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The Briars
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on Friday, 3rd December, 1971.

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To the Members of the Briars Sporting Club Limited -
Gentlemen,

Your Directors and your Management Committee have much pleasure in presenting for your perusal and adoption the Fifty-third Annual Report of the Club together with Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30th September, 1971.

1971 has been a better than average sporting year highlighted by the winning of two premierships.

Our new major sport Squash, provided our first premiership pennant for the year with a victory by the A3 team. Squash is achieving its objective of introducing new members to the Club and of providing an alternative sport for existing members. It is effectively fitting into the Club's structure.

In Football the Judd Cup team was one point off the semi-finals, the Burke Cup team was eliminated in the finals and the Whiddon Cup team under the leadership of its captain/coach John Singleton won its grand-final.

The Whiddon Cup was originally donated by the late The Honourable H. W. Whiddon, M.L.C., a former Patron of our Club and the father of Geoff Whiddon our present Patron. It was most pleasing to see Geoff present the cup to John Singleton after the game.

The last time our Club won the Whiddon Cup was in 1936. Olaf Osterman who played in the 1936 team was there to see the game and to assist in the celebrations thereafter, which indirectly due to John's remarkable forecasting ability and the recklessness of some of our members was a most memorable occasion.

The Hockey players and the Hockey administration must have taken the defeats of 1970 to heart. This year the Hockey came out with an all-round new-look which resulted in a most satisfactory season.

We share their disappointment in both the teams being beaten in the semi-finals in extra time. During the year the annual Hockey game between our Club and the Barton Club of Canberra was played at Gladesville with the Club winning the Cup, breaking a drought of many years.

Cricketers take note. Your Cricket Chairman has stated that he will not retire from his position until the Club has won a cricket premiership. In our last season the A's made the finals, the B's were 4th and the C's 7th. 1971/72 is the

season to bring Aussie administration back to Cricket. Daylight saving for extra practise and a considerable amount of recently-purchased equipment should eliminate excuses.

You may recall that last year's Annual Report stated that 13 members attended one of our Golf Days. Thanks to Peter Burt who has enthusiastically and efficiently taken over the organising of our Golf, 1971 has seen well-attended and successful Golf Days, with the promise of bigger and better things for 1972.

Anzac Day fell on Sunday and once again the opportunity was taken in the Club rooms after the Petersham game to pay tribute to the members of the Club who served during World War II and in particular to the members who paid the supreme sacrifice.

An amendment to the Liquor Act made it necessary for our Club, in common with all licenced Clubs, to call an extraordinary meeting to alter the Articles of Association to bring them into line with the new requirements of the Act. Advantage was taken of this meeting to pass a resolution increasing the annual subscriptions (as forecast last year) and also to inform the members present of the activities of the Planning Committee.

Problems about security of tenure of grounds in the St. Ives area has prevented progress in this area and the Canada Bay area is still in the development stage. It was pleasing to see the loyalty of members to the Briars Club which discussions on the merits of moving the Club revealed.

At the end of September Mr. Les Ayres after an overlong innings surrendered his tenancy of the barber shop and Board and Management are presently considering ways of utilising the area gained for the greatest benefit of the Club.

During the year an air-conditioning unit was obtained on advantageous terms and has now been installed in the Club. Our thanks go to the members who assisted and in particular Bob McLeish who since the installation has been burdened with certain teething problems. Following upon the acquisition of the unit the Board, at the suggestion of the Management Committee, has approved of the redecorating of the lounge and bar-room areas and quotes have been called for this work.

The Annual Report in 1970 stated "socially the year was excellent" This year it was even better. Leigh England despite the yoke of "before and after" budgets always comes up with a grin and promotes a show better than the previous one. This year the highlight was the Annual Dinner which was attended by over 100 members and their friends. In addition Mr. Kevin Myers, Headmaster of Homobush Boys' High School and the Rev. Tom Casey, Principal of St. Patricks College attended the Dinner. The guest speaker

Mr. Alan Davidson was of an excellence that prompted members to call for more when Alan indicated that he should bring his words to an end. John Balmforth's vote of thanks fittingly rounded off an admirable after-dinner speech.

Although the snow has been patchy the bookings of the Ski Lodge at Thredbo have been well maintained. Those members who have not yet availed themselves of the Club's facilities at Thredbo would be well advised to contact Andy Clifford and make a booking for either the next Winter ski season or for the relaxing summer period.

At the beginning of the year it was decided to allocate a number of expenses such as the cost of circulars and postage to the various sports and activities to which they related instead of paying the same out of the Club's general fund as had previously been done. This change of procedure is partly the cause of a number of variations in the figures in the Profit and Loss Accounts from the previous year.

Overall the Club's financial position is satisfactory. The Club has been fortunate in having the services of Keith Wearne who took over as Treasurer when Peter Richardson went overseas last year.

At the end of the Football season a Club team went to Melbourne to play Powerhouse. A full report of this visit has not yet been received but the football match resulted in a 9-6 loss.

Early in the year Rod Smith took over the position of Personnel Chairman in which position he has been most active and has already held a New Members Night and a night for school-leavers as prospective members of the Club.

Once again, the general administration and running of the Club was carried out under the watchful eye of Ted Stockdale to whom the Club owes so much. To Ted and to all members who have assisted in the running of the Club in its many activities we say thank you.

We again make our thanks to the Burwood, Concord and Strathfield Councils for their assistance during the year. We also extend our thanks to the following bodies with which the Club has been associated during the past year: Sydney Rugby Union; Council of Municipal and Shire Clubs; Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Union; City and Suburban Cricket Association; Rugby Union Referees Association; Sydney Hockey Association; Squash Racquets Association of N.S.W.; and N.S.W. Cricket Association.

Our Membership now stands at 402, compared with 387 in 1970 and consists of the following:-

	<u>1970-71</u>	<u>1969-70</u>
Full Members	290	286
Junior Members	3	2
City Associate Members	57	99
Country Associate Members	<u>52</u>	<u> </u>
	<u>402</u>	<u>387</u>

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CRICKET

"THE GAME THAT'S NEVER DONE"

Soft, soft the sunset falls upon the pitch,
The game is over and the stumps are drawn,
The willow sleeps in his appointed niche,
The heavy roller waits another dawn.
Bowled is the final ball again,
The fielders and the batsmen cease to run,
But memory will play again,
The game that's done,
The game that's never done.

In happy dreams we'll see each ball rebowled
And mend the fault that robbed us of some prize,
In dreams we'll hold the catch we failed to hold
And see our duck's eggs swell to centuries.
In dreams we'll take the field again,
In dreams the willow wield again,
And set the red ball spinning in the sun,
Ah! memory will play again,
Many and many a day again,
The game that's done
The game that's never done.

Sub-Committee: J. Balmforth (Chairman) C. Dennis, D. Walker,
P. Bailey, T. Wyatt.

At the end of the 1970/71 Season when all the statistics had been computed our Club's position was as follows:-

- (a) Club Championship - 3rd (b) 'A' Shires - 2nd
(c) 'B' Shires - 4th (d) 'C' Shires - 7th
(e) C. & S. - Played 23 - Won 5. So that yet another season went by without achieving any **major successes.**

There was little stability in any of the four sides with the possible exception of the 'A' Shires who only called on 15 players throughout the season. The respective figures for the other three sides were 'B' Shires 23 players, 'C' Shires 26 players and City and Suburban 42 players. The fact that we are obliged to call upon these large numbers mitigates against team spirit and shows the unsatisfactory position of players' reliability. The three competition teams all suffered in selection resulting from the lack of depth of good cricketers in the Club and this position was not improved by the very poor attendances at mid-week practices. The Cricket Committee quite realise that facilities for practice left a great deal to be desired and will make every endeavour through Council to improve the situation. The introduction of Day-light Saving (at long last the Colony follows the Mother Country) should remove the previously valid excuse for non-attendance at practice of the relationship between business hours and the setting of the sun.

The introduction of new blood on the cricketing scene is vital and the Cricket Sub-Committee, together with the Personnel Committee, will tackle this problem vigorously. It must be stressed that in this regard we are primarily interested in quality and not just numbers.

The City and Suburban Report written by the usual maestros once again provides the humorous section for the Cricket Report and it is not the Chairman's wish to detract from the pleasure it gives. However, the City and Suburban side, the gayest and most human of teams, has reached a point of no return as far as performance is concerned, and we must have in the coming season a much more serious approach adopted on the field of play. We simply must provide our opponents with a good game of cricket. The fixture list is organised on a basis of mutual desire of clubs to play each other; we do not have our own ground and it is therefore imperative that other clubs remain keen to play the Briars. The side needs considerable strengthening and needs to be selected from a smaller number of consistently available players.

Summarising the essential requirements for the coming season we have -

- (a) need for new "quality" cricketers;
- (b) better practice facilities, better attended with a more serious approach to practice;
- (c) the first two items should produce circumstances where each player must perform at a satisfactory level to maintain his position; and
- (d) a vast improvement in City and Suburban performance on the field of play.

In concluding this resume of our competition cricket we would like to sincerely congratulate those clubs who achieved the honours we strove but failed to achieve:

The University of N.S.W. who took out the Club Championship and adequately dealt with our best to win the 'A' Shire Competition; Epping who confounded the odds to win the 'B' Shires final and finally Lane Cove the Champions in 'C' Shires.

The Season saw our usual non-competition activities, the Double Wicket Competition was a most enjoyable day and produced worthy but surprising winners in Geoff Gorton and John McNicol, John being very much a part-time cricketer.

In spite of approaching four different country clubs we were unable to organise our usual long weekend trip; this was most unfortunate and must be rectified this coming season, or what will the Ladies say?

When it was known that the 'A' Shires were to contest the Final, a Sunday fixture with the Western Suburbs Leagues Club was arranged at Pratten Park. Your Chairman made it quite plain that we were looking for a serious game of cricket. This we certainly got, "Wests" played several 1st and 2nd Grade players, providing a first-class day's cricket and also a first-class "thrashing". Everyone voted it a huge success and we hope to make this function an annual affair.

Cricket throughout the year ran with a minimum of problems and many people contributed to this fact. In particular I would record thanks to both the Cricket Sub-Committee and the Selection Committee all members of which carried through their allotted duties. It was unfortunate that Tim Wyatt had to curtail his sporting activities because of an injury and subsequently, for business reasons, had to withdraw from the sub-committee. His work as a Publicity Officer was first class and a suitable replacement will not be easy to find.

Frank Farrell, as is usual, did his best to provide the players at Rothwell Park with sustenance throughout the season but was most disappointed with our performance in the final. Bob Clark fortunately did not attend this event although we had the pleasure of his company throughout most of the season and as usual he gave great assistance behind the scenes.

Many cricketers will be unaware of the marvellous cricket records which exist in the Club; these are available for perusal in the Club Rooms. They are the result of many hundreds of hours work by "Wisden Briar" and cricketers are thankful for his continued efforts.

Finally, I trust all players enjoyed their cricket in the Season reviewed and I sincerely hope that everyone has the keenness to improve his game in the 1971-72 Season to his own greater enjoyment and the benefit of the Club in producing improved results.

