

56th ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET
1973 — 1974

The Briars
Sporting Club Limited
Burwood



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J. Alford.

**Fifty-Sixth
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and Balance Sheet
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30A George Street, Burwood,
on Friday, 13th December, 1974.**

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED.

Gentlemen,

The 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, 1974.

Fifty-six years carries the club into a menopausal age, a time of reflection on our reasons for existence.

Briars remains a vital and active force in the local community, as a majority of our members reside, or have resided, in the Municipalities of Burwood, Concord and Strathfield. Amateur team sport is promoted in these areas and the club is maintained by voluntary and honorary service in a mutually co-operative system.

Proof, that sport can still be played for its own enjoyment, that teamwork and self help for the benefit of all is a realisable objective, and that our great and unique Club remains viable today in an environment of materialism and professionalism in sport, is to be found in our 56th Annual Report.

The results from Hockey have surpassed all previous records by winning the Club Championship of Second Division, the A and B Grade Premierships, Joint Premiership in the Junior Grade, whilst the C and D Grades were both semi finalists.

Mike Sterry worked very conscientiously with his Hockey Sub-Committee, and their enthusiasm imbued the teams with a tremendously confident attitude. The Committee and players all deserve the accolades they have received.

Following detailed and complex submissions from Jim Walsh, the Squash chairman, and subsequent approval by Board and Management, the sport of Squash was granted financial assistance, based on the mean average loss over the previous five year period of the other sports, subject to squash maintaining a playing level of eight teams.

This level was maintained in both Autumn and Spring Competitions, and an encouraging standard of play was produced. In Autumn six of the teams were semi-finalists with D1 winning a Pennant, whilst in Spring, four teams were semi-finalists and 3 were Grand Finalists winners.

Now that Squash is fully equated with the other major sports, it is expected that squash players will give more support to the Club at other sporting and social functions.

Jim Walsh would in turn like to see players of other sports at least occasionally watching over Squash teams in action.

In Cricket, much to Jack Balmforth's disappointment, success in the A Grade and the Club Championship again eluded us, and the B's narrowly lost a Semi-final. The C Grade had pride of place as Joint Minor Premiers and were perhaps unfortunate in that circumstances went against them in a final, marred and restricted by weather.

Despite the oft expressed pessimism, and destructive criticism of X Captains from the Clubs oldest and most neglected leg spinner, C & S had a better season, happily with more talent and greater numerical strength.

The first ever overseas Cricket tour by the Club to New Zealand, was of immense enjoyment to the tourists and families. All were to be complimented on the way in which they represented our Club. The tourists also learned of the value of spin bowlers in the hardest way possible.

Keith Wearne and his Football Sub-Committee had the hardest and most unrewarding task in controlling Football, as we endured a disappointing season after such an encouraging pre-season start and the reported good attendances at training. Indeed our low position in the Club Championship at one stage placed us in fear of relegation in Sub-district Football.

To find the reasons for such a mediocre effort has occupied an enormous amount of discussion time amongst members, at Football and Sub-Committee meetings, and continually at Management Committee level.

All this discussion has led to detailed planning for the next year under the chairmanship of Tony McSweeney, a season which will be our most crucial in Football's long, and of recent years troubled, history.

Keith Wearne had the most difficult role this year of any of the Sporting Chairmen and despite morale dropping displays, he managed with a smile, to keep football efficiently run without rancour and maintained a good social spirit amongst the players.

At this point I would remind members that too many players look to a Chairman, a Coach or a Captain, to be a Messiah who, with a wave of an arm, can bring the miracle of instant success.

No matter how much inspiration the leader can supply, success still depends on the discipline and effort of the individual member in his own approach to sport.

A disciplined approach requires gaining fitness in one's own time, getting rid of superfluous poundage, studying the theory of his sport by reading and watching, and not excessively over indulging on pre match and training nights. Further the player must have knowledge of his own limitations, and the discipline to play within that restriction, minimising errors unless the match situation determines otherwise.

The player must realise his full potential in each match, knowing he has played his best for himself and thereby, for the team.

In the words of the well known League Coach "You can't act like a mug all week and not act like a mug at your weekend sport"!

Concord Council required a detailed submission from the Club regarding its plans for Canada Bay, where we hope that a second ground for Cricket and Hockey will be available. However, it appears that no finalisation of Council's intentions will occur until well into 1975.

The plea for a spirit of ecumenism in Club Sport, will all regarding themselves as a member of the Club rather than of an individual sport, has made headway at a rate akin to the Eastern Suburbs Railway. It could not be expected that we would reach our Edgecliff in only one year, but greater support must be given to this concept, if we are not to split into sporting factions.

In furtherance of this motivation, it is disappointing to note a lack of general social functions held at the Club and the disappointing attendance at the Annual Ball. Despite good publicity, the hiring of the well known Ray Price Band, the booking of a previously successful venue at Randwick Racecourse, and endless effort from Noel Young's Social Sub-Committee, all this resulted in the attendance of a meagre crowd, and considerable financial loss.

Those who did attend had an excellent evening, but because of the current feeling that Balls are "not in", or because of the credit squeeze, it is doubtful if the Annual Ball, at least in its current form, will survive.

By contrast, the Annual Dinner at Concord Golf Club, was a rousing success with our best attendance ever. An excellent meal was prelude to an entertaining speech from the A.B.C.'s Norman May, whose popularity was such as to demand a long encore after a "comfort break".

A Club Picnic was reintroduced after a lapse of many years and the setting at Fiddens Wharf area of the Lane Cove River Park was an ideal bush setting. Dave Jamieson and Dave Guille excelled themselves in arranging the carnival atmosphere, and these family get togethers are a must for future years.

Four Golf days were also managed by "Tamo", two at our old haunt of Leura Golf Club, whilst the others were at Leonay and Blackheath. The attendances were encouraging despite the usual last minute failures to arrive. The rewards for the talented Golfers were handsome, in contrast to the previously awarded baubles from "Burt's Bargain Basement".

"Focus", established last year, has consolidated its position in Club Life with a good balance of interesting and controversial articles. The editors, Mike Mackenroth, Mike Sterry and Peter Burt are to be commended for the maintenance of a high standard. However, they depend on support from members in supplying sporting copy before the deadlines, and for signed letters with constructive view points.

The Personnel Sub-Committee, with firstly Rod Smith and then Phil England, has interviewed new members, making them conversant with what they can expect from the Club, and in turn, what is expected from them. Monthly, a review of the progress of each new member after six months membership is carried out, with their suitability as a member, and their sporting performances, being judged.

This Sub-Committee has ideas for the recruiting of new members and the results of these initiatives, in association with those of the Sporting Chairmen, should reach fruition next year.

The booklet "Your Club" was revised this year and we well as being given to each new member, was distributed to all members.

Have you read the copy you received?

Please do! You could learn much!

Our membership now stands at

	1973-74	1972-73
Full Members	290	278
Junior Members	8	7
City Associate Members	67	59
Country Associate Members	<u>52</u>	<u>51</u>
	417	395

As may be seen in the Balance Sheet, the Building Loan was finally discharged and it is evident that the Club is on a sound financial basis, with trading showing a satisfactory return.

With high cost increases in the running of the Club, and of sporting equipment, we are fortunate that Ken Gray's House Committee has given such good efficient service to help balance the budget. A myriad of duties are involved such as hoisting and carrying kegs, line cleaning, adjusting bar prices, as well as stocktaking which, latter is in the wrinkled hands of Aud Land and Stan Jones.

Though some measures, such as the increase of beer prices and the equalisation of profit on the prices of canned beer sold in the Club for consumption over the bar with draught beer, may be unpopular, all members should be aware of the background of work associated with bar trading.

Much maintenance is also needed to the Club premises and to those of the tenant's premises below. Jim Alford capably attends to our dealings with the sundry plumbers, electricians and the others involved, and in solving complaints. John Crockart has proved one of our most able treasurers, being most efficient, meticulous and well researched in any presentations to Board and Management.

With John Kemp and Craig McIntosh as his able deputies we could perhaps offer our Treasury to Canberra.

The General secretarial duties and the running of the office were always under the observant eye of Ted Stockdale as Chief Executive Officer. One constantly becomes aware of even more things that Ted does around the Club which had hitherto not been known. The recent burglary involving the loss of cash, cheques and the safe was only slightly disruptive purely because of Ted's efficiency in organising affairs back to normal. Ted always has concern for the well-being and image of our Club and with Board and Management, is disturbed by many happenings during the year.

Too many members give little thought to their sporting commitments, either in their application when playing, by their inavailability for selfish reasons, or by not notifying of an intended absence. The accusation of letting the team, and Club down may be resented, but it remains a valid charge in too many instances.

Some are careless and abusive in their treatment of the clubrooms. Billiard cues are

split, the table tennis table seems to be used as a scrummaging post, empty glasses and cans are left wherever the member happens to be drinking, cigarettes are ashed on the billiard table or floor and late supper scraps may be left on the lounge carpet or in the kitchen.

Some of these abuses, small in themselves perhaps, in sum total are a continual aggravation for those like Ted and Ken Gray, who have to continually clean up the mess.

Obviously, I can charge that a small minority of members are slobs.

But you're not guilty, are you?

Or are you!

When considered with such serious matters as cash shortages in the Bar register, stock deficiencies, and the leaving of the club door unlocked all night, amongst other offences, Management Committee took the view that the Club was trading too late, and those staying at these times were not able to be effectively in control of a Licensed Club, it was decided that the Club should close at midnight, other than after specific functions and Squash competition nights.

Members were advised of this decision, of the reasons for it, and of other essential licensing law requirements, as well as our minimum standards of dress.

In future, a system whereby from a roster of approved members, and from Management Committeemen, one from this group will be in control of the Club each trading night and will determine closure of the Club at midnight or earlier at his discretion. Strong disciplinary action will be taken by Management against any member disobeying directions from the controller.

It is regretted that two members were suspended for misconduct in the past year, one for six months and the other permanently. Two other members were severely reprimanded for indiscreet behaviour.

Though there have been the inevitable misuse in the year, a big plus has been the concerted effort of Board and Management, who in a voluntary capacity, have all toiled to provide the sporting facilities, and the bar services which members for the most part, take as their right.

As President, I am aware of the enthusiasm, interest, and thought given to decisions, by Board and Management, and with their co-operation and the support given me have made me proud to be their verbose and valuable spokesman.

The Club expresses gratitude to the Burwood, Concord and Strathfield Councils and their groundstaff, for their assistance during the year. Also thanks are extended to the following bodies with which the Club has been associated during the past year:— Sydney Rugby Union, 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. Finally, best wishes for success and greetings to the many Clubs against whom we compete in amateur sport.

David Walker
President

CRICKET

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

Sub-Committee: J. Balmforth (Chairman), I. Blair, N. Young, J. Jarrett, M. Sterry.

The statistics for the 1973-74 season were as follows:—

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| (a) | Club Championship | — 5th | — a drop of 1 place |
| (b) | 'A' Shire | — 9th | — same as past year |
| (c) | 'B' Shire | — 3rd | — drop of 3 places |
| (d) | 'C' Shire | — 2nd | — an improvement of 1 place |
| (e) | C. & S. | — Played 20 | — won 7, same as previous year. |

While the 'A' Shire's final position in the competition table did not improve from the previous year I think we can safely draw the conclusion that the team performance was a significant improvement. In at least 3 games we were in an unbeatable position and victory was denied only as result of the weather. The team spirit definitely improved and we can look forward to a more satisfactory performance in the 1974/75 season, the garnish which needs to be added to ensure this, is threefold,

- (a) a better line and less loose deliveries from the bowlers, particularly the opening attack
- (b) more solidity in the batting, i.e. less glamour and more dedication
- (c) fitness of all participants, which in turn leads to sharpness in the field and an improved percentage of catches taken.

