

55th ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET
1972 — 1973

The Briars
Sporting Club Limited
Burwood



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Fifty-Fifth Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1972 – 73

**Presented to members at the Club Rooms
30A George Street, Burwood,
on Friday, 7th December, 1973.**

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LTD.

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| R. D. VANDERFIELD | | 1972-1973 |

To the Members of the Briars Sporting Club Limited –

Gentlemen,

Your Board of Directors and Management Committee present for your consideration and adoption, this Annual Report of the Club's many activities, and of the financial position for the year ending 30th September, 1973.

Fifty-five years after our foundation day in November, 1918 when an enthusiastic group of schoolboys formed a small club at a home called "The Briars", this same club has moved into, and has members of a "Jeans, T-Shirt and Thongs" generation. Previously accepted values and traditions are rightly queried. To modish youth, our motto "*Virtus animusque praesens*", translated "Manly skill and ready courage", may appear trite, and of an archaic form, perhaps held to be symbolic of Briars as a bastion of male chauvinism.

That this Club is still active in the community, attracting youth, suggests our values are not materialistic, and that the basis of our existence, the playing of amateur team sports and of honorary service within the club, remains viable in today's society.

The success we value most is not so much winning matches, but is of our success in promoting a club tradition of teamwork, being that cultivation of a spirit of fellowship and organised co-operation in a mutual interest.

Any review of this year's sporting and administrative achievements must be bordered with the black of sadness as two of our most revered members, The Club Patron, Geoff Whiddon and the President, Doug Vanderfield, both died within a short period of each other. We grieve at their loss. Geoff Whiddon was a foundation member of the Club, and had been President in the years from 1943 to 1948. As a mark of recognition for his long services to the Club in both sporting and administrative activities, he had been made a Life Member, and had the honour to be President in the Club's fiftieth anniversary year.

Doug Vanderfield was in his first team as President, having not long returned from New Zealand as manager of the combined Football, Squash Tour. Doug had a long sporting career with the Club and was an ideal and active President. His charm, gentlemanly bearing, and sportsmanship were legendary and was the finest example of Briar tradition.

A most touching moment for the Squash Players was their final toast on that sad night of "One for the road" for Doug. Who amongst us will ever forget "Alouette"!

The opening of The Sydney Opera House reminds us also of how deeply involved in its early stages was one of our former Presidents, the late Ron Thomson. How "Uncle Ron" would have appreciated being at Bennelong Point that day!

The sporting year could be classed overall as successful, though with some anxious moments. A spirit of optimism prevails, at least in the sporting field, with promises of better things to come. We earnestly hope the slogan "Briars to the fore in seventy-four" will be true.

Hockey takes pride of place, by having the unsurpassed record of each of the three teams in grand finals, whilst the new under-age junior team was also in a grand final. The

junior team was a successful experiment this year, and apart from being an ideal aim in the sponsoring of under-age teams, gives us a reservoir of trained talent for the senior teams, a feature unknown to us in previous years. Future success seems assured for hockey, with hopes of more than the one Premiership won this year.

A highlight of the Squash and Football season was their combined tour of New Zealand, proving a resounding social success, though less successful in a sporting sense.

Squash increased its number of teams from six to seven, indicating an expansion of our newest major sport. Two pennants were won in the autumn competition whilst in the current Spring Competition, two teams are semi-finalists.

Squash is our only financially self-sufficient sport, and its players, contrary to some views, make a social contribution to club life after matches in the same manner as do the other sports, though the lateness of the hour may mean they are not seen as much by the majority of members.

Last year football was reported as a disappointment. This season after a successful New Zealand tour, all seemed set for a good result with a surfeit of players, of enthusiasm, and, perhaps, of fitness.

Kentwell and Burke Cup Teams were the best performed, the former only being displaced in a drawn and slushy semi-final because of a lower competition place, whilst Burke were gallant in defeat in the final. Judd and Whiddon were amongst the also-rans, but nevertheless performed creditably.

Coaches of football teams which do not win, are usually fair game for the critics, but general satisfaction was felt with their efforts. Some faults were found in Football administration though the rough patches were somehow rode over, and the basis for a much tidier effort next season has been laid by the Sub-Committee.

"The tightest run ship" in the Club is undoubtedly cricket with the "ship's log" being as of last year, a B Grade premiership with the C Grade, a semi-finalist. The B Grade win was even more meritorious than last year, when all opposition was swamped. This season was a hard grind, and a fine second innings recovery was needed in the final, making the win even sweeter.

A problem in cricket was the City and Suburban side whose numbers dwindle and ability deteriorates. However, we are happy to report that in the current season, we have players of ability left over, to the extent of almost being able to field an extra side.

Readers will be saddened to know that the Club's leading leg-spinner and after-dinner speaker, may well find himself completely sidelined this season.

The finding of a second permanent playing area for Cricket and Hockey could be close at hand, for Concord Council is almost ready to complete the long awaited fields in the Canada Bay area. If the Club is successful in its application, we have reached the ideal solution of our urgent need of an additional sporting area.

In the Club's early days, the great majority of members played both cricket and football

and therefore played sport all the year round. Now with four major sports, we have a trend towards specialism, and the members who play more than one sport are uncommon. Whilst not presuming to make this a point of criticism of members, this trend creates a tendency for a division of the Club into four separate camps. One needs no sixth sense not to be aware of a disruption, for danger signals have already been detected.

A spirit of ecumenism in all four sports must prevail in the future and it is vital that many more functions must be held at the Club, and elsewhere, to bring together all members, old and new, regardless of their sport.

This is a major problem of the future to ensure that all are aware that they are not just players of a sport, but should be proud to belong to and support a fine and unique Briars Club. It is therefore, vital that the new Personnel and Social Sub-Committees give of an increased effort to ensure the Club remaining a happy conglomerate, rather than of four warring factions.

The Social events held were all excellent functions. The Annual Dinner at Concord Golf Club was a highlight, with our own Member, Bill McLaughlin, President of Australian Rugby Union, being Guest Speaker.

We congratulate Bill on his appointment to this post, and on his speech at the dinner.

The Annual Ball at the Boulevard Hotel proved less exciting than that of the previous year, with the Band not so stimulating, and the food less appetising, unless your taste ran to anchovette paste piped on Jatz crackers. Nevertheless, the Ball was a high spot, being well attended and as Board is pleased to note, one of the few to be profitable.

Of outside functions, two poorly attended golf days were held, whilst there were many private Bar-B-Q type parties serving mainly as fund raising ventures for the many sporting tours planned. However, with the greater frequency of these functions held outside the Club, less incentive is created to hold them within the Club. There is a consequent loss to the Club in revenue and a further fragmentation into individual sporting factions. It is in the Club's interest for the Social Committee to start a "Back to Briars" revolution.

The Personnel Sub-Committee is always on the alert to attract new members of the requisite character and sporting ability and is virtually a recruiting office. One of its other functions is to ensure that the new member is assimilated into the Club smoothly, and is not neglected. A further role, with the Social Committee, should be the rallying of non-active and associate members in "old-timers" functions at the Club, and this not left to the sporadic re-visits of Bob Clark for their organisation.

This Sub-Committee has plans for a new system to ensure that all new members will be under review in the probationary two year period. Providing that the task is approached with more enthusiasm and efficiency than displayed in the past, then the scheme should be effective.

| Our Membership now stands at — | 1972-73 | 1971-72 |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Full Members | 278 | 296 |
| Junior Members | 7 | 2 |
| City Associate Members | 59 | 57 |
| Country Associate Members | 51 | 51 |
| | <u>395</u> | <u>406</u> |

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account show that the Club is on a sound financial note, with increased rentals from the shops below, and satisfactory trading, improving profit.

The good performance of the House Committee is vital in the maintenance of our financial stability in days of high cost increases in sport. It was heartening to know beer supplies continued through strikes and that the new bar roster is effective. Increases in the sales of wines and liquors could be expected next year with a better presentation at the bar counter.

A dominant element of Club structure is administration and in a club of our size and scope, there is a vast amount of work. A great responsibility is also borne by the Chief Executive Officer, Ted Stockdale. Until one becomes President, few can realise just how much work Ted carries out with such efficiency and concern for the Club's well-being. It behoves all members to lighten this burden.

In the 42nd Annual Report for the year 1959-60, two paragraphs which still have a pertinent message for today's members, are repeated.

"There is still far too much thoughtlessness on the part of members, young and old. There are too many who treat their sporting commitments lightly. We venture to say they would keenly resent any charge of letting the team and Club down — yet this is exactly what they were doing.

Others are much too casual in their treatment of the Club Rooms. The breaking of billiard cues, the shattering of the table-tennis top, leaving their empty glasses wherever they happened to finish a drink, ashing cigarettes on billiard tables and on the floor, and doing all similar things, small in themselves, but in total, a constant annoyance to those like Ted, who have to make good these omissions."

After some thirteen years, perhaps the offenders still need reminding.

Any member who has been alternately broiled and frozen like a Corning-ware dish under the Club shower, will be pleased to know that two new showers have been installed, with a new hot-water service.

We are grateful to the members of Board, Management, various Sub-Committees, Stewards and the many others who have assisted in the running of the Club's activities.

It is unfortunate that some members having accepted office, fail, for various reasons, to give proper attention to their duties. A full effort and a pride in administrative production will be reflected in a better management committee, with a flow-on to the playing field with a greater pride, and interest in performance.

The Club magazine, "Focus" was established during the year and was a welcome feature in Club life, serving as a notice-board, and mouthpiece for varying opinions. Members no longer lack a means of expressing their views. This opportunity is only as far away as the "Focus" letterbox in the office.

A founder member, a life member and expatriate in London, Bob Clark, has accepted

appointment as Club Patron, succeeding a lifelong friend, the late Geoff Whiddon. This is a worthy and popular choice, and if, as is hoped, it brings Bob home more frequently we shall all need to be on our mettle.

We again give out 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.

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

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OUT LATE PATRON AND PRESIDENT

As reported in the foreword of the Annual Report, our Club Patron, Geoff Whiddon and President Doug Vanderfield passed away in April and May respectively this year.

We reprint from "Focus" an article on Geoff Whiddon and the text of the eulogy made by our past President Harvey Ford at Doug's funeral service.

It is also with sorrow that we report the passing of two former senior members of the Club — Alan Hulls and Norm Wales.

H. G. Whiddon

Geoff Whiddon, our Club Patron, passed away late in April after a fairly long illness. Geoff was a foundation member of the Club and represented as a forward in the late twenties and thirties. He had the distinction of being in the 1929 Western Suburbs first grade team, which was the last time that that Club won the Rugby Premiership. After the war Geoff also had a stint as coach of the Briars football teams.

He was a counsellor for the Royal Agricultural Society and as a member of the Royal Motor Boat Club did a great deal of charity work, particularly by taking children out on his boat.

Geoff was a dedicated worker behind the scenes and was Club President from 1943 to 1948 and again in the Club's fiftieth year 1968-1969. He was also a Director of the Club from its inception until bad health forced his retirement. The fact that he was one of only three life members ever appointed is an indication of the high esteem the Club held for him.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our Club Patron and Founder Member.

R. D. Vanderfield

Born in 1914, the eldest child of Richard Vanderfield, a Sydney Timber Merchant and his wife Ruby Vanderfield. Richard Douglas Vanderfield was affectionately known to us all as Doug. He was educated at Newington College and Sydney University.

When World War II loomed ahead Doug was, as in most things he undertook, one of the first. A fighter pilot, he served with distinction in Europe, the Middle East, Malaya and New Guinea. At the end of hostilities the proud wearer of the D.F.C., Doug was Commanding Officer of 79 Spitfire Squadron in the South West Pacific. Many of Doug's Air Force comrades are with us today and I, having attended reunions and having marched on Anzac Days with them, am fully aware of the affection and esteem which all ranks to the lowest, had for Doug.

Doug followed in his Father's footsteps in the Timber Industry, firstly as a member and director of Vanderfield & Reid, and more recently as chairman of Vanderfield Holdings in which he regrouped the Vanderfield interests. Here Doug, as in so many other ways, demonstrated his interest in the family. Probably partly due to the early death of his Mother this is a trait which was apparent from the time I first met Doug. He was interested and concerned in his sisters' affairs and in his brothers' educational progress, their sporting and social activities and later in their families. If any member of the Vanderfield family suffered a serious setback it was Doug who rallied the other members of the family in support.

Outside business Doug had many interests — mainly ones in which he helped others. In community service he was a member of, and a past Director of Sydney Rotary. He was also devoted to the work of the National Association for Training the Disabled in Office Work, an organisation known as N.A.D.O.W. and in fact he was the first President of the N.S.W. Branch of N.A.D.O.W.

