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AND
BALANCE SHEET
1974 - 1975

The Briars
Sporting Club Limited
Burwood



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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED.

Gentlemen,

Your Board of Directors and Management Committee present for consideration and adoption, this Annual Report of the Club's many activities, and of the financial position for the year ending 30th September, 1975.

In 1918, when some visionary schoolboys held a meeting in a home called "The Briars", our club was founded, and a focus created to which amateur sportsmen rallied. Fifty seven years later, Briars is still attracting to it from the surrounding municipalities, youth who are interested in the sport and values we promote.

Successfully co-ordinated are the management of a licenced club and sporting subcommittees by a system of voluntary and honorary service. A high standard of sporting performance is achieved, but even more envied is our reputation for sportsmanship and teamwork, which standard we guard closely.

This annual report is evidence that we remain a hub of amateur sport in the Western Suburbs, and it is an unwitting coincidence that our club magazine was aptly named "Focus".

The board spectrum of sport had mainly successful component waves, with the brightest bands of maroon and gold being in Hockey, with slightly less glitter in Squash and Football.

After the last lacklustre football season, it was immensely gratifying to all those who worked so hard for a "shimmer shine", to see that the Whiddon Cup was won, with Burke Cup as finalists. The Whiddon Cup was originally donated by the Late Honourable Horace Whiddon M.L.C., a former patron of this Club.

Congratulations to Tony McSweeney and his well organised band of helpers, coaches, players and long expectant supporters who made this such a satisfying season on and off the field.

Ask any footballer!

When football fires, so does Briars!

As the optimism of footballers for the next season seems well founded, then the Club is set to be "A Towering Inferno"!

The Hockey teams again combined to win the coveted Second Division Club Championship, and though all grades were semi-finalists, it was a mite disappointing that only C Grade could win a Premiership. The two Junior Hockey teams, which the Club sponsors, also were semi-finalists and near semi-finalists respectively. Their advent in the Club has clearly immeasurably strengthened our skills and depth of talent.

Mike Sterry, the enthusiastic and diligent Chairman of Hockey, with his subcommittee, have imbued the teams with a poised and aggressive approach which has brought success. Obvious to anyone mingling with the Hockey fraternity is a tremendous feeling of camaraderie amongst the players, and their followers, in the support each gives the other.

Equally obvious is that, at all levels, too much on the field talking takes place. Further, some players in the higher teams were overconfident and treated certain opposition teams with disrespect for their ability, leading inevitably to unexpected losses.

Let not this jarring mention of an achilles tendon in one heel of Hockey detract from the fact that the second foot is clearly treading ahead of the other sports.

Squash maintained a fine record by having almost all teams as semi-finalists in the Autumn Competition, though as in the preceding sports, only one team, BI, annexed a Premiership pennant.

In the Spring Competition currently in progress, Jim Walsh as Squash Chairman confidently prophesies even better results. Jim has been successful within the Club and on the Western Districts Squash Committee in organising the competitions and in the grading of players.

The seemingly complex and detailed graphs and analysis of the players' performances which appear for squash players on our Notice Board, is testimony of Jim's enthusiasm, though proving a constant puzzle for all the "ockers"!

Squash, as a major sport since 1970, has been administered well, has brought an influx of newer members, utilises the Club's facilities after its matches, is subsidised similarly to other sports and has fitted into the Club structure well.

It is disappointing however that relatively few Squash players seem to emerge from the "midnight mists" to the brighter lights of Club functions, or to the sunny heat and toil of general administration.

Cricket Chairman Jack Balmforth almost had his hopes realised of a Grand Slam this year. The Club Championship was denied to us only by a narrow point margin and inopportune wet day. Though all teams were semi-finalists, no premierships were won, despite closely fought matches. The City and Suburban side were much stronger, and have developed into one of the top sides despite the absence of the Club's aged leading leg spinner.

Chairman Jack handed over temporarily to a capable lan Blair for three months during the season, whilst overseas on a business trip.

Jack would never ever take his holidays in a cricket season?

The finding of a second permanent playing area for the C Grade and C and S Cricket, and for Hockey, does not seem much nearer a solution. However the Planning Committee is active. The Planning Committee is hopeful, yet again, of securing an oval in Canada Bay or Majors Bay developments and is considering future needs of the Club.

In the Club's early days, with a smaller membership, the majority played both cricket and football, and tended to play sport all year round. Now with larger numbers and four major sports, relatively few play more than one sport, creating a tendency to not know fellow members of another sporting persuasion.

The Club has to continually guard against not splitting into factions, for some verbal slanging matches between differing members can often be heard. It is vital to ensure that all realise they are equal members of this great and unique Club, and not just players of one particular sport.

The essential need is to come together more often and all Sporting, Personnel and Social Sub-committees must strive to see we remain a happy conglomerate, with better attendances at an increased number of general Club functions.

To emphasise this importance consider how on one occasion when all could get together, the Annual Ball, we had the poorest response for many years.

At an ideal venue, the Crystal Ballroom at West Ryde, with a good band, an excellent supper, and at a cost which precludes the Club from making a profit, our attendance was slightly less than 150, with an alarmingly poor roll-up from the Hockey and Squash players.

The moment of inertia of some Briars exceeds a minute!

David Guille's harassed Social Committee are well aware of an apathy after their effort to counter this lack of response.

The preceding paragraphs form basically the same appeal as in the two previous reports, an appeal for a sporting ecumenism, and no apology is made for stressing its importance again and again!

Our Annual Dinner at Concord Golf Club was well attended with an entertaining address on his overseas trips by Peter Johnson, ex-Wallaby and long-time Randwick hooker. It added to the prestige of the night that Peter was introduced by the President of Australian Rugby Union, our own member, Bill McLaughlin.

The reintroduced Family Picnic Day at Fiddens Wharf area at Lane Cove River Park, will again be held in November, and after last years success, one is sure of it becoming a perennial event.

Attendances are gradually increasing at Dave Jamieson's mountain Golf days, but best attended was Mark William's Chicken and Champagne night at the Club.

This latter evening was by popular acclaim, one of the best ever divertissements at the Clubrooms, and must be a forerunner of many such nights to bring Briars closer together.

The editors of "Focus", Messrs. Burt, Mackenroth and Sterry combined to maintain a standard of excellence in the publication, but need more general articles from members, and more support in the supply of suitable sporting copy by the required deadlines.

This magazine, our newsletter, carries nearly all our notices of meetings, functions, sporting fixtures, and bar trading bargains. Postage costs are too high to involve us in sending out individual notices, and you are urged to peruse "Focus" information columns carefully, and note pertinent dates!

Our membership now stands at

	1974–75	1973-74
Full Members	299	290
Junior Members	2	8
City Associate Members	66	67
Country Associate Members	<u>53</u>	_52_
	420	417

As all associate members receive "Focus" and "The Annual Report", because of the huge increase in printing and postage costs, Board reluctantly decided to recommend at a general meeting that associate membership fees be increased to an amount which just covers these costs. The worry was that we might lose some old friends, but this was not the case. The response from members in these categories has been heartening, and it is great to know how much they value their association with Briars.

The Personnel Chairman, Phil England, has pursued many avenues to attract new members of the requisite character and sporting ability to join the Club. He has also ensured that they are assimilated into the Club smoothly and reports to Management Committee on their progress after six months membership.

Dave Jamieson made a worthwhile contribution as a thoughtful Members Representative, but on his resignation, the opportunity was taken to create a new position that of House Chairman, who will incorporate the role of Members Rep in his duties of looking after the Club rooms generally. Barry Williams was appointed to this position in October, and should prove very effective in this post, and will ease the burden on the Club Executive Officer and Senior Steward.

This Senior Steward, alias the Controller of bar trading, alias Ken Gray and his helpers, have the unenviable job of maintaining services and the profitability of trading to offset the high cost increases in running of the Club, and of sporting equipment.

This has been carried out magnificently, and with the members support, we have seen a record year financially, as a perusal of the Balance Sheet will show.

Congratulations Chairman Ken!

One of this sub-committees regular and onerous duties is the fortnightly stocktaking and we are fortunate to have the diligent duo of Aud Land and Stan Jones as pencillers.

Aud is also appearing in the centre fold of this report, not in his natural state, but with his long, precise and painstakingly prepared Cricket records of which Jack Balmforth's Cricket report will inform.

Perhaps next year Aud, in "Cleo"?

On the Balance Sheet will be noted a drop in rentals, due to a lack of tenancy in Bill Simes shop. We were sorry that Bill retired after so many years in the furnishing trade, and as a tenant who helped us so much in taking deliveries from breweries and suppliers. We wish Bill Simes a happy retirement and thank him for all his past favours.

A tenant has not been found to rent the shop under terms suitable to us, and the opportunity has been taken to create a storeroom next to our lower shower room, which will alleviate greatly our acute storage problem with kegs and cartons.

Some seven feet has been taken from the back of Simes shop to compensate Doug Fenwick and his father for us taking storage space in their area. Incidentally, Doug is now receiving all our deliveries and supplies, and for doing this function so vital to our successful trading, we are very grateful and appreciative.

The kitchen has been renovated with a new refrigerator, new gas stove, an exhaust fan, more power points, vinyl flooring, lights, additional cooking equipment and rearranged shelving. It should be a very much more congenial area in which the wives and girlfriends may slave to provide food for all the extra entertainments to be held in the Club next year.

The costs of renovating the kitchen, the stairwell entrance, together with those of the new storage areas has substantially eaten into the increased profits of this year, but all members would be aware of the improvement this has made to the appearance of the Clubrooms.

All this new construction, allied with the general maintenance of the Clubrooms and tenant's premises has involved Board member Jim Alford in more than the usual large amount of Briars work he does. Every task is handled completely with a minimum of fuss. To show your gratitude, if you need a cab in the Western Suburbs just call base and ask for Jim!

A 26" colour television set is on permanent rental within the Club, though the purchase of an audio-visual unit for coaching and record purposes has been deferred pending further trials as to its value and use within our own Club framework.

At an extraordinary general meeting on the 7th February, a large majority decided that the ladies would be allowed into the Club during normal trading hours.

A poorly attended meeting was held to arrange a stewards roster, and developing therefrom has been a list of stewards for the various nights to enable effective control of the Club during trading hours.

Much more respect and tidiness was accorded Club property during the year, and the improvement appreciated by those whose role in the past has been to remedy the omissions. The Club is cleaned biweekly by contract cleaners and special mention is made of a clean-up by a group of footballers.

Indeed most scrutiny was kept on visiting teams who, on two occasions, decided to barricade the ladies toilet, and tried to souvenir (steal) a full keg.

The one major disturbing problem was that of continuing small thefts from the bar cash register earlier in this year, amounting to a total of almost \$160.

Incidents like this in a club dependent on voluntary service by all members as stewards, casts a suspicion and cloud of doubt over all.

It is regretted that Board expelled a member for disobeying a directive from the President and Chief Executive Officer.

Federal treasurers may change rapidly at the whim of the P.M., but this President is pleased to report he has never been misled by our Treasurer, John Crockart, nor has he found his conduct reprehensible, at least in accounting procedures. John has proved one of our ablest Treasurers and with his deputies John Kemp and Craig McIntosh, combine to always present precise statements to Board and Management, as well as in liaison with the Senior steward, produces accurate figures to decide on trading profit margins and bar prices.

The vast amount of work involved in the secretarial duties of the Club, and in keeping a managerial eye on all aspects of administration, has been carried out with great efficiency by Ted Stockdale as the Chief Executive Officer.

Though helped by Craig Hickey as his deputy, Ted has always borne the main burden of the tireless work needed to carry out the task, rarely with a harsh rebuke and usually with a smile.

As increasing aches and pains have meant many times Ted has carried on when suffering much personal distress, he has decided to resign as the Chief Executive Officer, though retaining Board membership and remaining always available for advice.

Board, Management Committee and all members reluctantly accept his decision and thank him for years of tireless work and devotion to the welfare of his loved Briars Sporting Club.

Ted has always been a close friend but never of more help to me than in the term as President. Before this, even I never realised the amount of time and expertise Ted has given to the Club.

As President I am aware of the enthusiastic interest and thought given to decision making by Board and Management and am proud of their concentrated efforts given voluntarily to the cause of this great Briars Club.

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 Assoc., Rugby Union Referees Assoc., Sydney Hockey Assoc., Squash Racquets Assoc., of N.S.W. and N.S.W. Cricket Assoc. Finally, best wishes for success and greetings to the many Clubs against whom we compete in amateur sport.

David Walker, President.

CRICKET

Give me a bat of full white grain, In the heart of a willow grown, With never a peg and never a band, I'll force the ball to the "outfield" land, With the softened sound of a silken hand, Smoothing a velvet gown.

D.L.A. Jephson (1871-1926)

Sub-Committee:

J. Balmforth (Chairman), I. Blair, M. Sterry, N. Young,

J. Jarratt.

The pavilion has been closed down for the winter sport, bats oiled and put away and gear stored and all the statistics for the 1974-75 season compiled. Although our Club did not carry off any trophies, the season was a very happy and successful one, yielding the following results.

(a)	Club Championship	2nd	an improvement of 3 places
(b)	"A" Shire	3rd	an improvement of 6 positions
(c)	"B" Shire	2nd	an improvement of 1 place
(d)	"C" Shire	4th	a drop of 2 places

(e) C & S - Played 20 - Won 11 - Drawn 1 - A very significant improvement over recent years.

We were denied the ultimate successes by the Epping Club who had a wonderful and well deserved season, carrying off, for the first time ever, the Club Championship and all three premierships, and we sincerely congratulate them.

Throughout the team Captains reports, which follow, the old adage "catches win matches" was stressed, for our inability to hold vital catches cost us dearly in several critical games. However, the results were most gratifying to both the Cricket Sub-Committee and the Selection Committee, and give great hopes for the 1975-76 season.

