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THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLUB

To the Members of the Briars Sporting Club Ltd.

Gentlemen:

It is the pleasure of the Board of Directors and the Management Committee to present for your inspection and adoption the Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Club for the year ended 30th September 1954.

It is pleasing to note that considerable progress has been made in bringing the name of the Briars Sporting Club before the Senior pupils of the High Schools in the district. Whereas it is desirable to bolster our membership the best way possible, it will be appreciated that if strict consideration is not given to the standard of Member required, the success, reputation and tradition of the Club will deteriorate. In July, a new sub-committee was formed; that of, and for, the accommodation of new members. Conformity to a system used in business and sporting circles, the New Members Committee relieves the Management Committee of the necessity of considering applications and interviewing applicants. This Committee's decisions are subsequently presented to the Management Committee for endorsement.

The drive to consolidate the financial position was strengthened by a resolution of the Board, which, concerned by the ever present list of unpaid subscriptions, directed that prospective members be required to submit the relative first years fees with their application, whilst still fulfilling the requirements already set down. Last year's Report contained an appeal for greater investment by Members in Debentures, and it is most disappointing to report very little, if any, interest in this regard. Frequent reminders have proved ineffective, and it appears the general attitude one, of pure apathy.

A concern of your Executive was the broaching of the liquor question, which is, and will be, vitally important to the successful maintenance of Club Room amenities.

The report of a special sub-committee, formed for the purpose was placed before a Special General Meeting in March, and permission was sought to make application for and execute a Club Liquor Licence, if made available by the Licensing Commission.

Contained in this comprehensive report, were facts and figures relative to our case; certain aspects which are necessary to ensure compliance with Liquor Laws being outlined. Considerable alterations and improvements are to be carried out if a licence is granted; viz. Installation of Bar, chilling equipment, plumbing and modern toilets. Appertaining to, and most important to our policy, was your executives own direction assuring strict, but commonsense supervision of Liquor trading.

There is one feature of Club Room affairs we desire to point out. That is, the poor regard members have to amenities supplied. Last year's Report mentioned the lackadaisical attitude on the sporting side of the Club, and as the improvement on the field of sport is noted, we are reluctant, but must, bring before your notice the

falling off of attendances on Club evenings. This position can be remedied by Members of reasonable standing, being present to entertain those fellows who are not fully confident in using, and enjoying the facilities provided, until they in turn, introduce and entertain the newest members.

At 30th September, 1954 the composition of the Membership was, as born out by the following figures, comparable to that of the previous year.

	1953	1954
Full ..	169	186
Junior ..	24	22
Associate	57	55
Country ..	41	44
	<u>291</u>	<u>307</u>

As may be seen, there has been no great increase. There was an overall increase of 16 members although the slight decrease in the number of Junior Members was not heartening. It is to be hoped that previously mentioned efforts to receive attention from Senior Pupils are successful.

The record in the sporting sphere, without having attained the high standard of previous years, nevertheless provided moments of outstanding success. Once again the highlight was the premiership win of the "A" Grade Hockey side. This is the fifth in succession and is surely a record unsurpassed in Briar Club history.

In lesser light was the feat of the "A" and "B" Shire Cricket teams, which having gained the finals in each division, succumbed to the superior cricketing of their opponents.

Whilst it is the purpose of this report to present the facts, good, or bad, as they may be, we cannot allow the record of the football teams to pass unnoticed. The past season has been one of, and perhaps, the most dismal since the war.

The minor sports of Golf and Table Tennis, at which some competition was enjoyed, vied for greater popularity with Billiards.

The Burwood and Concord Councils continue to show us every attention and it is desired to record our sincere appreciation for their tolerance.

As the opening section of this report reaches a conclusion, the opportunity is taken to express our appreciation to the sporting bodies with which we are affiliated and with whom we associate. We offer our best wishes to the N.S.W. Rugby Union, Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Union, N.S.W. Cricket Association, City and Suburban Cricket Association, Western Suburbs Cricket Association, Council of Municipal and Shire Cricket Clubs, Sydney Hockey Association and the N.S.W. Table Tennis Association, together with all Clubs against whom we competed on the field.

It is with respect that we thank Western Suburbs Cricket Club for their friendship towards us. Wosts continue to make use of our Club rooms, and never fail to treat our property with utmost consideration.

CRICKET

(Sub-Committee: R. Thomas (Chairman), R. Kerr, J. Rudd, D. Walker, W. Magrath).

The 1953-54 season saw the Club represented as usual by four teams, with one in both the "A" and "B" Divisions of the Municipal and Shire Competition, and in the Third Grade Competition, Division 2, conducted by the Western Suburbs Cricket Association, and a team with the City and Suburban Cricket Association.

For the first time for several seasons neither Shire Team achieved premiership honours, although both teams won their way to the finals after the "A's" had been Minor Premiers and the "B's" had been second at the end of the twelve rounds of competition. This was the second year in which the competition was decided by the system of semi-finals and finals, and we feel that a marked increase in interest as well as distinct improvement in the cricket has resulted from the introduction of such a system. There are bound to be anomalies when such a system is used in cricket, many of which could be removed by giving the Minor Premiers the right to a Grand Final, but we feel that the system has given a much needed boost to the competition.

A very creditable performance was registered by the Third Eleven which finished fourth in their competition, despite the absence of many leading players for several matches.

The City and Suburban side had another sorry season and there was keen rivalry among the Club's leading players in their endeavours to win a place in the team.

Our congratulations are extended to Auburn-Lidcombe and Lindfield on winning the "A" and "B" Divisions of the Municipal and Shire Competitions respectively and to Walter Williams Cricket Club on being successful in the Western Suburbs "C" Grade Competition. We would also like to take this opportunity of congratulating the District Club on again winning the Club Championship.

Mr. W. Hollis carried out his job as groundsman at Rothwell Park in his usual capable manner, with the result that the wicket is comparable with most First Grade wickets. His attention to various other matters was also greatly appreciated and to him we offer our sincere thanks. At this stage we should also like to express our thanks to Concord Council for arranging for electricity to be supplied to the dressing sheds at Rothwell, an improvement which was greatly appreciated by all who used them.

Various picnic games were played at Birchgrove Oval during the season, providing some of the younger players with good experience on turf wickets, although probably the most outstanding match was that in which a team comprised of Club Footballers defeated a similar team from our friends, Colleagues.

Despite Sales Tax reductions, the cost of cricket gear remains very high and once more we urge all players to treat their equipment with the utmost care.

In conclusion we would like to draw attention to the continued practise of the majority of players in arriving late for their

matches. This unfortunate habit can be avoided in most cases out of consideration for their opponents, their teammates and the reputation of the Club as a whole. It is hoped that in future, members will be ready to play at the appointed time.

FIRST ELEVEN

Again the advent of spring saw the flannelled fools swing into action, and from the first match it appeared that the team would be all out to maintain the high reputation the Club has earned over the years.

As the season progressed we could see that the same teams would be battling for the Premiership, and when the semi-finals were reached, our opponents turned out to be our old rivals, Epping.

Having survived this match, we entered the final against Auburn quietly confident, but, due to their own fine bowling and aided by our poor batting and fielding, Auburn completely overwhelmed us and went on to a well deserved win.

In contrast to last year, our batting was particularly strong as shown by the fact that we scored 3296 runs during the season for the loss of 131 wickets, which averages out at about 25 runs per man, and it was all the more disappointing therefore, to fail so miserably in the final. Our bowling maintained its consistency of past years and on most occasions had the opposition back in the pavilion for a moderate total. The times when the batsmen really "got on top" were relatively few, and were usually due to fielding lapses on our part.

To Mr. E.J. Siddoley and our scorer, Mr. Reg. Walker we extend our deep appreciation for their efforts, and to the ladies our thanks for their kindness in bringing refreshments, and preparing afternoon tea.

NEIL WALKER (Captain) Led the side capably. Did not reach the heights of previous seasons but nevertheless had reasonable success with bat and ball.

RON THOMAS (Vice Captain) Had no opportunity to show his ability in this regard but proved himself interested, practical and ready to assist at all times. Ron helped us to a good start with the bat more than once, but never really showed form of which he is capable. With the bulk of his studies behind him, we feel sure the coming year will bring better results.

DOUG. PROWSE enjoyed one of those years about which most of us only dream, for he amassed the fine aggregate of 704 runs including three glorious centuries, a treat for his team mates and spectators, but undoubtedly any rumour that Doug. is retiring would bring tremendous joy to other Shire teams. Fielded as bright as ever.

LES DAVIS was another to complete a successful season and the team shared his disappointment at his missing of the final as he was one of our mainstays. Les. knocked up nearly 500 runs including two centuries, the spotlight being on his match winning effort against Lane Cove. Proved a handy change bowler several times as he moves the ball nicely.

AUD. LAND unfortunately missed half the season through injury, but while with us batted as soundly as ever, scoring 240 runs, in only six matches. We have become so accustomed to seeing Aud, keeping one end going, that we tend to forget the immense value of a good start but this fact was brought home strongly during his absence.