In the sporting world Doug's career was outstanding and it was here that one came across a seeming conflict in his character. Charming, courteous, friendly, even tempered, likeable, popular, are all adjectives which could be applied to Doug and although he had survived wartime and other experiences which could easily have hardened his nature he was always a softie who was ready to give up his time for the good of others. Doug did not have an enemy for the simple reason that he did not know how to make an enemy. This side of Doug's character remained until he entered into a competitive activity. Then his spirit of daring and adventure came to the surface. While Doug's inherent sense of fair play and sportsmanship remained, from here on his aim was to give of his best and to win. Many of you will recall his oft used expression "Face the metal". As an athlete he was a champion middle distance runner. As a boxer he was a welter weight champion at University. As a footballer Doug played first grade for Western Suburbs Rugby Club. He participated in motor racing, life saving, ski-ing and I think it can be safely said that if a sport was amateur Doug was interested in it.

This spirit remained to the end when Doug was coming from behind in a competition squash match, as a member of the Briars Team.

For over 20 years Doug has been an enthusiastic and consistent member of the Briars Club. He took an active part in many of the Club's sporting activities, he supported its

social functions, in later life he was a regular side-line supporter and his presence in the Club helped to mould the characters of many of its members. At the time of his death Doug was the President of the Club, a position which he justly deserved and which he filled with dignity and characteristic vigour.

Notwithstanding such a full and varied life Doug wooed and won Josie Heine and in so doing gained a charming devoted and understanding wife. Theirs was a wartime marriage which took place in this Church in 1942 and in fullness of time their union produced two sons, Richard and Peter, and a daughter, Wendy. Those of us who have been privileged to watch these children grow into adults understand what fine parents they have and how their parents' characters have been passed to the children. Doug was a fine husband and father.

Doug had an appreciation of and a desire for the best in all things. He loved people and had the happy knack of bringing the best out of people. He liked things to be done the right way. One of my memories of Doug will always be the way in which, each year, on the Saturday closest to Anzac Day in the Briars Club rooms after football, Doug called the members to order and said a few appropriate words in memory of those members of the Club who gave the supreme sacrifice. It spoke volumes for Doug's personality and sincerity that even in later years when the views of youth are changing that Doug was always listened to in complete silence.

Doug was a man of gentle and retiring nature, but his honesty and sincerity in all he did made his presence felt and I say on behalf of myself and all his many friends to Mrs. Josie Vanderfield, to Richard, Peter and Wendy, to Mrs. Marjory Whiddon and Geoff, Don and Roger we regret his passing, in him we lost a valued friend, you have lost a husband, a father and a brother but gain strength in the knowledge that Doug Vanderfield was a man respected by his peers, a man whose presence on this earth has been to the benefit and good of those who have had the privilege of knowing him.

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REPORT ON BRIARS 1973 NEW ZEALAND TOUR

General Playing Report

Five Rugby Matches and Nine Squash Matches were played on Tour. After the two early Rugby successes the opposition stiffened considerably and we found ourselves facing Invitation XV's of high standard. The forwards were always a match for our opposition but injuries affected the smooth working of the backs.

The Squash Team was rather over graded due to a misunderstanding about our District A, B, and C Grades. The New Zealanders took these to be the equivalent of their National Tournament gradings which are their highest. Following the initial shock however, most matches were closely fought and our players always tried hard.

The overall experience gained by both Rugby and Squash Players will be of great benefit to our teams in future.

Tour Results

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|--------|---|---------------------------|------|---------|
| Rugby | v | Tapawera Team | Won | 20 - 12 |
| Rugby | v | Lincoln College | Won | 18 - 4 |
| Rugby | v | Balclutha Invitation Team | Lost | 6 - 38 |
| Rugby | v | Te Anau Invitation Team | Lost | 6 - 22 |
| Rugby | v | Merrivale | Lost | 10 - 29 |
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| Squash | v | Wellington Collegians | Lost | 1 - 9 |
| Squash | v | Nelson Squash Club | Lost | 0 - 9 |
| Squash | v | Nelson Squash Club | Lost | 2 - 5 |
| Squash | v | Lincoln College | Won | 6 - 2 |
| Squash | v | Christchurch Squash Club | Lost | 3 - 5 |
| Squash | v | High School Old Boys | Lost | 0 - 8 |
| Squash | v | Southland Squash Club | Won | 6 - 5 |
| Squash | v | Timaru Squash Club | Lost | 1 - 8 |
| Squash | v | Sumner Squash Club | Lost | 3 - 6 |

Accommodation and Travelling

Considering the low cost per head of the Tour and the fact that billets were arranged in some areas, the overall arrangements can be considered quite satisfactory and the area covered interesting to very beautiful. Billets at Te Anau were up to 25 miles out of town for 10% of our members which made it difficult to keep in contact. Although 12 miles out of Christchurch Lincoln College was most satisfactory for training and keeping all together. Unfortunately due to heavy tourist accommodation bookings we had to stay at a Motel at Cromwell, 37 miles out of Queenstown. There is much of interest around Queenstown including scenic flights and in future planning at least 2 days should be allowed for this area. Our final 3 days at Christchurch were spent at an unlicensed private hotel and this was not altogether satisfactory. Generally most members felt the service in a crowded B 707 or DC 8 was better than a B 747 although despite the slow service in the latter on the return flight we had a happy time. The bus arrangements were good but all would have been happy to pay a little more for an air conditioned luxury bus.

Social Arrangements

These were always at least enjoyable and sometimes overwhelming. Generally our opposition enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

General Behaviour

This was very good and the team should feel proud of the reputation they left behind and the courtesy and appreciation they showed to their hosts. Some senior members of the team had toured previously and set a fine example. The large number of our friends who came to see the plane off from Christchurch indicates the regard in which the team was held.

R.D.Vanderfield
Manager.

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CRICKET

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

Sub-Committee: J. Balmforth (Chairman), P. Scott, I. Blair, N. Young.

The statistics for the 1972-73 season reveal the following :—

- a) Club Championship — 4th — a drop of 1 place from previous year.
- b) 'A' Shire — 9th — no change from 1971/72 season.
- c) 'B' Shire — 1st — Premiers after finishing 2nd place.
- d) 'C' Shire — 3rd — an improvement of 3 places.
- e) 'C & S' — Played 20 won 7.

Detailed accounts of the various sides and their individual players appear later, so it is only necessary to take an overall view mainly looking to the future. Both the 'B' Shire and 'C' Shire XI's performed very creditably and, of course, the first thought which comes to one's mind is "Can the 'B' win three in a row?", and the second thought is "Now that Macquarie University are to play in all three grades can our 'C' Shire XI fulfil the potential which has been demonstrated in the past two seasons?" As Chairman both these questions have occupied a great deal of serious thought and I, for one, feel very confident that both goals are well within our capacity, and I commend this viewpoint and attitude as a first principle for Positive Thinking in the 1973/74 Season.

The 'A' Shire performance was once again a severe disappointment for, whilst we were able to put forward a good showing in all matches, the where-withal, be it in spirit, application, dedication, to turn those defeats into positive winning, was lacking. Perhaps a complete departure from what could be described as conservatism in our approach is necessary, maybe a bold and more imaginative attitude is desirable. In all the uncertainty in putting one's finger on the cause or causes, one thing is certain, prior to the commencement of the 1973/74 Season we need to find some answers.

The City and Suburban XI performed reasonably well, but there is still a great need for an influx of younger competent players before we are able to produce performances and results which are a credit to the Club we represent.

Practice facilities were still not as satisfactory as the Cricket Committee would have wished, and yet, even allowing for this, the general attitude of most Club members to this important part of the season left a great deal to be desired. The Committee will again be making strenuous and serious endeavours to improve facilities and organisation,

and would like to hope that these efforts are supported by all players. Practice is essential to both fitness and technique and all Shire representatives should be serious about those matters.

Many sincere congratulations in respect of the 1972/73 season are in order as follows:—

To Wentworthville—Blacktown who won the Club Championship and also 'A' Division Premiership.

Macquarie University No. 1 who took out the 'C' Division Premiership beating Macquarie University No. 2, what a position for a Club to find itself in!

And finally to the Encouragement Award winners 'A' Division — Pennant Hills 'B' Division Epping and 'C' Division Canterbury.

On the social side, the annual Double Wicket Competition was run and provided a surprise, but very worth while winners in M. Astri and M. Mackenroth; congratulations on a fine performance. The Briars Sporting Club fulfilled a most important public duty during the year as rainmakers to the N.S.W. Hinterland, bringing a solid 20 hours non-stop down pour to a district, Cowra, which had not had rain for the previous 6 months, but who enjoyed travelling 400 miles to play 2 games of cricket, and not seeing even the wickets pitched? At the end of the season we entertained Cowra on a return visit for a Sunday fixture played at Rothwell Park, blessed by good weather on this occasion, we had a pretty comfortable win which helped immensely with the after game social activities.

I am most happy to be able to record some very personal thank yous. To Barry Cardwell for giving me a second dosage of pleasure and pride, to Frank Farrell, one of the very few football forwards who has graduated to watching the world's finest team sport, and last but by no means least, to Briars Wisden whose devotion to maintenance of Club Cricket Records is remarkable, not only are they always brought up to-date at the end of each season, but they are an example in neatness and precision which would satisfy even the most fastidious. All players past and present should be very proud of these wonderful records, and derive pleasure from perusing them.

Each season creates many problems and a great deal of time and effort to try and ensure it runs smoothly and satisfactory to the majority of cricketers, and once again in the 1972/73 season, as previously, I have been fortunate with the Cricket Club Committee members and the members of the Selection Committee, and I place on record my appreciation and thanks for their support.

Finally, I wish all players an abundance of runs and/or wickets in the coming season, but more importantly that they enjoy their cricket to the fullest possible measure.

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'A' SHIRE CRICKET REPORT — 1972/73 SEASON

Three resounding defeats in the first three matches got the team away to a very poor start. However, as usual they commenced to climb back with exciting last over wins against Auburn and Canterbury. Both matches were action packed and will not be

forgotten for a long time. With morale returning after the bad start it was shattered again by an inglorious defeat at the hands of Lane Cove. Chasing our 199 Lane Cove collapsed to be 7-80 following a fine spell by our bowlers particularly Max Astri and victory again seemed assured. However, Lane Cove bounced back and crushed our attack to pass our score with the loss of only one further wicket. Good wins against Roseville and Bexley followed and round 9 brought another cliff hanger. Chasing our 239 Pennant Hills were 4-97, 5-155, 6-190, 7-196 and 8-231 and passed our score in the dying moments of the game. This match was particularly exciting and with the usual determination of both teams was one of the most tense played for some years. On reflection that defeat along with that by Lane Cove cost the team any chance of making the semi-finals and it is unfortunate because opportunities and victory seemed well in hand in both matches. Matches against Lindfield and Ryde were drawn because of rain, rain and more rain. Round 12 saw a struggling victory against Ryde in the first redrawn match and Round 13 began the four knockout matches each of one afternoon duration. Each of these matches confirmed our bowling attack as economical when we bowled out the opposition after moderate scores by our batsmen. It should be pointed out however that some of our batsmen were struggling to find form and the need for constant runs did not let them settle in. We won three of the four "knockout" matches and lost the other on a countback in another cliff hanger with our old rivals Pennant Hills.

Summing up it could be said that our bowling was again the main reason for our successes and our mediocre batting for our failures. Our bowling was good without being devastating and probably was one of the best in the competition. Unfortunately our batting was not in the same class and the need for more dedication and application from our batsmen is necessary if higher honours are to be gained. The fielding generally was very good and did not let us down very often. The season although only moderately successful result wise, was eventful and generally most exciting and enjoyable. The first two knockout matches were testing but a pleasant change although the final two were considered by most players to lose their appeal.

The thanks of the players are extended to our ardent supporters for their attendance particularly Frank Farrell for his refreshing afternoon teas. The loss of one of the team's keenest followers Mr. Corderoy has saddened all players and his presence will be sadly missed.

P. Scott (Captain)

Departed for distant shores after eight matches. Batted particularly well this year. A sound innings of 70 against Canterbury and 50 plus against both Lane Cove and Roseville being the highlights. An enthusiastic fieldsman and captain who did much to improve teamwork and harmony. Peter bowled well on the odd occasions he took the ball but generally unkind to his keeper on these occasions. His departure from the Club was a great pity.

I. Blair

Played only 7 matches in the year but from this produced some fine innings. His innings of 74 not out against Roseville was a great effort. A player who likes to get on with the job. A very sound fieldsman and a good team man.

G. Corderoy

Reasonably successful season although more runs should have been made. Wicketkeeper for the first half of the year and carried out this task efficiently. Took over as captain when Peter Scott left and is grateful for the assistance and advice of the experienced members of the side.