These 3 factors of course apply in all grades, but during the season under review the 'B' and 'C' Shire results were adversely affected more by batting and fielding than by bowling. The 'B' Shire XI were faced with a terrific task to maintain the previous high standards and the fact that they fell short was mainly attributable to lack of solidity in batsmen. The 'C' Shire side carried all before them in the first half of the season and were finally pipped on the post because of some very poor fielding and inept batting. In concluding, the comments regarding Shire Cricket, congratulations are due to David Walker, Max Astri (twice), Ian Blair, Ted Watt and Rod Smith who all scored the illusive ton, 6 centuries in the one season. Finally, the Cricket Committee in reviewing the season and to assist in achieving the improvements we all desire has arranged for 4 younger players to have the benefit of personal coaching by Barry Knight, i.e. Messrs.

Scoble, Sterry, Smith and McIntosh and pre season fitness in addition to net practice is to be implemented.

The C & S side repeated the previous seasons effort with 7 wins from 20 games, not good enough and "new" younger blood is the requirement here before improved performance can be expected.

Unfortunately due to problems with grounds our annual Double Wicket Competition had to be cancelled.

Two land marks in the Clubs Cricket history formed a very important part of the 1973/74 season. Chris Mitchell and Alan Rose became Senior Citizens and theirs is a proud record as both played regular cricket with the C. & S. side up to the completion of the 1972/73 season. To mark this achievement a special game was organized with Chris and Alan leading their own sides in a game at Rothwell Park, with their usual foresight and cricket knowledge a draw was no surprise result, both sides scored 9 for 164.

The other land mark was the first overseas Cricket tour which took place from Dec. 31/73 to Jan. 11/74 to New Zealand. Four Matches were played with the following results:-

Burnside West University	9 for 260, beat Briars	7 for 256
Kaikorai Cricket Club	213, beat Briars	104
Alexandra Cricket Club	135, beat Briars	134
Canterbury Cricket Ass. Sup. Club	71, lost to Briars	5 for 98

Individual highlights on the tour were

BATTING	INNINGS	NOT OUT	AGGREGATE	AVERAGE
M. Astri	4	—	187	46.8
K. Holley	3	1	74	27.0
D. A. Walker	4	1	67	22.3
I. Blair	4	—	64	16.0

BOWLING	OVERS	MAIDENS	WICKETS	RUNS	AVERAGE
M. Sterry	14	2	5	44	8.8
C. Blair	11	0	4	44	11.0
K. Holley	36.5	2	11	132	12.0
M. Astri	15	2	4	72	18.0
D. Scoble	41	2	8	145	18.1

There were also some brilliant catches taken and some of the ground fielding was superb, in the game lost by 1 run, our own umpires signalled 2 short runs when we were batting. Off the field of play the tour was a huge success and a perfect example of the spirit in the Briars Club, even more meritorious was the harmony throughout the tour and when one realizes that both sexes were involved and age groups from 9 to 65 plus it was a wonderful example of peoples ability to mix together in harmony.

The two land marks could not have been achieved without a great deal of thought,

planning and hard work and a very sincere vote of thanks is recorded here to the wives and sweethearts of so many of the Club's cricketers, without their physical help, patience and understanding neither of these events could have achieved the excellence which they undoubtedly did. Last, but by no means least, thank you to Peter Scott who did so much of the spade work for the tour on a personal level in New Zealand and of course joined us on the field of play (mostly playing for the opposition when he performed very well). Peter and Sylvia made our last night in Christchurch a memorable one when the whole touring party were invited to their home and benefited from Sylvia's wonderful cooking and organisation.

Members of the Cricket Sub-Committee and the Selection Committee worked tirelessly and well throughout the season, Jeff Jarrett deserves particular praise for the way he organized and controlled practice sessions but I'm sure that he would have liked a better attendance from everyone at the mid week practices. Bob Clark came back specially from the United Kingdom to be with us on the New Zealand tour and then did stalwart work for Cricket on his return to Sydney. Audley Land has once again (for how many years he has been doing this is hard to count) compiled all our cricket records, Frank Farrell was a regular at Rothwell looking after the afternoon tea and our two "oldest" in age but not in spirit supporters were regular attenders, despite the fact that on some occasions they had to use public transport. To all these friends who made my position as Chairman such a pleasure and a satisfaction a most sincere thank you.

Our congratulations to the following Clubs:—

Club Championship	—	Epping
'A' Shire	—	Epping
'B' Shire	—	Wentworthville-Blacktown
'C' Shire	—	Lane Cove II



'A' SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1973/74

The season started off in a most frustrating manner whereby rain interrupted no less than three games where the 'A' Shires had a more than even chance of getting points, these games being early in the season and thus the team took a little time to settle down especially the bowlers.

The most memorable game was late in the season against Pennant Hills where a great team effort was needed to win outright on the second last ball of the day.

The biggest downfall in the side was our fielding as too many catches were dropped, some quite easy, captain included, which caused sides such as Wentworthville and Lane Cove to get the upper hand and defeat us.

I feel while on the subject, emphasis should be made at practice that fielding is just as important as batting and bowling and that everyone can participate and that the old saying 'catches win matches' is oh so true!

Our batting was quite solid and at times the opposition were sent in around 5 p.m. on

the first day after we had compiled close to 300 runs, i.e. Ryde and Roseville games, but there were times where a little more application would have repeated the performance.

The bowling took a long time to settle down and the attack seemed too often to depend on one bowler but as mentioned earlier, if the catches had been taken the bowlers would have produced better results.

Summarising the season it was a happy one and although we did not finish near the top we played as a team which made it more enjoyable for a new captain.

Special thanks must go to Frank Farrell for his preparation of the afternoon tea and to our scorers Robyn and Lea.

Many thanks to Jeff Jarrett for organising cricket practice every Wednesday afternoon during the season. This service by Jeff should have been used more often not only by the 'A' team but the rest of the Club.

IAN BLAIR – Captain. As mentioned earlier his fielding fell well below average and only had one innings of note, but did learn that captaincy is not only between the hours of one o'clock and six o'clock each Saturday afternoon!

KEVIN HOLLEY – Vice Captain. Also a new role for Kevin and advice given to the captain was well received and sound. Bowled well during the season heading the averages and can bat well as was seen in New Zealand. Set a good example to the team.

MAX ASTRI – Max scored two centuries during the season and both were gems. He can play most shots and should be left to himself over the next few years as I am sure he will develop into a first class batsman. Bowled well at times but I feel that he is not an opening bowler. His fielding was a delight to watch.

PETER RICHARDSON – His innings with Max at Roseville to help set a Club record was his best of the season. Set himself up a few times but seemed to lose concentration and throw his wicket away to reckless shots. Outside the keeper took the most number of catches and his general keenness in the field was appreciated.

DAVID WALKER – As the record shows David was "head and shoulders" above everyone in the batting department, his innings at Ryde where he went in when the score was 2 – 9 and was still unconquered at 6 – 277 was a great effort scoring his last 88 in 60 minutes. His wicket keeping was of a high standard giving David a very successful season.

JIM NEALE – Once Jim was elevated to number three in the batting order he had a very successful season with the bat. The biggest disappointment was his bowling as over the years in the 'B's' he had proved that he was an 'A' Shire bowler. His best bowling effort was at Pennant Hills and it was a pity he could not produce this effort more often. Finished the season with the safest pair of hands in the team.

DAVID BAILEY – David showed only glimpses of his true form early in the season. Seems to want to play every shot in the book before he is 10. When in form is a delight to watch. Needs to improve his fielding.

GRAEME CORDEROY — Graeme had one of those seasons he would long to forget and could not get going except at Wentworthville when he was unfortunately run out by a person who will remain nameless. Fielding in the gully took some fine catches.

TREVOR PARKER — Trevor batting at number eight was always in a tight position either did not get a decent bat as we had enough runs or we did not have enough runs and Trevor ran out of partners. His innings with David Walker at Ryde was great, scoring 51 undefeated in 60 minutes. All told the pair put on 140 in 60 minutes. Fielded well in any position and his catch at Macquarie was a beauty.

DAVID SCOBLE— David on a wicket that suits is extremely quick but does not perform on wickets that are damp, unfortunately. As noted by the statistics was the leading wicket taker. It was also noted during the season if David did not fire it seemed to have the same effect on the other bowlers. His bowling effort at Ryde was really a good one taking 7 — 13 off twelve overs. His batting is improving all the time.

COL JONES — Col did not have a happy season as far as bowling went because as mentioned earlier, rain interrupted games before the ball was more than a few overs old. When he did get the chance bowled quite well. Did not have much luck with the bat.

'A' SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/r.	Won 1st	Lost O/r.	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position in Competition
13	1	3	1	3	5	28	9th

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average
2843	122	23.3	2269	115	19.7

Batting (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
Walker D.A.	14	2	150x	536	44.7
Astri M.	15	1	110	415	29.6
Neale J.	13	—	77	358	27.5
Blair I.	15	3	101x	320	26.7
Bailey D.	12	—	82	229	19.8
Richardson P.	14	—	79	276	19.7
Parker T.	8	2	51x	118	19.6
Corderoy G.	11	—	38	133	12.1
Scoble D.	8	2	27	70	11.7
Holley K.	9	3	27x	43	7.2
Jones C.	8	4	5x	10	2.5

Also batted:— R. Streeter 5 innings for 77 runs; G. Gorton 3 for 37;
E. Watt 2 (1 n.o.) for 23; W. Partington 1 for 13;
P. Bouchier 1 for 18; R. Smith 1 for 7.

Bowling

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Holley K.	90	11	351	24	14.6
Scoble D.	148	32	507	32	15.8
Neale J.	99	19	388	22	17.7
Jones C.	78	5	317	15	21.1
Astri M.	76	10	325	11	29.5

Also bowled:— I. Blair 0 Wickets for 10 runs; E. Watt 2 for 30;
P. Bouchier 4 for 127; G. Corderoy 0 for 12.

'B' SHIRE CRICKET REPORT – 1973/74 SEASON

I think all members of the "B's" will agree that 73/74 season was as good as expected. Due to poor middle order batting (E. Watt excepted) we didn't capitalise on the good partnerships by our opening batsman. Unfortunately the talent for these positions was not available.

The bowling was good headed by Noel Young who invariably picked up at least 2 wickets in his opening overs.

The fielding excellent on most occasions, but vital catches were spilled when most needed.

Thanks again to our Patron Bob Clark (for his caustic, constructive comments and windy messages) also Frank Farrell for helping with the tea and bikkies at Rothwell.

E. WATT — Headed the batting average with 35.0. Ted was most consistent and on occasions pulled the team "out of the fire" with his determination and application to the position. Still bowls the unplayable ball — just ask him.

P. MANSFORD — Consistent form and sometimes dour concentration gave the team most valuable starts. With an aggregate of 405 runs Peter went from strength to strength with each innings he played. Fielding an asset to any team.

R. STREETER — Although Bob didn't bat as well as previous seasons he still showed that concentration is his asset. Being shuffled up and down does one's enthusiasm harm — but it happens to the best of us. Fielding good.

