18	10	34x	171	21.4
L. Meulman	13	5	32	155	19.4
W. Rudd	23	8	45	269	17.9
J. Rudd	20	-	74	322	16.1
D. North	19	2	45	272	16.0

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BATTING contd.

<u>Name</u>		<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
G.J. Lee	..	22	1	52	322	15.3
G. Mitchell	..	20	-	57	265	13.2
D. Guest	..	15	1	32	165	11.8
B. North	..	23	-	60	245	10.6
K. Murphie	..	15	4	20	69	6.3

x - Not out

(Also batted: R. Eadie, 2 innings for 30 runs; F. Randle, 1 for 14; E. Thew, 2 for 3; R. Ackermann, 2 for 26; S. Hipwell, 1 for 32; D.A. Walker, 2 for 53; R. Thomas, 1 for 34; J. Gostelow, 2 (1 n.o.) for 5; B. Simpson, 1 (1 n.o.) for 79; R. Atwill, 1 for 12; A. Hansen, 1 for 9; J. Stinson, 1 (1 n.o.) for C.)

(BOWLING)

<u>Name</u>		<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
W. Rudd	..	157	12	690	52	13.3
L. Meulman	..	87	4	376	22	17.1
B. Williams	..	36	-	207	11	18.8
K. Murphie	..	87	3	440	22	20.0
D. Guest	..	78	1	613	27	22.7
R. Clark	..	123	11	554	22	25.2

(Also bowled: C. Mitchell, 1 wicket for 105 runs; J. Rudd, 1 for 35; D. North, 5 for 40; G.J. Lee, 2 for 2; J. Gostelow, 2 for 27; E. Thew, 4 for 37; R. Ackermann, 0 for 33; A. Hansen, 2 for 34; J. Stinson, 1 for 15).

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Cricket Memorial Trophy is awarded annually to the cricketer obtaining the highest points allotted under the following scale:-

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 points

The Trophy serves as a Memorial to those of our members who made the supreme sacrifice during the war and, as the above points show, a worthy holder of the Award is intended to be someone who not only stands out as a cricketer but also, by his example in the administrative sphere, demonstrates that spirit of communal service which typified those in whose honour the Trophy was created.

The winner of the Award for this year is Aud Land. Aud's performances as a cricketer are given elsewhere in this Report and we have already referred to the work he has done as a cricket statistician. However, these by no means given the full picture of Aud's value to the Club. For many years he has given faithful service as a member of the Club's executive and although he resigned his position on the Committee during the year, he still continues to take an intense interest in Club affairs and unobtrusively contribute to the Club's administrative welfare. We congratulate Aud upon an honour worthily earned.

H O C K E Y

(Sub-committee: B. Trevenar (Chairman) R. Peisley, B. Ritchie, H. Lennarts, N. Ellis).

The Club again fielded two teams, one in each Grade of the Minor Division competition conducted by the Sydney Hockey Association. For the third successive season the First Eleven won the Minor Premiership and followed up with success in the final, defeating Denistone 4 goals to nil. The Seconds finished third in the minor premiership rounds and were defeated in the semi-final by Pennant Hills who went on to win the final. We take this opportunity to congratulate Pennant Hills on their fine effort and success.

The Barton-Briars Shield was again contested for in Canberra and the match ended with a win for the Club 1 - nil. Although Barton were to have visited us this year we couldn't arrange a ground so late in the season so our players were only too pleased to make the trip. We are most grateful to the Barton Club for the hospitality to our players and we appreciate the gesture in accepting our terms to visit. It will be up to the Hockey Sub-committee to arrange their visit early next season to be assured of a ground.

The Club entered a team in the St. George Carnival this season. Although the team was defeated in the quarter-finals it was by no means disgraced as the opponents were District Clubs.

Burwood Park was again used as our home ground and compared favourably with most grounds. We owe the council a vote of thanks for its efforts to provide dressing accommodation and it is pleasing to know the dressing shed, with hot and cold water, was almost completed at the end of the season.

FIRST ELEVEN

The achievement of the Firsts in gaining premiership honours for the third successive year (being the first under the new Sydney Hockey Association) was due to the full support and co-operation of every member of the team and the strong club spirit that has been shown over the years.

The team played 16 matches (including the semi-final and final) winning 14 and drawing 2, this giving the team an undefeated record. Goals scored were 61 with 10 against.

BRUCE TREVENAR (Captain) continued his good work of previous years. His inspiring leadership and ability as a player, as well as his work on the administrative side, contributed more than anything else to the team's success. His combination with his fellow-back, David Walker, presented the opposition with a well nigh insuperable obstacle.

RAY ACKERMAN (Vice-Captain) proved himself a very able deputy. As centre-half his game was of the usual high standard we know he can play. He is never tiring in defence and always on the ball in attack. Ray has one weakness which we are sure he will overcome in time, namely, that when in a position to score he is easily put off by the remarks of his incredulous team mates.

DOUG PROWSE again played as centre-forward and certainly proved his worth being the leading goal scorer. At all times Doug was there for the kill and his solid attacking upset many goalies.

TOM MOBBS playing as inside-right did a fine job in attack and was always on tap in defence. His strong hitting in clearing from his own half proved his worth to the team. Tom showed his good hockey sense when he on many occasions drew the defence and passed for the centre to score.

ALAN STEED as inside-left played good hockey and was missed when he had to retire through injuries late in the season. Alan has the happy knack of drawing the opposition to give the other forwards the openings to score.

IES DAVIS displayed a return to form on the right-wing, his efforts being responsible for many goals. Showed good anticipation and positional play throughout the season.