'A' SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1970-71

Last season was the most successful 'A' Shire Season for the past 15 years. The team came second in the competition being beaten by University of N.S.W. in the final. I was personally very pleased that I was part of the team but felt that even though we had reached the final we should still have been more convincing throughout the whole Season. There were too many times when we could have made a better showing had we carried on as we started; the Season would then have been completely successful. The first 4 matches were won, 3 on the first innings and 1 outright. And in these games we played some of the strongest teams in the Competition including last year's Premiers. Throughout the season we were beaten on 1st innings only 3 times, twice by University and once by Lindfield. One of these defeats by University was in the final and I was disappointed that we did not make a better showing. I am afraid that a lack of application was evident in this all-important game, as it was in some of the earlier ones. The team generally was quite sound and appeared, on paper, to be superior in the batting department in comparison with the bowling, but when the results are looked into and analysed it will be seen that in fact the bowlers did more than their share towards the success that we enjoyed. The batting strength did not come up to expectation simply because too many people did not apply themselves to thinking about the task in hand and too often fell victim to mediocre bowling, when more concentration was needed. I realise that the terms "lack of application" and "not enough thought" must seem quite the usual things for captains to say but I feel that unless something is done by the individuals concerned we shall never win the competition. It can perhaps be argued that the middle and lower order batsmen were short of practice through declarations. However, although practices were organised they were very poorly attended - more than once only one player turned up. I think that this is a good time to point out that practice should not only consist of batting and bowling but should also serve as a means of keeping fit and agile for the sometimes long days in the field.

After what may appear to be a rather gloomy report I

would like to express my thanks to the team for playing well enough to reach the final and for their support throughout the year with the ancillary duties; David Walker for his extraction of the batting fees, Col. Jones for supervising afternoon tea, and a combination of Peter Mansford and Rod. Smith with the gear. Frank Farrell once again gave us his support and invaluable help with the refreshments; thank you Frank. It was also very pleasing to see Mr. Walker on many occasions.

A point that I feel is becoming more and more critical and which has been mentioned by captains over the past few years is the lack of new blood, young players particularly, coming into the Club. Each member should endeavour to introduce at least one new member per year, if this is not done then the future does not look particularly bright. With the average age in the 'A' Shire side around the mid-thirties mark, it will be seen that new blood is definitely needed if the present standards are to be maintained.

PETER SCOTT - Captain. Had a very successful Season with the bat and a satisfactory first effort as a Briars captain. Could with advantage ponder the old adage "attack is the best means of defence" as it might apply to both batting and captaining.

IAN BLAIR - Vice-Captain. Ian carried out his duties as Vice-Captain and Team Secretary very well although I think for the future he should give his opinion a little more often without being asked.. In fairness to him, however, I must admit that I played it a little close. When he did offer suggestions towards the end of the season they were well-founded and useful.

His batting was disappointing, to say the least, although in this regard he is not on his own. There were too many times when he went for his shots too early instead of getting a sight of the ball and then hitting it hard as we know he can. A little more thought on constructing a long innings from a safe but sure start would help enormously. Ian scored 191 runs at 19.1.

DAVID WALKER. David proved once again last season that he is still the best wicket-keeper in the Competition taking 22 catches and 6 stumpings and his performance in this capacity was first class. He also performed reasonably well in his batting role, being placed 4th in the average with 24.1 and third highest run scorer with 265.

PETER MANSFORD. Peter proved his worth as a very good opener, supplying the team with a good basic start on many

occasions. He possesses an ideal temperament for the opening spot, and will do well there in the future. He was second highest run-scorer with 365 at an average of 24.3, and he also collected 6 catches.

TED WATT. All the comments I have made before in this Report regarding lack of concentration and not applying oneself, do not apply to Ted, and some of our other batsmen would do well to take a few pointers in this direction from him. His batting was always sound and full of purpose, and he held the middle order together on many occasions. In his bowling, he was equally valuable and could be relied upon to produce good figures. His approach is somewhat fiery but I understand he is beginning to cool off a little. Let us hope that this cooling off period continues and that next year we shall see an equally purposeful but much quieter Ted. He came top of the averages with 77.0 although his runs only totalled 231. He also topped the bowling averages with 12.1, taking 40 wickets in the season. I shudder to think how many wickets he would have taken had he not been put on at the wrong end most of the time!!

GEOFF GORTON. Geoff has always been a good man to have in any team. I felt last season that he really tried hard on many occasions without that little piece of luck we all need from time to time. We did not see the powerful shots of which he is capable and sincerely hope that 1971-2 will be his big season. If he could contain himself sufficiently against the good balls and punish the bad ones I am sure he would score more runs. Geoff scored 199 runs at an average of 16.5.

ROD SMITH. Rod was a little disappointing last year and has not yet fulfilled the promise he showed a couple of seasons ago. There is, of course, still plenty of time for him to come good and I am sure that in the years to come he will be a valuable member of the team. I think with Rod it is a case of mind over matter - if he can get over the first few overs of an innings and allow himself to settle down and think clearly, he will score a lot of runs. He was not used much as a bowler but he has potential in this field too. More practice, Rod!!

KEVIN HOLLEY. Kevin turned in some good figures last season and was top wicket-taker. Had he carried on through the season as he started, he would have broken all records in the Club, having taken 22 wickets in the first 6 innings. As it was, to capture 42 wickets was a very good effort and contributed greatly to our success. Batting wise he did not

produce the runs we know he is capable of although his opportunities were somewhat limited with only 9 innings throughout the year; scoring 129 runs at an average of 14.3.

COL JONES. Col bowled quite well last year and I am sure that on his day he must be the best off-spin bowler in the Competition. He is economical and with him at one end and Ted at the other, they form a hard proposition to score runs off. I personally think that as Col gets older, he will use a little more guile and become an even better bowler than he now is (I understand he has just had his 29th birthday).

DAVID SCOBLE. David is improving with every game he plays and when he is on line is very useful indeed. His potential is unlimited as he showed on many occasions last year. If he could only recapture the line and speed that he found against Wests, he would become invaluable. I think he will improve more when he thinks more about where he is putting the ball and less about how many no-balls he bowls. He also improved his fielding at silly mid-off, taking some good catches and saving many runs. He has the stamina and keenness needed in a fast bowler and with practice will prove his worth in the years to come.

DARRY ERICKSON. Barry came in at No. 3 when we needed him most. He started well when the wickets were hard and fast but faded slightly towards the back-end of the season when the ball was bouncing more and the wickets were slower. He is a good slip fieldsman and showed in his first season that he has a lot more to offer. I hope he can organise his work so that he will be able to turn out again for us next year. He scored 138 runs at 19.7.

JIM NEALE. Jim played only 4 games with the 'A's this year and was placed in the 'B' side because it was realised that his talents could not be exploited to the full with the senior side.

The other players who turned out for the side were Graham Ireland, Phil Bailey and Noel Young. My thanks go to these three for their support.

"A" S H I R E S T A T I S T I C S

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position in Competition
12	2	5	0	3	2	55	2.
Runs For	Wickets For	Average		Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average	
2461	107	23.2		2456	146	16.8	

'A' Shire Contd.BATTING (*not out)

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>
E. Watt	12	9	45*	231	77.0
P. Scott	17	1	96	515	32.1
P. Mansford	16	1	63	365	24.3
D. Walker	13	2	54	265	24.1
B. Erickson	11	4	33	138	19.7
I. Blair	14	4	38	191	19.1
G. Gorton	12	0	40	199	16.5
R. Smith	10	1	33	143	15.8
K. Holley	9	0	52	129	14.3
C. Jones	6	2	11*	44	11.0
D. Scoble	7	2	22*	27	5.4

Also Batted: J. Neale 4-19; G. Ireland 1-31; P. Bailey 2-13.

B O W L I N G

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
E. Watt	451.7	37	485	40	12.1
K. Holley	160.2	18	611	42	14.5
C. Jones	110.0	18	335	22	15.2
J. Neale	41.0	9	173	9	19.2
D. Scoble	113.0	13	451	17	23.7

Also Bowled: R. Smith 6-137; N. Young 0-24; B. Erickson 0-9.

'B' SHIRE CRICKET REPORT

An enjoyable and reasonably satisfactory season can be recorded for 'B's. Once again a large turnover of players during the Season disrupted the stability of the team, but with the players that were available the results were satisfactory. The team could have finished in a higher position but due to rain which caused the cancellation of play when we were in a sound position against the "weaker" teams, we lost valuable points.

Our batting was quite brittle, the loss of "KEY" opening batsmen made it difficult for those who were asked to perform in this unaccustomed role. Tom Mobbs, one who filled the role without question, did so knowing that his swing batting performance would suffer.

The bowling was steady but lacked hostility. The ground fielding and catching left much to be desired.

One must not finish this report without congratulating Epping on their fine effort in defeating the Minor Premiers Lane Cove in the final.

In closing I would like to thank Phil Bailey as Vice-Captain for his constructive criticisms and advice during the season. Also our thanks to Bob Clark, Frank Farrell and Mr. Corderoy for their efforts in preparing afternoon tea.

P. BAILEY finished the season with an aggregate of 395, a good performance but could score many more runs if he showed more patience. A hard-hitting 95 against Pennant Hills was one of the few highlights of the season. Likes to bowl when he can catch the skipper's ear. Fielding most reliable.

J. NEALE had his best season for many years. Jim had a batting average of 46.1 and a bowling average of 9.1. His performance of capturing 3 wickets for none and finishing with 8-41 for the innings against Canterbury was memorable. Fielding left much to be desired.

T. MOBBS capably filled the role of opening bat, often due to lack of players. Not a good season for Tom but still able to keep up with some of the younger performers with bat and ball.

N. YOUNG bowled well in spasms; lacks that killer instinct. A little more fire and the ability to move one away from the bat would command more respect from opposing batsmen. His fielding was excellent but a few more pounds off next season would improve his stamina immensely.

J. KEMP played only half a season with the 'B's and performed only moderately. Should concentrate his efforts on Saturday afternoons. Fielding good though tends to lost concentration.

B. VAUGHAN bowled with more enthusiasm than in past seasons and performed most capably. Perhaps a little more variation would improve his performance.

G. CORDEROY. Except for a violent 71 against Lane Cove early in the season Graham never looked like scoring runs. He should forget this season as "one of those things". His wicket-keeping was polished and enthusiastic throughout the season.

G. IRELAND. Had a most disappointing season with the bat. He seems to have lost all touch. Fielding was safe and most reliable.

R. STREETER had a good season with the bat. Perhaps a little more aggression would see Bob improve considerably. He must also move his feet more towards the pitch of the ball. Fielding was outstanding, bringing off a couple of "beauties" in the close-in position.

B. CARDWELL - Captain performed poorly with the bat, (same old story) more concentration needed; instead of trying to bring the first one over the fence. Fielding not up to par of previous seasons.

