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THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLUB

To the Members of the Briars Sporting Club Limited:

Gentlemen:

The Thirty-Fifth Annual Report of the Club for the year ended 30th September, 1953, is herewith presented for your perusal and adoption.

In last year's Report we were compelled to be severely critical of the members for their failure to take an interest in the Club's administration and for their unwillingness to participate and co-operate in the conduct of the Club's affairs. We forecasted that unless the members changed their outlook then the Club would rapidly lose ground.

Apparently, our comments had some effect as the Club's administration received sufficient support from fresh sources to enable us to see the year through without any further serious deterioration. As a matter of fact, we may fairly claim to have made up much of the lost ground and towards the close of the year there were very encouraging signs of complete rehabilitation, particularly as far as Club Room and social activities were concerned.

At the same time, it would be most unrealistic to pretend that we can now rest on our laurels.

We have reached that crucial stage where we need to consolidate our position and take precautions against a relapse. This can be done only by continuing to enlist the active co-operation of the younger members in the Club's administration.

It is anticipated that at the forthcoming Annual Meeting some of our senior office-bearers will be retiring and the opportunity will then be available to the younger members to fill their places. Much will depend upon how they react to this challenge. Developments during the last few months of the year under review lead us to hope that the reaction will be favourable.

The most serious entry on the debit side of our ledger during the year was the failure of the Executive's drive to substantially increase the number of debenture-holders. It is only right and proper, both financially and from the point of view of establishing the Club's solidarity, that each and every member shall hold at least one £5 debenture. Surely this is self-evident. Yet despite repeated eloquent appeals during the year, both written and oral, only 10 more members responded and the total number of debenture-holders is still less than half of the Club's membership. This is a disgraceful state of affairs - one of which we, as a Club, should be heartily ashamed.

Another disturbing feature of the year was the continued casual attitude of many members, mainly the younger ones, towards their sport. We have in mind the number of occasions when players gave up their game of cricket, football or hockey, as the case may be, in favour of some other pleasure. Sometimes they informed the team officials, generally at the last moment - sometimes they did

not. Apparently, it meant nothing to them that they were letting their teams down. In last year's Report, we made trenchant comment upon this practice but it seems to have had little, if any, effect.

The composition of the Club's membership as at 30th September, 1953, and a comparison with the equivalent figures at the end of the previous year, are set out in the following table:-

	1952	1953
Full ..	174	169
Junior ..	20	24
Associate ..	55	57
Country ..	<u>33</u>	<u>41</u>
TOTAL ..	<u>282</u>	<u>291</u>

As will be seen, there was no real variation in the effective strength of the Club during the year although the slight increase in the number of junior members was a heartening sign. It is to be hoped that this trend will continue.

The Club's record on the field of sport during the year was well up to standard. In cricket, a record was established when both Shire teams won their respective competitions. The footballers, whilst failing to produce a Premiership winning side, had a successful year and for the sixth successive year won the Sub-District Club Championship. The First Hockey XI maintained its astounding record by recording yet another Premiership win.

Whilst all this points to a very high standard on the field of sport and embles us to impress our visitors at the Annual Meeting, yet we should remember the importance of maintaining the interest of the players in the lower teams. For instance, it was most noticeable in cricket that the Thirds were a "Cinderella" team and there were signs that the lack of interest shown by the cricket administrators was having a harmful effect upon the team's morale. We commend this matter for attention.

The Club's relationship with the Burwood and Concord Councils continued to be harmonious and we take this opportunity of thanking those Councils for their co-operation. Particularly do we thank Burwood Council for its provision of dressing-room accommodation on Burwood Park.

During the year, through the offices of one of our members, Sunbeam Corporation donated some 20 odd tons of excellent topsoil excavated from their new factory site at Belmore and this was used to good advantage in top-dressing part of Rothwell Park. We express to this Company our grateful appreciation.

Our negotiations with the Strathfield Council for the provision of a turf wicket on Freshwater Park finally led up to the Club making a specific offer to the Council. We have received no reply to that offer but, judging from press reports, the site we have in mind is no longer available. This is unfortunate but we are still hopeful that the Council will help us to secure a suitable ground.

In conclusion of this opening section of our Report, we take the opportunity of expressing our appreciation and good wishes to the various sporting bodies with which we are affiliated or with whom we have association. These include 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, and Sydney Hockey Association as the bodies with which we are affiliated and all Clubs against whom we competed in the field. A further happy relationship exists between us and the Western Suburbs District Cricket Club. Wests have the use of our Club rooms on Thursday evening and they have never failed to show their appreciation by fraternising with us and helping us in many different ways. We value their friendship and co-operation.

CRICKET

(Sub-Committee: B.W. Adcock (Chairman), C.W. Magrath, J.A. Rudd, E.G. Stockdale and D.A. Walker).

The Club was once again represented by four teams, one each in the "A" and "B" Divisions of the Municipal and Shire Competition, the Third XI in the "C" Grade Main Division of the Western Suburbs Cricket Association and a fourth team participating in matches with the City and Suburban Cricket Association.

We are delighted to report that for the first time in our Club's history and also in that of the N.S.W. Cricket Association, we were successful in winning both Divisions of the Municipal and Shire Competition. For the first time the playing of semi-finals and finals was introduced after eleven rounds of competition proper. It seems rather unfair that a team undefeated in these rounds should lose either the semi-final or the final and thus be eliminated from Premiership honours. It was remarkable that in the first year of the new system of competition that this very fate should befall the Minor Premiers in each Division (Epping and Canterbury, respectively) and that our own teams, each ranking fourth after the ordinary rounds, should come through to final victory. Our heartiest congratulations are extended to the players who represented the Club so successfully in these teams but at the same time we wish to record our opinion that the former type of competition is to be preferred.

The Third XI finished fifth in their competition and we extend our congratulations to the winners, Columbia C.C.

As in previous years, the First and Second XIs had the use of Rothwell Park as their home ground whilst the Thirds again shared Burwood Park with Burwood United C.C. The City and Suburban Cricket team were without a home ground but once again enjoyed a full season of friendly and keenly contested games thanks to the hospitality of other Clubs.

We are particularly grateful to Mr. W. Hollis, the groundsman in charge of Rothwell Park, for his expert attention to the ground and for his constant and courteous co-operation which contributed so much to the smooth running of our home engagements.

A restricted programme of Sunday picnic matches was played at Birchgrove Oval during the season, also another fixture against Wollongong District Cricket Club at Wollongong.

In last year's Report we mentioned the labour of love performed by Aud Land in compiling the Club's cricket statistics dating from our first entry into competition cricket in 1921. As expected, these proved to be of great interest to the players during the season and it is hoped that they will be kept up-to-date for the benefit of players in future seasons.

Whilst the Club's cricket record during the year under review was probably the best ever, yet it is obvious that something must be done as a matter of urgency to recruit some promising young cricketers. With one or two exceptions our best cricketers are the older ones, many of whom are rapidly approaching retiring age. It is most important, therefore, that we should develop some younger material ready to take their places in the not far distant future. We accordingly invite all members to join us in the search for likely young talent.

In conclusion of this introduction to the cricket section of our Report, we must add our perennial plea to the cricketers to look after the gear and to protect it wherever possible from undue wear and tear. Particularly do we ask the players not to leave the gear lying about where it can be lost or damaged. Despite sales tax reductions, cricket material is still very expensive and economy is necessary.

FIRST ELEVEN

Following their relegation to the "also-rans" in the previous season the Firsts entered the new season with the knowledge that competition would be very keen and our opening round defeat by Epping confirmed this view. However, after many fluctuations of fortune, the team barely qualified for the semi-finals and then went on to win the Premiership in a convincing manner.

Our success can be attributed in the main to our bowlers who carried out their task efficiently and well as proved by the fact that on only three occasions the opposition succeeded in passing the 150 mark. The batting was consistently disappointing with no player holding form for any length of time and often we struggled to pass small scores, sometimes without success. In all fairness, however, it must be pointed out that on only one occasion during the whole season did the team have the first choice of innings. This meant that in almost every match the early advantage lay with our opponents and more than once we were forced to bat on a "sticky". By and large, the fielding was good but there remained plenty of room for improvement and as yet the team cannot be dubbed the "South Africans of the Shires".

A point worthy of mention is that this team, one of the youngest in many years, fielded for most of the season seven players whose age was 23 or less. This is surely a happy augury for the future.

The members of the team wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Reg. Walker for his constant attention to the onerous task of scoring and at the same time to record their appreciation of the work performed by the ladies in preparing afternoon tea.

NEIL WALKER (Captain) was unable to find touch with the bat and on few occasions showed any real form. This was probably due in some measure to the unaccustomed cares of captaincy. We have no doubt that the experience gained will enable Neil to regain his old confidence in future seasons.

LES DAVIS (Vice-Captain) like many another in the team did not strike form for any long period but every so often produced the cricket of which he is capable. Les was forced to withdraw for business reasons near the end but returned for the Final and knocked up a hard-hitting and match-winning 68.

TED WATT as opening bowler maintained a hostile and accurate attack throughout the year and the team's success was in no small measure due to him. Showed some of his old aggression in three or four quick-scoring knocks and, yet more pleasing, seems to have recovered his confidence as a batsman.

RON THOMAS displayed the essential qualities of a good opener on numerous occasions. He has a sound defence and the patience to wait for the loose one. When he gets the confidence to attack once he has mastered the bowling he should be invaluable. An excellent field and was missed when injury forced him out of the team.