NEIL WALKER played again as left-wing. His speed and good back stick shots enabled the forwards to remain on side when in attack. Neil featured in some very fine solo efforts which paid dividends.

BRIAN ADCOCK although a late starter occupied the position of left-half on being elevated from the Seconds. He played very sound hockey in this position, but was then moved up to the forward line to replace Alan Steed, which gave him his chance to qualify for the Academy Award.

JACK CASSIDY replaced Hammy Lennartz after the second match of the season and his amazing efforts as right-half soon justified his selection. His ability to learn made him a valuable asset to the team.

DAVID WALKER once again played very sound hockey as right-back. On many occasions his steady play turned the opposition forwards and made their job almost impossible. David's long clears from his own back line often had the opposition defending.

DICK ATWILL, although he only played on four occasions, was very sound as left half. His best effort was in the finals against Denistone.

BRUCE RITCHIE was another player who had few games. He featured as an inside left and in the halves. His best effort was against our old rivals Mosman Vets where he scored two very good goals.

MAURIE HILL again filled the goals and his efforts are reflected by the number of goals scored against, being only 10 for the season. Maurie's team spirit is of the highest as on occasions he had a very lonely time with only the goal posts to keep him company.

SECOND ELEVEN

This team did not repeat its performance of the previous season, but nevertheless did very well against stronger opposition. Although, as is usual with a lower grade team, there were many changes in personnel through the season, a fine team spirit was built up and there is every reason to look forward to further successes in the future.

NORM ELLIS (Captain) having his first season had a difficult task as Captain, but handled it well. As centre-forward he commenced the season very well and scored his share of goals, but as the season progressed he lost the killer instinct and was inclined to stand off too much.

MAL SMITH (Vice-Captain) was the backbone and pivot of the team as centre-half. Always in the position to feed the forwards with the ball and always gave a fine polished display of stick work. Mal must remember that a hockey field is only 100 yards long when he is clearing in his own half.

TED WATT started the season as inside right where he shone, but when the right wing became vacant he was switched there to prove an even greater success with his fast and brilliant stick work, many goals resulting from good movements.

JIM ENGLISH as inside left was always a tower of strength in the forwards. His hard and fast rugged play was a feature of the many goals which he recorded throughout the season.

JOHN BEADSWORTH was a player of great calibre who always attended training and his display on the left wing throughout the season was outstanding. He was unlucky not to have found a permanent position in the Firsts.

BILL STRUYS was playing his first season of hockey since he left Holland. His ability to control the ball on the left-wing was well rewarded on numerous occasions by the number of scoring chances he gave the forwards.

KEV. HUGHES. It was very sad to see Kev give the game away halfway through the season, as he had proved beyond doubt a very efficient right wing.

BOB VINCENT as left half was always kept busy looking after the opposing wing man, but his hard running and torrid stick work always paid dividends.

SAM BEADSWORTH was like his brother, always at training, and he gave a very fine exhibition of stick work in the right half position throughout the season. He was always a tower of strength in our many anxious moments and was unlucky not to be included in the Firsts.

JACK HOLLANDS was another occupier of many positions in the Seconds. His solid play as left-back and inside forward led to many fine movements in the side's defence and attack.

JOHN (CRACKER) KERR, as right back, played very sound hockey throughout the season and his defence was very strong. If he could develop a strong hit in his clearing he would be able to set his own forward moving more quickly.

RUSS PEISLEY was indeed a great asset to the side. His goal keeping ability was outstanding and very few goals were recorded against him during the season. Russ showed his keenness by attending training wet or fine. If a few more players showed half the keenness Russ showed, training would be more successful.

HAMMY LENNARTZ did not play much throughout the season, but his presence was felt when he did play.

TED STOCKDALE was among the also played, as right wing, and we will be looking to him being a regular player next season.

F O O T B A L L

(Sub-Committee: A.G. Stevenson (Chairman), R.J. Chegwyn, R.J. Eadie, G.R. Tasker, B.U. Williams and R.B. Tasker).

As in 1951, lack of players caused restriction of our entries in the Sub-District Competition for 1952 to three teams, one in each grade. At the beginning of the season, plenty of replacements were available but later on considerable difficulty was experienced in fielding full teams, particularly for the Burke Cup side.

For the fifth successive occasion the Club won the Bruce Grahame Memorial Shield (M.S.D.R.U. Club Championship) and, having regard to the strength of opposing Clubs, particularly Wests and the University of Technology, the achievement was quite a notable one.

Great glory was brought upon the Club by the success of the Kentwell Cup team in winning the Premiership after an inspired burst towards the end of the season. We heartily congratulate the members of the team upon their magnificent performance.

The Burke Cup side commenced the season well enough but then completely faded away. Some players were promoted to the Kentwell Cup team as replacements and as the policy accepted was not to interfere with the youngsters in the Whiddon Cup, the result was that the Burke Cup vacancies had to be filled by reserves whose numbers gradually diminished through lack of interest when they did not get a game in the early part of the season.

The young and inexperienced Whiddon Cup team performed very creditably and towards the end of the season had developed into quite a formidable combination. The keen and enthusiastic spirit of the players was in pleasant contrast to that displayed by more senior players.

Attendance at training showed a marked improvement except in the last few weeks when only the Kentwell Cup players retained their keenness. The value of proper training cannot be over-emphasised as far as individuals are concerned and it is even more important that complete units of a team (i.e. the forwards or the backs) should be present at the one time to enable tactics and strategy to be developed as a combination. It is regrettable that some players still persist in avoiding training for most frivolous reasons, thereby neglecting their duty to the Club and their team.

