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**AND**  
**BALANCE      SHEET**  
**1971      -      1972**

**The Briars**  
**Sporting Club Limited**  
**Burwood**



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To the Members of the Briars Sporting Club Limited:-

Gentlemen,

Your Board of Directors and Management Committee have pleasure in presenting for your perusal and adoption the Fifty-Fourth Annual Report of the Club for the year ended 30th September, 1972.

Three premiership plus four other teams in semi-finals in the one year prove that the Club is still carrying out its major role of promoting amateur sport.

The Social Activities of the Club and the amenities provided in the clubrooms have during the past year contributed to the second rule of the Club namely the provision of facilities which will foster a spirit of comradeship, citizenship and community service.

The Administration of the Club rocked when our Hon. Executive Officer Ted Stockdale left for England in July for a well-deserved holiday. However, the eight members who jointly took over Ted's duties have prevented a complete collapse and we think that the P.S. on Ted's first card "Don't forget the garbage tins" was uncalled for.

Rothwell Park was the setting for the outstanding performance by the 'B' Shires Cricket Eleven in winning its final game and the premiership by an innings and many runs. This must surely be one of the finest victories in the Club's history and our congratulations go to the Captain Barry Cardwell and the members of his team. It is noted that the Chairman of the Cricket Committee is the proud owner of a new Club blazer and cap.

Last year the Judd Cup Team was one point off the semi-finals. This year the team made the semi-finals. Next year, age permitting, we would like the cup.

Apart from the Judd result 1972 football has been disappointing. The overall position is one which must be tackled by the Football Committee Chairman, by the members of the Football Committee, by the coaches, by the captains and by the players. Further, less knocking and more active support by non-playing members would help. Eastwood has shown what can be achieved in a season so let us have a new look in 1973.

Again, we share the disappointment of the two Hockey Teams in being beaten by a point in the semi-finals for the second year in a row. It can't happen again next year.

1972 was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Barton Briars Hockey game. This year the venue was Canberra where our team retained the cup.

Squash entered teams in six competitions, three teams made the semi-finals and two of these teams, the B2 and C1 won their finals. Squash, the newest major sport has provided excellent administration and the results speak for themselves. It's a pity that a number of the squash players only visit the clubroom in the early hours of the morning.

Leigh England again provided members with his now expected excellent social events. As was the case last year the Annual Dinner was the highlight of the year and here Leigh has set a standard of which all members can be proud. The guest speaker was Gordon Samuels Q.C, the President of the Bar Council of N.S.W. and a former member of the Club. Gordon's rambling reminiscences were wonderfully conceived and delivered and he gave those present an insight into work in the ruck and life in Paris not known to all. We were honoured to have with us at the dinner Mr. J. Wilson Hogg, the Headmaster of Trinity Grammar School.

Peter Burt has again successfully supervised the golf; experiments have been made with mixed tennis and the usual round of football, bar-b-ques and other excuses have taken place.

The Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss account show that the Club is on a sound financial note but when cricket balls cost up to five dollars each and other sporting equipment has risen in price to some degree it is fortunate that we have Warren Partington and his House Committee and Peter Richardson and his Assistant Treasurers to balance the budget.

To Tod Stockdale and to all those who toiled with him in their various voluntary capacities to provide the sporting facilities and services which the members in most cases take as their right we 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 406 compared with 401 in 1971 and consists of the following:-

	<u>1971-72</u>	<u>1970-71</u>
Full Members	296	290
Junior Members	2	3
City Associate Members	57	57
Country Associate Members	<u>51</u>	<u>52</u>
	<u>406</u>	<u>402</u>

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### C R I C K E T

Ye bowlers take heed, to my precepts attend,  
On you the whole state of the game must depend,  
Spare your vigour at first nor exert all your strenght,  
But measure each step and be sure pitch a length.

Ye strikers observe when the foe shall draw nigh,  
Mark the bowler advance with a vigilant eye,  
Your skill all depends upon distance and sight,  
Stand firm to your scratch, let your bat be upright.

(ANON. 1772)

Sub-Committee: J. Balmforth (Chairman, C. Dennis, P. Scott,  
P. Bailey, I. Blair.

The statistics for the 1971/72 Season reveal the following:-

- (a) Club Championship - 3rd - no change from previous season.
- (b) 'A' Shire - 9th - a drop of 7 positions compared to 1970/71.
- (c) 'B' Shire - 1st - an improvement from 4th position to be Minor Premiers and Premiers.
- (d) 'C' Shire - 6th - an improvement of 1 place
- (e) C. & S. - Played 20 - Won 10.

The respective team captains have covered in some detail the performances of their sides and individual players and so, as Chairman, only general comments are called for.

There is little doubt that the 'B' Shire performance was an outstanding one and the innings victory in the Grand Final a tremendous performance. The side was well led and owes much of its success to fine team work and team spirit which resulted in keenness, superlative fielding and a will for victory. The 'C' Shire Season was most encouraging for here we also had an example of the same forces at work, i.e. team spirit, keenness and a will to win.

We must now consider the 'A' Shire performance which was the only factor deteriorating from the previous season. It was

practically an unchanged side until Christmas from the 1970/71 Season and so the results could not be attributed to lack of cricket knowledge or deterioration in ability. Could it have been the lack of team work and team spirit? Did we have an excess of individualism or perhaps too many players too confident of their position? After Christmas, because of the lack of results, the Selection Committee made 3 or 4 changes which created quite a lot of adverse comment in the Club, even to the point that the 'B' team was being stacked. The 'A' Shire XI chosen then proceeded to win several games and in fact, due to their performance from Round 10 in February, carried off the newly introduced N.S.W.C.A. Encouragement Award with a score of 22 points. A re-birth of team work and team spirit, perhaps!

The theme running through these comments has been team work and team spirit and no one will question the importance of the theme, so let us define what we understand it to mean. The dictionary definitions were as under:-

Team Work: "Unity of action by the players to further the success of the team."

Spirit: (1) A state of mind, mood, temper.  
(2) Vivacity, ardour, energy, dash.  
(3) Ardent loyalty or devotion.

I postulate that the 'B' Shire performance resulted from -

Unity of action by the players, operating with the proper state of mind, with energy, dash, vivacity and ardent loyalty to each other under the leadership of the Captain to further the success of the team. -

and recommend that this should be the aim of every player in the 1972/3 Season.

Last year's report raised the question of the relationship between Daylight Saving and cricket practice, but results were to demonstrate that keenness is still lacking in most Club cricketers. It is sincerely hoped that the Committee can improve facilities after last year's experience and that players will make a much more serious effort to obtain regular and worthwhile practice.

There was some improvement in performances in the C. & S. fixtures but unfortunately a major factor in the improvement resulted from games in which Shire players took part and we still have a big problem in establishing a regular high standard of performance by the City and Suburban side.

Congratulations to the Premiers of 'A' Shire and 'C' Shire Competitions, University of New South Wales and Macquarie



University respectively and to the University of New South Wales for their Club Championship win; is it youth or knowledge which produces such results from the two Universities.

The Double Wicket Competition once more provided a most enjoyable day with worthy winners in John Kemp and Graham Corderoy and having now introduced personalities for the first time in the Report, let us continue.

Sincere thanks are due to Frank Farrell for his continued keenness and assistance, to A. L. Wisdon the record king (no, not pop records), to the Selection Committee for many laborious sober hours in selecting and chasing up players and finally to the Cricket Sub-Committee for their patience and understanding of a complex Chairman.

### 'A' SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1971/72 SEASON

Last season's results were, to say the least, rather disappointing when they are compared with the success of the previous season, but I do not think that the two years can be truly compared as circumstances alter cases and in no other sport is this more true than cricket.

The season saw us with a big initial weakness in our opening attack, which, whilst being unlucky in some areas, failed to penetrate early. This was not the case the season before although the same bowlers were operating and I think that the difference was in the 'bounce of the ball'. In the season of success we enjoyed, the catches were going to hand and the ball was beating the bat but not the wicket, last season the catches did not go to hand or were not taken and the ball beat both bat and wicket; this caused a period of general depression in the team which is always hard to overcome. The only way to alleviate this feeling is to be successful but there has to be a lot of backbone put into the game to climb back on top and this just was not present. The team lacked youthful exuberance and sparkle and could not lift itself to the heights of fighting back.

The wins towards the end of the season (after the re-draw) were gained under false circumstances as it can be argued that we were good enough, theoretically, to be at the other end of the table, still they were good wins and let us hope that we continue them in the season to come. If we are to succeed in the future we must fight as a team, not as disgruntled individuals, if things just don't go our way.

There were some good individual performances throughout the year, the outstanding one being made by Graham Corderoy who kept wicket very well indeed and scored 400 runs at an average of 44.4; this was a really good effort and saved us from disaster on one or two occasions. The rest of the

batting was not sparkling and this, once again, can be put down to lack of application. There were too many mistakes made in basic defensive play and a lack of restraint early in the innings before players got themselves set. Let us next season play like the team we are, each one to our potential, and not like impetuous schoolboys.

Once again (which is becoming a habit with him) Ted Watt did a good job with the ball but I was sorry to have him brought into the attack as early as he was on many occasions because our opening attack had not done its job properly. Opening batsmen must be made to play the ball, otherwise they will not be dismissed; speed is not the ultimate but will be the killer if direction is achieved first. I feel that if the two Davids can find this direction (and this can only be achieved by practice) then the Briars would have the best bowling side in the Competition and so would gain honours once again.

I am sure that the answer lies in the much-hackneyed phrase of APPLICATION, not only on the field of play whilst doing a specialist job but in the team game of winning. A team to win must apply itself, success is not given, it is won.

P. SCOTT (Captain). A disappointing season with the bat; Peter is a much better run getter than this year's figures show. A fetish on defence when batting and a concentration on attack when in the field is a policy which could be slightly modified in both aspects of the Captain's game.

IAN BLAIR (Vice-Captain). Ian carried out his duties as Vice-Captain very efficiently, improving on the previous season. His batting at times was very good, as at Roseville, but on other occasions he let himself down by looking for the drive that wasn't there. He will score more runs if he thinks more about defence rather than attack early in his innings.

T. WHITAKER. Trevor came into the side for his first full season in 'A' Shires and after a good first match when he scored 53, proved to be disappointing. There was a particular occasion however when he batted well without scoring runs; this was at Canterbury when he defended stubbornly against the sharply rising ball.