J. JARRETT — Jeff came to the 'B's' midway through the season and proved his keeping ability, this should consolidate his spot in the 'B' XI. Unfortunately his batting did not click until the very last match when he massacred the bowling with a fine 69 against Ryde-Balmain. Has the technique and temperament to do this much more often.

R. SMITH — Inconsistent batting from Rod, although showed glimpses of form with a century. I think too much has been expected from this talented player and consequently his form has suffered. Brilliant field — with plenty of practice could be a first rate bowler.

C. BLAIR — Mixed season with bat and ball, has a lot more potential than given credit for — good fieldsman.

M. STERRY — Michael didn't have a good season with the ball. Possibly the reason was limited chances with the new ball, but always tried hard. Fielding good, batting steady.

W. HOOKER — Bill has the technique and style but doesn't seem to be able to score runs, perhaps next season we will see him in true form. Fielding good.

P. BOUCHIER — Bowled well but his line on most occasions was off. Tries to bowl too fast first up without gaining length and direction for a few overs.

N. YOUNG — One of Noel's better seasons with ball. Length and direction excellent. Always puts his best into every ball. Good fieldsman took some cracker catches in slips. Should sharpen his batting technique a little.

R. TURNER — Bob's first season with the "BRIARS" bowled well most times. His variation of flight and spin often had batsman in trouble. Batting and fielding — well....

B. CARDWELL — This player had a most enjoyable season. Should use a golf club instead of a bat. Obtains better results.

'B' SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/r.	Won 1st	Lost O/r.	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position in Competition
13	1	7	1	2	2	52	3rd
Runs for	Wickets for	Average		Runs against	Wickets against	Average	
2593	134	19.4		2679	168	15.9	

Batting (x) not out

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
Watt E.	13	2	101x	385	35.0
Mansford P.	17	2	65	405	27.0
Streeter R.	11	1	59	257	25.7
Jarrett J.	8	—	69	182	22.8
Smith R.	13	—	101	278	21.4
Roberts B.	6	—	58	112	18.7
Cardwell B.	16	1	37	230	15.3
Blair C.	7	1	44x	91	15.2
Sterry M.	12	7	13x	58	11.6
Hooker W.	7	—	30	65	9.3

Batting (x) not out Contd.

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
Bouchier P.	8	—	13	62	7.8
Young N.	11	3	24x	60	7.5
Turner R.	8	3	10	11	2.2

Also batted: G. Ireland 1 innings for 18 runs; G. Corderoy 2 for 106; K. Holley 1 for 20; J. Beardsley 3 for 28; T. Boyce 2 for 4; T. Parker 2 (1 n.o.) for 6; D. Hooker 4 for 23; J. Kemp 1 for 0; G. Nelson 3 (1 n.o.) for 14.

Bowling

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Young N.	162	32	482	40	12.1
Watt E.	144	23	390	31	12.6
Sterry M.	129	18	430	27	15.9
Turner R.	142	27	425	26	16.3
Bouchier P.	89	13	278	17	16.4
Smith R.	77	12	287	12	23.9

Also bowled: C. Blair 1 wicket for 61 runs; K. Holley 5 for 74; G. Ireland 0 for 2; G. Corderoy 0 for 5; B. Cardwell 0 for 30; G. Nelson 0 for 6; J. Beardsley 0 for 31; J. Kemp 0 for 50.

'C' SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1973/74 SEASON

The season just completed proved to be the most successful since the beginning of the C Shires competition with the team finishing in 2nd place after losing the final to Lane Cove II who we congratulate for a fine performance.

The first day of the final was washed out and so the match was confined to a one day affair. Losing the toss was unfortunate and the opposition took full advantage with some very fine swing bowling that was much superior to the normal C Shire standard. Our score of 92 appeared a hopeless task but even after we dropped six catches our opponents lost 6 wickets in obtaining victory so we only have ourselves to blame for our defeat.

The teams success during the season was due to a very fine bowling attack with all the main bowlers finishing with an average of less than 13.

It would be a shame if some of these bowlers were not given an extended opportunity in a higher grade.

The batting was once again very poor except on a few occasions but the team always gave of its best like the match with Epping II. At one stage the score was 7 – 47, but

the final score reached 204. This innings saw a new record 10 wicket partnership of 63 made by Mike Cotter and Derick Sterry a really fine performance.

Once again the team was left without a specialist wicket keeper and this did not help the team do itself justice. This is a situation that must be remedied as it is not fair to the players in the team if keepers are not being fully utilised.

My sincere thanks to those players who filled the gap and performed most creditably. It has given me much pleasure to have been the captain of a very fine bunch of fellows and I wish the team every success in the future as a strong C team must lead to stronger and better cricket in the club.

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make this past season such an enjoyable one.

'C' SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/r.	Won 1st	Lost O/r.	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position in Competition
13	6	3	1+	3x	1	82	2nd

Note: + Led on 1st innings
x behind on 1st innings, but won outright

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average
2406	149	16.2	2254	206	10.9

Batting (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
Beardsley J.	9	1	65	215	26.9
Jarrett J.	8	1	54	188	26.8
Mobbs T.	16	—	72	342	21.4
Jamieson D.	14	3	62x	226	20.5
Hooker D.	13	1	39	151	12.6
McGrath J.	11	—	25	107	9.7
Nelson G.	9	—	36	86	9.6
Sterry D.	9	1	31	57	7.1
Worrall J.	10	1	17x	63	7.0
Kemp J.	11	3	24x	50	6.3
Crockart J.	11	4	10	37	5.3

Also batted: M. Cotter 3 innings (1 n.o.) for 61 runs;
C. McIntosh 5 (2 n.o.) for 79; W. Hooker 6 for 124;
T. Boyce 6 (2 n.o.) for 73; D. Page 7 for 115;

Also batted: M. Mackenroth 7 (2 n.o.) for 78; C. Dennis 7 for 108;
 C. Blair 3 (1 n.o.) for 25; K. Gray 5 (1 n.o.) for 35;
 J. Balmforth 1 for 6; J. Tyler 1 for 3; G. Gorton 1 for 0.

Bowling

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Kemp J.	178	41	398	43	9.3
Worrall J.	98	19	292	31	9.4
Crockart J.	123	23	341	35	9.7
Mobbs T.	141	30	410	35	11.7
Sterry D.	95	19	246	20	12.3

Also bowled: D. Page 1 wicket for 3 runs; M. Cotter 6 for 34;
 C. Dennis 5 for 42; M. Mackenroth 6 for 57; C. Blair 5 for 74;
 C. McIntosh 4 for 110; G. Gorton 0 for 11;
 J. Beardsley 0 for 22; D. Hooker 0 for 39.

CITY & SUBURBAN REPORT 73-74

The usual varied fixture was organized, 26 games, of which 4 were played at Death Valley, so we were once again indebted to the many clubs which provided ground accommodation. The season began with a new skipper who was, initially, all at sea, but developed a knowledge and application as the season progressed. Prior to January the side did not have much success due to non availability of some key players but there was a reasonable improvement in performance in the second half of the season. This state of affairs has now become an annual reoccurrence and we would hope that some C & S players would take their cricket much more seriously and make themselves regularly available from the commencement of the season.

These short comments on the 'Senior' side would not be complete without recording the "retirement" of our 2 stalwarts Chris Mitchell and Alan Rose (they may get in the odd game in the coming season), their keenness, humour and good fellowship, will be greatly missed by all connected with C & S cricket in this club, and I venture to suggest by many of our opponents.

CRAIG HICKEY – Captain. City & Suburban Captains are generally held in scant respect by their team mates but it would seem that Hickey is held in scantier respect than most. This is mainly due to his desire to hog everything, opening bat, permanent wicket keeper and when he feels like it he discards the pads and becomes opening bowler. Can one wonder eyebrows are raised at such a display of selfishness by one who should be setting an example.

RAY YOUNG – (Ex Captain). As a present day cricketer shows promise as a golfer. Preceded Hickey as Captain and now finds it hard to make friends. Spends a fair bit of time sulking because he wasn't re-elected this year and consequently didn't bowl unchanged through several innings as was his wont when leader. Good drinker and top class con man but getting a bit old for active sport.

JACK BALMFORTH – (The Godfather). One got the impression that he rather felt everything with the City and Suburban was beneath him but when he did play became a nuisance with his constant demand to be given a bowl a facet of the game of which he has little knowledge and less ability. However, his administrative qualities are not in question nor is his power in the cricketing sphere and for these reasons he gets fairly constant selection.

GARY KIMBLE – It has taken him some time to graduate from a decent friendly player to a true city and suburban campaigner and that is a cranky bellyaching and always dissatisfied cricketer and even now has not quite attained that description as he occasionally does some nice things which blots his record. Travels from Penrith every week to play and is the reigning king of dropped catches. Strangely never seems to enjoy the company of his team mates which indicates some mental weakness somewhere.

CRAIG McINTOSH – This player has some potential but resisted all efforts to mould him to apprentice city and suburban player finally succumbed to Mobb's mob and played in the ill fated C. Shire team. We might give him another go next year if his ability hasn't been ruined by the C. Shire type of cricket.

BARRY WILLIAMS – A fresh healthy young fellow who came to the side with clean and honourable intentions and to play the game for enjoyment. He was soon disabused of these notions and thrown in with the man eating gorillas many years his senior. No doubt he will learn as he goes and his callouses will harden but has yet to learn the art of sucking up to the Captain.

IAN BAILEY – An excellent bowler but twice as good when he gets a couple of quick wickets. Tends to become tired when he gets the stick. Quite a capable batsman and good catcher. However, to counteract all this praise he is a man who likes to give plenty of advice to the Captain on the field and help to break the Captain's spirit (if there ever was any) with constant ear bashing.

MIKE COTTER – He was performing particularly well and for some unaccountable reason was dropped to the C. Shire midway through the season, apparently for some disciplinary reason. Does not look like we will see him again as he is returning to Canada to spread the word of his cricket playing days in the premier side.

GRAHAM IRELAND – Although Mike Cotter exceeded him in the batting averages Graham played a lot more innings so really has been one of the main stays of the alleged batting strength. Appeared to be one of the few people who enjoyed Hickey's captaincy. The reason for this is not far to see. He got given quite a few overs which cannot be said for most other batsman. Might give him an extra yard or two support in the spring next year.

PETER BURT – Has yet another child of Saturday afternoon cricket age. Where will we get all the baby sitters required. Silent Pete finished third in the batting averages and featured well in the bowling. He has been agitating for years to get promoted in the batting and in his quiet way and with these figures behind him will be unbearable next season.

TED STOCKDALE – The hot weather affected Ted a bit this season to the extent that he has now entirely eliminated two's and three's in his score. However, despite this he

had the greatest aggregate of runs in the team which shows that the old magic is still operating. Missed a catch during the year and it is playing on his mind.

GEOFF GORTON — Started late in the season but in 8 innings knocked up 201 runs. This brilliant erratic cricketer was offered more money late in the season to play higher grades and naturally money came first so he left us. Confidently expecting him to return next year where he will be a big frog in a little pond. Professor Mitchell endeavoured to coach him in spin bowling but was treated with contempt.

TIM BOYCE — A late 'acquisition' to the team and bids fair to become another all rounder. Failed with the bat, failed in the field but moderate success as a wicket keeper prevented him becoming the real all rounder. A brilliant sprinter who won this year's race as a maiden performer at a long price even though he appeared to be cut out of training and was carrying a few pounds overweight. Will find it hard to win again.