E. Watt

Another fairly successful season with the bat and ball. Batted in his usual manner on many occasions to the distress of the opposition. His bowling was very reliable and economical as we have come to expect. A very keen cricketer whose experience is valuable to the team.

M. Astri

Scored 47 in his first match and then lapsed until the latter part of the season when concentration and approach improved considerably. In the last few matches his batting and bowling were improving with each match and we are looking to him with high expectations in the ensuing years ahead. First class fieldsman in any position. Some of his slips catches will be long remembered.

P. Richardson

Two innings during the season stand out, a remarkable 55 against Bexley on one of the hottest days for some years and a breezy 55 against Roseville in the last match. Apart from these innings did not get going as well as he would have liked. He gave us his usual first class work in slips and assisted our bowlers in attacking the batsmen on many sions. A keen and enthusiastic cricketer.

R. Streeter

Came into the side after three matches and really gave us high hopes with a sparkling 59 against Canterbury. Unfortunately he did not maintain the form that we expected from him although the experience he gained will be to his benefit. Very good in the field and another batsman we expect big things from next season.

C. Jones

The team's slow bowler who showed with the limited opportunities he had that his bowling is of a high standard and regularly troubled opposition batsmen. His batting showed considerable improvement and treated the bowlers with scant respect. A very experienced and important member of the team.

D. Walker

Came into the side midway through the season and scored 27 in his first match. Generally did not settle down with his batting which was not helped by the type of batting needed in the knockout matches. His keeping after a "drought" of opportunities earlier was of the usual high class we have come to expect from him. We look forward to improved batting performances next year.

P. Mansford

Shared his talents between the A's and B's during the year and had a disappointing period

with us. A patient 20 not out against Pennant Hills showed his determination to fight his way back to his best and we hope next year will produce it.

K. Holley

Bowling improved with each match and his variation and experience were one of the main reasons for the success of our bowling attack. Did not get many opportunities with the bat but one or two innings towards the end of the season showed what talent he has. A good team man and excellent in the field.

D. Scoble

The bowling's main attacking force. His best performance was 6-43 against Auburn which will not be forgotten for a long time. A genuine quick bowler who worried nearly all batsmen. He showed a great deal of improvement in his control and overall had a good season with the ball which is more than could be said for his batting.

'A' SHIRE STATISTICS

| Matches Played | Won O/R | Won 1st | Lost O/R | Lost 1st | Drawn | Points | Position in Competition |
|----------------|-------------|---------|----------|--------------|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 16 | — | 8 | — | 6 | 2 | 48 | |
| Runs For | Wickets For | Average | | Runs Against | Wickets Against | Average | |
| 2459 | 139 | 17.50 | | 2408 | 139 | 17.3 | |

BATTING (+ not out)

| Name | No. of Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Aggregate | Average |
|---------------|----------------|------|------|-----------|---------|
| P. Scott | 10 | 2 | 70 | 309 | 38.62 |
| I. Blair | 8 | 1 | 74+ | 218 | 31.14 |
| G. Corderoy | 13 | 1 | 58 | 259 | 21.58 |
| E. Watt | 13 | 1 | 59 | 233 | 19.41 |
| M. Astri | 12 | 1 | 47 | 196 | 17.81 |
| P. Richardson | 16 | — | 55 | 260 | 16.5 |
| R. Streeter | 13 | 1 | 59 | 154 | 12.83 |
| C. Jones | 10 | 3 | 26 | 88 | 12.57 |
| K. Holley | 11 | 1 | 36 | 88 | 8.80 |
| D. Scobie | 13 | 5 | 9+ | 31 | 3.87 |

Also Batted: D. Walker 6-58, P. Monsford 7-55, R. Smith 5-43, T. Whitaker 3-13, G. Ireland 4-114, T. Parker 4-24, J. Scott 3-55, D. Guille 2-2, P. Bailey 1-4, C. Blair 1-26, J. Worrall 1-9, B. Cardwell 1-22, M. Sterry 1-0, E. Stockdale 1-6, J. Balmforth 1-5.

BOWLING

| Name | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|-----------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| E. Watt | 126 | 15 | 389 | 27 | 14.40 |
| K. Holley | 105 | 20 | 335 | 22 | 15.22 |
| M. Astri | 105 | 15 | 371 | 23 | 16.13 |
| D. Scobie | 158 | 25 | 616 | 30 | 20.53 |
| C. Jones | 69 | 7 | 301 | 14 | 21.50 |

Also bowled: M. Sterry 6—10, C. Blair 0—30, D. Guille 3—79, P. Scott 7—116.

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'B' SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1972/73 SEASON

After finishing second at the completion of the competition rounds, the team won the final with a tremendous effort against the Minor Premiers Blacktown Wentworthville.

This match was a thriller from start to finish. After we held a narrow lead on the first innings, Wentworthville amassed a second innings score that most thought would have us on our knees, but due to a splendid partnership by Ian Blair and David Bailey we eventually achieved a wonderful victory.

Comment on the final would not be complete without further mention of the fine bowling and fielding during the match. Jim Neale and Paul Bouchier both bowled splendidly, while Geoff Gorton, Peter Mansford and Ian Blair were outstanding in the field.

The performance of the team during the season was not as satisfactory as the previous season. The inability to dismiss opposition teams quickly and gain maximum points was most notable. Our batting was unstable and unpredictable due to a lack of mature adaptability, steady influence and concentration. It is essential that these changes must be introduced not only for the 'B's', but I think right through the 'Briars' teams.

In concluding it was a most satisfactory season and I hope we can make it "3 in a row".

Thanks to those players who participated in one or two matches, and also to Frank Farrell who helped with the afternoon teas.

Tom Mobbs

Mixed season with bat and ball, but still showed he has the enthusiasm that some of the younger members lack.

Jack Beardsley

Performed well during the season. One of the most underrated players in the team. Handy change bowler and competent batsman. (Promised to paint his boots white next season).

Phil Bailey

Phil had a moderate season, perhaps lack of interest in the latter part of the season didn't help his performances. Good fieldsman and handy change bowler.

Geoff Gorton (V.C.)

Had a mixed season with the bat, but I think his concentration and application has improved immensely. Brilliant in the field.

Jim Neale

With a tally of 63 wickets for the season Jim was our most successful bowler. Also a brilliant 105 runs against Epping early in the season guided the team to a good 1st innings win.

Warren Partington

Warren performed the role of opening bat and wicketkeeper particularly well, although complaining of broken fingers and thumbs still managed to bring off some excellent catches. Good team man.

Craig McIntosh

Disappointing season. Craig should try to overcome his impatience and 'settle' in for 4 or 5 overs, prone to lift the head too much. Fielding consistent.

Mike Sterry

Mike didn't perform nearly as well this season as expected. Lack of direction and perhaps a little unlucky early in the season didn't enhance his chances of recapturing the previous season's form. Excellent team man and always tries to give his best.

Noel Young

After recovering from a back injury from the previous season (where and when it happened one does not know), Noel settled into his old rhythm again. Bowled well throughout the season, and would be one of the keenest in the field, always giving a wholehearted effort. Batting could improve a little.

Paul Bouchier

His first season with the Club. Has plenty of 'fire' though inexperienced he shows a lot of 'promise'. Fielding good, most aggressive batsman.

David Bailey

Promising batsman, has good technique and temperament, will be an asset to the Club for future years. Enthusiastic fieldsman.

Peter Mansford

Reappeared in the 'B's' and performed creditably as opening batsman. Peter was instrumental in the formation of many excellent opening partnerships, something that lacked in previous seasons. Sound fieldsman.

Rod Smith

Moved up and down from the A's to B's during the season, and affected his play enormously, thus did not show us his true form. Bowled well without success, fielding sound.

'B' SHIRE STATISTICS

| Matches Played | Won O/R | Won 1st | Lost O/R | Lost 1st | Drawn | Points | Position in Competition |
|----------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-------|--------|-------------------------|
| 13 | 3 | 6 | — | 3 | 1 | 72 | Premiers |

| Runs For | Wickets For | Average | Runs Against | Wickets Against | Average |
|----------|-------------|---------|--------------|-----------------|---------|
| 2968 | 147 | 20.19 | 2674 | 178 | 15.88 |

BATTING (+ not out)

| Name | No. of Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Aggregate | Average |
|---------------|----------------|------|------|-----------|---------|
| D.A. Walker | 7 | 2 | 65 | 239 | 47.80 |
| R. Smith | 8 | 1 | 83+ | 194 | 27.71 |
| T. Mobbs | 9 | 2 | 47 | 174 | 24.85 |
| P. Mansford | 8 | 1 | 55 | 173 | 24.71 |
| J. Beardsley | 10 | 3 | 39 | 139 | 19.85 |
| P. Bailey | 10 | — | 42 | 197 | 19.70 |
| G. Gorton | 15 | — | 65 | 285 | 19.00 |
| J. Neale | 16 | — | 105 | 243 | 15.18 |
| W. Partington | 19 | — | 46 | 287 | 15.10 |
| B. Cardwell | 16 | 2 | 45 | 154 | 11.00 |
| C. McIntosh | 9 | 1 | 27 | 88 | 11.00 |
| M. Sterry | 7 | 4 | 2+ | 7 | 2.33 |

Also Batted: I. Blair 4—130, D. Bailey 6—206, R. Streeter 4—123, K. Holley 2—28, P. Bouchier 4—47, T. Whittaker 3—26, C. Blair 5—24, M. Astri 3—9, N. Young 6—18, D. Guille 3—11, J. Kemp 1—0.

BOWLING

| Name | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|-------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| P. Bouchier | 72 | 17 | 182 | 16 | 11.37 |
| C. Blair | 56 | 10 | 217 | 18 | 12.05 |
| N. Young | 58 | 14 | 173 | 14 | 12.35 |
| J. Neale | 217 | 36 | 790 | 63 | 12.53 |
| M. Sterry | 89 | 12 | 334 | 16 | 20.87 |
| D. Guille | 59 | 10 | 279 | 7 | 39.85 |

Also Bowled: P. Bailey 8—104, R. Smith 6—199, B. Cardwell 3—13, M. Astri 6—48, J. Beardsley 7—69, K. Holley 2—61, T. Mobbs 3—140, J. Kemp 0—57, C. McIntosh 0—7.

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'C' SHIRE CRICKET REPORT – 1972/73 SEASON

Although the 'C's' finished the season on a winning note by defeating Uni. of N.S.W. (1) in the play-off for third place, perhaps the word disappointing best described the team's efforts. Disappointing because it lost the semi-final, disappointing because it didn't take its chances and disappointing because it failed when it should have succeeded.

Obviously with the Club fielding four sides, it is to be expected that team changes will occur. However, when it is remembered that twenty-eight players represented the 'C's' during the season, including eighteen in the last four games, it can be seen that team spirit is difficult to maintain. The importance of this is borne out by the 'B' Shires who maintained the same eleven and had the necessary fight when it was needed in the final.

Not only were the 'C's' disrupted by this large turnover of players but lost their Captain and wicketkeeper halfway through the season when Jeff Jarrett got married. Although Tom Mobbs filled the skipper's role most capably, the vital position behind the stumps was not taken by a specialist and this proved very costly towards the end of the season.

All the year the bowlers supported by good fielding did their job with Macquarie Uni's 124 in the first round the highest score against us, outside the semi-final. It was brittle batting that invariably caused our downfall. This was highlighted in the second round when we were struggling to make the semis. Having dismissed Uni of N.S.W. for 114, we were fairly comfortable at 3-68, only to see the middle order crumble with our last seven batsmen ADDING only 26 runs.

With three changes to "strengthen" the team, we faced Macquarie University in the semi-final. After losing the toss we were sent in on a fairly easy wicket against a medium paced attack. We were soon 2 for 11 and never really got going although losing our last 6 wickets for 41 didn't add greatly to our score of 131. Whatever chance we had went on the lucky edge of one Macquarie batsman who, after being dropped at 4 and missed at least six times, went on to score 148 of his team's 284. John Crockart bowled magnificently, taking 6-56 off 17 overs, including the topscorer.

Faced with a deficit of 153 with only one full day remaining, Briars folded for 120. Dave Jamieson (20) and Mike Mackenroth (55) being the only ones to display any resistance. Nevertheless we congratulate Macquarie University who proved throughout the year that they had the two best teams in the competition.

Tom Mobbs (All rounder)

Does Tom ever have a bad season? He headed both batting and bowling averages and as Captain set a fine example for his team. His best performances were 50 and 3 for 5 against Epping and 37 and 8 for 35 against Uni. of N.S.W. in the play-off. If half of the team had Tom's guts, we may well have won the comp.

Jeff Jarrett (Wicketkeeper Batsman)

One of the most determined cricketers in the Club, Jeff captained the side before marriage caused his premature retirement. A punishing opener who can dominate an attack, he figured in several fine openings stands. His keeping was always neat for such a tall man as evidenced by 18 catches and 4 stumpings.