J. SCOTT. Jock did not have a very happy season, failing to find his co-ordination after a long rest from playing. He was also injured in an earlier game during the year and I felt that this could have affected his confidence somewhat and although he did not overcome this altogether, I am sure that he will and so continue to score a lot of runs over the coming seasons. He is always agile in the field and a good team man.

P. MANSFORD. Once again Peter shared the opening spot with myself for the whole of the season and finished with 4th highest aggregate of 222 and although this is not by any means brilliant I thought that he did a reasonably satisfactory job, although failing in defence rather than attack on many occasions. I believe that practice was the answer as no one can go through a season having only 16 innings in 13 games and even expect to do well.

G. CORDEROY. Graham had a very successful season both with the bat and the Keeper's gloves. As I have mentioned before in this report he held the side together on many occasions and hit the ball with certainty throughout the season, scoring 400 runs. I am afraid he ran out of partners on too many occasions. His keeping was of a very high standard and he supported the bowlers to the full and was by far the most useful member of the side.

R. SMITH. Rod did not live up to expectations last season and once again I put this down to lack of practice. His technique has improved but his application was uncertain. Rod could be one of the key men in 'A' Shires if he would concentrate more and, of course, practice.

E. WATT. Ted, once again, had a good season with 'A' Shires and proved to be the backbone of the bowling attack, but I feel that he had to come into the attack too early on too many occasions and this weakened our end game; this gave us very limited pliability and we often found ourselves struggling towards the end of an innings. He bowled with his usual guile (born of experience) and captured 42 wickets, which is a very good effort in 'A' Shires. His batting did not come up to the high standard of the previous season although he was to be relied upon for a stout defence at most times.

D. GUILLE. David, over the season, proved to be a more improved batsman than bowler. This was unfortunate as the team effort was looking for a spearhead in the opening attack and although he bowled some good balls, he allowed too many to go astray, allowing the batsmen a look at the ball without having to play a shot. I personally believe that he has got good potential with the new ball but I do not believe that anyone can become accomplished in anything without practice. Considering his long absence from the game he played very well and I hope that he will become more purposeful over the coming season.

C. JONES. Col finished the season with the 3rd highest number of wickets and bowled consistently well throughout. Col is a good spin bowler and is likely to be for some time yet. I also remember an innings last season - against Epping - when he looked very much like a batsman.

D. SCOBLE. David was the second highest wicket taker with 27. I feel that he is capable of many more than this and should take more if he can learn to control his direction and length a little better. He was unsettled for some time with back trouble and I am sure that this had a derogatory effect on his performance. I hope that he can retain his fitness throughout the coming season.

#### "A" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position in Competition
13	1	4	0	6	2	34	9
Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average		
2551	122	20.9	3065	142	21.5		

#### BATTING (\*not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Average
G. Corderoy	14	5	105	400	44.4
I. Blair	12	2	74	278	27.8
D. Guille	8	3	27	114	22.8
R. Smith	10	2	79	167	20.8
P. Scott	16	-	74	327	20.4
E. Watt	13	2	44	222	20.1
J. Scott	11	2	47*	171	19.0
P. Mansford	16	-	46	222	13.8
T. Whittaker	11	1	53	136	13.6
D. Scoble	8	2	18*	66	11.0
C. Jones	8	2	26	26	4.3

Also batted: J. Neale 4-92, P. Bailey 2-32, G. Gorton 4-63,  
W. Hooker 3-33, K. Holley 5-35, B. Roberts 1-1

#### B O W L I N G

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
E. Watt	187	38	560	42	13.3
P. Scott	39	10	135	10	13.5
D. Scoble	113	17	414	27	15.7
C. Jones	122	9	494	26	19.0
K. Holley	77	5	375	10	37.5
D. Guille	85	7	420	11	38.1

Also bowled: R. Smith 5-130, T. Whittaker 2-77,  
J. Neale 2-195.

#### "B" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1971/72 SEASON

The "B's" finally made it after seven years of drought, due to better all round performances than previous years. Perhaps the most important feature was the fielding. The semi-final and final side was one of the best fielding sides I have played in. Thus "CATCHES WIN MATCHES".

Once again we had a large turnover of players (23) which caused a few problems at the beginning of the season, but everyone pulled their weight as the results indicate. To those players who fronted for one or two matches I would like to thank them for their support.

Thanks again to Frank Farrell for preparation of afternoon teas.

Also thanks to the support of all players who made it a most successful and enjoyable season, for "NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS".

BARRY CARDWELL (Captain). Captain of a Premiership team, leading batting average and aggregate and a fine outfielder in a team which will be remembered for its fielding, meant a very successful season.

Hard hitting innings of 106 not out, 68 and 76 in the final were all highlights of the year. A year's experience as Captain, the ability to keep his "cool" in a tense situation and the full support of the team, enabled him to dictate the play in most games. This was a primary factor in the final success of the season. Did not bowl as well as in previous years.

PHIL BAILEY (Vice-Captain). A most disappointing season. Phil has the technique and a fine array of shots but unfortunately did not apply it. Perhaps the innings of note, although it did not produce many runs, was in the final when he batted for two hours scoring only 16 runs but blunting their bowling attack. Handy bowler and reliable field except against Auburn-Lidcombe.

GEOFF GORTON. Had a mixed season with the bat, but showing occasional glimpses of his true batting ability. Geoff really didn't get out of 1st gear and we all know he has the talent and capability to delight all. In covers his fielding was sound and reliable.

PETER RICHARDSON. Came back to the "B's" after an extended period overseas. After a scratchy start Peter showed us in the semi-final and final determination and application by scoring 66 and 122 respectively. His slip-fielding was outstanding at times and his enthusiasm in the field was infectious.

MAX ASTRI. One of the younger members of the team who performed creditably during the season. His approach to batting possesses a wealth of talent and temperament. Max has a few faults with his offside play, but with coaching this could be corrected. Fielding safe and reliable; has an excellent arm.

TOM NOBBS. After an operation for the removal of a cartilage early in the season, Tom was back in full swing by Round 6.

Still a little tentative with the knee, he did not produce the form of previous years. Bowled well but batting form disappointing.

JIM NEALE. Had another good season with the ball, securing 56 wickets at a cost of 9.3 per wicket. Jim had the amazing figures of 6 for 8 in the first innings of Wentworthville in the final and finished with 10 wickets for the match. Batting form slumped in the latter stages of the season, but his performances overall should be most satisfying. Still has the occasional snooze in the field.

DAVID WALKER. A late starter to the season due to the concentration of that other ball game (GOLF). David was a valuable asset to the team as batsman-keeper. His batting a little rusty and a few of his cover drives looking suspiciously like a 3 iron. Carried out the function of wicket keeper with a very high degree of excellence.

WARREN PARTINGTON. Performed the role of opening bat creditably, although his technique in this position is not suited. His impatience to get on with the job was his downfall in most innings. Hangs his bat outside the off stump instead of getting behind the ball. Fielding excellent.

CRAIG McINTOSH. In his first season with the Club performed moderately with the ball. Perhaps Craig should try to push the ball through a little more, also vary his bowling mark to obtain more variety and better control. Batting qualities sound, fielding most consistent.

MIKE STERRY. Michael possibly had one of his best bowling seasons with the Club, 49 wickets at a cost of 12.2 per wicket. He has improved from previous years, but must add more variation and much more "Fire" needed for better results (50 wickets plus). Fielding has improved.

KEVIN HOLLEY. Kevin joined the "B's" midway through the season and proved a big asset to the team with his bowling, capturing 30 wickets for an average of 9.8 per wicket. Batting lacked concentration, although we know his capabilities in this field. Fielding sound, although finding it difficult to bend.

#### "B" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position in Competition
13	6	5	0	2	0	90	1

Minor Premiers and Premiers

Runs	Wickets	Average	Runs	Wickets	Average
<u>For</u>	<u>For</u>	<u></u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u></u>
2846	126	22.5	2816	210	13.4

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>
B. Cardwell	14	5	106	365	40.5
G. Gorton	10	2	74	236	29.5
P. Richardson	10	0	122	295	29.5
M. Astri	13	3	63	229	22.9
T. Mobbs	8	1	65*	159	22.7
J. Neale	8	3	69	112	22.4
D. A. Walker	7	0	66	153	21.8
W. Partington	15	1	51	255	18.2
P. Bailey	16	2	48	230	16.4
C. McIntosh	7	2	41*	64	12.8
M. Sterry	10	6	16	49	12.2

Also batted: I. Blair 2-31, T. Whittaker 4-97, B. Roberts 6-143, W. Hooker 5-92, J. Scott 3-58, G. Jarrett 4-46, K. Holley 6-47, J. Balmforth 3-15, I. Black 2-6, J. Crockart 2-11, J. Hazelwood 0-0, N. Young 1-1.

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>
J. Neale	136	25	523	56	9.3
K. Holley	106	24	296	30	9.8
M. Sterry	190	34	600	49	12.2
P. Bailey	59	4	277	17	16.2
T. Mobbs	48	9	169	14	16.9
J. Hazelwood	42	7	175	8	21.8
M. Astri	42	10	154	6	25.6

Also bowled: T. Whittaker 7-57, D. Guille 5-48, N. Young 2-21, I. Blair 2-49, C. McIntosh 5-123, G. Gorton 1-35, J. Crockart 2-96, B. Cardwell 0-32.

"C" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1971/72 SEASON

For the first time some happy things can be said about the performance and results of the "C's". The end result according to the Cricket Association was that the side finished in 6th place. This, of course, is incorrect as everyone knows that if a side makes the semi-finals it must have finished in the top four and make the semi-finals we did. What happens after the semi-finals doesn't count.

The season began amidst the normal amount of turmoil and by the time we had played our first 4 matches 23 players had been used and it looked like another one of those seasons. But

around the middle of the competition we found ourselves with a basic eleven players who looked like they could go on with it. There was a new kind of solidarity about the batting. If one was batting at number seven you no longer started to look around for the spare box when one of the openers got out. The bowling was tight and accurate (witness the averages) and one of the bowlers was always penetrative. Ground fielding wasn't brilliant but not too bad, although catching got worse as the season progressed, reaching an all time world record low in the semi-final. So eventually, after being in a seemingly impossible position to reach the semi-finals, the side managed to put together a run of five consecutive wins, including three outright, to make it for the first time. But that's where the success ended - and what a finish. After winning the toss and seemingly getting the advantage of having Macquarie University bat first on a damp wicket, rain came almost to the point of washing the game out, but we continued in conditions that made it extremely difficult to bowl and field. With four or five catches missed in the first 45 minutes Uni's confidence grew and grew. Eventually I think we dropped every one of their batsmen at least once and a couple of them celebrated their good fortune at being dropped about a hundred times by scoring 214 runs between them. Incredibly, every batsman who was dismissed was caught. What a dumb game this cricket is!! It was no surprise that after chasing the leather for 334 runs we suffered an early collapse to be 6-50 stumps.