The City and Suburban eleven had a further influx of "new" blood, not necessarily youth, but produced their best season for many years. In fact, congratulations are in order to John Handscom, who finished 22nd in the C & S.C.A. batting averages with 29.3, whilst Peter Burt in 35th position with a batting average of 25.40 also appeared in the bowling averages with 30 wickets, a cost of 12.9 in 30th position. I am told that both these performances result from astute captaincy and leadership.

In recent years the Grades Committee has shown much more recognition and appreciation of the Municipal Shire Competition than previously, and the N.S.W.C.A. thinking is developing along the lines of expansion of the M & S Competition and probably changing the name to Sub-District. This is obviously desirable for the benefit of cricket in the Sydney Metropolitan area, but of course, will raise many questions and some difficulties, particularly as far as our own Club is concerned. We do, however, have the assurance of the Grades Committee that all Clubs will be consulted and involved in any re-organisation which may develop.

A.J. (Wisden) Land has once again brought up to date, Club Cricket Statistics, and a new innovation is the provision of changes in records which took place during the season under review, the highlights of which are set out below.

All Grades	Name	Details
Most runs	Mobbs T.	11,690
Most overs	Watt E.	4,702
Best all round performance	Mobbs T.	11,690 runs
		877 wickets
Wicket keeping	Walker D.A.	647 dismissals
		397 catches
		250 stumpings
"A" Shires		
Most runs	Walker D.A.	8,873
Most innings	Walker D.A.	410
Wicket keeping	Walker D.A.	565 Dismissals
"C" Shires		
Most wickets	Kemp J.	208
Most overs	Kemp J.	817
C & S		
Most runs	Stockdale E.	4,130
Most wickets	Young R.	408
Best all round performance	Williams B.	3,284 runs and
		197 wickets

At the completion of this season, our Club had scored a total of 498,054 runs whilst losing 30,084 wickets, i.e., 16.5 runs per wicket, whilst all our opposition had lost 32,937 wickets in scoring 478,282 runs to give an average of 14.5 runs per wicket.

Congratulations to Jeff Jarrett who produced the Club's only "ton" in the season in the first game.

Social activities included the commencement of the Annual Double Wicket Competition, but, unfortunately before the completion of the 1st round, a typical Sydney cloud burst (oh for the chance to play this annual event at Old Trafford) flooded the ground and gave no chance of any resumption.

Weather also interfered with our "Country visit", although a result in our favour was achieved. We visited Dubbo over the Easter weekend and thanks are due to Les McNeill a Club member resident in Dubbo, who made the arrangements and entertained all the visiting "Briars" in his home.

The Chairman spent 10 weeks during the season scouting for new players in Yorkshire and throughout this time Ian Blair, as expected, controlled cricket in the Club very successfully, and to Ian in particular, and all the other Members of both the Sub-Committee and the Selection Committee, I offer my sincere thanks.

As usual, we had our "fairer sex" support which we value so much, and Frank Farrell and Reg Walker were still as interested in our cricket welfare as for many years past and we look forward to their continued support.

"A" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1974-75

The season was a complete contrast to the previous season. Our batsmen failed on too many occasions, whereas our bowling was very steady the whole season. Our fielding, mainly catching was most disappointing, as during the season three or four catches were dropped per innings.

The number of catches "put down", some quite easy, seemed to stay with us all season, but we still managed to win matches until it proved our downfall when we were beaten in the semi-final. The main area where the catches were dropped was behind the wicket. The catching in the outfield was generally very good.

The bowling attack was well balanced with spin being utilised a little more than in previous years.

The batting in the early games was very good but fell off during the season.

The most exciting games of the season were against Lane Cove when we dismissed them for 114 at Longueville chasing 144, and Ryde when we beat them in the last round by 17 runs and thus made the semi-finals.

Aithough the individual averages are not good compared to previous years, our position on the ladder was the best since 1970-1971, which seems to suggest our wins during the year were a team effort.

Many thanks to Frank Farrell and Carol Smith for the preparation of the afternoon teas and to Leah, our highly competent Scorer.

Jeff Jarrett again deserves high praise for organising cricket practice, and, as mentioned last year, all cricketers should put more effort in attending.

Looking back over the season it was a happy one as we played as a team and finishing third was very commendable.

IAN BLAIR — Captain. His batting became more consistent this season, and took all his catches in a position he dislikes most, slips.

KEVIN HOLLEY — Vice Captain. Kevin did not have a good year with either bat or ball, although his bowling did improve over the last few games. His keenness and advice to the Captain was appreciated.

MAX ASTRI — Max did not produce as many runs as last season but still batted well. His bowling improved greatly and his 6—32 in the final was a great effort. His fielding fell below his very high standard of previous years.

GRAEME CORDEROY — Graeme was elevated to opening batsman this year and handled the job very well. Lost a little form at the end of the season after a nasty blow to the forehead whilst playing against Canterbury.

ROSS PERRIN — This was Ross' first season with the Club and he batted well at times as in the game with Bexley. Fielded well in all positions and took the most number of catches outside the keeper.

DAVID WALKER — This was probably David's worst season with the bat since joining the Club, he just did not have the Captain's luck when it came to dropped chances! Always gives a good performance behind the stumps.

JIM NEALE — Jim also had a lean time with the bat but bowled well without much L.B.W. luck! His performance at Canterbury with the ball was a good effort.

ROD SMITH — Rod proved a very handy No. 7, but at times when on top of the bowling threw his innings away. Bowled well when given the opportunity. Always willing to "throw" himself at the ball in the field.

TREVOR PARKER — Trevor did not have a successful season with the bat, but again proved a fine team man. His close in fielding seemed to fall away a little during the year but his catching in the outfield was very sound.

DAVID SCOBLE — David's season was reduced due to sickness and injury but still was the leading wicket taker for the team. His effort at Bexley where he took 7–38, and knocking the stumps out of the ground on no less than five occasions was a good one. More wickets would have gone his way had it not been for the poor catching by the "umbrella" field.

JOHN CROCKART— John bowled well during the year but needs a little more variation in his attack. His best bowling performance was against Lane Cove where they were chasing a small total on their ground and John took 3–26. His best batting performance was against Auburn where he helped put on 26 runs for the last wicket to win the match.

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Draw	n Points	Position
12	_	7	1	4	1	42	3rd
Runs	Wicket for	S	Average	1	Runs against	Wickets against	Average ,
2077	116		17.9		2324	117	19.8

BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
Blair I.	12	1	57	318	28.9
Perrin R.	11	2	67	206	22.9
Corderoy G.	14	1	62	288	22.2
Astri M.	14	_	46	307	21.9
Smith R.	11	1	40	213	21.3
Walker D.	12	_	51	160	13.3
Parker T.	11	2	34	117	13.0
Scoble D.	7	2	25	63	12.6
Neale J.	13	1	32	150	12.5
Crockart J.	9	3	10	34	5.7
Holley K.	10	3	14x	24	3.4

Also batted:

P. Mansford, 1 for 6. B. Cardwell, 2 for 31.

G. Gorton, 1 for 2. P. Burt, 2 for 22.

W. Partington, 1 for 1.

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Astri M.	90.0	27	237	20	11.9
Scoble D.	134.3	22	431	28	15.4
Crockart J.	118.4	20	382	20	19.1
Neale J.	100.6	14	383	19	20.1
Holley K.	126.5	27	429	18	23.8
Smith R.	43.0	6	180	5	36.0

Also bowled:

P. Burt, 1 for 106.

"B" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1974-75

The "B's" had another good year, but unfortunately lost the Grand Final to Epping after leading on the first innings. Careless batting and three dropped catches in the second session contributed to our downfall, so we had no one to blame but ourselves. Congratulations to Epping for participating in a great game where fortunes changed at least six times in the match.

Early in the season we were unable to field consistent batting sides, but Steve Schomberg, and later in the year Don O'Connor, gave us fair warning of their great potential for future Briars Cricket. Peter Mansford and Bob Streeter must also be mentioned for their most consistent efforts in batting and teamsmanship throughout the season.

Finally, my sincere thanks to Frank Farrell, always on hand to provide the good Cuppa for us and to deal with dogs and children.

MIKE STERRY — Like Craig, we missed him greatly in the semi and final, but throughout the season Michael batted soundly and bowled not perhaps as well as in previous seasons, though always lionhearted and on occasions very quick.

COL JONES — Provided adequate afternoon teas, remembers batting twice, bowled very well in the pre-Christmas period, but could not get as much bowling late in the season when we had insufficient runs to employ him as often as was desired.

COL BLAIR — A somewhat patchy season for Col "Gully" Blair. Batted well in his limited appearances with us before departing to the Football scene. Fields especially well in the Gully area.

DON O'CONNOR — Don came to us mid season and is destined for higher company. He proved his great potential with both bat and controlled leg spin bowling. A neat fieldsman who moulded in well with older company.

STEVE SCHOMBERG — Another new cap who must ascend to better company. A very dangerous bowler, a little astray with the new ball yet, but also most impressive with his consistent batting in the middle order. Needs to set the alarm on Saturdays!

NOEL YOUNG — Captain. Did not begin well with the ball, but had a better second half season, and was probably doing his best work in the semi and final. Enjoyed the challenge to Captain the team and appreciated the support of all players.

BARRY CARDWELL — Vice Captain. Barry did not enjoy a good season, particularly with the bat, but fielding was the best, as we have come to expect, and his tactical knowledge was of great benefit to the new Skip.

PETER MANSFORD — The most solid of Peter's performances in his longish career with the Club. A very good opener, good field and solid team man. Gave us many good starts and who will forget his lone effort against Epping in the first round.

JEFF JARRETT — Started off with a "Ton" in the first game, but lost a lot of confidence in subsequent matches. Jeff is capable of superb power driving but a couple of times was dismissed to freak catches. Reliable behind the stumps as a Team Keeper.

BOB STREETER — Another team stalwart, Bob turned in some great innings, was as consistent as Peter Mansford. Also a sound fieldsman and enthusiastic team man.

TED WATT — Ted once more turned in some big knocks at crucial moments of the year, and mostly provided the stability in the middle we generally lacked. Not his best year with the ball.

CRAIG McINTOSH — A greatly improved season for Craig, but was unfortunately away for the semi and final. Apart from some good scores, also at times turned in some excellent bowling performances.

"B" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	_	9	1	. 1	2	60	2nd Runner up
Runs	Wickets for		Average	Runs agains	t	Wickets against	Average
2443	114		21.4	258	1	157	16.43

BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
Mansford P.	13	1	93	444	37.0
Schomberg S.	7	2	54×	170	34.0
Streeter R.	13	1	57	332	27.6
Sterry M.	9	3	47×	161	26.8
Watt E.	13	2	66	277	25.1
McIntosh C.	8		81	146	18.2
Blair C.	6	1	38	88	17.6
Jarrett J.	14	_	104	237	16.9
Cardwell B.	10	_	33	104	10.4
Young N.	7	. 2	18×	30	10.0
Jones C.	9	4	22	47	9.4
Laws A.	5		4	16	3.2

Also batted: R. Perrin, 2 for 66. D. O'Connor, 4 for 93.

G. Gorton, 2 for 28. D. Sterry, 2 for 6.

P. Burt, 4 for 8. W. Poulden, 3 for 8.

J. Beardsley, 1 for 18.

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Stromberg S.	131	31	383	27	14.1
Young N.	139	31	399	28	14.2
Watt E.	136	27	357	24	14.8
Sterry M.	132	31	357	21	17.0
Jones C.	140	28	443	25	17.7
McIntosh C.	47	2	194	8	24.2

Also bowled:

D. Sterry, 1 for 5. P. Burt, 7 for 128.

D. O'Connor, 3 for 111. J. Jarrett, none for 3.

Also bowled:

(Contd)

P. Mansford, none for 7. B. Cardwell, none for 8.

C. Blair, none for 9. A. Laws, none for 14.

W. Poulden, none for 20.

"C" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1974-75

I believe all members of the "C's" will agree the 74/75 season was as good as expected. Due to poor batting throughout the season we were never able to capitalise on the fine efforts of our bowlers at any stage.

Nevertheless, for the fourth year in succession we made the semis, this time against Auburn — Lidcome, where our batting unfortunately let us down being dismissed for a meagre 75, then our bowlers almost won the game, having the opposition 6 for 60 at one stage, but through determined batting Auburn eventually passed our score winning by 37 runs, in a one day match which meant no second chance, however, our batting was just not good enough.

In what was really an amazing season, statistics show that in twenty two (22) innings we managed only nine (9) times to pass the century mark, and only passing the 150 mark twice all season, which is truly inept batting.

Our high standing in the competition was due to our bowlers who toiled extremely well throughout the season, in fact, so well that they dismissed the opposition on no fewer than 13 occasions under 100, showing that the batsmen in most matches were not really chasing many runs at all.

In relation to the batting, the one thing that was lacking was concentration, where far too many batsmen, far too often were dismissed because of unnecessary stroke play. Perhaps if we can learn from the mistakes made, next season will surely be a more successful one.

Summarizing the season, it was an enjoyable one and although we slipped two positions on the table, I am sure all the players did enjoy themselves. My sincere thanks to Bob Turner and the team for the support throughout the season.

- **D. JAMIESON** Captain. In his first year of captaincy, Dave performed creditably in his new job, leading the team to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, his batting suffered, not directly accountable to the captaincy, for whilst his technique was sound he tended to become tied down by the bowlers, consequently finding it difficult to score runs. His keeping was steady throughout the season finishing with 18 catches, but found the slow bowlers a little difficult down the leg side.
- **R. TURNER** Vice Captain. Bob had a very good season, finishing with 38 wickets at an average of 10.39, and he fielded well throughout the year. His batting was improving all the time, perhaps a bit suspect to a swinging ball and a bit unlucky to get some bad L.B.W. decisions (so he says).
- J. WORRALL Had his best season with the ball since joining the Club, taking 41 wickets at 9.98, a good effort considering his line was astray in a few games. John

is a fit fellow and whenever he was brought on for a second spell always seemed to lift his performance. Good fieldsman. Batting Hmmmm? John has played his last season with the Club and we wish him well when he returns to the United Kingdom.