GEORGE BENNETT has every prospect of developing into that great asset to any team, a good left-arm spinner, once he gets more practice and opportunity. Fielding always sound and energetic and not frightened to hit the ball hard when batting.

BRIAN ADCOCK bowled consistently on most occasions and seems to have the happy knack of getting one past the best of batsmen. Started very confidently with the bat and seemed set for a good season but unfortunately could not hold this form and faded away in the closing matches.

AUD LAND did not enjoy as successful a season as we have come to expect from him but many times when the team was really in trouble Aud could be found holding up one end. A good instance of this was his dogged stand against Bexley on a "sticky". Invaluable, as a ready reckoner when the team was fielding.

BILL RUDD could usually be relied upon to pick up his share of wickets at minimum cost and his slows seemed to keep most batsmen rather subdued. Took some time to settle down with the bat but improved considerably in the later stages and played several handy innings.

BRIAN SIMPSON having his first season in A Shires settled down quickly and at one stage appeared to be taking over the role of sheet-anchor for the team. However, he lost form somewhat towards the end of the season. Has the ability and temperament to score many runs.

KEN ASTRIDGE did not find last year's devastating form until the finals approached but fortunately he recovered the old "killer" spirit in nice time and Ken's success with the ball helped very considerably in the last few games both as a match-winner and morale-booster. Had little opportunity to show form with the bat.

DAVID WALKER as "Aunt Sally" maintained a high standard at all times and was a constant menace to the batsmen. His presence behind the "sticks" at least doubled the hostility of the bowling. Batted well early but impetuosity brought about his downfall too often. However, he settled down with the finals approaching and at Lane Cove delighted all with a fine century.

DOUG PROWSE was out of action for most of the season but made a welcome return late in the year and immediately proceeded to better the bowling, particularly in a fine knock against Epping. Doug's obvious enjoyment in fielding assisted materially in holding the team's interest right to the very last ball.

Matches Played	W.	W.1	L.	L.1	D.	T.	Minor Prem. Position	Final Position
13	2	7	-	3	1	-	4th	Premiers
Runs for	Wkts. for	Avg.		Runs agst.		Wkts Agst.	Avg.	
2247	133	17.7		1966		172	12.1	

A V E R A G E S (BATTING)

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Average
B. Simpson	13	3	64*	273	27.3
D.V. Prowse	5	-	75	130	26.0
D.A. Walker	16	-	124	402	25.1
B. Adcock	14	4	59*	196	19.6
L. Davis	14	2	68	228	19.0
R.W. Thomas	9	-	37	171	19.0
A.J. Land	12	-	39	183	15.2
N.R. Walker	12	-	46	181	15.0
W. Rudd	13	4	34*	127	14.1
E. Watt	12	-	56	167	13.9
G. Bennett	9	3	20	51	8.5
K. Astridge	14	3	14	43	3.9

* Not out

(Also Batted: H. Lennartz, 2 innings (1 n.o.) for 35 runs; E. Ametts, 3 (1 n.o.) for 27; J. Rudd, 2 for 17; P. Cooper, 3 (1 n.o.) for 13; E. Andrews, 1 for 0).

B O W L I N G

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
E. Watt	128	19	396	39	10.1
W. Rudd	78	6	299	26	11.5
B. Adcock	79	5	353	27	13.0
K. Astridge	147	16	562	42	13.3

(Also bowled: G. Bennett, 9 wickets for 160 runs; N. Walker, 8 for 91; P. Cooper, 4 for 64; E. Ametts, 3 for 36; H. Lennartz, 1 for 5).

SECOND ELEVEN

This team's second successive Premiership win was due to three things, first, the new method of competition, second, the fact that the team reached its peak strength in the closing vital stages, and third, the ability to fight back when the pressure was on.

The side was substantially different from that of the 1951/52 season. Most of those missing belonged to the younger brigade and, with one or two exceptions, those who replaced them were in the veteran class. The net effect was to raise the average age of the team by several years and thus to inspire even less confidence than previously in the team's fielding capacity.

Except on one or two occasions, the team's performances during the ordinary competition rounds were very mediocre. A surplus of bowlers, none of whom could strike really hostile form, unreliable batting, senile and lethargic fielding plus the casual attitude of several of the players, were obstacles in the way of developing a Premiership team and it was more by good luck than good management that we barely qualified for the semi-finals. However, in the last few matches, the team commenced to pull itself together. Due to illness, promotion and other factors, the numerical strength of the attack was severely reduced. This seemed to spur the remainder on to greater efforts with the result that the team, having been balanced by the inclusion of batsmen to replace the missing bowlers, gained confidence and became a much more formidable combination.

The semi-final against Uni of Technology will long be remembered by those who took part. At 3 p.m. on the second Saturday, Burwood's position seemed to be hopeless. Less than two and a half hours of play remained, the team was 37 runs behind on the first innings and the powerful Uni batting line-up was about to commence their side's second innings. Inside the hour, Uni were all out for 51 and this gave Burwood's batsmen ample time to score the runs needed for an outright win which was easily achieved after a nerve-wracking start. It was then that we won the Premiership. The confidence engendered in the team by this victory enabled them to prevail over Sutherland in the Final, although not until after a very keen and exciting tussle.

The team's performances in these final matches wiped out the memory of earlier rounds and enabled it to claim full right to the success which eventually came its way. Nevertheless, we recognise that under the competition rules which applied in previous years we could not possibly have won and the Premiership would have gone to Canterbury, Uni of Technology or Sutherland, all of whom were well ahead of us on points at the end of the 11th round. It is worthy of note, incidentally, that Canterbury went through the ordinary rounds without defeat and that on both occasions when they were drawn to play us, the ground was unfit for play.

Once again, the players owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr. A.J. (Robbie) Robinson who acted as scorer right through the season. We have the consolation of knowing that almost without fail our performances caused the red blood to course hotly through his old veins, sometimes with pleasure, sometimes with excitement, but most often with rage. Robbie, we thank you and hope that you will come up for more punishment next year.

RON THOMSON (Captain) established a record by leading the side to victory for the second successive year. Regarded himself mainly as a bowler but his successes in that sphere were mainly "psychological". On rare occasions, he batted usefully.

BILL MAGRATH (Vice-Captain) was given no opportunity to show his prowess as a leader but, apart from a lapse in the middle of the season, batted consistently and well, scoring the team's only century. Blissfully unconscious of the virtues of punctuality.

TOMMY MOBBS started the season as a change bowler but eventually regained his old form to take 53 wickets for the season, 20 of them in the semi-final and final. He not only secured the most wickets and the bowling average (plus a hat-trick against Bexley) but also the batting average. In the second half of the batting list, he was a consistently formidable proposition for opposing sides and with the aid of other competent "middlemen" and "tailenders", he often restored the team's fortunes. A true fighter, he made an invaluable contribution to the final result of the competition.

ERIC ANNETTS returned to the side and immediately proved his worth as an all-rounder. Unfortunately, owing to the badly balanced structure of the team, his bowling opportunities were not as great as they otherwise would have been. Like Tommy Mobbs, was a menace to the opposition as a "lower middle" batsman.

NEVILLE MILNE, despite his figures, was a most valuable member of the team. Fortune has not treated Nev kindly in recent seasons but the wheel must turn and Nev. will then come into his own.

LES ROBINSON was one of the veteran members of the side but as opening bat and "keeper" showed that he was well worthy of his position. His heroic effort in the semi-final was a decisive factor in the team's success.

RON EADIE came into his own in the Final when, in the absence of Les Robinson, he kept wickets to take 5 brilliant catches which, together with an equally brilliant stumping, enabled him to equal two Club records. His batting was always up to standard and as a fieldsman he did a noble job.

ALAN ROSE was handicapped by the absence of the brilliant close-field support he had received in the Firsts. Nevertheless, he performed very creditably and his bowling was always respected by the opposing batsmen.

ALAN HANSEN had a mixed season. His batting was generally reliable but fell off towards the end. Still has plenty of time in which to establish himself as another of the famous all-rounders who have played such a big part in the Club's cricket performances over the years.

RAY ACKERMANN returned to Shire cricket after many years absence. His catlike fielding and superbly unorthodox batting were a continual source of dismay to the opposition.

BRUCE TREVENAR was dogged by ill health and did not have a good year, being forced to retire from the team half-way through the season.

JOHN WALKER rejoined the side for the last five matches and immediately made his presence felt as bowler, batsman and fieldsman. His return marked the team's establishment as a hostile

fighting combination and this was no mere coincidence.

TEDDY STOCKDALE was another latecomer, having been promoted from the Thirds to fill a vacancy as opener. His debut was successful but then he had a run of "outs". Fielded capably and despite his bad luck as a batsman, can honestly claim to have played his part.

