

**43 rd ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
BALANCE SHEET**

**The Briars  
Sporting Club Limited  
Burwood**



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## THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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Gentlemen,

Your Board of Directors and Management Committee have pleasure in presenting for your perusal and adoption, the Forty-Third Annual Report of the Club for the year ended 30th September, 1961.

In all phases of the Club's activities the year was beyond doubt a satisfactory one. However, it was also a crucial period owing to the major problems which it became necessary to solve if the future of the Club were to continue in the same successful way.

The footballers did not produce a hoped-for Premiership but nevertheless brought great credit upon the Club by their excellent team spirit both on and off the field.

Generally speaking, the cricketers held their own in their respective competitions although some of the lower teams suffered from want of sufficient players of adequate standard. However, a happy team spirit prevailed and that was more important than winning competitions.

Yet once again, the "A" hockey team were Premiers in the "A" Grade Minor Division whilst the "B" team acquitted itself well.

Squash, golf, billiards, snooker and table tennis were minor sports enjoyed by a number of members.

Subject to what is said later, liquor trading was both moderately beneficial to the Club's finances and, more importantly, a means of promoting fellowship between the members off the field of sport.

Socially, the Club continued the good work of the previous year and the Annual Ball in particular was voted an outstanding success.

The predominant feature of the year was the successful administration of the various sub-committees. This took a great load off the Secretary's shoulders and furthermore was a heartening demonstration of the willingness and capacity of many younger members to play a leading role in the Club's administration. Whilst this attitude continues on such a wide scale, the future of the Club is assured.

We regret to report that it became necessary to take disciplinary action against a member for unbecoming conduct; as a result, he is no longer a member of the Club. It is unfortunate that the good reputation of the Club should be prejudiced by the occasional member who does not know how to behave himself. Your Board and your Committee are unanimous that a warning having been given by the above incident and its outcome, any bad conduct in the future will meet with prompt and appropriate action.

Early in the year, Teddy Stockdale announced his intention not to seek re-election as Secretary. In considering the question of a successor, your Executive arrived at the conclusion that the duties of Secretary as they existed were potentially too onerous to expect them to be carried out by one man in an honorary capacity. It was decided therefore that Ted's successor as Secretary would be responsible only for the ordinary administration of the Club and that someone else would take over as licensee assuming all the duties and responsibilities attaching to that position in terms of the Liquor Act. It was appreciated that this might involve some alteration of the titles of office.

In preparation for this division of responsibility and to afford Ted some assistance in the meantime, a number of older members volunteered to act as a panel operating on a roster basis to exercise personal supervision over the bar and the Club Rooms on Friday and Saturday evenings. This system has worked with outstanding success.

The question of filling the administrative void was the subject of discussions, initially, by the Board and the Committee and, subsequently, by a joint meeting of both bodies to which were invited former office-bearers of proven ability and Club interest and a number of younger members who had displayed a willingness to help in Club administration. As a result of these discussions, it was felt that members would be found to carry on upon Ted's retirement.

Another example of your Executive's forward thinking was the constitution of a special sub-committee to examine the objectives of the Club with a view to preparing a master plan for the future. To date, the sub-committee has given its main attention to the question of securing a second turf wicket and a recommendation in this regard should be forthcoming shortly.

The membership of the Club as at 30th September, 1961, compared with 1960 was comprised as follows :-

		<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>
Full	...	249	248
Junior	...	24	28
Associate	...	51	47
Country	...	<u>33</u>	<u>28</u>
		<u>357</u>	<u>351</u>

It will be noted that although there was a slight decrease in overall membership, the number of active members remained fairly constant. It is always pleasing to record any increase in junior membership, as was the case this year. These are the members who are more likely to be receptive to the atmosphere of the Club and eventually become the element to carry on the traditions of the past.

Once again, we have occasion to express gratitude to the Burwood and Concord Municipal Councils for their assistance and co-operation during the year.

We also appreciate the help from N.S.W. Rugby Union, Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Union, N.S.W. Rugby Union Referees' Association, N.S.W. Cricket Association, City and Suburban Cricket Association, Western Suburbs Cricket Association, Western Suburbs District Cricket Club, Sydney Hockey Association, Sydney Hockey Umpires' Association, Squash Association of N.S.W. and Leura Golf Club.

In conclusion, we extend greetings and best wishes for success to the many Clubs against whom we compete on the field of sport.

#### CRICKET

SUB-COMMITTEE: L. Davis (Chairman), J. Balmforth,  
P. Mansford, T. Mobbs, A. Taaffe,  
J. Wade and D. Williams.

Before analysing our performances over the last season let us first congratulate the successful teams in the various competitions as follows :-

"A" Shires	...	Pennant Hills
Club Championship	..	Pennant Hills
"B" Shires	..	Lane Cove
W.S.C.A. "B" Grade	..	Columbia
W.S.C.A. "C" Grade	..	Concord West

All these teams showed good team work and sportsmanship and thoroughly deserved the honours.

Turning to Club performances, despite the fact that our name does not appear in the honour rolls this year (which is unusual) it was a most successful season from the social aspect. Games were arranged and played against Soots Old Boys, Trinity College, St. Josephs College, Penrith, B.A.L.M. and Mudgee. A special thanks goes to the Mudgee team for their famous hospitality. The other games were most enjoyable and keenly contested but the St. Josephs boys handed us a lesson in the arts of the game.

In the Shires, the "A" side did well to make the semi-finals, although our batting collapsed badly on the first day. The team fought back well to make the game interesting right to the last. The "B" Shires had a lot of bad luck with the weather against weaker sides and missed valuable competition points when they were sorely needed. There is a ton of good young talent in this side and we shall not worry too much for the future.

The two teams in the "B" and "C" Grades of W.S.C.A. did very well as no fewer than 13 Briars names appear in the Association report. A good team spirit prevailed throughout and much credit goes to the Captains, Barry Vaughan and Allen Davis, for their devotion to duty and leadership.

The City and Suburban, always the guest side, balanced a good season with half wins and half losses. The team enjoyed their carefree game in that delightful C & S atmosphere, but always appeared short of reliable run-getters - Magrath for instance.

Our sincere thanks again to the Burwood and Concord Councils. Particularly to Mr. F. McLaughlin at Rothwell who worked very hard to keep the pitch in first class condition. The volume of innings over 200 during the season confirms this fact. Our thanks also to Audley Land, that statistical genius who so generously devoted many hours to balancing the books and bringing the score books up to date.

Only four members availed themselves of the player-umpire scheme which was a big disappointment to the N.S.W. Cricket Association and Umpires' Association for such a worthy cause. It is sincerely hoped that we shall see more of this idea as there is a marked improvement in the



standard of those who were successful in passing the player-umpire test.

At the time of writing this report our 1961-62 season is well under way and with all teams performing well we cannot close without reference to the marked increase of interest in the game. This can be mainly attributed to that memorable tour of Australia by Frank Worrell's West Indies and further the very successful tour by Richie Benaud's team in England.

#### FIRST ELEVEN ("A" SHIRE)

In the season under review, the team was identical with that which had been runners-up in last year's competition. As perhaps might then have been expected, the results, and standard of play, were maintained at a similar level throughout a season made disjointed by washed out matches and intervals whilst the West Indies tourists were in Sydney.

Again lacking the hostility of a pace attack, and indeed any great penetrative ability, our bowling has nevertheless an effective force in dismissing the opposition for moderate totals. In contrast to other teams who often rely on one or two bowlers, our attack had a considerable, and for a Captain at times embarrassing, depth of talent to call on. By virtue of persistent accuracy and by giving of the best their ability allowed, the bowlers combined in a team effort to be a constant worry to the batsmen and were rarely mastered.

Good support was given by our fielding, which was equal to any in Shire cricket. Most noteworthy were the returns to the wicket, surely the best of any team in the Club for many years. Our close to the wicket fielding was excellent but, in common with most Clubs, our slips fielding was shoddy.

Our batting looked strong but proved to be very inconsistent, rarely realising its full potential. Lack of practice in such a disrupted season made it difficult for our batsmen to find match form. The early batsmen invariably gave us good starts but the weakness of the middle batsmen is evident when it is considered that the best 4th and 5th wickets partnerships in the whole season were 38 and 34, these occurring in the first and last matches, respectively. Despite the undoubted determination of the batsmen to score runs, it proved difficult

to eliminate the faults of impatience and carelessness which so often brought our downfall.

Probably our most disappointing effort we reserved for the semi-final match against Pennant Hills. Batting first on a perfect wicket and in the pre-lunch absence of the opposition's opening bowler, we still collapsed for a miserable 88 runs. Despite a strong fighting effort by the team, we never overcame this initial handicap and lost by 5 wickets. As Minor Premiers and the ultimate winners, Pennant Hills are given our congratulations on their fine performances throughout the season.

We were again fortunate to have Mr. Reg Walker as scorer and the team was very glad of his constant service. Also the team was indebted to the Organisation Men, Messrs. Lennartz and Jones, as finance and equipment executives respectively. The provision of Devonshire Teas at Rothwell was usually left in the capable hands of the wives and mothers, ably supervised by Bob Clark. To all of them a huge hug of thanks.

In conclusion, the Captain's thanks are given to the team for their wholehearted support and co-operation, factors which make captaincy of "A" Shire not a task but a pleasure and a privilege.

DAVID WALKER (Captain): After the glowing eulogy in last year's report, one regrets to mention his plural achilles' heel. Regulars at the Club frequently heard of his failing to score 50 every innings, of dropping the odd catch (every match), of crankily mumbling about drowsy umpires, of setting fields even May wouldn't use, of running quick singles against slow bowlers and of just having to use "goo" on his gloves. Still, he did contribute something to the season (4/- every Saturday).

TOM MOBBS (Vice-Captain): As usual, scored most runs, headed the averages and in partnership with Neil Walker gave us our best opening stands for many seasons. Except for one over in the semi-final, Tom was many times a god-send as a reserve bowler, retaining his old form for three overs, four if he took a wicket. He was a forthright and helpful Vice-Captain and, against Roseville, made a very capable debut as an "A" Shire Captain. One the field was a Nazi SS type, slow but sure.

GRAHAM IRELAND: For most of the season, the "Chief" was in his most prolific form, producing among the bundle of

runs another bundle, a baby. The latter's behaviour affected his later innings, for in full cry early, he finished barely audible. Perhaps walking the floor is not conducive to running up the wicket. At his usual post of silly mid-on, took some brilliant catches and was a menace to the batsmen, especially when he threw the ball.