Dave Jamieson (Batsman — Wicketkeeper?)

Thrust into the opening position Dave batted well early on. His solid defence proved an ideal foil for Jeff Jarrett. His 79 against Uni. of N.S.W. was the highest of the season. Unfortunately he seems so intent on not getting out that he sometimes neglects to score runs. Occasionally leaves a gap between bat and pad. Good close to the wicket fieldman and took most catches (8).

Mike Mackenroth (Batsman)

Making a comeback to cricket after two seasons, Mike came to us from the Hurly-Burly of C. & S. Cricket. This was reflected in his early innings when he seemed intent on hitting every ball out of the ground. However, towards the end of the season, his confidence and timing increased and he batted quite well, scoring 23 and 55 in the semi-final. Tended to throw his wicket away, more application needed. Very good slips fieldman. (Says he can bowl).

Trevor Whittaker (Batsman)

Didn't seem to be able to make a score after getting a start. Trevor would seem to be quite secure when he would unexpectedly get out. He was not the keenest fieldman and this aspect of his play should be tightened.

Mike Cotter (All rounder)

Mike used to play baseball. As a result he has a tremendous arm and his hitting is quite prodigious. Plays the ball away from his body and has no confidence against pace. A promising left arm tweaker he likes to bowl around the wicket, which reduces his effectiveness. Nevertheless only needs coaching to realise his potential and I am sure he will go well in the near future.

Craig McIntosh (Batsman)

A disappointing season for Craig. Constantly moving between B's and C's must have made it hard for him to settle down. A capable batsman who needs to concentrate more. Good field.

Scott Geddes (Batsman — Wicketkeeper?)

A very disappointing year for Scott who continually lost his wicket to reckless unnecessary strokes. He finds concentration difficult and this is apparent even in the field. Filled in as wicketkeeper at the end of the season.

John Kemp (Bowler)

Kempy opened the bowling and for the second year was leading wicket-taker with 32 at 11.03. Was much fitter this year and as a result was able to maintain his pace for long spells. Handy tailender who should bat higher (at least above Crockett).

Derek Sterry (Bowler)

Derek's greatest asset is his ability to gain lift from seemingly dead wickets. Does spray them occasionally and sometimes pitches too short. Not a prolific wicket-taker he always bowled economically and often broke several dangerous partnerships. He bats soundly while defending but needs more footwork. Coaching would help.

John Crockett (Bowler)

A model of consistency, "Crocco" always kept the ball up and made the batsman play

him. Bowled without any luck and should have had more wickets. Yields the willow willingly whacking a whirlwind 53 partnership with "Kempy" against Pennant Hills. (A RECORD?)

Col. Dennis (All rounder)

A late arrival Col. soon settled into the team quite well. He lent some solidarity to suspect middle order but unfortunately missed the semi-final. Played a fine hand of 43 when he returned for the Play-off. Handy medium pacer good field.

John Worrall (All rounder)

Promising quickie who keeps the ball up to the batsman he should take a lot of wickets next season. Left hand batsman, he is suspect outside the off stump. Capable fieldman.

Unfortunately it is not possible to mention all players individually; however, I am very grateful to the following players who filled in during the year :—

C. Blair; J. Scott; J. Beardsley; F.O'Halloran; K. Grey; B. Lawrence; O. Burns; P. Bouchier; D. Cotterill; J. Threlfo; M. Sterry; J. Balmforth; P. Bailey.

'C' SHIRE STATISTICS

| Matches Played | Won O/R | Won 1st | Lost O/R | Lost 1st | Drawn | Points | Position in Competition |
|----------------|-------------|---------|----------|--------------|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 13 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 48 | 3rd |
| Runs For | Wickets For | Average | | Runs Against | Wickets Against | Average | |
| 2040 | 141 | 14.4 | | 1828 | 158 | 11.5 | |

BATTING (+ not out)

| Name | No. of Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Aggregate | Average |
|--------------|----------------|------|------|-----------|---------|
| J. Jarrett | 10 | — | 67 | 253 | 25.3 |
| D. Jamieson | 16 | 1 | 79 | 254 | 16.9 |
| T. Whittaker | 8 | 1 | 28 | 105 | 15.0 |
| M. Cotter | 14 | 1 | 43 | 165 | 12.6 |
| C. McIntosh | 7 | — | 33 | 87 | 12.4 |
| S. Geddes | 12 | — | 30 | 117 | 9.7 |
| J. Kemp | 11 | 4 | 20 | 68 | 9.7 |
| D. Sterry | 10 | 2 | 13 | 38 | 4.7 |
| J. Crockett | 11 | — | 20 | 51 | 4.6 |

Also batted: T. Mobbs 6—152, M. Mackenroth 6—112, C. Blair 6—69, K. Grey 6—7, J. Beardsley 4—127, C. Dennis 5—96, J. Threlfo 2—15, P. Bouchier 5—58, J. Scott 2—17, M. Sterry 5—24, D. Cotterill 2—4, F.O'Halloran 2—8, T. Lawrence 2—5, P. Bailey 2—3, O. Burns 4—3, J. Balmforth 1—1, A. McSweeney 1—0, J. Worrall 1—26.

BOWLING

| Name | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|-------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| P. Bouchier | 66 | 19 | 173 | 22 | 7.86 |
| M. Sterry | 42 | 14 | 96 | 9 | 10.66 |
| D. Sterry | 54 | 11 | 119 | 11 | 10.81 |
| M. Cötter | 48 | 9 | 163 | 15 | 10.86 |
| J. Kemp | 126 | 23 | 353 | 32 | 11.03 |
| J. Crockart | 87 | 14 | 260 | 16 | 16.25 |

Also bowled: T. Mobbs 15-102, C. Blair 12-105, T. Whittaker 1-5, J. Worral 7-49, T. Lawrence 3-23, M. Mackenroth 1-9, C. Dennis 3-42, J. Threlfo 1-21, O. Burns 2-45, P. Bailey 1-43, D. Jamieson 0-21, J. Beardsley 0-55.

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CITY AND SUBURBAN CRICKET REPORT 1972/73 SEASON

On the basis of the year's statistics, the City and Suburban side did not have a particularly successful year, losing 13 games out of the 20 games played and, although all participants generally enjoyed the cricket, there were occasions when the disparity in strength between Briars and the opposition created games which were not all that enjoyable. The Captain spent many anxious hours on several Fridays chasing up players to ensure a full team, and there is no doubt that a great deal of effort needs to be made before the 1973/74 season, in regard to obtaining new players and improving the standard which has reached an undesirably low level from a performance point of view.

Ray Young (The Enforcer) Captain

The shape of things to come was made abundantly clear when we walked on the field, for the 1st match. 'Now listen you apes. I'm Captain - what I say goes, and I don't require any advice or comments. Got that?'

However, as the season progressed apart from being uninspiring, unimaginative, dull, arrogant, unfriendly and selfish, did his best with his extremely limited ability. Did a lot of bowling without shirking and it is only fair to say that he was prepared to operate at both ends consecutively, had the rules permitted.

Ray Lyon (Our T.V. Star)

Proved a most reliable opener, and it pleases me to say that for the first time for many years, we had a number of good (and more important) fairly fast opening partnerships. Had to contend with a number of partners of varying temperaments, but up to the present has managed to retain his sanity. A capable and successful slow bowler who was preferred over another valuable leg spinner in the side.

Graham Ireland

One could almost see his shoulders straighten and the lines vanish from his face when he found that he no longer had to bear the worries of captaincy of the side. As a consequence had a very good season. A big innings against the highly rated Yaralla side enabled us to gain a decisive win - our first for many years against this side.

Sure to go on to bigger things now that he is enjoying his new found freedom from trying to make semi-humans into cricketers.

Ted Stockdale

Despite being the batting plaything of our new leader, once again proved one of the sheet anchors of the batting. His ability to score quickly combined with his safety in the air made him one of the team's most valued members. One of the few who endeavours to retain some of the elements of decency and sportsmanship which were originally a feature of the game of cricket. Has retained all his skill and particularly his loyalty to team mates in his efforts behind the bar.

Craig Hickey

The Jekyll and Hyde of the sporting field and shows the same characteristics in cricket as he does on the football field. Brilliancy one day combined with dour refusal to score (witness Homebush Old Boys). A fascinating study for a psychic investigator. Kept wickets very well indeed (when in the mood) but kept nagging the Captain to give him a bowl as well.

Since he got that crack on the head at football, I expect big things of him. Should untangle him a bit like Calgon.

Jack Balmforth

Played in a number of matches but mainly in his capacity of L.I.S.P. (Leader Internal Secret Police) to check on deviationist thinking in the team. When he did play made sure he selected easy games, so got wickets and runs which makes him look good on paper. There seems to be no answer to this. When the word is out that the Godfather is playing we all expect him to get the plums.

Brian Williams

Confronted with 11 runs to win and 1 over to play against the Old Sydneians, "Sixer" Williams (after being unselfishly given the strike by one who gets little enough of it) hit a 4 and 2 6's off the first 3 balls thus giving us a good win.

One week before in an almost identical situation he received a full pitcher 1st ball, missed it and was bowled but obviously the practice did him good for the following week.

Garry Kimble

I told you last year Garry to get out while you still had time but you wouldn't listen would you and look at you now. Dropping lower and lower down the batting list and talking about dropping, how about those catches out at Craebrook. I know you were going for the record but you just didn't get enough catches hit to you. A good performance anyway and keep trying. What a record that would be. The greatest number of missed catches in the 'C' and 'S'.

Andy Clifford

Talking to the Killer recently I told him that the focus of my report would be on Captaincy. He thought for a while and then said "Who was our Captain last season"? I told him Ray Young, and he then said "I had this Lane Cove batsman paralyzed with pace swing and lift, ready for the kill see, I'd already taken 3 victims and had the axe out, and the Captain comes up and says 'I'll give you a spell Andy'."

"I only have one magic day in 10 years and he says 'I'll give you a spell.' 'How can I ever forget such a Captain?'"

Peter Burt

The modern apostle of physical violence in the gentleman's sport. Didn't worry so much about wickets, but if he could break an arm or leg his day was made.

Particularly keen on ribs possibly because the rib cage offers a larger target. He tells me that he has been perfecting his aim during the winter and can now select and hit any rib in the whole outfit. Looks like having a big season.

Alan Rose

When our Captain was informed that Rosie had suffered a heart attack he remarked "Well he'd better hurry up and get O.K. My new plan is to build a team on physical fitness and I won't have any unfit men in the side. Anyway I was considering reducing the amount of overs you get. I'm going to do a bit more bowling myself and it has to come from somewhere."

Chris Mitchell

Is put in last — would feel strange in any other position — Poor old Twinkletoes — just a shadow of his former self and brought to this position by his frank but fair criticism of bureaucracy and is now a victim of it. But still in there punching and they can't hurt him anymore.

CITY AND SUBURBAN STATISTICS

| Matches | Won | Lost | Drawn | Tied | No Result |
|----------|---------|---------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 20 | 7 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Runs For | Wickets | Average | Runs Against | Wickets Against | Average |
| 2297 | 162 | 14.0 | 2561 | 148 | 17.3 |

BATTING (+ not out)

| Name | No. of Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Aggregate | Average |
|---------------|----------------|------|------|-----------|---------|
| G. Ireland | 14 | 1 | 95+ | 378 | 29.07 |
| C. Hickey | 15 | 1 | 69 | 287 | 20.50 |
| M. Mackenroth | 8 | — | 47 | 154 | 19.25 |
| R. Lyons | 13 | — | 58 | 235 | 18.07 |
| J. Balmforth | 16 | 4 | 41+ | 211 | 17.58 |
| E. Stockdale | 16 | — | 42 | 226 | 14.12 |
| P. Burt | 10 | 1 | 25 | 127 | 14.11 |
| B.U. Williams | 10 | — | 41 | 105 | 10.50 |
| R. Young | 12 | 5 | 12+ | 49 | 7.00 |
| G. Kimble | 11 | 1 | 12 | 52 | 5.20 |
| A. Clifford | 9 | 1 | 14 | 32 | 4.00 |

Also batted: C. Dennis 1-24, M. Elder 2-35, M. Melville 5-63, C. Mitchell 5-11, C. McIntosh 1-10, J. Edmonds, 1-9, C. Blair 2-17, J. Metcalfe 4-29, A. Rose 4-7, N. Young 6-24, M. Astri 2-8, D. Cotterill 3-5, P. Berry 2-2, J. Jarrett 2-2, D. Sterry 2-1, D. Bailey 1-0, O. Burns 2-0, J. Kemp 1-0, P. Mansford 2-0, J. Beardsley 1-12, M. Cotter 1-13, M. Sterry 1-0, T. Whittaker 1-0, P. Williams 1-9.