Matches Played	W.	W.1	L.	L.1	D.	T.	Minor Prem. Position	Final Position
13	4	4	-	3	2	-	4th	Premiers
Runs for	Wkts. for	Avg.	Runs agst.	Wkts. agst.	Avg.			
2471	140	17.65	2388	170	14.05			

AVERAGES (BATTING)

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Average
T. Mobbs	14	2	64*	340	28.3
E. Annetts	10	2	61	204	25.5
C.W. Magrath	17	1	101	400	25.0
R. Ackermann	8	-	62	158	19.8
L. Robinson	14	1	47	237	18.2
A. Hansen	12	1	54	179	16.3
R. Eadie	15	4	40	163	14.8
N. Milne	18	1	45	233	13.7
R. Thomson	13	4	21*	118	13.1
B. Trevenar	6	3	19	38	12.7
J. Walker	4	1	12*	33	11.0
E. Stockdale	5	-	27	40	8.0
A. Rose	8	3	9	22	4.4

* - Not out

(Also batted: E. Andrews, 4 innings (1 n.o.) for 38 runs; G. Bennett, 1 (1 n.o.) for 4; P. Cooper, 5 for 47; W. Elder, 1 for 13; H. Lennartz, 2 for 41; J. Rudd, 2 for 14; F. Randle, 2 for 3; B. North, 2 for 1; A. Leadbeater, 2 (1 n.o.) for 42)

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
T. Mobbs	138	15	539	53	10.2
J. Walker	65	5	227	22	10.3
A. Rose	120	13	462	41	11.3
E. Annetts	48	4	176	12	14.7
B. Trevenar	49	8	173	9	19.2
R. Thomson	62	2	354	15	23.6

(Also bowled: A. Hansen, 6 wickets for 124 runs; R. Ackermann, 0 for 13; E. Andrews, 2 for 26; G. Bennett, 1 for 22; P. Cooper, 1 for 39; C. Magrath, 0 for 19; N. Milne, 1 for 51; E. Stockdale, 0 for 7).

THIRD ELEVEN

This team had a season of mixed fortune but was able to participate in some very good games. The lack of a senior member to exercise proper control was a severe handicap and as a consequence the interest of the players waned during the season. Once again military training upset the team and was the main reason why 26 players appeared during the year.

We were fortunate again in having Burwood Park as a home ground. Although on the small side it must rank as being one of the most picturesque in Sydney.

There were some very good individual performances. Jack Lang scored 776 runs, including two centuries, and finished second in the averages for the Western Suburbs Cricket Association. Ray Young performed the hat-trick against Concord West A.S.C. No.2 whilst record partnerships were established by Jack Lang and Alan Hansen for the fourth wicket (242) and Jack Lang and Teddy Stockdale for the fifth wicket (138), the latter being a Club record as well as a team record.

Alan Hansen and Teddy Stockdale were promoted to the Seconds, which was most pleasing as these two players had given good service to the Thirds in past years. The Club is also fortunate in having Ray Young, Roger Kerr and Graham Thompson who, if they continue to improve, must also soon gain promotion.

We express our thanks to Bill Zeall, being the only member with a car, for the transporting of the kit, and to Geoff Stevenson, our lone supporter, who even in the most difficult periods, never forsook us.

JACK LANG (Captain), as already indicated, was in prolific form with the bat but unfortunately gave the impression that he concentrated upon building up a record aggregate at the expense of his responsibilities as a Captain. Actually, it was unfair to Jack to expect him to captain the team as well as be its batting mainstay and 'keeper and it is hoped that in future years the obsolete system of electing captains will be abolished so far as the Thirds are concerned and that they will be placed in the charge of a suitable senior member who is conscious of the importance of the team as the Club's cricket nursery.

BRUCE TASKER was the best stroke-maker in the team but mostly failed through lack of keenness.

TEDDY STOCKDALE was a most reliable opening batsman and was sadly missed when promoted to the Seconds. Scored a most attractive century.

ALAN SEARLE failed to show his true form as a bowler owing to his preoccupation with hospital duties. A reliable field.

BILL ZEALL did not have full scope to show his abilities as a slow off-spin bowler owing to the smallness of Burwood Park and the need for economy. An excellent field.

ROGER KERR showed great promise as a batsman and big things are expected of him next year.

IAN THOMPSON failed badly with the bat but his keenness was an example which his team-mates might well have followed.

JOHN GOSTELOW has the ability to score runs if he can overcome his nervousness.

GRAHAM THOMPSON showed good all-round form and was an inspiration to the team in the field.

RAY YOUNG bowled very well and should have a good future.

DAVID MUNRO was unable to find form with either bat or ball. Can do better.

DAVID McKEOWN was another player who could improve if he was to show more interest.

ALAN HANSEN only played a few matches with the team but during that time showed excellent form with both bat and ball. Was the team's third century maker.

TED ANDREWS performed very creditably during his short stay with the team and it was a pity that he apparently lost interest.

Matches played	W.	W.1	L.	L.1	D.	T.	Points	Competition position
14	3	5	4	2	-	-	24	5th

Runs for	Wkts. for	Avege.	Runs agst.	Wkts. agst.	Avege.
3150	196	16.07	2729	156	17.49

A V E R A G E S (BATTING)

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Average
J. Lang	18	3	163	776	51.7
E. Stockdale	13	-	137	490	37.7
A. Hansen	6	-	107	218	36.3
G. Thompson	14	-	74	223	15.9
E. Andrews	6	1	33	71	14.2
R. Kerr	13	1	55*	163	13.6
B. Tasker	13	-	82	176	13.5
R. Young	13	2	29*	120	10.9
A. Searle	16	1	39	163	10.9
I. Thompson	17	1	18	122	7.6
W. Zeall	17	3	16	101	7.2
J. Gostelow	13	1	24	63	5.3
D. Munro	10	1	8	28	3.1
D. McKeown	8	2	9	11	1.9

* - Not out

(Also batted: R. Stephens, 5 innings for 23 runs; D. Hotten, 1 for 3; G. Seddon, 6 (4 n.o.) for 7; J. Harmer, 3 (1 n.o.) for 8; J. Wade, 2 for 5; G. Bennett, 2 for 24; J. Croyster, 1 (1 n.o.) for 11; L. Routley, 3 for 26; G. Stevenson, 3 for 3).

B O W L I N G

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Avege.
R. Young	111	16	513	43	11.9
E. Andrews	40	-	222	18	12.3
A. Hansen	38	3	208	15	13.9
G. Thompson	29	1	154	8	19.3
A. Searle	109	10	562	26	21.6
W. Zeall	64	3	474	14	33.9

(Also bowled: D. Motten, 0 wickets for 9 runs; R. Stephens, 0 for 16; G. Seddon, 0 for 24; D. McKeown, 0 for 11; E. Stockdale, 0 for 35; J. Lang, 1 for 89; J. Harmer, 1 for 28; G. Bennett, 9 for 34; J. Wade, 4 for 20; D. Murray, 3 for 118; J. Gostelow, 2 for 25; B. Tasker, 0 for 5; I. Thompson, 0 for 9; L. Routley, 2 for 2).

CITY AND SUBURBAN

The City and Suburban team, due principally to the efforts of Bob Clark and its own reputation, had another excellent fixture list. The importance in this class of cricket of playing teams of a reasonably good standard and on good grounds, should not need to be emphasised.

Unfortunately, however, as with other aspects of organisation, matters of this nature are too often taken for granted. This sort of thing has, of course, been said before and whilst arranging fixture lists comes within the scope of only one or two, there are various other ways in which the rank and file of the team can make the work of the "willing horses" lighter. One does not wish to "gild the lily", but the principal "horse" was again Bob Clark who, when playing, not only brought the necessary gear, but occasionally had to gather it up again at the end of the day.

Gordon Lee again led the team and in the words of a more illustrious scribe - Christopher Robin Mitchell - "amazingly enough kept a lot of cranky old codgers fairly happy". In previously penning those words in "Half Time, Mitchell probably for the first time in his life, made an understatement. Gordon's departure to the country is definitely the biggest loss this team has suffered since its inception. However, we all hope that he will score prolifically in his new venture and that we will have his services when he manages to visit the "Big Smoke".

Alec Leadbeater again proved himself the best batsman in the team, not only by the number of runs he scored but also by the attractive way in which he compiled them.

The batting generally in this class of cricket is usually chancey and inconsistent. However, Jack Rudd, Gordon Lee, Chris Mitchell and Dave and Brian North all managed to get runs from time to time and usually helped to make the score look reasonably respectable even when the team was beaten.

Geoff Tweeddale, who took the most wickets (38) was the outstanding bowler. Although not a demon (except with the ladies), in the cricket sense of the term Geoff was the spearhead of the attack and bowled exceptionally well throughout the season.

The bowling, however, was not a one-man affair as other bowlers to perform well were Col Jones, Ray Chegwyn, Ken Murphie, Doug Guest, Bob Clark and Peter Meulman.

Although the position does not lend itself to spectacular results, Bert Thomson kept wickets throughout the season in a most keen and efficient manner.

The team's correspondent with "Half Time", Chris Mitchell, again proved that in his case "The pen is mightier than the bat" although his late cuts were not later than most of his reports were in reaching the Editor.