- **J. KEMP** Kempy had a great season taking 45 wickets at 9.58 a piece until an injury put paid to what might have been a record season. John batted very well, even top scored a few times, and his fielding throughout the season was good. Certainly if he starts as well again next season as he did this one he will press very strongly for a place in the higher grades.
- **D. STERRY** Derek operated as the 1st change through most of the season and performed very well, his bowling was a lot tighter this year due mainly to bowling off a shorter run enabling him to top the averages with 28 wickets at a cost of 9.32. His batting technique was lacking but with coaching would be sure to improve (must learn to wear his contact lenses). A good fieldsman.
- **P. BOUCHIER** A late arrival, Paul, in his matches bowled extremely well and bowled with a great deal of fire and determination. He plays the game very hard as was evident in his bowling, his batting was sound and his fielding excellent. Must start earlier to be considered in the higher grades.
- **G. HOOKER** Garry has a lot of ability but unfortunately did not always utilise it, tended to play the ball too far from the body. With coaching, his batting will improve and with experience his game will progress to a point where he will be able to eventually participate in higher grades. Garry finished with 292 runs at an average of 14.60. Took some cracker catches in slips. Handy bowler.
- **L. WILLIAMS** Lyn had a mixed season with the bat, finishing with 220 runs for an average of 12.94, but he too could have done better but played too many rash shots too often. Lyn likes to hit the ball hard but must make the right choice of ball to hit. Good close in field, handy bowler.
- **W. POULDEN** Another cricketer who did not realise his potential, Warwick had a disappointing season, finishing with an average of 10.71. Smiley will need to improve his concentration to stand any chance of promotion next season. His fielding was good. His bowling was fantastic (so he says).
- **R. HUGGETT** Ross, in his first season of cricket with the Club, performed well in some matches, notably a fine knock of 42 against Wenty, but, overall he showed signs of tension and his technique was found wanting, nevertheless, with coaching and with the keenness Ross shows, next season no doubt will be an improving one for him. A good fieldsman.
- **D. HOOKER** Don, in the early part of the season batted well but unfortunately tentativeness crept into his batting and consequently did not enjoy a successful season. Fielding good.

Many players filled in throughout the season and my sincere thanks to those concerned, especially Allen Thompson and Kenny Gray.

"C" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
12	4	2	3	3	1	50	4th
Runs for	Wicket for	s	Averag	8	Runs against	Wickets against	Average
1998	179		11.1		2086	180	11.58

BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
Hooker G.	22	2	37	292	14.6
Williams L.	19	2	38	220	12.9
Jamieson D.	20	_	29	215	10.7
Poulden W.	18	1	31	182	10.7
Kemp J.	12	2	24	106	10.6
Hooker D.	15	1	23	127	9.0
Huggett R.	15、	2	42	105	8.0
Sterry D.	16	5	13	63	5.7
Turner R.	14	9	11x	26	5.2
Worrall J.	16	1	9	62	4.1

Also batted:

- G. Gorton, 2 for 54. D. Guille, 3 for 34.
- A. Laws, 6 for 94. T. Mobbs, 2 for 26.
- G. Ireland, 1 for 13. A. Thompson, 5 for 50.
- S. Schomberg, 1 for 12. C. Blair, 2 for 23.
- P. Bouchier, 4 for 41. C. Hickey, 1 for 10.
- K. Gray, 6 for 52. G. Shipway, 2 for 7.
- J. Beardsley, 3 for 19. S. Westhimer, 1 for 0.

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Sterry D.	80	13	263	28	9.3
Kemp J.	143	30	430	45	9.5
Worrall J.	148	30	409	41	9. 9
Turner R.	120	. 9	395	38	10.3
Bouchier P.	47	15	103	9	11.4

Also bowled:

- G. Hooker, 3 for 30. D. Guille, 3 for 44. S. Schomberg, 2 for 43. L. Williams, 2 for 58. W. Poulden, 2 for 75. A. Thompson, 0 for 3.
- A. Laws, 0 for 4. D. Jamieson, 0 for 7. D. Hooker, 0 for 14.
- C. Blair, 0 for 15.

CITY & SUBURBAN REPORT

This year we decided to award Emmys to some of the most outstanding performances by some of a team of actors throughout the year. This does not mean the best, but in most cases the worst. They are as follows:—

WORST TEAM MAN. The WINNER and STILL CHAMPION, CRAIG (Mahomet) HICKEY — the Greatest. He never deviated from the guiding principle. Whatever is good for Hickey, is the best for the team.

MOST SELFISH PLAYER - RAY YOUNG.

Records show that this player has now taken the greatest number of wickets ever for the Club in this C. and S. Association.

There is only one way this could happen, because he must have had more overs than anyone else, and that in turn happens because he pesters the life out of the current Captain. Had the award been given in the past years, there would have been a million applicants — names like Rose, Trevenar, Brian Williams and many others spring to the lips.

WORST CATCHER - TED (GREASYTHUMB) STOCKDALE.

The greatest upset since Don Williams won the sprint. Won this title in one stupendous performance at Goddard Park from the hot favourite Garry Kimble.

Never has a missed catch taken so long or been so full of so much drama. The whole scene is being made into a full length film starring Richard Burton.

BEST TEAM MAN - DAVE (THE DUDE) BROOKS.

In their report on this, the judges said he had contributed nothing to the team's advancement, but he had tried hard and had not actively done anything to destroy it and that alone made him the easy winner of this award by 10 lengths going.

END OF AWARDS

PETER BURT — The only man ever to have been mentioned in dispatches, (the combined C and S Report) for both batting and bowling. As to this record, this taciturn and self derogatory fellow stated, "Distasteful as it is to me to speak about my own performances, I must be truthful and say that my results were brought about by practised control of speed, spin length, pace off the wicket and extreme violence, also by the will to maim and in the case of batting, by sound defence, full command of every shot and a flawless technique. If I have missed anything I will let you know later."

JOHN HANSCOMB — One of the best batsmen the team has had since Chris Mitchell, which fortunately, the latter has been able to give him guidance, help and advice and he now has the same fluency of stroke, solid defence and charisma as that underrated player. Headed the averages this year, and though he starts his career with 3 strokes against him (being introduced by Hickey) he has so far managed to avoid the stigma which this would usually bring.

GRAHAM IRELAND — Does his best to maintain some standard of dignity in the side, but as the years go by his shoulders are beginning to droop under the burden. Still one of the most reliable and consistent batsmen in the Club, which makes it hard to understand why he was demoted to the "B" Shires in the start of the new season.

ANDY (Magic Finger) CLIFFORD — Playing at St. Ives one day, the opposition were watching Clifford (a hot brick taker) bowling, twisting his fingers and wrist in all directions. Their Captain said "This man appears to put an enormous amount of work on the ball — what is he doing off the wicket?" The next twenty minutes they observed him through the binoculars and gave their opinion "As far as we can see he is doing nothing in diamonds." "Rot" said Clifford "I distinctly saw the 3rd ball of my fourth over move sharply from the off stump at least one inch and don't tell me that is not turning the ball."

GARRY KIMBLE — A Born Loser. Over the past 5 years, had there been any award for the worst catcher, there could be no doubt that Garry would have won this on every occasion, having consistently dropped more catches over a long period than almost any one in the team, with the possible exception of Ray Young. However, when the money was up he failed to make the grade and in one case took two catches in the one match which lost him the trophy to old greasythumbs who 2 years ago was rated the team's best catcher.

TOM (Sugar) MOBBS — Had an eventful season but married firstly and then got diabetes. These are entirely separate and unconnected, but something happened to his form and he did not perform as well as usual. Perhaps it was the sudden lift in class, going from the Shires to C. and S. proved too much, anyway, he is battling on again and should by now have had time to recover from both these diseases.

COL. DENNIS — The only other acting footballer apart from Hickey and Burt in the side. Will face demotion very soon as the Captain likes to be the only one of anything, so for sure Dennis will have to go and play with a lower team. Had a good season with both bat and ball despite the shadow of Mao Tse-tung hanging over him.

JOHN (Zane Grey) HAZELWOOD — The only professional fisherman in the Club and we only have his word for that. Regularly brings along photographs of good catches of fish which must be accepted as the truth. Considering his fishing devotion, he operates very well with the ball for the C. and S. during the season and should be assured of holding his position if some of the usual skulduggery does not intervene.

CITY AND SUBURBAN STATISTICS

Matches	Won	Lost	Drawn	Ties	No Result
20	11.	8	1	_	_

Runs for	Wickets	Average	Runs Against	Wickets	Average
2437	148	16.4	2454	148	16.5

BATTING (10 Innings)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
J. Hanscomb	19	4	73	440	29.3
P. Burt	8	3	56	127	25.4
G. Ireland	14		47	317	22.6
D. Brooks	11	3	35	179	22.3
E. Stockdale	11	_	46	207	18.8
C. Hickey	17	2	40	245	16.3
T. Mobbs	11	_	42	171	15.5
C. Dennis	13	1	41	169	14.0
A. Clifford	. 8	2	25	39	6.5
K. Gray	9	_	27	57	6.3
G. Kimble	11	3	8	29	3.6
R Young	8	4	4	6	1.5

Also Batted:

- G. Gorton, 2 for 54. B.U. Williams, 3 for 26.
- A. Thompson, 1 for 16. J. Hazelwood, 6 for 60.
- G. Houston, 2 for 9. C. Blair, 2 for 13.
- J. Beardsley, 3 for 19. B. Williams, 4 for 17.
- M. Mackenroth, 1 for 4. B. Roberts, 3 for 11.
- J. Magrath, 1 for 2. J. Balmforth, 1 for 1.
- G. Rolleston, 2 for 1. D. Hooker, 1 for 0.
- C. Mitchell, 1 for 0. R. Huggett, 1 for 34.
- Lyn Williams, 1 for 9. A. McSweeney 1 for 5.
- D. Broomham, 2 for 3.

BOWLING (20 Overs)

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. Burt	104	11	389	30	12.9
J. Hazelwood	68	8	259	19	13.6
C. Dennis	49	3	243	15	16.2
R. Young	75	6	413	20	20.6
T. Mobbs	59	9	225	10	22.5
D. Brooks	23	1	132	5	26.4
A. Clifford	55	4	290	8	36.2

Also Bowled:

- D. Broomham, 7 for 53. G. Ireland, 2 for 13.
- G. Houston, 4 for 33. C. Hickey, 5 for 57.
- G. Kimble, 1 for 12. J. Hanscomb, 3 for 44.
- G. Rolleston, 1 for 20. J. Balmforth, 1 for 27.
- C. Blair, 2 for 87. M. Mackenroth, 1 for 13.

FOOTBALL

(Chairman: A. McSweeny)

1975 was a season of marked improvement in overall playing ability throughout the grades due to the acquisition of several young players and some not quite so young allied with very good attendance and application at training.

We were relatively successful with the following record.

Club Championship 8th position overall

Kentwell Cup 4th on Southside
Just missed semi-final

Burke Cup 2nd on Southside

Defeated in final

Whiddon Cup Premiers

Judd Cup Last

Another reason for the improvement this season was the time, energy and organisation provided by the football committee and I want to thank them for a great effort.

John Bailey Secretary

David Guille Social

Barry Williams Treasurer

Greg McPhee) New Members
Phil England)

Paul McKenzie-Wood Gear

Geoff Houston Registrations and records

John Magrath Trips/tours

Thanks also to David Menere for providing a weekly summary of progress points and positions for the majority of the season until bad weather and deferred matches made the job unworkable and to Mark Williams for organising social activities for part of the year and setting in motion fund raising activities for our proposed tour of the United Kingdom in January 1977. More news in detail of this tour will be publicised in "Focus". We were fortunate in gaining the services of Dick Thornett this year as Kentwell Cup coach — his first year of coaching. My thanks and congratulations to Dick and to Mike Elder as Burke Cup coach, then of course particularly to John McNicol and John Bailey respectively coach and captain of the premiership Whiddon Cup team. Finally to Peter Voorderhake for taking on the arduous job of coaching Judd Cup.

Unfortunately this year we did not play the customary match against Powerhouse but it will be on in 1976.

Our trip to Kangaroo Valley was as usual a great social success. However we went down on the paddock and look forward to victory next year.

I mentioned earlier the improvement in playing ability this season — therefore to all the players congratulations and thanks. I feel that with the general spirit and drive apparent in the club we can look forward to a successful season in 1976.

Training will commence in mid January 1976 and full team training as soon as Goddard Park becomes available and for this coming season I would remind all players that the commencing time will be 7.30 p.m. and stress that a team can only function successfully with 15 players — at training as well as on the field of play.

Congratulations to

Lindfield Kentwell Cup Burke Cup Judd Cup Club Championship St. Patricks Old Boys Colleagues Bondi Lifesavers

Coaches for 1976

Kentwell Cup Burke Cup Whiddon Cup Judd Cup Dick Thornett Mike Elder John McNicol David Watkins

Committee for 1976

Tony McSweeny-John Bailey Barry Williams Terry Daley Mark Williams Greg McPhee) Phil England) Geoff Houston Ian Castle Chairman Secretary Treasurer Trips/Tours Social

New Members

Registrations/Records

Gear

Last year we were represented at sub-district management by John Windon (Secretary) and Dick Crookes (Management Committee) and for the coming year the following were elected:-

John Windon Ian Richard David Menere Secretary
Management Committee
Protests & Appeals Committee

Respectively thanks and congratulations for the work involved.

Finally on behalf of all footballers our thanks and appreciation to Ted Stockdale for his help and assistance at all levels.

KENTWELL CUP

PLAYED	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST	T.T.L. POINTS	POSITION
16	187	242	12	4th South Side

Well 1975 season proved to be a successful one for Briars and Kentwell, even though missing out on the semi-final, could be considered unlucky in being beaten in some games by only one or two points. This showed the players and supporters that they could quite easily be a force to reckon with next season. The most encouraging point of the year was a win against St. Pats. in the first round and a draw in the second round with St. Pats ending as premiers.