NEIL WALKER: Taking over an unaccustomed role as opener, Neil had a most successful season. Having learned to curb his impetuosity, he now concentrates on those shots which he plays safely (which only leaves him about two strokes). He was one of the team's top fieldsmen being especially effective at backward shortleg, and has at last stopped moaning about not bowling. He was given 11 overs, always at a time when the fieldsmen needed stimulation.

TED WATT: At the bowling crease, was always a star performer with the ability to close up one end as will be seen from his record of bowling 163 overs at an average cost of 2.8 runs an over. He is justifiably regarded as one of the most worrying bowlers in Shire cricket. Ted is still a dangerous bat but too often seems to lose all control over his methods, lofting the ball far too much but not far enough for consistent results. It is a great pity that his great contribution to the team effort is at times marred by impulsive and churlish behaviour on the field when the tide seems to be running against him and the team.

GEOFF GORTON: Although obviously determined to bat well this season, did not seem to overcome his bad start when he patterned his batting on his Captain's, not taking some five innings to score a score of runs. Luck was not with him at all, fluke dismissals and bad decisions seeming to dog him. Geoff is a brilliant outfielder and with more bowling, might convert his long hops into wellbred tiptop leg breaks.

HAMMY LENNARTZ: By virtue of his unfortunately low position in the batting order, his opportunities were restricted for in many of his typically punishing innings, he either ran out of partners or faced a declaration. He is still inconsistent, due mainly to his old habit of lofting the ball and to his high back lift which causes him defensive problems on fast wickets. As a leg-spinner, he became Ted Watt's pet aversion but nevertheless, as has been said in previous annual reports, on his day he was the team's most penetrative bowler and was always

likely to capture an elusive wicket. Though it always needed a clairvoyant faculty to predict which was "the day", one was always sure that in any position, he was a winning fieldman.

NOEL YOUNG: Noel improved greatly this season, sustaining his length and direction for much longer periods than previously. Using the new ball, his inswingers were most disconcerting to opening batsmen but he needs to develop the ability to move the ball away, a feature on which he is concentrating. Two or three devastating bursts were noteworthy but his best effort was 5 for 21 against Lane Cove, being mainly responsible for a batting rout. As he gains experience, he also needs to gain confidence and to start engendering a fiery hate for batsmen. After viewing his bowling from behind the wicket and studying the results he obtained during the season, one cannot understand the inability of some to accord Noel the recognition his bowling deserves.

LES DAVIS: Unavailability, weather and Tests wrought havoc with Les' batting form and deprived us of the needed run-getting displayed by him in previous seasons. Nevertheless, he played two steady hands in the semi-final, reaching his peak too late. For similar reasons, Les did not figure so prominently at the bowling crease but when he did bowl, his flighted outswingers (and did we detect a legbreak sometimes?) always proved tricky and deceptive to the batsmen, and to our slips fieldmen.

COLIN JONES: He again had his offspinning efforts rewarded by carrying off the bowling average and, this year, took most wickets. Col bowled with consistent accuracy and an accountant's sense of economy but seems at this stage to be unwilling to try the variations of flight and pace needed to make a "kill". As a good team man, always gave of his best, was always happy to accede to any of the Captain's wishes (even to staying too long at the Club) and never wilted under pressure. The highlight of his season was a fine fighting 45 not out against Epping, a feat which he has the ability to repeat consistently.

NORM BYRON: Norm earned his promotion to the "A's" halfway through the season. Unfortunately, he ran into a bad patch of outs but showed commendable determination in this situation and was rewarded with a very meritorious 42 in the last match. He should prove successful in "A" Shire but may find trouble if he nibbles outside the off-stump and persists with the tendency to hit across the line of

flight. As a fieldsman, especially in covers, is an inspiration and we shall all remember the fantastic catch at Pennant Hills oval when he held the ball, hit the fence, rigidly somersaulted the iron railing and landed over the fence with the ball in his upraised hand.

### STATISTICS

<u>Matches</u>							<u>Position in</u>
<u>Played</u>	<u>W.O.</u>	<u>W.1.</u>	<u>L.O.</u>	<u>L.1.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Competition</u>
14	1	5	1	4	3	45	4th

<u>Runs for</u>	<u>Wkts. for</u>	<u>Avge.</u>	<u>Runs agst.</u>	<u>Wkts.agst.</u>	<u>Avge.</u>
2248	113	19.8	2515	144	17.4

### BATTING AVERAGES

<u>Name</u>		<u>Inns.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
Mobbs, T.	...	13	1	61	339	28.2
Ireland, G.	...	12	1	75	307	27.9
Walker, N.	...	13	1	76	313	26.0
Walker, D.	...	13	2	75	277	25.1
Watt, E.	...	12	2	50	220	22.0
Lennartz, H.	...	12	4	32	156	19.5
Jones, C.	...	10	4	45 n.o	107	17.8
Byron, N.	...	9	-	42	116	12.8
Davis, L.	...	9	2	16	66	9.4
Gorton, G.	...	10	1	17	63	7.0
Young, N.	...	9	3	7 n.o	18	3.0

ALSO BATTED: D. Prowse, 1 inns. for 31 runs; R. Napier, 1 for 23; K. Holley, 3 for 40; J. Hollands, 1 for 16; D. Travers, 1 for 6; F. Randle, 2 for 8; J. Balmforth, 1 for 5; B. Maxwell, 1 for 0.

### BOWLING

<u>Names</u>		<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wkts.</u>	<u>Average</u>
Jones, C.	...	111	12	443	30	14.7
Young, N.	...	111	11	361	23	15.6
Watt, E.	...	163	34	458	25	18.1
Mobbs, T.	...	41	3	172	9	19.1
Davis, L.	...	75	11	249	12	20.7
Lennartz, H.	...	92	6	463	21	22.0

ALSO BOWLED: K. Holley, 5 wickets for 39 runs; G. Gorton, 6 for 59; N. Byron, 2 for 35; N. Walker, 3 for 60; G. Ireland, 1 for 29; R. Napier, 0 for 2; J. Balmforth, 0 for 4; F. Randle, 0 for 6.

SECOND ELEVEN ("B" SHIRE)

The team finished low down in the competition table and although disappointed we all realised that the elements were against us and accepted the position philosophically. After being in good positions against some of the lower rated teams we were forced to watch rain ruin our chances, but undoubtedly the best team in the competition won and we sincerely offer our congratulations to Lane Cove on their victory. This Burwood team followed in the true tradition of previous teams in that it was magnificently impregnated with team spirit and sportsmanship.

Being a very young team all round we are looking for big improvements next season.

JOHN WADE (Captain): Captained a Briars team for the first time and did quite a creditable job. Batted with his usual elegance and, on this occasion, with considerable success. Fielding was much better than it was 20 years ago but the same cannot be said about his bowling.

BRUCE TREVENAR: The young faithful again proved his wonderful class as a tight medium paced bowler. Stamina and length are still excellent and brought dividends. Can still bat if he tries and fields at mid on.

JACK BALMFORTH: A very capable assistant captain whose batting suffered somewhat from lack of fitness incurred by a groin injury. Extremely keen in the field. Unfortunately born of foreign extract and can't speak Aussie!

BARRY CARDWELL: Had his most consistent season for years, and seemed to revel in the responsibility of batting much higher in the batting list. Very keen team man, and enthusiastic field.

PETER MANSFORD: Mixed season, with two notable innings against Roseville and University the best. Excellent field and deserving of the "pour la merit" for team spirit and sportsmanship.

TERRY WELLS: Did not have a successful season as was hoped. Was very fast over a few overs, but suffered from a combination of erraticism, bad luck and not sufficient heart. Very handy with the bat and very good field.

TREVOR PARKER: Did his usual trusty job behind the wickets with wonderful show of application, alertness and concentration, which were infectious. Was beginning to show

his true worth with the bat, when he was unfortunately injured.

STEVE GORMAN: Started late in the season with the Club and proved himself to be one of the best young prospects for some years. Uses his feet beautifully to "slowies", and we hope for big things from him next season. Could be a good "Leggie", if he persists with plenty of work.

NORM BYRON: Was the backbone of the side during the early part of the season, with hardly a batting failure. Though erratic, was quite useful with the ball and was an inspiration in the field. A big loss when (allowed to be) taken into the "A's".

KEVIN HOLLEY: The best left handed bowler in "B" Shire, whose swing, length and particularly stamina, were a revelation. Good team man, whose batting potential has not yet been tapped by self application - Pity!

PETER RICHARDSON: Most unselfishly acted as a one man U.N.O. force throughout the whole season, being willing to do battle wherever the situation in the batting order demanded it. Good field, though apparently has never bowled before!

ROGER KERR: Had a highly successful season as opening bat, being the most consistent scorer in the side. An excellent team man, whose improvement in fielding more than satisfactorily answered the critics' jibes.

BOB THOMAS: A good bat, with plenty of ability but seemed to be suffering from an attack of "oscaritis" which must be cured before his true merit will unfold. Played some good hands, but should have played more! Bowled and fielded well on occasion.

ALAN ROSE: Once again bowled his immaculate length, obtaining good results and the respect of most batsmen. He was however "coarted" once or twice and may have felt the long Christmas layoff and broken season.

VERNON PROWSE: Left-handed who played the last four games and showed good form with the ball. Very alert field and handy bat.

#### STATISTICS

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>W.O.</u>	<u>W.I.</u>	<u>L.O.</u>	<u>L.I.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Position in Competition</u>
14	1	4	-	5	4	43	7th
<u>Runs for</u>	<u>Wkts. for</u>	<u>Avge.</u>	<u>Runs agst.</u>	<u>Wkts.agst.</u>	<u>Avge.</u>		
2168	122	17.7	2452	129	19.0		

BATTING AVERAGES

<u>Name</u>		<u>Inns.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
Thomas, R.	...	11	2	65	227	25.2
Kerr, R.	...	11	-	57	233	21.1
Wade, J.	...	12	2	53 n.o.	202	20.2
Holley, K.	...	10	-	78	194	19.4
Richardson, P.	...	13	4	52 n.o.	155	17.2
Cardwell, B.	...	13	-	48	218	16.7
Wells, T.	...	9	1	28	103	12.8
Mansford, P.	...	11	-	52	127	11.4
Balmforth, J.	...	6	-	26	66	11.0
Parker, T.	...	7	1	20	52	8.6
Trevenar, B.	...	10	4	20 n.o.	44	7.3

ALSO BATTED: N. Byron, 5 inns. (2 n.o.) for 177 runs; G. Gorton, 2 for 76; S. Gorman, 4 (1 n.o.) for 56; J. Neale 1 for 14; R. Fraley, 2 for 18; V. Prowse, 2 for 15; G. Ashdown, 2 for 14; A. Rose, 5 (2 n.o.) for 17; J. Barrett, 2 for 6; G. McEachran, 1 for 3; D. Travers, 1 for 2; L. Walker, 1 (1 n.o.) for 2.