	<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>		
	27	13	11	3		
<u>Runs for</u>	<u>Wkts. for</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Runs agst.</u>	<u>Wkts. agst.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	
3244	210	15.45	2994	236	12.69	

AVERAGES(BATTING)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
A. Leadbenter	.. 17	-	56	446	26.2
J. Rudd	.. 12	-	55	313	26.1
B. North	.. 16	1	60	261	17.4
C. Mitchell	.. 15	-	35	259	17.3
G. Lee	.. 20	3	34*	281	16.5
G. Tweeddale	.. 13	3	31*	157	15.7
D. North	.. 10	1	27*	130	14.4
D. Guest	.. 19	2	28*	226	13.3
H. Lennartz	.. 7	1	40*	72	12.0
R. Clark	.. 17	2	24	169	11.3
R. Chegwyn	.. 17	3	17*	110	7.9
C. Jones	.. 14	2	20*	93	7.8
L. Meulman	.. 13	7	10	45	7.5
A. Thompson	.. 13	4	18	67	7.4
K. Murphie	.. 14	3	19*	60	5.5

* - not out

(Also batted: E. Annetts, 1 innings for 44 runs; A. Taaffe, 3 for 46; R. Young, 1 for 6; H. Sefton, 1 for 6; D. Walker, 2 for 54; D. Prowse, 5 for 89; E. Watt, 1 for 36; G. Thompson, 3 for 20; R. McLaughlin, 2 for 9; B. Tasker, 1 for 0; R. Thomas, 1 for 9; N. Milne, 1 for 8; R. Thomson, 1 for 20).

(BOWLING)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
C. Jones	.. 76	4	350	34	10.3
G. Tweeddale	.. 113	10	443	38	11.7
R. Clark	.. 49	-	236	19	12.4
R. Chegwyn	.. 50	1	336	27	12.7
H. Lennartz	.. 41	4	160	10	16.0
K. Murphie	.. 87	4	382	23	16.6
L. Meulman	.. 76	5	311	18	17.3
D. Guest	.. 72	3	469	20	23.5

(Also bowled: C. Mitchell, 4 wickets for 28 runs; B. North, 5 for 45; D. North, 4 for 17; E. Annetts, 1 for 27; A. Taaffe, 1 for 43; R. Young, 0 for 30; E. Watt, 0 for 18; G. Lee, 0 for 2; J. Crawford, 1 for 25; G. Thompson, 0 for 3; N. Milne, 2 for 9; R. Thomson, 2 for 12.)

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

This Trophy is intended as a Memorial to those members of The Briars Sporting Club Limited who lost their lives during or as a result of, their service in the Armed Forces in World War II. Consistently with the spirit which exemplified our fallen comrades, the Trophy is awarded annually on a points system which is so designed as to emphasise the qualities of team spirit and readiness to help others. The following table shows the

various matters taken into consideration and the maximum points to be allotted in each case:

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.. ..	<u>100</u> points

The winner of the Trophy this year is David Walker. As a cricketer, David measures up well to the giants of the past. This Club has been singularly fortunate in its cricket to have the services of many fine wicket-keepers, including Norm Wales, Bruce McKittrick, Bill McLaughlin and Bill Wylie, any of whom would not, in their prime, have disgraced the average present-day first grade side. To say that he can rank equally with these men is a fine tribute to Dave, but nevertheless one to which he is fully entitled. David is also one of the Club's most talented batsmen. When we add to these cricketing qualifications his services to the Club as a Committeeman, Indoor Amusements Sub-committee Chairman and Steward plus his general popularity with the members, then we must all admit that he is a truly worthy winner of the award and we congratulate him accordingly.

FOOTBALL

(Sub-committee: R.S. Jones (Chairman), P. Hotten, R. Elvery, C. Jones, B. Tasker, S. Hipwell, B. Williams).

Three teams were again entered in the Sub-District competition one in each grade, and although no team gained Premiership honours, the year's results were most satisfactory, the Club again winning the Club Championship. A pleasing aspect of the season's football was the greater keenness shown by the lower graded players. This was particularly noticeable in Whiddon Cup and with the type and calibre of our younger members the Club has a sound basis for future teams.

After a break of several years, a country trip was arranged to Orange and enjoyed by a party of 35 members. Games were played against two combined Orange teams by our Kentwell and Burke Cup teams and although we were beaten 21-8 and 31-15, respectively, the games were much closer than the scores indicate. Unfortunately, the Kentwell Cup team was not at full strength and this prevented us from demonstrating the Club's true standard. Greater support is necessary from our senior players to make these country trips really successful.

Matches were also played against Hawkesbury Seconds and Thirds at Rothwell Park resulting in a win each. The visitors were later entertained at the Club Rooms. These matches should again become annual fixtures as they are a welcome change from the competition games.

The Kentwell Cup side, after an excellent start, fell away towards the end of the season being badly affected by injuries and the non-availability of some of the players. Nevertheless, the team finished in second position in the ordinary rounds only to

meet defeat in the semi-final. With only seven of last year's Premiership team playing, Coach Bill McLaughlin showed his ability to get the best results from the material available and his decision not to coach again next year will mean a loss hard to replace. The high position of the Club in postwar Kentwell Cup competitions has been mainly due to his keenness and undoubted coaching ability.

The Burke Cup team was again coached by Doug Vanderfield and until the need to supply replacements to the Kentwell Cup team weakened the standard, it was a possible semi-finalist, finally missing the semis by two points. This side showed greater teamwork and training enthusiasm than in previous seasons and it was unfortunate that its early strength could not be maintained.

The coaching of the Whiddon Cup team was made easier for Doug Guest by the understanding and good fellowship shown by all the lower-graded players. Considering that a different combination played each week the team did particularly well, only narrowly missing the semi-finals by two points. The youthfulness of the players, some 16 or 17 years of age, and the potential ability shown, will bear results next season.

The Club's gratitude is extended to coaches Bill McLaughlin, Doug Vanderfield and Doug Guest who gave unstintingly of their time and energy in maintaining the Club's football at a high standard. Players generally could show greater appreciation of their coaches' efforts by conscientious attention to training and physical condition.

Non-playing selectors Stan McGregor and Stan Jones must be thanked for their co-operation with the coaches in the selection of the teams.

Ball-boy Ian McGregor gave efficient and willing service to the Kentwell Cup team again this season. Thanks, Ian.

Our Club was represented in a combined Kentwell Cup team which played at Newcastle, by Peter Hotten and Geoff Tweeddale.

Congratulations are extended to the competition winners, Western Suburbs (Kentwell Cup), Mosman (Burke Cup) and Pennant Hills (Whiddon Cup).

KENTWELL CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Pts. for</u>	<u>Pts. agst.</u>	<u>Comp. position</u>
15	9	4	-	153	104	2nd

The team had an interesting and enjoyable season marred only by injuries to key men which necessitated the moulding of a new combination later in the competition. This team did really well and the younger players promoted to the higher grade gained a wealth of experience and justified their selection. Keeness was shown in training and play and an excellent team spirit was most apparent throughout the year.

B. WILLIAMS (Full back). Played particularly well both in defence and attack. Unfortunately was not in the best of condition.

L. YULE (Wing). Struck top form early and was a match-winner until a broken bone put him out for the rest of the season.

J. FRECKLINGTON (Wing). Very determined both in attack and defence. More variety in attack would give him better results.

F. KELLY (Wing). Hard-running winger, always a danger to the opposition. Unfortunately, broken ribs and study kept him out for most of the year.

R. WILEY (Wing). Came into the team rather late in the season. Played top class football after a shaky start. The most improved player in the team. Should go a long way with more experience.

B. CARDWELL (Centre). Played well at times. Handling not the best. Good defender and occasionally showed brilliance in attack.

S. HIPWELL (Centre). Played well at first but then a leg injury kept him out for most of the season. Very strong in defence.

G. BENNETT (Centre). A good bustling player. Always quick on to any dropped pass. Very handy goal-kicker. With a little more experience he could be a really good centre.

G. YULE (Five eight). Did not produce last year's form. Nevertheless, very safe. Started to gain confidence but then had to give up football for study.

I. MACKIE (Five eight). A very good handler and good kick either foot. Can play anywhere in backs. More penetration would be an asset.

W. TURNER (Half). Not as fast as last year in getting the ball away from the scrum and lineouts. Varied his attack well but lacked speed.

J. LEWIS (Breakaway). An inspiration to the team with his never tiring tackling. Always on the ball - very good anticipation in attack.

I. McLACHLAN (Breakaway). Young player who forced his way into the team with vigorous bustling play. Tackling could be improved.

G. TWEEDDALE (Lock). Played consistently well throughout the season. A good positional player who saved the side many times with his anticipation.

J. COMMERFORD (Second row). Tireless worker. Probably the best conditioned forward in the team. Unfortunately, knowledge of the rules is not good.

P. HOTTEN (Second row and Captain). Played inspiring football until injured towards the end of the season. Infused fire into a sometimes lifeless pack. Always in the middle of the hard work. His leadership was of a high order.

D. HOTTEN (Second row). A hard worker but needs to put more fire into his game. With last year's experience behind him, should do very well next year.

K. KURTZ (Second row). Only played a few games in Kentwell Cup but with hard training could develop into a very handy forward.

R. CHEGWYN (Front row). Playing good football when he was unfortunately moved to Newcastle.

B. TASKER (Hooker). At times hooked well but general play was not up to last year's standard. Condition seemed to be lacking.

R. ELVERY (Front row). A good solid front row forward. Worked hard. Cover defence and positional play was high class. A lot more will be heard of this player.

R. YOUNG (Front row). Honest hard-working forward. Always in the thick of the heavy work and in good condition.

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>
15	7	6	2	127	117	3rd

This team again suffered the penalty of having to provide reserve players for the Kentwell Cup side but nevertheless performed very creditably indeed. It was most pleasing to note the keenness of the players, a welcome change from the attitude of the immediately previous years. Perhaps it may not be over-optimistic to forecast that in the next year or so the footballers will equal the record of the cricketers by having two Premiership teams in the one season. If last year's record of the Burke Cup team is any guide then this forecast may well come true.