"B" SHIRE STATISTICS

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won</u> <u>O/R</u>	<u>Won</u> <u>1st</u>	<u>Lost</u> <u>O/R</u>	<u>Lost</u> <u>1st</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position in Competition</u>
12	2	5	1	2	1	62	4th

There was one forfeit due to the non-arrival of Wentworthville.

<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Avgc.</u>
2706	127	21.3	2322	144	15.4

BATTING (* not out)

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Innings</u>	<u>Not Out</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggreg.</u>	<u>AVGC</u>
J. Neale	11	4	70	323	46.1
P. Bailey	14	2	95	395	32.9
R. Streeter	11	-	59	266	24.1
T. Mobbs	16	1	55	330	22.0
B. Cardwell	14	-	78	281	20.0
G. Corderoy	13	-	71	207	15.9
G. Ireland	12	-	55	173	14.4
N. Young	8	5	12*	29	9.6
B. Vaughan	7	5	5*	10	5.0
B. Pycock	7	-	23	33	4.7

Also Batted: B. Ericson 4 for 172, G. Jarrett 2-73,
M. MacInroth 4-88, J. Hazelwood 3-33,
L. Gallegos 3-31, I. Black 3-19,
T. Whittaker 1-8, M. Sterry 3-22,
P. Burt 2-12, J. Kemp 3-16, S.
Geddes 3-8, F. O'Halloran 2-2,
D. Woolridge 1-7.

BOWLING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Avgc.</u>
J. Neale	112	21	374	41	9.1
B. Vaughan	123	23	410	28	14.6
T. Mobbs	139	16	506	30	16.8
N. Young	104	20	314	17	18.4

Also Bowled: P. Bailey 5 for 67, J. Kemp 7 for 137, B. Cardwell 2 for 7, G. Ireland 2 for 14, M. Sterry 1 for 7, B. Ericson 3 for 102, J. Hazelwood 3 for 144, P. Burt 0 for 4, B. Pycock 0 for 20.

'C' SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1970/71

The 1970/71 Season was one of the most disappointing that the side has participated in. In all no fewer than 26 different players were used during the season and this alone had an unsettling effect on the side. On top of this good players were lost to the 'A' and 'B' Shire sides. From the 1969/70 Season some of the players lost were D. Scoble, R. Streeter, M. Melville, C. Hickey, B. Pycock, J. Crockart and I. Trevenar. The new players to come into the side need more practice both with the bat and the ball, as well as a lot more concentration if they are to go on to better things with the Club. As a matter of fact this statement applies to every member of the side. When an opposition side were on top in a match most players threw in the towel and conceded the fact that they were going to be beaten even before the game was anywhere near over. This is shown by the fact that the top sixth wicket partnership was a disgraceful twelve runs. Out of eleven games only four were won and this is nowhere near good enough. It was the third game before a win was registered, mainly because of the good performances of M. Sterry (11-72) and J. Kemp (8-111). The next two matches were lost outright and this was due to the casual approach to the game by some players. A first innings win against Canterbury was highlighted by a very impressive 102 by F. O'Halloran. The season concluded with two winning games by the team but the season was all over by this stage. It is to be hoped that next season, with a more constant and keener side, the team can go to the top of the Competition.

W. PARTINGTON - Captain. Warren had a most unhappy season judged from the statistics with batting performances considerably below his capabilities. The worries of captaincy could have been largely responsible because he found discipline which should not have been necessary (given the right support from team members) was difficult to achieve.

J. JARRETT - Vice-Captain. His return to 'C' Shire cricket proved of great benefit to the side. Jeff has the ability to take an opposition attack apart if he survives his usual shaky start. Wicket keeper for a good part of the season, Jeff's own play suffers badly by worrying too much about other players' errors.

G. ASHDOWN. Graham returned to cricket this season after a long break from the game. Unfortunately he did not produce the

cricket of which he is capable. Lack of patience when batting has to be overcome, this combined with a tighter defence should see an improvement next season. Perhaps the fact that Graham purchased a pair of glasses near the end of the season might be a sign of brighter things for the future.

P. BURT. Peter came with the team half way through the season and proved of great value to the side. A very capable all rounder, Peter would play the opposition on his own if given the chance. On a soft wicket his batting is suspect. A good field and one of the few in the team who concentrates all the time (except when trying to keep track of his children).

A CLIFFORD. While full of enthusiasm Andy is lacking sadly in condition. There were times when the good over was bowled but for most of the time the bowling lacked length and direction. In the gully, fielding was good but when out of this position too many catches were dropped. We look forward to a better season next year.

C. DENNIS. Col. came into the side in the middle of the season and his experience proved very helpful to the younger members of the team. Bowling was accurate and he proved to be the outstanding player in the field. Needs to provide himself with a tighter defence and then maybe he will be able to get out of the batting horrors.

L. GALLEGOS. In his first season with the Club he proved to be a valuable member of the side. A sound defence with a lot of patience is something that could be copied by many others in the side. A consistent field and also a handy off-spinner. He was promoted to the 'B' Shire side for a part of the season.

S. GEDDES. Scott's batting is improving all the time. He still needs to judge the length of a bowler better when attempting to drive because the ball is being lifted far too much. More concentration is needed on the field and his witty remarks to opposition batsmen could at times be done without. All told he has a bright future with the Club, and it is to be hoped that his potential is fulfilled.

J. KEMP. His bowling with the new ball always had the opposition batsmen worried. John beat the bat on numerous occasions without getting that much sought after edge. A useful late order batsman but he needs much more application when fielding.

M. MACDONALD. Mike was a newcomer to Briars cricket this year and found it hard to settle down. His batting showed a lack of adequate defensive techniques which he must work on

improving this as he has some good shots once he settles in. He kept wicket for some of the season and with more concentration could be successful in this department.

F. O'HALLARAN. His batting showed marked improvement this season, the highlight being a century against Canterbury. Frank was lost to the 'B's for part of the season. A very good slips fieldsmen who rarely lets a chance go begging.

M. STERRY. The most successful bowler in the side, he also has much success with the bat. Whilst Michael is a good bowler in 'C' Shires he needs more pace and variation to bowl in higher grades. A very solid defence when batting and, if he attempted to play shots of which he is capable, more runs would come. Tends to relax in the field.

J. THRELFO. A slow bowler who relies on flight to beat the batsmen. John needs to work on getting more variation into his bowling. As a batsman he is capable of getting runs and all John needs to do is to build up his confidence.

C. WATTERS. Cam needs to learn to play up the line of flight when batting as he plays all his shots with a cross bat. He has a good eye and with more work on his defence could look forward to longer stays at the wicket.

D. WOOLRIGE. A newcomer to the side David had a disappointing season. All his defence is played on the back foot, and he will have to develop forward defence as well if he is to have success with the bat.

'C' SHIRE STATISTICS

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won O/R</u>	<u>Won 1st</u>	<u>Lost O/R</u>	<u>Lost 1st</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position in Competition</u>
11	1	3	3	2	2	34	7th

<u>Runs for</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>
1934	144	13.2	2324	137	17.4

BATTING (*not out)

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>
F. O'Hallaran	6	1	102	172	34.4
G. Jarrett	9	2	45	181	25.8
S. Geddes	13	-	56	274	21.0
H. Sterry	14	-	41	234	16.7
L. Gallegos	6	1	31	77	15.4

Contd. over

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Average
C. Watters	8	2	27	71	11.8
G. Ashdown	15	3	32	136	10.5
J. Kemp	9	2	18	73	10.4
W. Partington	16	1	29	139	9.2
J. Threlfo	8	4	20*	37	9.2
D. Woolrige	7	1	19*	38	6.3
C. Dennis	7	1	25	37	6.1
M. McDonald	7	-	11	27	3.8
A. Clifford	8	2	16	21	3.5

ALSO BATTED - T. Whittaker 1-28; B. Pycock 4-52; P. Burt 4-50.
M. Mackenroth 3-41; D. Meare 2-22; J. Balmforth
3-11; T. Wyatt 3-14; P. Stroud 4-18; M. Melville
1-3; M. Elder 2-3; C. Habgood 2-0; I. Trevenar
2-0.

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Avge
M. Sterry	146	30	462	39	11.8
J. Kemp	137	27	460	35	11.8
C. Dennis	53	2	212	14	15.1
P. Burt	38	4	164	9	18.2
B. Pycock	31	-	150	7	21.4
A. Clifford	69	6	303	8	37.8

ALSO BOWLED - J. Threlfo 6-57; D. Meare 2-20; C. Habgood
1-12; J. Hazelwood 3-42; L. Gallegos 1-14;
F. O'Hallaran 4-71; T. Whittaker 2-50; W.
Partington 1-29; J. Balmforth 1-87; G. Jarrett
0-3; S. Geddes 0-7; G. Ashdown 0-35.

CITY AND SUBURBAN REPORT

Nil Bolus sed ego et amici

In other words "Don't give anyone a bowl but yourself and your mates", which indicates that the poet Catullus, himself a leg spinner (crus torquens), was dissatisfied with some aspects of the leadership of the cricket team of which he was a member and voiced it in the above quoted words. It has been well said that nothing really changes, and the modern cricket team is experiencing the same treatment as did those of the old days.

JACK (BOB HAWKE) BALMFORTH. Captain (at times), a sufferer from psycho-sclerosis or hardening of the brain, show-

ing itself in the inability of the thinking process to operate with any elasticity. In short, the necessary qualifications in this Club to be a selector. Holds one bowling record - the greatest number of runs ever hit off an over - but still continues to bowl.

B. TREVENAR - Captain (also sometimes). Made his greatest ever contribution to the team when owing to an attack of Angina or some other minor complaint left his team stranded and this enabled another bowler, who seldom sees the crease, to quickly aid in the dismissal of the opposition and give us one of our few wins.

TED STOCKDALE - the old reliable. - but go out cheaply 2 or 3 times this season, which is most unusual, but soon battled back again. His Bar service has vastly improved and he ensures that his team mates get service, as with a curt "Gentlemen first", the peasants and rabble from other teams are forced to wait in line while the aristocrats have their fill.

CRAIG HICKEY - Keeper. It cannot be hoped to often get the equal as a keeper of John Edmonds, better known as "the Cobra", because of his lightning-like strike, but Craig has been our best for some time - quick, active, smart beer drinker and generally far above the rubbish (no names) we generally have masquerading as wicket-keepers. Also a competent opening bat, but managed always to have as umpire Ray Young who (because Craig missed a catch off him in 1963) always gives him out L.B.W.

DON WILLIAMS - "Haven't missed a catch in 10 years", was his modest boast as he walked on the field against Old Aloysians. "Only missed 2 catches in 10 years", was his equally humble announcement as he walked off. Didn't bat too badly this season, but it is sad to see age overtaking a man who, at his peak, had no trouble in covering the 100 yards in 25 seconds, and has now to be timed with a calendar.

J. METCALF. Captain's pet, Batting. Until this season has failed practically continuously for 5 years, but continues to hold the 1st wicket down position. Came good this year after he became a father. His wife Di told me that with her the C. & S. comes first, or in her own words "While he's getting runs, I'll keep delivering babies". Also acted as wicket keeper on occasions, when no one else was available.