BOWLING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wkts.</u>	<u>Average</u>
Holley, K.	... 119	26	374	39	9.5
Trevenar, B.	... 130	22	410	27	15.1
Richardson, P.	... 42	-	238	12	19.8
Rose, A.	... 88	10	388	14	27.7
Wells, T.	... 51	5	237	3	79.0

ALSO BOWLED: N. Byron, 10 wickets for 125 runs; V. Prowse 5 for 116; R. Thomas, 4 for 68; J. Wade, 4 for 147; S. Gorman, 3 for 79; G. Ashdown, 1 for 6; J. Barrett, 1 for 6; J. Balmforth, 1 for 40; G. Gorton, 0 for 11; P. Mansford, 0 for 14; J. Neale, 0 for 19; B. Cardwell, 0 for 30; L. Walker, 0 for 31.

THIRD ELEVEN (B JUNIOR)

The season proved to be one of mixed fortunes and the statistics do not present a particularly glowing picture. However, each member of the team enjoyed his cricket and played the game in a truly sporting Briars fashion. As in previous years, the number of players passing through the team was astonishing, 32 in all making an appearance at once time or another. However, due mainly to the untiring efforts of Les Davis, we managed to field a team each week. Of our regular players, it is difficult to single out anyone but the Captain wishes



to thank Ted Stockdale for his help throughout the season, both in arranging and managing the team, also Don Williams and Jim Barrett who showed great keenness and cricketing ability.

BARRY VAUGHAN (Captain): Did a remarkably good job as Captain and was an inspiration to those playing under him. As a lefthand spinner, was the mainstay of the attack and would certainly be worthy of a place in Shire cricket. An alert and active fieldsman and capable bat.

DON WILLIAMS: A very experienced player who had mixed fortunes with the bat but when he got going displayed a grand array of strokes. Also a very useful slow bowler and a great team man.

GRAHAME McEACHRAN: Has the ability to play a wide variety of shots but in a match is always too subdued. Filled in as wicket-keeper and turned in a most creditable performance.

MICK ELDER: His batting improved as the season progressed. A very keen allround cricketer.

DON BURKE: What he lacked in ability, he made up for in keenness.

VERNON FARROW: His safe, if unorthodox, batting saved the team on frequent occasions. Bowls well but direction too often astray.

COL DENNIS: Played only the second half of the season. Always very keen.

TERRY WELLS: Started the season so well he was promoted to "B" Shires.

JIM NEALE: Very keen. Showed such ability with the bat and ball, was promoted to the Shires.

JIM BARRETT: After a very poor start with the bat came good in the latter part of the season. As one of the team's fast bowlers, was successful especially on a pitch that gave him some help. Has some remarkably good catches to his credit.

TED STOCKDALE: Never really got going but always set about the bowling in a truly cavalier fashion for an opener. His assistance in keeping the team together and providing a wonderful example for everyone to follow, was invaluable. We hope a little of Ted rubbed off on to everyone who played for us.

**GRAHAME ASHDOWN:** A very useful player who has considerable ability with the bat, hitting with tremendous power off the back foot. A good man in the field but must learn to control his returns to the wicket.

**ALLEN COOK:** Always enthusiastic. Has considerable ability with both bat and ball. Keen in the field.

**ANDY CLIFFORD:** As a fast bowler, turned in a couple of very creditable performances. Not always alert in the field.

### STATISTICS

<u>Matches</u>	<u>W.O.</u>	<u>W.I.</u>	<u>L.O.</u>	<u>L.I.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Position in</u>
<u>Played</u>							<u>Competition</u>
14	-	3	4	4	3	19	9th
<u>Runs for</u>	<u>Wkts. for</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Runs agst.</u>	<u>Wkts. agst.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>		
2612	186	14.0	2125	116	18.3		

### BATTING AVERAGES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Inns.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
Ashdown, G.	... 18	-	78	355	19.7
Williams, D.	... 21	4	61	323	19.0
Barrett, J.	... 13	1	81a.o	209	17.4
Wells, T.	... 6	1	40	76	15.2
McEachran, G.	... 20	2	47	235	13.0
Walker, L.	... 6	2	27	45	11.2
Vaughan, B.	... 17	2	24	163	10.8
Stookdale, E.	... 17	-	42	170	10.0
Burke, D.	... 6	-	42	60	10.0
Elder, M.	... 13	1	21n.	97	8.0
Farrow, V.	... 9	2	33	55	7.8
Cooke, A.	... 13	4	26	52	5.7
Clifford, A.	... 13	2	6n.o	21	1.9

ALSO BATTED: T. Parker, 5 inns. (1 n.o.) for 93 runs; C. Dennis, 4 (1 n.o.) for 12; J. Neale, 3 (1 n.o.) for 119; G. Williams, 3 (1 n.o.) for 21; J. Singleton, 3 for 3; G. Chapman, 3 (1 n.o.) for 0; K. Holley, 2 for 20; D. Travers, 2 for 18; J. Rose, 2 for 16; B. Lockett, 2 (1 n.o.) for 15; N. Young, 2 (2 n.o.) for 9; R. Young, 2 for 8; L. Davis, 1 for 113; P. Mendel, 1 (1 n.o.) for 29; B. Maxwell, 1 for 3; R. Jones, 1 for 1; B. Thomas, 1 for 1; -.Angus, 1 for 0; -.Archibald, 1 for 0.

### BOWLING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wkts.</u>	<u>Average</u>
Barrett, J.	... 33	4	138	11	12.5
Vaughan, B.	... 81	7	360	27	13.3

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Average
Williams, D. ...	46	3	265	16	16.5
Wells, T. ...	28	4	114	6	19.0
Clifford, A. ...	52	4	297	15	19.8
Walker, L. ...	28	1	151	6	25.1
Cooke, A. ...	23	2	130	5	26.0

ALSO BOWLED: K. Holley, 4 wickets for 15 runs; G. McEachran, 4 for 67; J. Neale, 4 for 80; V. Farrow, 3 for 35; G. Ashdown, 3 for 73; L. Davis, 2 for 20; N. Young, 2 for 23; B. Thomas, 1 for 11; B. Whitelock, 1 for 22; T. Parker, 1 for 24; C. Dennis, 0 for 8; R. Young, 0 for 22; M. Elder, 0 for 25; J. Rose, 0 for 43.

#### FOURTH ELEVEN (C JUNIOR)

Although the team finished fifth in its competition, it was within four points of three of the teams ahead of it - a fine performance. Also the team had the honour of producing the only player in the Club who this season scored more than 500 runs, namely, Ray Fraley.

Some of the players will have to work harder in order to succeed, the bulk of the work falling too heavily on the shoulders of a few. However, half of the side can expect to play in the Shires before many seasons are out. The most understanding feature of the team is their ability to take defeat graciously. They are certainly a credit to the Club which is more important than the season's fame.

ALLEN DAVIS (Captain): Captained the side with intelligence and had a worrying time when players were in and out of the team throughout the season. Responsibilities of captaincy at times affected Allen's batting. Had quite a good season in the field.

GEOFF CURRAN (Vice-Captain): Became discouraged halfway through the season owing to several failures. However, Geoff rallied himself and showed us some delightful batting particularly in the innings against Malvern in which he was hurt. Displayed substantial ability as a captain in the absence of Allen Davis. Picked up some very valuable wickets as an opening bowler.

RAY FRALEY: A brilliant batsman who deservedly headed the batting averages. We never cease to amaze how quickly he demonstrated his superb array of strokes even when facing the opening over. Fielding needs to improve.

JOHN ROSE: Had a disappointing season with the ball. Typical of John was his hard-hitting which quickly knocked up the runs. Deserves great praise in coming second in the batting averages because he had a great deal of trouble with his eyes.

JOHN HALLAM: Proved to be outstanding with both bat and ball. Always reliable when things were going wrong, rallying the team with his big hitting. Deserves praise for an excellent display of fast bowling which earned him the most wickets for the season. A great team man.

DENNIS TRAVERS: Another all-rounder who took the bowling honours and although patchy showed ability with the bat, especially against Burwood United. Best and safest field in the team.

GREG MACINTYRE: Despite failure after failure, Greg started to demonstrate his orthodox style when the season was nearly over. Most improved player in the team and must realise that in his position he should not be afraid to swing the bat hard.

BRUCE MAXWELL: Had a disappointing season as opening bat. Did not appear to have the sting in his strokes that caused him to head the batting averages last year. Inclined to play lazily at balls swinging away to the off. However, Bruce realised some of these faults before the end of the season and started to play better cricket.

GEOFF TRAVERS: Youngest member of the team. He kept wickets to our fast bowling with the greatest of ease. Always at practice. His keenness and keeping brought admiration from team after team. Proved very handy with the bat if he didn't get run out.

GEOFF ERWIN: Needs to concentrate more on the ball. In a similar situation to Greg Macintyre where he insists on defending too long in the No.10 position. Geoff took several smart catches. However, has to run faster in the field.

RAY BRENNAN: Another player who needs more practice. A quick field at silly mid-on. Bowling seems to be Ray's strongest point and he should concentrate on this a lot more.

LAURIE JENNINGS: An opening bowler in his first year with the Club. A constant worry to the batsmen. As a fast-medium pace bowler he had great success but had to give the game up for a few months of the year. A very

reliable batsman who has the ability to score runs when needed.