CITY AND SUBURBAN STATISTICS

Matches	Won	Lost	Drawn	Tied
20	7	12	1	—

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average
2279	164	13.89	2257	158	14.28

Batting (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
Cotter M.	9	2	39	154	22.0
Ireland G.	14	—	58	266	19.0
Burt P.	10	1	53	163	18.1
Stockdale E.	17	—	43	285	16.8
Hickey G.	16	2	76	215	15.4
Bailey I.	12	1	38	160	14.6
Balmforth J.	11	2	33	107	11.9
Williams Barry	9	4	12	49	9.8
Young R.	9	4	11x	39	7.8
McIntosh C.	10	—	13	73	7.3
Kimble G.	11	2	17	61	6.8

Also batted:— G. Gorton 8 (1 n.o.) for 201; M. Melville 1 for 27; M. Astri 2 for 52; T. Parker 1 for 25; D. Sterry 2 (2 n.o.) for 20; K. Holley 1 for 22; M. Mackenroth 3 for 43; J. Worrall 4 (1 n.o.) for 37; R. Lyon 4 for 48; D. Guille 1 for 11; C. Dennis 3 for 28; D. Jamieson 1 for 9; K. Gray 2 (1 n.o.) for 4; B. Roberts 2 for 7; J. Jarrett 1 for 3; I. Blair 1 for 3; A. Clifford 7 (1 n.o.) for 15; G. Nelson 3 for 6; S. Geddes 3 for 4; T. Boyce 4 (1 n.o.) for 8; M. Sterry 1 (1 n.o.) for 1; D. Bailey 1 for 1; J. McNicol 1 for 0; D. Cotterill 1 for 0; B.U. Williams 1 for 0; C. Mitchell 1 for 0; G. Hickey 1 for 0.

Bowling

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Bailey I.	92	8	354	30	11.8
Burt P.	88	2	349	28	12.5
Young R.	44	1	253	19	13.3
Clifford A.	40	3	195	6	32.5

Also bowled: C. Hickey 10 wickets for 77 runs; D. Sterry 11 for 101; B.U. Williams 4 for 30; G. Ireland 7 for 108; J. Worrall 6 for 167; D. Guille 3 for 54; Barry Williams 2 for 37; R. Lyon 2 for 69; C. Dennis 1 for 27; M. Cotter 3 for 72; K. Holley 1 for 38; C. McIntosh 3 for 30; M. Astri 3 for 49; M. Sterry 3 for 27; J. Balmforth 2 for 29; G. Gorton 2 for 22; I. Blair 0 for 13.

FOOTBALL

1974 is not a year the Club will be remembered for by its outstanding football results.

As I see it, there were a number of reasons for the disappointing results, and our greatest problem is to attract good young rugby players. There is no way we will fare well in the Kentwell Cup with a team of over 30-year-olds.

As other Clubs have shown us this year, one night a week training is not, of itself, sufficient, and all players who want to play in the higher grades are in future going to have to supplement Wednesday night training with two or three other training runs by themselves during the week.

The season was not all bad news, and socially we had a very successful season; I have to thank David Guille for organising this side of our activities.

I would like to thank all the members of the Football Committee, and coaches, all of whom worked hard; they were Philip England, the Assistant Chairman, Phil Brand, Treasurer, Geoff Hickey, Tours, David Guille, Social, and Peter Cowman, Gear. The coaches were Dick Crooks, Kentwell, Mike Elder, Burke, Peter Brand, Whiddon, and Philip England who took over from David Walker during the season for Judd.

Two tours were undertaken this year, with one to Melbourne, and the other to Kangaroo Valley. The Melbourne game against Powerhouse resulted in a loss for Briars, but revenge followed when we beat them on their trip to Sydney at the end of the season. Briars beat the Kangaroo Valley Invitation XV this year, and thanks go to Ian Richard for his whip-cracking display.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate St. Ives for their Club Championship win in their first year in Kentwell, and Petersham (Kentwell), Lindfield (Burke), Kings (Whiddon) and Bondi (Judd), for winning their respective competitions.

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KENTWELL CUP

GAMES PLAYED: 16

WON: 3

LOST: 13

Though the 1974 season got off to a good start with early training and an abundance of young talent, unfortunately, as can be seen by the results we didn't come up to expectations. One of the main problems was that, basically, it was a defensive side lacking any flair for attack or variation in play. This cannot detract from the fact that all players tried their hardest and were prepared to do all that was asked of them. Age was another problem with the side — the average age being about 32. Thus the team didn't have a combination of hard and proven experience with youthful talent, which I feel is the ideal side to work with.

I feel there are some players in the side which deserve a mention — JIM BARRETT, who was our skipper for the first half of the season but unfortunately went back to Burke Cup. He did a fine job throughout his time with the side and it will be a great pity to see him retire this year.

BOB HELLYAR, who won the Best & Fairest for his consistent good play throughout the year, I feel he may be getting a bit slow for his position next year but is still a tremendously valuable player to any side — where I don't know. Perhaps he could talk to the writer about a front row position!

PHIL BROOKS captained the side for the balance of the year and did an excellent job. He showed good leadership through the game and never gave up, even when we were in a situation where it seemed impossible to win. His driving of the players at training was another great asset.

ROD "could be" SMITH, without a doubt would be one of Briars best all-round backs. As I say — could be — if he decided that training and conditioning and attitude towards the game produce the best football, and took note of the coach's advice and criticism in the right manner. But I would hope that next year he will apply himself and he could be an outstanding player.

In general, I feel that the Club's attitude towards football is far from professional. Professional may not seem the right word to use, but it is what is needed in all aspects of training, coaching techniques throughout the grades, application by the players to the game and a definite will to win. I feel that drinking at the Club after training should definitely be stopped. I know that sounds like the pot calling the kettle black — but there are plenty of other nights for boozing and as we have only ONE training night per week surely the Club could be out of bounds at that time. The Club seems to impose plenty of severe penalties on its members for things which are a lot less important than getting Briars football back to the standard it held many years ago. Perhaps it could help out in this regard. I would also like to see more effort and interest put into football at this present stage by Management Committee. I know it is not their policy to intervene but, unfortunately, I think the time has come for them to play a greater role in reorganising, controlling and sorting out some of the major problems involved with football, as football is — whether you like it or not — one of the major sports in the Club, and THE major revenue earner. I make these comments in the interest of the Club, not to criticise anyone personally, but in the hope that some of the players of the '60's and the current players pull together in 1975 to endeavour to set a scheme to rebuild the club over the next couple of years.

On a final note — I would like to thank Brian Williams for helping me to coach the side and I hope that Brian can continue offering assistance to the Club in the following years. He has tremendous ability to encourage and bring out the best in both coaches and players.

BURKE CUP

GAMES PLAYED: 16

WON: 3

LOST: 13

Due to the fact that we had just on 50 players in the Burke Cup team this year, it is not possible to do individual pen pictures as in past years.

This being the case I would like to express my thanks to all those who contributed to our team effort over the season. In particular I must pay tribute to our Captain Craig Hickey whose general application should be an inspiration to younger players. Also along this line, special mention must be made of John Boyle who, like Craig, not only played most games for the season, but also gave his all. Among the forwards we must not forget Peter Cowman and Jim Barrett who also gave wholehearted efforts.

Of the younger players I feel that most potential was shown by Dave Bullock, Chris Murray and Geoff Houston and as these three finished the year in Kentwell Cup this speaks for itself.

On a more general note, but still very important, I would like all those involved in football to reflect on two factors, application and basic ability. Far too many footballers in the club are sadly lacking in most of the basic talents, such as tackling, passing, kicking and evasion etc. and I feel that next season much more work need be done at the nursery level to improve this situation. Also a lot of players showed a distinct lack of application to the afore-mentioned talents as well as a very poor standard of mental application. These players must remember that Rugby is a team game and it needs 15 players all working and thinking as one to achieve the combined result. This not only applies on the field but at training as well, and several training incidents this season only highlighted this point.

In closing I would ask again that all players and administrators reflect on all our short comings in an endeavour to make 1975 a better season in which we will not only enjoy playing but also again enjoy the taste of winning, and winning well.

WHIDDON CUP

PLAYED: 16

WON: 4

DREW: 2

LOST: 10

The season was one of marked contrasts in overall team performance — excellent games followed by unbelievable shockers.

Due to a lack of dedication to training by players we were unable to field the same team at consecutive matches, which undoubtedly had a large bearing on our efforts.

It only takes one player to miss training and a Wednesday night for the session to be wasted — the faults of the previous game go unchecked and any plans or moves that one

may have contemplated trying are shelved. It requires team training to win premierships and create that elusive 'esprit-de-corps'.

The game of rugby is one of great skill which will only be learnt by the right application, dedication and enthusiasm by every player.

My thanks go to all those players who played Whiddon Cup this season.

To Ralph Sadler and Bruce Robinson who captained the team throughout the season my thanks for your support.

Finally I would like to thank the other coaches for their assistance during the season and in particular Brian Williams for his guidance.

Till next season punt high and follow through.

Those who played were:—

J. Abbey, S. Bell, A. Cooper, D. Crawford, L. Crawford, C. Dennis, B. Elliott, P. England, B. Evans, L. England, B. Ferguson, D. Fulham, P. Grant, J. Guest, K. Gray, E. Gulbis, J. Hay, J. Harvey, J. Harrison, G. Houston, D. Lewis, D. Layton, D. McLean, I. McGregor, P. McKenzie-Wood, C. Murray, G. McPhee, J. Powell, T. Peter, D. Patten, B. Robinson(VC), M. Rich, B. Richards, R. Sadler (C), R. Spedding, W. Sadler, I. Steele, G. Sharp, P. Searle, R. Toyer, R. Vanderfield, D. Watkins, B. Wilson, J. Worrell, J. Windon, D. Walker, P. Yip, P. Young.

JUDD CUP

PLAYED: 16

WON: 4

DREW: 2

LOST: 10

This season proved to be a disappointing one again for our Judd Cup team, despite some excellent performances against St. Ives, and Petersham. There were times when our Judd team had chances of making the semi finals, but just when they looked to be coming good, a few key players were injured or unavailable and a make-shift team was fielded.

It is appreciated that many players are unavailable to train and therefore commit themselves to playing Judd Cup. It is unfortunate however, that more players do not follow the lead of Dick Vanderfield, Peter Voordehaake, Garnet Green, Greg McPhee and Ian McGregor, by turning up on time, being prepared to play in any grade at any time and if unavailable, letting someone know.

It is impossible to name all the people who played Judd during the year, including those in higher grades who assisted us when short, but to them all I am sincerely grateful for the interest, keenness & sportsmanship displayed during the season. If only it were possible that all these players, we see during the year, were available to train and play every week, then many of our problems would be solved.

Finally, I would like to thank David Walker for the tremendous job he did as Captain Coach of Judd Cup, prior to his untimely injury. Also special commendation must go to Ian "Beast" Richard who took over as Captain and did a sterling job, despite his many kicks for goal.

HOCKEY

Sub-Committee M. Sterry, (Chairman), D. Scoble (D/C), I. Sullivan, J. Kemp,
D. Jamieson, G. Trevenar, G. McIntyre.

Last year outstanding performances were built upon this year and reached even higher places. Winning the inaugural Second Division Club Championship in itself was a great achievement; but winning by the margin we did, of 65 points was even more pleasing.

Hockey for the first time in 13 years won the A grade competition. For the second year in a row we won the B grade. But this is the first time in the Club's quarter of a century of hockey that we have ever won both premierships in the same year.

This year also saw the first ever Club Junior Premiership win. A grand performance considering it is only the Junior teams second year in the competition and first year in the B grade after being elevated from C grade last year.

