

62nd ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
BALANCE SHEET  
1979 — 1980

The Briars  
Sporting Club Limited  
Burwood



# **THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

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## **Sixty Second Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1979 – 1980**

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Presented to members at the Club Rooms  
30A George Street, Burwood,  
on Friday, 5th December, 1980

# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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**Your Board of Directors and Management Committee present for consideration and adoption by members this 62nd Annual Report of the Club's activities and of the financial position for the year ending 30 September 1980.**

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In many respects the year under review reflected on, and complemented, the efforts and ambitions of the past few years. This past twelve months has produced a good measure of success in all of our sports and the good feeling of returning to the top end of the Club Championship ladder in both Cricket and Rugby must be felt by all members.

But it's not all success.

Let us look at it in segments.

### **Our Sporting Performance**

Our Sporting Chairman's reports should be pleasant reading indeed, and the absence of any bright new pennant shining down from the club's walls should not be allowed to dampen our spirits or motivate our "knockers".

Hockey and Squash were already in good shape when the year commenced and were well dug in on the high ground. Squash recovered from some administrative re-shuffling to keep our standards and reputation at a very high level. Hockey took a deep breath and jumped up to First Division status from a position as Second Division Club Champions.

Fielding the same playing group as in previous seasons had the benefits of continuity and teammanship, but did not enable us to match the more skilful clubs. Nonetheless, a very satisfactory performance was achieved.

Rugby was in a recovery phase (we thought) at the end of the 1979 season, but consolidation and a further drive forward were going to be necessary in 1980. And Cricket — our beloved child, — had matured into a sixty-one year old unpredictable knife thrower.

But we did know that our cricketing links with the Croydon Juniors were starting to pay off, and so it proved to be. Cricket bounced back to third place in the Club Championship and we now have talented young players spread through the three shire teams. At sixty-two it seems we're reborn again. Four years ago, languishing at the bottom of the Sub-District Club Championship list, the road ahead for Rugby was on a vertical plane and menacing. But our Rugby administrators and players (mostly the same people) have fought back remarkably well, to run a clear third in a tough competitive season.

The conclusion must be that we retain the will to survive and the spirit to come back.

## **Our Administration and Service**

To qualify the heading, this section is concerned with those matters that might be designated as being "in-house".

Not completely accurate, but close enough. It covers the areas concerned with Secretarial services, Treasury, House maintenance, Bar service, Focus and Personnel. A mixed bag of activities and certainly a variable assortment of results.

In an inflationary atmosphere and examined in any commercial light, our financial trading result is poor.

It reflects poor attendance, inadequate service and realises a mediocre surplus.

Unlike our sporting areas, it has not had constructive appraisal and attention from either your Directors or Management Committee and this area of operations must be given new priorities. In 1977 it received a lot of attention and the result was excellent. Its time has come again.

Upkeep of the premises has been forced to stand a long way behind our financial concern with the new ground project and the premises and fittings have suffered accordingly.

But we have stabilised on our tenancy arrangements and all appears calm in that department.

Have you ever written to Focus? Do you have a point of view on any topic? And, more importantly, when are you going to introduce a new member? Our total membership is down by four, compared with 78/79.

The matter of suspension from the B grade shire Cricket semi-final has been thoroughly worked over and exposed through "Focus" to all members.

But it cannot pass without being officially recorded in this commentary; and we will surely never again approach participation in a final series without the memory of this poignant episode.

## **The new Ground**

Much to our delight and nervous doubt, the N.S.W. Government Sport and Recreation Department awarded the Club a grant of \$45,000. Our debenture issue, launched in July has received only modest support to date, but it is a long term project and, therefore, a long term effort is essential in order to complement the years of struggle and push this far.

Professional recommendations that are concerned with the nature of the ultimate playing surface are being sourced and will be evaluated, in order to enable your Directors to determine the final specifications and to proceed.

Bringing the concept to life is a matter that requires sound judgment and calls for critical decisions. Don't be too impatient.

Although under considerable time pressures, the objective of utilising the ground in 1981 is still current and **should be achieved.**

## Our Social Activity

Too little attended by too few.

Again an area that has received insufficient attention and support.

Our objectives and commitment to social activities needs a thorough review, not only for the benefit of our active members, but also to occasionally stimulate participation by a much wider selection of members and their partners.

## Our People

I do want to single out a number of members who have made a major contribution and at the same time acknowledge that a host of people, named somewhere in this Annual Report, made the club go in 1980.

Maurice Critchley, Ted Stockdale, David Lewis, Peter Wallace and Ian Richard.

These people especially carried out major administrative tasks.

The list of sporting contributors is hard to cut, but in aiding performance and building spirit, I submit the following list in the certain knowledge that I will be begging the printer to squeeze in yet a further name or two, and most likely after the ink has dried.

Tony Wozniak, Keith Wearne, Bob Streeter, Mike Sterry, Ken Kable, Ray Pontifex, Ken O'Brien, David Jamieson, John Staniforth, David Blair, Charlie Williams, Ian Blair, Aldo Cantori, Lindsay Calloway, Rod Smith and David Brookes.

And who would begrudge our resident "speaker" and C & S critic, Chris Mitchell, a line of space for his great contribution to the Annual Dinner.