DAVID WALKER carried out his vigil behind the stumps in his usual efficient manner as his twenty dismissals will testify. Rarely showed his true form with the williw, and in attempting to get out of the rut adopted forceful tactics which did not pay dividends. We hope that in the season ahead his scores are more in keeping with his ability.

KEN ASTRIDGE as always was a constant menace to the opposition and his great speed combined with increasing accuracy sorely troubled even the best of batsmen. Secured 52 wickets and the Hat-trick, but reserved his best effort for the final where he maintained a hostile attack over a long spell. Received little chance to shine with the bat.

TED WATT worried most batsmen with his accurate attack and his ability to swing the ball either way (so he says) gained him 42 wickets. Enjoyed himself on several occasions with an aggressive and entertaining knock, the highlight being against Lindfield, an invulnerable 68 made in quick time.

BILL RUDD gained the bowling average in a close finish and his well flighted and accurate slows netted him 38 victims. Few batsmen seem completely settled facing Bill, and it is very much the exception to see him taking a hiding. Had several useful knocks to his credit, the best of which would be against Lindfield, a last wicket stand of 93 with Ted Watt.

BRIAN ADCOCK played his part in the bowling line up and was instrumental in breaking up several vital partnerships. His off breaks and occasional well disguised (?) leg break secured for him 37 victims at reasonable cost. Unfortunately Brian was not over successful with the bat for he is the possessor of some delightful shots.

BRIAN SIMPSON had a mixed season as he seemed to alternate good scores with quick dismissals, the latter often brought about by a tendency to overplay the cut. However he has good defence and played some attractive innings. Has a strong return to the wicket which caught more than one batsman napping.

FRED RANDLE returned to the team mid-way through the season to fill the vacancy caused by Aud. Land's absence. Helped set the team off to a good start several times, but his best knock was his attractive innings against Auburn in the final. As ever, Fred's keenness was above reproach.

AVERAGES

(BATTING)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
D. Prowse ..	14	1	116	704	54.15
A. Land ..	8	3	85	240	48.00
L. Davis ..	13	2	123	479	43.54

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BATTING AVERAGES Contd.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
E. Watt ..	13	2	68	253	23.00
B. Simpson ..	11	-	68	245	22.27
N. Walker ..	14	1	72	271	20.85
R. Thomas ..	15	4	35x	191	17.36
D. Walker ..	17	2	43	253	16.86
W. Rudd ..	14	8	25	99	16.50
F. Randle ..	9	-	40	125	13.88
B. Adcock ..	15	2	20	141	10.85
K. Astridge ..	10	5	9	33	6.50

(Also batted: T. Mobbs 2 innings for 72 (1 n.o.), L. Robinson 2 for 0, N. Milne 2 for 15, J. Rudd 1 for 20, R. Eadie 1 for 6, A. Rose 1 (n.o.) for 3).

B O W L I N G

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wkts.</u>	<u>Average</u>
W. Rudd ..	130.5	20	429	38	11.28
K. Astridge ..	165.3	25	623	52	11.98
B. Adcock ..	128.6	8	512	37	13.83
E. Watt ..	165.7	15	648	42	15.42
N. Walker ..	29.6	-	143	10	14.30
T. Mobbs ..	25	3	109	5	21.80

(Also bowled: L. Davis 5 wickets for 98 runs, B. Simpson 1 for 0, A. Land 1 for 5, R. Thomas 1 for 9, F. Randle 1 for 12, A. Rose 1 for 60, D. Prowse 0 for 6).

POSITION IN THE COMP. - 2nd

<u>Runs for</u>	<u>Wickets for</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs against</u>	<u>Wickets against</u>	<u>Avge.</u>
3296	131	25.16	2832	217	13.05

SECOND ELEVEN

The season was a very enjoyable one. It usually is with the "B's" and the spirit in which the game was played was at all times in the highest tradition of Briar sportsmanship.

We entered this year's competition with a degree of confidence, hopeful of again obtaining Premiership honours. However, such was not the case; we were defeated in the final by Lindfield, convincingly and on our merits. To that Club we offer our congratulations, they deserved their win and it is in the best interests of the competition that the Premiership should change hands regularly.

We can for the most part thank our bowlers for the success we enjoyed. Our attack was of a high standard, but our batting, with one or two exceptions, was unreliable, as was particularly evident in the final. The teams fielding was perhaps a little better than the generally accepted standard of this team, but there is quite a deal of scope for improvement in this department.

One complaint that could be reasonably levelled at the team, is the late arrival at matches of several members. This was diagnosed by some observers, incorrectly, as lack of keenness, however, call it what you like, it is at least unfair to other teams and those members of your own team who arrive on time, and, for the most part is quite unnecessary.

No report on this team would be complete without very worthy mention of our scorer, Mr. A.J. Robinson. Although he had a long way to travel, Robbie attended all our matches, and was always on time. He was not as vocal as before, but the effect of his presence was as great, for his disdain could be felt by an offending fieldsmen from any part of the ground. He sadly missed the air cushion provided previously by Ron Thomson, but despite this discomfort he made a perfect job of the score book, and we say, "Thanks Robbie, see you next season."

BILL MAGRATH (Captain) commenced the season well enough, but then lost batting form. Redeemed himself a little towards the end of the summer.

TOM MOBBS (Vice Captain) again proved to be the mainstay of the team. Scored 434 runs and took 51 wickets, facts which speak for themselves. Because of the need for an opening batsman, Tom took over that position and proved one of the most consistent and successful openers this team has had. Bowled with plenty of fire, particularly when roused.

ERIC ANNETTS enjoyed his most successful season with the bat for some time. A hard hitting batsman, who can change the whole course of a game in half-an-hour, Eric obtained the highest aggregate and average. He exceeded 50 runs on five occasions, including the semi-final and final. Because of the surplus of bowlers, did not get many opportunities with the ball.

NEV. MILNE had quite a successful season with the bat and is now revealing some of the ability he undoubtedly possesses. Nev. is an unlucky batsman, who is invariably allowed only one mistake. Has fine powers of concentration but allows it to lapse spasmodically with disastrous results. Fielded very well.

IAN MACKIE was having his first season with the Club and showed plenty of ability. A fine cricketer, he is capable of battering any attack. A very useful 'keeper, which position he filled for part of the season. He scored a brilliant century and should have a bright future in Shire cricket.

ALAN ROSE was the teams craftiest bowler and certainly one of its best. His amazing accuracy again proved too much for opposition batsmen. Gets behind the ball well in the field, and out of the way of it when batting.

JOHN WALKER joined the team after the third round and immediately started getting wickets. Left arm bowler with a lot of variety, John is always likely to go through a side. On his day, and given suitable conditions he is almost playable, and is still proclaimed by many as the Club's best bowler. Obtained the average but was not quite as successful with the bat.

BRUCE TREVENAR bowled the most number of overs and put his heart into every one. A most accurate, consistent bowler who always commands respect. A very good field and poor bat (although he thinks otherwise).

COLIN G. JONES was having his first season in Shires and is certain to have a big future. A good slow bowler; he drops into a length immediately, and is much more economical than most bowlers

of his type. Also an aggressive bat, who goes for his shots and is not over-awed by the position of the game. Fields well, and performed well in the final.

ROGER KERR another newcomer to Shire cricket, and came in as an opening bat. A very stylish and safe batsman, he will get among the runs when he puts more power into his shots.

RON EADIE alternated with Ian Mackie as 'keeper. Ron is a stylish, neat 'keeper, but his effectiveness is marred by over-earnerness, which causes him to miss many chances. If he can overcome this fault he will be an asset to any team. When not behind the stumps he fielded well, but had a very lean season with the bat.

JACK RUDD became a regular member of the team in the latter stages. A very keen old cricketer, Jack always gave of his best and performed as well with the bat as most of his younger teammates.

ALAN HANSEN began the season with this team, but did not quite come up to the batting promise he showed in previous years. Alan is a useful slow bowler, but because of the surplus of bowlers, did not have the opportunity to show his ability.

POSITION IN THE COMP. - 2nd

<u>Runs for</u>	<u>Wkts. for</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs against</u>	<u>Wkts. against</u>	<u>Average</u>
2791	143	19.52	2482	210	11.82

AVERAGES

(BATTING)

<u>Name</u>		<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
E. Amnetts	..	15	3	95x	473	39.42
T. Mobbs	..	15	1	106	434	31.00
F. Randle	..	6	-	83	143	23.83
N. Milne	..	13	2	61	237	21.55
I. Mackie	..	17	2	112	288	19.20
J. Rudd	..	8	-	50	139	17.37
W. Magrath	..	16	-	41	249	15.56
C. Jones	..	15	1	20	217	15.50
A. Hansen	..	6	-	21	86	14.33
R. Kerr	..	13	1	24	141	11.75
J. Walker	..	6	2	15	44	11.00
R. Eadie	..	11	-	18	84	9.33
B. Trevenar	..	11	5	16x	56	9.33
A. Rose	..	8	4	10	19	4.75

(Also batted: E. Stockdale 2 innings for 42 runs, H. Lonnartz 1 for 42, K. Astridge 1 for 0).