The following Saturday we put up as good a fight as possible to finish with 88 and 177 in our second innings. Too bad! Ultimately, 32 players occupied a place in the side at some stage and it is unfortunate that some very keen blokes went without a game after about the half-way mark, but when everyone is available the best eleven have to get the job.

Apart from the basic dozen players who will be reviewed, players like Warren Partington, Peter Richardson, David Scoble and Craig McIntosh made significant contributions to the side's performance. Craig, as a member of the semi-final side, showed a lot of guts in his batting in both innings and it is a pity that we have lost him to Canberra.

#### The Players in Batting Average Order.

**BOB STREETER.** A pretty determined bat and the most consistent performer. Likes to graft away for his runs without incurring much risk which was exactly what the team needed. Got away often enough to have scored more runs and certainly looked like topping his best score of 43 on a number of occasions. Had a bit of trouble grabbing them



in the slips and could have done with some practice. Couldn't we all!

FRANK O'HALLORAN. Just 0.5% behind Bob on averages and the side's top run getter with 360. Had several exceptionally good innings. Always a strong hitter Frank unearthed new talents in a vastly improved display of concentration and application. Bowled some quite useful "leggies" when the regular Captain didn't play one match. There has to be a moral there somewhere.

LLOYD GALLEGOS. Only played six matches which was a pity because he was in good touch and figured in the season's highest stand of 107 with Peter Richardson. Lloyd's timing was much improved and he played some very nice shots in front of the wicket. Had one marathon spell of ten overs in the third round and was never seen at the crease again. When the Skipper rarely asks your opinion and generally ignores it when he does it doesn't give one much joy being Vice-Captain. Thanks Lloyd.

SCOTT GEDDES. An enthusiastic young bloke and a pleasure to have in the side. Did not miss a game. Finished with an average of 14.2 and an aggregate of 270 and will probably get the same result next season if. The IF means coaching. If he gets some sound coaching and then applies himself and complements it with his natural talents he will undoubtedly get hoisted out of 'C' Grade very rapidly. Hopefully the Club can help out with assistance in coaching. I hope Scott can reach out and grab his opportunity.

COLIN BLAIR. Said he was an all-rounder and proved it. Left arm medium pacer Colin bowled accurately and economically. 25% of his overs were maidens. Batted well against the quicker bowlers and drives beautifully when the ball's up. Safe and quick in the field and a nice guy despite playing Rugby for Lane Cove.

BARRY MULLAVEY. Should have topped the averages. May be even the aggregate. What went wrong? There is nothing unusual about a left-hander who likes to hook. Most of them do, including Barry. But he couldn't get away with it and out of ten outs, seven were caught hooking. Easily the most attractive bat the 'C's' have seen for a long time. Barry is very strong in front of the wicket and hits thunderous cover drives. Joined the Club as an opener, but I feel he is destined for number four or five because his strength appears to be in front of the wicket. If he gets into stride early next year, should be able to push through to the 'A's'.

GEOFF JARRETT. In the team to bat and keep wickets. Can do both equally well and in fact did his usual competent job

behind the stumps. Geoff was the only player in the team really capable of taking the opposition apart but insists on trying to do so too early. An average of 10.1 for a bloke of Geoff's ability is just lousy and he should have sights set on trebling that figure next year. A result he is definitely capable of. Ever keen to vent his feelings, Geoff enjoys his cricket and puts a lot of thought into it and works hard at keeping everyone on their toes, albeit he gets a little too despondent at times. Overall a very capable cricketer. I'm glad he doesn't play for the opposition.

JOHN CROCKART. A damn good competitor who always puts out a 100% effort. John's figures suffered through the team's bad catching lapses, more than anyone else, probably costing him a further ten wickets. An average of 12.3 for a slow bowler is really good and apart from the semi-final it's hard to remember setting anything but an attacking field when John bowled. Picked up seven catches, being one of the more reliable ones. Had a couple of good hit outs including the best seventh wicket partnership of 49 with Lloyd Gallegos.

COLIN DENNIS (Captain). Thoroughly enjoyed captaining the side and managed to chip in with a few wickets now and again. Still clings to Walter Mitty hopes about his batting (Walter who?) but suffers from the persistent technical problem of batting too far away from the ball.

JOHN KEMP. Leading wicket taker with 44 and again the average of 11.3 makes nice reading. Worked harder, more consistently than in previous seasons but still prone to go walkabout at times. Bowled really well at times and finished with better than five wickets in an innings on three occasions and a personal best of seven for 46 against Uni. NSW 1. However, his best performance was clearly in the semi-final when he got through 19 overs and took 6-69. You'll remember the score was 334. John is in the same boat as a few others in the side. If he gets stuck into it next season and providing he can lift his performance just a bit higher, it will be terribly hard to keep him out of a higher grade.

DEREK STERRY. Headed the bowling average with 12 wickets at 10.1 but often kept away from the crease by more accurate performances from the other bowlers. Performed best when allowed a few overs to settle down. I suspect his rather bounding run-up tends to get him off balance and interfered with the smoothness of his delivery probably contributing most to some inaccurate spells. I would like to see his left arm and shoulder getting into the act more. Has to work hard at his batting, particularly at

the art of getting bat and pad together. Our youngest player, he has plenty of time to develop. Like his brother, really loves the game.

It was very pleasing to see everyone apply themselves to the task of umpiring with a lot more concentration and confidence. Doubts about crook decisions were down to a minimum and all players had a better knowledge of their rules.

### "C" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position in Competition
13	4	1	2	3	1	58	6

Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average
2586	167	15.4	2401	193	12.4

### BATTING (\*not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N/O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Average
R. Stroeter	10	2	43	181	22.6
F. O'Hallaran	17	1	83	360	22.5
L. Gallegos	10	2	36	141	17.6
S. Geddes	20	1	55	270	14.2
C. Blair	9	1	23	110	13.7
B. Mullaney	10	0	39	130	13.0
G. Jarrett	8	0	31	81	10.1
J. Crockart	12	3	28	85	9.4
C. Dennis	14	1	26	111	8.5
J. Kemp	9	4	26	41	8.2
D. Jamieson	10	1	26	65	7.2
D. Sterry	7	1	12	30	5.0

Also batted: P. Richardson 3-144, W. Partington 3-129,  
D. Scoble 3-114, W. Hooker 2-46, C. McIntosh 5-79,  
R. Hogue 1-15, C. Habgood 3-44, P. Burt 2-29,  
I. Black 1-13, D. Woolridge 5-69, G. Ashdown 4-42,  
C. McDonald 4-29, E. Stockdale 1-7,  
J. Hazelwood 1-4, S. Logan 3-6, J. Threlfo 6-6,  
T. McKeon 3-3, C. Watters 2-3, P. Wilson 4-1,  
D. Powers 2-7.

### B O W L I N G

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. Sterry	43	10	122	12	10.1
C. Dennis	122	28	368	34	10.8
C. Blair	63	15	199	18	11.0
J. Kemp	192	33	498	44	11.3
J. Crockart	102	15	370	30	12.3

Also bowled: D. Scoble 7-32, S. Logan 1-5, J. Hazelwood 10-98,  
C. Habgood 6-64, F. O'Halloran 7-96,  
J. Threlfo 3-56, B. Pycock 2-48,  
C. McIntosh 6-146, P. Burt 3-83, P. Wilson 0-18,  
L. Gallegos 0-56, D. Jamieson 0-0.

### CITY AND SUBURBAN CRICKET REPORT 1971/72 SEASON

It seems to me that the C. & S. team sadly needs an infusion of older and more experienced players to counteract the present spirit of youth and adventure which is gradually winding its insidious tentacles around the team and slowly choking the life out of the pleasant, idle, lazy and inefficient team which we all enjoyed so well.

Only last season one young player had to be taken to task for running round the ground before a match just because he felt so well. We can't have this going on and it will have to stop so that we can get back to the good old days of wheelchairs and crutches. Next thing we'll be starting to win some matches.

GRAHAM IRELAND (Captain). As Captain made the fundamental error of treating the players as normal human beings anxious to play their best for the team. He found however (as have other C. & S. Captains) that each man (?) is interested only in the promotion of his own cricketing aims which basically are to get into bat as early as possible (after the fast bowlers go off) and later on to get as much bowling as they can.

A bitter first up experience, Graham. Nil bastardo carborundum.

JACK BALMFORTH (The Godfather). Only gets a mention here because of his mafia-like grip on cricket in the Club. This writer does not think he played sufficiently to get a write-up but got a message through the grapevine: "No Balmforth in the report - no correspondent in the cricket team". States that he headed the batting averages and as he compiles them, who is to say him nay.

"TREACLE FINGERS" STOCKDALE: The safest catch in the team. Has only dropped about 2 catches in 10 years, thereby distinguishing himself from all the others who have only taken 2 in 10 years. Went over to England for some post-graduate coaching by Bob Clark after his usual successful season here and is rumoured to have been offered a tentative position to open for Yorkshire who badly need some Australian enterprise.

CRAIG HICKEY. The only man so far to have won the C. & S. sprint twice running (what an ill-chosen word for this race). A very cunning fellow indeed, better known as Krafty

Craig. Wheedled himself into opening bat and keeper where he performed well on occasions. By a talented performance of crying, limping and crawling just before the start of the big race managed to get an additional 4 yards handicap.

ANDY CLIFFORD. Truly named "the Killer" in a romance of cricket. At the start of the season was considered to be almost ready to join the ranks of the outcasts - Mitchell, Rose and Young. Three-quarters of the way along something went wrong with his grip on the bat and big scores, fours and sixers, flowed from his bat like moths from Balmforth's pockets. Has had big offers from all over; refuses to compromise his amateur status.

PETER BURT. God's gift to the human ear. Has taken a long while but has at last achieved his ambition to be opening bowler. This he accomplished by directing, over a period of years, unremitting high-powered blasts of bowling theory in the Captain's ear. No human being could withstand it for long and no doubt we will now witness a series of talks on the theory of batting.