At the conclusion of our year, Mike Elder resigned as a Director to re-establish himself in Queensland. Mike's loyalty to The Briars is well recognised and to paraphrase a farewell comment "We haven't lost a member, just gained a holiday house".

Our membership stands at 449 compared with 453 last year, and consists of the following:

	1979/80	1978/79
Full Members	352	356
Junior Members	3	5
City Associate Members	55	56
Country Members	39	36
	<u>449</u>	<u>453</u>

## Conclusion

In conclusion we wish to record our appreciation for the support that we have always received from our municipal authorities, Burwood, Concord and Strathfield.

We extend our friendship to the clubs that we compete against and thank the undermentioned sporting bodies for their assistance in making competitions possible:

*Sydney Rugby Union*  
*Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Union*  
*Rugby Union Referees Association*  
*Sydney Hockey Association*  
*Sydney Hockey Umpires Association*

*N.S.W. Cricket Association*  
*Council of Municipal and Shire Clubs*  
*City and Suburban Cricket Associations*  
*Squash Racquets Association of N.S.W.*

**COLIN K. DENNIS — President**

# CRICKET REPORT

1979 — 80 Season

**Sub-Committee:** K. Holley (Chairman) — Resigned March, 1980.  
P. Mansford (Deputy Chairman)  
D. Brooks  
D. Jamieson  
I. Blair  
M. Sterry  
A. Cantori — U/16 Manager  
P. Wallace — U/14 Manager

The 1979—80 season was one of the most successful the Club has experienced for a number of years, the finishing position of the respective teams being:

Club Championship	—	4th
A Shires	—	5th
B Shires	—	3rd
C Shires	—	5th
City & Suburban	—	Won 6, Lost 17
Under 16 years	—	2nd
Under 14 years	—	5th

Each of the Shire teams improved their position on that of the previous season, with a consequent improvement in our Club Championship performance — from 9th in 1978—79 to 4th in 1979—80.

In addition, the C Shire team was able to win the end-of-season Limited Over Competition for clubs not participating in the semi-finals.

The general all-round improvement in performance of the Club can probably be put down to the emphasis and encouragement given to younger players, particularly in the A Shires. The benefit of this policy should be seen for a number of years to come.

A disturbing aspect of the season, however, was the disqualification of the B Shire side at the completion of the first day of the semi-final against Wentworthville.

Considerable comment has been made within the Club about the circumstances that gave rise to the disqualification and it is not proposed to pursue these further. Suffice to say that a lesson should have been learnt and no stone left unturned in the future to ensure that all players selected in semi-final teams are qualified to play.

The Briars association with Croydon Cricket Club continued during the season and this again proved a most fruitful association, a number of promising young players from Croydon turning out with the Briars and it is anticipated that this will continue in the future.



The Briars (Burwood) were associated with the other Municipal and Shire Clubs in the M. & S. Association and this body is to be congratulated on the job done in the interest of all Shire clubs.

It would be remiss if I did not make mention of the stirring performance of the Epping Cricket Club in winning the A, B and C Shire Competitions, as well as the Club Championship — congratulations Epping.

**PETER MANSFORD,**  
Cricket Chairman.

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### **A SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1979 — 80**

After a poor cricket season the previous year the current season did not look promising, but the Club attracted a lot of young players to pre-season practice which brought about the policy that as many young players as possible would be selected in the A Shire team. By Christmas time, after winning only one game and half the season gone, it looked as though the early policy was not the right one. The side then settled down and 'put together' four wins on the 'trot', including one outright.

The side came fifth in the competition which was commendable as of the four sides who finished above us, three of the sides beat us and the other drew, the only other loss was the team that finished last.

Highlights of the year were exciting wins over Pennant Hills and Canterbury, the former was a great team performance as nineteen wickets fell on the second day to our bowlers to snatch victory with only a few overs remaining.

Opening partnerships by Bob Streeter and Darryl Lewis scoring over 150 runs on two occasions.

With the revival of spin bowling Rod Smith and Russell Roberts took nearly half the wickets to fall over the season, Russell only played half the season.

The most satisfying part of the year was the effort by the team to make practice on Wednesday evenings, averaging seventy five percent, and on two occasions, ten out of the eleven players were present. This was one of the reasons for our improved performance.

Another major factor was a better balanced bowling attack with three medium pace and two spin bowlers. The side dismissed the opposition on no less than nine occasions during the year, the previous season this only happened once, giving truth to the rumour that 'bowlers win matches'.

Thanks must go to Bob Streeter and Rod Smith for looking after the kit and afternoon teas respectively. Bob was the leading run scorer and Rod the leading wicket taker and with the added responsibilities it seemed to improve their performance.

**IAN BLAIR (Captain).** Returned to the captaincy after a short break and halfway through the season was getting a few grey hairs. Was most appreciative of the effort put in by the team all year, especially coming from so far behind.

Had a few good innings, bowled when needed as can be seen by the statistics, not often. Was given the nickname 'Brierly' in the field.

**BOB STREETER.** Bob had his finest season with the Club being the leading run scorer, scoring his first century with the Club and taking the most number of catches with two others during the year. His opening partnerships with Darryl Lewis in the latter half of the season paved the way for our victories. His catching at slip was appreciated by the bowlers. A good team player.