The attendance at the early training runs and trial games was a little disappointing and I feel that if next season we could apply ourselves to getting fit for the start of the competition we should do a lot better as evidenced by our early losses this year.

However, I would like to congratulate and thank the whole team — even Dave Guille — for what was, to me, a successful but unlucky season. I would like to show my appreciation mainly to the forwards who really dominated the majority of the matches by their scrummaging, rucking and mauling with Dave Barron, Bruce Robinson and Phil Brooks outstanding. Our loose forwards also had a great year with Alan Garrick, Ian Castle, Bob Hellyar and Gordon Pegler to the fore. Their first up tackling and mauling was of large benefit to our game. I think we would all agree Peter Williams must be singled out for his improvement during the '75 season. Congratulations Peter on a good all-round year. Your whole game improved tremendously, particularly your line-out ability which we needed badly.

Chris Walker I would like to thank for his return to Briars. His knowledge early in the year benefited us greatly and even though shortlived — through injury — his captaincy was to be commended.

Ralph Sadler deserves special mention. His attendance at training, his attitude towards the game and his performance on and off the field as a player and, at times, Captain was remarkable for a veteran.

My personal thanks to each and every member of the side for showing their appreciation on the occasion of our Kentwell Dinner. Thank you Phil Brooks for this night and your captaincy during the year with your attitude on the field resembling your organisation off the field.

John Bailey — Congratulations to yourself and the Whiddon team for the premiership but your refusal to play Kentwell disappointed me.

Summing up the season — if we want to be on top of sub-district we all have to apply ourselves more to training and fitness. With only one night available for team training we must all put in extra physical work so that on Wednesday night more time can be devoted to coaching and planning.

BURKE CUP

PLAYED	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST	TOTAL POINTS	POSITION
16	226	143	17	2nd (South Harbour)

WON Semi-final 9—6 against St. Patricks. LOST Final 6—14 against Colleagues.

Will we ever win Burke Cup?

It is a question I have asked myself on many occasions and must admit that once we made the semi-finals this year I felt that this would be it, but no.

This year was very mixed up with Burke, starting on a very high note, setting a Club record in defeating Petersham 77.0, having a lapse, for various reasons, through the middle of the season and then really coming good at the end to go down in the Final.

Generally, the "team" played well with only one or two games of poor standard and when it is realised that 59 players played in the team, it speaks heaps for their ability to blend together with minimum training together.

Our forwards were a very good unit in all games and excelled at all facets of the game; I feel that the only areas that need to be improved on are the rucking and forward to forward tackling. Most of our big fellows still do not realise how important it is for them to keep the opposition big fellows on the back move and that means good, hard, low tackling, backed up by vigorous rucking when the ball is on the ground.

Backs could only be described as dependably solid. Everyone played well and, in fact, I feel that their defence was excellent, but they did not quite have the speed to be any more than tradesmen-like in attack.

Due to the large numbers that played I will not do pen pictures of everyone but would like to mention a few . . .

Bob Bishop: (Lock and 2nd row). Showing excellent potential in the above positions with lock being his preference. Must learn to control his temperament and also forget about his mistakes and get on with the game. Showed his versatility by playing 4/5 games in the centres early on.

Lindsay Callaway: (Wing/Centre). Will become an excellent player in either position but feel he should play wing for a short while yet and become extra man as much as possible. Very strong runner with the ball and more than sound defensively; one of the best in strong tackling back line.

Graham Pfieffer: (Back line). Played half, 5/8, centre and wing and played all

commendably and without quibble. A great team player and feel will improve out of sight next year when he settles down to one position.

Doug. McLean: (B/Way). Very fast and backed up play very well, but feel that he must learn to tackle the 5/8 or centre more often and not just harrass them. When he does this, he will be a very good all-round B/Way.

Below is the team that played in the Final, followed by players who played 5 or more games:

Final team: B. Williams, G. Housten, L. Callaway, J. Baker, G. Pfieffer, T. Cuspert,

J. Magrath, D. McLean, B. Bishop, B. Montgomery, I. Steele, D. Watkins,

D. Layton, J. Boyle, I. Richard.

C. Dennis, R. Saddler, R. Toyer, J. Abbey, P. Williams, B. Walsh, J. Quittner M. Macenroth, K. Grey, P. Burt, M. Rich.

I would like to thank all the 59 players who helped make 1975 a very good season for Burke Cup and I hope that they all come back stronger in 1976.

In closing, I would like to say thanks to Col Dennis for all the seasons he has put into the Briars, and express my sadness at seeing him retire mid-way through this season. Cheers, Col!

WHIDDON CUP

PLAYED POINTS FOR		POINTS AGAINST	TOTAL POINTS	POSITION
16	207	89	26	Premiers

The Whiddon Cup came home after a four year absence. The reason behind the win was the abundance of good young forwards throughout the Club. When players were promoted to higher grades, there always seemed to be somebody capable of filling the gap.

Most of the credit must go to the captain, John Bailey, who inspired the team to lift their game when in front or behind. A powerhouse pack of forwards dominated scrums, lineouts and rucks, a first rate half-back, an excellent fullback and goalkicker and a keen back-line who hardly saw the ball, they had to be keen.

Because of the lack of a good back-line early in the season, we relied on a grafting type of football, playing it in our forwards and working the sidelines. We were rewarded with some close but exciting games.

On behalf of the teams, I would like to thank Tony and the Football Committee for turning their first season into a winning season.

John Bailey - Captain - Hooker. A top Captain and forward leader. In what may

have been his last season of playing football, John gave it all he had; in doing so brought home the cup. His experience stood out in scrums and rucks.

Craig Hickey - Half-Back - Vice-Captain. A more relaxed season for Craig - not the pressures in the higher grades he has been used to. From an abundance of goodball from his forwards, he scored many fine individual tries. He has not lost the art of tackling, but would prefer somebody else to do it.

Peter Burt — **Fullback.** Magnificent season for Peter. His goal kicking, line kicking, positional play and advice to anyone who would listen was an encouragement to his team. The most consistent goal kicking from a Briar for many seasons.

John Powell — Winger. One of the up and coming wingers of the Club, improved with every game. Scored some fine winger's tries, is quite fast off the mark but needs to improve tackling.

John Worrall – Winger. Kept his best football for the last minute of the Grand Final, with a superb runaway try. Handling errors crept into John's game throughout the season but he had fine games in the final and grand final.

Bob Spedding — Utility Back. The only member of the team and the Club to have played in both recent winning teams. Played in every position in the backline throughout the season; extremely versatile. His only mistake was to buy a new pair of boots, ensuring maybe one more season.

Chris Walker — Centre. One of the new faces, forced his way into the team with some good performances late in the season. Kicked two great goals in the final, the only points scored. His tackling tightened the backline defence, which had been below standard. A little slow off the mark but this could be remedied with some extra training in the off-season. Could play Kentwell Cup.

David Guille — Centre. Hampered by injury, David found form in the latter part of the season. Had a big part in the two tries scored in the Grand Final. Puts on a good Social Night as well.

Jim Swift — Five-eight. Joined the Club late in the season. The few games he played were enough to show us his real class. Kicks a mean field goal at training. Will be a big asset to the Club in higher grades.

Steve Madden — Five-eight. In his first year with the Club, Steve shows a lot of promise; has the ability but must put it all together. Must get fitter earlier in the season, should play higher grade.

Ralph Toyer – Lock. The start and end of the season he played some excellent football but there seemed to be a slump in the middle where he lost confidence. Shows a lot of back-row ability, must learn to run harder with the ball.

Bruce Ferguson — Breakaway. The perfect breakaway. Tall, fast and excels at tackling. Must look for support when running with the ball. Made up an excellent backrow with Greg and Ralph. Has the ability to play Kentwell.

Greg McPhee – Breakaway. The other perfect breakaway. Will tackle anyone with the ball; it doesn't matter if he's late, early or even if it's one of his team mates. Must improve his handling. Shows more ability as a breakaway than a halfback. The smallest forward with the biggest heart.

Ken Gray — Second Row. Ken seems to have been around for so long but is still quite young for a tight forward. Tremendously keen and is showing a lot more maturity in his play. With more vigour in open play should be one of the first picked in Kentwell next year.

John Harvey — **Second Row.** The strong man of the pack, effective line out man, his work in the rucks was as good as anyone in the Club. Next season should start in Whiddon and work up.

Bob Hodgson — **Prop.** Played nearly every position in the pack, excellent in tight and loose play. Plays the game as though he owns the ball and never lets it get more than a few feet away from him. His experience was a great help to his captain.

Col Dayman – Prop. Most of our possession from scrums, lineouts and rucks must be credited to Col. A footballer with a beautiful pair of hands and a great knowledge of the game. Second top try scorer and a big asset to Briars.

John Allen. With the abundance of good forwards throughout the Club, John found himself playing on the wing for most of the season. He handled the wing like most second-rowers would. He only had the one game at second-row (Grand Final) in which he played a blinder. Look forward to seeing more of him in that position next year.

Peter Voorderhake — **Loose Forward.** Started the season later than most but his experience as loose forward was a big help to the team. We were sorry we could not have played four backrowers in the grand finals.

I wish to thank all members who played Whiddon, which was the majority of the Club.

JUDD CUP

PLAYED	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST	TOTAL POINTS	POSITION
16	64	135	6	Last

Firstly from all the "JUDDIES" a hearty congrats to the WHIDDON CUPPERS for their marvellous effort in taking out the grand final and also to the BURKE CUPPERS for making it to the finals. Judd Cup (as always!) had a mixed year, finishing well down the competition table but giving nearly all teams a good run for their money. We lost 12 won 2 and drew 2, which in itself would suggest a poor year, true in a way but considering in 16 games, points for (64), and against (135) show that in each game 4½ points would have swung the game. (Maybe just one reasonable goal kicker, selectors!)

This year as in previous years, Judd Cup teams have been made up of the early arrivals at the grounds rather than a selected team at training, and as such, suffered the consequences. Fortunately we have been able to field a complete XV each week.

Next year a few of those retiring Kentwell members might consider forming a 'Judd Cup Only' squad to provide a basic core to assist the 'also rans' in notching up a few more wins.

I feel a special thanks from the selectors and the club should go to those hard-core Judd Cup members who didn't make a higher grade but continued to arrive at training, and at 12 o'clock Saturday each week, thus allowing us to provide four reasonably complete teams, and more importantly this year, in giving depth to the great Whiddon Cup side.

HOCKEY

Sub-Committee – M. Sterry (Chairman), D. Scoble (Deputy-Chairman) I. Sullivan J. Kemp, C. McIntosh, G. Trevenar, R. Larkin, D. Jamieson.

This year was not as good as last year, but however it was not without its successes. The most important one was winning the Club Championship. It was a lot closer this year which made the competition more exciting.

Perhaps the best thing that happened this year in regards to the future of hockey is the inauguration of a second junior team. The running of the two junior teams created a drain on the administrative resources, but thanks to the added help from Craig McIntosh and Ross Huggett, John Kemp and myself were able to cope with the added work and responsibility.

As far as the individual teams are concerned the best performer was the C grade, which after finishing second in the competition and losing the major semi-final, came through the final to win the grand final in a thrilling game; scoring the only goal three minutes from the end.

The B grade unfortunately lost their grand final in extra time. However one of the most pleasing aspects of the teams play is the resulting statistical proof that comes from the goals they scored this season; that **team training wins games.** Many games were won from practiced penalty moves.

Thanks to the availability of Ray Larkin as coach; training was well run and for next year it is proposed that an organised training schedule will be drawn up. Its success of course still must rely on the numbers that attend the training and the sub-committee will be looking into how best to achieve this.

The A grade were perhaps the most disappointing of the teams this year. After several team changes the team reached top form after the middle of the season with a great 4–1 win over the eventual premiers, Glebe. But over the last three competition games the team seemed to lack cohesion and drive and although they tried to lift their form for the semi-final, it was not quite good enough on the day.

The D grade had a reasonably good season with John Kemp continuing on the good work. Several of the young players in that team are maturing well enough to push down some of the players in the higher grades next year.

The two Junior teams had a good year considering the initial problems that were experienced with the doubling of our junior resources. The A grade side found their rise from B grade a big one; and found that the small mistakes that they made in B grade and got away with were capitalized on by the opposition in A grade. However they learnt quickly and played well enough to make the semi-finals. The C grade, in their first year however, unlucky to just miss out on the semi-finals. A member of the team, Colin Huggett, made an outstanding debut to hockey by being picked in the area under 14 side. To top that he was also picked in the Sydney under 14 team — an outstanding performance. Another first for the C grade juniors was the fact that the Club President's daughter, Louise Walker, became the first female member of an official Briars team. She even outdid some of the boys by gaining best and fairest points.

Another girl Karen Huggett also played in the C grade and became the sixth member of the Huggett family to play for the Club in the same season — surely a Club record.

The winner of the junior hockey trophy, the R.D. Vanderfield Trophy, was won by Neil Huggett. Neil is keeping the trophy in the family as his brother Ross had won it for the first two years. Neil's organizational ability and keenness were excellent and he was a vital part of the A grade junior team and also the D grade senior team.

The annual Barton — Briars event was held in Sydney during the Queen's birthday weekend. This year saw the inauguration of a new cup, the K.J. Shorter Cup, donated by the father of one of our Junior players, for annual matches between junior sides from both clubs. Briars won it for the inaugural year. The B grade senior side also won their match, but the highlight of the day was the great A grade match. The result was a draw 4—4 and every goal was a result of good hockey. After the game, Barton were entertained back at the Club and as usual it rounded off a great weekend.

This year Briars entered a team in the Western Suburbs Carnival and came away winners of the Minor Division. This is the first time that we have won a carnival and it was a great achievement.

Umpire Lectures were again held at the Club and following testing John Fripp, David Jamieson, Ross Huggett and David Scoble received their badges. Congratulations to these players/umpires. Also this year Michael Sterry received his N.S.W. B. badge.