GARY KIMBLE. A new face this year and seems a nice, likeable fellow who had fair success during the season. But please, Gary, before it's too late, go and get a game with some normal teams like the Long Bay Juniors - you've seen your team mates in the C. & S. Do you want to finish up like them?

"MANGY DOG" MITCHELL. So called because that is the way he is looked on by the powers that be in the Briars cricket world. Should have been one of the big names but now known only as a coffee carrier fit only to associate with tail enders of the likes of Rose and Young. In the eyes of the Committee the bottom of the cricketing barrel.

BRIAN WILLIAMS. Whereas Peter Burt achieved the greatness of an opening bowler Brian had it thrust upon him and is now rapidly assuming the mantle of Iron Man previously worn by the legendary Bruce Trevenar. It seem that in this C. & S. someone has to bowl himself into the ground. Trevenar did it because he was Captain and didn't trust anyone else. Williams does it under threat of instant dismissal for disobedience.

ALAN ROSE. Another of the pariah dogs who can't get a go at all. Right now is bowling as well as he was when he represented the Botany Bay Wanderers against Governor Phillip's XI. But the rumour is around that he has got on the wrong side of the Godfather and the big shots and that the kiss of death may be placed on him. But there is also talk of a breakaway movement by the outcasts, if it can get support, so watch out!

#### PLAYERS TO WATCH.

DAVE JAMIESON. His book on "Running Between Wickets" is taking

up a lot of his time and he already holds the record of 5 run outs in 1 innings (4 others, 1 himself) and is wondering how he can break the record without getting himself run out. Keep at it, Dave, you'll do it.

MIKE COTTER. From blizzardly cold Canada where, however, playing with the Klondyke City 1sts found it hard to turn the ball on the ice wicket. A constant diet of seal blubber made his hands greasy and he couldn't hold catches so that all in all he decided to come to Australia to try his luck. Had fair success and proved a prodigious batter on occasions.

GARNET GREEN. Made a partial return last season and although courteous enough at the beginning started to display his natural arrogance later on. Has been stripped of a lot of his power since the retirement last season of his Fuhrer Trevenar for whom (unlike so many others) he had great respect and loyalty.

EDITOR'S COMMENT. Our correspondent demonstrated his prowess in juggling a full glass of whisky whilst falling over at the skipper's party, and not a drop spilt. If only his hands were as safe on the field of play!

#### CITY AND SUBURBAN STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Tied	No Result
20	10	9	1	0	0
Runs For	Wickets	Average	Runs Against	Wickets	Average
2154	159	13.54	2225	161	12.81

#### BATTING (\*not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N/O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Average
J. Balmforth	8	1	57	134	19.1
B. U. Williams	15	4	43	201	18.2
A. Clifford	10	3	37*	122	17.4
C. Hickey	14	0	54	221	15.7
E. Stockdale	16	0	42	240	15.0
G. Ireland	18	3	46*	209	13.9
P. Burt	12	1	32	131	11.9
C. Mitchell	8	2	29*	63	10.5
G. Kimble	12	0	23	55	4.5
R. Young	9	2	5	22	3.1
A. Rose	11	6	7*	12	2.4

Also batted: G. Jarrett 1-44, P. Richardson 3-108,  
T. Hobbs 1-35, I. Blair 2-45, C. Blair 1-19,  
D. A. Walker 6-79, M. Astri 2-29,  
L. Gallegos 1-14, G. Ashdown 2-27,

M. Cotter 6-61, N. Young 1-12, R. Lyons 3-34,  
D. Jamieson 5-40, J. Threlfo 4-30, S. Logan 4-14,  
J. Metcalf 3-8, R. Jones 2-2, J. Scott 1-20,  
D. Scoble 1-19, C. Habgood 1-0, W. Hooker 1-0,  
M. Melville 1-0, B. Roberts 1-0, C. Dennis,  
C. McIntosh, D. Sterry.

### 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>
P. Burt	82	11	307	26	11.80
A. Rose	39	3	213	18	11.83
M. Cotter	25	0	117	7	16.71
B. U. Williams	101	14	430	25	17.20
R. Young	47	4	267	14	19.28
A. Clifford	38	6	176	5	35.20

Also bowled: I. Bailey 5-14, C. Dennis 3-11, M. Astri 4-24,  
J. Balmforth 1-6, D. Scoble 2-13, C. Blair 5-48,  
D. Sterry 1-10, S. Logan 5-57, W. Hooker 1-12,  
C. Habgood 4-51, N. Young 2-30, R. Lyons 6-100,  
C. Mitchell 2-39, C. McIntosh 3-61,  
G. Ireland 2-56, T. Mobbs 1-59

### F O O T B A L L

#### Chairman's Report

Committee: Ian Richard (Chairman), Bob Hellyar, Bob Ryan,  
Dave Layton, Dave Jamieson, Box Graff.

Coaches: Club Coach: Jim Crawshaw  
Kentwell - Tony McSweeney  
Burke - John Singleton (Captain/Coach)  
Whiddon - Dave Barnes  
Judd - John Wearne (Captain/Coach)

Selection Committee: Jack Balmforth (Chairman)  
Alan Burford and the Coaches.

The 1972 football season provided a very enjoyable Saturday afternoon's entertainment for many players. It is a pity that I cannot report that it was immensely successful, but things are improving. The Judd Cup reached the semi-finals and the Kentwell Cup went very close. Kentwell were very unlucky early in the season by often being in a winning position when it was very near full time. The final scores were often not a true indication of the game.

On behalf of the committee and the players I would like to express sincere thanks to the coaches for their time and devotion to a difficult task. Tony McSweeney especially showed unflagging enthusiasm the whole season. Dave Barnes did an

excellent job by passing on his valuable experience to many different players throughout the year and, again this year, John Wearne managed to organise an "over-experienced" team throughout the year and bring them through to the semi-finals. John Singleton coached his team for most of the season with great enthusiasm but unfortunately business commitments prevented him from finishing the job.

Coaching is a difficult job and it need not necessarily be rewarding. One of the rewards is when the team that is selected all come to training and are punctual.

Training attendance was reasonably good at the start of the year but dropped off as the season drew to a close. This season we did not have a great depth of resources from which to draw and so some players knew that even if they didn't attend training they would be picked for a game. It would be a good thing if those of us who are consistently keen introduced new players of similar interests to the Club and thereby pressured these sometimes talented but inconsistently enthusiastic players to earn their positions rather than get them by default.

The selection committee, working under the capable chairmanship of Jack Balmforth, carried out their job very well. Some new players were promoted (deservedly) through the teams and where a player showed promise he was given the opportunity to demonstrate his ability. Many thanks to Jack.

Next year we have organised a beginning of season tour to New Zealand. In 1965 we had a pre-season tour of New Zealand and won the Kentwell Cup on our return. This next trip should prove extremely valuable and pave the way for a very successful season in 1973. Thanks to a very successful fund-raising group who have made this tour financially possible.

Football clubs have their ups and downs. It seems to go in cycles. This is how we can make next year more successful and keep the upward trend going: by giving the coaches the support they need and having the fifteen players for Saturday training together at the training session before the game for which these fifteen were selected; by having sufficient players to be able to draw on up and coming talent rather than rely on the old heavies (often too heavy); and creating a team spirit which enables us to win games - or is it win games and thereby create a good team spirit.

During the season the Club was fortunate in being paid a visit by two very capable Rugby coaches - Bryan Palmer and Bob Outterside - and we should make more time available in



future years to learn from their experience. Both of them indicated their availability to help us in the future.

Congratulations to Hunters Hill on winning the Kentwell Cup. They were promoted to Kentwell Cup this year and under the coaching of John Francis had success first up. A lesson can be learnt from these chaps because a winning team was moulded out of a young and not extremely talented group mainly by their own enthusiasm.

Congratulations also to colleagues Lindfield and Lindfield for their deserved wins in Burke, Whiddon and Judd respectively.

On behalf of the players we must thank those few people who did most of the work. Thanks to Bob Ryan, Dave Layton and Dave Jamieson. Thanks to Frank Farrell and our supporters and many thanks to the Referees Association.

Also our thanks go to Dick Crookes and John Windon for representing Briars on the committee of the Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Union.

# KENTWELL CUP

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points For	Points Against	Position
<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>			

Overall the season was not successful as the results verify. The early season individual approach to physical fitness left a lot to be desired and if Briars' football is to improve in all grades players must show much greater dedication - both physically and mentally towards preparation and application.

After losing the first match the team rallied and played a stirring draw against Bank of New South Wales in which game the forwards particularly demonstrated willingness and ability to play a tight rucking game allied with good short passing.

The lack of a permanent three-quarter line of pace, inconsistent tackling ability and good hands, inevitably resulted in greater use of the forward game and as a unit they performed creditably and occasionally brilliantly - the word occasionally perhaps underlined the reason for our losses. Too many games were lost in the middle stages of the second half by defensive lapses by both forwards and backs when victory was in sight.

The fact that the team usually finished strongly rules out lack of fitness. Therefore application and concentration of basic rugby skills emerges as the main shortcoming, with the latter a reflection on the coach.

The most promising augury for the future, apart from individual playing potential, was the spirit engendered within the team and subject to availability and the addition of one or two inside backs. Kentwell will have a successful 1973 season. My sincere thanks to the team for their effort and co-operation.

I would suggest, particularly in the early season, a programme of bi-weekly training and an earlier commencement.

Full-back Rod Smith - a mixed season resulting from lack of complete fitness. Must move more quickly to ball. Positional play sometimes astray. A player of great potential who must learn to drive himself harder. Excellent touch finder whose goal kicking was inconsistent - don't lean back from the ball at point of impact. Defended extremely well and probably the best attacking unit in the team. Joined backline beautifully in some matches and set up several tries, however must realise one man cannot beat an entire team and pass the ball after making an opening.

Wing Mick Marshall - the fastest man in the team, who ran hard and tackled strongly in all matches he played. Very good hands and passes well directed. An exciting prospect who goes looking for the ball, Mick effected some great covering tackles. A thinking player with an aggressive approach - should line deeper from his outside centre.

Wing Phil Brand - a determined and elusive runner with the ball, who improved with every match. He trained and played at all times to his ultimate and once he had gained confidence in his ability turned in some great games. A positive player whose fearless tackling averted many tries.

Wing Bob Strachan ran strongly and defended well both head on and in cover. Takes the high ball very well under pressure but is prone to positional lapses. Should concentrate more on trying to beat the man by coming inside to compensate for lack of real pace.