(BOWLING)

<u>Name</u>		<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidons</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
J. Walker	..	93.2	15	279	32	8.68
T. Mobbs	..	142.4	26	498	51	9.76
A. Rose	..	122.4	17	412	37	11.13
C. Jones	..	90	14	377	29	13.00
B. Trevenar	..	162.3	16	574	42	13.66
E. Amnetts	..	25	4	101	5	20.20

(Also bowled: I. Mackie 2 wickets for 1 run, N. Milne 1 for 10, W. Magrath 1 for 35, A. Hansen 0 for 1, R. Eadie 0 for 7, K. Astridge 0 for 40).

THIRD ELEVEN

In most postwar years, the Thirds have started the season well but have then faded away. This time, however, the opposite was the case. In the early matches, many newcomers to the team were on trial and, unfortunately, most of them were unable to find their feet with the result that the team was outclassed until about the fifth match when the return of a few experienced players enabled a sounder combination to be developed. This does not mean that the newcomers in question lacked ability. The real trouble was that there was too great an infusion of new blood all at once and the team was therefore completely unbalanced.

In the second half of the season, it was a different story and the only defeat suffered was when, owing to holidays and other reasons, no less than seven of the regular players, including the first four on the batting list and the opening bowlers, were absent. During this time, we lowered the colours of both the competition leaders and runners-up.

Despite the initial humiliations, the season was a most pleasant one and an excellent team spirit was evident. At its strongest, the batting array was the best in the competition and more than once the team was saved by men at the bottom of the list. The bowling was only mediocre and had its most successful moments as the result of the most unorthodox use of spin. As usual, the fielding was the weakest department but even here encouraging improvement was achieved in the latter stages of the season.

RON. THOMSON. Captain, returned to the team after a couple of years with the Seconds and was promptly given the responsibilities of Leadership. His batting never rose to its former heights and for some time his bowling achieved very poor results. However, he eventually struck a purple patch which he maintained until the end of the season. His 17 wickets in the Croydon match was a Club record.

TED. STOCKDALE. Vice-Captain was a tower of strength as an opening batsman, particularly in the first round of the competition when he hardly ever failed. Unfortunately, holidays and a sojourn with the Seconds interrupted his run of success and upon his return he was not quite able to regain his previous form.

JACK LANG did not regain his prolific form of the previous season, scoring only one century, however, his batting was far more valuable to the team as he rarely failed to get runs when they were needed. A safe catch in the outfield.

GEORGE BENNETT suffered an experience which would have broken the heart of many another youngster. In the previous year, George had been a regular member of the Firsts as a slow left-hand spinner and it must have a great disappointment to him, first, to be dropped and second, to have his bowling treated with disrespect in the thirds. Despite this, George persevered, and, no doubt, his determination and natural ability will ultimately solve his problem for him. At the moment his stock in trade ball is just a trifle too slow through the air. He consoled himself with a few hard-hitting innings, including a century. His fielding was an inspiration although a few of his

returns to the 'keeper passed over the opposite boundary on the full.

DICK ATWILL. The debonair Richard returned to the team after recuperating from his honeymoon and proved a dashing opening partner for Tod. His fielding was sounder than in the past and, although given little opportunity, showed he could bowl a useful ball.

JOHN WADE was, technically, the best prospect of the younger brigade. His 65 against Walter Williams was the most stylish knock of the season. As a bowler, he was an accurate medium pacer with the ability to produce an unplayable one now and again. Early on, he blotted his copy book somewhat by a lackadaisical attitude and on two or three occasions let his team down badly. Seems to have overcome this failing now and, if he continues to do so, should gain promotion next year.

GRAHAME THOMPSON had a broken season and can do much better than his figures indicate. Batted solidly on quite a few occasions but was over fond of deflection shots which often caused his downfall. He was given quite a lot of bowling in the earlier part of the season but was unable to control his direction; will be much more effective if he can develop the art of making the batsmen play at the ball. Fielding was always keen and took some good catches.

IAN THOMPSON was second to none in keenness. As a batsman, he was always looking for runs and on several occasions made them in a convincing manner, generally when the team wanted them most.

BRUCE TASKER continued to disappoint. Possesses tons of natural ability as a batsman but lack of concentration seems to be his main fault. Surprised everyone, including himself, by taking several good catches.

KEV. MOSTYN came into the team at a critical time and the example he set with his alertness and ability in the field gave his teammates some much needed confidence and inspiration. Was a handy "middle - of - the - list" batsman and it was disappointing when he dropped out towards the end of the season.

STEPHEN BAILEY showed considerable promise as an allrounder but then suddenly lost interest.

BERT. THOMSON joined the team after the first few matches and from then on filled the Aunt Sally position in a most creditable manner. Was at his best when taking slow bowlers, being particularly deadly with his stumping. As a result, he finished the season with 19 stumpings (a club record for "C" Grade) notching 6 of them against Croydon (equalling a Club record for all grades).

RAY YOUNG did not strike his true form with the ball until the last match. Probably this was due to the several interruptions of his season. Can do things with the ball and only needs to start off next season where he left off to be a serious contender for Shire honours. Thanks to a dead straight bat and a refusal to be upset, was able to play a major part in the defeat of the strong Columbia team. A very solid field, probably best in slips but had to be used mainly in the outfield.

IAN MIDDLETON was unfortunate in that he was one of those who participated in the team's early debacles and eventually had to make way for others. Has possibilities as an off spinner and it is hoped that he will get his chance. However, he must smarten up his fielding which is far below standard for a youngster.

LAURIE ROUTLEY was his usual breezy self and on a couple of occasions stayed long enough at the crease to show that he could straight drive any type of delivery which was within reach. Laurie is an excellent team man and that alone is worthy of the highest praise.

RAY ELVERY was as keen as mustard but unfortunately was not quite good enough to gain a regular place in the team. Still, if he retains his keenness and keeps trying, he must eventually make good, as many have done before him.

AVERAGES

<u>Name</u>	<u>BATTING</u> <u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
J. Lang	17	3	104	476	34.0
G. Bennett	13	2	114	306	27.8
E. Stockdale	19	-	77	486	25.6
R. Atwill	14	-	82	265	18.9
J. Wado	16	2	65	255	18.2
R. Thomson	14	4	26	160	16.0
G. Thompson	13	-	41	177	13.6
I. Thompson	14	1	36	173	13.3
B. Tasker	7	1	21	70	11.7
K. Mostyn	9	1	22	87	10.9
S. Bailey	8	1	21	74	10.6
A. Thomson	12	2	26	82	8.2
R. Young	9	4	16	41	8.2
I. Middleton	8	-	31	61	7.6
L. Routley	10	-	27	72	7.2
R. Elvory	8	1	6	21	3.0

(Also batted: R. Korr, 2 innings for 16 runs, J. Harmer 2 (2 n.o.) for 13, A. Holden, 1 for 0; G. Tasker, 3 for 11, G. Stevenson 2 (1 n.o.) for 1, A. Burford, 2 for 2, A. Hansen 4 for 71).

BOWLING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
R. Thomson	116	7	692	70	9.9
R. Young	99	9	432	29	14.9
G. Thompson	36	6	186	10	18.6
G. Bennett	78	4	468	22	21.3
J. Wado	89	8	377	17	22.2

(Also bowled: S. Bailey, 3 wickets for 126 runs, R. Elvery, 1 for 17, L. Routley, 4 for 62, I. Middleton 1 for 99, J. Harmer 3 for 68, K. Mostyn, 0 for 67, G. Tasker 1 for 25, A. Hansen 3 for 77, R. Atwill 3 for 21, J. Lang 1 for 20, I. Thompson 1 for 16.

MATCHES

COMP.

<u>Played</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>W.1</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>L.1</u>	<u>T.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
14	4	5	3	2	-	-	37	4th
<u>Runs for</u>	<u>Wickets for</u>		<u>Average</u>		<u>Runs agst.</u>		<u>Wts. agst.</u>	<u>Average</u>
3125	184		16.98		2943		185	15.91

CITY AND SUBURBAN ELEVEN

The City and Suburban team did not have, from a match winning point of view, as successful a season as in some of the past years. This was mainly due to the instability of the batting, which was even more pronounced than usual. Alec Leadbeater, our most prominent rungetter in the past, had a comparatively lean season and no one, apart from Barry Cardwell, could be relied upon to score runs consistently.

The teams bowling was generally quite satisfactory, and it was only on rare occasions that opposition teams were not dismissed within the time allowed. Geoff. Tweedale was by far the team's most regular and reliable bowler as his figures proved, and he deserved to finish well up in the averages of the Combined City and Suburban Association.

The occasion must not be allowed to pass without mention of Bob Clark's hat-trick, the first in his crickoting career. After 58 years of bowling, he performed this prodigious feat, against Yarralla one of the strongest batting sides in the Association. Bob, later at the Club, throw a bag of gold dust on the table with instructions to set 'em up, for the house.

Another fine bowling performance was that of Barry Cardwell in taking 9 wickets in an innings against Old Sydneys, almost saving the match.

Although our wins were not numerous, from an enjoyment view, the summer was a great success and for this great credit must go to our Captain Bill McLaughlin. Bill is always keen and imbues others in the team with the same spirit. Although he is not always ready to recognise the merits of the slow bowling talent, his pleasant and happy disposition was reflected throughout the whole team.