Bill McLaughlin, Doug. Vanderfield and Doug Guest acted as coaches for the Kentwell, Burke and Whiddon Cup teams, respectively. Their efforts were invaluable and, as such, highly appreciated by the players and the Club generally. It is also necessary to record appreciation of the work of Peter Meulman, Stan Jones and Stan McGregor as selectors.

A feature of our football activities, up to the past few years, has been at least one country trip each season. It is a pity that nothing was arranged in 1952 and we hope something will be done next year.

The Club was well represented in the Combined Sub-district team which played a Colts XV as a curtain raiser to the First Test as between Australia and Fiji. The honoured players were Bill Marshall, Brian Williams, Guy Hebblewhite, Geoff Tweeddale and Graham Yule, to whom we extend our congratulations.

We take this opportunity to offer our felicitations to Ingleburn R.U.F.C. and Balgonians R.U.F.C. upon their Premiership successes in the Burke and Whiddon Cup competitions, respectively.

KENTWELL CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Pts.</u> <u>For</u>	<u>Pts.</u> <u>Against</u>	<u>Competition</u> <u>Position</u>
14	9	5	-	132	88	1st

In the early part of the season, the Kentwell Cup side did not play at all up to expectations, losing the first three matches. However, they then settled down to play good football with the result that they qualified for the semi-finals. A 9-3 victory over the redoubtable Moore Park team brought us to face University of Technology in the Final. In a very close, exciting and hard-fought game our team eventually won by six points to three to become Kentwell Cup Premiers for 1952.

Much credit for the win must, of course, go to Bill McLaughlin who was a never-failing source of guidance and inspiration to the team. Geoff Tweeddale, as Captain, proved to be the ideal man for the job and had the full support of every member of his team.

The team's success was due to their condition gained by constant attention to training, their fine team spirit both on and off the field, and their determination to do well. The forwards were superb right through the season and the backs, although not as consistently good, nevertheless played well at times.

B. WILLIAMS (Full back and Vice-Captain) A class player. Consistently gave grand displays of attacking and defensive football.

W. MARSHALL (Winger) Still the determined runner who never let the team down in attack or defence.

L. YULE (Centre) Most determined runner. Improvement needed in passing and tackling. A good handler.

S. HIPWELL (Centre) Consistently good in defence and attack. Lacking in the experience of when to pass the ball.

G. YULE (Five-eighth) Played top class football until injured. Pivot of the backline. A lot more is going to be heard of this player.

B. CARDWELL (Centre) Came from Whiddon Cup, and played really well. A very promising player.

J. FRECKLINGTON (Winger) A young player from Whiddon Cup. Hard tackler and determined runner. Should vary attack more. Will improve with experience.

W. TURNER (Half) Never in good condition through an injury. Nevertheless he stood up to his job well.

G. TWEEDDALE (Lock and Captain) Led the team well. Infused plenty of fire into the forwards with his bustling tactics.

H. GILMORE (Breakaway) Improved out of sight. Probably one of our fastest and best forwards. Improvement needed in tackling.

J. LEWIS (Breakaway) Played about two stone above his weight. Deadly tackler and never away from the ball. Top marks for this player for his displays this season.

D. GUEST (Second Row) Hard working and intelligent forward. Good lineout work and hard rucker.

G. HEBBLEWHITE (Second Row) Played best football at end of season. Hard worker and always in the thick of the hard play.

R. YOUNG (Front Row) Another player from Whiddon Cup who really played good hard football. One of the best conditioned forwards.

J. FISHER (Hooker) Turned out tops as a hooker. Really a good all round forward who played intelligently for the whole season.

R. CHEGWYN (Front Row) Always in the thick of the play. Never let up and in top condition. A more vigorous forward this year.

BURKE CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Pts. for</u>	<u>Pts. agst.</u>	<u>Comp. Posn.</u>
12	7	5	-	130	67	4th

As always seems to be the case with this team, it suffered from changing personnel and injuries. Over forty players took the field for the team over the season. However, we were more fortunate this year in having a solid core of regulars who kept the combination up to a high standard. Training was well attended and the team's record this season was the best for many years. All but one of the games lost were very close and a little more luck in one or two of these would have seen the team well in the semi-finals. It is worth noting that only seven tries were scored against us, most of our opponents' points coming from penalties.

The forwards were the main culprits in presenting these penalties which cost the team a good chance of Premiership honours. The only other criticism that can be levelled at the forwards apart from the condition of a few, was that they did not always keep the loose rucks as tight as was necessary to protect the halves.. Generally, they showed plenty of fire, loved a really hard game, and above all kept trying even when behind and the game was nearly over.

The backs developed well and at one stage looked like being a really good combination. However, a tendency towards individualism upset many good moves later in the season and robbed good wingers of a chance to do their job. Defence was generally good, as indicated by the few tries scored against us.

With all its ups and downs, the season was a very happy one for all members of the side.

G. STEVENSON (CAPT.) A very capable and powerful forward who always made his presence felt when play was in his vicinity. When his condition ran out his voice was still able to keep up with the play.

R. EADIE revealed glimpses of brilliance but a leg injury affected his play for a great part of the season.

R. MORRIS. A prolific try-getter when in form but did not have many opportunities this season.

N. KELLEY. A very determined runner and sound tackler. Best on wing but played out of position on occasions to help his team.

G. TASKER made some slashing runs during the season but faulty handling spoilt many more opportunities. Played best games on wing.

K. ASTRIDGE. A very versatile back who shows great promise as a full-back. However, played most games as five-eight where a tendency to run into the forwards brought him a fair amount of punishment.