The winner of the Best and Fairest Competition was Craig McIntosh, who seemed to benefit from his trip to see the World Cup Hockey matches this year by playing better hockey himself; rising through the grades to firmly establish himself in A grade as a fullback.

In last years report it was hoped that an effort would be made "to start a second junior team and to build up the quality in the standard of our C and D grade teams." This was accomplished, but the hope that was expressed with regards to changing the players attitude to coaching and training did not eventuate. Voluntary persuasion has failed, maybe next year some other method should be employed.

Briars hockey is starting to move in the shadow between social hockey and top grade hockey. Now we have the potential and resources as never before in our history to have a real option between the two choices. In which direction we move should depend on us. But move we must before the shadow moves and we are left with no shelter in which to lie dormant and are blinded by the light we were not prepared for.

A GRADE

Our apologies, but no report received.

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
21	13	4	4	75	37	30	4th

B GRADE

Played 21	Won 13	Drew 5	Lost 3	Goals for 56	Goals against 31	Points 31	Position (Minor
							Premiers)
							2nd

This year for the third time in a row we were Minor Premiers. Unfortunately we were beaten by a goal in extra time in the Grand Final. A disappointing end to a good season. However the spirit in which the Grand Final was played, spoke highly for the two sides involved; with University of New South Wales being worthy winners — well done Uni.

Several changes in the captaincy linked with the fact that every position in the team changed at least twice did not help the team's performance. It naturally created confusion in both team tactics and individual combinations. The forwards particularly seemed to lack that indefinable something. This was particularly noticeable in light of the way the four of the five grand final forwards three weeks before in winning the Western Suburbs Carnival; being prominent in beating a team that had got through to the third round of the State Cup, 2—0.

Perhaps the best part of the team's play was the result of practiced set plays at penalties. This proves beyond doubt that practice every week of penalty corners and penalty strokes pays off. This was done every Tuesday night at training resulting in the last 11 matches in 19 goals. In only one match of these eleven did we fail to score from at least one penalty corner or penalty stroke. It can be safely said that this must be the best record in 2nd Division and undoubtedly gave us the Minor Premiership.

Another good thing to come from this season is the improvement of Ross Huggett as a centre forward and Nigel Sterry as centre-half. This combination will be the basis of a premiership A Grade side in a couple of years without any doubt. They both have youth, speed, skill and more important, a good hockey brain. All they lack is confidence, and this must come with experience and encouragement.

Colin Aikman (Goalkeeper) — As usual Colin found in the earlier part of the season that his form varied from week to week. But near the end of the season Colin played the best hockey he has for a while. Colin must remember that he is the last line of defence and safety must be his prime objective.

lan Trimble (Left-Back) — For his first year in the club, he adapted to our play quite quickly. Ian tends to be a bit slow and stereotyped in his play. To be a top class back, he must learn to vary his game depending on variables such as types of opposing forwards, conditions of fields etc. But Ian has good positional sense, and his keenness and spirit will make him a first class Briar.

Craig Jennings (Right-Back) — Always gives a hard determined full game performance. Also a little on the slow side, but makes up for it by working in well with the rest of the defence. His 16 yard hits are varied well and if Craig can get a harder and quicker hit in — could create havoc amongst opposing sides.

David Jamieson (Right-Half) — If David could leave his emotions off the field he could be a first class right-half. Learnt a lot last year in positioning and skill techniques. His ability to anticipate team moves was good, but his anticipation of opposition moves was not as good. Has an above average hockey brain.

Nigel Sterry (Centre-Half) — When fully fit and had good opposition players against him, played extremely well. His strong point was his attacking play and linked well with the forwards. Must learn to adapt his play on the day more, but this will come with experience and confidence.

Michael Sterry (Left-Half) — Captain — played centre-half for part of the season but was a too defensive centre-half — leaving the forwards without a link man. Found the captaincy a challenging task and at times his own play suffered by concentrating too much on what the team was doing. Wasn't as fit this season as he should have been, but his keenness was a strong as ever. Scored 11 goals.

Ryan Fernandez (Right-Wing) — Can play great hockey at times, but seems to lose concentration too easily. Must learn to play better positional hockey and combine more with his half. Has great stick work, but should use his speed more and vary the time at which he centres the ball.

Stuart McIntosh (Inside-Right) — Had a reasonably good season — scoring 9 goals. Tends to call for the ball too much and creates confusion in the team by his unpredictable moves. Wastes his good turn of speed by not using his other forwards enough for pass-to and pass-back movements. Has the ability to learn and could have a big season next year.

Ross Huggett (Centre-Froward) — Scored 10 goals this season, although most of them were from short corners, and has the ability to score many more field goals. Learnt a lot this year for his first year in the forwards. Has great potential and his ability to find gaps and anticipate movements is uncanny. Lacks the killer instinct of a good centre-forward, and must learn to shoot more often himself in the circle — but this will come with experience.

Alan Fisher (Inside-Left) — Didn't score as many goals as he was capable of, but did a lot of extra work in covering and defence generally. His combination with Eric Wade was excellent and showed what a good hockey brain he has. Has good positional sense.

Eric Wade (Left-Wing) — Came in to this position late in the season but fitted in quickly into an extremely hard position, and his positional sense and understanding with Alan made up for lack of pace. Was the top goal scorer in the B's with 12 goals; which included some magnificent individual efforts.

C GRADE

Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
21	15	5	1	67	19	31	1st

After the last season being beaten in the Grand Final we finally broke the drought and won the 'C' Grade (West. Div.) Premiership for the first time since entering a team in the 'C' Grade competition.

The season started out with strong attacking forwards, many early wins and a rather weak defence which worked well till the second round, when opposition teams found our weakness and exploited it.

The team spirit early in the season suffered — as nearly every week a different Captain was appointed — resulting in players not being "pushed" hard enough to obtain best results.

Midway through the season, a permanent Captain was appointed. The defence tightened and players reshuffled into better suited positions, resulting in better teamwork and stronger will to win.

We did however, have many changes of players throughout the season - 16 in all being used.

The Captain would like to give thanks to David Scoble and Ian Sullivan for standing by in the Semis and Finals and coming on as replacements later in the games.

By finishing second at the end of the rounds it enabled us to have luckily "two bites at the cherry" as we were beaten convincingly 2-1 by Ryde in the major semi. We then beat Uni of N.S.W. 3-2 in the final and after a thrilling and hard fought game managed to topple the Minor Premiers Ryde 1-0 after being 0-0 all for most of the game. Peter Bartlett managed to "fluke" a goal much to his surprise and his team mates. All in all, it was a great privilege to Captain the first 'C' Grade winning team.

The players for the 1975 season were: -

G. Gorton — Captain — Fullback. Took over a difficult task half way through the season and did extremely well. His changes in team positions and excellent use of reserve players had a lot to do with the teams winning the final. Still has

a good eye and "pinger" caused many a worry to oncoming forwards. Positional sense is excellent,

Max Smith — Right Back. Max started the season well, then concentration lapses set in, resulting in his partner having to do more share of work, must learn to have his stick more perpendicular for better stopping of the ball.

Bob Forbes – Goalie. Bob had a very good season, saving the defence on many occasions, must learn to listen to advice for a better understanding with his Backs. Bad luck he missed the Grand Final (he will ride motor bikes).

Warren Widger — Goalie. Warren filled in for Bob Forbes when not available and did a fine fist of the job, particularly in the Grand Final. With a little more confidence and experience will turn into a fine Goalie.

Ivan Cleur — Centre Half. Ivan had a great season and was instrumental in setting up many attacks and was very sound in defence. Must learn not to become involved in verbal clashes with opposition players and referees — as his game then suffers — always likes to win.

Derek Sterry — Left Half. After switching from Centre Half to Right Half showed how versatile he is by playing left half in the Semi's and Finals. His stickwork was good, but sometimes lacked the will to go in and have a go in the heavy stuff. This will come with more experience.

Paul MacKay — Right Half and Right Wing. "Dasher" proved his off season stick work to be as reliable as his on season stick work by producing a daughter at Grand Final time. However, had a good season, and played both positions well, though during the Grand Final tended to lose concentration through giving admiring glances to the side line.

David Walker — Centre Forward. "Pres" made a welcome return to Hockey this season and his experience and stick work shone out above his team mates. Proved his versatility by playing Centre Forward and later in games being pulled back to Full Back to tighten the defence. One of the now lucky few to have been in a Premiership side in all three grades. Well done "Pres".

Peter Bartlett — Inside Right. Peter had a good season, but later on his play suffered as his position was changed nearly every week. The Captain heard the all too familiar cry from him "What position this week Gorto". Played Centre Forward in the Grand Final and scored the winning goal — much to everyones delight.

Mark Host — Inside Left. Mark started the season "great guns" scoring many opportunist goals, must learn to position himself better on 16 yard hits and do more work in tackling back rather than being up field most of the time.

Lew Martin — Left Wing. Lew showed yards of speed and dash on many occasions and dribbled the ball well to obtain attacking positions but on many occasions lacked the power with centres and backed off many times when the opposition had the ball. With a few more pounds and inches could develop into a very good Winger.

Greg McIntyre – Inside Right. "Bullocking Greg" gave his usual 80 minutes of non-stop hacking, chopping, burrowing and going down with leg injuries with every game. Really enjoys his Hockey and is a good team man. His enthusiasm could well be a lesson to other players in the Club — although sometimes his team mates would like to know which way he is actually running.

Dave Jamieson — Right Half. Dave played the early part of the season with 'C' Grade as Captain till the call came from higher grades for his assistance. Dave took the chance and with more concentration and not worrying about "Stirrers" on the sideline will in the future develop into a handy player for the club.

Steve Burton — Left Half. A new player to the club. Had difficulty in settling down to our style of play — was just starting to get in the swing when he was transferred through business to South Australia.

D GRADE

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
21				55	44	23	4th

The "D" Grade side this year followed on from where they left off last season and only circumstances beat the team from giving the premiership a real shake.

The team still consisted of the few old heads and some new blood. Next season should see these younger hockey enthusiasts able to hold positions sometimes at the expense of senior players the team include regularly five juniors:- Neil Huggett, Michael Tass, Malcolm Shorter, Robert Wood and Bernard Flory.

The team on occasions showed devastating form, with the best win against Cumberland 5–2. That win was the only time that the best available D Grade side played together in which we completely routed these Grand Finalists. In the games against Northern Districts (premiers) the team could only field weakened sides but creditably were only beaten 1–0 on two of these occasions. So the team looked as if they could win a premiership with a full strength side. But as luck might have it we were unable to defeat Randwick in the Semi-Final because of absenteeism of key players.

However, there is always next year. The team was generally comprised of the following players:—

Warren Widger — Goal Keeper. Continued the good work of last season and was justly rewarded in being able to compete in the "C" Grade Semi-Final and Grand Final. Still has the potential to play "A" Grade within a few seasons, as long as he does not become flustered.

Ken Dobbins — Right Full Back. Ken played consistent good games until beaten for pace by the quicker and younger opposition.

Neil Huggett — Left Half. Continued on from last year's efforts as a reserve to hold down a regular spot. Has the ability of being good team player who should regularly play "C" Grade next year.

Bernard Flory — Centre Half. Newcomer to the club through the Juniors, who shows tremendous potential, but has to learn that moves that work in the Juniors rarely work against Seniors. Like his predecessor, Derek Sterry last year, he should try to improve his service to his forwards by the more intelligent and varied play.

Robert Wood — Right Half. Initially Robert was "Caught Out" of position, but his general keenness carried him through by the end of the season. Learnt a lot from his games in the Seniors which was reflected in his games in the Juniors. Keep up the good work Robert.

Garry Trotter — Right Half/Full Back. Garry was often lost for pace against quicker opposition but still kept trying. Had trouble adapting himself to the right half position after playing full back only. Has yet to realise his full potential.

Ron Hodge — Right Wing. In his first year of hockey showed a keenness to learn and was rewarded with 6 goals for the season. Keep up the good work for next season Ron.

John McDonald — Left Wing. Newcomer to the club with limited hockey experience, but he too showed enough speed and potential that he should find himself in a higher Grade next season.

lan Sullivan — Centre Forward. Might be a bit slower now but he was the "General" amongst the forwards. His ability to help his supports gain potentially better goal-scoring positions was instrumental in the swift passing rushed by the whole forward line by season's end. Keep up the good work next year lan.

Michael Tass — Inside Right. Injured early in the season but after returning half way through the season showed the potential of last year. Learnt to combine with the other forwards. Could easily play "B" Grade next season if he still supports his team's other forwards.

Malcolm Shorter — Inside Left. Malcolm has the "happy" ability to score goals as an individual and as a team player as he often gave goals to his supports. Malcolm like Michael Tass has the potential to play a much higher grade next season, but will have to do more "tackling back" to be a better inside forward.

Reserves — Several reserves were used throughout this season for which the team is very grateful. Particular thanks must be given to regulars John Capper, Brian Gilbert and Ted Callaghan and those Juniors who also filled in.

JUNIORS

A GRADE

After being joint premiers in B grade (1974), we were promoted to A grade. But there was some doubt as to how we would go after losing some of our best players to the senior ranks.

Old faithful, the ever prepared Mike Sterry, turned up with the replacements

necessary and under his watchful eye and giving us his expert advice, we prepared for a hard season.

It took a few matches before we were organised into any kind of a successful fighting force, and our first victory (as a team) came on the long weekend when we played Barton, a day which was enjoyed by all. The victory gave us more confidence in ourselves and in the weeks that followed we ran up successive wins.

As it always goes, the team slowly began to deteriorate due to an unknown cause.

We considered it lucky when we reached the semis but not so lucky as we had to play Baulkham Hills, the undefeated premiers who had had only two goals scored against them all season.

Their record remained unblemished despite our spirited attempt to alter it. The fact that they had three first grade first division players in the team didn't help us too much.

We would like to thank Mike Sterry for his untiring effort working with the team; John Kemp for his assistance and reliable umpiring; and Michael Tass for his organising the 'Canterbury Contingent'.