K. KURTZ. A vastly improved player this season. Played with far more fire and confidence and once he overcomes the tendency to tackle high will really be a player to be reckoned with.

J. ADLIDE. Did his job without fuss and played some very good games particularly against the stronger teams.

J. ALFORD. His experience and keenness were very much appreciated in the games he played for us.

I. BRABANT. Inexperienced but very keen and when he gets the "hang" of hooking should be a front row regular.

G. MILLER. A solid forward in defence and attack. Only available part of the season.

B. DARRAGH. Light but effective breakaway and one of our keenest players.

B. NORMAN. A neat half back. Injuries and studies caused him to miss most games.

N. GARLING. A very tidy and effective player. Tackled well and despite lack of weight was one of the team's most penetrative centres.

G. PAYNE. Natural footballer with a bone shaking tackle. Saved many an awkward situation with his positive play.

R. YOUNG. Robust and hard playing five-eight with essential will to win. Was badly missed when injured.

H. HATCH. Played courageously and was never beaten. Cover defence was very good but a loose pack affected his ability to get the ball away cleanly on many occasions.

A. HAZZARD. Played very determined football as breakaway. A good tackler and always on the ball.

A. BURFORD. Very keen and kept in good nick. Inclined to tackle high on occasions but always worked hard to win.

H. SEFTON. A little loose for a forward but played consistently well throughout the season. Cover defence good and keen to back up in attack.

R. MORRIS. A fast winger in attack but defence needs tightening.

G. STEVENSON (Captain). Although his condition did not enable him to show out in fast open games he was a tiger in the tight work and his ruggedness will be remembered by many opponents.

R. EADIE (Vice-Captain). Played sound football at full back although he had a tendency to let the ball bounce instead of fielding on the full. Was always dangerous when he had an opportunity to work in with the back line.

DON VANDERFIELD. His experience at full back was much appreciated when Ron Eadie moved up into Kentwell Cup. Kicked and tackled well but was inclined to speculate at times.

J. HOLCOMBE. Played many brilliant games but handling faults and leg injury seemed to sap his confidence.

R. AIKEN. Fast and always dangerous on wing. Position sometimes astray at centre.

WHIDDON CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Pts. for</u>	<u>Pts. agst.</u>	<u>Comp. postn.</u>
12	6	6	-	110	112	3rd

At the start of the season we had almost enough players to fill two teams and it was a case of picking players by the "whose turn next" method. However, it wasn't long before injuries, withdrawals to study, etc. took their toll of the higher teams and the Whiddon Cup side, as the Club's football nursery, was called upon to provide replacements.

Throughout the season, the team's Club spirit was outstanding, members playing in whatever position they were asked. Some, indeed, were fortunate to find themselves in the same position for two games running and their co-operation, although making it hard for themselves to settle down and play good football, was a great help to the selectors.

A disappointing draw in the second half of the competition made an otherwise enjoyable season very short, particularly as the team did not make the semi-finals.

One of the brightest spots of the season was the improvement shown by the younger players, some of whom are expected to do particularly well next year.

S. BAILEY (Captain and Half back). The pivot of the team until injured towards the end of the season. Good in all departments and uses his head. Lacks only experience.

C. JONES (Full back). Kicks and handles well. When defence improves should be a useful player.

R. MURRAY (Full back). Had a bad season with injuries. Always reliable but didn't have a chance to find condition.

R. LAMB (Centre). Tackled well and ran hard. Passing improved during the season but preliminary wobble unnecessary.

I. CAMPBELL (Centre and Half Back). A useful player with a beautiful pass. Defended extremely well at the start of the season but seemed to lose confidence after he was injured.

G. TREMAIN (Winger). Always looking for the ball. A strong runner who often got the team out of trouble.

B. WARE (Winger). Quite fast but must run with more determination.

I. MIDDLETON (Five eight). Handled very well and sound cover defender who finished the last few games with the Burke Cup team.

B. COMMENS (Winger). A speedy and elusive runner who did not see enough of the ball.

K. ROBERTSON (Centre). Fast and penetrating. Should see more of him next season.

L. ROUTLEY (Vice-Captain and Breakaway). Had no chance to settle down in his right position but a tower of strength whether in the forwards or backs. Fast and well-conditioned. As a forward never off the ball.

R. BOSELEY (Breakaway). Young and light but was improving until forced to withdraw.

C. DAWKINS (Lock). Played some very good games, particularly in the tight. Tackled well around the pack but not getting all the way out in defence.

R. STEPHENS (Second row). Really came good towards the end of the season. Used his height in the lineouts and was a vigorous rucker.

P. TANNER (Front row). Played whenever the Air Force allowed him to and improved every game.

D. McKEOWN (Front row). A useful member to have in any team. Played well in the backs but was particularly useful as a non-stop forward with defence, penetration and ball sense.

W. JONES (Front row). An honest and hard-working forward who should play good football next season.

M. PATTRICK (Second row and Lock). What he lacked in condition was made up by experience. Good in the lineouts and held the rucks together well.

J. TUALLY (Breakaway). Never far from the ball but missed some games through injury.

D. COWDEROY (Second Row). Improved every game. Played well as a forward and filled in capably when asked to be a winger.

J. THOM (Hooker). A fast loose forward up with the play and trying all the time. Hooking will improve but must not talk on the field.

R. PORTER (Front row). Solid and fast to the ball. Played some very good games.

P. MAGUIRE (Front row). We were fortunate to lose this useful forward early in the season through exams.

L. FOWLER (Hooker). Exams also claimed him early in the season but offered to play if and when required.

A. HUDSON (Five eight). Only played one game but should do well next season.

THE GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

To those of us who knew Gordon Bevan, the Shield which bears his name will always bring back sad but affectionate memories. It is most fitting that the annual award of the Shield should be made on the basis of the capacity for teamwork and comradeship which was so evident in Gordon himself. The following points table is applied in determining the winner:

Attendance at training	..	..	20	points
Value to 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			100	points

This year's winner is Peter Hotten. All members will agree that this was an excellent choice. As already mentioned, Peter played a sterling part on the football field as Captain of the Kentwell Cup team and contributed most substantially to that reputation for sportsmanship of which we, as Briars, are so proud. On the administrative and social side of the Club's activities also, Peter has been prominent and it is with no hesitation at all that we offer him our sincere congratulations.

HOCKEY

(Sub-committee: B. Trevenar (Chairman), R. Ackermann, T. Mobbs, D. Walker and N. Ellis).

The Club again fielded two teams, one in each grade of the Minor Division of the Sydney Hockey Association. For the fourth successive year the First Eleven won the Minor Premiership and followed up with a win in the Final by defeating Wahroonga 2-nil. The Seconds were not successful as in past seasons as they finished sixth in their competition. We take this opportunity of congratulating Ryde-Hunters Hill upon their win as Minor Premiers, also their win in the Grand Finals.

The Barton-Briars Shield was again contested but on this occasion in Sydney, being Barton's first visit. Briars proved to be the masters on the day with a 3-1 win. The game was played at Rushcutters Bay Oval with Mr. Gus Edwards as the official umpire. The standard of play was high mainly due to the good ground surface and excellent umpiring. Barton were entertained at the Club Rooms on the Saturday night and again after the match; they were most appreciative and assured us that they will be regular visitors in the future. The next fixture will be held in Canberra at the start of the 1954 season.

Burwood Park was again used as the Club's home ground and compared favorably with any grounds in the competition. We owe the Burwood Council a vote of thanks for its efforts in providing dressing room accommodation which makes it a pleasure to play on the ground. We must also thank our groundsman who did such good work in attending to the ground and preparing it each Saturday.

Concord Oval was again made available on Wednesday nights for training but very few players took advantage of it. This was very disheartening to new players who are keen to learn the game but can only do so if there are sufficient others present to enable practice to be properly organised. It is also hoped that a few more players will come forward and do their share of umpiring.

FIRST ELEVEN

The achievement of the Firsts in gaining Premiership honours for the fourth successive year was due to the full support of every man in the team and the strong team spirit that had been shown in past seasons. The team played 18 matches (including the semi-final and final) and won all of them, thus giving the side its second undefeated record. 89 goals were scored for the team and 17 against.

BRUCE TREVENAR (Captain) was again the man round whom the team's structure was built. His vast experience, his qualities of leadership, his keenness and his own ability as a player combined to make him a veritable Rock of Gibraltar in whom his team-mates had every confidence. Playing as right-back, his combination with fellow back, David Walker, must surely have been worthy of many a first grade senior team.

RAY ACKERMANN (Vice-Captain) continued his good work as deputy to Bruce and as centre-half, in which position he was the pivot of the team's movements both in defence and attack. It is pleasing to note that Ray has somewhat overcome his weakness of not being able to score when in a position to do so; this season he scored two goals, one being disallowed, and had several near misses.

DOUG PROWSE, as centre-forward, was again the leading goal-scorer. His anticipation, solid hitting and tireless efforts when in the circle made many a goalie want to retire from the game.

TOM MOBBS played as inside-right and despite his bulk managed to do a good job in attack and to be always back in defence when the pressure was on. During the season he played some very fine hockey and with Doug Prowse did his share of umpiring.