**DARRYL LEWIS.** A player with a lot of potential if he could put his mind to it. When moved into the opening spot proved an instant success. If he could improve his concentration to the level of his technique, would score many more runs. A very good field but must remember there are no T.V. Awards in A Shires.

**ALDO CANTORI.** Batted well when the pressure was on and had a century in the making when the Captain closed the innings. Aldo is the keenest fieldsman in the team putting a 100% effort in every time he took the field, took some fine catches during the year. A fine team man.

**CRAIG HICKEY.** Worked his way up from the B's and put in some fine performances with the bat. Missed a few matches in the middle of the season due to weddings, not his own, so could not settle into a regular batting position. Needs to bowl a little tighter especially on small grounds.

**ROD SMITH.** Had an exceptional year with the ball being the leading wicket taker, bowled long spells with accuracy. His fielding was of a high standard taking some fine catches in the outfield. His batting lacked concentration on a number of occasions, throwing his wicket away when he had sides at his mercy. A good club man.

**STEVE SCHOMBERG.** After a three year lay-off Steve returned to cricket working his way through the grades with good performances with bat and ball. He produced the penetration needed by the medium pacers and with long spells at the crease produced these fine bowling statistics. Did not have much chance to show his batting prowess but showed in the limited over games that he is not a No. 10. Took some fine catches.

**DAVID GUILLE.** David did not have a good season with the ball bowling without luck as he beat the bat on numerous occasions. After a match winning last wicket innings against Bexley could not handle the elevation in the batting order later in the season. Fielded very well during the year taking some fine catches.

**DAVID WALKER.** An excellent season with the gloves making a remarkable seventeen stumpings, a club record, not all from the spin bowlers. His keenness behind the stumps was most appreciated by the Captain. Not sure whether he is slowing up or showing off his agility for one so young by actually diving in front of first slip to take a catch. Batting a little disappointing.

**RUSSELL ROBERTS.** Coming up from the B's during the season his leg breaks gave the variety needed in the attack. Was not afraid to throw the ball up and was given good support in the field. His claim to fame in batting was his only scoring shot — a six!!

Fielded well during the year but must remember that cricket on Saturday follows Friday night.

**BERT POZUELO.** The youngest member in the side and like Darryl a player with a lot of potential. The only genuine all rounder in the side.

Bowled well during the year and will take many wickets with his outswinger. Batted well later in the season when he started to play shots. A good field in any position.

### A SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
15	1	6	—	6	2	34	5th

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average
2746	113	24.3	3027	135	22.4

### BATTING (X NOT OUT)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	50's	Aggregate	Average	Catches
R. Streeter	15	2	136 x	4	517	39.8	9
A. Cantori	14	4	82 x	2	302	30.2	9
I. Blair	14	3	74	3	329	29.9	7
D. Lewis	14	—	79	2	378	27.0	9
C. Hickey	11	2	78	2	227	25.2	3
R. Smith	11	2	40		203	22.6	8
S. Schomberg	5	2	31		66	22.0	6
D. Guille	9	3	31 x		98	16.3	7
B. Pozuelo	14	—	45		197	14.1	5
D. Walker	11	2	31		120	13.3	7C / 17S

<b>Also Batted:</b>	W. Smith	1 for 16	G. Schomberg	1 for 14
	P. Wallace	1 for 13	D. Wright	1 for 10
	R. Roberts	4 for 6	P. Caruana	2 for 8
	M. Shorter	2 for 8	D. Jamieson	3 for 13
	R. Tregagle	2 for 4	L. Yeomans	1 for 6

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
S. Schomberg	91	21	254	17	14.9
R. Smith	213.5	32	646	36	17.9
R. Roberts	123.3	13	393	21	18.7
B. Pozuelo	188.5	60	466	24	19.4
D. Guille	164	43	468	14	33.4

<b>Also Bowled:</b>	I. Blair	2 for 35	P. Wallace	8 for 146
	D. Wright	5 for 121	R. Tregeagle	1 for 68
	M. Shorter	3 for 66	L. Yeomans	1 for 12
	A. Cantori	0 for 19	R. Streeter	0 for 8
	D. Lewis	0 for 65	C. Hickey	0 for 10
	F. McDowell	0 for 18		

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## B SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1979 – 80

The Season's end saw the team finish in 3rd place, an improvement of 3 positions as against the previous year.

The early part of the summer saw a lot of rain and in fact only 1 win was obtained in the first 5 games, nevertheless with 3 draws and 1 loss, we stayed in contact with the leaders as the inclement weather had affected most team's results.

Then round 6 saw the first of 6 consecutive wins (all first innings) and at the end of round 11, we had finished in 2nd place. A great effort indeed.

The semi-final against Wentworthville was expected to be a tough one and at the day's end we won 5–120 chasing 193, we all realised we had a battle on our hands, but it did not quite eventuate. On the Saturday evening Wenty started the ball rolling and after some inquiries they decided to protest on the grounds of my ineligibility.

Upon making their protest the N.S.W. Cricket Association had no alternative but to uphold it and we were disqualified. A grave error was made, however, I believe enough has been said about the whole affair. Perhaps I may say that all Chairmen in our Club should endeavour to ensure this sort of thing is never repeated.