K. MURPHIE. A hard running and elusive winger who can also play a sound game in the forwards.

B. LAMB played some very fine games as centre and tackled beautifully. Follows on after the ball with great determination and was rewarded on several occasions for this.

J. KRISTENSON. A rugged centre who seemed to rise to the occasion when things were going against the team. His determination always showed out in the later stages of games.

N. GARLING, as in previous seasons, played well above his weight and later in the season was affected by the lack of protection. A neat five-eight who gets backs moving quickly.

B. NORMAN. A great little half who also unfortunately had to contend with inadequate protection on occasions. Inclined to run into rucks or away from support but many times broke through doing this.

H. SEFTON. A tireless worker who was one of the mainstays of the pack. Made some powerful runs.

J. LARKEY. Brilliant in line-outs and played some really good games but appeared to lose energy in others.

H. McDADE. Hard-working and honest forward who did some amazing things when roused.

R. ELVERY. Very keen and a tiger for work. Improved with each game and can look forward to good seasons in the future.

R. CHESSHER. A good hooker who although not at home in the tight stuff always kept up with the play. Would have scored many tries if his handling had been better.

A. STEWART. Rugged and experienced forward who always did his best. Could not manage to get into top condition this season.

J. COMERFORD. A tower of strength to the team. Worked tirelessly in the rucks and brilliantly in line-outs. Always kept perfectly fit.

M. PATTRICK. Form was affected by illness and lack of condition but played some good games.

A. HAZZARD. A clever and active breakaway. Tackled well and kept on the ball.

R. CLARK. A happy breakaway who played hard and tackled well. Had his best season to date.

WHIDDON CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Pts. for</u>	<u>Pts. agst.</u>	<u>Comp. Posn.</u>
14	5	8	1	86	162	6th

The season was a mixed one. The standard of football played varied from very good to extraordinarily bad. As with the Burke Cup team there were too many players at the start of the season, just enough half way through and too few at the end. Nevertheless, the players enjoyed their football and the experience gained by the younger ones in particular should be of great value to them next season.

Despite the erratic standard of the team's football there was only one team which outclassed it completely and that was Balgonians who eventually won the Premiership.

G. STINSON (Captain, full-back and five-eight) led the team well, particularly as five-eight. Always went down on the ball, tackled hard and low and did some fine line kicks.

B. COMMENS (full-back). Casual and unorthodox. When trying produced amazing results. Could run from full-back and score tries.

D. McKEOWN (full-back and centre). Good attacking player but positional play in defence is weak.

W. ATKINSON (winger). One of the most improved players in the team. Ran hard, tackled low and went down on the ball.

R. WILEY (winger and breakaway). Always dangerous and potential match-winner. Very fast but inclined to be over-eager. Defence weak.

R. AIKEN (centre) had a disappointing season although he played well at times. Could not attend training and as a result did not show anything approaching the clever play of which he is capable.

R. LAMB (centre). Improving all the time. Uses his head but passing and handling still need sharpening.

D. MUNRO (centre) was playing good football until forced out by injury. Should do well next season.

R. CARDWELL (centre). His promotion to the Kentwell Cup team for the last two games speaks for itself. A tidy footballer.

N. GARLING (five eight). A good link, safe in defence.

M. HATCH (half) gave a consistently good service and has a useful short kick.

L. ROUTLEY (breakaway and winger). Rarely off the ball but tackling could be lower.

A. BURFORD (breakaway and lock). Fast breaking player with a good cover defence. Plays a non-stop game.

P. MAGUIRE (breakaway and prop). Always on the ball and worked well in the tight.

A. WEICH (lock). An experienced player and a good kick.

K. KURTZ (Vice-Captain and second row) played some good games and led the forwards well.

G. MILLER (second row) was hurt early in the season but although out of condition strengthened the forwards when he returned.

J. ANEY (second row) was playing well until he dropped out.

R. RANSON (hooker). A good all-round forward but unfortunately was injured and had to drop out.

L. FOWLER (hooker) also missed games through injury but his big heart made up for his light weight.

B. TASKER (hooker). When not in the Army, the best hooker in Whidden Cup.

R. ELVERY (prop). A hard-working front-row forward. Always did the right thing.

G. BARBOUR (front row). A tough and experienced forward until he decided to take up rowing.

G. McLACHLAN, G. SEDDON, R. STEPHENS, D. HOTTEN, P. MEULMAN and B. NORTH all played wherever and whenever required and helped keep the team at full strength.

THE GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

This Trophy, inasmuch as it commemorates the late Gordon Bevan, a highly regarded member of prewar days who tragically lost his life in a car accident and inasmuch as it represents all the qualities of team spirit, manliness and sportsmanship which go to make up the true footballer, is regarded as the most worthy distinction which can be bestowed upon a Club footballer. It is awarded annually to the member receiving the greatest number of points on the following basis:-

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	"
Total	...	...	<u>100</u>	points

The winner of the Trophy for 1952 is Brian Williams. From the point of view of number of seasons played, Brian can almost be classed as a veteran and it is particularly pleasing therefore to see him gain this Award. We extend to him our heartiest congratulations.

CLUB ROOMS

(Senior Steward: A.C. Reid (apptd. 3/3/52 vice I.R. Vanderfield resgd.).
Asst. Senior Steward: E.G. Stockdale. Stewards: D.A. Walker,
B. Tasker, R. Chegwyn, E. Watt, A. Burford.)