G. TWEEDALE. The most consistent and effective bowler in the team, also an excellent slip field.

D. GUEST Bowled well at times with limited opportunities. A very handy bat.

B. CARDWELL. Very successful season with the bat and ball. Honoured with the Hat-trick, and also took 9 wickets in an innings.

C. MITCHELL. Didn't really get going with the bat but useful bowler to break up dangerous partnerships, even though it might cost a lot of runs.

L. ROBINSON. Solid opening bat, who scored a lot of runs early.

R. CLARK. Bowled very well. Successful in taking the Hat-trick. Could have got more runs if he would have gone into bat where asked.

P. MEULMAN. Not many runs came from his bat, but is a very useful bowler.

J. RUDD. When seeing the ball he got a few runs. Has very stubborn defence. Promoted to the Shires midway through the comp.

C.J. JONES did not seem to have the confidence when batting. Needed a good score which did not come, to get him out of the rut.

A. LEADBEATER. Didn't strike form of previous season. Appeared not to be on top of the ball when playing a back foot stroke.

H. SEFTON. Patchy with the bat, although looked good. Has a bad tendency when running between wickets of running past the crease, losing valuable ground and time.

J. SEFTON. Played in only a few games, but is a very good bat. Would like to see more of him.

H. WINDON. Played occasionally but unfortunately did not strike good wickets to produce his best cricket.

CITY AND SUBURBAN

Matches Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
25	9	14	2

BATTING

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Average
Cardwell, B.	21	2	63	480	25.3
Rudd, J.	14	1	31	207	16.0
Robinson, L.	14	-	73	221	15.8
Tweeddale, G.	22	7	31	234	15.6
Guest, D.W.	16	-	57	247	15.4
McLaughlin, R.E.	18	-	58	257	14.3
Sefton, H.	12	2	43	135	13.5
Mitchell, C.	18	1	33	188	11.1
Leadbeater, A.	16	-	33	173	10.8
Moulman, L.B.	14	3	32	101	9.2
Clark, R.B.	19	7	20	102	8.5
Jones, C.J.	14	1	14	57	4.4

Also batted:- J. Sefton 6 innings for 110 runs, H. Windon 5 for 35, R. Aiken 5 for 10, R. Ackermann 3 for 43, A. Holden 3 for 25, R. Thomson 3 for 16, H. Lennarts 2 for 47, B. Tasker 2 for 13, T. Mobbs 2 for 75, E. Stockdale 2 for 15, W. Rudd 2 (1 n.o.) for 12, J. Parsons 2 (1 n.o.) for 20, I. Mackie 1 for 57, J. Wade 1 for 25, D. Walker 1 for 24, L. Campbell 1 for 50, R. Young 1 for 2, W. Jones 1 for 4, G. Bennett 1 for 9, E. Thompson 1 for 4, B. North 1 for 1, R. Chegwyn 1 for 2, G.J. Lee 1 for 5, K. Oehms 1 for 3, A. Searle 1 for 9, R. Eadie 1 for 19, I. Middleton 1 for 0, J. Edgar 1 (1 n.o.) for 1, R. Kerr 1 for 0, G. Stinson 1 for 0, G. Miller 1 (1 n.o.) for 9.

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Average
Tweeddale, G.	173	16	650	61	10.6
Cardwell, B.	118	7	591	52	11.4
Moulman, L.	49	5	214	14	15.3
Guest, D.W.	57	1	394	21	19.0
Clark, R.B.	102	3	550	27	20.4

Also bowled: H. Lennarts 5 wickets for 46 runs, C. Mitchell 6 for 83, T. Mobbs 4 for 83, R. Thomson 8 for 59, W. Rudd 4 for 31, R. Aiken 2 for 103, G. Bennett 3 for 22, H. Sefton 1 for 13, C.J. Jones 0 for 31, H. Windon 0 for 10, R. Ackermann 0 for 13, J. Stinson 0 for 3, I. Campbell 0 for 5, R. Chegwyn 0 for 25.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Cricket Memorial Trophy serves as a Memorial to those of our Club who made the supreme sacrifice during the war and, as the allocated points disclose is awarded not only to the person who shines as a cricketer, but also shows a high administrative ability and genuine Club outlook.

Value to team	25 points
Conduct on field	15 "
General knownoess as a Cricketer	20 "
Value to the Club as a member	30 "
Neatness of dress	10 "
	<u>100</u> Points

Ted, Stockdale, our Secretary, is the winner of the Trophy for this year. It is not surprising to those who are familiar with Ted's record on and off the field, that he has been declared the winner, for to attain and maintain his standard is worthy of the highest honour. Ted joined the Club on leaving school and has beyond question given his all to the furthering of all the Club stands for. May we say "Thanks Ted, and congratulations."

FOOTBALL

(Sub-Committee: S. McGregor (Chairman), I. Middleton, P. Hotten, R. Elvery, S. Bailey, D. Hotten, A. Burford, D. McKeown).

It is with regret that we report the worst season from a point of view of results, in the whole thirty years of Club Football.

In all, during the season the Club's three teams, Kontwell Cup, Bourke Cup and Whiddon Cup, played 40 matches and 4 non-competition matches, winning only 9 and drawing 2, whilst losing 33. It is very difficult, without appearing to make excuses, to pinpoint the cause of this poor showing.

There were no more than the usual number of injuries: Brian Ware and Colin Jones, each with a broken collar-bone being the most serious, and, due to various reasons, National Service training, Study, and some beautifully vague ones, the turnover of players was rather high, no less than 76 men being used during the season.

The basic trouble seemed to be a somewhat lax attitude on the part of many players. Firstly to training and secondly, to giving of their best during games. This is borne out by the records, which show that ten games were lost by only three points or less. This, with two drawn matches seems to indicate that a little more effort on the players part could have changed these losses into wins.

The one bright spot was that the Club met all its engagements with full teams and did not have to switch players from one match to another, or play with men missing, as has been the case in other years. This was made possible because retired players, Geoff. Stevenson, George Miller, Brian Williams, Geoff. Tweedale and John Wallace, filled the gaps when the selectors discovered late withdrawals, some of these being as late as the Saturday morning of the match. We are extremely grateful to these men for their fine Club spirit.

The coaching was undertaken by Doug. Vanderfield, Peter Hotten, and Spencer Hipwell. They all did a good job under the circumstances, considering results would have caused lesser men to lose interest.

A tribute must also be paid to the three captains, Don Guest (Kentwell Cup), Allan Burford (Bourke Cup), and Clinton Dawkins (Whiddon Cup). Their individual standard of play was high and they showed determination in keeping their respective teams together, as the tally of lost matches mounted. It is interesting to note that not one missed a match; only three other players can boast of this.

Geoff. Stevenson and Sel. Lamb acted as non playing selectors; Sel. having to drop out half way during the season, owing to family illness.

Our thanks to Ian McGregor who again acted as Ball Boy.

Four non-competition matches were played. Two against Hawkesbury College, two against St. Andrews University College. Of course we lost three of these, but they were most enjoyable, and played in a fine sporting spirit, as indeed were most matches this year.

Our congratulations go to the Competition winners, Mosman, Hunters Hill and St. Johns, and to the Mosman Club on winning the Club Championship, which we have held for the last 6 years.

KENTWELL CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Won forfeit</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Points for</u>	<u>Points against</u>	<u>Position</u>
3	3	1	10	74	125	last

The team was not as well balanced as should be, although it was better than the final position it filled, indicated. All games played were close and we were unfortunate to be on the losing end a majority of the times. Due to inexperience and continuous changes in personnel, the backs lacked cohesion and the ability to score. The forwards were very slow and although they worked hard in rucks and line outs they were unable to cover the backs mistakes.

Little opportunity for goal kicking prevented capitalising on opponents errors, although goal kickers used showed they can improve with encouragement.

RON EADIE when fit and in form, a sound full back. Played some excellent games, but in others, appeared to lack interest.

GEORGE BENNETT. A versatile back who plays better at full back. A good kicker with solid defence.

NED KELLY. Brilliant and determined winger. Was missed when he dropped out early in the season.

BARRY CARDWELL showed fine form as a winger after being erratic as centre. Lack of condition and injuries affected his play.

DICK MORRIS. Reached his best form this season. Always on the ball. Exams and an injured leg kept him out towards the end.

GEOFF PAYNE. Played with dash, penetrating well till condition lasted. Solid defender.

IAN MIDDLETON. Was a good link at five eight but inclined to worry too much about the attentions of opposing breakaways. Rather light for Kentwell Cup.

HAL HATCH. A great hearted half who did not play one bad game. Stood up to the job despite lack of protection. Tackled well.

DON GUEST. A conscientious captain and the best line out forward in the competition. Tried hard in the open but found his speed missing after many years out of the game.

GEOFF HUGHES. Showed great dash with devastating tackling early, but illness caused a loss of form.

IAN McLACHLAN. A much improved breakaway and one of the few forwards with the dash and determination to keep right on after the ball.

JOHN MOLLER. A hard rucking experienced forward who played solid football. A little slow for lock position.

JOE LEWIS. Despite lack of condition helped the team out with his versatility by playing half for the last two games.