Obviously a terribly disappointing finish to the season, but next summer with all available, I am quite sure it will be an interesting one.

In closing I would like to thank all those flannelled fools for your support throughout the season.

**DAVID JAMIESON (Captain).** Started very well with scores of 7 n/o, 63, 24, 39 and 51 then found promotion to the A's, where he struggled for some time, however came back to the team (infamously) and struggled for an innings or two, but batted well in the semi-final scoring 40.

Led the team and enjoyed it immensely. Ground fielding good, 6 catches.

**KEVIN HOLLEY.** Took over from Dave and led the team well. Kev in fact captained the team in that spell of 6 wins and in that time batted soundly and bowled tightly.

His line and length was not as good as last year, but being the fighter he is was always in there grafting away. Took 13 wickets at 20.08 and finished with 156 runs (9 digs) at 17.33. Took most catches outside the keeper ending up with 8.

**KEITH AUSTIN.** Without doubt one of the most punishing batsman the club has seen for many a year.

On his debut scored 92 cracking runs and didn't look back. Keith's batting was a delight to watch and technically his batting is very good, which must make him a good chance for A's next summer.

Keith finished with 337 runs from only 8 innings at 48.14, he has an excellent arm and his fielding was good throughout. Says he can bowl.

**PETER CARUANA.** In the A's at the start of the season Peter struggled against the tight bowling but on his return to the side he knuckled down and came good. Pete finished with 343 runs from 11 knocks at 34.30, his leg-side play was indeed tremendous, however needs to watch his footwork on and outside the off stump, when he does this consistently, I am sure he will be given the chance up higher. Fielding was not good, needs **more application**.

**PAUL TONER.** A young cricketer whose great concentration enables him to stick around and build his innings, unlike a lot of young cricketers, he is willing to listen and these two attributes coupled with a real love for the game, will ensure his future in the club. Paul finished with 203 runs from 6 knocks at 33.20. A fine effort. Keen fieldsman.

**KEVIN PRICE.** The all-rounder in the side, Kevin's cricket was outstanding.

His bowling was very tight (sometimes too tight) but nevertheless he snared 21 victims at 15.66.

Kev's batting, when given the opportunity, was first class and on more than one occasion saved the team and conversely won the odd game. Finished with 166 runs at 33.20. His fielding was not terribly good, but then he was the granddaddy of the team.

A fine cricketer with a fine attitude. A good team man.

**STEVE SCHOMBERG.** A good cricketer, Steve didn't stay with us for too long and on promotion to the A's, he had scored 129 runs at 32.25 from 5 innings, and taken 11 wickets at 14.00. Another cricketer with an excellent attitude, Steve has that ability to break through the batting and his batting was punishing indeed. Fielding good.

**KEN O'BRIEN.** A late starter to the season, Ken joined the team and batted splendidly to reach 20 odd on five occasions but failed to go on with it. Ken's batting, in particular his

driving through the arc of mid-off to cover point, was a delight, however he needs to temper his innings a little, then his 20's will become 50's etc. His average was 26.83 from 9 digs for 161 runs. Fielding excellent. A good team man.

**PETER MANSFORD.** Did not have the best of luck last summer with a couple of decisions going against him and a couple of incredible catches off his bat.

However, on occasions found his form, in particular his knock of 46 against Lindfield was a gem. Tended to get a little bogged down occasionally, nevertheless his presence was missed because his experience was needed in what was basically a young team. Fielding was good.

**PETER RICHARDSON.** Peter started well with scores of 32, 15, 24, 13 and 22 but his form like Manso, fell away, mainly because of lack of concentration.

One of our keenest cricketers, Peter set an example to the younger guys in the side and was sorely missed in more ways than one. Fielding as usual was tremendous.

**PETER WALLACE.** One of our quick lefties Peter bowled very well throughout his spells. His line was better this summer, but was unlucky not to have had more wickets due to batsmen playing and missing and the odd dropped catch.

Perhaps the only criticism of Peter's bowling is that he should not vent his frustrations at the umpire, but at the batsman. Did not get many chances with the willow. Fielding has improved.

**CLAUDIO ORLANDO.** Without doubt one of the best prospects in the Club. Claudio found it hard early on, but gradually settled down and showed us how good he can bat. His 66 against Roseville was a really nice knock and with this innings his confidence grew, but unfortunately he tended to try his shots too soon and was dismissed too often in 10's and 20's.

Only needs to apply himself a little more, when this is done will enjoy his cricket a lot more. Claudio kept wickets and performed very well indeed, finishing with 15 catches and 4 stumpings.

**DAVID WRIGHT.** A very good leftie, David missed the first 3 games, but on settling down in the side proceeded to bowl a good line and length and bowled very well to his field.

A deceptive bowler he finished with 18 scalps at 12.66 from only 83 overs, a legacy of having so many bowlers in the team. His fielding in the gully was good.

**RUSSELL ROBERTS.** Only played 3 games for the B's, but in that time he bowled very well indeed, especially for a leg-spinner who is only 18.

A very confident young man (sometimes too cocky). He finished with 15 wickets at 7.60, then was promoted to the A's (his fielding was quite good, however his batting was found to be lacking).

Nevertheless Russell is a top prospect and is one who will go a long way.