### STATISTICS

<u>Matches</u>							<u>Position in</u>
<u>Played</u>	<u>W.O.</u>	<u>W.I.</u>	<u>L.O.</u>	<u>L.I.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Competition</u>
14	5	4	3	2	-	39	5th
<u>Runs for</u>	<u>Wkts. for</u>	<u>Avge.</u>	<u>Runs agst.</u>	<u>Wkts. agst.</u>	<u>Avge.</u>		
2637	168	15.6	2471	170	14.5		

### BATTING AVERAGES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Inns.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
Fraley, R.	17	-	100	567	33.3
Rose, J.	11	2	88	224	23.8
Travers, D.	20	2	73	310	17.2
Hallam, J.	19	4	52	216	14.4
Jennings, L.	13	4	21	109	12.1
Curran, G.	17	1	34	189	11.8
Davis, A.	19	1	36	205	11.3
Travers, G.	15	3	37	122	10.2
Maxwell, B.	8	-	38	85	10.6
Macintyre, G.	13	4	12	49	5.4
Brennan, R.	10	2	14	25	3.1
Erwin, G.	12	4	6	16	2.0

ALSO BATTED: B. Whitelock, 1 inns. for 48 runs; G. West, 5 for 128; B. Thomson, 2 (1 n.o.) for 17; J. Wade, 2 for 26; J. Main, 2 for 19; A. Hughes, 4 for 27; V. Prowse, 2 for 11; J. Whittaker, 3 for 4; G. Chapman, 2 (1 n.o.) for 1; W. Taaffe, 1 (1 n.o.) for 13.

### BOWLING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wkts.</u>	<u>Average</u>
Travers, D.	69	7	382	37	10.3
Curran, G.	62	8	298	26	11.4
Main, J.	32	7	115	10	11.5
Hallam, J.	141	15	613	38	16.1
Jennings, L.	89	9	445	24	18.8
Brennan, R.	14	1	100	5	20.0
Rose, J.	11	1	90	4	22.5

ALSO BOWLED: B. Whitelock, 1 wicket for 8 runs; V. Prowse, 6 for 66; R. Fraley, 1 for 12; J. Wade, 3 for 41; G. Erwin, 2 for 39; G. West, 0 for 10.

CITY AND SUBURBAN ELEVEN

The team lost less matches than any Briars C. & S. side since 1955-56 which was also a wet season. Four matches were washed out and another was forfeited by the team we beat during the previous season.

"Bill" McLaughlin captained the side and his experimentation kept everyone on his toes particularly when the experiments were centred on the person of "Bill" Magrath who had an atrocious season with the bat but moments of glory with the ball.

Aub Taaffe was the team's most consistent rungetter and was rewarded with the average. "Windmill" McBurney took out the bowling honours.

Vernon Prowse bowled quite creditably and the experience he gained against hard-hitting batsmen should be invaluable to him in the more serene atmosphere of Shire cricket.

Mention should also be made of "Twinkletoes" Mitchell whose batting form was consistently good and by no means reflected by his average which suffered from a few unfortunate runouts.

All in all, the team was loquaciously happy.

STATISTICS

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>		
22	9	11	2		
<u>Runs for</u>	<u>Wkts.for</u>	<u>Avge.</u>	<u>Runs agst.</u>	<u>Wkts.agst.</u>	<u>Avge.</u>
2654	183	14.5	3147	174	18.1

BATTING AVERAGES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Inns.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
Taaffe, A.	14	5	34	212	23.6
Williams, B.	13	4	71	207	23.0
McLaughlin, R.E.M.	19	-	40	288	15.2
Young, R.	18	2	46	242	15.1
Thomson, R.	14	2	49 n.o	169	14.1
Mitchell, C.	12	-	38	165	13.8
Hipwell, S.	10	-	24	118	11.8
Prowse, V.	13	3	22	107	10.7
McBurney, W.	15	1	57	135	9.7
Hollands, J.	10	-	41	96	9.6
Magrath, C.	15	1	32 n.o	128	9.1

ALSO BATTED: J.Rose, 2 inns. for 10 runs; A.Cooke, 1 for 10; W.Taaffe, 1 (1 n.o.) for 1; A.Clifford, 1 for 0; M.Spencer, 2 (1 n.o.) for 10; R.Smith, 3 for 9; B.Lockett, 1 for 0; D.Kerrigan, 1 for 28; C.Dodds, 6 (1 n.o.) for 28; J.Robertson, 1 (1 n.o.) for 1; R.Lamb, 6 (4 n.o.) for 18; D. Walker, 3 (1 n.o.) for 144; J.Balmforth, 3 for 11; J.Wade, 1 for 1; J.Wilson, 9 (3 n.o.) for 99; B.Thomas, 1 for 12; P.Richardson, 1 for 0; B.Cardwell, 1 for 6; E.Stockdale, 1 for 22; G.Gorton, 1 for 0; B.Lamb, 2 for 11; P. Mansford, 1 for 7; C.Jones, 1 (1 n.o.) for 6; F. Randle, 6 for 63; A.Rose, 1 for 1; G.Corderoy, 2 for 72; B. Tasker, 1 for 13.

Name	Overs	BOWLING			
		Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Average
McBurney, W.	49	6	241	16	15.1
Prowse, V.	69	7	344	20	17.2
Young, R.	118	6	632	35	18.1
Magrath, C.	49	-	375	19	19.7
Wilson, J.	30	2	137	6	22.8
Taaffe, A.	35	2	146	6	24.3

ALSO BOWLED: B.Williams, 2 wickets for 117 runs; A.Cooke, 0 for 18; J.Hollands, 11 for 179; J.Rose, 3 for 80; W. Taaffe, 0 for 3; R.Smith, 4 for 75; J.Robertson, 2 for 13; B.Lockett, 0 for 11; D.Kerrigan, 1 for 15; C.Dodds, 3 for 55; C.Mitchell, 4 for 113; J.Balmforth, 0 for 25; B. Thomas, 1 for 19; J.Wade, 1 for 13; B.Cardwell, 0 for 2; C.Jones, 0 for 37; B.Lamb, 1 for 42; G.Gorton, 1 for 6; P. Mansford, 0 for 14; F. Randle, 7 for 73; A.Rose, 9 for 141; G.Bennett, 1 for 13.

### FOOTBALL

#### SUB-COMMITTEE:

C.Walker (Chairman); G. Morgan; M.Elder; D. Kerrigan; W. Leckie; P.Gardiner; R. Dytor; C.McMonies; W. Dawson.

Sincere thanks to the above for their support and effort during this past season. Their 100% attendance at meetings showed the enthusiasm with which they lent themselves to the Club.

In the minds of all Briars, a successful season must surely be one in which we win the Club Championship. To do this it is usually necessary to win two of the three Premierships open to us. As, no doubt, most of us who are reading this already know, we did not even go close to attaining this, the Burke Cup team being the only one

to reach the semi-finals. Clubwise therefore, we cannot claim to have had a successful season.

The most glaring reason for this was the obvious youth and comparative inexperience of our players. Our three most experienced players, all backs, were the "oldies" at 21, now 22 years of age. Many the Saturday we yearned for some more experienced forwards.

To have a successful season next year, let us have all who participated this year turn out again. In the last three years, comparison of Annual Reports will show that each year the Kentwell team consists of 50% new players. There is no reason why we should lose any of this year's players.

This season, we reverted to three teams and also incorporated the same selection set-up as in 1952, our last winning year. This consisted of two non-participant selectors plus coach of Kentwell, plus Captain of Kentwell.

Sincere thanks to selectors Bill Elder and Frank Farrell, neither of whom missed a Wednesday night or Saturday throughout the season. Our Coaches for 1961 were Kentwell - Brian Williams and Pete Hotten; Burke - Cliff Dodds; Whiddon - Steve Keir; all of whom have played at least Kentwell Cup with the Club.

To the above officials, especially coaches, must go much of the credit for the fantastic social success achieved this season. It is the earnest wish of all footballers that we have the same group again next year. Unfortunately Cliff Dodds is being transferred overseas, but to the other five, "Thanks," and we want you again next year.

Thanks to the regulars who "sidelined" this season. All players, Whiddon to Kentwell, will agree that sideline support is much appreciated. An endorsement to Steve Keir's remarks on this subject and from Whiddon Cup, a thanks to Brian and Cliff who both urged their teams to get down early and support Whiddon Cup.

As regards the "What goes with Briar's Football", the season proved to be, in the words of many of our footballers, "a tearer." This was due to -

1. The new blood which joined our footballing ranks this year proved themselves true Briars. Congratulations to a great bunch of blokes.



2. Coaching did not finish off the field. Many glorious Saturday nights were had at Brian Williams; and both coaches and wives, Anne, Wendy and Patsy, were always in attendance at the Club on Saturday nights - and as all players will agree "What Saturday nights."
3. Many Bar-B-Q's and other forms of entertainment were had at such places as the Mathews, Locketts, Edmonds, etc. Our thanks to the above and the many unmentioned.

This year, due to circumstances beyond our control we did not have our annual country trip.

Attendance at training throughout the season was most encouraging. Not till the second round did attendance fall under 45, although towards the end Steve certainly got a rough and lonely trot.

Congratulations to the four picked in the team that didn't play Combined Sub-District: Mike Mathews, Brett Lockett, Jim Barrett and Graeme Morgan.

Congratulations to University of N.S.W., Colleagues and Knox Old Boys on their respective wins.

Congratulations to winners of Best & Fairest - Kentwell - Brett Lockett; Burko - Bob Hillerman; Whiddon P. Walker and R. Spedding.

Sincere thanks to Ted Stockdale who guided committee affairs along the straight and narrow.

The following reports from coaches have been printed exactly as they were received :-

BURWOOD BRIARS JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB

The 1961 season proved to be the most successful year of the Junior Football since its inception in 1959 as far as completion is concerned, but the most disappointing in regard to the number of players involved. The season commenced with approximately thirteen Under 16 players, sixteen under 13 and twelve under 11, but in the course of the season the Under 16 combined with Western Suburbs Under 16; the Under 13 remained stable and the Under 11 finished with four players. This could prove disastrous to the Club as it is dependent on the lower age group enrolment for its continuation of original purpose.

However, the Under 13 proved a fine team with excellent spirit and determination to win. Under Mr. Jack Carbines, they were moulded into a solid side which

clinched the Premiership in the final against Rozelle and should repeat the performance next year in the Under 14 grade.

Many thanks are due to those who provided their help during the year, especially Ted Stockdale, Col Dennis, Chris Walker, Bob Stephens and other members of the Briars Club.

RICHARD GULLEY.

### KENTWELL CUP TEAM 1961

#### Matches

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Pts. for</u>	<u>Pts. Agst.</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Postn.</u>
14	3	11	138	190	6	7th

The 1961 Kentwell Cup side carried out the Club's tradition of sportsmanship and team spirit. While the number of victories were few, every other feature of this team's performance has merit for the future.