For the year ended 30th September, 1952, the profit from Club Room trading and amenities was approximately £430. Whilst this is higher than anything ever achieved prior to 1950/51 it is nearly £300 lower than the result for the latter year. There are two main reasons for this, namely -

- (a) a falling-off in attendances by members on Monday and Friday nights and at special functions held during the year, and
- (b) increases in the cost prices of a number of goods without any corresponding increases in the selling prices.

The first of these reasons is one for the members generally to cure. The Club offers excellent facilities for entertainment and when we add to these the opportunities available to make friendships among the many good fellows who belong to the Club, it is most difficult to understand the disinterested attitude adopted by far too great a proportion of the members. It is rather an unhealthy sign and we hope it is but temporary. A more mundane aspect is the financial one; the Club now has heavy financial commitments and finance is something which has to be carefully watched.

With regard to the second reason given above, we are reluctant to increase selling prices whilst we can possibly avoid it. However, we predict that we shall be forced to take this step in the very near future.

A source of great disappointment was the general unwillingness of members to offer their services as Stewards. It should be the ambition of every member of the Club to have at least one year's service as a Steward. As with every other aspect of the Club's administration, however, the general attitude is to leave the work to the few stalwarts. The Club owes a great debt of gratitude to the Senior Steward and his Stewards for the conscientious way in which they carried out their thankless task.

Special thanks are due to Maurie Hill, Bob Clark and Geoff Stevenson for their work in keeping up the supplies of cigarettes, soft drinks, chocolates, etc., throughout the year.

ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors and the Management Committee each held 12 meetings during the year. The attendances were as follows:-

	<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Meetings Attended</u>
<u>Board:</u>	R. Clark ..	12
	H. Ford ..	10
	L. Meulman ..	9
	D. Prowse ..	11
	R. Thomson ..	11
	D.P. Walker ..	7
	E.F. Watt ..	11
	H.G. Whiddon ..	2 (leave of absence granted for 7 months pending trip abroad).
<u>Committee:</u>	B. Adcock ..	2 (apptd. October)
	S. Jones ..	2 (" September)
	A. Land ..	7 (resgd. August)
	H. Lennartz ..	7 (" October)
	A. Reid ..	10
	A. Searle ..	6 (resgd. July)
	G. Stevenson ..	9
	E. Stockdale ..	4 (apptd. August)
	G. Tasker ..	8 (resgd. September)
	R. Thomson ..	10
	B. Trevenar ..	10
	I.R. Vanderfield ..	8
	D.A. Walker ..	11

As will be seen, there were several changes in the composition of the Committee and this may rightly be taken as an indication that the year was not exactly a happy one as far as this body was concerned. There were severe repercussions upon the efficiency of some of the sub-committees concerned and at the close of the year the position of Chairman of the Social Sub-committee, which fell vacant upon the resignation of Alan Searle in July, was still unfilled.

BILLIARDS

(Sub-committee: Chairman) D.A. Walker.

In the past year, only one tournament was held. That was the 1952 Championship in which younger members, for the first time in many years, came to the fore. The winner was Bruce Tasker who defeated Laurie Routley in the Final.

The tables were kept in good order by the services of Messrs. Heiron and Smith. The equipment was improved by the re-shafting of eight cues.

TABLE TENNIS

(Sub-committee: Chairman). D.A. Walker.

In the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Club, under the heading of "Ping Pong", it is stated that a team was entered in the Summer Competition of the N.S.W. Table Tennis Association, in C Grade, and that the team finished in third position. In 1952, some 17 years later, a team was entered in the Winter Competition of the same Association in D Grade but its record was not as good as that of its predecessor, finishing in fourth position. Nevertheless, the team performed creditably and did

somewhat better than the mere statement, that eight of the twelve matches were lost, would indicate. As a matter of fact, once our players became acclimatised to competition play they were able to hold their own - this was evident in the second round when all losses were by the odd rubber in eleven.

The members of the team, David Walker (Captain), Brian Simpson, Roger Vanderfield and Brian Adcock, enjoyed their experience and look forward to further participation in this pastime. Thanks are due to Bob Clark for his assistance in providing supper for the team's home matches.

Naturally, the playing of competition table tennis whilst it is a commendable innovation, cannot be regarded as indicative of general Club interest. It is disappointing to record therefore that there were no intra-Club tournaments during the year. An endeavour was made to conduct a doubles handicap event but this eventually petered out after a few matches had been played. It is hoped that something will be done during the forthcoming year to restore the popularity of the game among the members generally.

G O L F

(Sub-committee: D.A. Walker (Chairman), C. Mitchell and M. Mitchell)

If anything, golf became even more popular with the members than it had in the past. During the year, four outings were arranged, three at Leura and the other at Studleigh Park, Camden. All were most enjoyable although that at Camden was marred somewhat by the inefficient management of the proprietors. It cannot be denied that golf days, apart from the enjoyment of the sport itself, are providing a most valuable means of getting the members, young and old alike, to know each other and to enjoy each other's company. The organisers are to be complimented upon their notable contribution, indirect though it may be, to Club welfare.

As usual, competitive events were arranged. The results were as follows:-

5/10/51 at Leura

Aggregate Stableford: D. Vanderfield and P. Tanner - 1st;
R. Wicks and K. Burnett, D. Guest and R. Vincent, and
C. Mitchell and J. Walk - tied for 2nd.
Par Handicap: M. Blair and D. North - tied for 1st.

4/5/52 at Leura

Aggregate Stableford: H. Windon and C. Mitchell - 1st;
J. Walker and B. North, and N. Walker and H. Sefton - tied
for 2nd.
Par Handicap: H. Windon - 1st; G. Arthur and B. North - tied
for 2nd; D. North - 3rd.

20/7/52 at Studleigh Park, Camden.