C. MITCHELL (crus torquens). Has given up hope of ever getting a decent go with the bat - not persona grata with the trumps. However, had a bowl this season - 10 balls the whole season in which he captured 3 wickets and then was banished from the crease never to return.

A ROSE. Could be forgiven for losing heart, but is young

enough to battle on and could have a big future still. Showed great form with the bat this season, but no one could stay with him. Don't know, nor does he, whether he was in form with the ball or not - never saw the ball much. Opened his mouth too wide in the captain's presence one day - finito!

J. WEARNE. Captain of the Judd Cup - the football equivalent of the C. & S. and though now a good bloke, could not fail to have picked up a few characteristics of the captains of the cricket - so look out - won't be long before Wearne (or his mates) are doing all the goal kicking for the Judds. Blotted his copybook when he lost millions of dollars for punters by dropping a catch in the single wicket competition, his first drop ever - looks like no good under pressure.

R. YOUNG. Captain's pet (bowling). Always makes a point before the game of saying "Good afternoon, captain dear". One of the "amici" referred to at the head of this article. Full tosses, long hops, wides, no-balls - you name it, he still opens the bowling every week, so it is no wonder he gets some wickets. Kept nagging that he was a good bat until he got put in early one day and that finished that.

Must mention that he got 4 wickets in 4 balls one day. I suppose if anyone has enough overs for enough years, something's bound to happen.

Has a bit of a snout on Craig Hickey.

COL. HABGOOD. A mate of Geoff Jarrett, but for all that it is a shame to see a good, nice honest clean living sportsmanlike man, thrown into the middle of a bunch of young hipsters, middle-aged squares and old never wasers, in the fond belief that he is going to have a pleasant game of cricket. Anyway, he managed to smile and even scored a few runs from time to time, but please Col., for your own sake, get out from this toxic environment before it is too late!

BRIAN WILLIAMS. Pity we didn't have a few more players like Brian. Goes in and has a whack when some of the other alleged batsmen are still around looking like old chooks picking up wheat. Pays the penalty plenty of times, but while he's there we're scoring. Similar type of batsman to Mitchell, Wearne and Rose.

GARNET GREEN (Scorer). Has become very upstage lately; scores when he feels like it and sometimes doesn't turn up. In fact, lost a game for us once by not being there. It all goes back to the time when he started to use three coloured pencils and it went to his head - watch it Garnet baby or you might be dropped.

CITY AND SUBURBAN STATISTICSMatches

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>No Result</u>
23	5	16	2	-	-

Runs

<u>For</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
2175	199	10.9	2760	178	15.5

BATTING (10 Innings)

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>
J. Metcalfe	16	1	57	241	16.06
J. Balmforth	12	2	37	160	16.00
B. U. Williams	11	-	52	176	16.00
E. Stockdale	21	-	47	291	13.80
C. Habgood	11	2	28	121	13.40
D. Williams	12	1	39	144	13.00
C. Hickey	12	2	24	98	9.80
R. Young	19	5	17	100	7.10
B. Trevenar	15	10	9*	28	5.60
C. Mitchell	14	-	23	61	4.30
A. Rose	16	6	4*	28	2.80

ALSO BATTED - G. Gorton 1-52; B. Erickson 2-81; I. Blair 2-38; G. Corderoy 2-50; L. Gallegos 1-20; R. Lyons 3-48; M. Melville 1-16; B. Cardwell 1-11; C. Dennis 5-51; J. Jarrett 1-10; P. Mansford 1-10; P. Burt 5-49; G. Ireland 4-36; A. Clifford 3-17; I. Trevenar 2-15; C. Watters 4-21; M. MacDonald 1-6; W. Partington 1-6; F. O'Hallaran 1-5; D. Power 2-9; J. Wearne 8-25; D. A. Walker 1-3; J. Threlfo 3-8; D. Woolrige 2-5; N. Young 1-2; C. Walker 2-3; J. Edmonds 1-1; D. Moore 4-4; J. Scott 1-1; T. Whittaker 3-2; G. Ashdown 1-0.

BOWLING (20 Overs)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
B. Trevenar	133	15	535	41	12.0
R. Young	166	8	864	56	15.4
P. Burt	22	4	89	5	17.8
J. Balmforth	26	2	157	7	22.4
A. Rose	60	1	362	16	22.6

ALSO BOWLED - B.U.Williams 2-98; C.Mitchell 4-25; J.Threlfo 4-25; N. Young 3-30; M. Sterry 2-21; A.Clifford 4-54; T.Whittaker 5-73; I. Blair 1-24; G.Gorton 1-25; G.Ireland 3-85; R.Lyons 2-58; C. Habgood 1-57; D.Moore 0-5; D.Williams 0-10; C.Dennis 0-17; B. Erickson 0-17.

FOOTBALL

Chairman's Report

Committee: C. Hickey (Chairman), R. Hellyar (V-Chairman),
D. Brown, J. McNicol, D. Layton, R. Graff,
A. Jessup.

Coaches: Kentwell - C. Dennis
Burke - J. Crawshaw
Whiddon - J. Singleton (captain/coach)
Judd - J. Wearne (captain/coach)

Selectors: I. Bailey (Chairman), A. Burford, C. Dennis,
J. Wearne.

Premiership - Whiddon Cup.

"This year we went to within one game of the cups in two divisions -- next year we hope the gradual build-up will continue and we will bring the cups back to the Club".

A quote and prediction from last year's Annual Report, which I am happy to report half came true. For the first time since 1936, the Whiddon Cup will hold pride of place in the Briars Sporting Club for at least 12 months - we naturally hope that it will be many seasons before it leaves its pride of place.

The grand final win was of course the highlight of the season, however the 1971 season commenced much the same as any other.

Four trials were played, to which the roll up of players was exceptionally disappointing. Trials are played to sort out players and gain condition - not a way to fill in a Saturday afternoon if there is little better to do. The selectors' job is hard enough without players appearing after one competition round has been completed and then complaining about their lowly selection. If you want to make the grade, be in it from the beginning and stick until the end. The Club relies on its members - don't take the easy way out and rely on the Club.

A country trip to Cowra was well supported this year with 26 players willing to travel by bus to Cowra for the weekend. Cowra unfortunately could not accommodate us at the last minute and left us without a trip. Apologies to those who missed the trip. So as not to be left at home all year, a tour was organised to Powerhouse in Melbourne. Ian Richard organised most of the trip and my thanks to him.

Once again the Rugby was the minor event of the weekend compared to the social life. The game was narrowly lost.

The coaches this year, except for John Wearne, were having their first season in the job, and all did everything that could have been asked of them. Col Dennis had a frustrating season because he unfortunately did not have the material to mould a consistent team. Jim Crawshaw, who is qualifying as a member through coaching, brought aches and pains to his team through his rigorous style of training, but he got his team to the final where they were beaten. John Singleton took his team all the way. This must speak for his coaching, whether orthodox or otherwise. John Wearne once again took on the hardest job - coaching Judd - and only just missed getting them to the semi-finals.

I know that the Committee and players of the Club thank the coaches for their time, effort and enthusiasm.

Ian Bailey, Alan Burford, Col Dennis and John Wearne were the selectors and completely carried out the enormous task of pleasing everyone without fuss.

Last year I wrote that if we could get Club members to realise that new members must constantly be introduced to strengthen our teams, in this way only will we enhance our winning chances. I feel that a lesson for everyone is the way John Singleton introduced about seven new players to the Club - and it was his team that won the Whiddon Cup.

Training attendance this year was much the same as any other year with too many players looking for the slightest excuse not to attend or just not turning up at all. These unreliable characters make it very hard on the keen players.

This year the Combined Sub-District team travelled to Brisbane to play and the Briars were represented by Bob McLeish, who is to be congratulated on his selection. True to his good form, he won the Best & Fairest Competition and took the pewter.

The Football Committee deserves yours and my thanks for the efficient work they have carried out during the year. I hope they have enjoyed their opportunity to be able to run the year's football from start to finish. It would not hurt if more people became involved with the running of the Club.

The players' thanks once again go to our official 'water boy' Frank Farrell, to all the supporters at the games; to the girls who help in the selling of tickets, etc., also to the Referees' Association.

My sincere thanks go to every person who has helped me carry out my job in the past two years - I hope I have pleased the majority.

1971 was a good season - make 1972 even better.

Congratulations to the following clubs for their cup wins:

Kentwell Cup - Bondi Life Savers
 Burke Cup - Colleagues
 Judd Cup - Normanhurst. D.B.
 Club Championship - Colleagues

KENTWELL CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Pts For</u>	<u>Pts Agst.</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
15	3	12	-	125	215	6	10th

Once upon a time there was this team of footballers who really thought that they were going to have a beaut season. Everyone was keen and by the time the first comp. game arrived, they had played several good trials and they were all in reasonable nick.

Everything looked pretty rosy.

The first game they won. Running away with the match in the last twenty minutes. The second match, against the 1970 runners-up was lost through misadventure right on the hammer. A fluke try and everyone was pretty steamed up about it and they would get their revenge at Colleagues' expense next week. But after fighting hard and drawing level with only minutes to go, the tackling and cover defence departments went on strike and away went the game.

But with a little bit more concentration and effort the next game was in the bag. The coach knew it. He could feel it in his water. He kept telling them they would win the next game. They lost the next game.

For the next thirteen games this same coach kept telling them that next week's game was a cert. He was wrong eleven times.

So we get to the question, why? How is it that a reasonably competent side with good forward strength could only muster three wins. As poor a result that the Club has had from its Kentwell Cup team in fifteen years.

In endeavouring to write an analysis, I have prepared a for and against for the major group of players who comprised the team. A study of each individual's performance should enable any reader to draw a few conclusions.

However, as a preamble: if you accept the old doctrine of Pace - Possession - Position - then on a broad scale I would lay most of the blame on Pace (or lack of it) and Position (the absence of it), in that order.

Demographics were: Three wins, thirteen losses: 125 for, 215 against. Position: in front of Bank N.S.W. and Trinity.

CRAIG HICKEY - Captain and Halfback. A troublesome season for Craig. Physically not fit enough and for weeks plagued with hamstring trouble. Craig has always been a solid performer around the scrum base and has revelled in blind side running to spark a forward attack. But the snap was not there and he took several bad hammerings from opposition loose forwards. With most of the team's play centering on getting the ball back to our forwards, he was perhaps asked to do too much ball carrying, but he never shirked it. His passing was pretty accurate, but not long enough and he developed a tendency to straighten up too much before getting the ball away. Craig needed to be at his top for the Captain's job; consequently he found it very hard to drive and enthuse the boys when they needed it badly. Craig's talk of retirement is hopefully only a passing phase. He is a robust, reliable footballer who can get back to his best with an earlier and more vigorous training schedule. Free of the Football Chairman's responsibilities, I am sure he could get a lot more satisfaction out of next season.