Another achievement this year was the inauguration of a fourth senior hockey team — the most the club has ever had. The fact that this team together with the C grade team made the semi-finals was perhaps the finishing touches to a golden year.

Once again hockey received good support from members of the Club on the sidelines in the semi-finals, finals and grand finals. The encouragement and support of these people was much appreciated by the players.

The A grade had a very good allround season beating every side at least once and in fact were undefeated until the unlucky 13th round. They did not lose again until the semi-final which as they finished second meant they went into the final. For the final, 3 positional changes were made. This move proved successful leading to a final and grand final win. The grand final win against Sydney Naval was a very exciting one ending a great season of hockey.

The B grade team were Minor premiers and Premiers for the second year in a row and only lost one game all year.

The C and D grade teams went very well with both teams being made up from several new players. The D grade particularly had many inexperienced players and their success on reaching the semi-finals owes a lot to the capabilities of their captain-coach-organizer, John Kemp.

The Junior team improved upon last year's successes and won their first premiership (jointly) by drawing 3—3 in the Grand Final after double extra time against Northmead. This was a tremendous performance considering that the team were playing in a higher division this year. Much of the credit for this performance must go to Ross Huggett who captained and organized the side superbly. The Grand Final was a thrilling game to watch. The team performed extremely well considering they were playing against players with 3 to 5 years experience behind them; while our lads had only 1 or 2. The fact that the team trained and each player had a good understanding of his team mates play and practical team moves showed up in their play.

Ross Huggett for the second year in a row is the winner of the R.D. Vanderfield

Trophy. Ross is a worthy winner of this Trophy and his presence in Junior Hockey will be sorely missed next year. But the Junior loss is the Senior gain and great things are expected from Ross in the future.

The annual Barton-Briar event was held in Canberra during the Queen's Birthday weekend and 50 people, including the President David Walker attended. Once again Briars were successful socially but were beaten on the hockey field with both the A, B, and C Grades losing. Thanks must go to Canberra for a very enjoyable weekend, one of our many highlights this year.

Two player/umpires attended the first ever coaching classes held by the New South Wales Hockey Association this year. It is hoped that next year they will be able to upgrade their coaching qualifications with advanced coaching classes being organized by the N.S.W.H.A. Perhaps this is the start for much needed trained coaches in the Briars now that Bruce Trevenar is no longer available.

The three Grand Finals were all recorded on 8m.m. colour film. Fifteen minutes of each game was taken and thanks must go to the camera crew of Ray Huggett and Ken Sterry. The films came out extremely well and Ray Huggett's experience was invaluable in producing and editing the three films. The addition of a sound track has turned the films into a thoroughly professional job.

This year umpires lectures were arranged for the Briars and despite the fact that three Australian badged umpires and two International badge umpires gave the lectures, there was very poor attendance from the more experienced hockey players. The fact that only one A grade player attended can be compared with the attendance of 12 out of 12 of the junior team. The A grade attendance is even more disheartening when it is considered that 6 major changes in the interpretations of the rules occurred last year. Any top player who does not have a good understanding of the rules cannot fully appreciate the subtleties involved in the game and therefore cannot fully utilize the rules to his advantage.

The winner of the best and fairest this year was Stan McGuffin. Stan played A grade for the biggest part of the year and his skill and tremendous determination was of great value to the A grade side.

A lot has been done this year, but a lot more has to be done in hockey before hockey is safe from a return to the position of a few years ago. An effort will be made next year to start a 2nd junior team and to build up the quality in the standard of our C and D grade teams. More coaching and better coaching techniques have to be employed so that the younger players gained in the last 2 years are not wasted. Players attitudes to training and coaching have to be changed if Briars is to realise its potential and move on to bigger and better things.

Hockey players must also remember that they are not only hockey players but Briars too, and they must learn part of the general social life of the Briars more than they have been in the past.

If hockey can get a new and better ground, if more junior teams are established; if better coaching is established; if the younger players reach the potential expected of them; if 2nd division remain strong and organized; if morale and Briar spirit can be increased then '79 may be the year when Briar hockey comes of age.

Our congratulations to A.M.P. on winning the "C" Division, Baulkham Hills in the "D" Division and to Northmead as joint Premiers in the Juniors.

A GRADE

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
21	15	5	1	68	30	35	1st

1974 was the year it finally all happened for A grade. Its been a long time coming, as Bruce Trevenar for one would readily testify. We have always been good enough, but until this year we had never done enough when it really counted — **in the finals**. This year we showed the ability to come from behind and overcome all odds-in marked contrast to previous years.

1974 was a great year judged purely on our winning both minor and major premierships. However, it cannot be judged a vintage year — we were never demonstrably the outstanding side in the competition; we simply won the games that mattered, and that's what its all about.

There were an unusually high number of draws played — 5 in all. There were no 1974 victories as devastating as last years 7-0 whipping of potential finalists Macquarie University, or the great 4-1 triumph over Narrabeen in the major semi-final, with the possible exception of the 3-0 win over Macquarie played in atrocious conditions in the second week of the 1974 competition.

However, no-one who saw the final and grand final will forget the tigerish fight-backs from 1-0 down with 15 minutes to go and 2-0 down before half-time respectively. A great equalising goal by David Scoble in the last minutes of the final spurred the side to a resounding 3-1 win in extra time, regaining the right to contest the grand final (which opportunity was squandered so badly in our demoralising (lack of) performance in the major semi-final). Capping that effort was the recovery in the grand final after Sydney Naval had established what should have been a match-winning lead within 20 minutes of the start of play! In retrospect, that 4-3 win would have to be the greatest Briars sporting achievement of the past seven years.

1974 was a good year all round — result-wise, selection-wise, ~~team~~-wise.

The Team:

Col Aikman (Custodian) — Had a sound season — more consistent than in some past seasons. He knew the targets that the team could achieve!

Col is showing an increased willingness to meet opposing forwards on the edge of the circle, which is laudable.

Geoff Gorton (Full-back) an old hard-head — "Tiny" contributed some valuable comment on team performances as seen from behind. A very solid player who has a great ability to intimate subtly. He is starting to slow down somewhat — speculates more than in previous years. Perhaps he should cut out Friday night 'aces' and save his strength for Saturday.

Jock Scott (Full-back) – made a very welcome return to A-grade mid-way through the season. A real team man and a good steadying influence – and some of his off-the-line saves have to be seen to be believed! He will be a vital member of the team for some years to come as we attempt to groom new full-backs to match past standards he has helped set.

Stan McGuffin (left-half) – runaway winner in the club's Best and Fairest competition. Gave his best all year long in a position he doesn't like playing. Doesn't like big wingers who don't use Uncle Sam – but he overcomes!

Warren Partington (Centre/right-half) – "Parto" had another big-hearted year – he always gives his all, even when suffering. He belatedly reassured the pivot position after protracted post-semi final discussions and performed very efficiently as expected. His premiership pennant has been paid for many times.

Andre Declase (Right-half/inside right) – a young player of tremendous ability. Andre was crucified to some extent by several half-hearted positional switches which lessened his opportunities to display his skills. Scored some very important goals during tight situations. He started to show some fire towards the end of the season. All the best with St. George, Andre – we hope to see you back in Briars ranks sometime in the future.

Dave Scoble (Right wing) – another good team-player – he commenced the season as a strong-toey full-back and was then promoted to the right-wing where he was very effective without being quite as devastating as his captain hoped. Nevertheless, he is an ideal right wing, especially when he gets his shot working.

Bob Streeter (Inside right – centre-half) – Captain had a mixed season – played more mediocre games than in previous years. Believes in the need to lead by example – viz. His only goal of the season to equalise before half-time in the grand final. His move from the long-established centre-half into the forwards prior to the final completed the biggest forward line in Sydney Hockey – and one with 100% success rate. Very proud to have captained in 1974.

Ian Trevenar (Centre-forward) – What a good year he had. Ian this year displayed (and received) great confidence in (from) his supports, thereby welding a powerful attacking unit. He had some off-days (didn't we all!) but they will remain buried beneath memories of his third goal from the edge of the circle to win the grand final. Ian also had a 100% success record with penalty strokes – and wasn't his captain glad!

Keith Harvey (Inside left) Vice-Captain – top goal-scorer in Second Division, but he doesn't like taking easy goals. Had a good season – Keith did some brilliant work and was always the most penetrative forward, but he also turned in some indifferent displays to prove his human fallibility.

Ray Larkin – played the early part of the season as full-back, was subject to a temperament problem (cured by his assumption of the centre-half position in B-grade), and proved his mettle by doubling up as A-grade left-wing after just completing the B-grade grand final. Result 2 pennants and well-earned.

Ryan Fernandez (Left-wing) – promoted after Mike Cotter returned to Canada, Ryan is not really suited to the left-wing position – but what is his position? He tends to wander somewhat, and also to try to go too far on his own. But he scored some good goals on occasions, and the potential is there. Unfortunate to miss playing in the finals.

Mike Cotter – thanks, "Canada", for your whole-hearted efforts in your time with the Briars. Mike had the happy knack of getting that first goal to break the ice, apart from keeping the rest of the forwards awake with his thundering backsticks!

Thanks are also due to Ross Huggett and Mike Sterry for their able substitution during the season, to our small but solid clique of spectators (headed by Col. Rankin et al) who regularly attended this years matches, the lower-graders who stayed on to watch and barrack, and to "Steele's desperadoes" who enlivened the final phases of the competition.

Let's do it again in 1975!

B GRADE

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
21	18	2	1	67	21	38	1st

Well for the 2nd year we made it. Premiers and Minor Premiers.

This task was a bit harder this year due to changes in the team with players going up and down to A and C Grade but the selectors definitely made the right choices in the Grand Finals.

We only experienced one defeat this season to the hands of Narrabeen which we amended in the second and third rounds as well as the semi final. Again there was poor performance at training and this must improve for future premierships.

The trip to Canberra this year was disasterous in the team losing 2-0. Maybe due to the fact the A Grade pinched our forwards as they were short, but our turn in 75.

Congratulations to all who played during the season and thanks to St. George for their effort in the Grand Final, the last few minutes was a bit nerve racking.

With a greater team effort and more dedication to the team we should take out the 1975 Competition.

A big thanks must go to our football spectators for their enthusiastic barracking in the finals.

With all this we should "Thrive in 75".

GOAL GRAEME TREVENAR (CAPTAIN). Probably the most consistent goal-keeper in the club – not spectacular but consistency counts – Graeme must learn there is more than one style of play and try to adapt this to the team. This left foot kick usually has the opposition "all at sea".

RIGHT BACK

CRAIG JENNINGS. With his second season in hockey Craig improved as anticipated. With some very sound defence and thoughtful hitting Craig proved to be very valuable to the team until an unfortunate fall in training resulted in a broken collar-bone and put him out of the Grand Final.

CRAIG McINTOSH filled in very well in the Grand Final after only half a season as full back. Will create the selectors a few headaches next season.

LEFT BACK

IVAN CLEUR. An experienced player who joined the club this year proved valuable to the team but must learn to play to the whistle and not let the umpiring upset him.

RIGHT HALF

MIKE STERRY played very soundly all season and topped the best and fairest for B Grade, probably is one of the most improved players.

CENTRE HALF

RAY LARKIN. After 4 seasons absence Ray returned at a most needed time to fill this important position. He has lost none of his experience only a little pace.

LEFT HALF

ROSS HUGGETT. Promoted to B Grade this year played very well but needs more experience and must stick to his man. Ross has a big future in front of him and will be an asset to the Club.