4-ball Best Ball Stableford: 18 holes - E. Stockdale and
P. Tanner - 1st; C. Mitchell and H. Windon - 2nd.
9 holes - R. Clark and
D. Walker - 1st; B. Dobson and I. Vanderfield - 2nd.

28/9/52 at Leura.

4 Ball Best Ball v. Par: W. Atkinson and H. McDade - 1st;
H. Windon and M. Blair - 2nd.
Aggregate Stableford: B. Simpson and G. J. Lee - 1st; R. Clark
and D. A. Walker - 2nd.

SOCIAL

(Sub-committee: A.C. Reid (Chairman until March); A.W. Searle (Chairman from March to July); R.G. Tasker, A.G. Stevenson, B.U. Williams and S.E. Hipwell as members of the Sub-committee until it ceased to function.)

The Club's record over the past year with respect to social activities is a very poor one indeed. To a certain extent, particularly in relation to the Annual Ball, the fault lay with the organisation but generally speaking, there was an unaccountable apathy on the part of the members and it must have been heartbreaking to those who arranged the various excellent functions in the Club Rooms to find them so poorly attended. It is imperative from the financial aspect alone that in the forthcoming year there shall be, first, proper efficiency in arranging these affairs, and, secondly, full support from the members by extending to us at least the courtesy of their attendance.

The first social event of the Club year was the Christmas Night held on 15th December. On this occasion, the Sub-committee excelled itself (which is saying quite a lot) and it was a great pity that their efforts were not rewarded by a greater attendance. Those who were present had a thoroughly enjoyable night.

On 16th March, a Dance Social held in the Club Rooms was reasonably successful but here again the efforts of the organisers were not met with commensurate support from the members. It was during this month that Alan Reid stepped into the shoes of Roger Vanderfield as Senior Steward and relinquished the reins of the Social Sub-committee to Alan Searle.

The next function was a Sports Parade, also held in the Club Rooms, when members and their partners were supposed to come along dressed as their favorite sportsman or sportswoman, as the case may be. Once more, those who attended had a happy and hilarious time.

A Games Night was held on 17th May but met with little support. At this stage it seemed that the Sub-committee was being just a little over-enthusiastic by arranging the functions too frequently. However, this was no excuse at all for those who were absent.

Then came the great disaster - the Annual Ball at Grace Auditorium on Tuesday, 17th June. Inspired by the success of the previous year's Ball - also held on a Tuesday night - the Sub-Committee had committed itself to a similar function only to find that the great bulk of the members were just not interested. The whole tone of the attitude adopted by the organisers themselves, as well as the Club as a whole, was one of apathy and it was not surprising when the Ball turned out to be a gigantic failure from the financial point of view, a loss of over £60 being incurred. Let this comment be taken as mainly critical of the Sub-committee, we hasten to say that their's was the minor fault being due to inexperience and lack of appreciation of the general inertia of members in these matters unless stirred along by live-wire organisers. It is some slight consolation to know that those few who were present had an excellent evening but nevertheless we must realise the severity of the repulse we received from a financial point of view and take care that it does not happen again.

Shortly after this, Alan Searle was compelled by reason of his study commitments to relinquish his position as Chairman of the Sub-committee. From then until the end of the year the Club was without any social organisation which, of course, is something that every member must regret.

It was only due to the efforts of other office-bearers of the Club, notably the Senior Steward, then Alan Reid, that it was possible to arrange a Football-Hockey Smoko at the Club Rooms on 19th September to celebrate the success of the senior teams in those sports in their respective competitions. We are pleased to record that the evening proved an unqualified success.

HALF-TIME

(Editor: R.G. Tasker until September, then I.R. Vanderfield, assisted by A.G. Stevenson, B.W. Adcock, R.J. Thomson, C. Mitchell, B. Trevenar, D.A. Walker, E.G. Stockdale, R.B. Ackermann, E.M. Watt and A.W. Searle)

The history of "Half Time" during the period under review is a somewhat chequered one and the indications are that before the new Club year has progressed very far, the publication will have ceased to exist.

No good purpose is to be served by stating why this should be so beyond pointing out that following Gordon Tasker's resignation as Editor, Roger Vanderfield undertook to carry on only until the Annual Meeting. We sincerely hope someone will come forward to carry on but we doubt very much whether this will happen.

During its existence, "Half Time" has been enthusiastically acclaimed by the majority of the members who have an interest in Club affairs - even though they may no longer be active in our sports. An immense amount of work has gone into the publication and regardless of our views respecting the worthiness of the project we must surely agree that those responsible for producing the paper are worthy of the highest commendation.

THE J.H. STONE TROPHY

The J.H. Stone Trophy was donated by the member whose name it bears, namely, Jack Stone who although then only a schoolboy (as were the other original members) was the first President of the Club. Having regard to Jack's own role in the early life of the Club, it is but fitting that the Trophy which now bears his name shall be designed for annual award to the member, under 25 years of age, who makes the most valuable contribution to Club welfare during the year.

The winner of the award in 1949/50 and 1950/51 was Roger Vanderfield. When it became necessary to consider the award for 1951/52, the Award Sub-committee found that it could not conscientiously recommend any member under 25 years of age; to have done so would have been to lower the value of the Trophy to such a degree as to deprive it of all significance as an emblem of Clubmanship. Accordingly, the Sub-committee sought and obtained the approval of the donor and the Committee to a relaxation of the age limit requirement as far as the 1951/52 award was concerned. As a result, the Trophy was then awarded to Alan Reid.