BOWLING

| Name | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|---------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| N. Young | 43 | 5 | 154 | 15 | 10.26 |
| R. Young | 110 | 6 | 535 | 28 | 19.10 |
| P. Burt | 59 | — | 296 | 15 | 19.73 |
| B.U. Williams | 63 | 4 | 260 | 13 | 20.00 |

Also bowled: A. Clifford 9-139, C. Blair 5-41, J. Metcalfe 1-10, C. Mitchell 1-11, A. Rose 9-111, R. Lyons 11-152, D. Sterry 4-59, J. Balmforth 10-150, C. Hickey 2-34, O. Burns 4-112, J. Kemp 2-95, M. Sterry 1-57, P. Williams 0-7, C. Dennis 0-19, M. Mackenroth 0-22, G. Ireland 0-29, T. Whittaker 0-32, M. Astri 0-39.

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HOCKEY

The past season can only be described as outstanding. In both growth and achievement it is by far our best season since entering second division.

Growth-wise hockey went from two senior teams to three and one junior, making hockey numbers-wise the strongest it has ever been. Achievement was also extremely high with all three senior teams making the grand final, with the 'B' grade west team winning the premiership. The junior team with ten beginners made the finals and lost on a count back after drawing the game.

Before talking about the season I would like on behalf of the players to thank the Club members, particularly footballers, who gave us such great support in our semi-finals, finals and grand-finals. The encouragement and support of these people was an important factor in our success in these games.

Even though this year three senior teams were entered in the competition we still had plenty of reserves. Perhaps though the most encouraging thing was the quality of the players. The third team made the grand finals and consisted of 5 players under the age of 18. This is a great omen for the future.

The 'A' grade had a good year beating every team at least once but were unlucky to lose the grand-final in double extra time. The 'B' grade side however had a very good year and took out the premiership with a good 2-0 win. Congratulations to all the 'B' grade players.

The junior team was started this year thanks to our contact with Marsden High School

Col Aikman's wife Marilyn, who is a teacher there. The juniors had a successful season losing only two games in the season. They lost on a count back in their final. It was an excellent season considering that only one of the players had played the game before. The keenness and the ability of their Captain Ross Huggett (who is the first winner of the R.D. Vanderfield Trophy), inspired the team throughout the year. The keenness of these lads shown by their regular attendance at training is something that the senior players could well learn from, particularly our 'A' grade players.

The annual Barton-Briars event was held in Sydney this year. It was the 25th Anniversary of the Cup which this year was won by Barton. The second grade game was won by Briars for the first time for many years. Next years match will be held in Canberra and it is envisaged that a junior match will be played.

One unusual feature of the season was the fact that the combined second division side played the 'A' grade with the Club team winning 3-1. This is an indication that some of the 'A' team could have been in the combined team but none bothered to make themselves available for selection.

Two players during the year received their umpires badges. This is the first time for a few years that we have had new umpires and it is hoped that next season more players will try for their badge. A series of umpire lectures were conducted in the Club rooms by the Umpires Association.

The winner of the best and fairest player this season was Andre Declase. Andre is only 16 years and is showing good potential. In a combined Briars side against a N.S.W. C.H.S. side showed that he could match any of them for skill and ability. We need more young players of Andre's ability and perhaps we can win the three grades.

All together this year has been a great year, but it should not be seen as a culmination point for hockey but as a foundation for new and greater things. This year has seen the realisation of age of our old objectives and now new objectives have to be formulated and realised. We are going to do more in 1974.

Congratulations to the following Clubs for their Cup wins:

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| 'A' Grade | — | Narrabeen |
| 'B' Grade North | — | North Sydney |

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'A' GRADE

| Played | Won | Lost | Goals for | Goals agst. | Points | Position |
|--------|-----|------|-----------|-------------|--------|----------|
| 20 | 16 | 4 | 69 | 20 | 32 | 2 nd |

Well the 'A's seem to be developing a complex, always the "bridesmaid". We always seem to be amongst the top four teams, but just do not seem to be able to make it to the top. Although I must admit that we had the team to do it this year and if we had not suffered from injuries in that vital grand final we may have made it.

Throughout the season the form was patchy, playing exceptionally well some games, then very poorly others. Towards the end of the season the team found its feet and ended on a good note despite the loss in the grand final.

With the introduction of some new blood, the forward line showed far better penetration than in previous years and we look forward to further improvement next season. The old brigade in the backs and halves may well find their positions in jeopardy next year. Some of the boys in the lower grades are playing very well. It seems certain that we can look forward to a very strong team again next season.

The WORST game of the season, a 2-1 loss to A.M.P., the less said about this the better.

The BEST game of the season, a 4-1 win over the minor premiers and ultimate winners Narrabeen in the semi-final. Showed we could do it.

The DISAPPOINTMENT of the season, the 3-2 loss to Narrabeen in the grand final. It took a tough 30 minutes of extra time to reach a decision.

Jock Scott

Full back and Captain for much of the season. Missed a number of matches with sickness and injury, but came back as good as ever. A hard worker and great at covering the frequent break-throughs.

Col Aikman Goal-keeper

Had a quiet season compared with his usual fiery form. He made few errors and probably still the best goalie in 2nd division.

Geoff (Pinger) Gorton Full back.

Has a habit of keeping one's heart in one's mouth with unbelievable speculations. But had his days with the eagle eye and so made the 'A's once again but as a full back this time. Has the stickwork to beat the player's but if only he would use it.

Warren (Stirrer) Partington Right half.

Keeps the selectors on their toes with large quantities of so called advice. On a few occasions he even makes sense. One of the old brigade and starting to feel the pinch towards the end of the game.

Bob Streeter Centre half.

One of the best players throughout the season. His strong vigorous midfield play gave plenty of headaches to the opposition. Some tightening up of his defensive play around the circle would not go astray.

Ian Trevenar Centre forward

Displayed his usual clever stick work right throughout the season. Played some exceptional games but often lacks the speed to take full advantage of his ability with the stick. Still manages to score plenty of goals, 14 for the season.

Eric Wade Inside right.

The old man of the team, was promoted back to the 'A' team after being the top scorer for the 'B' team in the first half of the season. Uses his experience to advantage around the circle but finds it hard to keep with the pace these days.

David Scoble Utility player.
 Played full back and then right wing. Always puts his heart into it where ever he plays.
 His speed is ideally suited to the right wing.

Keith Harvey Inside left.
 Has an amazing back stick goal shot and boosted the team goal scoring ability considerably. Proved to be a real acquisition and was given the job of vice-captain late in the season. Was our top goal scorer with the good total of 35.

Clive Thurlby Right wing.
 Another newcomer who started out at inside right but was later moved to his natural position of right wing. Must be the best right wing the Club has had for many seasons but missed most of the latter part of the season.

Mike Cotter Left wing.
 Definitely the best improved player of the season. After being promoted from the 'B's mid way through the season he settled in and improved with every match. He gives the side some refreshing penetration.

Mike Sterry
 Played mainly left wing before the promotion of Mike Cotter. He is a hard worker for the Club whether it be on or off the field.

Merv Baxter
 Played right wing and inside right before being relegated to the 'B's. Merv has loads of ability but tries to do too much with the ball and would do well to settle down and allow the ball and teamwork to do most of the work.

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'B' GRADE

| Played | Won | Lost | Drew | G.F. | GA | Points | Position |
|--------|-----|------|------|------|----|--------|----------|
| 18 | 15 | 3 | — | 76 | 14 | 30 | 1st |

After the last 2 seasons of semi-finalists we finally broke the drought and won the B Grade (West. Div) premiership, which we had not won since 1962.

This was possible this year by a great team effort and spirit which was at its highest.

We did however have many changes in the team with players going up and down to 1st Grade and we thank these players for their support. It was not until the last few rounds that we were able to settle down and have a stable team.

Another highlight of the season was the annual game with Barton which we won 8-0. The game was played in the usual high spirit and we hope to retain the Trophy next year in Canberra.

We would like to congratulate North Sydney whom we defeated 4-3 in the semi-final

for their great effort and also Ryde for their effort in the Grand Final which we won 2-0.

The 1973 'B' team was :-

- GOAL :** Graeme Trevenor (Capt.) Graeme as goalkeeper and captain instilled into the team inspiration and a will to win that brought to the B Grade side a premiership that was hard fought for and well deserved. His own play speaks for itself and from this all players in the side lifted their play culminating in a great and rewarding season.
- RIGHT BACK :** Craig Jennings — one of the finds of the season. Craig playing his first year ever at hockey picked up the game as a duck to water. With a few more seasons experience and practice with his hitting, Craig must be a future 'A' Grader.
- LEFT BACK :** Derrick Farr — Very sound defender who must learn to control hitting the ball and temper. This was Derrick's first season at back and he really strengthened the defence.
- RIGHT HALF :** Paul McKay — Had one of his best seasons and played consistently all season. After a good '73 season we must see Paul at his best in '74.
- CENTRE HALF :** Stan McGuffin — After a late start due to hospitalisation Stan came to the team and was elected Vice Captain and proved to be one of the best players in the team. Hope to have Stan with us for many seasons to come. A very sound attacker and defender.
- LEFT HALF :** Bob Irwin — A newcomer to the club and a great asset to the team. Bob put his heart into the game and was a key player all year.
- RIGHT WING :** Chris-Wyatt — After a poor start early in the season Chris eventually purchased a decent pair of boots and proved he could play hockey. Lets hope Chris starts and finishes in form next season.
- INSIDE RIGHT :** Clive Thurlby — Another newcomer to the Club, Clive came to the team late in the season and filled in a very necessary gap in our attack. Without doubt Clive was one of our best players in the finals. Hope he is with us for many seasons.
- CENTRE FORWARD :** Peter Bartlett — At last Peter found some direction and was rewarded with many goals, but the number Peter missed were too numerous to count. A very robust player Peter had his best season and was also the only player to have two forced rests for discussing the umpire's parentage.

INSIDE LEFT :

Merv Baxter — Had a very good season and would be the fastest player in the team. Very sound in defence and deadly in attack.

LEFT WING :

Mike Sterry — Found his position after much discussion and proved he is one of the best left wingers. Unlucky not to score on numerous times as Mike backed up his forwards very well.

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'C' GRADE

| Played | Won | Lost | Draw | G.F. | GA | Points | Position |
|--------|-----|------|------|------|----|--------|----------|
| 18 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 44 | 39 | 21 | 4th |

After running last at the end of the First Round it was a real team effort to finish Fourth in the Competition and ultimately work our way into the grand final with three hard games.

The preliminary semi-final was in extra time 1.0 against Sutherland — the semi-final against Gordon won 2.0 and the final won 1.0 against Macquarie University, but as premierships go experience told in the end. (Congratulations to North Sydney for their fine win in the grand final).

The improvement in the team was remarkable when you consider that Andre Declase, Nigel Sterry, Ross Huggett and Llewellyn Martin are still at school. The performance of these boys was probably the greatest factor to the team's success.

After a 8.0 defeat by Sutherland backed up the following week with a 9.1 defeat by North Sydney one started to wonder whether it was a good move entering an extra team in the competition. However, the next game against Cumberland, Ross Huggett was tried at centre half and Andre Declase was tried at full back. These two moves proved a great success. Andre showed that he is not only an exceptional hockey player but a true team man as he was reluctant to play full back (too much responsibility he cried) but he was persuaded to give it a go. Congratulations Andre for winning the Best and Fairest Competition. Ross Huggett after captaining the juniors on Saturday mornings often carried injuries but there was never any request to have a rest. He continually improved his mid-field play and gave good support in defence and attack.

Another move that proved successful was John Kemp as goalie. John, also reluctant to change positions but played some great games in goal and got the team out of trouble on more than one occasion. From the time John took over in goals our highest defeat was when the Second Grade Captain filled in when John was unavailable.

The annual Barton—Briars Game and the Carnival at The Entrance was further experience for the younger members of the team and they should all develop into good hockey players and assets to the Club.

With as many players available early in the season and injuries in other grades, I would

like to express my appreciation to those players who stood by and were readily available when required.

Congratulations to Graham (Fattie) Trevener and the 2nd Grade team for the premiership win.

Greg McIntyre Captain

"Bullocking" Greg played throughout the season. Showed his usual great determination at right half. This determination shown by the leader of the oldies, spread throughout the young'uns (under 20) to nearly bringing a second premiership to the Club.

John Kemp Goalie

John settled in to his new job as goalie and performed extremely well. Requested to try stopping the flood of goals John was reluctant at first but he did not concede a goal in the preliminary semi, semi-final or final.

Stewart McLean Full back

Defence was very good at times but had occasional lapses when trying a fly hit. Never stopped trying but must try and look for his forwards when taking a free hit. Stewart was unlucky to come into contact with the captain's stick in the grand final resulting in a trip to hospital. (For Stewart not the stick).