The team was one of the youngest to represent the Club in Kentwell Cup, so they have many years of football ahead. The strong team spirit was such that when added to their natural ability and the experience gained this year, they must prove a formidable side in 1962. The comradeship of this team is all the more remarkable when it is considered that only five of its regulars played Kentwell last year and a large number of the team were new Club members.

Attendance at training was excellent right to the end and this is a tribute to a virile football committee and team keenness.

The faults in the team's play were brought about mainly by youth and inexperience. The indecision and tendency to permit the opposition to act first, brought about most of their defeats, but now that a year in Kentwell has taught the players to "call the tune", we can expect next year's team to make quick use of the loose ball and move fast to the man with the ball in defence. A top line team must cut down the opponents' time to settle down and dictate play. Quick, vigorous action by a whole team can turn a theoretically incorrect move into success.

The dual coaching system, combined with the training programme introduced at the Rugby Union Coaching Convention this year, was tested on the Kentwell side and proved satisfactory both to coaches and players. The extra time

available to concentrate on backs and forwards, is most valuable when coaching a young side.

The team had a most enjoyable season and made many good friends and by sticking together for next year, should add competition success to that enjoyment.

#### KENTWELL CUP PLAYERS, 1961

COL DENNIS: (Centre and Full Back). Started the Season in fine form. Unfortunately tilted Quixote-like with a lamp post and fared no better than this ancient "Square". However, Col's resultant fearsome appearance must have contributed to his success in the strange position of full back late in the season. To be selected as Combined full back after so few games in the position, showed considerable natural ability.

DAVID KERRIGAN: (Wing). Played a number of good games but has only just begun to realise his potential in attack. Tightening up of concentration and greater use of his pace and weight, will make "D.K." a force to be watched next year.

BILL LECKIE: (Hooker). The fastest Hooker in the competition and with a heavier scrum, would monopolise possession. Very sound as front man in the line-out. Did not fool all the referees all the time.

DAVID HALES: (Front Row). An 80 minute footballer who plays hard in the tight and open. This year's experience must give Dave confidence for 1962.

BOB DYTOR: (Second Row). Finished the season on a high note playing hard, solid forward football. Tackling and tight work improved immeasurably from the start of the season. Also a connoisseur of feminine charm.

LINDSAY DYTOR: (Wing). One of this year's "finds". Strong in attack and defence with a most deceptive run. Played mostly as a Wing in Kentwell, but is also a good centre. Unable to beat brother Bob's defence at "Touch Football", but is his equal in choice of Saturday companions.

JIM (Basher) BARRETT: (Second Row). A class forward who revels in tight and open play. Led the forwards successfully in the last few games. Line-out work good as regards winning the ball and tightness of play. Not exactly lazy - DOES exercise voice.

DAVID LINDSAY: (Front Row and Breakaway). A fine experienced forward who was greatly missed by the team when out through injury. The Club can do with more players of Dave's calibre.

BRIAN WHITELOCK: (Breakaway). After a shaky start, played some good football. Must realise a good breakaway should always be near the ball whether his team or the opposition are in possession and must take every opportunity to tackle the opposing five-eighth. Brian has natural ability requiring only concentration to play well all the time.

CHRIS WALKER: (Half and Captain). Largely responsible for the keenness and team spirit so evident this year. Has the natural ability to play good football in many positions. Would have been given his wish to play in the centre had not our only other Kentwell-standard half been injured in the trials. This would have given the team greater overall attacking strength. As Captain, perhaps tried to do too much on the field.

JOHN METCALF: (Five-eighth). A robust, able player who is not put off by opposition tactics. Can make an opening with deceptive running. Combination with other backs impaired by inability to train regularly due to studies.

BRETT LOCKETT: (Five-eighth and Centre). An excellent handler and a player with a most deceptive swerve and change of pace. Good goal kick. More determination to stop his man in defence, would make Brett a first class player. Has the ability to set up an opening for his support. Likes a drink, a good story, food, football and the ladies - apparently in that order.

JOHN HOGG: (Utility Forward). Gave his best on all occasions and improved from week to week. A danger when near the loose ball. With more weight and a year's experience behind him, John will be a valuable player next year.

JOHN HARPER: (Wing). Injury dogged the "old man" of the team, but we saw glimpses of his true form. Followed the team with keenness throughout the season.

MIKE MATHEWS: (Centre). Defence and attack are no problem to this quality player. When given a little room to move in, proved devastating to the opposition. His reputation went before him and Mike was well marked on most occasions. Plays monopoly rather well.

GRAEME MORGAN: (Lock). Undoubtedly the most improved footballer between seasons. The New Zealand Tour of 1960 brought Graeme's football to maturity and the Club will find him amongst the strength in our teams for years to come. A real lock forward. If possible takks more than Barrett.

COL JOHNSON: (Prop.) A knowledgeable player who would have been invaluable to the team if available for the whole season.

ANDREW MURRAY: (Second Row). Was shaping well when University commitments caused a conflit of loyalties.

BURKE CUP TEAM 1961

Matches

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Pts.for</u>	<u>Pts.agst.</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
14	7	1	6	99	126	15	4th

School of Artillery,  
North Head Barracks,  
MANLY.

21st August, 1961

Dear Chris,

Herewith the remarks upon the players of that rabble I endeavoured to coach this season - or is it last season?

I will not see you before I head to the "sunshine" State, so I would take this opportunity of congratulating yourself and your Rugby Committee for hard work and enterprising advances made throughout the season. It is the best committee work I have seen since I have been in the Club.

May I also register here my thanks to the wonderful support and confidence I received from all players who played Burke Cup. It was this, together with the wonderful team spirit that enabled them to reach the semi-finals.

The selectors did a wonderful job this year, and I think the principles of selecting adopted this year should be continued.

One suggestion - each team at training requires two white balls.

Despite the results I consider we have made 1961

a football year for the Briars.

Thanks again Chris; see you at Christmas,

Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd.) Cliff Dodds.

Burke Cup Players - 1961

PHILL ABBOTT: (Fullback). A player with as much cunning as grey hairs. Sound and calm in defence and always absent at training.

DAVID BRUCE: (Winger). Not a winger's bootlace and never professed to be. Played out of position to help the side. "Can I play breakaway next year?"

JOHN MORTLOCK: (Winger). Outstanding winger of Briars. Ran with determination, speed and like a drunken pheasant to score many a sensational try.

BOB HILLERMAN: (Outside Centre). "Stop the rot," and the team took heed. Captained the side well and developed a good team spirit. Scored and helped score many tries, but must concentrate more on defence.

PETER GARDNER: (Inside Centre). A fullback who proved a valuable centre. Hard tackler and determined runner. Wish someone would feed him.

JOHN EDMONDS: (Five-eighth). Generally asleep or yawning, but helped to make a back line work by his presence. A good monopoly player.

LEN GRAFF: (Half Back). Played out of position all season, but proved himself a good, safe half. Scored many points with his boot to help equalise the number of penalties he gave away.

BOB STEPHENS: (Look). Even his face and ears looked like those of a forward. A solid forward and vice-captain. Took and gave all in rucks and lineouts and saved many a try with his cover defence.

BOB GUEST: (Breakaway). Always played his heart out and left the field with a smile and "Gee". With experience he will develop into a good forward.

MAL GOLDSMITH: (Breakaway). "Twinkletoes". Hard forward always on the ball playing with determination and a smile. Never worried by bad breath.

DENNIS GRADY: (Second Row). A solid forward with an Irish fire within him. Always hunting and looking for the ball. Can talk as well.

BARRY ANGUS: (Second Row). Good forward in lineouts but requires more football condition rather than basketball condition. Who was that red-headed "kicker"?

BARRY LITTLE: (Hooker). Came from Whiddon to play good, hard football. Must read the Laws of the game.

JOHN STANNARD: (Front Row). A hard-working forward and good team man who was always in the thick of any forward play. Needs to put on a little more weight.

BOB SWINNEY: (Front Row). Plays hard within himself but needs to develop his condition. Was rather deaf to the captain and coach at times.

PETER GRANT: (Utility Player). Has his on and off days. Can play good enterprising football if he reads the Laws the night before.

JOHN CLARKE: (Breakaway and Fullback). A versatile player, improved greatly throughout the season. An asset next season.

JOHN WHITTAKER: (Second Row). Size a big asset, playing well until injured.

COL BOVA: (Breakaway). Showed much promise on the few occasions we saw him.

#### WHIDDON CUP TEAM 1961

##### Matches

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Pts. for</u>	<u>Pts. agat.</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
14	4	1	9	62	116	9	7th

At the beginning of the season, the prospects of this team looked promising as there was only one loss in the practice games. There was a surplus of seven or eight players, but unfortunately we lost some because of study.

Attendance at training till the end of the first round was very good and at this stage they were in fourth position. The team was then called on to supply the Burke Cup with players. This appeared to cause a loss of interest and naturally a drop in attendance at training. At the end of the competition rounds, they only missed by a few points from the semi-finals.

The season was enjoyed by all but there are points which should be brought out from this year. Firstly, that after the team has settled down after its first few matches, try and keep as close to that team as possible. This not only depends on selection but also the individual persons that they are keen and regular at training. Secondly, is support for the lower teams from the sideline as it is from here that the Kentwell Team is filled later.

It is time the Whiddon Cup improved on the competition ladder which can be achieved as points "for and against," showed that they were not disgraced in any match. The reason better results in matches were not attained was due to the lack of not finishing off movements where a scoring possibility arose.

Even so, if next year is as successful in team and club spirit as this year, there will be a lot to be admired in this Club's football. The Committee performed this job creditably so let's hope that they are rewarded in the near future.

#### Whiddon Cup Players - 1961

DAVID JOHNSON: (Lock). One of the keenest to attend regularly at training and good in his cover defence and tackling. A little more support in backing his back-line up would be beneficial.

DAVID COLLINS: (Breakaway). Another member who was at training every week and with this condition proved to be a hard working forward for the full time of the game. Tackles well.

JOHN MCKINNON: (Breakaway). Had to miss some football because of sickness but was always on the ball looking for opportunities that may have arisen.

PETER MENZIES: (Second Row). A keen forward but out of condition. Would be an asset to his team with more training as he played some good football this year.

GEOFF WILSON: (Front and Second Row). Probably the most improved player in the team who was always interested in learning. His tackling left nothing to be desired near the end of the season.