HAMMY LENNARTZ soon showed out as an outstanding inside-left. He made many openings for the centre and also scored his share of goals. Hammy has now developed into a very useful player who can be used in any position.

LES DAVIS played his usual solid game as right-wing. His fast runs down the side line and his correctly timed centres left many opposing defenders on the wrong foot and gave our inside forwards a good share of the ball.

NEIL WALKER, as left-wing, displayed good hockey sense with his solo runs and his strong passing from back stick shots gave the other forwards plenty of opportunities to score. His sound backing-up earned him many goals and gave opposition custodians no chance to recover.

JACK CASSIDY played as right-half and was a very tough nut for the opposition to crack. He is always on the ball in attack and, in defence, never lets the opposing winger run far. Jack is a very hard worker and never knows defeat.

SAM BEADSWORTH played his first full season with the Firsts as left-half and a good job he did. His positional play was quite good and many attacking movements were started from his long roll-ins up the side line. Sam was very unfortunate to be kept out of the final by illness but his position was ably filled by John Brown.

DAVID WALKER as left-back was a tower of strength throughout the season. His positional play was excellent. Our opponents were always up against it in attack when with long clears David almost invariably set his own forwards moving and our opponents in defence.

MAURIE HILL was again the custodian of the citadel and made the opposition earn every goal. On some occasions Maurie had very little to do but support the goal-posts; on days such as these he showed his strong team spirit and never complained.

SECOND ELEVEN

This team put up a fine performance to finish sixth, considering that they were called upon to supply replacements for the Firsts but had none of their own. They also had a number of new

players having their first experience of the game. However, if these players continue to improve the Seconds will be much stronger next season. Each member of the team is advised to learn the rules thoroughly and to become an efficient umpire. This will not only enable him to share in the team's duty to supply umpires for the late games but also help him to develop his own play.

JACK HOLLANDS (Captain) had a very difficult task to keep his team in position but persevered like the true Briar that he is. He was compelled by circumstances to occupy many positions during the season but whether a back or a forward he gave the opposition many headaches.

NORM ELLIS (Vice-Captain) played as centre-forward and was the team's leading goal-scorer. His job was made harder through the lack of experienced support from his halves which caused him to go looking for the ball with the result that his movements were hampered and often died midfield.

JIM ENGLISH, as inside-left, was the team's only other experienced forward and played his usual fast rugged game. The new members could learn a lot from Jim's determination when in the circle. He also showed strong team spirit when the team was up against it.

JOHN BROWN, playing his first season of hockey, generally filled the inside-right position. As a beginner, he was one of the most improved players in the Club. He developed the killer instinct in attack and his condition gained at training stood him in good stead in defence. He was used as a substitute for Sam Beadsworth (ill) in the first grade final and from the showing he made he will be a strong contender for a permanent position in that team next year.

JOHN BEADSWORTH as left-back was a headache to many teams as he always pulls the ball to his back stick to clear. He combined well with his fellow back but lack of support from the inexperienced halves forced him out of position on many occasions.

JOHN (CRACKER) KERR played as right-back and although not outstanding was very solid and always in position. Like John Beadsworth had to fight very hard throughout the season to make up for the lack of a regular goalie.

RON PARROTT, another newcomer to hockey, developed into a capable wing-half and when he acquires a stronger clearing pass he will be a tower of strength to the team. He attended training regularly and it is hoped that he will persevere with his intention to qualify as an umpire.

ALLEN ROWE was another having his first season of hockey. He was always a trier and with some experience will no doubt become one of the strongest halves in the team. Needs to develop a stronger clearing hit.

MAL SMITH, centre-half, had a very lean season as military training affected his availability and did not allow him to settle down. We hope to see him right back to form next year.

GEORGE NORTH, another new recruit, played as wing-half and as centre-half in Mal Smith's absence. He was regular in his attendance at training and deserves commendation for his readiness to umpire when called upon. Continual change of positions affected his form.

REG WALKER spent his first season of hockey as left-wing. Only a youngster, he joined the team towards the end of the season and showed promise of developing into a good player.

MIKE BLOMFIELD was showing improvement in his first season of hockey when he was forced to drop out through illness.

RUSS PEISLEY and COL CUNNINGHAM both played on odd occasions owing to military training and their presence next year should add much strength to the team. Russell was sadly missed in the goals.

CLUB ROOMS

(Senior Steward: I.R. Vanderfield. Assistant Senior Steward: A.G. Stevenson. Stewards: D.A. Walker, R.B. Tasker, R.E. Kerr, C.G. Jones, W. Jones, R.B. Aiken, J.C. Gostelow, W.L. Routley, R. Elvery, A.D. McKeown, P.T. Hotten).

In this year's report on the Club Room activities we can paint a happier and more encouraging picture than was possible last year. In fact, when the year is considered as a whole, one must conclude that it has been far better than could have been hoped for at the start.

We commenced the year with no Senior Steward, no Assistant, inefficient and insufficient Stewards and what was worse, no signs of interest by members in what might happen to these positions. Attendances at the Club Rooms were bad and the absence of a Chairman and Sub-committee to arrange social functions aggravated matters by eliminating a very important source of Club revenue and a very important stimulus to interest in the Club.

The first three months were about as poor as the Club has known, but then the first relief came when Roger Vanderfield, who had had considerable previous experience in the job, again took over as Senior Steward first with Ray Chegwyn as Assistant, then Geoff Stevenson. Although he was unable to devote as much time to the job as previously, Roger obtained such excellent help and co-operation from his Assistants and from most of the Stewards, that he was able to carry out the duties of the position almost as successfully as before.

The subsequent points of improvement were:-

1. A number of keen, conscientious and, more important, reliable young Stewards were appointed during the year - an excellent sign.
2. Attendances at the Club, although bad as usual during the cricket season, increased greatly during the football season.
3. With the formation and return to activity of the Social Sub-committee, a number of successful social functions were held.

4. The trading section was better than last year whilst returns from Club Room amenities and entertainments showed considerable improvement on recent years. The gross takings in the Club Rooms were the highest ever, £2,250, and this produced the best profit ever, approximately £550.

The good financial results and notable improvements of recent months have been in no small way due to the work of the Senior Steward but he has asked that it be placed on record that much of the success has only been made possible by the untiring behind-the-scenes work of Geoff Stevenson and the excellent co-operation of Secretary Ted Stockdale. A special word of appreciation is recorded for the help given in obtaining supplies, by Maurie Hill and Geoff Whiddon.

ADMINISTRATION

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

<u>Board:</u>	R. Clark	10	R. Thomson	7
	H. Ford	10	E.F. Watt	10
	L. Meulman	9	D. Way	9
	D. Prowse	11	H.G. Whiddon (Apt. Dec. '52)	10
			Walker	1 (Resgd. Dec. '52)

<u>Committee:</u>			P. Tanner (apptd. 3/8/53 - on leave N.S.T.)	-
B. Adcock	8			
C. Jones	(apptd. 2/8/53)			
S. Jones	11	B. Trevenar	8	
A. Reid	10	I.R. Vanderfield	11	
E. Stockdale	11	D.A. Walker	10	
		D.R. Way	11	

BILLIARDS

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

Throughout the whole course of the past year, one tournament was being held and eventually came to a conclusion in November, some eleven months after its inception. The result was similar to the finish of the 1952 Championship, that is, Bruce Tasker defeated Laurie Routley in the final of a Handicap event.

Despite the apathy shown by the organiser and by the members to tournaments, good use was made of the tables and the players' enjoyment of social events was very evident.

Reviewing the position of tournaments and their completion, it seems that the only successful method is the holding of short knockout competitions to be completed in the one night and limited only to those present on the night. In this fashion, many and varied tournaments can be held in the year and the difficulties encountered in holding the present type of tournament are eliminated. The intention is to implement this plan in the ensuing year.

The tables and equipment were maintained in good order as usual by Messrs. Heiron and Smith.

TABLE TENNIS

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

As mentioned in last year's Report, we have added to the sports available for a member's indulgence by entering a team in the competitions conducted by the N.S.W. Table Tennis Association. In the Summer competition, our team was entered in D. Grade and performed quite well to finish fourth. Having finished this competition with four straight wins, the team was entered in C Grade of the Winter competition. In this Grade we played above expectations finishing in third position and but for several very narrow defeats we could have made the semi-finals.

The nucleus of the team in both competitions was David Walker, Brian Simpson, Roger Vanderfield and Brian Adcock with Neville Milne, Bruce and Gordon Tasker filling in the vacancies when any of the first group of players was unavailable. All players enjoyed these matches and despite some allegations of temperamental tantrums, all players conducted themselves in accord with true Briarian traditions.

Unfortunately, as regards the conduct of intra-Club tournaments, the same fate befell these as with the billiards tournaments. After some eleven months, the Singles Championship has reached the finals stage but the Doubles Championship has made hardly any progress. Future table tennis tournaments will be run along the lines indicated in the Billiards Report.

As is the case with billiards, the social game proved very popular with all classes of members.

GOLF

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

As in days gone by, three golf days were held, the Autumn and Spring Meetings at Leura and the Winter event at Kirkham Lane, Camden.

After a record enrolment of players for our first outing at Leura on Sunday, 3rd May, it was most disappointing that torrential rain should have washed out the day for all except the eighteen hardy souls who turned up and played in the most appalling conditions imaginable. We are happy to report that not one of these players contracted even a cold. With the aid of the appetites of these players and by paying the cost of the difference between the number of lunches guaranteed (30) and the number eaten, we were able to keep faith with the Leura Club management.