PETER JONES. Arrived on the scene late in the season and proved to be a tigerish back row forward who never let up.

DAVID HOTTEN. Always a trier in rucks and lineout work. Did not have the speed however to keep up with the game.

RAY ELVERY. The hardest worker and best conditioned player in the pack. Never afraid to go down on the ball and always ready to cover other players' mistakes.

JOHN PARSONS. A keen hard working front row forward who mostly played in the unaccustomed position of hooker, to help team out.

RAY YOUNG. A smart prop forward who played some good games, but appears to be losing his former dash.

BOURKE CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Won Forfeit</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Points for</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Position</u>
13	3	1	10	111	162	2nd last

The Bourke Cup team was called upon on numerous occasions for replacements for the Kentwell Cup. They gave their best available players willingly, often leaving their own team in a rather disjointed state. Thanks to the willingness of certain men to play in any position we were able to see the season through to the end.

Although they had more than their share of defeats, the results were not always a true indication of the games and after the first two, the margin of defeat was very small.

The main source of trouble was the poor attendance at training and the carefree manner in which the game was played on the Saturday.

As this season was a very poor one, we can only hope for better things from the Bourke Cup team in 1955.

W. BRUCE. Full Back. Played very well in this position. A good goal kicker, but must get his line kicks away a little quicker.

K. ROBERTSON. Winger. Has plenty of speed and scored some good tries. Handling could be improved.

B. INSKIP. Winger. Started well at first, but lost some of his keenness. Could develop into a first class player.

R. LAMB. Centre. Tackled well but has a tendency to hang on a fraction too long. Improving from year to year.

J. FRECKLINGTON. Centre. A young player with a lot of football ahead. Plenty of speed. Tackled well on occasions.

S. BAILEY. Vice Captain. Half and Five eight. Although out for several games, due to injuries, he played some inspiring football. With this year's experience, he should improve out of sight.

G. STINSON. Five eight. Came to our rescue at the end of the comp. Played good football. A safe handler but must not prop and run back into the forwards as much as he does.

A. BURFORD. Captain. Lock. Had a difficult time because of promotion of players. Despite this, led his team well and tried to put some life into the game. Plenty of condition but must learn to tackle low.

B. DARRAGH. Breakaway. One of the few 80 minute players to be seen in action this season. Tackles well and plays with plenty of fire.

R. ROBERTS. Breakaway. A tough bustling forward who tackles hard and low. Missed several games due to injuries; on his return played front row and helped to put some life into a sometimes lifeless pack.

L. ROUTLEY. Utility player. Played in almost every position and as a result was unable to settle down. Well conditioned, always up with play and never off the ball.

K. KURTZ. Second row. As usual one of the most experienced players. Excels at line out play and relishes the tight stuff.

J. COMMERFORD. Second Row. A very fit player who puts everything into the game.

J. ADLIDE. Front row. Started late but soon made his presence felt, by his solid play. Always on the ball.

I. BRABANT. Hooker. Improved with every game, very fit.

P. JONES. The most experienced man in the pack. Really a big asset till promoted to the Kentwell Cup.

WHIDDON CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Points for</u>	<u>Points against</u>	<u>Position</u>
14	3	2	9	88	134	3rd last

Somewhat like the Bourke Cup team, the Whiddon boys were handicapped by sudden disruptions of the line up. This must not be taken as an excuse for its position of nearly "Wooden Spooners". Indeed it was anticipated that at some time or other the Senior teams would require reserves and most players were resigned to the fact that somebody new would be playing next to them each game. The Whiddon Cup team had the best roll-up at training of a Wednesday night and lack of keenness was never considered, this point being one worthy of thought. Footballers can, and do, become too keen. Witness the fact of many of our players charging towards the opposition line with three men in support. The natural play, from spectator outlook is, a pass. How many times was the ball held, to be smothered under a molee of bodies? It is this type of keenness which hampered our chances, and we would say, landed us near the bottom of the ladder.

COLIN JONES. Fullback. Inability to train affected his performances, but he proved to be a very reliable goal kicker.

BRUCE COMMENS. Winger. Much improved player this season. Has the ability to score tries by sheer pace and strong running.

HAYDN SLATER. Winger. A good, solid and consistent player.

JOHN SMALL. Winger. Joined the team late in the season after recovering from injuries. Shows promise of being an effective flank man. Has to be in condition first though.

KEITH JONES. Fullback. Became available late in the season and immediately hit form. Played very well.

FRANK PAYNE. Centre. Useful player in many positions. A most conscientious man, who will play some valuable games for the Club.

JOHN BERESFORD. Centre. A player with much ability, but did not seem to reach top condition.

GORDON TREMAINE. Centre. Tenacious and hard tackler who puts everything into his game.

BARRY NIX. Five Eight. Ran well at training but seemed unsettled during some matches. Has ability to handle well.

JOHN THOM. Half back. New to this position. Is tigerish, and the teams most conditioned player; always on the ball.

DAVID FERNON. Breakaway. Tackles well. Always up with play.

KEVIN OEHMS. Breakaway. Very fast from the scrum and always on the ball; backs up well in the open.

DICK GRIERSON. Breakaway. Enthusiastic player and with more experience will use his speed to advantage.

TONY HOLDEN. Breakaway. Improved with each game and is the teams keeneast player.

CLINTON DAWKINS. Captain. Lock. Teams most improved member. A natural footballer and always plays for 80 minutes. A most promising player.

PETER TANNER. Second row. Has the ability to turn defence into attack. Peter's best season, and is bound to mature next season.

BOB. STEVENS. Second row. Has much ability but has a tendency to lose interest at times. Could be a first class player.

BRIAN LIPPIATT. Second row. When fit and in form, an asset to any team.

MIKE CONNORS. Second row. Honest toiler and always at home in the tight work.

BOB SWINNEY. Front row. Hard, rugged player, always in the thick stuff.

WAYNE JONES. Front row. A sound honest forward who played consistently up to his period of National Service Training.

CARL FELDMAN. Front row. Played out of position early. Was more at home in the front line. Did not hesitate to go into the tight play.

MAX CONNERY. Front row. A solid forward, always in the middle of the hard work.

THE GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

To you who are conversant with the awarding of the Gordon Bevan Shield, it will be with admiration that the winner for 1954, Raymond Elvery, will be acclaimed.

The Gordon Bevan Shield is awarded annually to the member receiving the greatest number of points, allocated as follows:

Attendance at training	..	20
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	..	<u>10</u>
		<u>100</u>

Ray Elvery has played well his part in Rugby Football, and indeed has undertaken his responsibilities with keenness displayed only by a genuine Club man, a feature which gained him full points. We offer him our sincere congratulations.

HOCKEY

(Sub-committee: B. Trevenar (Chairman), R. Ackermann, D. Walkor, T. Mobbs, C.J. Jones.

Again the Club was represented by two teams, in the "A" and "B" Grade of the Minor Division of the Sydney Hockey Association, and enjoyed a most successful season. The "A" Grade side winning the Minor Premiership and following with success in the final, by defeating Northern districts, added further to its unbeaten record. The "B" team finished the competition in second place by one point to Gladesville but were defeated by Teachers' College in the semi-

final. We take this opportunity to congratulate Gladesville who defeated Teachers Collogo, in the final, one goal to nil.

The Barton-Briars Shield was again contested for in Canberra, and the match ended with a win to Barton. The trip to the Capital was very enjoyable and we are most grateful to the Barton Club for their hospitality. We appreciate their efforts to strengthen the friendship between the two Clubs.

Barton will play the 1955 return match in Sydney and it is now up to our Club to extend the same hospitality as was shown us.

Our thanks go to Burwood Council for allowing us the use of Burwood Park, as it was one of the best surfaced grounds we have played on. Concord Oval was made available for training, but it was very disappointing to see so many players who did not take advantage of the extra service provided by the Club. It is only by training that a team can play as a team, with consequent strengthening of individual play. Let's see some team spirit in 1955 and make training as important as competition games.

The Club entered the St. George Carnival this season. Although we were not successful, the team was by no means disgraced, as our opponents were district teams.

FIRST ELEVEN

The achievement of the firsts in gaining premiership honours for the fifth season in succession, 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 17 matches (including the semi final and final) winning 14 and drawing 3. Goals scored were 72, with 14 against.

B. TREVENAR. Captain. Right Back. No doubt the outstanding contributor to Briar success. Denies himself many luxuries to help his teammates enjoy their hockey. Combines well with Dave Walker to form a fine attacking defence. Has the happy knack of getting into lots of trouble. Has the happier knack of getting out of trouble with brilliant play.

R. ACKERMANN. Vice-Captain. Centre Half. Proved himself a very able deputy. His game was outstanding throughout the season. Ray didn't score any goals but he was always a trier and many goals were scored through his good judgment. His anticipation in defence was strong, robbing the opposition of the opportunity to capitalise on attacking moves.

D. PROWSE. Centre. Doug was again the highest scorer for the Club with 41 goals. Against St. George he scored the most goals by one member of the Club - 9 out of a total of 14. The main scoring medium being that of the centre forward reflects the correctness of Doug's play. Always ready for any chances in the circle; Field play excellent; particularly hard to tackle.