IAN RICHARD - Vice-Captain and Prop. A pretty fair season in an unfamiliar role. Ian handled the job of prop forward well, resulting in the side getting a reasonable share of the ball from the set scrums. I would like to see more vigour in his rucking technique, which could also call for an earlier attendance at said rucks. Kept a tight watch on the front of our line-outs ensuring that not many forays in that area by the opposition were successful. Too lenient with his fellow forwards and if he is in the role of forward loader next season, must drive and lead with more determination.

ROD SMITH - Fullback. Gifted with good hands, a powerful boot and pace I hoped for much from Rod as he did himself. We were both disappointed. I can think of only two causes. Firstly, Rod is an attacking fullback who likes to get in and run with the ball and he was never happy with the stay-at-home job that he was asked to do. This obviously rubbed off on to his game. He was astray in his positional play, not a great deal, but often at crucial times. This can only be overcome by developing the skills of anticipation and reaction, which in turn will only sharpen through more intense concentration on the game, e.g., all five-eighths transmit a signal when they are going to kick. You can

pick it up in the first five minutes if you're watching for it. After fifteen minutes you should be able to tell whether he is going to kick open or in the pocket. The game then becomes easy or easier.

Defensively Rod was quite sound and made some delightful tackles. Practice is the only answer to good goal-kicking. Your own football is only \$5 away. Should Rod be able consistently to produce the form next year we saw in flashes only in 1971, he could well be the best fullback we have had in years.

KEVIN MOORE - Wing. Speedy, but not quick enough, Kevin found it hard going against fast opposition, of which there was quite a bit. There is a lot of determination in Kevin's play and if his rough edges can be smoothed out, he will become a very useful player. I would suggest that the polishing process could take another two seasons, and it should be accompanied by some good sound coaching in the fundamentals. Wing is his place, and he should stick to it. One of the fittest guys, he went down with the wog which sapped his energy for many weeks. Some sprint training (coached) during the summer could work wonders, give him better balance and smooth out his action. At the moment every yard is hard work.

BOB STRACHAN - Wing. A pretty reliable performer, but again lacking real pace. Bob proved amongst the grades for most of the season but played his best football in the Kentwell side.

Another determined ball carrier and sound defender, particularly good at the head of tackle, which is not usual for a winger. His most anxious moments are in handling a kick to him. He must practise relaxing and letting the ball drop into his arms (e.g. Peter Burt), rather than the frontal assault tactics he has developed. Wing is also his best spot and he should try to stick to it (Selectors willing). Should work on developing a swerve or side step, which would greatly improve his striking power.

JIM WILSON - Centre. Along with Rod Smith, the only back with real ability to beat a man. Jim can create an opening, but finds it hard to get into the clear. He has the speed but needs to work on getting more drive into his acceleration. Jim generally needs to work harder at training. Although he will shake his head pessimistically, 20% more dedication and 10% more application could make him one of the competition's best centres. Sound in all departments, he must remember that a defensive back line has to be straight.

KEITH WEARNE - Centre. An enthusiastic member of the side who could be relied on. Again, ability to accelerate quickly was not Keith's bag and the opposition were occasionally let off the hook because of it. Not as vigorous in defence as previously and one who should concentrate on driving into his opponent more often. The value of piling into your opponent as he is in the act of passing the ball, should never be underestimated. In general, a fairly tidy but unspectacular performance.

GRAEME ROLLESTON - Five-Eighth. Without going over previous reports, I would imagine that the comments coaches have been making about Rollo for years would again apply. A fine ball handler, Graeme rarely puts one down and his passing is thorough. Has the ability to penetrate, particularly in blind-side running, but seems reluctant to display it. A nicely balanced runner who needs to practise and use a swerve and the dummy much more than he does. Graeme's defence has improved, but he still needs to move onto his man a lot quicker. Needs to work harder in cover defence.

JOHN STANFORTH - Lock Forward. One of the team's more consistent performers who pulled out some big games during the year. John is very strong in defence and one remembers well his twin-tackling effort against a Newington backline thrust. A solid team man who worked himself hard in every game and training session. Needs to improve his passing.

BOB HELLYAR - Breakaway. A courageous footballer who was one of our best tight forwards. Worked extremely hard in rucks and frequently gained possession. Very often broke through line-outs to harrass the opposition halves, but prone to go a little high in close tackling, albeit in most cases effectively. Extremely tidy around the scrum base, Bob found it difficult to get out to cover the faster moving three-quarters, and must strive to cover the first ten yards a little quicker. Does not like to lose.

DAVE BARNES - Breakaway. Speedier than his partner, David made some great covering tackles. Has a natural ability to tidy up a situation that has become scrappy. An effective ball winner at the end of line-outs. Not as effective as his partner in the tight stuff, but overall this made for a good pairing. Would like to see him start the next season on time.

JOHN McNICOL - 2nd Row. Our most experienced forward and played like it. His work in the rucks was outstanding for he possesses skill and ability that gets him into the bowels of a ruck almost every time, which in turn just about guarantees possession. The art of defence he learnt as a lock forward he

maintains and he is a skilled handler and kicker of the ball.

Carrying more weight than previously, one training session a week is no longer enough. His reappearance next year is vital.

BOB McLEISH - 2nd Row. Matured quickly this year, developing into a very fine tight forward. Generally too loose in his play to start with, he knuckled down to learning the 2nd rower's trade and combined his strength and vigour to upset most of his opponents. Extremely vigorous in rucks although occasionally inclined to "seagull" on the edge. Our main line-out man, Bob needs to work on getting more height in his jumping. A dangerous runner with the ball and a dangerous passer. Deserved his selection in the Combined Sub-District XV, a position I am sure he will retain.

JOHN WINDON - Prop. A young vigorous footballer. Tremendously keen and enthusiastic all season. Held his own in the set scrums against more experienced opposition. Has a good deal yet to learn about rucking and line-out play, which is natural for a young man in his first year with the club. John pushed himself hard at training and was a great team man. He is not yet a good forward, but he is heading in the right direction and we will be looking to build a pack around him in a few years.

ALAN JESSUP - Hooker. Another young man who plays well above his weight. Combined with his props to win a reasonable amount of ball and battled his heart out every match. Although very resilient, if he is to run in Kentwell next year, it is almost imperative that he adds considerable poundage; to be as effective in the job as it demands. Very fit and an excellent team man.

Many other players ran in the side during the year, but in anticipation of comments appearing on other pages, I would only like to record their names and my appreciation that when they did turn out, they did their best.

Mike Elder, Phil England, Phil Brookes and Ian Murray all played several games in the first half of the year. Less appearances were from Dick Crookes, Brian May, John Kell, Bob Hodgson, and Bob Kass, Dave Spratt, Bob Montgomery, Greg Taylor, Rod King, Glen Lackey, Peter Smith, Mike Twemlow and John Wearne.

The team was not surprised that Bondi went on to win the Kentwell Cup, they were the only side to better our pack all season and we congratulate them on their performance.

As Coach, my performance will have to be judged by others, but one has to face up to the statistics. The job became harder as the season wore on, but the team spirit that was quite evident persisted which, in the long run, made it all worthwhile.

BURKE CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>For</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
15	8	5	2	137	123	20	3rd

Players: M. Elder (Capt.), P. Brookes (V-C), P. Brand, L. Crawford, R. King, G. Taylor, S. Hyman, D. Brown, P. England, G. Hickey, R. Kass, J. Koll, G. Lackey, P. Smith, R. Hodgson, R. Coates, K. McNicol and many others.

After an indifferent start and the loss of John McNicol to Kentwell, Burke settled down to play good football and really became interested in the competition and improved steadily to reach the final at Concord Oval. A little luck at the right time would have been a help - but that's Rugby - a fair result.

It is not possible to single out any one player for mention because the Burke Cup Team relied on each other to make a good team and great spirit.

Some of the training nights may not have been the most enjoyable in the beginning, but once fitness caught up - terrific; surprising what can be done when the mind and the body are fitter. This point was proved later on in the season when extra time had to be played - remember! Thank you fellows, again.

To conclude, perhaps one large "thing" that is missing in all teams is the attitude of dedication which is a must if Briars is to remain a force in Sub-district Rugby Union next year.

Two players to watch: Pete Smith and Rod King.

WHIDDON CUP - 1971 PREMIERS

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>For</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
15	9	6	-	150	114	18	Premiers

Inevitably, and also with a little bit of luck, the Whiddon Cup came back home to the Briars. The only reason ~~we~~ won was because we tried to win. Year after year the Briars play "for the fun of the game" and forget that the fun lies in the winning. Even the beer tastes when you win.

How did we manage to win? We had the best prop in the comp, the best forward leader and the best goal kicker in the comp. All of these people was Peter Sawyer.

We also had the best lineout jumper in the comp (Casey Joosse) and, at least in the finals, we had backs who didn't waste too much of the ball we got. And that's all you really need to win every Cup in the competition.

During the year, these players contributed to the win:

COL DENNIS - Fullback. During the season Col coached Kentwell and trotted around in Judd. But when the crunch was on Col camp up to Whiddon and for the hundredth year in a row, he did his job and let no one down. That's what fullbacks are all about.

EDDIE JAMES - Winger. If there were more Eddie Jameses, there would be more Cups in the club. If Eddie buys a football and tightens his handling in the off season, he will be a valuable member next year.

BOB STEELE - Winger. For a big second rower, Bobby did a great job for us in the centre and on the wing. Should play Kentwell in the forwards next year. Claims to be faster than Gerry Carter.

GERRY CARTER - Winger. As above, but claims to be faster than Bobby Steele.

DAVE "JACK" SPRATT - Centre. Has only just started to realise how good he is. Two tries against Colleagues in the final sort of proved the point.

BILLY SADDLER. Beautiful hands and a very effective tackler. Next year, Billy will be an immense asset to the Club. Also has a beautiful wife.

BOB SPEDDING - Half. The highlight of the year was Sped's face when he scored the winning try in the grand final. Bobby has been around Whiddon for over a decade and he is still a bloody good footballer. Why he has never got a real go in a higher grade remains a mystery.

IAN BAILEY - Half. When "Doc" was up and about he was the most valuable back we had. Ought to get fit and play Kentwell.

LEIGH ENGLAND - Breakaway. Scored the winning try in the semi- and gave the game everything he had right through the year.

BOB MONTGOMERY - Breakaway. Bobby plays as tight as Leigh plays loose. They make a good breakaway pair.

DAVE BOYLSON - Lock. Dave's extra full back play saved us the final against Colleagues and also saved a lot of heart attacks in the semi-final and grand final.

CASEY JOOSSE - Second Row. Won just about every line-out during the year and talked four opposing teams to death. We couldn't have won the comp without him. Let's hope he plays again next year.

MICK TWEMLOW - Second Row. Against the bad teams Mick is bad, but against the good teams he is great. Has pledged to play next year, which is good news for all asthma doctors.

NORM TROTTER - Second Row. Let himself down by getting more and more unfit as the season progressed. Should either get fit and give his ability a real chance or just forget about rugby. A ton of ability just being frittered away.

KEN GRAY - Prop. Kenny will be a top prop in a couple of years. Learnt a lot from Pete Sawyer and gave it everything right through the year.