EVAN SPURLING: (Full-back). A very useful man in this position but tempted to run a little too far at times.

JOHN SINGLETON: (Winger). A good handler and attacking



player with plenty of keenness which sometimes caused an incident.

PHIL VICKERY: (Winger). Was speedy enough but could not use this to full advantage unless there was sufficient room in which to move.

OWEN HALES: (Centre). A first class team member and a very handy centre always attempting to penetrate the opposition. Tempted to run back inside a little much though.

PETER WALKER: (Five-Eight). Combined well with his half all the season and did justice to the team with his training and performance in games. One of the few safe defenders in the team.

BOB SPEDDING: (Captain and Half). Led the team very well but did not receive all the response he wanted from his forwards. Good service to his backs.

BOB TREVENAR: (Second Row). Unfortunately was unable to train regularly but always played a tight game which is needed from second row. Will look forward to seeing Bob in a higher grade next year.

PETER GRANT: (Breakaway and Hooker). More suited to the breakaway position at which he is a most useful player but due to lack of hookers he had to fulfil this position which he did admirably. A safe tackler and hard working forward.

ANDY CLIFFORD: (Front Row). Was tigerish on the field as long as the condition lasted but the little training attended was not sufficient.

STEVE KEIR: No comment. Put yours here Chris. Thanks Steve. On the few occasions Steve played, he showed he had lost none of the old fire, and was an inspiration to all his players. An asset to any Kentwell team.

GRAHAM CHAPMAN: (Half & Wing). Played earnestly and with much improvement on last season. Should be useful if available for a whole season.

BRIAN DARRAGH: (Lock) Played very short of condition but brought a little of much needed experience into the pack on his few appearances.

BARRY VAUGHAN: (Wing). Unfortunately injured but still produced many plucky and good displays.

GREG McINTYRE: (Forward). Wish we had some more as keen. Showed improvement as season progressed.

BOB MITCHELL: (Breakaway). Actually played more matches in Kentwell than any other team, which speaks much for Bob's natural ability. We hope to compete more favourably with the Haywire Committee next year and perhaps see Bob on more than six occasions.

### HOCKEY

SUB-COMMITTEE: B. Trevenar (Chairman), C. Jones, M. Spancer, M. Hill, E. Wade and P. Richardson.

The Club was represented by two teams in the Sydney Hockey Association in the A Grade and B Grade competitions and we were fortunate to win the A Grade Premiership. Unfortunately for the B Grade, with the number of players available and to try and give everyone equal amount of hockey, the team finished 6th in the competition only 5 points away from the Premiers, Moorebank-Liverpool whom we congratulate on their win.

This season, we had enough players to register for the first time ever three teams but unfortunately entries for teams had closed when our numbers joined the Club and the Association could not take the late entry. This position looks promising for 1962 season. With a little effort from the present players we could have the three teams with a possible fourth.

The Barton-Briars Shield this season was played for in Sydney on the Gladesville Hospital ground and proved one of the hardest games of the season. The result was a draw which was an indication of the tightness with which the match was played. Our relationship with Barton has further been strengthened through a very generous gift by Mr. Campbell, father of their A Grade Captain, of a trophy to be known as the Barton-Briars Trophy 2nd Grade. It was won in the first year of competition by our B Team. This Trophy has added the incentive for two teams to visit Canberra in the 1962 Season where they can be sure of enjoying the well-known hospitality of the Barton Club.

Three other notable events of the season were associated with the Sydney Colts team picked to participate in the Lismore carnival. First, Peter Richardson was selected as a player and, second, Max Spencer was appointed manager. Thirdly, the Colts having gone close to victory in the carnival, challenged our A team to a match at Gladesville Hospital ground; we were victorious which

shows what the Club can do when the opposition is strong and the game played cleanly.

Burwood Park was our home ground and for this we must thank Burwood Council for their assistance in its preparation.

# FIRST ELEVEN ("A" GRADE)

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Goals for</u>	<u>Goals Agst.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Position</u>
18	16	1	1	91	11	33	1st

We are pleased to report that the Finalists for the 1961 "A" Grade Premiership were not Gladesville and Briars. For the first time for many years Gladesville failed in their semi-final; their downfall being at the hands of Canterbury, a "new face" in the competition. Briars were successful in their semi against Mosman and the stage was set for the final. But the day was besieged by continuous rain and the game was postponed. The following week the teams faced each other at Banksia in what was to be the anti-climax of the year. Nerves, overconfidence; whatever it was, Canterbury boys had a bad day and were easily trounced 7 goals to 2, Briars' 6th premiership in a row.

The season started with a number of spasmodic performances but it was apparent after the first round that we had every chance of finishing on top. Easy wins against Canterbury, Norths, Mosman and Gordon bolstered our confidence but we could not help but be wary of our old rivals Gladesville. This was accentuated when they beat us (our only defeat) in the second round. Improvement by the top teams, Mosman and latterly Canterbury, stirred us a little but we could not have forecast that our win in the final would be so easily gained. It would seem that at just the right time in the season our half-backs struck top form and their play in the semi-finals and final was the outstanding factor. This however was not our best season. Each man played well at times but we seemed to lack the cohesion in the forwards, and our interchange of position in the backs was not as good as previously; no doubt the toll of the years.

Hitherto not mentioned was the feature of a certain amount of antagonism experienced against Norths and later Mosman. (It is always present when we play Gladesville). This to some extent is good. It shows keenness to win but as you will agree "top-dogs" are there to be beaten and it seems strange that sooner or later animosity should

creep into the games. Briars have been "top-dogs" for years and years and it is inevitable that we should be presented as a target for some rough play.

But never let it be said that we are not capable of it too. Perhaps that may be the prime reason.

Our Goal keeping position was very capably filled by PETER RICHARDSON, "B" Grader in 1960. His improvement was extraordinary and his performances were capped with his being selected in the Sydney Colts team, the first Briar hockey player to have representative honour. BRUCE TREVENAR, free from injury, held sway again but was not called upon to exert his driving forces as in past years. DAVE WALKER having played last season as centre-forward returned to his natural fullback position. He lost his knack of power-hitting towards the end but would flick in true half-back style. Our champion right half, DON BURKE, displayed his amazing skill with the stick. And amazing it was. Don is able to work like three men and at times you would say he was done to a frazzle, but no, he comes again to confound us all. On the opposite side, left-half, COL WILLIS played his very steady, well-positioned game. Not dynamic but extremely consistent. Centre-half, COL JONES, as centre half made the half line very sound in defence and with the wing halves interchanging positions had our opponents lost many times. The forward positions have been in later years permanent berths for those in them. Wingers, PETER PATERSON and JOHN BEADSWORTH were dogged with leg trouble, but have the fighting qualities to be examples to the promising young ones. These two have given terrific service to the team. JOHN BROWN has been inside right and although not hitting as well as previously, still was our most dangerous scoring medium. He has retired again. The team lacked a top centre-forward. ERIC WADE and BARRY RICHARDSON shared the spot. Eric, though, is most suited to inside left and it is here that he played some capital games. IAN SULLIVAN filled the inside left berth when necessary and only for his worth in the "B" team, should have found a permanent place in the "A's". Barry Richardson, though out of condition, showed his vigorous style of play could help if he could be depended upon. PETER MANSFORD, GEOFF GORTON, GRAEME COOPER, KEN WILLIS, JIM BELL and GRAHAME ASHDOWN all enjoyed games in the team and most should benefit therefrom.

SECOND ELEVEN ("B" GRADE)

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Goals for</u>	<u>Goals Agst.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Position</u>
16	12	-	4	74	31	24	6th

The "B" Grade competition was very strong and very close this season with 16 teams playing in it. The team didn't settle down until late in the season being embarrassed by the availability of no less than nine reserves. To be fair to these players and to maintain their interest we tried to give them a game in alternate weeks. Despite these changes in the side each week, a strong team spirit was maintained and if the same players who comprised the team at the end of the season comprise the team next year then much better results can be expected.

BOB SNOW played good hard hockey in his position of left back and in his new job as Vice-Captain did a good job in organising the defence. He combined well with his right back, COL (CRICKET) JONES, who was in better condition this season but should remember to keep both hands on the stick.

The half line as a whole played good defensive hockey but due to lack of condition didn't support the forwards enough in attack. JACK CASSIDY and BRIAN COX shared the right half position. Jack, who is in the veteran class, has slowed down but still has a lot of good hockey in him; he would be the ideal man for skipper of the third team next season. Brian is always on the ball and shows a lot of promise for next season. WARREN PARTINGTON played lovely hockey in his new position as centre half, gaining a lot of experience from Col (Hockey) Jones and Don Burke while playing with the "A" team. The left half JOHN ROSE, did a good job as team secretary but must learn not to wander so much.

The forwards combined very well even though nearly each week they had a different right wing. GEOFF BORTON played a very fast game on the left wing but lost control too often mainly because he played in sandshoes and could not stop. He combined well with the left inner, IAN SULLIVAN, who must learn not to run so deep before shooting for goal. MAX HILL was skipper and centre forward and was the top goal scorer. PETER MANSFORD played inside right. He was a very unselfish player setting up many goals for the other forwards to score. He co-operated well with the most permanent right wing that the team had, MAX SPENCER, who played well in his new

position, concentrating on his own game more. Max must also be congratulated upon being chosen to umpire some important S.H.A. fixtures.

The other players of whom we did not see much but who should do well because of their enthusiasm in the third team when we run it next season were GRAHAME COOPER, JAMES BELL, KEVIN BELL, GRANAME ASHDOWN, GREGORY McEWEN, JOHN HAZELWOOD, NORMAN ELLIS, TOM MOBBS and PHILLIP WILSON.

### INDOOR ENTERTAINMENT

SUB-COMMITTEE: P. Mansford (Chairman)

For the first time in a long time, snooker and billiards tournaments were held. The snooker was won by Don Burke who defeated Bruce Trevenar in the final and Graeme Morgan won the billiards from Geoff Gorton. Both games proved popular during the year and Dave Kerrigan used up so much energy that substantial quantities of sausage, cheese and biscuits were necessary to keep him going.

The opportunity is taken to make the annual plea to users of the billiard tables to pay their fee, one shilling per game, to the steward in charge before playing.

There was no sign of revival of the library (all we need is a librarian and staff) and the time appears to be coming when we shall have to give very serious consideration to the question of donating the books to some organisation which can make better use of them.