Andre Declase Full back

Andre is possibly the best prospect the Club has had for some years. He has tremendous potential and showed that he can play in almost any position. A successful season at full back and was rewarded with the Best and Fairest Award.

Nigel Sterry Left half

Improved exceptionally well during the season. Always covering his opposing winger and feeding the forwards intelligently.

Ross Huggett Centre half

Ross solved the centre half problem after the games against Sutherland and North Sydney. Never allowed his opposition to get on top and his goal in the semi-final clinched the game. Congratulations Ross for captaining the junior team to the final.

David Jamieson Right wing

Dave was a new comer to hockey and after a slow start to the season he became the regular right wing. Showed ability to beat his men and centre the ball. One thing he did learn was not to throw an opponent's stick over the side line.

Stewart McIntosh Inside right

Showed glimpses of his ability but tended to get flustered at times by trying too hard. Picked up several goals by not giving up and chasing the ball all the way.

Ian Sullivan Centre forward and Vice Captain

Slowing down as the years go by but still has the ability to score goals and feed his supports. Ian led the forwards and gave encouragement and criticism when required. My thanks for your support during the season Sulli.

Bob McMahon Inside left

Started late in the season but managed to play his way into the grand final. Bob has plenty of pace but condition was lacking when cover defence was required.

Peter Duggan Inside left

Perhaps a little unlucky to miss out in the grand final but got a run when Stewart McLean was injured. Peter will have to learn to pass the ball earlier as he got caught too often. Peter's goal in the preliminary semi-final was a great effort.

Llewellyn Martin Right wing

The smallest member of the team but proved his ability with his control of the ball and scored some good goals and has plenty of pace.

Ken Dobbins Full back

Ken played his usual solid game at full back and showed his true Club spirit by standing down when we had a show of making the semi-finals as he would have been unavailable for business reasons.

Kim Cridland Right wing

Kim was a newcomer to hockey and found the going a bit different from water polo. Always willing to listen to advice and available when required. Stick with it Kim.

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1973 BRIARS SQUASH REPORT

Sub Committee

C. Stevens (Chairman) K. Edwards (Treasurer)

J. Walsh, P. Porter, K. Bell, J. Mathews, L. Fozzard

Late 1972 results which missed publication in the 1972 Annual Report was the fine win by the Briars B4 Team in the grand final. Great work by R. Churcher, P. Porter, F. Robinson and R. Godden.

With 7 teams nominating for the 1973 Comp. the Briars looked forward to a successful competition. This proved to be the case with six out of the seven teams reaching the semi-finals. Quite a remarkable effort! Two great pennant winning efforts were registered by the B4 and the C3 teams. The remaining four semi-finalists suffered narrow defeats, the A4 and D2 teams losing 2-2.

The following resume outlines the competing teams 1973 Autumn Competition.

A4. C. Stevens, V. Gross, R. Pontifex (Capt.) J. Mortlock

Started the competition on a sad note but finished very strongly to narrowly lose to the eventual winners 2-2 in the semi-finals, after having virtually an unbeatable lead after the first two rubbers. A great comp. by Ray Pontifex winning 11 out of 12 games played. This team may have won a pennant but for the two top players missing two games each due to the New Zealand Tour, also Vic Gross withdrawing on the day of the semi's due to illness.

B1. D. Walker, B. Cardwell, J. McNicol, J. Walsh (Capt.)

Another late start and fine finish to reach the semi-finals by the team voted most likely

to succeed at grading time. A good effort by Jim Walsh to win 9 out of 14 games contested, with strong support by the Evergreen Fang Farrier Dave Walker, playing strongly at No. 1 after an absence of several months from competition.

B3. R. Churcher, K. Edwards (Capt.), P. Porter, F. Robinson, R. Godden
Looked like certainties all the way but went down fighting in the semi-finals. A top performance by Ken Edwards to win 18 out of 13 matches played, (going to five in the other three), tenacious support by Paul Porter winning 9 out of 11 and Ron Churcher at No. 1 position (9 out of 13) almost steering this team to another pennant.

B4. Ron McCarthy, Ken Bell (Capt.), Peter Olde, Brian McGuren
This side was hit hard by sickness and injury early in the first round with Greg Smith out through illness and Ted McAdam out with a back injury. Fortunately Ron McCarthy from the Bankstown Social Club rallied to the cause to fill in at No. 1. Playing well and looking winners all the way, taking out the Minor Premiership 3-1. They shocked by losing 3-1 in the finals. With true fighting spirit they overwhelmed the opposition in the grand final to take out the pennant 3-1. Congratulations to a fine team effort with Ken Bell the Efficient Pilot, Ron McCarthy straining marital relationships due to a rewarding cause, Mossie McGuren and Peter Olde for playing winning squash all the way.

C3. J. Matthews (Capt.), B. Cameron, V. Hudson, P. Wilson, P. Burt
Played fine squash from start to finish, won our second pennant for the season with a 2-2 victory in the final. Also held the advantage of winning the Minor Premiership. Fine comp. by Bruce Cameron winning 12 out of 13 and Viv Hudson 13 out of 15. Tenacious effort from Peter Burt to come back cold and fill in for Paul Wilson out from illness, with solid back up from John Mathews. Congratulations to a solid team with a fine winning combination.

C4. P. Stewart, L. Fozzard, I. Fripp, D. Vanderfield, R. Jurd
A good line up that didn't fire. Team spirit dropped after the Doug Vanderfield tragedy and they didn't recover. Peter Stewart played well at No. 1.

D2. D. Cooke, J. Hannan (Capt.), R. Bowyer, D. Jamieson, M. Mackenroth, P. Wade
A good try by the above team, winning half their matches and making the semis by a narrow margin. Will all be better players with a few more comps. Put up a great fight in the semis but lost 2-2. A fine effort.

In the Spring Competition now in progress, we have two teams in the semi-finals. These are the A4 and B2 Teams, A4 being Minor Premiers after a close tussle.

Our chances overall all were somewhat lessened with the association upgrading our No. 2 Team to A4 along with our regular A4 Team. This weakened club strength considerably.

The 1973 Combined Squash, Football Tour of New Zealand was a great success, this will have coverage elsewhere in this magazine.

The Best All Round Performance Shield was won by new member Neville Henderson. Runners-up were Kevin Baker and Ray Pontifex. Fine performance by these players. Congratulations Neville!

I would like to thank my sub-committee and all players for their support during 1973.

FOOTBALL

Chairman's Report

Committee: Ian Richards (Chairman)
Leigh England (Deputy Chairman)
Dick Crookes
Terry Dunleavy
Phil England
Geoff Hickey
Ian McGregor
Paul McKenzie-Wood
Tony McSweeney
Tony Peters
John Thorne
Peter Voorderhake

Coaches: Kentwell — Tony McSweeney
Burke — Dick Crookes
Whiddon — Barry Brown
Judd — Peter Burt

Selection Committee: Ian McGregor
Alan Burford

The 1973 Football Season was the most successful for us in a few years, and indicates that Rugby is on its way up in Briars.

Kentwell Cup drew 6 all with Colleagues in the semi-finals in extra time, at a muddy Boronia Park, only to lose on a countback.

Burke Cup lost the semi-finals to Bondi Life Savers, 15:3 on the same day — a day when aquatic ability was very necessary.

Whiddon and Judd Cup were not quite as successful.

On behalf of the committee and players, I would like to sincerely thank the coaches for a good job in a hard task. Tony McSweeney again showed unflagging enthusiasm throughout the season, which included official coach for the New Zealand tour.

Dick Crookes introduced himself to players as a coach with great determination, and was rewarded with his team making the semi-finals.

Barry Brown showed enthusiasm throughout the season, although Whiddon Cup's results were not encouraging.

Peter Burt —thank you for your capable organising of Judd Cup, an unenviable job. Results! Well perhaps next year.

Last year in this report I wrote: "Football Clubs have their ups and downs, and that things are improving." I am pleased to report that this trend is continuing in our Club.

Tours:

New Zealand

A wealth of Rugby knowledge and experience was gained from our trip to New Zealand early this year and I feel sure the Club has benefited greatly from this tour.

Melbourne — D. Vanderfield & S.McGregor Shield

Powerhouse Rugby Club was the host club for this annual rugby event, the result — Powerhouse defeated Briars 14:8, very disappointing for the Briars. However, the game was tough and hard and played in the true spirit of Rugby.

Thank you Powerhouse for your hospitality, and best of luck for your trip to Fiji.

Kangaroo Valley

Our first trip to the Valley proved to be rewarding with a convincing win against an invitation XV which included some players of past Rugby renown — Ken Catchpole, Dick Thornett.

Thanks for a good game, and we look forward to playing you again.

Tour Funds

We had a successful year on fund raising for tours although no definite tour in mind. The new incoming committee can start with a kitty of \$395.00, thanks to the efforts of people like Peter Voorderhake and others — thanks for an excellent job.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Clubs for winning the finals in this year's competitions:

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| Petersham | — | Kentwell Cup |
| Lindfield | — | Burke Cup |
| Kings Old Boys | — | Whiddon Cup |
| Petersham | — | Judd Cup |
| Lindfield | — | Club Championship |

Thanks

On behalf of the players, I would like to thank the following people:

- . Selection Committee for performing an unenviable task very well.
- . Our representatives on sub-district — John Windon and Dick Crookes.
- . Frank Farrell a great job, thank you very much, hope to see you next season.
- . Thanks to Peter Voorderhake, Paul McKenzie-Wood, Terry Dunleavy and Tony Peters — great job.
- . Ted, your support throughout the season has been an enormous help — Thank you.

Ian Richard
Chairman

KENTWELL CUP

| Played | Won | Lost | Pts. For | Pts. Agst. | Points | Position |
|--------|-----|------|----------|------------|--------|---------------------|
| 17 | 9 | 7 | 187 | 215 | 18 | EQ. 2nd (in Div) |

Season 1973 was most encouraging and relatively successful in that it culminated in a stirring draw, after extra time, against Colleagues in the semi-final. This match, played under atrocious weather conditions highlighted one of the best features of the team — consistently solid forward play and tight rucking allied with good passing and tackling. This match was played almost entirely in opposition territory and we were unfortunate in not going on to the final. Congratulations and thanks team — it was a great effort.

The foundation for the season was laid by a tour of New Zealand which yielded 2 wins and 3 losses, two of which were against combined sides. The team comprised basically the touring combination and started the year very fit and confident, however, in the middle stages a certain staleness and lethargy, perhaps a legacy of summer training, became evident and resulted in a couple of disastrous defeats. Overall team spirit and the will to win was apparent and although ability was not greatly superior to last years team the improved knowledge of positional play and of each others game was obvious.

It is pleasing to note certain players improved vastly not only in their individual game but more importantly in their attitude to team contribution, and I feel that as this was a direct result of our tour such tours should be encouraged — even at financial cost — to build spirit and pride in playing for Briars and enable the players to evaluate and assess their individual characters and ability.

I would like to record my personal appreciation and thanks to one of natures gentlemen — the late Douglas Vanderfield — our tour manager and a person I was privileged to know and appreciate.

To Ian McGregor thanks as team captain for his performance both on and off the field. His knowledge, experience and hard work contributed largely to a successful tour.

I shall not attempt to assess the players at length but they can be justly proud of their performances against teams of often greater individual ability.

A noteworthy feature of the season was the improved tackling both first up and in cover particularly in the backline.

PROPS — Bruce Evans. Improved all season, particularly in rucking ability and know-how and drove well from line outs. Ian McGregor, will to win is a vital asset and Stan combined this with excellent rucking and tackling and strong scrum work. Won a lot of ball from line outs and towards the end of season played his best football.

HOOKER — Bob Hodgson. Once again a strong season. He seems to get faster with age and carrying the ball through rucks is virtually unstoppable.

Ken Gray, John Bailey, Murray Melville also played with ability but injury forced them out after a few games.

Peter Cowman showed big improvement and tackled with great purpose.

Gordon Hutchison and Gordon Pegler filled in very well for injured players on a few occasions.

Congratulations to Petersham on a fine Premiership win.

During the season Phil Brooks, Phil England, John Thorne and Rod Smith were selected to trial for the New South Wales Sub-District Team which toured Queensland.

FULL-BACK — Rod Smith was again a strong last line of defence and gained tremendous ground with raking line kicking. His forays into the backline — not frequent enough — were responsible for many successful movements. Barry Williams substituted in this position and with experience and confidence will improve greatly.

WINGS — Kevin Moore ran strongly in his best position and his tackling, particularly in cover, saved the game on many occasions. Mick Marshall showed glimpses of his undoubted ability but injuries limited his appearances and sapped his confidence. Phil Brand commenced in fine style but after 2 injuries found it difficult to recapture last years fine form.