DAVE LAYTON - Prop. Dave wasn't more than a foot away from the ball the whole season. Plays it tight and nothing fancy, as a prop ought to play.

PETE SAWYER - Prop co-leader and co-coach. You can't hope to win any competition unless you've got a goalkicker, a forward leader and someone to turn it on up front. Peter did all these jobs plus kicking over 100 points for example. I hope "Hacca" lets him out to play again next year, because without Peter there wouldn't be any cup in the Club. But with Peter, another cup can be a certainty next year.

JOHN BOYLE - Hooker. Won the ball every game. Played his best every game and never shirked a thing all year.

DICK VANDERFIELD - Hooker. When Dick played in place of Johnny, he also won the ball, did his best and shirked nothing.

JOHN SINGLETON - Five-Eighth (Captain). Captain/Coach, was able to obtain from his team all that was asked. A little slower each year and fortunately now only punches in retaliation. Without his drive and dedication the Cup would not have been won.

All in all it was a good season, mainly because we won, which is what enjoying rugby is really all about.

JUDD CUP

Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Points For	Points Against	Points	Position
16	7	8	1	111	119	15	4th

Judd Cup did not aspire to any great heights this year, but a most enjoyable season was had by all who played. The main causes of our inability to reach these heights were:

- (a) Lack of condition;
- (b) The very poor attendances at training.

No team can expect to perform well if a solid training run with all 15 players is not maintained at least once a week. Non-attendance at training affects condition which, in turn, affects sharpness and keenness on the field of play. I hope this problem does not arise again next season.

The Judd Team did enjoy some very exciting games during the season. No one watching could forget "Eddo's" booming field goal in the last minute of the game against Normanhurst Old Boys, to give us a 9-6 win. Also Bill Saddler's slashing try in our 6-3 defeat of Petersham, or Col Dennis beating 15 players to score a try against Trinity Old Boys in the second round.

But, alas, these highlights were offset by disastrous losses at the hands of Colleagues, 25-6, and Newington Old Boys, 14-5.

If next season we can reverse these defeats we will stand a very good chance of bringing home the Cup.

I wish to thank all those members who played Judd, also Alan Burford and John Fripp for their assistance at training. As there were so many players in Judd, I shall not attempt to mention them all but rather will give a summary on the football positions and the players involved:

FULL BACK - This position was filled by C. Dennis, P. Burt and J. Wearne with Col as the mainstay. His ability to come into the backline and turn defence into attack was an asset to the side.

WING - Many players filled this place, with no one person playing more than six games. J. Randle, D. Jamieson, M. Williams and R. Steel were our strongest players, with L. McDonald, J. Edwards, T. Kroll, Geoff Hickey, R. Graff and J. Metcalf backing them up.

CENTRE - We had a good lot of centres with R. Willock (until injured), B. Saddler, C. Walker, G. Lackey and R. Bailey being the mainstays. There was good attack and defence but no real backing up or combination. The remaining players were Doug and Dennis Fulham, J. Carter, K. Wearne, E. James, J. Wilson and K. Moore.

FIVE-EIGHTH - a very strong position starting with W. Richard (until moved farther out), John Edmonds (until injured), M. Mathews (once) and J. Wearne. Attack and defence were very good; the combination and understanding with the half-back was at times worthy of a higher grade.

HALF BACK - A difficult Judd Cup position, capably handled by I. Bailey (until promoted), J. Samuals (until injured) and Dave Walker. Dave held this position for most of the season, giving good service and variation of play. Could have had more room to move if the forwards had played tighter in set play.

LOCK - Cover defence was not as good as it could have been from this position. J. Johns was our most solid lock but proved too good for Judd. I. Murray and M. Mathews filled in until both suffered injuries, D. Boylson taking out the spot until the end of the season.

BREAKAWAY - All our breakaways acquitted themselves very well. They made up for their lack of weight with speed and determination. Ashley Brown was the most consistent performer, closely followed by Peter Young, R. Hille and D. Joy.

SECOND ROW - Seven second rowers in one season makes it hard to form any combination in this difficult position. Evan Williams and Tony Peter started the season off, followed by J. Ferguson, Garnet Green and M. Twemlow. Jeff Ferguson moved to prop towards the end of the season, making way for J. Barrett, and M. Twemlow moved out to enable B. Collins to have a run.

PROP - The main factor missing in our front row was weight. Bruce Evans was our heavyweight until forced out by injury. Our only replacements, J. Ferguson and H. Reiman were a bit light. Other players who ably assisted for the odd game were Grant Hickey, R. Crookes, I. Richards, M. Mathews and Mick Harley.

HOOVER - Our hookers were J. Samuals, R. Vanderfield and R. Day. All gave good accounts of themselves, giving us more than our fair share of possession from the scrums.

H O C K E Y

Committee: J. Scott (Chairman) M. Sterry (Dep. C'man)
K. Dobbins. (Treasurer) J. Kemp (Ground and
Equipment)
G. MacIntyre (Carnivals) D. Farr

The 1971 Season proved my optimism of the previous Season more than justified, with both teams making the semi-finals and recruitment of several new players achieved.

Once again we fielded two teams in second Division and for the first time in many years were able to fill these teams and have reserves for at least 90% of the Season - a good sign for thought towards fielding a third team next year.

The A Grade side performed creditably throughout the Season with some outstanding performances but the B Grade stole the limelight when one remembers that they were the holders of the Wooden Spoon last season, yet went within an ace of winning the Premiership, and, in the case of A Grade only losing their semi-final in extra time.

The annual Barton-Briars event was held in Sydney this year on the morning after the Club's annual ball and produced a win for Briars for the first time in many years. Amazing how dancing improves your game?! It is hoped that we can hold on to the Cup for some time especially next year as it will be the 25th Anniversary of the event. Plans are already under way to make it our best ever visit to Canberra.

During the off season every endeavour will be made to recruit new players and functions held to keep present players together so that next season we can carry on from where we left off - and who knows - win two or three premierships.

This season saw the introduction of a Cup for the "Best and Fairest Player" and I would like to congratulate Paul Mackay on a fine win. The award helped to add keenness to our game and proved it will be running again next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Hockey Committee for the excellent support they have given me and the players for their fine efforts during the season and I would remind them that next season will be all the better if they continue in this manner.

Congratulations to the following Clubs for their cup wins:

Minor "A" - Baulkham Hills; Minor "B" - Cumberland.

A GRADE

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals Scrd.	Goals Against	Points	Position
22	13	3	6	60	29	32	3rd

This season's results showed a vast improvement on the last and, generally speaking, was a very pleasing performance with some excellent hockey being played especially in the second round (e.g. against Baulkham Hills).

With the acquisition of two Irish gents, one of our nagging problems may now be solved, i.e., lack of goal-scoring forwards and, with the consistent performances of the defence, things certainly look good for next year.

I would like to congratulate Sydney Naval on their winning the Competition. At the same time I can't help wondering why we didn't win, especially when looking at the results we find we were not beaten by Sydney Naval in the Competition. But then you can't expect to win if you play for 69 minutes only and not 70, can you fellas?

The following players listened to my voice all season and still have to put up with my urging remarks:-

COL (distracted) AIKMAN: Apart from a few lapses - female variety - proved he is the best goalie in second Division and made the City Seconds representative side.

JOCK SCOTT - Marriage, Chairmanship and Captaincy were all taken in his stride - played as well as ever he has.

SID (Sorry fellas) CHARLESTON - One of the best hitters in the game but must be more punctual and at the right field.

BRIAN (Mr. Consistency) COX - Played his usual, above standard game all the season. Keep it up Brian!

BOB (Exactly) STREETER - Not only did he find a new word for the season but also new ability which he used to the utmost.

RAY (Gee, Ump) LARKIN - Although he started late in the season played soundly throughout but must not let umpiring upset him.

MIKE (Midget) STERRY - Having his first season in A Grade showed a lot of potential and with more practice and experience should remain there.

MERV (Paddy) BAXTER - Only played the last few games but showed promise of big things next year.

IAN (No Rudder) TREVENAR - Top goal scorer for the season having his best year so far but must buy a Rudder to use when taking short corners.

STAN (Yodeller) MacGAFFIN - Plays as well as he yodels?! An Irish gent with a lot of ability.

PETER (7 Iron) MANSFORD - Played consistently throughout except when he forgot what time of day it was and started playing golf shots.

DEREK (Sailor) FARR - Played well until duty called him out to sea. Hope to see him available next season.

To all those Second Graders who filled in during the season, I extend my thanks for your efforts and hope the experience benefited your games.

"B's" HOCKEY REPORT FOR 1971

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals Scrd.	Goals Agnst	Points	Posn.
22	13	5	4	49	34	30	4th

Last year's "Wooden Spooners" - This year's Semi-Finalists.

This marked improvement could be attributed to the following reasons:

- A. With the break-up of the Sydney Competition, the players found themselves, in the new graded system, playing against teams of similar ability and their confidence soon grew and goals became much easier to attain. Previously, they were often playing teams out of their depth.
- B. The distribution of more experienced players coming from the higher grades into the lower grades passed their knowledge of the game and their experience on to the young, inexperienced players, thus helping to revive the spirit of the team giving its members the will to "go out and win" games. They were no longer just a bunch of hockey players, playing year after year, never improving their ability as hockey players.
- C. ~~The~~ team is now based around a fairly strong defence where better ball distribution at the right time and place puts our forwards in good goal scoring positions. In previous years "a belt it up the field and chase" attitude was followed; this resulted in bad forward

combinations with too many forwards going for the ball at the same time.

- D. Players are finally listening to the Captain's instructions which has resulted in better positional play so that players find themselves getting to the ball before their opponents, and with greater ease.

The 'B's were unlucky in not winning their Semi-finals after leading up till the last 13 seconds when a disputed goal evened the scores and the opposition won in extra time.

It was very disappointing to start the season with an abundance of players and to lose so many players through promotions to the 'A's and injuries due to other circumstances. It was a further blow to have to finish up the season by doubling up players. The Captain is indebted to these men, knowing these circumstances took their toll and affected the players' performances in the higher grades.

Players must acknowledge the fact that if they intend playing sport for the Club, it is their duty to make themselves available for the season's games; otherwise we have a situation where members are playing with but not for the Club. All in all, from the Captain's point of view, it was a most enjoyable season and I would like to thank all the men for their enthusiasm.

The players during the season were:-

GEOFFREY GORTON (Captain) (Left Back). An experienced player who was responsible for the great improvement in the team.

CRAIG McINTOSH (Right Wing). Potentially the best "find" in Briar's Hockey team for some years. In his first year, he adapted himself well to the game, had good speed, has a good centre and natural stick-work. Later in the season he tended to hang on to the ball too long. With more experience, he will be a better player.

PETER BARTLETT (Inside Right). Team's leading goal scorer, mainly through his ability to run on to the ball. He has good speed and positions himself well for free hits. He must learn not to turn his back on 16-yard hits and not to argue with the umpires.

GRAEME TREVENAR (Centre Forward). Possibly the only centre and forward in Sydney not to score a goal during the season. He always tries hard, but carries the ball too close to his feet, thus giving away too many penalties through "kicks". He must realise that he is more valuable to the Club in his right position of Goal Keeper where he is an outstanding player.