### GOLF

SUB-COMMITTEE: P.Mansford (Chairman,) C.S. Jones and C. Mitchell.

This year, it was decided to have four dates at Leura instead of the usual three. The move proved to be a popular one as all four occasions were well attended and keenly enjoyed by the participants.

We continue to be grateful for the amazing tolerance of the Leura Golf Club. It must be a horrifying experience for their members to witness the denudation of their beautifully grassed course although we must confess to hearing a rumour that they view the scene philosophically because they know that after we have gone a casual search

of the rough will replenish their stock of golf balls until our next visit.

On each occasion the competition was a four-ball stableford and the successful burglars were as follows:-

March	... Col Dennis and Bob Hillerman
June	... Ted Stockdale and Bruce Tasker
August	... Graham Chapman and Dave Collins
November	... Graeme Morgan and Bob Stephens

### SQUASH

SUB-COMMITTEE: R.D. Vanderfield (Captain), P. Mansford, Secretary) and L. Fozzard (Treasurer).

The Club once again fielded two teams in the Western Division of both the Spring and Winter Pennant Competitions. Despite the fact that the Briars have entered teams in these competitions continuously over the last few years, we have not as yet been successful in our quest of a winner's pennant, although we have been narrowly defeated in several finals.

The Winter Competition found the Briars with one team entered in "A" Grade and one in "B" Grade Division 3. The "A" Grade team qualified for the semi-final but was unlucky to strike an outstanding team in Marrickville and were narrowly defeated. The "B3" team won their way through to the final only to be comfortably beaten by Regent Park after having beaten Parramatta in the semi-final.

The Spring Competition turned out to be a disappointing one as far as the Briars were concerned as neither of our teams, again entered in "A" and "B3" Grades, managed to make the semi-finals.

The Sub-Committee is quite amazed at the apparent lack of interest taken in squash by the younger members. We feel that if they were to take up squash as a minor sport, it could help them considerably in their conditioning and training for the major sports.

We are again thankful to "Bill" McLaughlin for the use of his courts as the venue for our home matches, also for the considerable help and consideration that he has afforded the Club and its players. (Editor's Note; Why shouldn't he? He is a Briar).

### SOCIAL

SUB-COMMITTEE: C. Dennis (Chairman), M. Elder, D. Kerrigan J. Metcalf, R. Stephens, I. Fischer.

The social year just concluded, proved to be a very enjoyable and highly successful one. For the first time in in many years, in an attempt to brighten up the socials, and also relieve strain on the Club premises, the socials were held at outside halls. This afforded us the space we needed for dancing, tables and a major ingredient for success, a band. That these socials did not prove to realise great profits, no way detracted from their success and outside socials were definitely "in".

The enthusiasm whipped up carried over to the Annual Ball, so much so that the Committee had serious doubts about cramming everybody into Elim, the venue for the Ball. Despite assurances from their management, we felt sure the Club would receive a bill for bent walls and a sagging floor. Elim swelled for the occasion however, the result being one of agreeable togetherness. Despite a rather "painful" rendition of a new "Club" song, by the Boy's choir, since improved on, the night was an enormous success, both socially and financially. It is to be hoped that future balls can be held in a similar geographical position, eliminating travel and thereby increasing attendance.

I take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee for their enthusiastic help throughout the year, which made the job of Chairman enjoyable and easy.

### CLUB ROOMS

The bar trading result this year was almost identical with that of 1959/1960 and little different from the previous year. It would appear that, failing unusual conditions, we may expect our future trading to show little variation from this year's figures.

During the year, the early evening attendances improved noticeably and were maintained. As a result, trading in this period grossed more than half the total receipts for the year. If this continues, it will be a most important factor if serious consideration is ever given to the transfer of the Club Rooms to another area removed from their present central position.

In all our previous reports, we have referred to our inability to obtain suitable stewards for the early evening



roster. The position has not changed really, but we take heart in the belief that those who have carried on for so long - Messrs. M.Hill, C.Magrath, O.Osterman and B. Trevenar - now accept the chore with a degree of pleasure or, maybe, resignation. Stan Jones withdrew during the year and his place was taken by Bob Stephens, whom we welcome.

To relieve the Secretary of some of his responsibilities arrangements were made to provide stewards on Friday and Saturday nights. An approach to senior members was most gratifying and a roster of fourteen names has been drawn up for duty twice in each quarter.

The system has now been in operation since July and is functioning very well indeed. Those members to whom we are grateful for this service are :- Messrs. R.Ackerman, R. Anstey, M. Blair, R.Chegwyn, W.Elder, R.Elvery, P. Hotten, R.Jones, G.Miller, A.Reid, R.Storey, A.Taaffe, D.P.Walker and D. Williams.

As can be seen from the names enumerated, we have a pretty fair standard of responsibility behind the bar, and it is to these men we are looking to maintain good order and discipline within the Club.

Other than the names mentioned, many members from time to time have assisted as stewards and we appreciate their interest too.

Our thanks also go to those various members who, from time to time, have provided tasty forms of eats for the gourmets who haunt the early evening gatherings.

Building - During the year the building was painted outside and the Club Rooms were redecorated inside with pleasing effect.

Plant - The equipment has given no trouble during the year. We are still having difficulty with "heady" beer during busy periods and in hot weather. It is proposed to instal a refrigerated cabinet in which to place the kegs "on tap", and it is confidently expected that this will eliminate the trouble besides providing a colder beer at all times.

Stocks - The lines carried have provided adequately for our regular customers. Stocktaking is carried out bi-monthly with satisfactory results.

Service - The service provided by our honorary stewards has again been very good and we feel that the more considerate members have appreciated this.

Unfortunately, a small section of members gives little thought to anything beyond their own welfare and on a number of occasions this has given cause for some unpleasantness. We would like to make it clear now that undue noise or boisterous behaviour in the Club Rooms will not be countenanced.

Under normal circumstances, the bar will close at 11 p.m. on Friday nights and at 8 p.m. on Saturdays. On all other nights of the week (except on Thursdays when the Club does not open after dinner, and on Sundays when we are closed all day) the closing hour is governed by the availability of stewards.

Deliveries - Mr. W. Simes and his assistant, Mr. B. Kelley have again performed the task of receiving our supplies, and we are most grateful to them for this kindness. The Club would be placed in a most difficult position without their help.

Cleaning - The cleanliness of the premises has been mainly carried out by Peter Mansford. These onerous duties have been performed regularly and well, usually on Sunday mornings, and Peter is to be lauded for his unselfish work.

The Western Suburbs District Cricket Club, who occupy our premises on Thursday evenings also arrange a weekly cleaning, when the floors are polished, and we appreciate this service very much.

We are also indebted to Mrs. Stockdale for her kindness in laundering our towels each week.

#### THE "R.T. VANDERFIELD" TROPHY CABINET

For some years now, your Executive has been concerned with the necessity for some place in which to store and yet display, our numerous Club trophies, items of historical interest and sporting records.

Our problem has been solved by a most generous gift.

The magnificent cabinet which now stands in our main room just inside the entrance has been donated to

the Club by the members of the Vanderfield family in memory of their late father, Mr. R.T. Vanderfield, who was a great friend of the Briars and, indeed, of amateur sport generally. Sons Doug, Don, Geoff and Roger are all members of the Club and daughter Marjorie is the wife of Club Life Member Geoff Whiddon.

Aud Land is the custodian of the cabinet and is actively engaged in his usual thorough manner in preparing exhibits and arranging for their appropriate display.

It is proposed that when Aud has finished his task, there will be a suitable ceremony to mark the official presentation but in view of the fact that the cabinet is there for all to see and admire, it is felt that the opportunity should be taken in this report to express our gratitude for this most valued gift.

#### AWARDS

It is not, nor has it ever been, the policy of the Club to sponsor trophies for the winners of cricket averages or for highest scorers in football or hockey. Our sport is team sport and the official attitude is that trophies for purely sporting achievements tend to encourage individualism to the detriment of teammanship.

On the other hand, contributions to Club welfare are accepted as being worthy of recognition and it will be noted that participation in the Club's administration is an important element of consideration in the awarding of the Trophies which are now mentioned.

J.H. STONE TROPHY: This is awarded each year to the Briar under 25 years of age who makes the greatest contribution to Club welfare. It is appropriately named after the Club's first President, the late John Stone.

On one occasion in the not too distant past, the Trophy was not awarded as it was considered that in that particular year there was no young member whose efforts merited the award. More recently, however, there has been a growing field of eligible members and in the year now under review many names came up for consideration and the choice was a most difficult one to make. All other things being equal, or nearly so, it was decided to give preference to a candidate who had not previously received the award.

It is with extreme pleasure, therefore, that we announce that this year's winner of the Club's most prized trophy is Chris Walker whose record of service should be amply evident from perusal of other sections of this report. Congratulations, Chris, and congratulations also to the runners-up whose names we hope will figure in subsequent reports.

**THE GORDON BEVAN SHIELD:** Gordon Bevan was a young Briar tragically killed in a car accident many years ago and the Shield perpetuates his memory. It is awarded to the footballer gaining the highest total from the following allocation :-

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

For the second year in succession, the Trophy is awarded to the son of a member. This year, the son is Chris Walker - a choice which must have been evident to everyone associated with our football last season. In congratulating Chris on a well-merited award, we also congratulate father Don.

**CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY:** This is a memorial to our fellow-members who made the Supreme Sacrifice on service during World War II and is the cricket counterpart of the Gordon Bevan Shield. The points allocation is as follows:

Value to team as a cricketer	...	35	points
Conduct	...	15	"
General keenness	...	15	"
Value to Club as a member	...	25	"
Neatness of dress	...	10	"
		100	"

Members generally will be highly gratified to know that the award this year has gone to Bruce Trevenar. For many years Bruce has been one of our prominent cricketers and has also played a leading part in administration, particularly in connection with hockey. His contribution to the Club has been a fine one indeed and his winning

of the Cricket Memorial Trophy will be applauded by all.

A.J. ROBINSON SHIELD: This trophy is named after one of the Club's keenest supporters. Unfortunately, "Robbie" is not well enough nowadays to attend our matches as he used to do but his interest in us is maintained. The Shield which bears his name is awarded each year to the hockey player earning the most points from the following allocation :-

Value to team as a member	...	35	points
Value in hockey administration	...	20	"
Value to Club other than hockey	...	20	"
Conduct on field of play	...	15	"
Neatness of dress	...	10	"
		<u>100</u>	"

It will be no surprise to those who know what he does for the Club to learn that this year's winner is Peter Mansford who for the previous two years had won the J.H. Stone Trophy. Peter is only 21 but already has an amazing record behind him. One cannot think of any activity of the Club, including unofficial ones, in which he has not played a part. Congratulations, Pete, and thanks for your work.