Anyone who is familiar with the Club's administration over the past year cannot possibly cavil at the choice. Faced with great difficulties including the handicap of bad health during part of the time, Alan has carried out a job as Senior Steward of which he may well be proud. We congratulate him upon the honour thus conferred and place on record our appreciation of his fine contribution to the Club's welfare.

ACCIDENT FUND

The Accident Fund was run on a similar contributing basis as the previous year, viz 10s. 0d. per player for footballers and 4s. 0d. per player for cricketers, with the exception of those playing in the Western Suburbs Cricket Association's competition, who were insured direct with that Association under a modified scheme at 1s. 0d. per player. Members of the Municipal and Shires teams were reinsured with the N.S.W. Cricket Association's Accident Fund.

Receipts from contributions amounted to £13. 9. 0., representing 28 players. These were less than half of the 1951 figures. Interest received amounted to £3. 5. 0, making the total receipts £16. 14. 0.

Claims amounted to £3.12.0, while re-insurance cost £4. 0. 0 and the usual donation to St. Johns Ambulance Brigade a further £3. 3. 0 making total disbursements £10.15.0. Three further claims totalling £6.17.0 remain to be dealt with and will be included in next year's accounts.

We express our keen appreciation of the kindness of Dr. Colin Lawson, President of Western Suburbs Club, and of Dr. Geoff Vanderfield, who attended to Graham Yule for a broken collar bone, using the dressing room at Ashfield Park as an emergency operating theatre.

We also wish to thank Dr. Lewis (father of John) and Dr. Roger Vanderfield for their assistance and advice to injured players.

Mr. W. Turner, an old member and a Director of Bjelke Petersen, also materially assisted by giving free treatment to members, and to him, too, we are most grateful.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<u>Receipts</u>	£	s.	d.
To balance b/f	163	6	8
Fees from members	13	9	0
Bank Interest	3	5	0
	£180	0	8

<u>Payments</u>	£	s.	d.
By Claims paid to date	3	12	0
Reinsurance Shire			
Cricket Teams	4	0	0
Donation - St. Johns			
Ambulance Brigade	3	3	0
Balance carried fwd.	169	5	8
	£180	0	8

FINANCE

The Club's Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th September, 1952, together with a Balance Sheet as at that date are appended to this Report.

Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year amounted to £20. after providing £23 for Depreciation of Clubroom Furniture and £202 for the Redemption of Debentures.

The Debenture Redemption Reserve Fund which will be gradually built up over a period of twenty years has been created to replace at maturity the Loans made by members. Once the Bank Overdraft has been extinguished an amount equivalent to that appropriated each year will be invested outside the Club.

For the year under review the Accounts have been presented in a slightly different form in order that members may compare the income and expenditure of the various Club activities with those of the preceding year. Comments on the Accounts presented will be confined to those items which show any appreciable variation.

Clubroom Trading and Amusements:

The net income from this source was disappointing and it should be clearly evident that the Club cannot survive on Fees alone and that patronage of the facilities provided for members must be to the full extent of available stocks. Clubroom receipts have decreased by £220 and profit on the sale of cigarettes, chocolates etc. by £35. The Annual Ball which last year showed a profit of £51, showed a loss this year of £75, which is almost 25% of the annual fee roll.

The increase in the expenditure on Clubroom Repairs was due to the repainting of the Meeting Room, the repairs effected on the staircase and repainting of the badly weathered surfaces of the windows.

Property Expenses disclose Insurance paid during the year of £101 and this includes an account for the period during which the building was held covered pending completion of the purchase.

CONDOLENCES

During the year, the Club lost one of its Vice-Presidents in the person of Mr. Frank Herlihy, whose name was well-known and respected by all associated with Rugby Union. Whilst he was not active in this Club's administration, yet we cannot let this occasion pass without paying tribute to the work he carried out for so many years as Honorary Secretary of Western Suburbs District R.U.F.C. We extend our sympathy to his family.

We also offer our condolences to Aub. Tanffe, John Cleary and Dave and Brian North upon the bereavements suffered by them during the year.

PERSONAL

We are glad to report that our Patron, the Hon. H. W. Widdon, M.L.C. after a long bout of illness, is now up and about again. We hope to welcome him to our Annual Meeting which is never complete unless he is present.

His son and our former President, Geoff Whiddon, has been absent for six months or so of the year on a trip abroad during which he visited the United Kingdom and the Continent. Before his departure the opportunity was taken to make him a presentation as an expression of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow-members. We expect him to be present at our Annual Meeting and look forward to hearing of his experiences.

The opportunity was taken during the year to arrange a pleasant little function in the Club Rooms for the purpose of doing honour to Charles Morgan for his legal assistance in connection with the formation of the Club as a company and the subsequent purchase of our Club Room building. A silver tray, suitably inscribed, was presented to Charles in token of our appreciation of his efforts.

CONGRATULATIONS

(Sub-Committee: Messrs. Cupid, Hymen and Stork)

It is our mournful duty each year to record the names of those who have allowed themselves to fall victims of feminine wiles to the extent of either asking a fatal question or honouring the contract previously made.

During the year just past, the indiscretions of members exceeded all reasonable bounds, at least as far as the initial step was concerned. The tragic list is as follows:-

Engagements

Ted Watt	to	Ruby Stevenson
Neville Milne	to	Margaret Williams
Ken Astridge	to	Helen Margaret Auld
Dick Atwill	to	Beris Rau
Stuart Johnston	to	Val Plummer
Bill Zeall	to	Merle Wicks
Russ Murray	to	Shirley Fletcher
Bob Vincent	to	Jean Brown
David Munro	to	Judith Reese
Neil Walker	to	Betty Lang
Ron Eadie	to	Norma Day

Married

Neil Walker	to	Betty Lang
Ron Eadie	to	Norma Day
Harry Lennartz	to	Beryl Rowe
John Dunbar	to	Josie O'Connell
Ian Templeman	to	Judy Webster

We congratulate the happy couples and trust that the members concerned will get "off the chain" sufficiently to visit us occasionally.