CENTRES — Keith Wearne stabilised the backline and effected some excellent breaks whilst his tackling jarred many an opposition move. David Guille showed a marked improvement in all phases of play, handling, speed off the mark and first-up tackling and one cannot forget his goal kicking particularly the tremendous semi-final effort.

FIVE-EIGHTH — Ken O'Brien. Great hands and good positional play he used the short kick to advantage. Tackling improved during the season.

HALF-BACK — Craig Hickey. Predictably and characteristically gave his best at all times and tackled as if his life depended on it. Took some heavy knocks but came back well at the end.

LOCK-FORWARD — Terry Dunleavy. Played well above his weight and tackled fearlessly — at personal cost. Running with the ball improved but should not lead with his head.

BREAKAWAYS — Phillip England. A consistently good season. We expect him always to tackle non-stop then carry the ball, back up inside and win possession. He does not disappoint. Bob Helyar missed quite a few games but when available made a great difference in ball winning and close tackling. In possession always poses a big threat to the opposition.

2ND ROW — Phil Brooks (Captain) played with dedication and determination. Strong running and improved rucking. Phil took over the captaincy and played some memorable games to lift the teams performance. John Thorne confirmed last years promise and next year should emerge as the best 2nd rower in the competition. His untimely injury prior to the semi-final was a sad loss. But Jim Barrett filled in and his experience and fire proved him — still — one of the best forwards on the field.

BURKE CUP

| Played | Won | Drew | Lost | For | Against | Points | Pos. |
|--------|-----|------|------|-----|---------|--------|------------------|
| 16 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 151 | 137 | 20 | 2nd (in Div.) |

It seems I now have to sit down and write the same report of Burke Cup's performance this year as all coaches have done over the previous years. Once again we had an excellent season — reached the semi-finals — and on the big day were outplayed by a better side of life-savers, more easily adaptable to the inclement conditions. I would like to congratulate Lindfield on their win in the competition. I am not going to include a summary on each player, as positions in the team were changed so frequently throughout the year. However, this was my first season as a coach with the club, and was one of my most enjoyable.

The year started off with two straight defeats, and I realised that the team lacked knowledge of the basic fundamentals of rugby. However, with the help of Rod Pegler and Mike Elder and many hours of frustrating talking (in which I never repeated myself), the team started to take shape and by the end of the first round a good combination was starting to emerge. The second round produced some good football and I felt that the last game of the season showed that fifteen training sessions had not been futile, and was the best game played.

Without criticising past, present or future coaches of the Club, I do feel that Briars rugby suffers from a lack of basic knowledge of the game, and I feel that in the future more emphasis should be placed on this aspect. Also, players should put a lot more of their own time into getting fit so that more time in training sessions can be devoted to tactics and new movements (a comment from a well-known fitness fanatic!)

I have a great respect for all my players, they did everything that was asked of them (whether they believed it or not) with the exception of one player who refused to ever have an early Friday night — though his game was never affected. They were very keen and I feel this co-operation and keenness was a major contributing factor to the success of this year's Burke Cup side.

Some players, I feel, must have special mention for their successful season. John Boyle who led the side admirably throughout the year, was relieved of this position for the last few games, not because of his ability to lead, but I felt his play would improve without the responsibility, which proved correct.

John McGrath I feel is the most improved player I have seen go through the Briars for many years. He was the best and fairest of Burke Cup, and I feel that if he continues with his present improvement he must be a great player for the Briars to come. Sandy Greaves, who only played early in the season, unfortunately broke his collar bone. He also has great potential and I hope he stays with us. So has Gordon Pegler, but he must learn to train.

My thanks go to all the players, and I am sorry if some names are not mentioned, but a team is made up of 15.

I am looking forward to another coaching position?

WHIDDON CUP

| Played | Won | Drew | Lost | For | Against | Points | Position |
|--------|-----|------|------|-----|---------|--------|-----------------|
| 16 | 4 | — | 12 | 81 | 166 | 8 | 5th (in Div) |

The Whiddon Cup side had a very mixed season but let us remember its fine finish, beating two of the semi-finalists in the last rounds.

Training attendance was very good throughout the first half of the season but faded to a complete blackout, or washout, towards the finish. This inverse relationship to results on the field speaks for itself.

The unfortunate finish to the training year leaves a bad taste with the keener younger players and this slackness must not be allowed to creep into the team at the start of next season. We had a very good training example set by the teams alone.

I was very impressed with the talent and enthusiasm of the players in general.

Col Dennis captained the team through most of the season. His ability to organise and direct play on the field was essential in the attempt to develop a team approach. He deserved better results. Definitely a mature footballer.

Peter Burt as custodian showed finesse with the boot and aggression with his shoulder. He is spending the off season strenghtening his shoulder, lifting more babies — selectors please note.

Mick Harley and Barry Walsh formed an outstanding ball winning combination. Both are still keen students of the game.

Geoff Houston began scoring tries towards the end of the season. If he builds on this finishing ability he is on the way up.

Peter Miller is a good breakaway, tenacious defence and a good ball winner. He needs to give more thought to ball distribution, but this will come in the right team. One of the most reliable team members.

Russel John and Bob Spedding shared the half position. Russel must learn to assist his forwards vocally in the hunt for the ball; his cover work was excellent. Bob's play around the scrum base allows attacks to be varied, very good experience for younger players. Stick with it Bob.

Leigh England showed his ability and moved on to higher things.

Mike Mackenroth lent stability if not mobility to the forwards then faded from the scene, maybe planning an early start next season.

Ian Steele and George Noris were paired in the second row towards the end of the season. Both played well and we can expect a lot from them in '74.

Glen Lackey made some memorable bursts down the centre.

Tony Peter has the ability to develop into a top player next season. He wins ball.

John Chapman played well as a second row or lock, but unfortunately had to drop out during the season. I hope we see him back next season.

Dave Walker played good football with Whiddon and other teams. Now married, he will have more time to concentrate on rugby.

Quite a number of other players appeared in Whiddon and my thanks to all for an enjoyable season.

For 1974 I suggest the overall club strength would be improved by nominating three or four experienced players in key positions to play in Whiddon and Judd for the first three competition matches to help these teams settle into a pattern of team play as quickly as possible. The overall results this year should give us sufficient confidence to play match winning rugby in '74.

JUDD CUP

| Won | Lost | Drew | Points for | Points against | Position in Zone |
|-----|------|------|------------|----------------|------------------|
| 4 | 11 | 1 | 27 | 133 | 4 |

This year a record number (56) of players turned out for the Judd Cup.

Our results were well, . . . er . . . unimpressive and at times during the season we felt we could have used all 56 at once.

My thanks to the following for their enthusiasm and support:

| | | |
|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Bruce Mason | Bob Spedding | Peter Millar |
| Ian Steele | Bob Montgomery | Val Sobol |
| John Mathews | David Lewis | John McNicol |
| Mark Williams | John Bailey | Tony McSweeney |
| Ken Gray | Greg McPhee | John Boyle |
| Mick Mackenroth | Ian Neilly | Phil Brand |
| Kevin Butler | John Betts | John Canaghan |
| David Dun | Bob Graff | Peter Grant |
| Mick Harley | Alan Jessup | Russell John |
| Eric Kreiger | Ralph Toyer | Andy Morris |
| Dick Vanderfield | Steve Milhulka | Peter Vooderhake |
| Robert White | Jim Morris | Hugh Lloyd Phillips |
| Dave Walker | Col Dennis | Rod Peglar |
| Tony Peter | Ian Richard | Bill Richard |
| Greg Ryan | Gary Sharpe | Jim Barrett |
| Peter Burt | Bill Barnes | Stuart Bell |
| Dick Crookes | Bruce Ferguson | Eric Gulbis |
| Garnett Green | Geoff Hickey | Peter Johnstone |
| Rod King | Glen Lackey | |

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

K. Gray (Chairman), P. Stewart, J. Boyle, P. MacKay, W. Richard, W. Partington.

Bar Trading was up \$1,602, over last year.

Lengthy industrial troubles in the breweries once again caused problems, but an ample supply of Carlton Draught kept most happy.

Alterations now being done to the downstairs toilets and showers will be much appreciated by the members and our thanks to Jim Alford for organising this.

Stewards:

A bit of a problem during the year but a roster system has been introduced and is working well. Our thanks to the Stewards for the keenness they are showing.

Deliveries:

Bill and Bruce Simes once again took care of all deliveries and our thanks to them.

To Peter Stewart and John Boyle our thanks for looking after stocking and bar equipment.

As you all know Warren Partington retired as House Chairman this year and I would personally like to thank him, as would all members, for the great job he has done over the past couple of years.

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SOCIAL REPORT

(L. England — Chairman)

Our social functions held this year have met with good support from members and guests. If this support is maintained this coming year it can only assure us of bigger and better functions.

Dinner

Our Guest Speaker for this years dinner was one of our members, Bill McLaughlin (President Australian R.U.) who provided us with an after dinner speech that will be remembered for its highlights on Chris Mitchell's cricket career in Briars.

Ball

A large contingent of Briars and Friends attended this function held at the Boulevard Hotel, Kings Cross, which provided an excellent venue for this function, but was expensive.

General

Many functions were held by the 4 sport committees and the President has expressed his views on these events in his foreword to the Annual Report.

Thanks for your support.

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FOCUS

The Club again has a Club Magazine. It is hoped that it will reach the same heights as its predecessor, Half-Time, but we hope that it leads a much longer life. However, this all depends as it was with its predecessor, if news and articles come from the members.

The magazine was started in February and the first edition appeared in March and since then has been printed bi-monthly.

The object of Focus is to provide the members with up-to-date information on all the sports and Club news generally and act as a forum for views of the members on all subjects pertaining to the Club. Some of the Club history is also presented through items like interviews with Club members and paragraphs taken from Annual Reports.

With new controversial issues emerging in the Club, e.g. women in the Club, it is hoped that future articles will be more readily forthcoming from Club members in the future.

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BRIARS SKI CLUB

Unfortunately, it was a most disappointing season from the point of view of weather. Thredbo had its worst season for fourteen years, and there was little snow until late August when things improved marginally. Bookings, however were reasonable considering this and the lodge managed to break even financially.

Mike Kennedy and crew once again undertook most of the maintenance work on the lodge and got it into pretty good shape for the winter months. A working bee will probably be held this Easter. Any interested members should contact Andy Clifford.

With the summer season just commencing, members are reminded that the area is being promoted as a summer resort. Activities such as golf, bowls, horse riding and bush walking are offered and the local streams provide an abundance of trout for the angler. Full bar facilities are of course available at the local hotel.

For those Briars unfamiliar with the lodge, it is situated in Bobuck Lane, Thredbo Village and is small but comfortable, and offers excellent accommodation at very reasonable rates. Members of Briars are welcome to use the club and preference is given over outside visitors. Ski Club members are reminded that their preferential bookings close at the end of May. Bookings can be made through Andy Clifford, on 76 5148.

Richard Vanderfield

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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 |

100 points

The trophy this year was won by Mike Sterry. As well as a cricketer of which he was a member of the 'B' premiership side, he is hockey chairman and also a player and is also on the Personnel Sub-Committee. This trophy was donated to the Club by the late Geoff Whiddon.

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GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

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

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

| | | |
|------------------------|---|-----------|
| Attendance at training | — | 20 points |
| Value to team | — | 20 points |
| Most improved player | — | 20 points |
| General Keenness | — | 15 points |
| Value as a Club member | — | 15 points |
| Neatness of uniform | — | 10 points |

100 points

The trophy has been won by Philip England. Phil is a member of the Kentwell Cup Team and on the administrative side of the Club is Hon. Assistant Treasurer.

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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 |

100 points

The winner this year was Mike Sterry who is Chairman of Hockey. A great double for Mike; cricket as well as hockey plus a good administrator make him an ideal choice as well as a good club member.

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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 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 100 points |
| | | <hr/> |

Ces Stevens is the winner for this year. Ces was Chairman of Squash and as he retires this year it is fitting that he won the award.

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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.

Philip England is the winner this year. Phil is Assistant Hon. Treasurer of the Club, a position that he fills with great credit. Whilst we have young members of the calibre of Phil we will always be held in high esteem.

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R. D. VANDERFIELD TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to a member of the junior hockey team who has contributed most to the team for the season. This is the first award of this trophy and it is fitting that it carries our late President's name, because Doug showed keen interest in the formation of the junior team.

Points are allocated as follows :—

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|-----------|
| Value to team as a member | — | 30 points |
| Attendance at training | — | 25 points |
| Most improved player | — | 20 points |
| General keenness | — | 15 points |
| Neatness of uniform | — | 10 points |

100 points

The initial winner of this trophy is Ross Huggett. Ross was Captain of the team and was also a member of one of the senior hockey teams. He is a schoolboy from Marsden Boys' High.