Centre Kevin Moore dedicated to the game. He thinks about it but perhaps should relax more and let the ball come to him. Gave always maximum effort and whilst not possessed of great pace he can make a break and with more practice will give and take the ball to better effect. A strong defensive player.

Centre David Guille - a very good footballer, he suffered from injuries midway through the season. A strong and fast attacking player who gave thrust to the backline, he will be a great asset for some years. Early season defence exceptional but fell off (injury conscious?) towards the end.

Possesses good hands and a swerve and to capitalise must position himself closer to 5/8. Must run straighter.

Centre Bob Ryan - a fearless defender who runs well with the ball. He also experienced injury problems which limited his appearances. Can initiate attack but his centre play positionally can be improved. Guilty of handling lapses.

Centre Bob Steele not available until late in season, his knowledge and experience and crash tackling added stability to the team. Always ran strongly - perhaps too far - and possesses a great fend and handling ability.

5/8 Ralph Sadler again a late starter. He gave finesse handling ability and the knowledge of instantly summing up the game tactically. Fitted the situation very well and with judicious short kicking added strength and impetus to the forwards.

Half-Back and Vice-Captain Craig Hickey always alert for a scoring opportunity, he instigates many attacks, particularly towards the forwards and his courageous tackling of heavy forwards featured his whole approach to the game. Denied good clean ball and often adequate protection, he rallied the team and by sheer persistence and harassment of the opposing half-back turned defence into attack. Good team man whose aggressive approach to the game under pressure could well be copied.

Breakaway Bob Hellyer an 80 minute player, he showed great ball winning ability at the back of the line-out. His knowledge around and in the rucks stamps him as outstanding in this team. Is always looking and foraging for the ball and knows when and where to pass. His smother tackling nullified many opposition moves. He was forced into too much tight work, but given better driving rucks can revert to real breakaway play next season.

Lock Forward and Captain Phil Brookes, following a short stint in the 2nd row, assumed the captaincy and lock position and lifted his play immeasurably. He led from in front and exhorted the team by his own example. Won a lot of ball and ran very strongly with it. His contribution cannot be over-emphasised in that he gave of his best constantly - under pressure - and subdued a somewhat volatile personality to the team interest. Trained hard and missed only one game throughout the season. Must join rucks more thoroughly and push harder in the scrums. Thanks, Phil.

Breakaway Phillip England - a player with natural ability and keenness. Another 80 minute man whose driving tackling, covering work, rucking and mobility stamp him as a class player. Like Hellyer called upon for too much heavy rucking. Sustained and displayed attacking and defensive ability each game and every game.

2nd Row John Conaghan, a big and surprisingly fast man who played some sterling games. Tackling good, ball winning spasmodic. For line-outs he must maintain a closer formation and jump for the ball rather than at it. Being a big fellow must put in additional training and with greater fitness will be able to ruck harder and play tighter.

2nd Row Paul McKenzie-Wood pushes well but tends not to bind tightly enough in scrums to gain full effect. Rucking ability good but must be more forceful - showed ability in tight defensive work and effort as a team man is top class.

2nd Row John Thorne, a young and promising player. He jumps well, rucks strongly and with more experience will gain the knowledge of how best to exploit these abilities more economically. Still raw, he is an aggressive type who will become an outstanding player. Must concentrate on rugby - not rugby players.

2nd Row/Back Row Roger Kirby, a robust, experienced player, who started late in the season. His expertise in rucks won a lot of ball - has the ability to tidy up loose ball and win ball at the back of line-outs. His play demonstrates something largely lacking this year - a summation of situation and the innate ability to drive forward whilst still retaining supports.

Prop-forward Ian McGregor, tight player - good in rucks - despite often late arrival. Scrummaging very effective and instrumental in winning a good share of scrums. Basically slow, Stan's knowledge of and application to winning ball was most effective. Successful in blocking in line-outs and nullifying opposition props in scrums.

Prop-forward John Bailey, good tight forward. Big factor in winning good ball from scrums. Possibly best tight rucking forward over season despite some matches lost through injury. Matches basically are won by possession. By tight play Bailey tries to ensure this, also good hooker:

Hooker Bob Hodgson wins ball. Rucks strongly, effective unit in line-outs. First man to every play. Plays hard but most importantly concentrates on the ball and its most advantageous usage to the team. Tackling ability strong and one of the fastest carriers of the ball in the team. Extremely fit and a great example to the team.

Prop-forward John Windon, good strong rucking forward whose aggressive and vigorous play needs to be tempered by greater attention to the ball. He is a strong player and over the season showed big improvement in scrum technique.

Untimely injury hampered his physical fitness. Very keen and willing to learn.

Breakaway Leigh England continuously gave of his best. A great team man who chased the ball all day and backed up well. Needs to watch the ball more closely to improve handling and drive harder to the man in tackling.

Utility Back Gary Sharp, excellent ball handling and passing. Fast and uses the short kick to advantage. Must move in quicker defence. After injury showed improved form on the wing.

Prop-forward Pete Sawyer started as Captain in which position drove the pack well. Very experienced and knowledgeable player. Pete found business commitments too heavy and retired after three games. Hope he can make time available next season in some capacity.

Centre Greg Taylor, a natural footballer in attack and defence, his early retirement was a sad loss.

Centre Bill Sadler, limited to a few games by business pressure. Experienced and reliable player with great hands and tackling ability.

Half-back/5/8 Neil Free again limited appearances but undoubtedly a footballer of promise. Hope to have him back next year.

Other players who appeared as replacements during a game or for one match only:-

John McGrath, Mike Twemlow, Ian Richard, Ken Gray, John Staniforth, Bob Spedding, Peter Smith, Ian Blair, Barry Larkin, Eddie James, Dave Walker, Dick Vanderfield and Keith Wearne.

#### BRIARS 1972 BURKE CUP REPORT

This year's results were most disappointing and the very low standards of performance produced were accentuated because of the high endeavours and results achieved in the previous season. Many of the selected players proved to be below the standard necessary for this grade and this was due to a combination of lack of keenness at practice, deficiencies in knowledge of fundamentals and lack of inspiring leadership. The leadership question could have been affected by the many players who had to be used throughout the season. It would be inappropriate to review all players individually but mention should be made of Ian Blair who handled and kicked well at full back and Leigh England, who gave of his best throughout most of the season, but too much was expected of him. Dick Vanderfield never gave up trying, no matter what the

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#### BRIARS 1972 BURKE CUP REPORT

This year's results were most disappointing and the very low standards of performance produced were accentuated because of the high endeavours and results achieved in the previous season. Many of the selected players proved to be below the standard necessary for this grade and this was due to a combination of lack of keenness at practice, deficiencies in knowledge of fundamentals and lack of inspiring leadership. The leadership question could have been affected by the many players who had to be used throughout the season. It would be inappropriate to review all players individually but mention should be made of Ian Blair who handled and kicked well at full back and Leigh England, who gave of his best throughout most of the season, but too much was expected of him. Dick Vanderfield never gave up trying, no matter what the

circumstances and was an example many others would do well to emulate. Kev. Moore and John Thorne, both of whom played frequently in Kentwell, were a definite asset when appearing for Burke whilst Barry Larkin worked well in a small and mostly beaten pack.

A season best forgotten, except for the lessons which should be learned and must be applied in 1973 Season, viz:-

- (1) Players of better ability are needed.
- (2) Fundamentals need to be taught and used.
- (3) Keeness at practice and on the field of play essential.
- (4) Fitness of paramount importance.
- (5) Pride in the Briars guernsey must be instilled in all participants.

#### WHIDDON CUP

The 1972 Season for Whiddon was not good. Altogether more than 40 different people had a go in the Whiddon side. Because of the number of different players we had during the year it would be too difficult to mention each individually. Nor do I wish to dwell on the results. However, I would like to offer some reasons for our poor season and hope that may be they could be overcome by next.

Our problem started at training; firstly with poor overall attendances. Amongst those who did attend we had several who habitually arrived late or had any number of excuses as to why they could not train. These people let down the team. Training is vital to a team's performance.

On Saturdays we had problems with people who had been picked not turning up. This is inexcusable. If desirability to play with the Club is indicated then the onus must be on that player to find out from the Club if he has been selected.

Overall, lack of enthusiasm to play and desire to win seemed to produce a lacklustre style of rugby that was neither entertaining to spectators nor should I imagine enjoyable to play. To win next year the team must strive at training and in the game and if you aren't prepared to do this then may be you should not bother fooling yourself that you are a footballer.

I would like to make special mention of Geoff Houston and Geoff Hickey, two regular players who I believe really played to the best of their ability every game and regularly attended training.

JUDD CUP

Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Points For	Points Against	Points	Position
<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>3rd South Harbour</u>

Once again Macabi stopped our march to the grand final.

The 1972 season was probably the last chance for some time that we had a side capable of winning the Judd Cup. The blend of youth and experience tended to be on the latter side, but enabled us to keep the pace of the game under our control. Our back line was not over-pacey but shrewd enough to let their heads save their feet. This was also used to the advantage of the forwards in not having to run from one side of the field to the other all the match.

To dictate a game under these conditions we had to get more than our share of set play. In this department the forwards excelled themselves. Under the leadership of Dick Crookes we played tight scrums and line-outs with very little variation. As we were averaging 80% of the ball, Mike Elder, with his deft kicking, was able to gain considerable ground resulting in further set play and very few loose rucks. Not very glamorous play but the type what won the last eight out of nine games.

During the season there were some interesting highlights. Undoubtedly the best performance was the 32-0 win against N.O.B.S. where the only reason for not scoring more points was the final whistle. In defeat by Lindfield, Dick Crookes scored our lone points in a runaway try (20 yards). The 8-7 win against Petersham, who at that stage were leaders of the competition and the last minute try against Macabi in the last competition game, scored by Mark Williams after good lead-up work by Brett Lockett and Keith Wearne. That try enabled us to draw with Macabi and so take out the vital 3rd spot for the semis.

But, alas, they beat us the following week and the season finished for Judd Cup. And a most enjoyable season it was. I would like to thank Jim Barrett and John Boyle for the use of their places for the team barbeques and to Andy Clifford for being our linesman.

To all the noon spectators I can only say that we tried and thank you for coming down early on Saturdays to give the side a boost.

And finally, Richard Crookes Esq., our fearless Vice-Captain and for the last four games the leader. Dick moulded the forwards into the powerful engine room it was and later in the season was showing the way by example - thanks, Dick.