TOM MOBBS. Inside Right. Was his old self, playing his usual steady game, in defence and attack. During the season Tom scored 20 goals and earned every one of them; although he combined well with the other forwards, on some occasions he held onto the ball too long and made difficult shots, where a pass could have made easier ones. His turn of pace over short distances astounded many of the opposition.

L. DAVIS. Wing. When in possession was always a danger. His pace often left the defence standing and his well timed centres gave the inside men a good share of the ball. Los scored on three occasions, and each goal gave the goalie no chance.

N. WALKER. Played as winger for the first seven matches. When Ham, Lennartz withdrew, Neil was moved to inside left. As left wing his game was up to the usual good form. Scored two goals from that position and well earned them. At inside left, a difficult position to score from, he netted four times and made many openings for other goals. A most versatile player.

J. BEADSWORTH. Wing. Received his opportunity in the first eleven after seven matches and proved a sound selection. He combined well with his brother Sam. John's outstanding backstick was a pleasure to watch and kept the forward line moving at a top pace. He was always a hard man to tackle as he ran with the ball onto his left side; perhaps the fastest man in the team.

H. LENNARTZ. Played the first seven rounds as inside left. In this position was a tower of strength and made many openings for the other forwards. Tireless in his efforts.

S. BEADSWORTH, as left half had a mixed season, but improved his game as the season continued. Defence was all that could be asked and on many occasions he set the left side of the team moving. Played his best game in the final.

J. CASSIDY. Played sound hockey at right half and always had the situation under control; combination with the centre half was outstanding; never failed when called on for that little extra bit of "devil".

D. WALKER. Played his usual sound game at left back. Dave's stick work at all times made the attackers miss badly and his lift shots when in a tight corner showed good hockey sense. His hard clears from his own line set the forwards on the attack.

R. PEISLEY. This was Rus's first season in "A" grade and he gave quite a polished performance. Based his defence on anticipation and his combination with the backs was reflected in the total of goals scored against the team; only 14.

SECOND ELEVEN

It would have been very nice to say that this team had emulated the feat of the 1950 side in winning the Premiership from the position of Runner-Up in the competition. Our one bug bear happened to be Gladesville Club. If we had beaten them only once things might have been different. Gladesville went on to win the title with the keen Teachers' team in second place. We were a team of rookies, not so much in ability but in playing experience, and with the same keenness shown all through the winter next year we will put up a more determined fight. We were only beaten four times, thrice by Gladesville and once by Teachers, and that in the vital semi-final. Apart from Norm Ellis we had very few goal hitters. Each department of the team played well, up to the circle, where we failed to capitalise on our previous good work. Unfortunately, Hockey is not a sport where the result is decided by the referee, as in boxing; goals, and goals only give the desired result.

C.J. JONES. Captain. Centre half. Played good Hockey for a while, but faded towards the end. Combined well with the outside halves. Has a tendency to become a little excited and vociferous.

M. HILL. Goalie. The only Hockey playing Vice-President in the Club. The team is indebted to Morris for his part in their success. Never complains, even when he has reason to, and besides, does a good job in goals.

J. KERR. Right back. Our overgreen, whose positional play and sound hockey sense saved us many a time. Related to the Captain in some way or another.

B. RITCHIE. Left Back. Undoubtedly the star player of the season. Always sure in defence and dynamic in attack. Highlights his play by strong clearances and solid team work.

A. ROWE. Right Half. Improved with leaps and bounds. Supported Alan Price well and his play "clicked" with the centre half. Positional play at fault.

G. NORTH. Left Half. Form player. Settled down half way through season after a bit of mucking about with the "A" Team. A keen Club man; would not miss training for anything.

A. PRICE. Left wing. "Rookie Comes good". Improved into a good outside man. Also a very keen trainer. Thoroughly enjoys every game. Experience will improve his game more.

R. PARROTT. Left wing. A late starter who did his share of the work. Army prevented his attendance at training, subsequently condition hampered his control.

R. WALKER. The young 'un. Did not show the form of which he is capable. Had many chances but spoilt them by trying to beat the field. A few laps around the local park will do him wonders.

J. HOLLANDS. "The" Jack Hollands. A solid man in any team. Is the only Club man to be a representative in a Premiership winning. Hockey, Football, and Cricket team. Played inside left and outwitted the opposition with brainy play.

J. BROWN. Dashing inside right. Has sound positional sense and is unselfish in field work. One of the mainstays of the team.

M. SMITH. Half. A disappointing season for Malcolm. Appointed Vice-Captain but did not live up to that position. Played sound hockey when he played.

NORM ELLIS. Centre. Goal scorer of note. Many years experience has moulded him into a good "shooter". Certainly knows what he and everybody else should do.

CLUB ROOMS

Senior Steward: I.R. Vanderfield.
Asst. Senior Steward: A.G. Stevenson.
Stewards: R. Taskor, D. Walker, R. Kerr, R. Elvery, L. Routley.
D. McKeown, I. Thompson, W. Jones, D. Hotten, J. Thom.

In this, probably the most important section of the Report we must of necessity make comparisons with previous years. You will recall that the year 1951-52 ended on a most unhappy note, with very few offering to take on the various offices; poor Club Room attendances, and generally a complete lack of interest in Club affairs. Fortunately, this depressing trend did not last long and things were in a much happier state early in 1953.

At the time last year's Report was presented, Club attendances, the willingness and general enthusiasm all were on a very high level and produced a very successful year. These factors continued into this year, but unfortunately, have not been maintained, and as the year closed there were signs of deterioration. Attendances were less, takings lower, and the encouraging position in regard to Stewards had declined markedly. However this has only been slight compared with the position a few years ago and we can only hope that the satisfactory overall results just completed will be continued.

With all factors considered 1953/54 was a better year financially than 1952/53 and can be compared with any of the good years we have had since the war.

The total profit realised from all Club Room amenities at 30th September, 1954 was slightly less than recent years, but this figure does not include three Special Social functions, the proceeds of which are recorded under separate heading.

The biggest single factor in the year's operations has been the tremendous behind-the-scenes job done by Geoff Stevenson. Largely because of his outstanding work in running the Club Rooms, he has been fittingly rewarded the coveted J.H. Stone Trophy.

The present Senior Steward could not devote the time required to the job, and after five terms, must retire in favour of someone who can afford precious "after hours" to the work.

It is to be hoped that Geoff, after many years as a steward and two years as Assistant Senior Steward, will take over the Senior position.

It has become abundantly apparent over the last few years that the whole survival and continued prospering of our Club, in its present set up, revolves around the Club Rooms and their successfully functioning, both socially and financially. In this respect the job of Senior Steward has carried an increasing amount of work and responsibility, until it has become without any question one of the two most important offices of the Club. However, the successful tenure of the office can only be ensured by adequate support from keen members willing to take on Stewardships. Make no mistake; to be appointed a Steward in this Club has been for many moons, and still is, a prized honour. Every young member should strive to hold such office for one or two years, to enable him to put back into the Club some of the benefit he has withdrawn by way of sport, entertainment and friendship. Accordingly, we appeal for those who have not done so to consider their position, and reflect whether they have done as much as they might.

ADMINISTRATION

Your Board of Directors and Management Committee, following the policy of monthly meeting, each held 12 meetings. The following are the attendances.

<u>Board of Directors</u>					
S. Jones	12	D. Prowse	12	E. Watt	10
H. Ford	11	P. Moulman	11	R. Thomson	3
G. Whiddon	9	R. Clark	12	D. Way	10
<u>Management Committee</u>					
S. Jones	12	P. Tanner	8	B. Trevenar	7
E. Stockdale	11	D. Walker	11	R. Thomas	7
C.G. Jones	12	D. Way	7	(Aptd. 4/12/53)	
A. Reid	12	A. Stevenson	9	B. Adcock	2
S. McGregor	7	Dr. Vanderfield	11	(Res. 12/10/53)	
(Aptd. 4/12/53)					

BILLIARDS

Chairman, D. Walker.

The financial receipts of the year give evidence of an increase in the popularity of Billiards with members, and especially with visitors to the Club. This last salient fact only emphasises the sometimes overlooked good fortune of members being able to indulge in the luxury of this game in congenial surroundings.

The obvious and loudly expressed enjoyment members derive from friendly games seemed to indicate that competitive tournaments were not really required, but nevertheless, interest in the one event indicated that more could be held with advantage.

This one tournament was a 30 up knockout event on a no handicap basis and completed in one evening. The runner-up was Ray Elvery, and the winner, David Walker. Pondering on this result, it seems difficult to reason why the organiser did not arrange more tournaments. No doubt he wishes to refrain from infringing his amateur status any further.

Some repairs to the cloths were needed this year and these were carried out by Heiron & Smith Ltd, which firm also maintained the tables and cues in good condition with its quarterly service.

Emphasis on the high cost of billiard and snooker balls must be stressed on members, and though the feat of hitting balls off the table is regarded as fit for jesting, no mirth is expressed by the Treasurer, whose bank carries all replacement costs. If this fact could be indented on members as often as the balls are dented, never again would players approach the game like a football tackle, and hit the balls hard and low.

TABLE TENNIS

Chairman: D. Walker.