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CONGRATULATIONS

The following happy events occurred during the year; we offer our sincere congratulations to them all and our apologies for any omissions.

Engagements

Rod Smith, Ces Stevens and John Windon.

Married

Geoff Gorton, Bob Hellyar, Bill Hooker, David Jamieson, Gary Kimble, Glen Lackey, Paul Mackay, Murray Melville, Paul Wilson, Merv Baxter and Dave Layton.

Children

Peter Brand, Peter Burt, Dick Crookes, David Cooke, Mike Elder, John Fripp, Grant Hickey, Bob Hodgson, Gordon Hutcheson, John McNicol, Stan McGuffin, Jock Scott, Peter Mansford, Tony McSweeney, Keith Wearne and Peter Bartlett.

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ADMINISTRATION

Both the Board of Directors and the Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1st October to 30th September.

Attendances were as under :—

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|----|
| Directors: | R.D. Vanderfield (Appt. Dec.) | 5 |
| | (Deces. May) | |
| | D.A. Walker (Appt. Sept.) | 1 |
| | J.F. Alford | 9 |
| | J. Balmforth | 11 |
| | W.A. Elder | 10 |
| | H.C. Ford | 11 |
| | A.J. Land | 9 |
| | H.W. Lennartz | 9 |

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| P.D. Richardson | 11 |
| E.G. Stockdale | 10 |

J. Crockart appointed Dec. as Treasurer also attended 10 meetings.

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|-------------|-------------------------------|----|
| Management: | H.C. Ford (Ret'd Nov.) | 3 |
| | R.D. Vanderfield (Appt. Dec.) | 5 |
| | (Deces. May) | |
| | D.A. Walker (Appt. Sept.) | 1 |
| | J. Balmforth | 11 |
| | P. Burt | 8 |
| | R. England | 9 |
| | C. Hickey | 12 |
| | I. Richard | 9 |
| | W. Partington | 10 |
| | C. Stevens (Appt. Dec.) | 7 |
| | M. Sterry | 11 |
| | R. Smith | 8 |
| | E. Stockdale | 11 |
| | B. Trevenar | 2 |
| | J. Crockart (Appt. Jan.) | 6 |

R. Pontifex attended 3 and P. Richardson 2 meetings before retiring their positions on Committee.

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ADDENDUM

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

David A. Walker
President

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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.

David A. Walker - President
E.G. Stockdale - Exec. Officer

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

Accounts — 30th September, 1973

Report of the Directors

Your Directors present their report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th September, 1973. The Directors of the Company in office at the date of this report being :

D.A. Walker (Chairman)
J.F. Alford
J. Balmforth
W.A. Elder
H.C. Ford

A. J. Land
H.W. Lennartz
P.D. Richardson
E.G. Stockdale

| Results | 1973 \$ | 1972 \$ |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Excess of income over expenditure for the year amounted to | 6,822 | 4,381 |
| To this is added accumulation account | <u>26,341</u> | <u>21,960</u> |
| Leaving accumulation account to be carried forward of | <u>\$33,163</u> | <u>\$26,341</u> |

Activities

The principal activities of the Company during the year consisted of promoting and playing amateur sport.

There were no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the year.

Reserves and Provisions

During the year an amount of \$200 was transferred from the profit and loss account to the provision for deferred maintenance.

In addition an amount of \$1,420 was transferred from debenture redemption reserve to general reserve.

General

In accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act, 1961, the directors state that :—

- Before the accounts were made out they took reasonable steps to ascertain what action had been taken in relation to the writing off of bad debts and the making of provisions for doubtful debts, and have caused all known bad debts to be

written off and adequate provision to be made for doubtful debts, and at the date of this report they are not aware of any circumstances which would render the amount written off for bad debts or the amount of the provision for doubtful debts inadequate to any substantial extent.

- b) Before the accounts were made out they took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any other current assets were unlikely to realise in the ordinary course of business their value as shown in the accounts, and at the date of this report they are not aware of any circumstances which would render the values attributed to current assets in the accounts misleading.
- c) There does not exist at the date of this report either any charge on the assets of the company or any contingent liability which has arisen since 30th September, 1973.
- d) No contingent or other liability has become enforceable, or is likely to become enforceable in the ensuing year which, in their opinion, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Company to meet its obligations when they fall due.
- e) At the date of this report they are not aware of any circumstances which would render any amount stated in the accounts misleading.
- f) The results of the Company's operations during the year were not, in their opinion, substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature.
- g) No item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature has arisen between 30th September, 1973, and the date of this report which is likely, in their opinion, to affect substantially the results of the Company's operations for the year ending 30th September, 1974.
- h) No director of the Company has received or become entitled to receive a benefit by reason of a contract made by the Company or a related corporation with the director or with a firm of which he is a member, or with a Company in which he has a substantial financial interest.

Directors

Messrs. J.F. Alford and E.G. Stockdale are the directors retiring by rotation and, being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors

The auditor Mr. C.G. Jones, chartered accountant, continues in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 166 of the Companies Act.

Signed at Sydney this 12th day of November, 1973 in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

E.G. Stockdale — Director

P.D. Richardson — Director

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Balance Sheet As At September 30, 1973

| 1972 | | \$ | \$ | 1972 | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
|--------|--|--------------|---------------|--------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| \$ | | | | \$ | | | | |
| | Reserves & Accumulation Account | | | | Fixed Assets | | | |
| 11,612 | General Reserve | 13,032 | | | Land & Buildings — At Cost | 28,772 | | |
| 1,420 | Debenture Redemption Reserve | — | 13,032 | | <u>Less: Accumulated</u> | | | |
| | | | | 28,020 | Depreciation | <u>1,128</u> | 27,644 | |
| | Accumulation Account | | | | Club Room Furniture, | | | |
| | Balance October 1, 1972 | 26,341 | | | Fittings & Bar Equip. | | | |
| | Add: Net Profit for year | | | | At Deemed Valuation | | | |
| 26,341 | ended September 30, 1973 | <u>6,822</u> | <u>33,163</u> | | Sept. 30, 1962 | 1,175 | | |
| 39,373 | | | 46,195 | 214 | <u>Less: Accumulated</u> | | | |
| | | | | | Depreciation | <u>995</u> | 180 | |
| | R.J. Thomson Memorial Trust Fund | | | | Additions at Cost | 10,834 | | |
| | (To be held by the Club and used | | | 4,858 | <u>Less: Accumulated</u> | | | |
| | for such purposes as agreed to by | | | | Depreciation | <u>6,760</u> | <u>4,074</u> | 31,898 |
| | the family of the late Ronald John | | | | | | | |
| 712 | Thomson) | | 752 | | Investments | | | |
| | | | | | Debentures in Companies | | | |
| 713 | J. Sheehan Sporting Scholarship | | 737 | | Listed on Prescribed | | | |
| | | | | | Stock Exchange — At | | | |
| | Long Term Liability | | | | Cost | | | |
| | Commonwealth Savings Bank of | | | 2,945 | (Market Value \$2,981) | | 2,945 | |
| | Australia repayable later than | | | | Money on Interest-bearing | | | |
| 3,014 | twelve months (secured) | | 1,014 | 2,818 | Deposit | | 7,718 | |

Current Liabilities and Provisions

| | | | |
|-------|---|-------|-------|
| 1,500 | Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia Loan (secured) | 1,500 | |
| 2,643 | Trade Creditors and Accruelements | 2,546 | |
| 1,522 | Subscriptions paid in Advance | 1,412 | |
| 2,200 | Provision for Deferred M'tenance | 2,400 | |
| 1,420 | 5% Unsecured Debentures of \$10 each due July 1, 1970 | — | 7,858 |

\$53,097\$56,556

Shares in Rugby Union Co-op
Trading Society Limited —
At Cost

10 10 10,673

Debenture Redemption Fund Investment

1,400 Shares in Permanent Building Socy.
of Australia Ltd. At Cost (unquoted) —

R.J.Thomson Memorial Fund

712 Commonwealth Savings Bank of Aust. —
Current Account (as per contra) 752

J. Sheehan Sporting Scholarship

713 Commonwealth Trading Bank of Aust. —
Current Account (as per contra) 737

Current Assets

| | | | |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|
| 2,238 | Stock on Hand (At lower of cost and net realisable value) | 2,427 | |
| 1,311 | Debtors | 1,970 | |
| 6,750 | Cash at Bank | 6,767 | |
| 85 | Cash on Hand | 85 | |
| 1,023 | Prepayments | <u>1,247</u> | 12,496 |

\$53,097\$56,556

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Bar Trading Account for the Year Ended September 30, 1973

| 1972 | | | | 1972 | | | |
|--------------|---|------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| \$ | | \$ | \$ | \$ | | \$ | \$ |
| 609 | Liquor Licence | 597 | | | Beer and Spirits Sales | 18,208 | |
| 205 | Bar Expenses and Maintenance of Equipment | 300 | | 6,939 | <u>Less: Cost of Sales</u> | <u>10,963</u> | 7,245 |
| 436 | Depreciation - Bar Equipment | <u>349</u> | 1,246 | | Cigarettes, Chocolates, etc. Sales | 2,380 | |
| | Profit on Trading Transferred to Income & Expenditure Acct. | | <u>6,391</u> | 439 | <u>Less: Cost of Sales</u> | <u>1,988</u> | 392 |
| <u>6,128</u> | | | | | | | |
| \$7,378 | | | \$7,637 | <u>\$7,378</u> | | | <u>\$7,637</u> |

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended September 30, 1973

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|--|--------------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| 999 | Expenses of Sporting Activities | | | 6,128 | Profit on Bar Trading | | 6,391 |
| 341 | Cricket | 1,323 | | | Income from Sporting Activities | | |
| 768 | Hockey | 703 | | 791 | Cricket | 889 | |
| 1,020 | Football | 987 | | 197 | Hockey | 464 | |
| | Squash | <u>1,031</u> | 4,044 | 446 | Football | 610 | |
| | | | | 1,020 | Squash | <u>1,031</u> | 2,994 |
| - | Football and Cricket N.Z. Tour Subsidies | 600 | | | Profit on Social Activities | | 27 |
| 54 | Club Room Amusements | 16 | | 3,023 | Member Subscriptions | | 3,112 |
| 259 | Loss on Social Activities | - | | 830 | Interest Received | | 645 |
| | | | | 3,324 | Property Income Rents Received | | 5,345 |

| Administration & Club Room Expenses | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| 735 | Lighting and Heating | 860 | |
| | Repairs, Maintenance & Club | | |
| 934 | Room Expenses | 1,068 | |
| 1,100 | Stationery, Stamps & Telephone | 1,214 | |
| 316 | Annual Reports | 383 | |
| 214 | Insurance | 205 | |
| 403 | General Expenses | 355 | |
| 97 | Donations and Presentations | 67 | |
| 207 | Depreciation — Furniture & Fittings | 199 | |
| 532 | — Air Conditioning | <u>426</u> | 4,777 |
| Property Expenses | | | |
| 664 | Insurance | 659 | |
| 626 | Rates | 659 | |
| 954 | Repairs and Maintenance | 118 | |
| 376 | Depreciation — Buildings | <u>376</u> | 1,812 |
| 579 | Interest Paid | 243 | |
| 200 | Provision for Deferred Maintenance | 200 | |
| | Excess of Income Over Expenditure for | | |
| | Year Ended September 30, 1973 | | |
| 4,381 | Transferred to Accumulation Acct. | 6,822 | |
| <hr/> | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| \$15,759 | | \$18,514 | \$15,759 |
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\$18,514

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

Statement by Directors

In the opinion of the Directors of The Briars Sporting Club Limited the accompanying accounts are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of :—

- a) the profit of the Company for the year ended September 30, 1973;
- b) the state of affairs of the Company as at September 30, 1973.

Dated at Sydney this 12th day of November, 1973.

On behalf of the Board and in
accordance with the resolution.

E. G. Stockdale — Director

P.D. Richardson — Director

Statement by Principal Accounting Officer

I, John F. Crockett, state that to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying accounts for the year ended September 30, 1973 give a true and fair view of the matters required by Section 162 of the Companies Act, 1961, to be dealt with in the accounts of the Company.

Dated at Sydney this 12th day of November, 1973.

J. F. Crockett

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

Auditor's Report to the Members of The Briars Sporting Club Limited

In my opinion :

- a) the attached balance sheet and profit and loss 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 :
 - (i) the state of affairs of the Company at September 30, 1973 and of the results of the Company for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) the other matters required by Section 162 of that Act to be dealt with in the accounts:
- b) the accounting records and other records, and the registers required by that Act to be kept by the Company have been properly kept in accordance with the provision of that Act.

C. G. JONES
Chartered Accountant

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

November 13, 1973

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