THE TEAM

Robert Wood (Captain) — Sweeping Back. Found the captaincy a demanding role, but worked hard at it and became quite expert at the end of the season. His covering and anticipation were outstanding considering the difficulty of his position in the defence.

Mike Tass — Inside Right. Uses his intelligence and is a very competent player. Mike works well with the rest of the team and proved to be a great asset. Won the Best and Fairest award.

Malcolm Shorter — Centre Forward. A skilful and conscientious player. Together with Mike formed the spearhead of the attack with good understanding and teamwork.

Ross Kline – Left Wing. Hard worker and at times uses his speed well. Has the potential to be a very fine left wing.

Kevin Adams — Right Wing. At times tries hard. Found the tighter marking of the higher grade not to his liking. Must think more on the field and vary his play.

Bernard Flory — Fullback — Centre Half. Worked well with the rest of the defence. Towards the latter part of the season was moved to centre half, where he was more experienced and worked conscientiously.

Derek Fortune – Right Half. Adapted well to the position and proved to be an efficient and reliable player in defence,

Neil Huggett — Left Half. Very consistent and capable member of the team. His alertness and stickwork were very good.

George Georgiou — Centre Half — Full Back. Was very dependable as a centre half and when moved to a full back position worked in well.

Gary Hooker — Full Back. Worked well in defence. Gary has a hard hit which came in handy and proved to be an efficient team member.

Phillip McAlpine — Goalkeeper. Using his intelligence he is improving all the time and throughout the season gave the opposition forwards a bad time. Won the Most Improved Player award.

C GRADE

The C Grade team performed very creditably and in finishing the season in 5th position was a little unfortunate not to have made the semi-finals. Considering the fact that there were a number of new players, many with little or no previous experience, the overall result was quite encouraging.

The team encountered a number of difficulties throughout the season including rain affected matches, long distances to travel to many of the grounds, and reductions in team strength through lack of numbers. However, team morale was always high and the players keenness never waned.

Individually there were some very promising performances and the future of Briar's hockey must be very bright indeed if these players retain their interest in the game.

Bill Sarkin — Goalkeeper. The personality player of the team — a great crowd pleaser. Unorthodox in his approach to stopping the opposition but his methods were very effective. Showed his versatility by occasionally leaving the goals and joining the forwards.

Scott Rankin — Right Back. Great improvement. Has gained pace since last season and used this added speed very effectively in cover. Has developed a good hit and stickwork. Excelled as kicking back when needed. Could always be counted on for a wholehearted effort.

Robert Lennie — Right Half. Tried hard all season but he was again limited by his size. Often beaten to the ball by bigger opposition but will undoubtedly show his true worth when he gains some height.

Lloyd Davidson — Captain — Centre half. A very capable leader who set a good example to his team. Proved to be a keen competitor who always tried his utmost. Most effective in attack and was always willing to force the opposition into error. With more experience will prove a good acquisition to the Club. Won the C Grade "Most Improved Player" award.

Steve Dominiche — Left Half. Has a great turn of speed. Did a lot of covering and was always keen to tackle back and chase any breakaway by the opposition. Must learn to settle himself and not rush his play. Very keen.

Geoff Evenden — Inside Left. Had quite a good season. A little more positive in his approach and had greater confidence than last season. However when he learns to tackle more persistently will be a far better player.

Paul Huggett – Left Wing. Youngest of the "Hockey Huggetts" and showed great potential in his first season. Often had trouble with an "over-sized" hockey stick and may need a smaller version until he catches up. Adapted very well to left field play and the further the season progressed the more he improved.

Colin Huggett — Inside Right. Had a remarkable season considering it was his first year in hockey. Used his speed and natural ability to great advantage in creating many opportunities but was unfortunately too often lacking in support. A tenacious player with tremendous drive and will to win. Gained representation in both the District and Sydney Under 14 sides and capped an outstanding season by winning the C Grade "Best and Fairest" award.

Lachlan Walker — Right Wing. Another very young player having his first season in hockey. Also had trouble with a hockey stick bigger than himself. Has age on his side and will have plenty of time to watch and learn. Proved very effective with his hitting from penalty corners.

Doug Kingsley – Centre Forward. Has good natural ability with an understanding of basic hockey skills. However when he learns to concentrate more consistently he will be a better player. Must get more involved in the game. Has the potential to be a good player. Scored some good goals.

Louise Walker — Probably the first of the fairer sex to play competitive sport for the Club. Filled in many times at short notice and her support proved invaluable. Often showed the boys just how the game should be played.

SQUASH REPORT 1975

(Chairman: J.S. Walsh)

The Briars started 1975 with ten teams entered in the Autumn Competition, covering all grades from A to E. We had a record number of teams make the semi-finals (eight) but the majority went no further than this and only one, B1, was ultimately successful in winning a pennant. This was our first B1 pennant, and the team of Ken Axtell, Dave Walker, Colin Tolley and Paul Porter (Captain) deserve full credit for an excellent win.

Briars started the Spring Competition with nine teams covering a wider range (A to F) than before, and ended the fourteenth round with six teams qualifying for the semis. F1 was the only side to finish minor premiers; however, four of the remaining five teams finished in second spot and the other in fourth.

At the time of writing A3, B2, B3, C4 and F1 all won their semi-final matches,

with D2 unfortunately going down three rubbers to one against the minor premiers in their grade. We therefore go into the finals with five teams, the highest number ever, and good prospects for a few pennants to finish 1975.

During this year we had a number of players drop out (mainly temporarily); some come back after a few seasons or a few years and no less than fourteen new players, spanning all grades from A to F, joining the Briars. The efforts of these new players have contributed in no small part to our current success, and we wish them continued success and welcome to the Club.

This year saw Briars make their presence felt in the administrative sphere, with one of our members being elected to the committee of the Western Districts Squash Rackets Association for the first time since Doug Vanderfield represented us on the same committee.

As a result of this move, a review of the grading system was initiated, with the eventual consequence that, for the Spring Competition, all players in the Western Districts Competition were graded according to the system originally developed and used in the Briars for the last two years.

Congratulations to Frank Mandile and Ken Kable for winning the Best All Round Performance Shield for the Autumn and Spring Competitions respectively.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Briars Squash Club, the following members were elected to office for 1976:—

Chairman:

Vice Chairman:

Social Secretary: Treasurer: Ray Pontifex

Ken Kable

Brian McGuren Peter Olde

On behalf of the outgoing committee, I congratulate the new committee on their election and wish them every success in 1976.

J. S. Walsh

SOCIAL REPORT

Chairman: D. Guille
Committee: J. Kemp, P. Voordehake, D. Cooke, D. Menere

Our social functions throughout the year have unfortunately lacked the support given by members in previous years. It has become increasingly noticeable that some of our functions are being attended by a greater percentage of guests rather than actual members. We must have more support from the members for the success of future functions — particularly more personal involvement in club activities.

DINNER

Our guest speaker at this year's dinner was Peter Johnson, a well known ex. Rugby Union International. Peter showed us his prowess is not only as a rugby player, but also as an excellent guest speaker which contributed greatly to making this a most enjoyable dinner.

BALL

The Ball this year was held at the Crystal Ballroom, West Ryde and though lacking in numbers was a very successful evening and most enjoyable for those members who did attend. The band, "Rocking Horse", went over very well and were commented on being 1st class.

PICNIC

The picnic this year will be held at Fidden's Wharf Reserve Area on Sunday 16th November. This year, as last year, the picnic looks like being a very popular and successful day with the kids, in particular, having a great time.

GENERAL

Many other functions have been held by the various sporting committees — Barbecues, Prawn Nights etc. and have proved very successful. In addition to these Mark Williams is going strong with his own Social Nights, the "Chicken and Champagne Night" — a tremendous night and the oncoming "Hawaiian Night". Well done Mark!

To the Committee, who helped arrange the above functions, THANKS for your time and effort throughout the year.

SKI LODGE THREDBO

Although the '75 season was off to a good start rain and exceptionally warm weather prevented the snow from reaching the peak of previous years, however, the Lodge was occupied fully throughout the season.

A number of working bees were arranged during the year and, although poorly attended, the Lodge is in the best shape for some years with both the inside and outside being re-painted and other improvements being completed. Because of the club's sound financial position further improvements, including carpet, are envisaged before the next season starts.

During the year the Club joined the N.S.W. Ski Association with the idea in mind of establishing a competitive team for the future. There are now a number of good skiers in the Club and any one else interested should contact the writer.

The Club membership is now full with several applications in hand; however there are still sufficient vacancies during the season for members and their guests.

Although the snow is no longer present, Thredbo remains an attractive place to visit with facilities provided for golf, tennis, trout fishing, horse riding, bush walking and other outdoor activities. Anyone wishing to book should contact Andy Clifford. We would also be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to participate in this year's working bees.

I would like to thank those who have supported the Club during the year and I am sure that with your continued support the Club will remain prosperous.

PETER JOHNSTON Honorary Secretary.

RAR REPORT

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

This year saw a marked increase in Bar Trading even allowing for inflation and it is very pleasing to see that more members and their friends are attending the Club.

Strikes once again disrupted smooth trading but it is hoped that with the new and much larger storeroom which has been recently completed, sufficient stocks can be held to see us over these problems.

The offering of discounts to members for liquor supplies purchased for the festive season was tried last year and proved to be very successful and once again, this service is available to all members.

A new stewards roster has been organised and is running smoothly — my thanks to all who give their time to serve their fellow members. But assistance both in front of and behind the bar is always welcome. If you can spare a couple of hours one night a month to act as a steward, please do not hesitate to contact me.

My thanks to Jim Alford and John Boyle for their work during the ear, especially Jim who does a lot behind the scene which helps to make my job easier.

Thanks also to Peter Miller who keeps the bar stocked, when stocks are available that is and to Mrs. Land and Mrs. Stockdale for laundering of towels.

Stocktakes are one of the less envious jobs that require attention and we would be in all sorts of strife if not for the efforts of two of our more senior members Aud Land and Stan Jones, which I really do appreciate.

Norm Fenwick now receives all our deliveries and my thanks to him for this service which we cannot do without. Finally I would like to thank Ted Stockdale, for the help and advice he has given me over the last couple of years. I really have appreciated it Ted.

PERSONNEL REPORT

(Chairman: P. England)

I have pleasure in reporting that the Club has been able to welcome some 45 new members since December 1974. We trust that these new members mentioned below have enjoyed this year with the Briars and are planning a long and active association.

New member evenings are normally held on the last Friday of every month, when prospective members are given a run down of the history, administration and requirements to becoming a Briar, and the responsibilities associated. After this evening, the applications are presented to the management committee and the Board of Directors for final acceptance. The minimum of two years playing sport with the Club completes membership requirements.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking David Jamieson for the work he undertook during my four months leave of absence earlier this year. As well as the many other activities David involves himself with around the Club, he acted as Personnel Chairman for this period, and as usual did a sterling job.

It should be noted that many of the new members play more than the one sport designated here:—

FOOTBALL

M, Foreman	P. Williams	J. Harvey
S. Madden	J. Baker	C. Dayman
G. Pfeiffer	R. Thornett	D. Barren
L. Callaway	J. Elton	P. Rappo
A. Letchford	R. Flynn	R. Bishop
G. Ma	J. Quittner	I. Castle
A. Garrick	J. Allen	D. McLean
R Robinson	T Daly	

HOCKEY

J. McDonald	R. Hodge	R. Irwin
I. Trimble	M. Smith	C. Thurlby
J. Capper	S. Charleston	A. Declase
R Fernandez		

SQUASH

P. Gardner	A. Cameron	G. Main
C. Tolley	P. Levett	D. Smith

C. Tolley	P. Levett	D. Smith
CRICKET		
R. Perrin	J. Handscomb	W. Poulden
L. Williams	D. Brooks	

The future and strength of a Club such as the Briars relies on its members and the influx of new and keen sportsmen. Involvement and commitment to the Club both on and off the field of sport will ensure the continued success and spirit of goodwill which prevails within our Club.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy is intended as a remembrance of those 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	_	10 points
		100 points

The winner for this year is Ian Blair, the captain of the A Shire team. Our congratulations to Ian who is also a Director of the Club and will be the Hon. Executive Officer for the coming year.

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

The 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	_	10 points
		100 points

The winner for 1975 is John Bailey. As captain of the Whiddon Cup team he played a large part in their ultimate win. Also very active on the football sub-committee, all in all a well deserved and no doubt popular choice.

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	_	10 points
		100 points

The winner this year was the Hockey Chairman Mike Sterry. Mike is a great asset to the Club as well as being Hockey Chairman, he captained the B Hockey team, is a member of the B Cricket team and in addition is one of the editors of the Club magazine, "Focus". Well done Mike.

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
Keenness as a player	_	20 points
Improvement as a player	_	15 points
Conduct on squash court	_	15 points
Neatness of dress	_	10 points
		100 points

The retiring Squash Chairman, Jim Walsh is the winner for 74–75. Congratulations to Jim a fitting winner who will be assisting in the administration of squash outside the Club.

R. D. VANDERFIELD TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to a member of the junior hockey team who has contributed most to the junior teams. 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	_	10 points
		100 points

The winner of the trophy this year was Neil Huggett, another one of the famous Huggett hockey family. Congratulations, Neil.

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.

David Guille is this year's winner. A current footballer and also has played cricket with the club. He was social Chairman for the year and worked very hard to ensure that the events were a success and enjoyed by all. Well done, David.

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	12
*J. Balmforth	8
H.W. Lennartz (Ret'd Nov.)	2
E.G. Stockdale	10
: I.R. Blair	11
H.C. Ford	10
J.F. Alford	12
A.J. Land (Ret'd Nov.)	1
xW.A. Elder	7
M. Elder (Appt. Jan.)	5
I. Richard (Appt. Jan.)	9

- * Leave of absence granted two meetings
 - Leave of absence granted one meeting
- x Leave of absence granted three meetings
 - J. Crockart attended ten meetings in his capacity as Treasurer.