As there were many Briars who had the honour of playing in our esteemed side (it was said by invitation only), I could not attempt to summarise them all. Even though they all helped the team make the play-off, and for this I thank you, the players mentioned are those who played the last few games leading up to and including the semi-final.

JOHN WEARNE (Captain/Coach) Full-Back. - Had a most enjoyable season, both on and off the field and tried not to let the team down. Did very little coaching.

DICK CROOKES (Vice-Captain - Captain) Prop. - Showed with experience and by example that old forwards do not retire but improve with age. The best tight head prop in the Club and sets a fine example for our younger players to follow. Co-winner of the Judd Bost and Fairest.

COL. DENNIS (Utility-Back) - Played mainly full-back but had one glorious game at five-eighth against N.O.B.S. Still playing good football but, like most of the oldies, slowing in pace. Safe hands, good boot, crook knees.

MARK WILLIAMS (Wing) - The youngest member of the team. Fast and elusive but approaches the game in a casual manner. Scored some fine tries but missed some easy tackles. If keen, could play Kentwell.

BOB (Charger) WALKER (Wing) - The oldest member of the team (age unknown). Not all that fast but beat his man twice. Keen as mustard. Bob enjoyed his football and was the only member of the side to regularly attend training.

KEITH WEARNE (Centre) - Did not see a great deal of the ball due to team tactics but when given the chance proved that the dummy with swerve still a very good attacking move. Solid in defence and combined well with his other centres. Could never be accused of biting when playing football.

BRIAN MAY (Centre) - Was just getting back to top form when he broke his wrist. A hard running centre and devastating defender.

BRETT LOCKETT (Centre) - Came into the side after Brian May's injury. Proved his class by scoring a try in his first game. Added finesse to our after-game drink with the addition of chicken and port.

MIKE ELDER (Five-eighth) - Top scorer for the season with 29 points. Dictated play with excellent line kicks and tricky runs through the opposing inside backs. Still has a good five years football in him. Defence solid. Was injured when Crookes sat on his ankle.

MURRAY MELVILLE (Half - Five-eighth) - Threw the best right cross of the season and broke two knuckles. A very tricky runner from the scrum base and worked well with the forwards. Kicking at five-eighth a bit slow. The official team doctor.

IAN BAILEY (Half-Back) - Bails had a very good season and was rewarded with three tries. Worked very well with the forwards and gave excellent service to the backs. Safe in defence. Was nearly cut in two in a momentous tackle against Colleagues. Could use a new football jumper.

GEOF. FERGUSON (Utility Forward) - Geof played every position in the pack and performed well. A player with a ton of guts who is always trying. Makes up for lack of size with tenacity.

PETE SMITH (Breakaway) - Our best (and fittest) player. Tidied up the back of the line-outs and carved the opposition to ribbons in scoring some fine tries. Will be back to Kentwell next year.

GORDON (Lack) HUTCHESON (Breakaway Lock) - Another fiery forward who returned to the fold. Played a big part in keeping 'points against' down with fine covering tackles. Only injured once by Dick Crookes, having a case of mistaken identity (four stitches).

GLEN LACKEY (Lock) - A big hard-running converted centre who relished in the new position. Runs hard with the ball and takes man, ball and all in defence. If trained, could be in a higher grade.

JIM BARRETT (Second Row) - Champion ball winner at number two in the line-out. Played good tight football and, when running in the loose, scored two good tries. An asset to any team. Had a nice house until the Judd barbeque.

JOHN McNICOL (Second Row) - With Jim Barrett, formed the best Second Row in the competition. John made some fine runs down the front of the line-out and kept the forwards together in the tight. Co-winner with Dick Crookes of the Judd Best and Fairest.

RICHARD VANDERFIELD (Hooker) - Dick improved with each game. Tidied up the front of the line-out and won more than his fair share of set scrums. First to every ruck. A great lover of Carlton Draught in the large cans.

GARNET GREEN (Prop) - A player of great consistency. Combined with the hooker to win a fair share of loose head scrums. Made the mistake of not wearing shin pads on one occasion. Will never do it again.

Other players who took a major part during the season were hookers John Boyle and Alan Jessupp, prop Mick Harley and lock Don Belgre.

Bob Spedding came into the side for the semi-final as winger; as he had not been in a winning side all season he had to take a fair share for our defeat.

Other notable players were Gary Sharp, David Guille, Graham Rolleston, Tony McSweeny, Paul McKenzie-Wood, Tony Peter and Bob Graff.

It is hoped that next season the team spirit and keenness shown in Judd Cup will dominate through all the grades and bring home a trophy to the Club.

Jonh Wearne.

## H O C K E Y

Committee: J. Scott (Chairman, M. Sterry (Dep. Chairman), J. Kemp, D. Scoble, G. McIntyre.

The '72 Season ended exactly the same as last season with both teams being defeated narrowly in the semi-finals - a fairly satisfactory result. Both teams performed reasonably well with some fine wins, but some equally atrocious losses (particularly the "A's") and to improve consistency more strength in depth is needed especially in attack.

Plans are already underway to field a Junior Team next season thanks to the keenness of Mrs. Marylin Aikman who has given us an introduction to Marsden High where the Juniors will be coming from. With the influx of these Juniors and the recruiting of some experienced players in certain weak spots I see no reason why we can't win two Premierships next season.

The really bright spot of the season was our visit to Canberra for the 25th Anniversary of Briars v. Barton on the Queen's Birthday Weekend. Whereas our last visit saw us placed 1st socially and 2nd trophy-wise, thanks to the wonderful support given towards this visit by past and present players, on this occasion we managed to bring the Trophy back with us, along with some new supporters and many elderly aching bodies (a result from the game between past players of both clubs) and the title of No. 1 Socialists and Social Players.

Congratulations to Warren Partington on his winning the "Best and Fairest" Award, a most deserving winner, for his contribution towards "B" Grade's fine showing, passing on his knowledge and experience in a most encouraging way.

To the members of the committee who worked so hard and willingly and the players, especially the reserves who never

lost interest, I extend my thanks and look forward to your continued support next season.

Congratulations to the following Clubs for their competition success:-

2nd Division "A" - Narrabeen; 2nd Division "B" - Cumberland.

#### A- GRADE

A reasonably satisfying season which saw us go down in the semi-final once again. In the first half of the competition we were undefeated after 11 games but after our fine win in Canberra a bad slump in performance occurred and we only managed 2 draws and 3 wins for the remainder of the season.

The loss of key positional players at the start of the season forced us to play players out of position due to lack of depth in experience, so if we can obtain a couple of experienced players next season for vital positions we should be up with the top teams again next year.

The following players continually gave their best throughout the season:-

Goal: Col. Aikman - Still 2nd Division's top goalie but tends to get carried away with his own voice.

Right Back: Sid. Charleston - After being brought into line played some very sound defensive Hockey. The only person he couldn't handle was the Umpire.

Left Back: Jock Scott - One of the few players who combine the onerous jobs of Chairman and Captain without letting his own playing ability suffer. Can be likened to a human dynamo in that he has massive resources of energy with which he generates masterfulness and calm in the backs and confidence and drive in the forwards.

Right Half: Stan MacGuffin - Defended soundly, though lack of experience found him out of position at times which is understandable when one considers him to be a top class forward.

Centre Half: Bob Streeter - Defence - Sound, but must concentrate on marking his own man more often.- Attack - Good, but more thought needed on free hits.

Left Half: Brian Cox - Always reliable. - Safe in defence - bright in attack - a necessary member of any top team.

Right Wing: Merv. Baxter - Did not have a good season but has the ability to be a top class player if he can master his lack of confidence in himself.

Inside Right: David Scoble - Good attacking player with plenty of speed and tight defence. Unfortunately picked the wrong day to get married.

Centre Forward: Ian Trevenar - Still improving and found this year with better support from his insides that he could show his real ability. Still needs that Rudder I suggested last year.

Inside Left: Eric Wade - Returned to the Club this year after a few seasons in Tamworth and showed how important experience is in a side. Another member of the Yappy Group.

Left Wing: Mike Storry - Played steadily throughout the season and with the experience gained should be more valuable next year. Keep practising the big hit across the centre, Mike.

My thanks to the players from 2nd Grade who filled in so well when called upon during the season.

One final comment to all players= Give 100% on the field and at training and next year could just be our year.

#### "B" GRADE HOCKEY REPORT

Following the success of 1971 season our hopes were high for a Premiership win. This did not eventuate and we managed to finish in exactly the same position as last year, that is semi-finalists.

The sudden influx of new players to the Club was particularly overwhelming to the Hockey Committee and resulted in players operating in different positions every week and not being able to achieve team work with other players. It was not until the second-last round of the competition that a regular team was picked and consequently the team's performance suffered. It is hoped these new players are not discouraged and push other players for their places next year.

"If you can't score goals, you can't win."

Here lay the team's biggest problem. Time and time again, against weaker sides, we could only manage one goal wins. It was not lack of opportunities to score, just lack of concentration and "blind-eyed" swipes instead of controlling the ball and on numerous occasions the Captain's voice was falling on deaf ears and players were not playing to instructions.

All in all, from the Captain's point of view, it was a most enjoyable season and I would like to thank all the new players for their patience and regulars for enthusiasm and understanding in making it possible for every one to have a game.

The players during the season were:-

GEOFFREY GORTON (Captain) (Left Back) Once again the results show the benefit derived from Captain-Coach Geoff's experience of leadership. When the going is tough his voice covers the field.

WARREN PARTINGTON (Vice-Captain (Centre Half) "Old Reliable" had a good season and rarely played a bad game. He took off the "Best and Fairest" for the season (very careful who he drinks with). Must learn to set the example when the skipper is away.

KEN DOBBINS (Right Back) "Dobbo", possibly the keenest man in the team, had plenty of trouble with positional play this year, did not seem as relaxed and tends to just hit his free him "up the field" instead of looking for unmarked players.

PAUL HACKAY (Left Half) Did not continue as he left off last year. Tended to wander in-field to his old position of Centre Half and consequently left his Winger unmarked. Still a good team-man, would like to thank "Schooners" for the half-time oranges.

GREG McINTYRE (Right Half) Improved as the season went on. Played his usual 70 minutes. Played better in attack than in previous years. His defence was good and appeared in better condition than in previous years.

IAN SULLIVAN (Inside Left) Ian started the season well and delighted the Captain with his play until a sudden lapse in form was put down to "Gibb & Beeman", which proved to be true and after this showed no improvement. Finally broke down with some fancy-named leg ailment which kept him out for the rest of the season. Good team-man and passed his knowledge on to the new players.