**MAL SHORTER.** The quick quickie in our team, Mal finished with 19 wickets at 17.68 from 123 overs. Only played 5 games for the team due to commitments in the A's, so his strike rate was quite good.

Definitely the fiery bowler in our team, Mal often laid the foundation for the other bowler to dismiss batsmen as they endeavoured to get away from the strike. Batting hmmm! Good fieldsman.

**LAURIE YEOMANS.** In his first year of cricket with the club, Laurie settled in well and enjoyed himself. Found the difference between turf and mats a little daunting initially and tended to be a little short in length, but his experience (30 years of cricket) eventually shone through and he improved as a consequence.

Like all bowlers fancies himself as a batsman (never stopped telling me) and actually did succeed when given the opportunity, maybe a promotion to number 10 in the batting. Fielding needs improving.

I feel I would be remiss if mention was not made of some of the other fellows who played, in particular Craig Hickey whose knock of 100 against Bexley was a cracker and who in fact scored the only ton for the B's. Gary Schomberg a left-handed batsman with a lot of talent, and Richard Brown, John Guest and Craig Smith, who I am sure will be given extended opportunities next summer.

Congratulations to Epping D.C.C. on winning the A's, B's, C's and Club Championship, a marvellous effort indeed.

#### B SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Lost Disqual.	Drawn	Points	Position
13	1	7	—	1	1	3	42	3rd
Runs for	Wickets for		Average		Runs against		Wickets against	Average
2803	109		25.72		2258		133	16.97

#### BATTING (X NOT OUT)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	Catches
K. Austin	8	1	92	337	48.14	—
P. Caruana	11	1	66	343	34.3	3
P. Toner	6	—	88	203	33.83	1
K. Price	10	5	36	166	33.20	4
S. Schomberg	5	1	38	129	32.25	—

# **BATTING (X NOT OUT)**

(Continued)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	Catches
D. Jamieson	10	2	63	255	31.86	6
K. O'Brien	9	3	27	161	26.83	5
P. Mansford	8	1	46	130	18.57	1
K. Holley	9	—	46	156	17.33	8
C. Orlando	15	3	66	205	17.08	18C / 4S
P. Richardson	9	—	32	149	16.55	4
P. Wallace	4	1	17	28	9.33	3
M. Shorter	5	—	17	37	7.4	2
D. Wright	6	3	9 x	22	7.33	7

<b>Also Batted:</b>	C. Hickey	3 for 150	G. Schomberg	2 for 23
	R. Brown	4 for 34	J. Guest	1 for 5
	L. Yeomans	3 for 8	R. Roberts	2 for 1

## **BOWLING**

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. Roberts	48	10	114	15	7.60
D. Wright	83	21	228	18	12.66
S. Schomberg	61	18	154	11	14
P. Wallace	68	20	197	14	14.07
K. Price	167	61	329	21	15.66
M. Shorter	123	30	336	19	17.68
K. Holley	103	30	261	13	20.14
L. Yeomans	71	18	141	7	20.08

<b>Also Bowled:</b>	D. Jamieson	4 for 51	C. Hickey	1 for 18
	C. Smith	1 for 23	J. Guest	4 for 99
	P. Toner	0 for 9	K. Austin	0 for 10
	G. Schomberg	0 for 12	P. Caruana	0 for 15
	C. Orlando	0 for 17	K. O'Brien	0 for 35

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## C SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1979 — 80

Any cricket team that gets 48 points in a season and misses out on the semi-finals, must be unlucky. That is what happened to C's in the '79 — '80 season. However we finished the season off with 4 easy wins to take out the trophy for the winners of the Limited Over Competition which was contested by the teams that did not make the semi-finals, unearthing in the process a new quickie in Terry Findlay.

There were many highlights throughout the season. Winning the first match by one run against the premiers Epping I, was a great start to the season. Scoring over 300 runs against Canterbury I, to establish a new club C grade record was an outstanding performance, as was Peter Caruana's 135 runs in that match. Other outstanding personal performances came from Craig Smith who picked up a hat trick and a personal best of 7 — 9 which he took against Wentworthville. Alan Thompson bowled 259.1 overs throughout the season and as Alan would say he would have bowled a lot more but the opposition kept running out of wickets. Alan as vice-captain made the captains job a pleasure with good sound advice and constructive comments both on and off the field.

John Guest was the other main bowler who has the uncanny ability of every few overs coming up with the 'unplayable ball'.

Apart from the bowling, the most outstanding feature of the teams performance was the fielding. Some very good catching and general ground fielding was seen throughout the season and very good wicketkeeping by both Hermin Hitipeuw and Richard Brown. The fielding teams response to the bowlers bowling to the field set was responsible for the low opposition batting scores. The fielding side must rank as one of the best ever seen in C Shires.

The batting was not quite as successful, but 2 new batting stars did emerge through the season who are destined for greater things in the club. They were Paul Toner and Keith Austin. Keith adapted his aggressive style of batting admirably to each circumstance in which he batted. Paul matured throughout the season and shows that he has a good variety of shots in his repertoire.

At the end of the season Peter Mansford and Peter Richardson joined the team and showed what good opening batsmen can do to an opening attack.