Management:

D.A. Walker	12
E.G. Stockdale	11
*J. Balmforth	9
K. Gray	12
: P. England	5
D. Jamieson	8
J. Crockart	- 10
M. Sterry	12
J. Walsh	9
C. Hickey	12
K. Wearne (Ret'd Nov.)	2
N. Young (Ret'd Nov.)	1
D. Guille (Appt. Dec.)	9
A. McSweeny (Appt. Dec.)	9

- Leave of absence granted two meetings
- : Leave of absence granted four meetings

ADDENDUM

I wish to convey my personal appreciation and thanks to all the Honorary Officebearers 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 Hon. Executive Officer

Directors' Report

Your Directors present their report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended September 30, 1975. The Directors of the Company in office at the date of this report being:—

D.A. Walker (Chairman)	I.G.S. Blair
J.F. Alford	E.G. Stockdale
J. Balmforth	M. Elder
W.A. Elder	 Richards
H.C. Ford	

Results	1975 \$	1974 \$
Excess of income over expenditure for the year amounted to To this is added accumulation account	4,003 36,231	3,068 33,163
Leaving accumulation account to be carried forward of	\$40,234 ———	\$36,231

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 \$600 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 September 30, 1975.
- (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 September 30, 1975, 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 September 30, 1976.
- (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, W.A. Elder and J. Balmforth retire in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. J. Balmforth being eligible offers himself for re-election. Mr. W.A. Elder 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 Seventeenth day of November, 1975, in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

D.A. WALKER Director E.G. STOCKDALE Director

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1975

	1975 \$	1974 \$
RESERVES AND ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
General Reserve	13,032	13,032
ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
Balance 30. 9.74	36,231	33,163
Add profit year ended 30. 9.75	4,003	3,068
Total Accumulated Earnings	\$40,234 	\$36,231
Total Reserves and Accumulated Earnings	\$53,266 ———	\$49,263 =====
FIXED ASSETS		
Land and Buildings (Note 4)	26,893	27,268
Furniture & Fittings (Note 5)	3,166	4,012
Total Fixed Assets	\$30,059 ———	\$31,280 =====
INDECTMENTS (Non-S)	19,945	11,945
INVESTMENTS (Note 6)	19,940	10
Shares in Rugby Union Co-op — at cost Trust Funds (Note 7)	1,732	1,579
Trust Funds (Note 7)	\$21,677	\$13,534
•	====	====
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	4,515	4,569
Debtors	522	4,032
Stock at lower of cost or market value	3,827	2,363
Prepayments	1,528	2,094
Cash on Hand	<u> 120</u>	120
Total Current Assets	\$10,512 =====	\$13,178 =====
Total Assets	\$62,248	\$57,992
LESS LIABILITIES		
Trust Funds (Note 7)	\$1,732 ———	\$1,579 ====
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade Creditors & Accruals	2,296	2,875
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	3,200	2,600
Subscriptions paid in advance	1,754	1,675
Total Current Liabilities	\$7,250	\$7,150
Total Liabilities	\$8,982	\$8,729
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$53,266	\$49,263

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1975

		1975	1974
		\$	\$
SALES:	Beer, Wine & Spirits	24,261	16,903
	Less: Cost of Sales	13,423	9,932
	Gross Profit	\$10,838	\$6,971
	Cigarettes, Nuts and Cordials	3,112	2,751
	Less: Cost of Sales	2,485	2,229
	Gross Profit	\$627 =====	\$522
	Gross Bar Profit	\$11,465 	\$7,493 =====
LESS BA	R OPERATING EXPENSES:		
	Liquor Licence	684	637
	Bar Expenses & Maintenance	824	466
	Depreciation of Bar Equipment	223	279
	Total Bar Operating Expenses	\$1,731	\$1,382
Bar Trad	ing Profit	\$9,734	\$6,111
Add Inco	ome from:		
	Property Rents	4,122	5,005
	Members subscriptions	3,328	3,296
	Interest Received	1,897	876
	Profit on Social Activities	31	(230)
	Profit on Debenture Redemption		182
Gross Income		\$19,112	\$15,240
1 ESS OF	PERATING EXPENSES		
LESS OF	Administration & Club Room		
	Expenses (Note 1)	10.044	7,881
	Property Expenses (Note 2)	2,237	2,240
	Net cost of Sporting Activities (Note 3)	1,085	1,175
	Depreciation of Furniture & Fittings	495	601
	Loss due to burglary	510	_
	Furniture and Fittings scrapped	128	_
	Provision for Deferred Maintenance	600	200
	Interest paid	_	75
	Shares in Rugby Union Co-op written off	10	_
Total Op	perating Expenses	\$15,109	\$12,172
	or year transferred to Accumulation Account	\$4,003	\$3,068
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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1975 ACCOUNTS

			1975	1974
			\$	\$
1.	ADMINISTRA"	TION & CLUB ROOM EXPENSES		
	Repairs & N	Maintenance	5,416	3,774
	Stationery,	Stamps & Telephone	1,899	1,894
	Lighting & F	Heating	1,054	843
	Annual Rep	orts	625	438
	General Exp	penses	500	433
	Insurance		342	257
		Amusements	86	145
	Donations 8	Resentations	122	97
			\$10,044	\$7,881
	ADODEDTY EX	VDENCEC		
2.	PROPERTY EX	KPENSES	930	833
	Rates		821	647
	Repairs & M	Asintenance	110	384
	• .	n of Buildings	376	376
			\$2,237	\$2,240
3.	NET COST OF	SPORTING ACTIVITIES		
	Cricket:	Ground Hire, Gear etc.	1,378	969
		Less Batting fees	1,109	619
		Net cost of Cricket	\$269	\$350
	Hockey:	Ground Hire, Gear etc.	1,020	729
		Less Playing Fees	630	551
		Net Cost of Hockey	\$390	\$178
	Football:	Ground Hire, Gear etc.	784	558
		Less Registration Fees	750	258
		Net Cost of Football	\$34	\$300
	Subsidies:	Squash	247	217
		Junior Hockey	<u>145</u>	130
			_\$392	\$347
	Net Cost of	Sporting Activities	\$1,085	\$1,175
4.	LAND & BUIL	DINGS		
	At Cost		28,772	28,772
	Less provis	ion for depreciation	1,879	1,504
			\$26,893	\$27,268

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1975 ACCOUNTS

		1975	1974
5.	FURNITURE & FITTINGS		
	At deemed valuation 30. 9.62	_	1,175
	Less provision for depreciation		1,023
		****	\$152
	Additions at cost	11,635	11,635
	Less provision for depreciation	8,469	7,775
		\$3,166	\$3,860
		\$3,166 ———	\$4,012 ———
6.	INVESTMENTS		
	Secured Debentures in Listed Companies		
	at cost	17,945	10,945
	(Market Value \$18,000 1974 \$10,508)		
	Government Bonds — at cost	1,000	1,000
	Deposit at Call	1,000	
		\$19,945	\$11,945
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	700
	Cash at Bank	166	98
		\$866	\$798
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	J. Sheehan Sporting Scholarship		
	Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
	Cash at Bank	166	81
		\$866	\$781 ====
		\$1,732 ———	\$1,579 ———

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:—

- the profit of the company for the year ended September 30, 1975;
- (b) the state of affairs of the company as at September 30, 1975.

Dated at Sydney this seventeenth day of November, 1975.

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

D. A. WALKER - Director

E. G. STOCKDALE - 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, 1975, 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 seventeenth day of November, 1975.

J. F. CROCKART

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:—
 - the state of affairs of the company at September 30, 1975 and of the results of the company for the year ended on that date; and
 - 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 provisions of that Act.

C.G. JONES
Chartered Accountant

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

November 17, 1975

SYDNEY.



WHIDDON CUP PREMIERS 1975

Back Row: R. Hodgson, C. Dayman, R. Toyer, K. Gray, J. McNicol (Coach), J. Worrall, J. Allen, J. Harvey, B. Ferguson, C. Walker. Front Row: J. Swift, R. Spedding, C. Hickey (V.C.), J. Bailey (Capt.), G. McPhee, M. Rich, D. Guille, (Inset) P. Burt.

BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LTD.

A GRADE HOCKEY REPORT 1975

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals Against	Position
21	14	4	3	76	36	4th

1975 was somewhat of a disappointment after our premiership win in 1974. In comparing results from both seasons, the only variation was in three competition points. Our goal average was better this year than last year.

The team displayed the necessary skills and ability required to win the competition. Throughout the year werdefeated, both Grand Finalists, however, slumped

back to our notorious semi-final jitters.

It is interesting to note that this team performs remarkably well for the first and second rounds and slowly declines during the last round. One can only suggest that complacency, fitness and above all, lack of practice and training, contributed to our defeat. This was more than evident in the Semi-Final when everyone failed to give their best.A.M.P. took full advantage of the situation and built up a large lead to bolt to a good win.

Perhaps our players should annalyse their game next season in an effort to reverse our result, especially with the pressure received from younger players

who are starting to produce the goods in lower grades.

The Team
Graeme Trevenar (Goalie) took very little time settling into 'A' Grade. Graeme
performed well under all situations and made few mistakes during the season. His
record would possibly have been better if more understanding had evolved with
the full backs.

Craig McIntosh (Full Back) This is one player who proved his worth when given the chance. One only hopes that Craig continues to gain more experience and mature into one of the best Full Backs the Club has produced. Special congratulations go to Craig for winning the Best and Fairest Competition.

David Scoble (Full Back/Reserve) provided reasonable play without being quite as devastating as both he and the captain had hoped. Unfortunately injury sidelined David during part of the season after which he filled in at the lower grades and

substituted in 'A' Grade when necessary.

Sid Charleston(Full Back) After progressing into 'A' Grade during the middle of the season, Sid played some very sound Hockey. One of Sid's greatest attributes is to get the ball through to the Forwards, which he did on most occasions. Warren Partington(Right Half) "Parto" can only be described as an "Inner's Nightmare" or a Full Back's "Fairy Godmother". His consistant play this year was justifably reflected when he tied for equal second in the Best and Fairest Competition. "Parto" added greatly to the stability of the team and provided solid captaincy in the absence of Bob Streeter.

Bob's effort this year on and off the field, it is easy to understand his disappointment with the end result. Bob set the example in both sound defence and penetrative attack. Bob also tied for second with "Parto" in the Best and Fairest

Competition.

Ray Larkin(Left Half) Ray capably took over this position after Stan McGuffin was sideline with a back injury. Whilst Ray has lost some of his speed, his experience proved a great help to the Backs and Forwards.

Mery Baxter (Left Wing) Mery proved that he can play this position much more successfully than anyone in the Club. Unfortunately on some occasions his play

was influenced by umpires' rulings and loose passes from our Halves. Andre Declase (Inside Right/Half) Andre is developing into one of the most talented players yet seen in Briars. Each year sees him progressively maturing as a fine Hockey player who is respected by all opposing teams. Always gives a whole hearted effort to the team and it is hoped by the Hockey Committee that he will be retained by Briars for the next season.

Ian Trevenar (Centre Forward) Although Ian is not fast, he provides a powerful attack to our Forward line, combining well with Keith and Andre to obtain 16 goals during the season. Regrettably Ian did not retain his 100% success record with penalty flicks as in the previous year. Our best wishes go to Ian in his new venture up North and can assure him his experience will be missed during the next

season

Keith Harvey (Inside Left) Keith once again proved a top goal scorer for the Club with a total of 39 goals (just over half scored by the team). Keith played some brilliant games during the year, especially when he "knocked in" 13 goals against Sydney Naval in two games. Keith was always the most penetrative Forward in our team and for this reason was well marked by opposing teams towards the end of the

competition.

Clive Thurlby (Right Wing) The "Kid" was a welcome inclusion into our 'A' Grade side this season displaying great speed and stickwork to our Forward line. Clive must be used much more in attack in future seasons in order for him to get his shots working more effectively.

Ross Huggett (Forward/Half) Ross was promoted to 'A' Grade on several occasions last season and displayed much more maturity and experience than some of the old hard heads. He will undoubtedly be a permanent member of this team in seasons to come.

Thanks are also due to those members who ably substituted on the odd occasion in particular Geoff Gorton and Stan McGuffin.

Once again, thanks to all those members who participated during the season and for their effort and support.