RIGHT WING

STEWART McINTOSH. Promoted from C Grade late in season and strengthened the team in attack. Must learn to shoot straighter and not overrun the ball.

INSIDE RIGHT

ALLEN FISHER. First year with the club played mainly on the wing but moved to inside forward in the semi-finals and showed that this was his position. Very strong in attack and a quick defender. Straighter hitting next year Allen should be top Goal Scorer.

ERIC WADE

"The Old Contemptible" top Goal Scorer and Most Experienced player in the Club still playing. Eric was rewarded with 5 goals in the 8-0 win against Sutherland and says he will better that next year.

CENTRE FORWARD

PETER BARTLETT. This year realised goal scoring not his only job. Distributed well and kept a little quieter.

INSIDE LEFT

MERV. BAXTER. Again Merv was a prominent member of the team with aggressive attack and sound defence but must learn to play to the whistle.

LEFT WING

LLEWELYN MARTIN. Must forget Canterbury League team when playing. With more concentration Llew will develop into a good left wing.

C GRADE

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
21	8	6	7	42	41	22	5th

The 1974 season had its ups and downs with the final down in the preliminary semi-final against A.M.P. — the eventual premiers. Some good performances were turned in by the team during the season however drawn games cost us a higher position at the end of the competition. With team changes in 1st and 2nd grade the draw on players from 3rds did not allow the team to settle into a set pattern.

New members to the club show promise and should be a credit to hockey and the club. My personal thanks to Ian Sullivan in taking over the team during my illness. Under Ian's captaincy the team started to fire and perhaps he should have maintained the job during the rest of the season.

I wish to take this opportunity in thanking all members who played during the season for their efforts and support.

Bob Forbes — One of the new members to the club. Bob began the season slowly, but developed into a reliable keeper.

Ken Dobbins — Ken played some good games during the season but age is of no assistance in recovering in defence against some young and fast forwards.

Max Astri — Max (The Lip) has been a member of the Club for some years and decided to share his talents and "personality" with the hockey players. Max has a tremendous amount of natural ability and showed great improvement as the season progressed. It was a pleasure to put up with you for the season, Max!

David Jamieson — Shared the benefit of last years experience but still managed to have a 5 minute rest during the preliminary semi-final. David played well during the season either as a forward or half and worked hard at all times.

Nigel Sterry — Nigel shared perhaps the most improvement during the season following his move to centre half. He covered the opposing centre forward and controlled the centre of the field exceptionally well. This experience will only improve his game for the future.

Bob Irwin — Started the season late but played reliably and settled in well with the team. Worked hard in defence and supported his forwards all the time.

Ian Gorman — Ian was a newcomer to the Club and his 1st season of hockey. Ian found things a bit difficult on the left wing but kept working hard and was rewarded with a few goals during the season.

John Chippendale — John was another newcomer to hockey and improved as the season progressed. John showed good ball control and gave his inside forwards plenty of opportunities.

Ian Sullivan — Slowing down as the years go by but still a good team man. Ian's direction at goal was astray at times however he is a good example to newer members of the Club in his positional play. His support during the season was invaluable.

Greg McIntyre (Captain) — Tried hard at all times but like most of us as the years go it just becomes a little harder. Also suffered with Asthma during the year which naturally affected his play.

D GRADE

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
18	7	1	10	35	39	15	5

This season a 'D' Grade team was entered for the first time. This team was mainly comprised of new blood to the hockey ranks. The players all enjoyed their hockey and it was a great effort to qualify for the semi-final play off considering five players were having their first season of hockey.

A combination of older harder heads and keen young and agile bodies proved more useful as the season continued — the team gained increasing skills at playing hockey together. This **keenness** led to the only defeat of the Minor Premiers, Baulkham Hills during the rounds. Definitely the highlight of the season for 'D' Grade. It wasn't so much that we won 3-2 it was the way we won. Leading 3-0 with five minutes to go, then a lax attitude crept into our game, as until that stage the opposition were completely routed by a faster and more skilful combination. It was a pity that this was the only game that the team played with such skill. The semi final play off was lost to Randwick 3-1 due to the lack of experience and **overkeenness** of younger players against a seemingly better combination. It was only in the last fifteen minutes did the team display any team co-ordination but still inexperience only allowed us to peg back one goal.

The **keenness** of 'D' Grade was shown regularly by their attendance at training, where often 'D' Grade would play the rest. On the subject of training special thanks must go to Bob Forbes for his individual teaching of our goalkeeper, Warren Widger, in the finer points of goalkeeping. I wish more senior players would help by passing on their knowledge to the younger players.

The team throughout the season changed considerably. After showing only glimpses of their potential, the team lost games to weaker sides and then have a good win against strong sides. The team that played in the semi final playoff was:—

GOAL KEEPER — Warren Widger

Warren performed extremely well, and proved himself one of the finds of the season. Being only 17 years old Warren played like a veteran by the time the season ended and with further coaching will be playing 'A' Grade within a few seasons.

RIGHT FULL BACK — John Fripp

A veteran who returned after an eleven year absence from behind a hockey stick, showed what he lacks in pace he makes up for in stick work and experience. It's a pity that John has once again decided to retire.

LEFT FULLBACK – Craig McIntosh

Craig came into the side half way through the season from 'B' Grade on the right wing – he wanted to get into the game more. He didn't know what he was in for but he soon learnt quickly. His covering pace was a perfect foil for John Fripp's slowness. Craig improved so much in his new position that he replaced Craig Jennings (injured) in the 'B' Grade final.

CENTRE HALF – Derek Sterry

Derek was another find for this year, typical of these Sterry brothers. This was his first year of hockey and played confidently in this difficult position. Derek improved exceptionally well during the season in positional play, he only needs now to improve his service to his forwards more intelligently.

RIGHT HALF – Dean Declase

Dean is only in 4th Form, and being Andres cousin had a lot to follow, Dean learnt a lot about positional play but still has an equal amount to learn.

LEFT HALF – John Bourakis

John is also in 4th Form. Like Dean has a lot to learn. Has the ability to "fly" hit balls, scaring the daylights out of the opposition and his own forwards.

CENTRE FORWARD – Michael Tass

Michael is in 5th form. He showed great potential from his first game in the seniors after only playing half a season in the Juniors. Michael plays well but has to learn to use his supports more often. Leading goal scorer in 'D' Grade and winner of the 'D' Grade best and fairest award.

RIGHT WING – Bill Hooker

Bill must have been one of the keenest players in the Club in any sport because come semi-final time Bill drove back from Melbourne to play. In his first year Bill applied himself well to supplying good "ball" to the forwards inside but often missed scoring chances himself.

INSIDE RIGHT – Ray Huggett

Father of both Neil and Ross and with both sons playing hockey he too was roped into playing. Ray proved it's never too young to learn by scoring nearly as many goals as Ross in the seniors.

INSIDE LEFT – John Kemp

Took on the unenviable task of being captain/coach of a new team made up from players with ages ranging from 15 to 40; many playing their first year of hockey. This task was particularly difficult as the team was isolated from the other 3 hockey teams due to the fact that they were in another division and playing on different grounds. His own playing skill was one of the reasons for the success of the team. Instilled a recognition in the older as well as the younger members of the team that team practice is fundamental to team play.

RESERVES

Neil Huggett

Although only a Junior, Neil shows great potential for the coming years when he officially joins the senior ranks. Often played filling in gaps for which it is extremely grateful. Sure to follow in his father's and brother's footsteps on the hockey field.

Brian Gilbert & Ted Callaghan

Both players gave their best when they played – although often in varying positions. Brian played his best games at full back. Ted usually played left wing when Ian Gorman was playing in a higher grade.

With so many players unavailable early in the season and injuries throughout the season in other grades I would like to express my appreciation to those players who stood by and were readily available when required, particularly the Junior players who played.

JUNIORS

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
12	8	2	2	50	12	36	Joint Premiers

After being runners up in 1973 the juniors were promoted to B Grade. Being a little apprehensive to this promotion we sought the aid of Keith Harvey to coach the team before the season started two days a week after school. We hoped that some of his fine hockey ability would rub off onto us. As it turned out the only people to gain this added ability were our two new recruits Mark Host and Kevin Adams. This was so apparent in our first trial game in which Mark scored four goals in his very first hockey game. Keith had really started to work wonders with the team when business commitments forced him to withdraw as position of coach.

However, the never-be-beaten Mike Sterry, already manager, secretary, referee, taxi-driver took up this arduous job. Remember, too, that Mike had his own game to play plus refereeing duties later on Saturdays and if that's not enough he's Hockey Chairman!

Anyway with a great deal of suspicion about our new grade we played our first competition match, winning 4–0. Unfortunately the following six weeks were so wet that play was postponed. The lay-off did us the world of good and we won the next three games 8–1, 8–0, 7–2. As all good things come to an end so did we. We came up against our arch-rivals and premiers of C Grade of 1973, Northmead, who handed out a hockey lesson by defeating us 3–0. This caused our brilliant tactician Mike Sterry to put his brain to work. Mike brought in the inclusion of a sweeping back, in the 'guise of Robert Wood in an attempt to offset Northmead's forwards superior stick work. After initial failure, leading to our second loss, the pattern was continued.

In the semi-final we defeated Dundas 5–1 while on the opposite field Northmead, Minor Premiers were beaten 1–0 by St. Patricks. We played St. Pat's in the final the following week and defeated them 3–1 and really sounded out a warning to Northmead whom we had to play the following week in the grand final. We played Northmead

because they were Minor Premiers and although they were defeated in the semi-final they had the right to challenge the winners of the final. After double extra time the scores were locked at 3-3 and so both teams became joint premiers.

I would like to thank Mike Sterry for his tremendous support throughout the season. He worked wonders with the team being the soul supporter at times. Many games started at 9.00 a.m. which meant that Mike had to rise at a very early hour so that he could taxi us to the ground. Also I would like to thank John Kemp for his refereeing of many games and, of course, the Briars for without their support the team would never have existed, and finally to the many parents and Briars who supported the team at the matches.

Congratulations must also go to the Northmead side.

Phillip McAlpine: Goalkeeper

One of the most improved players. A reliable and valuable last line of defence. Improved all facets of his game, particularly the most difficult task of the goalkeeper, knowing when to come out and tackle a forward.

Gary Trotter: Right Back

Combined well with the rest of the defence. Has a good hard hit and showed his ability to beat players; but does not use his skills to their full advantage. Once Gary has gained confidence in himself and learns how to use his reach to its full advantage, he will realise his potentiality. Will be a good addition to the Seniors next year.

Glen Ryan: Left Back

Glen learnt a lot about covering and positioning this year and improved his play greatly. Has to learn to concentrate for the full match and to be able to anticipate opposition attacking moves.

Robert Wood: Right Half-Sweeping Back

Improved greatly this year and adapted well into his new position at sweeping back in a very short time. Added strength and depth to the defence. His understanding of positional play and his quick thinking, alertness and general keenness were outstanding. Has great potential.

Neil Huggett: Left Half

At times played great Hockey, and always reliable in defence. Once his strength catches up to his growth in height, his hockey will improve. Must learn to adapt his game on the day to the conditions. A vital part of the defence.

Scott Rankin: Right Half

Has a lot to learn but in his first year showed he had the ability to learn. Tries hard and showed ability to adapt into a vital covering position. Will gain speed with age and shows good promise for the future.