Our other two days, at Kirkham Lane in July and Leura in September, were favoured with fine weather and although attendances were slightly less than on previous occasions, all present had a very enjoyable time. At both events, additional prizes were awarded for feats of superlative skill or incredible inefficiency. Another innovation was the provision of hot snacks at the 9th hole and in this connection special thanks are due to Jack Rudd who had charge of arrangements.

Our only criticism is directed against those members who enter their names for these golf days but, at the last moment decide not to turn up. Earlier notice of withdrawal will be appreciated and will enable the Sub-committee some time to rearrange pairings, thus eliminating part of the reason why these outings are generally referred to as the "Briars Golfing Schemossale".

The results of the various tournaments were as follows:-

3/5/53 at Leura

Par handicap; R. Swain - 1st; R. Clark and D.A. Walker - tied for 2nd.

5/7/53 at Kirkham Lane

Aggregate stableford: W. Atkinson and H. McDade - 1st;
B. Cardwell and J. Thom - 2nd.

Par handicap: J. Thom - 1st; A. Arnold - 2nd.

Worst shot off 1st tee - L. Routley

Most stableford points at any one hole: M. Hill.

13/9/53 at Leura.

Aggregate stableford: N. Ellis, J. Thom, N. Walker and B. Simpson - tied for 1st.

Par handicap: R. Thomson - 1st; N. Neale, L. Routley, J. Thom and N. Ellis - tied for 2nd.

Worst shot off 1st tee - R. Wiley.

Best shot off 1st tee - R. Vincent.

Lowest stableford points on any 9 holes - C. Jones (1 point)

Worst performance in par handicap - J. Alford (9 down).

SOCIAL

(Sub-committee: P. Tanner (Chairman), R. Elvery, I. Thompson and W. Turner).

For the first six months of the year under review there was no Social Sub-Committee and consequently there were no social functions. However, there was then a sudden resurgence of interest. Peter Tanner, despite his National Service commitments, accepted the position of Chairman of the Social Sub-Committee and soon gathered around him the band of enthusiasts who comprised his Sub-committee. It is a remarkable but significant fact that none of the members concerned had ever before served on any Sub-committee of the Club. We say significant because this inexperienced Sub-committee lost no time in proving that it was capable of organising Club Room social functions quite up to the standard of the best we had had in previous years.

The first move of the new Sub-committee was to decide that the first consideration was to afford enjoyment to the members rather than to concentrate simply on money-making. This was an eminently wise decision which automatically brought forth financial benefits to the Club's exchequer. Another decision was to avoid having functions at too frequent intervals with the attendant risk of becoming monotonous and therefore unattractive.

The first effort was a Dance Social on the evening of Saturday, 23rd May. Prior to the event, the Sub-committee was somewhat concerned on account of the long lapse since the previous function. However, they need not have worried. There was a

record attendance of 120 and the obvious enjoyment of those present was ample assurance to the organisers of the success of the evening.

The next venture was another Dance Social on 19th September when there was an attendance of 109. In view of the miserable weather this was a most gratifying result even though the function was arranged to mark the end of the successful football and hockey seasons. A most pleasing feature was the large number of younger members present.

The evidence of these last few months of the year leads us to hope that the social side of our activities has been restored to its proper place in the Club's curriculum. This is a most essential part of our Club life and it is very heartening to see the younger members assume the responsibility for developing it.

It is appropriate to mention in this section of our Report that although the first six months of the year were a vacuum as far as purely social events were concerned, we had the pleasure during that time of being entertained at a Film Night in the Club Rooms by Mr. Tasker, the father of Gordon and Bruce of that ilk, who showed us films of the last Davis Cup and Wimbledon tennis matches. To Mr. Tasker we express our grateful appreciation.

During that same time we also had the honour of being hosts to a few members of the South African Cricket Team which were then in the process of demonstrating to the "World's Premier Cricket Nation" that fielding is equally as important part of the game as batting and bowling.

HALF-TIME

(Editor: I.R. Vanderfield, Assistant Editor: K.D. Murphie (until Feb.) and A.G. Stevenson (From Feb.). Reporters: D.A. Walker, B.W. Adcock, R.B. Ackermann, R.J. Thomson, R.S. Jones, C.G. Jones, C.R. Mitchell and E.G. Stockdale).

As was recorded in last year's Report, once again the history of "Half Time" for the period under review has been somewhat chequered. However, the gloomy forecast that the paper would enjoy the time-honoured extinction undergone by all previous journalistic emanations from the Club, has fortunately proved incorrect.

At the Annual Meeting last year, no one was found to carry on the Editor's job and once again Roger Vanderfield accepted it without thanks. Ken Murphie, an enthusiastic young member with a delightfully fertile imagination and writing ability acquired in the C. and S., became Assistant Editor with the object of taking over the top job in four months. Finally, all troubles appeared to have been resolved until towards the end of the fourth month, Ken moved to Brisbane and that was the end of that.

In response to the impassioned importunings of the Management Committee, "Old Faithful", Vanderfield was once again shanghaied into the Editorial seat, this time being very faithfully assisted by Geoff Stevenson. The high spots of the latter gentleman's literary talents (fortunately) rarely reached the pages of "Half Time".

Matters had to come to a head and the Extraordinary General Meeting brought to light the previously latent and concealed journalistic aspirations of Colin Jones and Rex Lamb. At the conclusion of the year under review, the said aspirations of these two were being carefully nurtured and developed, for they have now taken over the production of "Half Time". Indications so far are that these two should be quite successful in this task and if they are given the support from Club members, which they need, deserve and are entitled to, then there is no reason why it should not be so.

"Half Time" has been in existence for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years and the majority of the members now enthusiastically acclaim it as a desirable and worthwhile contribution to the Club - and rightly so they should when one beholds the excellence of the publication as it is, and remembers some of those earlier miserable unfortunate issues from which it has sprung.

It is surely time every member of the Club received this paper as the official organ of the Briars, for at last we can hopefully look forward to its continued and regular production.

THE J.H. STONE TROPHY

Although we cannot rightly compare the intrinsic values of the various trophies which are awarded each year to members, yet we have no hesitation at all in saying that the highest honour which can befall any younger member is to be awarded the J.H. Stone Trophy. This trophy is valued not only because it is named after the Club's first President, but also because its award is to the member under 25 years of age who makes the greatest contribution to Club welfare in the year for which it is awarded.

To those of our members who know that despite that shining topknot patch, our new Secretary, Teddy Stockdale, is under 25 years of age, it will not be at all surprising to learn that he is the winner of the Trophy for the year just ended.

At our last Annual Meeting, Teddy took over the Secretaryship from a man whom most of us had come to regard as the very backbone of the Club, a man whose place could never be properly filled. We will not, and cannot, say that Bob Clark's mantle has fully fallen upon Teddy Stockdale. It can never do that upon anyone. But nevertheless Teddy had the courage to step into the great man's shoes and no one will fail to acknowledge that he has done a good honest job. We salute him for it and submit to the members that here is a man of whom we can really be proud, one who fully deserves the title of winner of the J.H. Stone Trophy.

ACCIDENT FUND

(Secretary: G. Miller, Treasurer: A. Burford)

The Accident Fund was run on similar lines to the previous year, the football insurance being carried by the Club Fund, whereas the Municipal & Shire Cricket teams were re-insured with the N.S.W. Cricket Associations Accident Fund. The team playing under the jurisdiction of the Western Suburbs Cricket Association were insured directly with this Association. It may be advisable to point out that the footballers insure voluntarily whereas Cricket

Teams insurance is compulsory, and unless a player insures himself he cannot draw on the fund or funds.

Receipts from contributions this year amounted to £24/13/0 an increase of £11/4/0 on last year's collection, and interest received from the Commonwealth Savings Bank on our Credit Balance amounted to £3/13/4 which was an increase of 8/4 on the previous year.

Claims paid this year were greatly in excess of last year's totalling £35/9/0, which included £6/17/0 outstanding from the previous year, last year the total claims amounted to £3/12/0.

Other payments were £4/0/0 to the Cricket Association for re-insurance of our shire teams. The committee also on behalf of the Club made a donation of £3/3/0 to the St. Johns Ambulance Brigade and also wish to place on record our appreciation of their services rendered during the year.

So far as your committee is aware there were no claims outstanding at the 30th September, 1953.

We express our keen appreciation to Dr. Roger Vanderfield, Dr. Geoff Vanderfield, Alan Searle and Gordon of St. Johns Ambulance Brigade for their attention to injured players.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<u>Receipts</u>	£	s.	d.	<u>Payments</u>	£	s.	d.
To Balance B/f	169	5	8	By Claims Paid	35	9	0
Fees from Members	24	13	0	Reinsurance Shire			
Bank Interest	3	13	4	Cricket Teams	4	0	0
				Domtton-St. Johns			
				Ambul. Brigade	3	3	0
				Balance C/fwd.	155	0	0
	<u>£197</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£197</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>

FINANCE

The income and expenditure account for the year ended 30th September, 1953, together with the balance sheet as at that date and the report of the Auditor thereon, are appended to this Report.