THE 'BRIARS' CRICKET RECORDS - FROM 30th SEPTEMBER, 1922 (1st Competition Match) TO THE END OF SEASON 1974/75 "C" SHIRE "ALL GRADES" "B" SHIRE "B" JUNIOR "C" JUNIOR CITY & SUBURBAN "A" SHIRE FIGURES NAME FIGURE\$ NAME FIGURES NAME **FIGURES** NAME Seaso **FIGURES** NAME Season FIGURES NAME Season FIGURES NAME Seaso Seaso BATTING PARKER, T. LEADBEATER. HIGHEST SCORE 219^X PROWSE, D.V 1947/8 219X PROWSE, D.V. 1947/8 168 McLAUGHLIN.R. 1939/4 103^x RICHARDS, J. 1969/70 159 MELVILLE, M. 1963/4 185^x DAVIS. L. 116^X MOBBS, T. STOCKDALE,E. MOST RUNS MOBBS, T. 4506 JENKYN K 11690 8873 WALKER, D.A. 1556 PARKER T. 2736 3107 4130 LANG. J. PARKER, T. 869 моввѕ, т. 1954/5 722 ELDER, W. 1941/2 571 DAVIS, L. 1942/ 436 1967/8 721 BURNETT, K. 1931/2 776 LANG, J. 1952/3 598 RUDD, J. 1957/8 (SEASON) PARKER, T. WILLIAMS, D. LEADBEATER, RICHARDSON, F WALKER, D.A. NEALE, J. STREETER, R. HIGHEST PARTNERSHIP - "ALL WICKETS" 1965/6 1972/3 1966/ 185 1927/8 1952/3 1963/4 224 1965/6 224 166 166 212 135 LANG, J. CLARK, R RANDLE, F. THOMAS, R.W. NEALE, J. STREETER, R. ASTRI, M. RICHARDSON,P. RICHARDSON,P. WALKER, D.A. ASTRI, M. RICHARDSON, RICHARDSON, WALKER, D.A. 1973/4 1956/7 148 1968/9 185 1927/8 163 1922/3 118 1947/8 198 1973/4 198 162 SHEEHAN GALLEGOS, L RICHARDSON, 1971/ JENKYN, K. MITCHELL, F. 1930/1 1955/6 124 1,4 1962/3 132 164 1972/3 2nd WICKET 224 1965/6 224 1965/6 166 RICHARDSON,P SMITH, R. IRELAND, G. WALKER, N. BROWN, H. MEULMAN, L. DAVIS, L. McFACHRAN, C MEULMAN, L. MITCHELL, F. BISSAKER, F. DAVIS, L. 1952/3 LAND, A. PROWSE,D.V. 1948/9 157X 1967/8 1966/ 1936/7 - 3rd WICKET 173 1936/7 169 1936/ 161^x 1965/ 101 1967/8 151 1929/30 212 1952/3 135 1963/4 - 4th WICKET 1936/7 WILLIAMS, D. LANG, J. STOCKDALE, E. 1948/9 1956/7 1938/9 1967/8 102 1957/8 1952/3 107 - 5th WICKET 138 LANG, J. STOCKDALE, E. 1952/3 135 1946/7 137 94 138 TWICE MITCHELL, C. McMILLAN, MITCHELL, CLINGAN, MEULMAN WALKER, N. WATT, E. 1947/8 1939/40 1964/5 129 1947/8 96 1951/2 159 1947/8 159^x 114 122 1932/3 125 - 6th WICKET ANNETTS HIPWELL, 64 1968/9 1945/6 1962/3 1948/9 140 TWICE 156 1948/9 114 1930/1 104 104 - 7th WICKET 156 CARDWELL, NEALE, J. 129 1971/2 102 1967/8 97 1925/6 86 1949/50 75 1954/5 - 8th WICKET 137 1933/4 137 1933/4 WILLIAMS,B. ADCOCK B COZENS, I. McKITTRICK, B. BALMFORTH, CROCKART, J ADCOCK, PROWSE, CLARK, R. TAAFFE, A. 1957/8 1966/7 84 1948/9 - 9th WICKET 1955/6 1939/4 133 1955/ 95 1958/9 105 73 133 110 CARDWELL, VAUGHAN, B 1949/50 1951/2 CLARK, R. McKITTRICK, B. 1962/3 1973/4 53 THOMAS, D. WALKER, D. 152 1936/7 65 1930/1 72 1944/5 63 TWICE 10th WICKET 152 1936/7 73 McKITTRICK, B PROWSE, D.V. PROWSE, D.V. 30.9 LAND, A. PARKER, T. 33.7 WALES, N DAVIS, L. IRELAND.G. CLARK, R. 1954/5 (SEASON) - MIN. 10 INNINGS WATT, E. 1970/1 77.0 WATT, E. 1970/ 46.7 WATT, E. 1967/8 35.3 PARKER, T. 1966/ 40.1 WALES, N 1930/1 74.5 DAVIS, L. 1958/9 32.5 77.0 MITCHELL,C. 239 DENNIS, C. 144 MITCHELL, F 180 325 MOST INNINGS 563 CLARK R 410 WALKER, D.A. ANNETTS, E. 83 CLARK, R. "CARRIED BAT" THROUGH FULL INNINGS -LAND. A. 2 LAND A LAND. A RUDD, J. NIL JENKYN, K. BOWLING KEMP, J. 512 TREVENAR, B. 208 291 MURRAY, P. 455 THOMSON, R. 408 YOUNG, R. MOST WICKETS 1545 ROSE, A 887 WATT, E. " (SEASON) - 1 DAY GAMES ROSE, A. 1961/2 1943/4 1941/2 1943/4 ROSE, A. ROSE, A. 96 ROSE, A. 96 79 " - 2 DAY GAMES 44 KEMP. J. 1971/2 66 MURRAY P. 1929/30 89 THOMSON, R. 1954/5 1954/5 ASTRIDGE, K. THOMSON, R. 1935/0 89 THOMSON, R. 81 KEMP, J. STERRY, M. " (MATCH) 1953/4 1970/ 13 VARIOUS (3) THOMSON, R. CARDWELL.B. 1953/4 CLARK, R. 1935/0 ROSE, A. 1941/2 11 17 9 THOMSON, R. | 1954/5 15 COZENS, I 1927/8 " " (INNINGS) 1962/3 YOUNG, R. VARIOUS (9) 9 9 9 HAZELWOOD, 1. 1964/5 VARIOUS (5) HOMSON, R. CARDWELL, B. 1953/4 ADCOCK. LOWEST AVERAGE PER WICKET Min. 100 Wks. Ea, Grat 8.8 PARDOE, N. 10.6 10.7 WALKER, J. 11.2 KEMP, J. 11.3 CLARK, R. 8.6 PARDOE, N. 10.6 BAILEY, I. ROSE, A. (SEASON) 50 Overs Each Grade 5.7 PARDOE, N. 1929/30 7.6 MOBBS, T 1943/4 6.6 ADCOCK, B. 1947/8 SCOBLE, D. 1969/7 7.8 CLARK, R. 1926/7 5.4 PARDOE, N. 1929/30 7.8 BAILEY, I. 1967/8 7.4 MOST OVERS TREVENAR, B. WATT, E. 3605 1909 KEMP, J. MURRAY, P. 4702 WATT, E. 817 868 1336 CLARK, R. 1505 TREVENAR.B. -" " (SEASON) 1965/6 WATT, E. 1966/ STERRY, M. 1969/7 172 BOOTY, K. 1926/7 DYER. W. 1930/1 TREVENAR,B 1963/4 246 HOLLEY, K. 1965/6 246 HOLLEY, K CLIFFORD, A MOBBS, 1 ROSE, A. WILLIAMS,Don MOST "HAT TRICKS" VARIOUS (9) ROSE, A. TRAVERS, D. DENNIS C BOOTY K CLARK B WILLIAMS.B.U. MOBBS, T. 15.52 WATT, E. 8.22 20.46 MOBBS, T. (3284 Runs & 197 Wickets) (1329 Runs & 274 Wickets) (2948 Runs & 442 Wickets) (795 Runs & 137 Wickets) 372 Wickets) 1,690 Runs & 870 Wickets) .72 CARR, I. (376 RUNS & 35 WICKETS) 1.00 ADCOCK, B. (491 RUNS & 51 WICKETS) CARDWELL, B. NS & 52 WICKETS) 1953/4 1.06 CLARK, R. (417 RUNS & 65 WICKETS) 1963/4 1965/6 1953/4 1965/6 1958/9 1923/4 HIGHEST RATING (SEASON) 1.18 MOBBS, T. (581 RUNS & 60 WICKETS) (434 RUNS & 51 WICKETS) FIELDING ANNETTS, E WATT, E. DENNIS, C. MURRAY, P. CLARK, R WILLIAMS, B.U. 1943/4 RICHAROSON,P. 1966/7 14 WILLIAMS, L. 1964/5 17 ARTHUR, G. 1931/2 19 HULLS, A. 1930/1 24 ELDER, W. 1943/4 24 ELDER, W. 23 TWEEDALE,G. 1953/4 (SEASON) 1923/4 JENKYN, K. VARIOUS (4) WILLIAMS, L. 1966/7 MANSFORD, P. 1956/7 VARIOUS (6) 5 PIESLEY, R. 1950/1 (MATCH) 5 STEPHENS.W. PYCOCK, B. WILLIAMS, VARIOUS (4) (INNINGS) 4 VARIOUS (19) VARIOUS (4) VARIOUS (4) VARIOUS (5) PIESLEY, R. 1950/1 WICKET KEEPING MOST DISMISSALS 647 WALKER, D.A 565 WALKER, D.A. 155 CORDERDY.G. JARRETT J. 69 WALES, N. THOMSON, A. 127 McLAUGHLIN JARRETŤ, J. SCOTŤ, J. CORDEROY,G. 1967/8 WALES, N. WALKER, D.A. 1967/ 39 41 CORDEROY,G. 1967/8 39 22 29 1929/30 29 BOSWARD, J. 1949/50 27 NORTH, B. 1951/2 (SEASON) McLAUGHLIN,R 1948/9 WALKER, D.A. 1951/2 McLAUGHLIN R 1948/9 WALKER, D.A. 1964/5 CORDEROY, G. 1968/ JARRETT, J.(2) 1972/3 CORDEROY.G. 1969/70 8 THOMSON, A. 1953/4 5 (MATCH) 8 JARRETT, J. (2) CORDEROY,G. 1967/ VARIOUS (4) WALKER, D.A. 5 Tim VARIOUS (5) (INNINGS) VALES, N WALKER, D.A. 1951/2 SLANG, J. SAMS, D. WALKER, D.A. 349 WALKER, D.A. 112 CORDERDY G. 44 JARRETT, J. 39 MOST CATCHES 397 WALES, N 38 McLAUGHLIN.R. CORDEROY, G. 1967/8 CORDEROY.G. 1967/ (SEASON) 29 29 WALKER, D.A. 1967/8 29 21 SCOTT, J. 1964/5 18 WALES, N. 1929/30 23 McMILLAN, L. 1930/1 22 NORTH, B. 1951/2 CORDEROY, G. JARRETT, J. 1962/3 1973/4 VARIOUS (3) VARIOUS (6) VARIOUS (9) CORDEROY.G. 1962/3 WALKER, D.A. 1967/ VARIOUS (3) (MATCH) 5 JARRETT, J. SCOTT, J. 1972/3 1964/5 McMILLAN, L. ROBINSON, L. (INNINGS) SCOTT, J. WALKER, D.A. WALKER, D.A. 1967/8 VARIOUS (3) McLAUGHLIN, 1931/2 1930/1 3 VARIOUS (9) CORDEROY,G MOST STUMPINGS 250 WALKER, D.A. 216 WALKER, D.A. 43 16 JARRETT, J. 30 WALES, N. 48 THOMSON, A. 79 McLAUGHLIN.R. 21 McKITTRICK,B. 1935/6 16 WALKER, D.A. 1951/ 21 McKITTRICK,B. 1935/ 5 JARRETT, J. 1969/70 12 WALES, N. 1930/1 THOMSON, A. 1953/4 19 McLAUGHLIN,R. 1961/2 19 THOMSON, A. WYLLIE, W. 1954/5 1941/2 WYLLIE, W. 1940/ VARIOUS (4) 6 JARRETT, J. (MATCH) 6 3 1969/70 4 WALES, N. (2) 6 THOMSON, A. 1953/4 3 VARIOUS (5) VARIOUS (3) JARRETT, J. 1969/70 VARIOUS (4) VARIOUS (5) VARIOUS (3) WALES, N. (2) 1930/1 (INNINGS VARIOUS (3) **TEAMS** CROMPTON BURWOOD HIGHEST INNINGS "FOR" 449/8 1953/4 449/8 SUTHERLAND 1953/ 375/10 RYDE 1956/ SUTHERLAND, 281/6 WEST.SUBURBS 1966/7 347/10 PARKINSON 1930/1 362/10 UNITED 1952/3 245/7 WAVERLEY " "AGAINST" MARRICKVILLE 364/7 CUMBERLAND 1936/7 344/10 EPPING 1972/3 MARRICKVILLE B'BALLERS 479/7 1939/40 1971/2 334/10 MACO, UNIV. 338/10 1939/40 ST. DAVIDS 1930/1 479/7 261/5 MOSMAN "A" 1956/7 1965/ ASHFIELD BURWOOD LOWEST INNINGS "FOR" (FULL TEAM) 19/10 1933/4 20/10 AUBURN/L'CMB. 1961/ 32/10 EPPING 44/10 NTH. DISTRICTS 1966/7 32/10 925/6 19/10 COLUMBIA 1932/3 33/10 I. ZINGARI 1947/8 COLUMBIA 29/10 CUMBERLAND 1941/ 23/10 BALMAIN 1965/6 28/10 TAUBMANS 1958/9 " (TEAM SHORT) " "AGAINST" (FULL TEAM) ASHFIELD RVESTOWN 1947/8 LANE COVE II '1972/3 13/10 1926/7 CONCORD ASC 1948/9 OVERSEAS OVERSEAS 1953/4 29/10 LINDFIELD (Twice)1943/ 25/10 ROSEVILLE 30/10 12/10 8/10 1953/4 8/10 " (TEAM SHORT) ST. GEORGE CUMBERLAND PETERSHAM 1935/ PENNANT HILLS 1965/6 21/10 4/10 M.O.T. Coy 1932/3 1933/4 26/10 13/10 4/10 M. D.T. Coy 1945/6 28 31 32 1971/2 1962/3 MOST MEMBERS TAKING FIELD IN A SEASON 53 C. & S. 1944/5 53 1945/6 8 + 1 ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD PREMIERSHIPS WON 20 + 4 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS NIL NIL NON-COMPETITIVE NUMBER NUMBER WICKETS AVGE NUMBER WICKETS AVGE NUMBER WICKETS NUMBER WICKETS WICKETS AVGE NUMBER WICKETS NUMBER WICKETS AVGE AVGE AVGE 6107 19.8 118801 6602 17.9 26824 1863 14.3 46563 6736 15,1 5611 498084 30084 16.5 120937 3165 14.7 101869 83090 14.8 TOTAL RUNS SCORED "FOR" 114546 7445 15.3 111591 8056 13.8 26183 1824 478282 32937 14.5 14.3 42652 3008 14.1 96499 7056 13.6 86811 15.6 Vo W1 Wf D T1 T2 L0 L1 L T2 Lo L1 Lf Total /o W1 Wf D T1 T2 Lo L1 Lf Total W1 Wf D T1 T2 Lo L1 Total 0 W1 Wf D T1 T2 L0 L1 L1 Total Wo W1 Wf D T1 T2 Lo L1 L Total Total MATCH RESULTS 493 969 9 230 11 2 242 795 1 1 31 133 -

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