Ross Huggett: (Captain) Centre Half

His covering ability, flair for attack, speed and skill, made him the best player in the B Grade Junior Division. Scored 16 goals this season. Ross's Short Corner hit was outstanding. Captained the team admirably. His general keenness and attendance at training were excellent. Much of the success of the Juniors has been due to Ross who now moves up to the Seniors.

Geoff Evenden: Inside Left

Scoring ability in the circle was good but must improve his concentration in general play. Geoff's general keenness and ability to learn is excellent. Must have more confidence in his own abilities however. Scored 3 goals.

Malcolm Shorter: Centre Forward

Played a good centre forwards role this season scoring 21 goals. Has a lot of skill and uses it well. Has learnt how to find gaps in an oppositions defence. Used this knowledge well in the Grand Final when he scored the 3 goals. Combines well with the other forwards.

Mark Host: Inside Right

A great new acquisition this year. Uses his speed and intelligence well. Plays rather unorthodox positional play but perhaps this is his greatest asset. Built up a good understanding with Malcolm and together were able to breach many a defence at will. Could use his height and strength to further advantage. Scored 9 goals and unselfishly set many up.

Kevin Adams: Right Wing

Playing for the first time this year he improved with every game. Uses his speed and reach to its fullest advantage. His tackling back and never give up attitude gave him a lot of extra ball. Scored 5 goals and his goal in the semi-final was a classic. Great potentiality.

Robert Lennie: Left Wing

Tried his best at all times. His size unfortunately limited a great deal of the opportunities he might have had. However when he can gain physical strength and size he will prove to be a good asset to the side.



SQUASH REPORT 1974

(Chairman: J.S. Walsh)

Forty players divided into eight teams represented Briars Squash efforts in 1974. In the Autumn Comp. we managed six teams into the semi-finals, four into the finals, two in the grand finals and one Pennant — the D1 side. The Spring Comp has been somewhat less successful with only four sides making the semis. This is still a good result considering that the Spring Comp is traditionally our worst comp, and that seven out of the eight teams were put into a higher grade than that requested.

FINANCE. This year saw a reduction in fees from \$60.00 p.a. to \$40.00. Since the fees were rescheduled however, we have had an increase in court hiring charges and substantial overcharges arising from the use of the courts after 10 p.m. at night.

In this regard I would appreciate every effort being made by players to start on time (7.30 p.m.) — and to keep play as continuous as possible. Captains are reminded that when any player has scored two games the decision must be made as to the next player on, and that player should change immediately, so as to be ready to go on

directly the previous match is concluded. As soon as all rubbers are concluded on any court, the person in charge of the courts should be notified so that lights may be turned off, thus avoiding unnecessary court hire charges. If all players co-operate in the above we can keep fee rises to a minimum.

Captains are also requested to ensure that they observe the regulations concerning posting of results etc., and quickly attend to payment of fines for non-observance etc., as they arise.

Any prospective players should contact the undersigned as soon as possible regarding the 1975 Autumn Competition. Any current players that do not intend to compete in the next Comp are also requested to notify the Squash Committee, or its Chairman, as soon as possible so that teams may be organized well in advance for 1975.

A3. R. Pontifex, C. Stevens, D. Walker, K. Baker and K. Axtell.

Despite a good result from Ray Pontifex and Ces Stevens this team was unable to make the semis, in a grade in which the team as a whole needed all players at peak form all Comp. The weight of office has no doubt served to detract from Dave Walkers previous brilliance, while Kevin Baker has been away on business for extended periods. After a slow start Ken Axtell has shown marked improvement and should give a creditable performance in the future.

B1. J. Mortlock, B. Cardwell, R. Churcher, P. Olde and P. Porter.

Another team that just missed out on making the semis (then ran fifth), the B1 side has had a fair share of absentee problems in a grade in which they could ill afford it. Despite the fierce enthusiasm of Paul Porter and the cherubic guile of Peter Olde, the lads could not maintain their occasional excellent form long enough to ensure a place in the top four.

B2. J. Walsh, K. Edwards, K. Kable, K. Bell, V. Hudson.

This team started the comp with the least probability of making the semis of any of the Briars teams, and they finished either 2nd or 3rd. Most of the credit for this goes to a considerable improvement in form from the three Kens and Viv Hudson. Viv has finished particularly well after a slow start (understandable when one moves up from C2 to B2 in one jump) and has fully justified his inclusion in the team.

C1. P. Stewart, K. Robinson, R. Godden, B. Scotchbrook, D. Gould.

A team that appeared to have a good chance at the start of the comp, somehow failed to 'click'. C1 is frequently a difficult grade, but even so, two of the team were past pennant winners in that grade, Frank Robinson and Randall Godden, while Barry Scotchbrook made a big jump from D1 to C1, he did exceptionally well in D1 and should have done well dropping from No. 1 to No. 4 in the team. Newcomer Dick Gould found the going rather difficult in his first comp after a long break, but should improve in future.

C3. B. Cameron, B. McGuren, P. Wilson, R. Jurd, J. Hannan.

The 'Star' side of Briars Squash with only one defeat to round 12, and finishing Minor Premiers in their grade. Brilliant performances from all players, but especially Bruce Cameron and Brian 'Mozzie' McGuren. Bruce was undefeated until his recent departure to New Zealand, while Mozzie had had but one defeat in the course of the comp. Paul Wilson and Rex Jurd have suffered only two losses to R.12, while John Hannan has justified his up-grading at No. 4 with excellent play.

C4. F. Mandile, J. Matthews, G. Lackey, G. Nicolls, E. English.

An excellent effort from this side saw them finish second in their comp with a good possibility of a Pennant win. Frank Mandile has continued to improve in this, his second comp and has been playing well at No. 1. Seasoned veterans Matthews and Lackey have been playing good squash and should do well in the semis. Team Captain Gary Nicolls, has played consistently well and we wish him and his team every success.

D1. D. Scoble, P. Wade, D. Cooke, K. Holley, L. Fozzard.

This team has played very well all comp and represents Briars second best chance for a Pennant (after the C3 side). Dave Scoble has equalled B. McGuren's performance with only one loss to round 12. Kevin Holley with only 2 losses is also playing exceptionally well with some devastating wins to his credit. It will be interesting to see how these two go in the Briars Club Championship, I think many higher graded players will have to watch themselves.

D4. R. Larkin, B. Walsh, D. Williams, A. Fischer, P. Heathwood.

With two new starters in the side and an up-grading by the Squash Racquets Association this side was 'up against it' from the start. Danny Williams played consistent squash which resulted in his promotion to No. 1 for the second half. Allan Fischer has shown considerable improvement in his first comp and should go well in the future. Phil Heathwood also had his first taste of competition, but found the going somewhat difficult after a promising start. Team Captain Ray Larkin, and Barry Walsh played to the best of their ability, but had some difficulty finding 'touch'. The team finished about fifth in their grade, which wasn't a bad effort really.

It has been estimated that the standard of Squash in Sydney has increased threefold in the last ten years. Even three years ago the average social player could enter the D Grade Competition with a good chance of success, this is no longer possible. Two of the four competition divisions, now run to F1 Grade and this, or the lower 'E' Grades is the proper starting place for inexperienced players.



HOUSE COMMITTEE

K. Gray (Chairman), J. Boyle, W. Richard, P. Miller, J. Alford, P. Stewart.

Overall bar trading was down \$900 on the last year. This being due to the numerous strikes that afflicted nearly all our suppliers, especially the breweries. As well as the fact

that fewer functions were organised in the club for tour fund raising efforts of the various sports.

Also of concern and much closer to home, is the treatment given to the Club Rooms and its equipment by a small sector of the Club Members. This Committee sincerely hopes that these Members will quickly realise what a great asset they have in this Club and the trouble they cause by their behaviour and show a much more responsible attitude in the future.

Another steward's roster was tried this year and failed — the work of those who made the effort is noted and much appreciated. Perhaps as was suggested by someone of dry wit — 'we should move the beer taps and drinks to the other side of the bar and then a few more may condescend to serve the rest of the Members. A new roster is at present being compiled and good support from all who are asked would be greatly appreciated (consider it an honor).

Despite the apparent air of gloom, it was a year in which quite a few improvements have been made for the benefit of Members. Bar stools were purchased and have proved to be very successful. Two sign boards for bar prices were donated by John Edmonds and Jock McPhee (Greg McPhee's father), both of whom I would like to thank sincerely as it has made it much easier for those working behind the bar. Also the vastly improved showering facilities downstairs, welcomed, I am sure, by all who use them.

Words never seem to be adequate enough, but my thanks to Bruce and Bill Simes and Norm Fenwick for taking care of all our deliveries this year.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the Members of the House Committee for the work they have done, namely: —

- John Boyle and Jim Alford for looking after the bar equipment and Club maintenance in general.
- Peter Stewart and Peter Miller for their assistance in keeping the bar stocked.
- Bill Richard for his efforts with the bar roster, and
- Stan Jones and Aud Land for carrying out fortnightly stocktakes.

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SOCIAL REPORT

(N. Young — Chairman)

The year has proved somewhat difficult and with regret we have had to declare a loss — not the first time perhaps that Social has incurred a loss, but it has been a disappointment to the Committee and to myself in particular.

However, despite the financial aspect, some of the functions that we provided were thoroughly enjoyed — in particular our most recent event, the picnic at Lane Cove National Park — this day was well supported by members and together with the Annual Dinner, provided the "credit events" of the year.

The guest speaker at the Annual Dinner at Concord Golf Club this year was Mr. Norman "Nugget" May, the well known T.V. sports commentator, who delivered a very interesting speech and was most popular with all present.

The Annual Ball held at A.J.C. Randwick was our monetary undoing – the Committee felt confident in securing the Ray Price Quintet and providing this excellent venue with a first class supper, that despite the fairly high cost to members, a healthy response from members would be assured. But in the eleventh hour, after making our commitments firm to the A.J.C. we were really let down by no-shows and last minute excuses, resulting in a loss in excess of \$250.00.

The Social Committee and Management will therefore be looking seriously at the question of continuing with formal ball functions in the future.

The various sporting chairmen also organised individual and frequent events in the club rooms throughout the year, all of which were well organised and supported.

I thank my committee for their efforts this year in assisting with the functions outlined above.

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FOCUS

(Editors: P. Burt, M. MacKenroth, M. Sterry)

As Focus enters its second year of production, it could well be argued that it has met with quite some success. The printers do a first class job and all "outsiders" who have seen the magazine have been impressed by it both as a presentation and as a concept.

Whether it is doing its job within the Club however, is debatable. Certainly it provides commentary and statistics on various Club activities which probably saves the member attending matches, looking up results in newspapers or phoning the Club to find out. This is no criticism and in fact is essential for country members and older members who can't get to matches or the Club as often as they would like.

However, the Briars is a Club **of** members **for** members. Everything in the Briars is the members. Perhaps if there is a failing in Focus it is in this respect. Without ideas nothing progresses. In Focus, every member has the chance to put forward any views or ideas but relatively few take advantage of it. If members believe Focus is currently serving its purpose then it has been successful. If not, it's up to the members to advise us accordingly.

Finally, the editors would like to express their appreciation to those members who have collected information, written reports or articles and have greatly assisted in the preparation of Focus.

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SKI LODGE THREDBO (P. Johnston — Hon. Secretary)

1974 was indeed a great year for skiing, so good in fact that the season of Thredbo was extended, the first time ever. Even after the extended season ended there was still a considerable amount of ski-able snow. The Lodge was occupied almost fully for the entire season.

The severe storms at the end of May caused some damage to the Lodge however this was repaired at the annual working bee. Many thanks to those who attended.