#### THOSE WHO TOIL

SUB-COMMITTEE: R. Clark, P. Hotten, E. Stockdale and R. Thomson.

One of the Secretary's more arduous duties is to keep a record of the marital manoeuvres, matches and mistakes of members. As he and the other members of the Sub-Committee are confirmed (?) bachelors they naturally regard these duties with some cynicism and as a result sometimes submit an erroneous report as they did a couple of years ago in marrying two Briars to the same girl (for this reason the ladies' names are omitted from this year's report).

Nevertheless, in conveying congratulations to the undermentioned upon their performances over the year, we act with all sincerity not only on our own behalf but also on behalf of members generally and we apologise in advance for any omissions.

<u>Engaged</u> :	Brian Darragh	Bruce Thomson
	Ian Fischer	Barry Vaughan
	John Harper	John Wade

Bruce Tasker

Married:      Cliff Dodds                      Nick Marshall  
                  Steve Keir                      John Robertson  
                  Rex Lamb                      Ralph Storey  
                  John Love

Aftermath:

Brian Adcock (daughter)	Roger Kerr (daughter)
Ron Aiken (son)	Ian Middleton (son)
Tom Baker (son)	Peter Paterson (son)
George Bennett (son)	Geoff Stevenson (son)
Alan Burford (son)	Geoff Tweeddale (daughter)
Ray Elvery (son)	Roger Vanderfield (son)
Max Hill (son)	Lex Yule (son)

Having an eye to the future of the Club we also thank the majority of fathers for the little extra effort.

ADMINISTRATION

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

<u>BOARD:</u>	R.B. CLARK    ... 11	R.J. THOMSON
	H.C. FORD    ... 6	(apptd. Dec.)    ... 9
	A.J. LAND    ... 11	E. WATT    ... 10
	L. MEULMAN    ... 8	D. WAY    ... 7 *
	D.V. PROWSE    ... 10	H.G. WHIDDON    ... 7

\* 3 months leave of absence.

COMMITTEE:

L. DAVIS    ... 10	R. THOMAS (ret. July)    ... 1
C. DENNIS (apptd. December)    ... 9	R. THOMSON    ... 8
S. HIPWELL (apptd. December)    ... 7	B. TREVENAR    ... 10
A.J. LAND (ret. December)    ... 3	J. WADE    ... 10
P. MANSFORD    ... 12	C. WALKER (apptd. December)    ... 7
G. MORGAN (apptd. July)    ... 3	B. WILLIAMS    ... 12
E. STOCKDALE    ... 11	R. YOUNG (ret. December)    2

FINANCE

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th September, 1961, 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 £628, after providing £127 for depreciation of Club Room Furniture, Fittings and Equipment. Out of this surplus an amount of £500 was transferred to General Reserve and the balance of £128 to Accumulated Funds.

During the year debentures totalling £760 were repaid to Members leaving the balance outstanding at this date at £3,690. A similar amount was transferred from Debenture Redemption Reserve to General Reserve so that the balance standing to the credit of Debenture Redemption Reserve would correspond to the liability on outstanding Debentures.

The following extracts have been taken from the report of the Club's Auditor :

"Total income for the year was almost identical with the income of the previous year, expenses however were higher and this was mainly due to the fact that an amount of £441 was expended, this year, on repainting the premises.

Application of the profit for the year and its effect on the assets and liabilities of the company is as under :-

<u>Funds were provided by:</u>		£
Net Surplus		628
Transferred to Accumulated Funds	128	
Transferred to General Reserve	<u>500</u>	
Add back charge for Depreciation		127
Sale of Securities		<u>200</u>
		<u>£955</u>

These Funds were applied to:

Redeem Debentures	760
Reduce Secured Overdraft	48
Increase Working Capital	<u>147</u>
	<u>£955..."</u>

# CONCLUSION

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

For and on behalf of the Board and Management Committee.

R.J. THOMSON, President  
E.G. STOCKDALE, Secretary

## ADDENDUM

I am sure that it is the wish of the Board, the Committee and members generally that I should take this opportunity to express on their behalf, as well as my own, a tribute to the tremendous contribution made to the Club's welfare by our retiring Secretary, Ted Stockdale.

It is just nine years ago since Ted took over as Secretary from the Maestro, Bob Clark. It was an unenviable task to follow in Bob's footsteps and there were many, probably including Ted himself, who doubted his capacity to cope with the job. However, such doubts as there may have been were speedily dissipated and over the ensuing years Ted established himself as a Secretary whose place will be just as hard for his successor to fill as it was when Bob retired nine years ago.

During the period of his Secretaryship Ted had many difficulties to overcome and many problems to solve. In his attractively personable manner he overcame them all and now leaves office with the knowledge of a job well done and with the heartfelt appreciation of his fellow-members.

As President, I am particularly indebted to Ted for his assistance and guidance over the period of my own year of office.

I also wish to record my personal appreciation of the work performed by the other office-bearers, members of the Board and Management Committee, Stewards and the various Sub-Committees, over the past year.

R.J. THOMSON  
President.



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITEDBAR TRADING ACCOUNTFOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1961.

<u>30/9/60</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>30/9/60</u>		<u>£</u>
136	Liquor Licence	140	1478	Gross Profit - Beer & Spirits	1437
60	Depreciation - Bar Equipment	52		Sales	4375
84	Bar Expenses and Maintenance of Equipment	75		Less Cost of Sales	<u>2938</u>
1395	Profit on Trading trans- ferred to Income & Expenditure Account	1358	197	Gross Profit - Cigarettes Chocolates etc.	188
				Sales	929
				Less Cost of Sales	<u>741</u>
1675		<u>£1625</u>	1675		<u>£1625</u>

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT      FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1961

30/9/60		£	30/9/60		£
115	<u>CRICKET</u>		1395	<u>PROFIT ON BAR TRADING</u>	1358
65	Ground Hire & Registrations	122		<u>CRICKET</u>	
106	Material	14	195	Batting Fees and Insurance	184
	<u>HOCKEY</u>			<u>HOCKEY</u>	
	Registrations, Equipment etc.		74	Ground Fees and Sale of Equipment	86
67	<u>FOOTBALL</u>		150	Registrations & Sale of Equipment	104
180	Ground Hire, Registrations etc	98		<u>CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS</u>	72
4	Material & Equipment	126	9	Billiards & Table Tennis	10
4	<u>WESTERN DISTRICTS JUNIOR RUGBY UNION</u>		27	Surplus on Social Activities	62
	<u>CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS</u>			<u>GOLF</u>	9
	Billiards & Table Tennis		6	<u>SURPLUS ON SALE OF TIES</u>	-
	<u>ADMINISTRATION &amp; CLUB ROOM EXPENSES</u>	910	529	<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>	588
129	Lighting and Heating	137	13	<u>DONATIONS RECEIVED</u>	49
113	Repairs, Maintenance and Clubroom expenses	326		<u>PROPERTY INCOME</u>	244
193	Stationery, Stamps & Telephone	215	204	Rentals Received	205
45	Insurance	46	2	Interest Received	39
62	Annual Report	58			
65	General Expenses	41			
103	Donations and Presentations	12			
83	Depreciation - Furniture and Fittings	75			
	<u>PROPERTY EXPENSES</u>				
12	Commission	11			
254	Interest	191			
66	Insurance	71			
106	Rates	118			
-	Repairs	165			
592	<u>DEBENTURE REDEMPTION RESERVE</u>				
-	<u>TRANSFER TO GENERAL RESERVE</u>				
	<u>EXCESS IF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>				
240	Transferred to Accumulated Funds	128			
2604		2694	2604		2694

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED  
BALANCE SHEET - AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1961

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<u>30/9/60</u>		£	£	<u>30/9/60</u>		£	£
954	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		1322	9266	<u>LAND AND BUILDINGS (At Cost)</u>		9266
	Balance 1/10/60	1194			30-34a George St. Burwood		
	Excess of Income over Expend.			748	<u>CLUB ROOM FURNITURE &amp; FITTINGS</u>		673
	for year	128			(At cost less depreciation)		
	<u>RESERVES (USED IN THE BUSINESS)</u>		6016	517	<u>BAR EQUIPMENT (at cost less depn.</u>		465
1066	General Reserve	2326		41	<u>GLASSES CROCKERY ETC. (at cost)</u>		41
4450	Debentures Redemption Reserve	2590			<u>SHARES IN RUGBY UNION CO-OP TRADING</u>		
	<u>DEBENTURES</u>		3690	5	<u>SOCIETY</u>		5
3875	£5 - 5% Debentures	3115			<u>DEBENTURES REDEMPTION FUND INVESTMENT</u>		
575	£5 - Interest Free Debentures	575		900	<u>£700 - 4% MWS&amp;DB 1968 LOAN (at cost)</u>		700
424	<u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u>		98		<u>STOCK ON HAND (at valuation)</u>		277
322	<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ADVANCE</u>		324	207	Beer & Spirits	181	
280	<u>COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA</u>		232	72	Cigarettes Chocolates etc	49	
	(Secured by Mortgage)			2	Metal Badges	22	
				14	Football & Hockey Equip.	2	
				9	Crickot Caps	3	
				58	Club Ties	20	
	R.J. THOMSON Director			102	<u>SUNDRY DEBTORS</u>		45
	D.V. PROWSE Director			17	<u>CASH ON HAND</u>		17
	J. WADE Hon. Treasurer			228	<u>PREPAYMENTS</u>		193
							11682
<u>12186</u>			<u>£11682</u>	<u>12186</u>			<u>£11682</u>

I report to the members that I have examined the Books of Account and Vouchers of the BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED for the year ended 30th September, 1961. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required and in my opinion the attached Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at that date, according to the best of my information, the explanations given to me, and as shown by the Books of the Co.

In my opinion, the Register of Members and other records which the Company is required to keep under the Companies Act 1936 or by its Articles of Association have been kept in a proper manner.

C.W.C. MAGRATH. A.S.T.C. A.A.S.A.

DATED AT SYDNEY - 15th November, 1961

Registered under the Public Accountants Registration Act, 1945 as amended.