Individually the team shaped up as follows:—

**MICHAEL STERRY (Captain).** Led a fairly successful team in his first year as a captain. Learnt a lot during the season. Had a fairly successful year with the bat but suffered a loss of form at the end of the season.

**ALAN THOMPSON (Vice-captain).** Specialist silly leg fieldsman, mainstay bowler, adviser and chief confidant of the captain, chief umpire, part-time batsman — just some of his talents. His bowling was always tight and has the ability to cut the ball both ways. Great team man and had a great deal to do with the teams success.

**PAUL TONER.** Left the team at the end of the season after 3 brilliant innings of 63 not out,

58 and 72. Not too keen on opening the batting but proved he can handle any bowling. Must learn to play within himself early in his innings. Has a decided weakness on the leg stump and must be careful not to overcompensate for this weakness.

**HERMIN HITIPEUW.** Great team man who despite his size has great ability as a wicketkeeper. Has lightning reflexes on his left side and showed his versatility as a gully fieldsman when Richard Brown took over the gloves. Having his first year on turf affected his batting but showed glimpses of signs as adapting to a very handy batsman. General keenness and attitude is excellent.

**KEITH AUSTIN.** 1st grade base-baller who made the covers position his own with outstanding fielding. Always showed more potential with the bat than his scores indicated. His 56 against Epping I's included some of the best batting seen in C's. Has a tendency to loft the ball unnecessarily on fast outfielders, getting himself caught before he has really got his timing right.

**JOHN PRICE.** Could be a good spin bowler if he really worked at it. John missed several matches throughout the season and because of the bowlers available in our easy wins in the 4 Limited Over matches did not get a bowl, then however still bowled 121 overs in the season. He has potential as a batsman but however tended to go for the 'big one' too often. John has the ability but seems to lack the keenness.

**JOHN GUEST.** A good quickie with great potential. On many occasions beat the bat because the batsmen wasn't good enough to get an edge. John's fitness could be improved as could his run up and delivery. John must learn to use his full height when delivering the ball. Tends to wander off his line due to lack of concentration or trying too hard. Good close in fieldsman and hard hitting shock batsman.

**CRAIG SMITH.** Has the killer instinct — a hate of all batsmen who refuse to give up their wickets meekly or all fielders who drop one of his catches. Produced one of the best bowling performances seen in the club bowling 183.2 overs, 73 of which were maidens, taking 49 wickets for 316 runs at an average of 6.4 per wicket, including one hat trick. Bowled an excellent line and length. Very good fielder and super keen team man.

**CRAIG MILLARD.** Another player who has outstanding potential with the bat but has a tendency to hole out somewhere just short of the boundary. Likes to get on with the game regardless of the situation. Good outfielder.

**STEPHEN GOSS.** Had a disappointing season with the bat but showed in the match against Lindfield with a brilliant 69 that he has got most of the shots in the book. Needs more concentration in his batting. Good outfielder.

**RICHARD BROWN.** Joined the team in the middle of the season and showed his all-round ability with the gloves as wicketkeeper. Did not have a good season with the bat but did show some flashes of what he can do. Good team man.

**PETER MANSFORD.** Joined the team at the end of the season. Got the team off to good starts as an opening bat with Peter Richardson. Keenness and experience bolstered the team particularly in the winning of the Limited Over matches.

**PETER RICHARDSON.** The other half of the 2 Peters opening combination. His 62 not out and 64 and the last 2 matches showed that the timing of old had returned. Keeness and ability bolstered the slips cordon.

**Also Played:** Greg Lippiatt, Garry Schomberg, Steven Schomberg, Ken O'Brien, Graham Ireland, Peter Caruana, C. Thompson, R. Thompson, D. Sterry, T. Jenkins, P. Wallace, R. Tregeagle and T. Findlay.

### C SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
11	—	8	1	2	1	48	5th
4		4	—	—	—	32	1st
Runs for	Wickets for		Average		Runs against	Wickets against	Average
2,634	121		21.77		2,251	180	12.50

### BATTING (X NOT OUT)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	Catches
P. Richardson	7	1	64	216	36	6
P. Mansford	8	3	38 x	161	32.2	6
P. Toner	10	1	72	284	31.7	3
M. Sterry	11	1	63	307	30.7	4
K. Austin	7	1	56	147	24.5	1
C. Millard	11	—	53	181	16.5	7
R. Brown	5	2	24	43	14.3	25
J. Price	12	22	35 x	138	13.8	5
H. Hitipeuw	14	4	23	134	13.4	15
S. Goss	10	1	69	116	12.9	3
A. Thompson	8	3	17	64	12.8	10
J. Guest	9	3	34	63	10.5	2
T. Jenkins	7	—	44	54	7.71	2
C. Smith	6	2	11	28	7.00	10

#### Also Batted:

S. Albanese	2 for 49	S. Schomberg	2 for 57
G. Lippiatt	3x for 0	G. Schomberg	4 for 90
R. Tregeagle	2x for 56	K. O'Brien	4xx for 57
P. Caruana	1 for 135	G. Ireland	1 for 41
C. Thompson	1 for 1	R. Thompson	1 for 2
D. Sterry	1 for 2	P. Burt	1 for 25