Be it summer or winter, there is always a waiting list desirous of securing the Table Tennis table on Friday nights. The popularity of this game has been such that in order to cater for more players, two teams were entered in the winter competition of the N.S.W. Table Tennis Association Competition. Thus after three years of competitions, Briars came to have a "D" Grade team as well

as a "C" Grade team. A team consists of only three players and so only six players were occupied on any one night. However the honour of representing was shared by no fewer than 12 men.

The "C" Grade team had a basic composition of two, Brian Simpson and Dave Walker, with a third interchangeable component. The "D" Grade usually comprised the trio of Jones Boys, Colin Hockey, Colin Half Time, and his brother Wayne, but other commitments often dispersed the trio. These other replacements, or components who figured prominently were, Bruce Tasker, Laurie Routley, Brian Adcock, Ron Aiken, with solitary appearances by Geoff Stevenson and John Wade, and Clinton Dawkins.

The results were far from encouraging. The senior team finished the first round in fifth place, but with the mortification of suffering four, 6 to 5 defeats in five matches in the second round they became somewhat discouraged and lacked the concentration to produce further wins. The "D" Grade team comprised players who had not played competition before and they found the opposition too strong in all matches.

However, material success is not all important and though both teams may have appeared disgruntled and dejected at times the experiences played through, the pleasure of "just playing", and the occasional flush of victory, compensated for any discomforts and embarrassments suffered.

To reach the pinnacle of success, players must realise that most of our opponents treat these matches as a major sport, and practise incessantly at their places of work, or at table tennis Clubs, whereas we treat the game as a sideline, and the only practise ever taken is a "bash" on Friday nights. Thus is the lesson obvious, and all players must forget the Hockey boys' methods, and really practise with a purpose.

We can see that the competitive instincts were satisfied for some, but the bulk of members experienced only one tournament, this being a 21 up knockout no-handicap event, played on one night. The winner was John Wade, closely followed by Nev. Milne, the other finalist.

GOLF

(Sub-committee: D. Walker (Chairman), C. Mitchell, L. Routley)

From May to September of this Royal visit year, our members had the opportunity of playing in five golf outings. Three of these occasions were our own Club "schemozzles", whilst the other two were contests against Western Suburbs Cricket Club and Scots College Old Boys' Union.

The attendances at our own Club days were at the level of past years, the largest number of 44 rolling up at our first outing at Laura, on Sunday 23rd May. The weather conditions were appalling, but a thick mist and light rain could not overcome the Briar spirit, and all but two players hit off. The morning round, a pairs aggregate stableford, was completed in finer weather than when commenced, but with worsening of the meteorological outlook, and since all members were drenched anyway, no further play occurred.

Our next event was at the unpopular Kirkham Lane course on 18th July. Here the weather Gods treated us more kindly; they only blow and blow at the players. The attendance was 28, but this is actually one more than last year's figure for the corresponding event.

The following outings were also at Kirkham. The 8th August, 14 players unsuccessfully battled against West's Crickets. Two weeks later, 18 players representing Briars, met Scots Old Boys for the annual tussle for the Briars-Scots Golf Cup, and for the first time since its inception two years ago, we were successful. The players for these days were selected mainly from cricketers, but several "strangers to a bat handle" found their way into the classification. All participants thoroughly enjoyed the friendly jousts.

The last Club day of the season was again at Laura in mid-September, in delightful spring weather, which was much appreciated by the 34 players attending. The usual competitions were conducted and with improved luncheon service at the Clubhouse, all factors combined to make this the best Golf day of the year. The day started chaotically, when the lists of players and handicaps were stranded at Penrith with one of the organisers broken down car, and we almost did have a true "schemorle."

The golf committee has several thoughts for future days, and is always receptive to new ideas from members, for improvement of these gatherings. The organisers intend to make next year's autumn date at Laura, no later than April, as our past experiences have proved the weather to be very poor in May. Also, the days must be spaced more widely than the past year, and a change of venue from Kirkham Lane is desired. It is on the last matter that members may help us; by notifying the committeemen of other Golf Courses available in Mid winter.

Leaving this matter for your thought, your committee departs to face a future full of bigger, brighter and better Golf days.

SOCIAL

(Sub-committee: P. Tanner (Chairman), W. Turner, I. Thompson, R. Elvory, C. Dawkins.)

During the past year, the social activities have been extremely successful, due to the great response to all functions by members and their friends.

This happy state is well shown by the profits arising out of the social functions; an amount of approximately £90. A large measure of the financial success was due to a very successful Ball held at the Dungowan Restaurant in Martin Place on July 31st. An ideal place for holding such functions. A large crowd of members and friends attended and it is considered that it ranks as one of the most notable in the Club's history. The total profits for the night were well over £50 and we are happy to have our efforts rewarded so.

A number of social nights were arranged previously to the Ball and were well attended and financially successful.

It is hoped that those members who attended, agree, that the suppers and the shows generally were of an extremely high standard. The last Social activity of the Club was a very enjoyable "End of Season Football and Hockey Smoke". This night proved rather disappointing, as the attendance was poor, but what it lacked in attendance was made up for in spirit etc. We were very fortunate to have two entertainers of a very high standard who were able to make the Smoke a night which will be remembered for a long while. The decorum of the Members at this function was exemplary and whilst this behaviour continues, the Management Committee, we feel sure, will have full confidence in future evenings of this kind.

Summing up the years activities, we wish to thank all those Members connected with the Committee who helped arrange, prepare and run the Social nights. Without their help we are sure the Social Committee would not have functioned as well as it has. We plan to hold the annual Christmas Cocktail Party in the Club Rooms early in December and look forward to another year of good fun.

To conclude, we would like to point out to those who read this report, who have attended very few Social nights, that it is at those functions that Club spirit is attained, apart from our sporting activities. We therefore hope that you may realise that these evenings are arranged specifically for your enjoyment, and that, realising this, you may take full advantage of these Club facilities.

HALF TIME

Editor: C.G. Jones, Assistant Editor, Rex Lamb; Reporters, A.G. Stevenson, D.A. Walker, R.J. Thomson, E.G. Stockdale, B. Adcock, C. Mitchell, J. Rudd, R. Ackermann, C.J. Jones, S. McGregor, P. Hotten, H. Slater.

The year has been one of fluctuating fortunes in the production of "Half Time". When the Editors position had been filled at the completion of the 1952-53 year, the venture for the new Editor was viewed with apprehension, thus the late issue of the first and second editions is accounted for, by him becoming accustomed to the job. Subsequently the issues were quite regular until the first week in August when an issue was due. At this stage the Editor suffered a broken collar bone, and work lapsed for the following eight weeks. The period of "Ups and downs" has now passed, and issues should again be consistent.

The reporters did a good job in giving apt descriptions of their respective fixtures, and it was only on an odd occasion reports were late in being forwarded to the Editor. The Editor wishes to thank the reporters for the work they have done as it is their support which reduces his work. Thanks also go to the members of the "Ron Thomson Tennis Club" who offered their assistance "between sets".

The ever increasing problem of finance must be brought to members' notice. The cost of producing a magazine such as ours have risen and subscriptions for Half Time, do not cover the cost. Surely the sum of ten shillings per year is not such an imposing amount for subscription. It is not for the want of asking members to join, as the Editor was always confronted with the same answer,

"I haven't ten bob on me, see me next time". The "next time" was always as the first. There is no better way of learning the Club's activities than through Half Time, and unless you are a subscriber, you will only know half of what goes on in the Club.

Let us hope the members will readily support the magazine in the following year as it is only right, and fair, that every member should "be in it".

J.H. STONE TROPHY

The history of the trophy goes back to the Annual Meeting of 1950 when the first award, to the member who made the most valuable contribution to the Club's welfare, was made. The Trophy is awarded annually and was given by the first ever President of the Briars Club, Mr. Jack Stone.

Geoff Stevenson, so willingly foregoing other personal pleasures, to attend to Club matters, has been chosen as the winner for 1954. With characteristic drive and energy Geoff made possible many amenities available to members, and it is on their behalf we congratulate him, on a job very well done.

PERSONAL

Under this title the 1952/53 Annual Report drew Members' attention to the subject of a fitting honour to mark the appreciation by the Club of the outstanding service given by Bob Clark upon his retirement. At the Annual General Meeting in December 1953, it was agreed to elect Bob as a Life Member of the Club. However, whilst this is the highest honour that can be bestowed on any member, your Management considered that something real, to help perpetuate his name be obtained. A special committee was formed to investigate this. The committee has decided that a cabinet of high quality and construction to contain Briar Sporting Trophies, be purchased and installed in the Club Rooms. This we consider to be a fitting gesture and trust that members meet this suggestion enthusiastically.

QUEEN'S PORTRAIT

The addition to the Club Rooms of a magnificent photograph of our lovely Queen, Elizabeth II, is due to our Patron, The Hon. H.W. Whiddon, M.L.C., who at the 1953 Annual Meeting, presented the portrait to the Club. May we offer our thanks for a very fine gift.

ACCIDENT FUND

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

The Accident Fund was run on similar lines to last year. The footballers paying direct into the Fund whilst the Cricketers and Hockey Players paid direct to their respective Associations. The Associations team insurance is compulsory whereas the footballers contribution is voluntary.