The output of potential Brides during the year was very poor. Doug Prowse and Sam Beadsworth were the only ones to do the right thing by the Club. George Scholes, Bill Magrath, Mal Mitchell, Alan Hansen and Bill Farnsworth could not quite make the grade but we can seek consolation in the thought that the results of their efforts may well provide charming brides for future members. To these triers and their good wives we extend our heartiest felicitations.

Doubtless there were other Briars who were foolish during the year but successfully withheld the information from our knowledge. To these unknowns we also convey our congratulations.

For and on behalf of the Board and the Management 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) D.R. Way (Hon. Treasurer), R.J. Thomson (Hon. Asst. Secretary), R. Vincent (Hon. Asst. Treasurer), A.C. Reid (Senior Steward), N.G. Wales (Hon. Auditor), also members of the Board, the Management Committee and the various Sub-committees and Stewards.

E.F. WATT, President

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

CLUBROOM TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1952

<u>30th Sept.</u>		<u>30th Sept.</u>	
<u>1951</u>		<u>1951</u>	
£	£	£	£
100	To Stock on Hand 100	759	By Sales 654
626	Purchases 633	100	Stock on Hand 177
 <u>Gross Profit trans-</u>			
<u>ferred to Income</u>			
<u>and Expenditure A/c 98</u>			
<u>133</u>		<u>—</u>	
<u>£859</u>	<u>£831</u>	<u>£859</u>	<u>£831</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1952

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30th Sept. 1951	Expenditure	£	£
£			
Cricket			
66 Hire of Ground	80		
128 Material, Caps and Insurance	69	149	
Hockey			
53 Ground Fees		62	
Football			
29 Registrations	41		
40 Ground Hire	45		
77 Material	102	188	
29 Half Time Magazine		60	
Clubroom Amusements			
8 Billiards	13		
4 Table Tennis	7	20	
Administration and Clubroom Expenses			
34 Lighting and Heating	52		
26 Repair and Maintenance of Clubroom and Equipment	110		
63 Stationery, Stamps & Telephone	49		
8 Insurance	21		
50 Annual Reports	42		
12 Sundry Expenses	8		
- Donations & Presentations	27		
- Depreciation - Furniture and Fittings	23		
91 Rent	-	332	
Property Expenses			
1 Commission	10		
- Insurance	101		
59 Interest	74		
14 Rates	55		
- Repairs and Maintenance	85	325	
Expenses re Purchase of Property and Company Formation		NIL	
250 Debenture Redemption Reserve		202	
164 Excess of Income over Expenditure for year		20	

£1410

£1358

30th Sept. 1951	Income	£	£
£			
133 Profit on Clubroom Trading			98
Cricket			
98 Betting Fees	131		
3 Sale of Caps	1		
25 N.S.W.C.A. - Donation	-	132	
Hockey			
55 Ground Fees		44	
Football			
70 Sale of Material	83		
27 Registrations	47		
25 Hire of Ground N.S.W.R.U.	25	155	
2 Tennis		-	
25 Half Time Magazine		60	
Clubroom Amusements			
32 Billiards and Cards	28		
524 Entertainments	304		
	332		
51 Profit Less Loss on Annual Ball	75	257	
317 Subscriptions Received		352	
Donations			
Estate late R. May	50		
Sundry	1	51	
23 Property Income - Rentals		208	
Interest Received		1	

£1410

£1358

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1952

30th Sept. 1951				30th Sept. 1951			
Liabilities		Assets					
£		£	£	£		£	£
	COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA				LAND AND BUILDING (At Cost)		
	(Secured by Equitable Mortgage over Land and Buildings)			4750	30-34A George Street, Burwood		4750
720		660			FURNITURE AND FITTINGS		
	DEBENTURES			426	Value 30th September 1951	469	
1000	190 £5 5% Debentures 1970	950		43	Additions during year	Nil	
2180	438 £5 5% Debentures 1970	2190	3140	469		469	
				Nil	Less Depreciation	23	446
50	N.S.W.C.A. - Special Grant	50			STOCK ON HAND (At Valuation)		
1	DEPOSIT ON KEYS	-		100	Cigarettes, Chocolates, etc.	177	
21	SUNDY CREDITORS	42		8	Metal Badges	7	
14	FEES PAID IN ADVANCE	15		Nil	Football Outfit	23	207
	RESERVES			Nil	SUNDY DEBTORS		30
1066	General Reserve	1066			COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK OF AUSTRALIA (Current A/c)		174
272	Debenture Redemption Reserve	500	1566	125			
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS			36	PREPAYMENTS		50
	Balance 30th September 1951	164					
	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	20	184		Fees outstanding as at 30th September 1952 amounting to £83 have not been taken into account.		
164							
<u>£5488</u>		<u>£5657</u>		<u>£5488</u>		<u>£5657</u>	

D.V. PROUSE } Directors
 E.F. WATT }
 D. WAY, Hon. Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Briars Sporting Club Limited for the twelve months ended 30th September, 1952, and have obtained all the information and explanations required. In my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Company's affairs as at 30th September, 1952, according to the best of my information and explanations given me and as shown by the books of the Company. In my opinion, the Register of Members and other records which the Company is required to keep under the Companies Act or by its Articles have been properly kept.

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