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. Smith	183.2	73	316	49	6.4
A. Thompson	259.1	87	498	39	12.7
J. Guest	181	62	417	26	16.0
J. Price	121	21	410	24	17.1
M. Sterry	49	6	135	6	22.5
<b>Also Bowled:</b>					
G. Lippiatt	1 for 67		S. Schomberg	5 for 21	
T. Jenkins	2 for 26		K. O'Brien	1 for 6	
P. Toner	1 for 39		C. Millard	1 for 2	
D. Sterry	1 for 42		P. Burt	1 for 2	
P. Wallace	6 for 37		G. Schomberg	0 for 42	
H. Hitipeuw	0 for 8		T. Findlay	6 for 35	

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## CITY AND SUBURBAN REPORT 1979 – 80

First, the good news, Brooksie has been sacked and we will have a new Captain in 1980/81. The bad news is Col Dennis is the new skipper — talk about “out of the frying pan into the fire”. The coup was brilliantly executed after months of planning behind closed doors by Col Dennis, Noel Young, Mal Croughton and Graham Ireland. The conspirators prevailed upon Jack Dennis (a former secretary and long time player with Western Suburbs District Cricket Club) to have Brooksie called up to Fourth Grade with Wests for the last round of Grade Cricket. They knew, Brooksie being the egomaniac that he is, would be flattered and would accept. Col Dennis then led a stacked team against an understrength C.B.A. side to a very lucky win. When Brooksie arrived at the C. & S. team party that night, at Noel Young's place, they presented him with a “fait accompli”.

The last season was disappointing in the sense that only 6 games were won and 17 lost. It should be pointed out however that most of the games that were lost were very close and two were in fact lost from the last ball of the game. Paradoxically three of the six wins were won with consummate ease.

The reasons for the apparent lack of success are many and varied but a few are fairly obvious.

1. We used 50 players, 41 of whom bowled at some stage of the season.
2. The easy games of previous seasons have all but been eliminated.
3. The standard of C. & S. Cricket has risen enormously in the past few seasons whilst the standard of our team has remained much the same.

4. Our policy has been orientated towards involving as many players in the team as possible whereas some opposing teams opt to only bowl two or three bowlers in a match.

On a brighter note, the C. & S. moved to the S.C.G. to play a match against the Cricketer's Club and in spite of the weather and the result, had a great day. We have every reason to expect that the fixture will become an annual event.

The C. & S. Sprint was run at night for only the second time since it's inception. The event was run in the street, outside Noel Young's place at midnight — up hill. In a blanket finish, the Judge, Don Broomham, who was quite drunk could not separate three of four runners so after much growling and swearing a re run was ordered. This time Trevor Parker showed a clean pair of heels to win comfortably.

**DAVID BROOKS (Captain).** In his last season as Skipper had his best season with Briars. It is a pity the same could not be said about his Captaincy.

**COL DENNIS.** May God help him and give him strength. His time has arrived. Let us hope he won't go the way of all C. & S. Captains. Unfortunately he does show signs that he possesses the same ingredients that seem to be common to all his predecessors — he is a tyrant, a bully, temperamental, selfish and quite mad. Should be a great success.

**TREVOR PARKER.** Every game is virtually a come-back. Played some great knocks and took a few as well.

**GARY SCHOMBERG.** Steve's little brother only much better looking. A real acquisition for the Club and will make A Shires when he starts to select the right ball to hit.

**GRAHAM IRELAND.** Played his usual quota of classic innings. His 31 against St. George Vets was a top effort even better than his 61 against Mosman Vets.

**DON BROOMHAM.** Decided to give it away when his "good" knee packed up half way through the season — was bowling as well as ever and rumour has it he is planning yet another comeback.

**PETER BURT.** Not his best season but then he is getting on a bit. Gets enraged when some of the younger members of the team call him Mr. Burt. Still had pretensions about bowling leg spin when the season started but had it knocked out of him after a couple of games.

**REG JONES.** Played a classic cameo knock against Paddington, 1st ball almost decapitated him, 2nd ball knick through slips for 4, 3rd ball dropped by Brian Booth resulting in single and strike at the other end. 1st ball next over, caught and bowled, chance dropped by Ted Cotton but run out at bowlers end. Phew ! ! !

**CHARLIE FACEY.** A newcomer to Briars this season who started to put his act together towards the end. Has a bit of a problem in that he is a nice bloke and nice blokes don't tend to last in C. & S.

**MAL CROUGHTON.** Had the best arm in the side, in fact was one of the few who could

throw the ball more than twenty yards. Believe he has taken advantage of the amnesty given to illegal immigrants.

**MAURICE CRITCHLEY.** Moment of glory came when he played the bowling in a great knock against Hunters Hill in the dark on a horror pitch, to top score with 30. Became a bit of a pain after someone told him he looked like George Negus.

**BRIAN JOHNSTONE.** All class this fellow — whether he is batting, bowling or wicket-keeping. Main claim to fame seems to rest on the fact that he dismissed Brian Booth. He has been bumming drinks and making a thorough nuisance of himself ever since on the strength of it.

**PETER GREY.** T.V. panelist, top keeper and batsman extraordinaire. May have set some sort of a record with his batting this year. Has been sent to Melbourne by the Club to survey the feasibility of Briars entering a side in the V.F.L.