IAN SULLIVAN (Inside left). Made a comeback to hockey (something about losing weight for sailing - not even a Club sport!), and soon proved that the lay-off had done wonders to "Sullo". Always in a gap and played some of the best hockey we have seen from him for years. If a few more players adopted his attitude of "setting others up" instead of going on their own, more goals would surely be scored. A good team man and a pleasure to play with. Must buy his own stick next year.

MIKE STERRY (Left Wing). Very keen young player with a fair turn of speed though lacking slightly with the back-stick until he learnt to hit it off the right foot. He must also learn to obey the captain's orders. Deserved his place in the 'A's later in the season and should be an asset to the Club because of his ability to play numerous positions.

JOHN CROCKHART (Left Wing). John made spasmodic appearances throughout the season. His play tended to follow suit. Although keen, lack of practise caused him to miss the ball repeatedly. He even surprised himself with the game he played in the semi-finals. Thanks for filling in, John.

PAUL MACKAY (Centre Half). The most improved - rarely played a bad game and proved a real nuisance to the opposition in defence, though his over-exuberance often led to two players going for the ball at the same time. With better ball distribution in the attack and staying in his own position, he will develop into a really good player.

WARREN PARTINGTON (Right Half). "Parto", this year, did something no other half has done for years, i.e., set up his Winger in a fashion that usually resulted in many scoring chances. Always good in attack, he possesses an eye that seems at all times able to get him out of a bad situation. Must learn, after 11 years of hockey, not to give away penalties. A bout of hepatitis put him out late in the season, as a consequence the team suffered.

JOHN KEMP (Left Half). John started the season in the Forwards then transferred to Halves where he played well. Must learn to set up his Winger better and to realise that there is only one captain. A good team man and, with more concentration, his positional play will improve.

KEN DOBBINS (Right Back). Ken suddenly realised that full back play is not so difficult if you are in the right position at the right time. In previous years, he tended to panic. He was more relaxed this year and hit his 16-yarders a lot harder and with better direction. A back injury put him out half way through the season just when he was starting to develop into a good Right Back.

DAVID SCOBLE (Right Back). Possibly the real "find" of the season. Starting off as an Inside Right and playing well, he was transferred to Right Back, with the injury of Ken Dobbins, where he really adapted himself beyond all expectations - possessing a good hit and plenty of speed. He covered a lot more ground than most full backs for years. Must learn to watch his back left which cost us too many penalties in tight situations. Always eager to learn and listen. A good team man and clubman and a model youth.

ALAN CARR (Goalie). Tried hard, but just didn't have enough natural ability and ball sense to become a good goalkeeper, but surprised us all with some great saves in the semi-final. Tends to let opposition players ruffle him too easily.

LES MADDEN (Inside Right). Made a comeback to hockey after about four years' absence. This time away from the game showed his obvious lack of practice, particularly his failure on many occasions to pick up the ball. With more concentration and fitness he will be a better player.

GREG MCINTYRE (Left Wing and Right Half). "Bullocking" Greg started the season as a Left Wing where he played with great determination. Later, he was transferred to the Right Half position which he filled to the best of his ability. (There were times when his unusual clearances had his captain worried). In the Semi-Final he showed just how determination can carry the day.

SQUASH REPORT

Sub-Committee: R. Pontifex (Chairman), L. Fozzard (Treasurer), T. McAdam, K. Edwards, D. Vanderfield, Paul Porter and E. James.

Now that squash is a major sport within the Club it is pleasing to note that there was an increasing number of players wishing to play squash for the Briars. So much so in fact that if courts were available, Briars would have entered a record eight (8) teams for the Competition. However, owing to the shortage of courts we were able to increase our teams to six (6) only for the Autumn Competition. In doing so, another 8 new members were introduced into the Club, making a total of 35 registered players.

In this Competition, the Briars collected their first A Grade pennant, won by the A3 side which consisted of Ian Macdonald Ray Pontifex, David Walker and John McNicol. A3 played the whole competition without a reserve so as to strengthen the lower grades. This team combined well to just about lead the competition throughout, being able to snatch victory in closely fought

2-all matches. In the Semi-Finals against Canley Heights, our No. 1 (Ian Macdonald) crashed to a 0-3 shock loss closely followed by a 1-3 loss by John McNicol. Ray Pontifex was able to win 3-1 leaving David Walker to win 27-13 for victory. After a nervous start David was able to win 27-11 to give us victory by 2 points. In the final against Western Suburbs, much the same type of match happened with Ray going down in the opening rubber 1-3 to fellow Briar Peter Mansford. John and Ian followed up with hard-fought 3-2 victories leaving David in a better position as he had to win two games and points. With this match 2-all David was able to win the final game 9-6, giving the Club its first A3 pennant.

Of our other teams in the competition, two sides made the Semi-finals with another one missing out by one point. The teams and their participating players with their respective records are briefly outlined below:

Autumn Pennant

A3: Ian Macdonald, Ray Pontifex (c), David Walker, John McNicol. This side, the Club pennant winners outlined earlier in this Report.

A4: John Mortlock, Ted McAdam (c), Ken Bell, Ross Anstey (res), Kerry Trellope (res), Brian McGuren, Vic Gross.

This team on paper looked good but as happens more often than not, left its form on the practise courts. They were hit with bad losses early and, with Ross moving to Newcastle and Kerry an operation looming, they never recovered.

B4: Ken Edwards (c), John Fripp, Len Fozzard, Peter Burt, Geoff Gorton. This side started off in excellent form with left-handed Ken Edwards completely baffling his opponents in the first round to have the side in second place at the turn. However, things were different from then on and slowly the team slipped as a premiership force.

C2: Ian McGregor, Mike Elder, Ray McManus, D. Vanderfield(c), Paul Wilson, Bob Hellyar.

The boys in this team were very keen to do well and posted some good victories in the first round to be right up with the leaders. Things changed slightly in the second round, Ray McManus having to leave due to a transfer to Brisbane, Doug Vanderfield seemed to be having more commitments and Ian McGregor having not recovered from a football injury. With all this they kept at the guns only to miss out by a point for the semi-finals.

C3: Paul Porter (c), Frank Robinson, Randel Godden, Bruce Treenar, Ray Larkin.

We have not had a team in the Briars before that had their own cheer squad as this team did and, judging by their results, it might not be a bad idea. They trained hard and played consistent team squash throughout the two rounds to end up in second position. In the Semi-Finals things did not go their way and they lost 1-3 in a tense, hard match. With the experience gained in the Semi-Finals they will be a force in the future.

D2: Viv Hudson, Edward James (c), Paul Patton, Richard Venderfield, Warwick Foy, David Layton.

This was a side with no experience in competition squash. They were very keen and practised at every opportunity. They were fortunate to have a good player in Viv Hudson. After a few games, he showed form that made him a valuable player at No. 1. The side combined well and posted a string of good victories. They ended the rounds in second position and were a good bet to take on the minor premiers. However, things did not go their way and they were beaten 1-3 in the Semi-Finals.

The Pontifex Jewellers shield for the player with the most consistent record throughout the competition went to new member Viv Hudson.

Six teams were again entered for the Spring competition which is still in progress.

Squash in general seems to be on the upward trend with more interest shown than ever before. Unfortunately, we are not very successful in getting Saturday afternoon practices well and consistently attended, although we do know other squash players play at other times, as it is not possible for them to practise on Saturdays.

Social functions were another wine tasting night organised by John Fripp, Barbecue and Pool Party by Ray Pontifex and another Squash Dinner at the Apia Club.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my fellow squash players for their support throughout the year.

SOCIAL REPORT

This has been a very successful year in regard to attendances at Club functions, with the Dinner and the Ball both exceeding last year's numbers. I feel, with your support, these can be increased in 1972.

I shall run through our past functions for this year:-

CLUB DANCE, 17th April (beginning of Football Season)

Held at the Club, this attracted some 80 people and proved to be both a social and financial success. Thanks to the ladies who provided the supper and to the stewards who helped behind the bar.

BEEF AND BURGUNDY NIGHT, 5th June (Cahills Restaurant)

An excellent hot and cold Smorgasbord, washed down with the odd glass of Red, guaranteed an excellent night for the Briars. Thanks for the entertainment, Richard and David.

ANNUAL BALL, 3rd July (Menzies Hotel)

A function to be remembered, our last at the Menzies for some time.

The Ball is always the highlight of the year, but due to Menzies' rising costs, a new venue is to be found for next year.

6th ANNUAL DINNER (Concord Golf Club).

Concord Golf Club again proved to be a successful venue, with food and service at a high standard. Our attendance for the evening was 125.

Thanks to Alan Davidson for an excellent speech and to the Secretary and staff at the Golf Club.

CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY, (Friday 10th December)

To be held at Concord Golf Club on Thursday, 16th December, 6.00 to 9.00 p.m. Tickets will be \$4.00 each, drinks and savouries all inclusive.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Chrissy Party.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Sub-Committee: M. Harley (Chairman), W. Partington, A. Land, J. Alford, J. Crockart, J. Fripp, W. Richard, and P. Mackay.

The Profit from Bar Trading was up \$1,351 on last year. There was also a significant increase in the profit margin due mainly to an increase in bulk beer sales and a tighter control of stock.

During the year, we were constantly plagued with industrial problems in the breweries, but with sensible ordering the Club ran dry on one occasion only.

Opening the Club has had its problems since Bob Clark left for overseas and Mark Williams has a job. However, we managed to open on all occasions though not as early as we would have liked.

The never-ending problem of lifting the kegs from the lower level to the bar area has caused much grumbling amongst some members who, unfortunately, seem to get caught very regularly. At the time of writing, investigations are being made into a new storage area on the ground floor where the beer can be piped upstairs, thus eliminating the lifting of kegs.

Attendances midweek were very disappointing and we look to an improvement in the coming year especially in summer now that the bar area is air-conditioned.

STEWARDS: The roster system has worked very satisfactorily and it is a rare occasion that not one of the two stewards rostered has turned up for duty. We are indeed grateful to our stewards.

DELIVERIES: Our thanks must continue to go to Bill and Bruce Simes and, on occasions, Norm Fenwick, for taking care of the Club deliveries. Frankly, without them we would indeed be in trouble.

CLEANING: This work has been carried out on Monday and Friday mornings by an outside cleaner. During the year Leigh England and Rod Smith organised a working-bee and gave most of the club rooms a spring cleaning.

As I retire this year I would like to thank my Committee for their help and support throughout the year. I hope that this will continue when my successor, Warren Partington, takes over. I would also ask Club members to give Warren support in a position which at times can be very time consuming and frustrating.

SKI LODGE

Unfortunately, the secretary of the Lodge is in New Zealand, hence the shortness of this Report.

The Lodge was better attended than in previous years and, as a result, the financial position is somewhat healthier.

The snow came a little late this year for the peak season but it did assist the late goers in September and October.