Although a considerable amount of work has been done on the Lodge in recent years some inside decorating and outside painting will be necessary this year. Several working bees will be organised for this purpose. The high fire danger this summer will also necessitate keeping the growth down.

Although the snow season has now expired Thredbo still remains a very attractive place for a holiday with activities provided for everyone in the family. These include trout fishing, bushwalking, tennis, golf, canoeing, horseriding and others. Anyone wishing to book should contact Andy Clifford 76-6766.

Presently the club membership stands at 48 with several membership applications being considered, however during the season ample vacancies exist for Briar members.

During the off-season this year the whole of Thredbo Village is undergoing a facelift, including re-surfacing the roads and enlarging the Hotel.

With good snow again next year and the Village extensions being completed a great time should be had by all who wish to visit the Briars Ski Club.



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 trophy was donated by the late H.G. Whiddon. The basis of arriving at the winner is similar to the football trophy and points are allocated as follows:—

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

Noel Young has won the trophy this year. A member of the "B" Shire team who took 40 wickets this season. Also is Social Chairman. Our congratulations to Noel. This is the first time he has won this award.

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 awarded as follows:—

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

Phil Brookes is the winner of the trophy for 1974. One has only to read the Kentwell Cup summary in this report and his win comes as no surprise. Congratulations Phil. Like the cricket award it is a first time win.



A. J. ROBINSON SHIELD

This shield was donated by the late A.J. Robinson ("Robbie"), 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	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

This year the points allocated resulted in a tie between John Kemp and Ian Sullivan. Neither have won the trophy before and our congratulations go to both of these members.



DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

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

The trophy was donated by the Late R.D. Vanderfield who was very instrumental in commencing squash in the Club and having it recognised as a major sport. 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	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

David Scoble was the winner this year. Also a "A" Grade cricket and hockey player. Well done David.



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. It carries the name of our late past President who showed great 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	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

For the second year Ross Huggett has won the trophy. Captain of the junior team. Also plays cricket with the Club.



J. H. STONE TROPHY

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

One of the thankless jobs in the Club is the House Chairman's position. The Chairman and winner of the award this year is Ken Gray (our youngest ever) and to his credit managed to overcome the many problems of strikes and the odd complaining member. Congratulations, Ken.



ADMINISTRATION

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

Attendances were as under:—

Directors:	D.A. Walker	11
	* J.F. Alford	11
	J. Balmforth	12
	W.A. Elder	10
	H.C. Ford	9
	A.J. Land	8
	H.W. Lennartz	12
	* P.D. Richardson	9
	E.G. Stockdale	11

* Leave of absence was granted for one meeting.

J. Crockart attended 11 meetings in his capacity as Treasurer.

Management:	D.A. Walker	12
	J. Balmforth	10
	P.J. Burt (Ret'd Nov.)	2
	J. Crockart	10
	R.A. England (Ret'd Nov.)	2
	P.C. England (Appt. May)	5
	K. Gray	12
	C. Hickey	11
	D. Jamieson (Appt. Feb.)	6
	I.G. Richard (Ret'd Nov.)	2
	C. Stevens (Ret'd Nov.)	1
	E.G. Stockdale	11
	M. Sterry	12
	R. Smith (Ret'd April)	5
	K.E. Wearne (Appt. Dec.)	6
	J. Walsh (Appt. Dec.)	9
	N.J. Young (Appt. Jan.)	6

When a Chairman has not been able to attend but has sent his deputy he has been credited with attending the meeting.

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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.

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
Executive Officer

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

Accounts – 30th September, 1974

Report of the Directors

Your Directors present their report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th September, 1974. 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
I.G.S. Blair
E.G. Stockdale

Results	1974	1973
	\$	\$
Excess of income over expenditure for the year amounted to	3,068	6,822
To this is added accumulation account	<u>33,163</u>	<u>26,341</u>
Leaving accumulation account to be carried forward of	<u>\$36,231</u>	<u>\$33,163</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.

General

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

- (a) 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, 1974.
- (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, 1974, 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, 1975.
- (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. H.W. Lennartz, A.J. Land and I.G.S. Blair retire in accordance with the Articles of Association. Messrs H.W. Lennartz and I.G.S. Blair being eligible offer themselves for re-election. Mr. A.J. Land does not seek 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 11th day of November, 1974, in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

H.C. Ford
Director

D.A. Walker
Director

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1974

	1974	1973
	\$	\$
RESERVES AND ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
General Reserve	13,032	13,032
ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
Balance 30. 9.73	33,163	26,341
Add profit year ended 30. 9.74	<u>3,068</u>	<u>6,822</u>
Total Accumulated Earnings	<u>36,231</u>	<u>33,163</u>
Total Reserves and Accumulated Earnings	<u>49,263</u>	<u>46,195</u>
FIXED ASSETS		
Land and Buildings (Note 4)	27,268	27,644
Furniture & Fittings (Note 5)	<u>4,012</u>	<u>4,254</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>31,280</u>	<u>31,898</u>
INVESTMENTS (Note 6)		
Shares in Rugby Union Co-op — at cost	11,945	10,663
Trust Funds (Note 7)	10	10
	<u>1,579</u>	<u>1,489</u>
	<u>13,534</u>	<u>12,162</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	4,569	6,767
Debtors	4,032	1,970
Stock at lower of cost or market value	2,363	2,427
Prepayments	2,094	1,247
Cash on Hand	<u>120</u>	<u>85</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>13,178</u>	<u>12,496</u>
Total Assets	<u>57,992</u>	<u>56,556</u>
LESS LIABILITIES		
Trust Funds (Note 7)	1,579	1,489
Long Term Liability	<u>—</u>	<u>1,014</u>
	<u>1,579</u>	<u>2,503</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade Creditors & Accruals	2,875	2,546
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	2,600	2,400
Subscriptions paid in advance	1,675	1,412
Secured Loan	<u>—</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>7,150</u>	<u>7,858</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>8,729</u>	<u>10,361</u>
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	<u>49,263</u>	<u>46,195</u>

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BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1974

	1974	1973
	\$	\$
SALES: Beer, Wine & Spirits	16,903	18,208
Less: Cost of Sales	<u>9,932</u>	<u>10,963</u>
Gross Profit	<u>6,971</u>	<u>7,245</u>
 Cigarettes, Nuts and Cordials	 2,751	 2,380
Less: Cost of Sales	<u>2,229</u>	<u>1,988</u>
Gross Profit	<u>522</u>	<u>392</u>
 Gross Bar Profit	 <u>7,493</u>	 <u>7,637</u>
 LESS BAR OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Liquor Licence	637	597
Bar Expenses & Maintenance	466	300
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	<u>279</u>	<u>349</u>
Total Bar Operating Expenses	<u>1,382</u>	<u>1,246</u>
 Bar Trading Profit	 6,111	 6,391
Add Income from: Property Rents	5,005	5,345
Members subscriptions	3,296	3,112
Interest Received	876	645
Profit on Debenture Redemption	<u>182</u>	<u>—</u>
 Gross Income	 <u>15,470</u>	 <u>15,493</u>
 LESS OPERATING EXPENSES		
Administration & Club Room Expenses (Note 1)	7,881	4,168
Property Expenses (Note 2)	2,240	1,812
Net cost of Sporting Activities (Note 3)	1,175	1,050
Depreciation of Furniture & Fittings	601	625
Loss on Social Activities	230	(27)
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	200	200
Interest Paid	75	243
Football & Cricket NZ subsidies	<u>—</u>	<u>600</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>12,402</u>	<u>8,671</u>
 Surplus for year transferred to Accumulation Account	 <u>3,068</u>	 <u>6,822</u>

Notes forming part of these accounts are attached.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1974 ACCOUNTS

	1974	1973
	\$	\$
1. ADMINISTRATION & CLUB ROOM EXPENSES		
Repairs & Maintenance	3,774	1,068
Stationery, Stamps & Telephone	1,894	1,214
Lighting & Heating	843	860
Annual Reports	438	383
General Expenses	433	355
Insurance	257	205
Club Room Amusements	145	16
Donations & Presentations	<u>97</u>	<u>67</u>
	<u>7,881</u>	<u>4,168</u>
2. PROPERTY EXPENSES		
Insurance	833	659
Rates	647	659
Repairs & Maintenance	384	118
Depreciation of Buildings	<u>376</u>	<u>376</u>
	<u>2,240</u>	<u>1,812</u>
3. NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES		
Cricket: Ground Hire, Gear etc.	969	1,075
Less Batting fees	<u>619</u>	<u>641</u>
Net cost of Cricket	<u>350</u>	<u>434</u>
Hockey: Ground Hire, Gear etc.	859	609
Less Playing Fees	<u>551</u>	<u>370</u>
Net cost of Hockey	<u>308</u>	<u>239</u>
Football: Ground Hire, Gear, etc.	558	638
Less Registration Fees	<u>258</u>	<u>261</u>
Net cost of Football	<u>300</u>	<u>377</u>
Squash: Subsidy	<u>217</u>	<u>—</u>
Net cost of Sporting Activities	<u>1,175</u>	<u>1,050</u>
4. LAND & BUILDINGS		
At Cost	28,772	28,772
Less provision for depreciation	<u>1,504</u>	<u>1,128</u>
	<u>27,268</u>	<u>27,644</u>

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1974 ACCOUNTS

	1974	1973
	\$	\$
5. FURNITURE & FITTINGS		
At deemed valuation 30. 9.62	1,175	1,175
Less provision for depreciation	<u>1,023</u>	<u>995</u>
	<u>152</u>	<u>180</u>
Additions at cost	11,635	10,834
Less provision for depreciation	<u>7,775</u>	<u>6,760</u>
	<u>3,860</u>	<u>4,074</u>
	<u>4,012</u>	<u>4,254</u>
6. INVESTMENTS		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies		
— at Cost	10,945	2,945
(Market value \$10,508 1973 \$2,981)		
Government Bonds — at Cost	1,000	3,500
Transferable Cash Deposit	—	2,818
Cash Deposit to Call	<u>—</u>	<u>1,400</u>
	<u>11,945</u>	<u>10,663</u>
7. TRUST FUNDS		
R.J. Thomson Memorial Trust Fund		
(To be held by the Club and used for such purposes as agreed to by the family of the late Ronald John Thomson)		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	—
Cash at Bank	<u>98</u>	<u>752</u>
	<u>798</u>	<u>752</u>
J. Sheehan Sporting Scholarship		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	—
Cash at Bank	<u>81</u>	<u>737</u>
	<u>781</u>	<u>737</u>
	<u>1,579</u>	<u>1,489</u>

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, 1974;
- (b) the state of affairs of the company as at September 30, 1974.

Dated at Sydney this eleventh day of November, 1974.

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

D.A. Walker — Director

H.C. Ford — Director

STATEMENT BY PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING OFFICER

I, John F. Crockart, state that to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying accounts for the year ended September 30, 1974, 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 eleventh day of November, 1974.

J. Crockart

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, 1974, 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 11, 1974.

SYDNEY.



NEW ZEALAND CRICKET TOUR - 1973/74

Back Row (left to right): D. Scoble, C. McIntosh, N. Sterry, M. Astri, C. Blair
Middle Row : D. Williams, I. Sullivan, P. Richardson, I. Blair, M. Sterry, D. Sterry,
N. Walker, S. Geddes
Front Row: T. Mobbs, D. A. Walker, J. Balmforth, K. Holley.

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NEW ZEALAND CRICKET BOARD