GRAEME TREVENAR (Goalie) Realised his potential to the team as Goalie and really played some splendid games. Has a good sense of judgment and "fools" most of the opposition with his left-foot kick. If he keeps playing this standard, he may push 'A' Grade Goalie for his place. Keep it up, Graeme.

MIKE COTTER (Inside Right) Came to us as a new player from Canada. Although being big, strong and reasonably fast, soon discovered that hockey in Australia is not all "Beer and skittles" and soon learnt you have to "give" as well as "take" to survive. Possesses a good eye and strong hit, but must learn not to run to his left on the back stick, play his position. Should have a good season next year.

CHRIS WYATT (Right Wing) Proved to be a real find of the season, possessing great speed and determination but later in the season tended to hang on to the ball too long and give "sticks".

NIGEL STEERY (Left Wing) Started the season rather inexperienced but soon gained confidence and developed into a good Winger. Must learn to use his size and speed more.

PETER BARTLETT (Centre Forward) Played good hockey at the start of the season and showed great determination. Pulled a leg muscle late in the season and never seemed to fully recover, thus affecting his play. (Must be one of the first picked next year as he kindly lent us his home for the end of season barbecue.)

JOHN KEMP (Left Half) Started the year playing good positional hockey and good things were expected of him but suddenly developed a sudden urge to give away penalties time after time, which the Captain didn't appreciate. For John, being usually such a good team-man, his action was hard to understand.

BOB VEILDHUISE (Inside Left) Poor Bob played many positions this year and wasn't given a real chance to settle down and concentrate on one. Always looks the part but just fails in the finishing touches of his play. May be a bit more determination.

KEITH BROOKER (Right Back) A player possessing a good eye and stick-work but lacks in fire and determination. Tends to treat it as too much of a social game. Must learn to wear "shin pads".

### 1972 BRIARS SQUASH REPORT

Sub-Committee: R. Pontifex (Chairman), L. Fozzard (Treasurer)  
C. Stevens, K. Edwards, P. Porter, D. Cooke,  
P. Wilson.

After the Spring Competition of 1971 in which all teams failed to reach the semi-finals (due to the Squash Association upgrading all teams higher than asked for) the players knew we had to do well to prove we could come back after a bad competition.

Six teams were again entered for the Autumn Competition with nine (9) new members to Briars Squash. The following is a report of the teams' results in the Autumn Competition:-

A3: I. Macdonald, D. Walker, R. Pontifex (Captain),  
J. McNicol, B. Cardwell.

The A3 side was a team that should have made the semi-finals, at least with the players in the side. They were well placed at the completion of the first round but lapsed in the second round to finish in fifth position and missed out for a chance in the semi-finals.

B2: C. Stevens (Captain), V. Gross, J. Mortlock, K. Bell,  
T. McAdam.

This was a well balanced side and proved themselves by going through the two rounds only losing one close match and ending up minor premiers. The boys were confident of victory in the semi-finals because of their prior performances but soon changed their minds by two quick losses in the first two matches. However, they were able to come back to win the match and progress to the finals.

In this match they made no mistake, whitewashing the side 4-0 and taking out the premiership.

B4: K. Edwards (Captain), B. McGuren, P. Burt, J. Matthews, G. Lackey.

Here was a team that unfortunately never really started and plugged along during the competition with a few wins here and there. They finished in sixth position. It was a side that played well at practice but not so in competition.

C1: R. Churcher, P. Porter (Captain), F. Robinson, R. Godden, G. Smith.

This is the Briars team that trains hard and plays hard for victory - complete with their own cheer squad. After the two previous competitions in which they were unsuccessful in clinching the pennant, being defeated in semi-finals, they went straight to the front in the rounds to end up minor premiers and looked a sure thing. They won the semi-finals with a good 3-1 victory and considered themselves certain. However, the opposition had other ideas and in the final our boys were defeated 1-3. With the thought of another lost pennant they went into the grand final using their second chance and after an excellent game turned the tables on the opposition to win 3-1 and their first pennant.

C3: D. Cooke (Captain), V. Hudson, J. Walsh, L. Fozzard, P. Olde, V. Conrick.

This team which consisted of three regulars and three new players started off badly by only winning two matches in the first round but then combined well to win all but one in the second round and ended up in third position. Unfortunately, their run of success ended there with the team going down 1-3 in the semi-finals. With the experience from their first competition, I am sure the new players will be very helpful in future competitions.

C4: F. Fripp, P. Wilson (Captain), P. Wade, R. Ferguson, P. Brooks, J. Hannan, D. Vanderfield.

There were four new players in this side which makes things tough when you come up against seasoned competitors as they did. They had some wins throughout the competition to end up in seventh position.



The Best All Round Performance Shield was won by Ron Churcher, No. 1 in the C1 side. This is the second win in a row for Ron who is hoping for a hat trick next competition.

Overall the results of the competition were excellent with us winning two individual pennants for the first time and another side reaching the semi-finals, out of six teams.

Mention should be made of the fact that the N.S.W. Squash Association received an invitation for the best C1 and D1 sides in the metropolitan area to compete against the top C1 and D1 sides in Newcastle which were considered by the Association to be very good. As our C1 side won the Western Districts Pennant, they played for this honour and ended up winning the right by defeating the top Southern Districts side at South Sydney Junior Leagues Club in the final. (This win would have meant another pennant to the Briars if Inter District Competition was still in operation.) Our C1 side went to Newcastle one weekend and in a two match series ended up one win each which was excellent.

In the Spring Competition, which is now in progress, we unfortunately lost three of our best players - I. Macdonald, David Walker and John McNicol, which has meant that we could only field one A-grade side this competition. We were helped by the inclusion of Bruce Cameron coming back to competition squash after a two year break.

At the time of this report the chances of our sides are reasonably good - the B4 and C4 sides holding down in second place in their division and good chances of the A4 and C3 sides ranking amongst the final four. Our other two sides in B2 and C2 have not kicked on and look doubtful for the semi-finals.

In conclusion, Squash in the Briars for 1972 has been very successful and with the keenness of our members this should continue for many more competitions.

Our combined Football - Squash Tour of New Zealand will be an exciting experience for all those going and hope they will continue their good record against international competitors.

I would like to thank my sub-committee and all squash players generally for their support during the year.

R. Pontifex.

## SOCIAL REPORT

This year we have had a variety of social functions, ranging from a Western Night to John Singleton's "Night with the Stars".

The Western Night held in the Clubhouse was well received and enjoyed by all (approximately 80 attended) - who could forget those Western Beefsteaks?

At our Annual Dinner we were fortunate to have as our guest speaker Gordon Samuels Q.C.; his after-dinner speech will be remembered for yearsto come and let's not forget Chris Mitchell's reply. Thanks to the staff at Concord Golf Club for an excellent dinner.

The A.J.C. Members' Room was the venue for the Ball. Although numbers were not as good as last year, this was truly an exciting night. The Buffet Supper was of a high standard, the venue excellent and a brilliant band assured a great night for all.

Leigh England  
Social Chairman.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

W. Partington (Chairman), J. Gorton, A. Land, J. Alford, J. Crockart, W. Richard, P. Mackay, J. Boyle, M. Williams.

The Bar trading figures were better this year than the previous year.

As usual we were plagued with industrial problems in the breweries but we were able to survive these thanks to the good ordering by John Crockart.

Opening the Club on time is still a slight problem. Fortunately, this problem is being overcome and should not exist in the near future.

With the introduction of the electric hoist there is now no trouble getting the kegs upstairs.

The amount of breakages occurring within the Club is causing concern to the committee. It would be appreciated if members could treat the facilities they have with more respect.

Stewards: A new roster has been introduced and it is hoped that this system will work. Our thanks to Bill Richards for the work he put into this.

Deliveries: Once again our thanks to Bill and Bruce Simes for attending to all deliveries.

Cleaning: The Club now has contract cleaners who come in every Monday. This Club is showing the benefit of this and it is hoped the members will do their share to keep the Club in this

condition throughout the week. Our thanks to John Boyle and Jim Alford for keeping the equipment clean and in working order.

### BRIARS SKI LODGE

The Ski Club this year has experienced a better than average season. Excellent snow conditions, reported as being the best for ten years, made skiing from Top to Valley possible right through the peak season. Late falls of spring snow also ensured excellent skiing to the close of the season.

Now that the snow is rapidly melting members are reminded that Thredbo is just the place for a summer vacation with unlimited rivers and streams which abound with trout - a challenge to even the most experienced angler. The area also offers facilities for golfers, bowlers and bushwalkers. Briars Ski Lodge in Bobuck Lane offers a very inexpensive tariff over the summer period, making it the ideal base for an Alpine Holiday. Bookings may be made with Andy Clifford on 642-2308.

A pre-season "Working Bee" again occupied the Easter break. Although the response to this was disappointing, the members who did make the effort must be thanked for the work done. We must also thank Bob Ryan and Paul McKay for the excellent paint job on the exterior of the Lodge this year and thanks also to Mike Kennedy and Gang who kindly painted the Lodge interior as well as executing other vital jobs.

During the season a notice board was placed downstairs with Club Rules attached for the close attention of members and visitors. Although more work was done this year than during previous years, there are still items requiring attention before next season and it would be appreciated if members who enjoyed the Lodge this year would consider offering their services next Easter on a "Working Bee".

Bookings through the season were very good with average occupancy right up to late September and we look forward to continued support for the 1973 Season.

Members are reminded that preferential bookings are only available to the month of May.

Richard A. Hille.

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# GOLF REPORT

The three golf days held this year were well attended (about 25-30 at each), the fourth having been cancelled on account of the petrol strike. They were held at "Leonay" Penrith, "Dunheaved" St. Mary's and Narellan Country Club near Camden. The respective handicap winners were:-

Ken (Squash) Edwards  
David (Golf) Walker  
Chris (Cricket) Mitchell.

EDWARDS, a low-marker from Concord Club, disarmed the handicapper with his boyish smile and plausible demeanour but "The Medic" will not find it so easy in future.

WALKER, a veteran golfer with a wealth of gamesmanship, experience and a commendable exponent of the "safe shot" technique will also find it difficult to "con" the handicapper next time.

MITCHELL, a "golfer" who always has difficulty in securing partners managed on this occasion to team up with the naive and unsuspecting Harry Window. Harry's morale and confidence were soon "shot to pieces". "It is not right" he said, "that a man who chops, slices, hooks and shanks so consistently should end up so near the pin."