Members should avail themselves of the first class facilities at the Lodge. Bookings can be made through Andy Clifford.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy is intended as a remembrance of those of our members who lost their lives during service in World War II. The basis of arriving at the winner is similar to the football trophy, and points are allocated as follows:-

Value to team as a cricketer	-	35 points
Conduct	-	15 points
General Keenness	-	15 points
Value to Club as a member	-	25 points
Neatness of dress	-	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner this year was Peter Scott. Peter was Captain of the "A" team and scored 515 runs during the year. Since he joined the Club some years ago, has always played in the top team and has been a prolific run getter.

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

This shield is presented each year to the footballer who, in the opinion of the Club, has done most towards football, and to the Club in general.

It is presented in memory of a young "Briar" who was tragically killed in a road accident. Points are awarded as follows:

Attendance at training	-	20 points
Value to team	-	20 points
Most improved player	-	20 points
General Keenness	-	15 points
Value as a Club member	-	15 points
Neatness of uniform	-	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

The judges could not separate the winners this year and as they went past the post the Judge declared a dead-heat between David Brown and Grant Hickey.

David has the unique honour of winning the trophy in his first year of the Club. He has proved a wonderful Club man and our only regret is that he did not join the Club in his younger days.

Grant is Assistant Executive Officer and has been a battler

in football since he joined the Club many years ago. Until this season was in the Judd/Whiddon ruck and showed clean heels to play in one of the top teams (Burke), this year. A stayer who improves with age.

A. J. ROBINSON SHIELD

This shield, donated by the late A. J. Robinson, is won by the player obtaining the most points allocated as follows:-

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

It is always pleasing to see one of our younger members win a trophy. The winner of this shield for the yeas was Mike Sterry. Mike played in the "A" team and was also on the hockey sub-committee. He is also a cricketer and a member of the Personnel sub-committee. Our only regret is that we do not have more Mike Sterrys in the Club.

DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

This trophy is presented to the squash player, who has contributed the most to squash, and the Club in general.

It is presented by Doug Vanderfield who has contributed so much to the Club. Doug was very instrumental in starting squash in the Club. Points are awarded as follows:-

Value as a team member	- 20 points
Value as a member of the Club	- 20 points
Keeness as a player	- 20 points
Improvement as a player	- 15 points
Conduct on squash courts	- 15 points
Neatness of dress	- 10 points
	<u>100 points</u>

The second award of this trophy has gone to Ray Pontifex. Ray is squash chairman. He also plays football. The Club is sure that all the squash players will agree with the Committee's selection.

J. H. STONE TROPHY

This trophy is named after the first President of the Club, the late John Stone. It can only be won by a member under the age of 25 years, and by one who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club's welfare during the year.

The winner this year is Mr. Social, Ashley Leigh (Bob) England. In his capacity as Social Chairman Leigh has worked very hard to ensure that members enjoy themselves. Perhaps at times he would have liked more support from members but never showed disappointment at functions which were poorly attended. Leigh was also a member of the victorious Whiddon Cup side. Announced his engagement to Greer during the football season and she was his most avid sub-committee member.

The Late REG HERFORD

During the year on the Gold Coast Reg Herford a vice-president of the Club passed away. Reg was President of the Club from 1933-1935, and was mainly responsible for the Club being admitted to the Municipal and Shire Competition.

CONGRATULATIONS

The big shocks of the year came with the marriage of Peter Hotten and that of John Fripp. These two, together with Ted Stockdale and Bob Clark, had formed what all members considered a very definite bachelor group. With unconfirmed rumours coming across the seas it could be that the Executive Officer could be the only one of the group left.

To the following members we offer our sincere congratulations in performing one of the undermentioned deeds:

Engagements: Geoff Cowper, Leigh England, Richard Vanderfield and Ron Willock.

Married: Dave Boylson, Ted Callaghan, David Cooke, Phil England, John Fripp, Bob Graff, Peter Hotten, John McNicol, John Mortlock, John Randle, Max Spencer and Ian Trevenar.

Births: Gus Ahern (Son), Graham Ashdown (Son), Peter Burt (Son), David Brown (Daughter), Colin Dennis (Daughter), Mick Harley (Daughter) Gordon Hutcheson (Daughter), Cam Watters (Daughter), Ian Bailey (Daughter), Ian Brabant (Son), John Singleton (Daughter), Bill Lockie (Daughter) and Kerry Trollope (Daughter).

No doubt there are others we have missed; we apologise for the omission.

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ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors met on 12 occasions during the period 1st October to 30th September. Attendances were as under:

H. C. Ford	10
J. F. Alford (Apptd. June)	4
J. Balmforth	12
R. B. Clark (Resigned Apr.)	6
W. A. Elder	11
A. J. Land	10
H. W. Lennartz	10
D. V. Prowse (Resigned Sept.)	9
E. G. Stockdale	12
C. D. Walker	9

As an alternate director for Bob Clark who was overseas, Don Williams attended once; "Hammy" Lennartz was granted leave of absence to travel overseas. Harvey Ford missed two meetings because of hospitalisation.

Keith Wearne attended eight meetings representing the Treasury Department.

The Management Committee also met on 12 occasions over the same period, the attendances being as follows:-

H. C. Ford	9
J. Balmforth	11
P. Burt (Apptd. January)	9
L. England	9
M. Harley	11
C. Hickey	10
G. Hickey	12
R. Pontifex (Apptd. November)	10
J. Scott (Apptd. February)	7
R. Smith (Apptd. May)	5
E. Stockdale	10
B. Trevenar	7
K. Wearne	6

In addition, the following attended some meetings:-

I. J. McGregor (Resigned Nov.)	2
I. Sullivan (Resigned February)	5
D. A. Walker (Resigned Nov.)	2
J. Wearne (Resigned November)	2
T. Wyatt (Resigned April)	5

A D D E N D U M

I wish to convey my personal appreciation and thanks to all the Honorary Office-bearers for their loyal and devoted service during the year.

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C O N C L U S I O N

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

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

H. C. Ford (President)

E. G. Stockdale (Executive Officer)

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITEDSTATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

We, Harvey C. Ford and Audley J. Land being two of the Directors of The Briars Sporting Club Limited do hereby state on behalf of the Board that in our opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at September 30, 1971 and that the accompanying Income and Expenditure Account is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the business of the Company for the year then ended.

DATED at SYDNEY this 19th day of NOVEMBER, 1971.

Signed on behalf of the Board

H. C. Ford)
A. J. Land) Directors

DECLARATION BY SECRETARY

I, Bruce Edward Trevenar, Secretary of the Briars Sporting Club Limited do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Account are correct.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act, 1900.

DECLARED AT SYDNEY this)
19th day of NOVEMBER, 1971) B. E. Trevenar
Before me:)
A. J. LAND, J.P.)

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

In my opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1961 and so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs.

The accounting and other records (including registers) examined by me have, in my opinion, been properly kept in accordance with the said Act.

99 Elizabeth Street,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

C. G. JONES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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

November 19, 1971.

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1970			
\$		\$	\$
			\$
	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
	Land and Buildings-At Cost	28772	
	<u>Less: Provision for</u>		
28772	Depreciation	<u>376</u>	28396
	Club Room Furniture and		
	Fittings - At Deemed		
	Valuation Sept. 30, 1962	908	
	Additions at Cost	<u>6015</u>	
		6923	
	<u>Less: Provision for</u>		
1627	Depreciation	<u>3278</u>	3645
	<u>BAR EQUIPMENT</u>		
	At Deemed Valuation		
	Sept. 30, 1962	267	
	Additions at Cost	<u>3918</u>	
		4185	
	<u>Less: Provision for</u>		
2321	Depreciation	<u>2328</u>	1857
	<u>GLASSES, CROCKERY, etc.</u>		
40	At Valuation		<u>40</u> 33938
	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>		
	Debentures in Companies		

	Listed on Prescribed	
	Stock Exchange - At Cost	
4000	(Market Value \$1,924)	2000
-	Money on Interest-bearing Deposit	5000
	Shares in Rugby Union Co-op Trad-	
10	ing Society Limited - At Cost	10 7010
	<u>DEBENTURE REDEMPTION FUND INVESTMENT</u>	
	Shares in Permanent Building Socy.	
1400	of Australia Ltd. At Cost (Unquoted)	1400
	<u>R.J. THOMSON MEMORIAL FUND</u>	
	Commonwealth Savings Bank of Aust. -	
679	Current Account (as per contra)	702
	<u>J. SHEEHAN SPORTING SCHOLARSHIP</u>	
	Commonwealth Trading Bank of Aust. -	
-	Current Account (as per contra)	700
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
	Stocks on Hand (At lower of cost	
2033	or replacement value)	1621
131	Debtors	360
4251	Cash at Bank	3690
85	Cash on Hand	85
847	Prepayments	1141 6897
46196		<u>\$50647</u>

BAR TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1971

1970			1970			
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
578	Liquor Licence	535		Beer and Spirits		
	Bar Expenses and Main-			Sales	16065	
160	tenance of Equipment	220	4573	Less: Cost of Sales	10299	5766
580	Depreciation - Bar			Cigarettes, Chocolates, Etc.		
	Equipment	464		Sales	2140	
		1219	284	Less: Cost of Sales	1736	404
	Profit on Trading Transferred to					
3539	Income & Expenditure Account	4951				
\$4857		\$6170	\$4857		\$ 6170	

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1971

	Expenses of Sporting Activities					
567	CRICKET	969		3539	PROFIT ON BAR TRADING	4951
289	HOCKEY	542			INCOME FROM SPORTING ACTIVITIES	
618	FOOTBALL	1001		466	CRICKET	504
632	SQUASH	812	3324	153	HOCKEY	385
57	CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS		67	576	FOOTBALL	838
	Administration and Club Room Exp.			515	SQUASH	812
409	Lighting and Heating	463				2539
	Repairs, Maintenance and			96	PROFIT ON SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	46
708	Club Room Expenses	761		1660	MEMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS	2159

1130	Stationery, Stamps and	994		475	INTEREST RECEIVED	465
	Telephone				PROPERTY INCOME	
267	Annual Reports	336		1743	Rents Received	1743
147	Insurance	194				
238	General Expenses	434				
110	Donations and Presentations	46				
552	Depreciation - Furniture	243				
	and Fittings		3471			
	PROPERTY EXPENSES					
502	Insurance	492				
503	Rates	564				
-	Repairs & Maintenance	116				
-	Depreciation - Buildings	376	1548			
99	DEBENTURE INTEREST	6				
598	LOAN INTEREST	520				
200	PROVISION FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE	200				
	EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE					
	FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1971					
1597	TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATION A/C	2767				
\$9223		\$11903	\$9223		\$11903	



WHIDDON CUP PREMIERS 1971

BACK: (Left to right) D. Layton, D. Boylson, J. Wearne, C. Joosse, C. Dennis, M. Twemlow, P. Sawyer (Vice Captain), K. Gray, L. England, D. Spratt, R. Steele.

KNEELING: R. Montgomery, E. James, J. Singleton (Captain/Coach), J. Boyle, R. Spedding, I. Bailey.