Excess of income over expenditure for the year amounted to £21, after providing £23 for depreciation of Club Room furniture and £193 for the redemption of debentures. The Debenture Redemption Reserve Fund now stands at £700 and this Fund is being steadily built up to replace at maturity the loans made by members.

During the year, renewal of the roof of the Club's premises was completed at a cost of £341 and this expenditure was financed out of revenue for the current year.

The net income from Club Room trading and amusements, which was £78 higher at £424, showed a very satisfactory increase over the previous year.

Subscriptions received during the year increased by £29 but the members' attention must be drawn to the considerable savings

in Bank interest, additional postage and stationery, which could be effected if all fees were paid promptly at the beginning of each financial year.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

During the year, the following parties of the first part plucked up the courage to ask the parties of the second part whether they would, at some subsequent date, enter upon matrimonial partnership, whereupon the said parties of the first part were smartly answered in the affirmative:-

<u>Party of the first part</u>	<u>Party of second part</u>
Guy Hebblewhite	Miss June Marshall
Alan Reid	Miss Pam Robinson
Brian Williams	Miss Ann Drury
Paddy Friend	Miss Phillipa Hayden
Roger Vanderfield	Miss Margaret Cotter

Of those named above, Alan Reid, Guy Hebblewhite and Paddy Friend have already entered into the said partnership along with the following couples who had previously committed themselves:-

Ted Watt and Miss Ruby Stevenson
 Ken Astridge and Miss Margaret Auld
 Dick Atwill and Miss Beris Rau
 Bill Zeall and Miss Merle Wicks
 Bob Vincent and Miss Jean Brown

The above lists are quite formidable but we hesitate to claim that they are complete. No doubt some other members have not had their escapades brought under our notice. To any such members, as well as to the above, we extend our heartiest congratulations and to those in the second group we express the hope that in due course suitable contributions to a future generation of Briars will be made.

We sincerely regret that the only productive effort which came under our notice during the year was the birth of a son to Don Vanderfield. No one who has faith in Briarian fertility and who has observed the huge number of marital engagements recorded in recent years, can believe that Don's effort was the only one of the year. There must surely be scores and scores of little Briars and Briaresses who entered upon this mortal life during the past year. Anyway, to Don and these unknown fathers and their good wives we offer our sincere congratulations and exhort them not to be so modest next time.

As usual, just before going to press we have been informed that Jack Lang joins Don in support and Jack Carson and Gordon Donnan have done the next best thing.

PERSONAL

Following upon the retirement, last year, of Bob Clark from the position of Hon. Secretary, there has been much talk of doing suitable honour to Bob to mark the members' appreciation of his outstanding service to the Club. No doubt, many members,

particularly the older ones who know better than anyone else just what Bob has meant to the Club, have felt somewhat restive that no concrete decision has been announced.

We take this opportunity, therefore, of assuring members that we have not lost sight of this matter. Far from it. It was quickly realised that no mere presentation or function could be adequate as an expression of our feelings towards Bob. His magnificent service deserves some better recognition than that.

We have pleasure in stating that at last we have hit upon something which, we think the members will agree, is worthy of the occasion. We will not reveal now what it is as it will be formally announced at the Annual Meeting when, we are sure, it will meet with enthusiastic support.

OBITUARY

It was with a deep sense of shock that we learnt during the year of the sudden death of one of our younger and most popular members, Alan Scholes. Alan joined the Club in 1948, played cricket and hockey with us for several years and in that time also acted in a number of administrative capacities. Possessed of a quiet and pleasant personality and showing a practical interest in all the Club's activities. Alan quickly made many friends among us, friends who sincerely mourn his passing.

To Mrs. Scholes, his mother, to his brother and our fellow-member, George, and to all other members of his family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

CONCLUSION

As mentioned at the beginning of this Report, a number of office-bearers will not be seeking re-election for the ensuing year. We take this opportunity, on your behalf, of thanking those office-bearers for the work they have performed whilst in office.

In conclusion, we convey to members, both individually and collectively our best wishes for success in the forthcoming year, and to express the hope that the Club will continue to prosper and play its proper part in the community.

For and on behalf of the Board and the Management Committee,

E.F. WATT, President
E.G. STOCKDALE, 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 E.G. Stockdale (Hon. Secretary), D.R. Way (Hon. Treasurer), R.J. Thomson (Hon. Asst. Secretary), M. Smith (Hon. Asst. Treasurer), I.R. Vanderfield (Senior Steward), N.G. Wales (Hon. Auditor), also members of the Board, the Management Committee and the various Sub-committees, and the Stewards.

E.F. WATT, President

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1953

30th Sept. 1952		£	£	30th Sept. 1952		£	£
£	<u>Cricket</u>			£			
80	Hire of Ground & Registration Fees	91		98	<u>Profit on Club Room Trading</u>		111
69	Materials, Caps Insurance	<u>23</u>	114		<u>Cricket</u>		
	<u>Hockey</u>				131	Batting Fees	109
62	Ground Fees		129	1	Sale of Caps	<u>1</u>	110
	<u>Football</u>				<u>Hockey</u>		
41	Registrations	41		44	Ground Fees		123
45	Ground Hire	43			<u>Football</u>		
102	Material	<u>62</u>	146	83	Sale of Material	55	
60	<u>Half Time Magazine</u>		58	47	Registrations	28	
	<u>Club Room Amusements</u>			25	Hire of Ground N.S.W. R.U.	<u>30</u>	113
20	Billiards and Table Tennis		13	60	<u>Half Time Magazine</u>		35
75	Loss on Annual Ball				<u>Club Room Amusements</u>		
	<u>Administration and Club Room Expenses:</u>			28	Billiards and Table Tennis	29	
52	Lighting and Heating	50		304	Entertainments	<u>395</u>	424
	Repairs & Maintenance of Club Room			352	<u>Subscriptions Received</u>		381
110	& Equipment	17		51	<u>Donations Received</u>		2
49	Stationery, Stamps & Telephone	83			<u>Property Income</u>		
	Photographs	42		208	Rentals	205	
21	Insurance	17		1	Interest Received	<u>1</u>	206
42	Annual Reports	46					
8	Sundry Expenses	5					
27	Donations and Presentations	8					
23	Depreciation - Furniture & Fittings ..	<u>23</u>	291				
	<u>Property Expenses</u>						
10	Commission	10					
101	Insurance	66					
74	Interest	60					
55	Rates	63					
85	Repairs and Maintenance	<u>341</u>	540				
202	Debenture Redemption Reserve		193				
20	<u>Excess of Income over Expenditure for year</u>		<u>21</u>				
£1433			£1505	£1433			£1505

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1953

Page 35	30.9.52	Liabilities	£	£	30/9/52	Assets	£	£
	£	Commonwealth Bank of Australia			£	Land and Buildings (At Cost)		
	660	(Secured by Mortgage)		109	4750	30-34a George Street, Burwood		4750
		Debentures:				Furniture and Fittings		
	950	190 £5 - 5% Debentures	950		469	Value 30th September 1952	446	
	2190	461 £5 Interest Free Debentures	2305	3255	Nil	Add Additions during year	13	
	50	N.S.W. C.A. - Special Grant		50			459	
	42	Sundry Creditors		18	23	Less Depreciation	23	436
	15	Fees Paid in Advance		18		Stock on Hand (at Valuation)		
		Reserves:			177	Cigarettes, Chocolates etc.	133	
	1066	General Reserve	1066		7	Metal Badges	1	
	500	Debenture Redemption Reserve	700	1766	23	Football Outfit	12	
		Accumulated Funds:			-	Caps	7	153
	164	Balance 30th September 1952	184		30	Sundry Debtors		11
	20	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	21	205		Commonwealth Savings Bank of		
					174	Australia (Current Account)		21
					50	Prepayments:		50
						Fees outstanding at 30th September 1953 amounting to £78 have not been taken into account.		
	£5657			£5421	£5657			£5421

E.F. WATT, }
D.V. PROWSE } Directors D.R. WAY, Hon. Treas.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Briars Sporting Club Limited for the twelve months ended 30th September 1953, 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 1953, according to the best of my information and explanations given to 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 kept in a proper manner.

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

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITEDCLUB ROOM TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1953

<u>30.9.52</u>	£	<u>30.9.52</u>	£
£		£	
100 To Stock on Hand		654 By Sales	902
1st October 1952	177	177 Stock on Hand	133
633 Purchases	747		
<u>Gross Profit trans-</u>			
<u>ferred to Income</u>			
<u>and Expenditure</u>			
Account.	111		
98			
<u>£831</u>	<u>£1035</u>	<u>£831</u>	<u>£1035</u>

PAST PRESIDENTS

J.H. Stone	..	..	1918/1919
H.W. Whiddon	..	..	1919/1920
J.O. Meeks	..	..	1920/1921
H.W. Whiddon	..	..	1921/1924
E.J. Siddeley	..	..	1924/1925
E. Love	..	..	1925/1926
H.W. Whiddon	..	..	1926/1928
E.J. Siddeley	..	..	1928/1929
R.W. May	..	..	1929/1931
E.J. Siddeley	..	..	1931/1932
H.W. Whiddon	..	..	1932/1933
R.G. Herford	..	..	1933/1935
J.E. Holmes	..	..	1935/1936
R.W. May	..	..	1936/1939
E.J. Siddeley	..	..	1939/1942
R.W. May	..	..	1942/1943
H.G. Whiddon	..	..	1943/1948
E.F. Watt	..	..	1948/1953