Scrutineers were unable to find definite evidence of irregularities but certainly a cloud hangs over this golfer's future.

ROD SMITH showed promise but needs longer clubs.

ANDY (The Slammer) CLIFFORD, only an average golfer, proved to be an above-average cheat and has learnt much from Mitchell. In the absence of definite proof he was awarded a minor trophy at Narellan.

DAVE (Superstar) JAMIESON and MICK (Golliwog) McENROTH, playing under severe handicaps, did well, particularly at Leonay.

GEOFF GORTON, reputedly a "big hitter", was unable to produce his best golf and his partners say is easy to "crack" under pressure.

CRAIG HICKEY and WARREN PARTINGTON may well improve after a few lessons.

BOZZA CARDWELL Plays golf like he bats - aggressively and with a predilection for the leg-side. He has a good eye (fortunately) and has taken a few prizes home to Mum.

NEIL WALKER, although treated well by the handicapper, is obviously past his best and his eagerness to "take a drink"

after the game is becoming increasingly apparent.

MICK (Chaff Bag) HILDER is always "a chance" with his unique style and unique equipment but perhaps an addition to his complement of three clubs would improve his performance.

#### 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	- 10 points
	<u>100 points</u>

Barry Cardwell the Captain of the successful "B" team has been awarded the trophy for 1972. Barry has been a fine member of the Club for many years and the trophy is well deserved.

#### GORDON DEVAN 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	- 10 points
	<u>100 points</u>

The winner of this shield is Bob Hodgson, a footballer who always attends training and who played his hardest and best right to the bell. If all footballers played the same way we would have the Club Championship. Congratulations.

#### 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>

This shield has been won by Jock Scott, the hockey chairman, who has done so much to raise hockey from its lowly position a few years ago to semi-final status for the last two years.

#### 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>

For the second time this trophy has gone to Ray Pontifex which, in itself, speaks for the regard members have for Ray, both as a player and as administrator of squash and as a member of the Club.

#### 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 of the trophy for this year is Mike Sterry. Mike is deputy chairman of hockey and on the sub-committees of personnel and New Zealand Cricket Tour. A very reliable and capable young administrator.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

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

Engagements: Brett Lockett.

Married: Bruce Cameron, Geoff Cowper, John Edmonds, Kevin Moore, David Scoble John Staniforth, Richard Vanderfield, Greg Williams and Ron Willock.

Births: Grant Hickey (daughter), Bob Hodgson (son), Peter Hotten (daughter), Gordon Hutcheson (son), Colin J. Jones (son), Bill Leckie (daughter), Paul Mackenzie-Wood (son), Peter Mansford (son), Peter Richardson (daughter) and Keith Wearne (daughter).

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

#### 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	10
J. Balmforth	10
W. A. Elder	12
A. J. Land	10
H. W. Lennartz	8
P. D. Richardson (Apptd. Dec.)	10
E. G. Stockdale	8
C. D. Walker (Resigned Dec.)	3

"Hammy" Lennartz and Ted Stockdale were both granted leave of absence to travel overseas.

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

H. C. Ford	12
J. Balmforth	12
P. J. Burt	10
R. A. England	9
G. B. Hickey	8
W. H. Partington (apptd. Jan.)	9
R. Pontifex	9
I. G. Richard (apptd. Jan.)	8
P. D. Richardson	10
R. Smith	11
E. G. Stockdale	9
B. E. Trevenar	7

In addition, the following attended some meetings:-

C. Hickey	4
J. Scott	1

Peter Richardson and Ted Stockdale were granted leave of absence to travel overseas.

ADDENDUM

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

H. C. Ford  
President.

CONCLUSION

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, 1972 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 20th day of NOVEMBER, 1972.

Signed on behalf of the Board

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

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 )  
20th day of NOVEMBER, 1972) 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 20, 1972

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1972

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1971	\$		\$	\$
<u>RESERVES AND ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</u>				
11612	General Reserve	11612		
1420	Debenture Redemption Reserve	1420	13032	
	Accumulation Account			
	Balance October 1, 1971	21960		
	Add: Net Profit for year			
21960	ended Sept. 30, 1972	4381	26341	
34992			39373	
<u>R. J. THOMSON MEMORIAL TRUST FUND</u>				
(To be held by the Club and used for such purposes as agreed to by the family of the late Ronald John Thomson)				
702			712	
700	<u>J. SHEEHAN SPORTING SCHOLARSHIP</u>		713	
<u>LONG TERM LIABILITY</u>				
Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia repayable later than twelve months (secured)				
4514			3014	

1971	\$		\$	\$
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
	Land & Buildgs.-At Cost	28772		
	Less: Provision for Depreciation	752	28020	
28396	Club Room Furniture and Fittings - At Deemed Valuation Sept. 30, '62	908		
	Additions at Cost	6397		
		7305		
	Less: Provision for Depreciation	4017	3288	
3645	<u>BAR EQUIPMENT</u>			
	At Deemed Valuation Sept. 30, 1962	267		
	Additions at Cost	4241		
		4508		
	Less: Provision for Depreciation	2764	1744	
1857	<u>GLASSES, CROCKERY, etc.</u>			
40	At Valuation	40	33092	
<u>INVESTMENTS</u>				
	Debentures in Companies			

<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS</u>				
Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia Loan (Secured)				
1500		1500		
3445	Trade Creditors and Accrue-ments	2643		
1374	Subscriptions paid in Advance	1522		
	Provision for Deferred Maintenance	2200		
2000	5% Unsecured Debentures of \$10 each due July 1, 1970	1420	9285	
1420				
\$50647			\$53097	

2000	Listed on Prescribed Stock Exchange - At Cost (Market Value \$2906)	2945		
5000	Money on Interest-bearing Deposit	2818		
10	Shares in Rugby Union Co-op Trading Scty.Ltd.- At Cost	10	5773	
<u>DEBENTURE REDEMPTION FUND INVESTMENT</u>				
1400	Shares in Permanent Bldg. Scty. of Australia Ltd.- At Cost (Unquoted)	1400		
<u>R. J. THOMSON MEMORIAL FUND</u>				
Commonwealth Savings Bank of Aust.				
702	Current Account (as per contra)		712	
<u>J. SHEEHAN SPORTING SCHOLARSHIP</u>				
Commonwealth Trading Bank of Aust.				
700	Current Account (as per contra)		713	
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
1621	Stocks on Hand (At lower of cost or replacement value)	2238		
360	Debtors	1311		
3690	Cash at Bank	6750		
85	Cash on Hand	85		
1141	Prepayments	1023	11407	
\$50647			\$53097	

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BAR TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1972

1971			1971		
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
535	Liquor Licence	609		Beer and Spirits	
	Bar Expenses and Maintenance			Sales	16936
220	of Equipment	205	5766	Less: Cost of Sales	9997 6939
464	Depreciation - Bar Equipment	436 1250		Cigarettes, Chocolates, Etc.	
	Profit on Trading Transferred			Sales	2147
4951	to Income & Expenditure Acct.	6128	404	Less: Cost of Sales	1708 439
\$6170		\$7378	\$6170		\$7378

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1972.

Expenses of Sporting Activities			4951 Profit on Bar Trading		
969	Cricket	999		Income from Sporting Activities	6128
542	Hockey	341	504	Cricket	791
1001	Football	768	385	Hockey	197
812	Squash	1020 3128	838	Football	446
67	Club Room Amusements	54	812	Squash	1020 2454
-	Loss on Social Activities	259	46	Profit on Social Activities	-
Administration and Club Room Expenses			2159	Member Subscriptions	3023
463	Lighting and Heating	735			
	Repairs, Maintenance and				
761	Club Room Expenses	934			
	Stationery, Stamps and Tele-				
994	phone	1100			

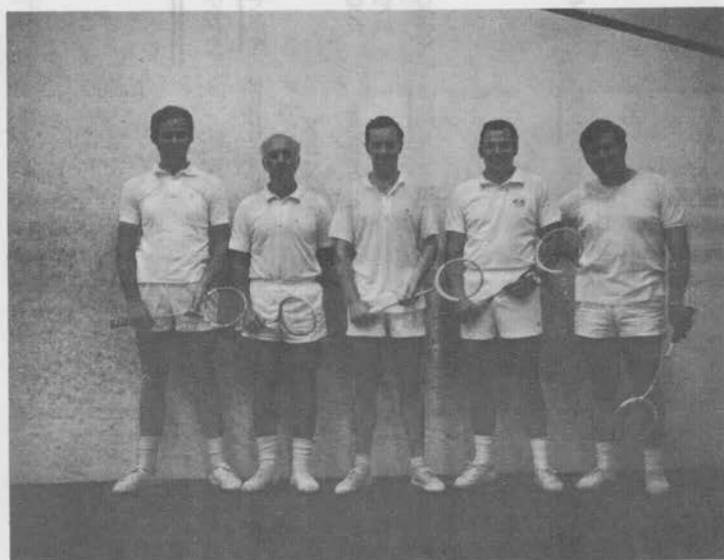
336	Annual Reports	316	465	Interest Received	830
194	Insurance	214		Property Income	
434	General Expenses	403	1743	Rents Received	3324
46	Donations & Presentations	97			
243	Depreciation - Furniture and				
	Fittings	207			
	- Air Condition-				
	ing	532 4538			
Property Expenses					
492	Insurance	664			
564	Rates	626			
116	Repairs and Maintenance	954			
376	Depreciation - Buildings	376 2620			
526	Interest Paid	579			
200	Provision for Deferred Maintenance	200			
Excess of Income over Expenditure					
	for year ended September 30, 1972				
2767	Transferred to Accumulation Account	4381			
\$11903		\$15759	\$11903		\$15759



**Back Row (L to R):** F. Farrel, T. Mobbs, P. Richardson,  
D. Walker, K. Holley, J. Neale, P. Bailey.

**Front Row:** B. Cardwell (Capt.), G. Gorton, M. Sterry,  
M. Astri, W. Partington.

Burwood 'B' Shires. Minor Premiers and Premiers 1971/72 Season.



**C1 Premiers - 1972**

**From Left -** R. Godden, F. Robinson, P. Porter (Capt.)  
R. Churcher, G. Smith.



**B2 Premiers - 1972**

From Left - T. McAdam, J. Mortlock, K. Bell,

Sitting - C. Stevens (Capt.)

Absent - V. Gross,