During the season 27 players were insured, which is poor when over 70 players participated. There have been suggestions that the Fund should be wound up with so many Medical benefits being available to members.

Receipts from Contributions amounted to £14/16/0, a decrease of £9/17/0 on last year's collections and interest received from the Commonwealth Savings Bank totalled £3/12/10.

Claims paid during the year amounted to £10/13/6 which was greatly below the previous year's figures by £24/15/6. There are still outstanding, two claims, one of which will be for a substantial amount.

Other payments were £3/3/0 donation to St. Johns Ambulance and £16/19/6 for football post pads.

We express our appreciation to Dr. Roger Vanderfield, Dr. Geoff. Vanderfield, Dr. Alan Soarle, Dr. T.W. Freemon, Mr. Bjolke Peterson and the St. Johns Ambulance Brigade for their attention to injured players.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>£ s. d.</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>£ s. d.</u>
Balance B/fwd.	154 19 0	By Claims paid	10 13 6
Fees from Members	14 16 0	Football Post pads	16 19 6
Bank Interest	3 12 10	St. Johns Ambulance	3 3 0
		Balance C/fwd.	£142 11 10
	<u>£173 7 10</u>		<u>£173 7 10</u>

CONGRATULATIONS

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

At some time in the distant past some person thought fit to publish in each Annual Report, the names of those who have become engaged and more seriously, married, during the "relative" year.

To omit such a list from this year's publication would be sacrilege, for to quote a statement by a very single member.

"Those fellows only go off the deep end just to get their names in the Briars Annual Report".

This cannot be really true, so we will now record, along with our congratulations, the following:

Engagements

George Miller	to	Pat Muir
David Walker	to	Elaine Campbell
Malcolm Patrick	to	Margaret Rankin
Brian Adcock	to	Janet Broadfoot
Nov. Thomas	to	Valerie Chidgey

Marriages

Alan Searle	to	Mavis Williams
Dr. Roger Vanderfield	to	Margaret Cotter
Nov. Milne	to	Margaret Williams
John Crawford	to	Anne Gilder
Brian Williams	to	Anne Drury
Kon Astridge	to	Helen Auld
Paddy Friend	to	Phillipa Hayden

Amidst great excitement, much trumpet blowing and with shouts of "....on the house", we received the joyful news of the additions to Briar marriages, families. To John Cleary, Paddy Friend, Neil Barrell, who became fathers of daughters and Peter Friend, George Wright, Jack Hollands, Bob Vincent, Bill Magrath, Mal Mitchell, fathers of sons. We extend our sincere congratulations.

CONDOLENCES

On behalf of the Board and the Management Committee I wish to express our deep sympathy to all those who have suffered sad bereavement at some time during the year.

FINANCE

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th September, 1954, together with a 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 £176 after providing £22 for depreciation of Club Room furniture and £186 for the redemption of Debentures.

The Debenture Redemption Reserve Fund now stands at £950 and of this amount £700 has been invested outside the Club and will be used to provide sufficient funds to re-pay at maturity the loans made by Members.

The Net Income from Club Room Trading, entertainments and social activities increased by £48 to £472.

The income from Cricket of £127 fell short of the expenditure, which, at £252, was double that of the previous year. The increase in expenditure was due mainly to the purchase of material which will be sufficient for the present Season.

Administration and Club Room expenses remain steady, while expenditure on the maintenance of the property was considerably lower than the previous year.

Subscriptions received during the year increased by £8, but the Club's Honorary Treasurers continue to be called upon to carry out additional work associated with the late payment of fees and we would again remind members that fees are due and payable at the beginning of each financial year.

CONCLUSION

We convey to Members, both individually and collectively, our best wishes for success in the forthcoming year and express our hope that the Club will continue to prosper and play its correct part in the community.

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

R.S. JONES, President

E.G. STOCKDALE, Hon. Secretary

ADDENDUM

May I place on record my appreciation of the work performed throughout the year by E.G. Stockdale. (Hon. Secretary), D.R. Way, (Hon. Treasurer), C.J. Jones (Asst. Hon. Secretary), M. Smith (Hon. Asst. Treasurer), Dr. I.R. Vanderfield (Senior Steward), N.G. Wales (Hon. Auditor), A.G. Stevenson (Asst. Senior Steward), also members of the Board, the Management Committee, the various Sub-committees and the Stewards.

R.S. JONES, President

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1954

30/9/53	£	£	30/9/53	£	£
£ <u>Crickot</u>			£ <u>Profit on Club Room Trading</u>		62
91 Hire of Ground and Registration Fees	88		<u>Crickot</u>		
23 Materials, Caps, Insurance	164	252	109 Batting Fees	126	
<u>Hockey</u>			1 Sale of Caps	1	127
129 Ground Fees	70		<u>Hockey</u>		
<u>Football</u>			123 Ground Fees		48
84 Registrations and Ground Hire	78		<u>Football</u>		
62 Material	69	147	55 Sale of Material	68	
58 Half Time Magazine		74	58 Registrations and Ground Hire	73	141
<u>Club Room Amusements</u>			35 Half Time Magazine		71
13 Billiards and Table Tennis		31	<u>Club Room Amusements</u>		
<u>Administration and Club Room expenses</u>			29 Billiards and Table Tennis	47	
50 Light and Heating	58		395) Entertainments	307	
Repairs and Maintenance of Club Room			Surplus on social activities	87	441
17 & Equipment	33		381 Subscriptions Received		392
83 Stationery, Stamps and Telephone	73		2 Donations Received		1
42 Photographs	-		<u>Property Income</u>		
17 Insurance	23		205 Rentals	205	
46 Annual Reports	52		1 Interest Received	1	206
5 Sundry Expenses	20				
8 Donations and Presentations	15				
23 Depreciation - Furniture & Fittings	22	296			
<u>Property Expenses</u>					
10 Commission	10				
66 Insurance	50				
60 Interest	70				
63 Rates	73				
341 Repairs and Maintenance	54	257			
193 Debenture Redemption Reserve		186			
21 Excess of Income over Expenditure for year		176			
<u>£1505</u>		<u>£1489</u>	<u>£1505</u>		<u>£1489</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1954

30/9/53	Liabilities	£	£	30/9/53	Assets	£	£
£	<u>COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA</u>			£	<u>LAND AND BUILDINGS (At Cost)</u>		
109	(Secured by Mortgage)		288	4750	30-34a George Street, Burwood		4750
	<u>DEBENTURES:</u>				<u>FURNITURE AND FITTINGS</u>		
950	185 £5 - 5% Debentures	925		459	Value 30th September, 1953	436	
2305	472 £5 Interest Free Debentures	2360	3285	23	Less Depreciation	22	414
50	<u>N.S.W.C.A. - SPECIAL GRANT</u>		50		<u>DEBENTURE REDEMPTION FUND INVESTMENT</u>		
18	<u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u>		27		£700 - 4 ³ / ₈ Metropolitan Water Sewer-		
18	<u>FEES PAID IN ADVANCE</u>		17		age and Drainage Board 1968 Loan		
	<u>RESERVES</u>				(At Cost)		700
1066	General Reserve	1066			<u>STOCK ON HAND (At Valuation)</u>		
700	Debenture Redemption Reserve	950	2046	133	Cigarettes, Chocolates etc.	62	
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS:</u>			1	Metal Badges	16	
184	Balance 30th September 1953	205		12	Football Outfit	9	
	Add Excess of Income over			7	Caps	7	94
21	Expenditure for year	176	381	11	<u>SUNDRY DEBTORS</u>		17
				21	<u>COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK OF AUSTRALIA</u>		
					(Current Account)		28
				50	<u>PREPAYMENTS</u>		61
					Fees outstanding at 30th September		
					1954 amounting to £104 have not been		
					taken into account.		
<u>£5421</u>			<u>£6064</u>	<u>£5421</u>			<u>£6064</u>

R.S. JONES) Directors
D.V. PROWSE)
D.R. 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, 1954 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 1954, 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, 1954

<u>30/9/53</u>		<u>30/9/53</u>	
£	£	£	£
177	To Stock on Hand	902	By Sales
	1st Oct, 1953		784
	133		
747	Purchases	133	Stock on Hand
	652		63
	<u>Gross Profit</u>		
	<u>transferred to</u>		
	<u>Income & Expend-</u>		
	<u>iture Account</u>		
111	62		
<u>£1035</u>	<u>£ 847</u>	<u>£1035</u>	<u>£847</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. Siddelay	..	..	1924-1925
E. Love	..	..	1925-1926
H.W. Whiddon	..	..	1926-1928
E. J. Siddelay	..	..	1928-1929
R.W. May	..	..	1929-1931
E. J. Siddelay	..	..	1931-1932
H.W. Whiddon	..	..	1932-1933
R.G. Herford	..	..	1933-1935
J.E. Holmes	..	..	1935-1936
R.W. May	..	..	1936-1939
E. J. Siddelay	1939-1942
R.W. May	1942-1943
H.G. Whiddon	1943-1948
E.F. Watt	1948-1953
R.S. Jones	1954

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