**DAVE JOSEPHS.** Former 1st grader with Wests. Added a touch of class to the bowling. Bamboozled most batsmen with his off spinners. Looks as though he knows how to handle a bat as well.

**JIM McPHERSON.** Only played a few games but left his mark with a couple of great knocks. A very aggressive opening bat, fine field and could be bowled at lot more.

**FRANK McDOWELL.** Very steady bowler who never strays from the stumps — does a bit with the ball and never cops a hiding. Can bowl all day.

**DAVID BLAIR.** A real acquisition this bloke. Bowls well, does not want to bat, happy to do the score book and collect the fees as well. Only 2 things wrong with him — he is an expatriate Pom and is related to Dave Jamieson.

**NOEL YOUNG.** Cemented his selection for next year by putting on a great party at the end of the season and crawling to Col Dennis. Bowled as well as ever and wasn't dismissed once during the season.

#### CITY AND SUBURBAN STATISTICS

Matches Played			Won		Lost
23			6		17
Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average
2569	187	13.74	2910	173	16.82

# BATTING (X NOT OUT)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	Catches
D. Brooks	20	4	39 x	326	20.38	4
T. Parker	9	1	39 x	153	19.13	4
G. Schomberg	7	—	54	125	17.86	2
G. Ireland	16	—	61	285	17.81	4
Don Broomham	5	2	19 x	38	12.66	—
P. Burt	6	—	25	75	12.50	1
C. Facey	8	1	18	73	10.43	—
R. Jones	11	1	30 x	103	10.30	4
M. Croughton	18	6	27 x	109	9.08	6
C. Dennis	9	1	25	68	8.50	10
M. Critchley	8	—	30	65	8.13	5
D. Sterry	6	3	9 x	24	8.00	1
M. Watts	9	1	29	61	7.63	—
B. Johnstone	11	2	16	46	5.11	—
P. Grey	12	3	4 x	14	1.56	13

## Also Batted:

D. Young	4 for 102	D. Walker	2 for 8
L. Yeomans	4 for 31 x	Dave Broomham	2 for 3 x
J. Freestone	4 for 23 x	K. Holley	1 for 59 x
C. Thompson	4 for 5	D. Lewis	1 for 39
J. McPherson	3 for 112	K. O'Brien	1 for 38
I. Blair	3 for 70	Leigh Williams	1 for 28
M. Sterry	3 for 50 x	S. Berry	1 for 14
F. McDowell	3 for 20 x	K. Price	1 for 6
D. Blair	3 for 1	K. Gray	1 for 3
S. Williams	2 for 63	J. Laing	1 for 2
P. Mansford	2 for 40	L. Brooks	1 for 1
N. Young	2 for 27 xx	B. Cardwell	1 for 1
A. Taylor	2 for 19 xx	J. Fitzgerald	1 for 1
D. Guille	2 for 16 x	S. Schomberg	1 for 0
D. Josephs	2 for 12	T. Camacho	1 for 0
D. Jamieson	2 for 9	L. Calloway	1 for 0
T. Finlay	2 for 8 x		

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. Josephs	31	4	103	10	10.30
G. Schomberg	14	1	54	5	10.80
Don Broomham	61	9	180	16	11.25
P. Burt	59	11	194	15	12.93
F. McDowell	55	10	141	10	14.10
N. Young	64	10	165	11	15.00
L. Yeomans	51	3	150	9	16.66
C. Dennis	47	7	188	11	17.09
J. Freestone	50	7	183	10	18.30
D. Blair	29	2	118	6	19.67
D. Sterry	82	10	280	14	20.00
M. Croughton	49	4	239	11	21.73

<b>Also Bowled:</b>	S. Schomberg	3 for 31	A. Taylor	1 for 64
	N. Sterry	3 for 42	T. Camacho	1 for 66
	D. Brooks	3 for 52	D. Guille	1 for 67
	T. Finlay	3 for 58	D. Jamieson	0 for 0
	Leigh Williams	2 for 10	R. Jones	0 for 5
	M. Sterry	2 for 12	D. Walker	0 for 5
	R. Hanthorn	2 for 19	C. Thompson	0 for 5
	I. Blair	2 for 45	Dave Broomham	0 for 7
	P. Mansford	1 for 0	L. Brooks	0 for 9
	S. Williams	1 for 7	K. Gray	0 for 13
	C. Facey	1 for 17	G. Ireland	0 for 19
	K. Price	1 for 24	M. Critchley	0 for 21
	J. McPherson	1 for 26	M. Watts	0 for 21
	D. Lewis	1 for 29	K. Holley	0 for 21
	B. Johnstone	1 for 30		

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## CROYDON CRICKET CLUB UNDER 16

Once again it can be said that our Under 16 side enjoyed a very successful season, being beaten on only one occasion, that being the final against the new premiers Balmain Police Boys.

Having lost a number of excellent cricketers of the previous year, our boys still managed to finish up as minor premiers for the fourth year in succession.

After three good wins in the first three rounds, we then met a new side in this association and eventual premiers Balmain Police Boys. They proved to be a very good all-round team



with a lot of depth, declaring their innings at 4 for 201 and having us 7 for 84 when stumps were drawn. We knew right away that Balmain was to be our major hurdle if we were to maintain our title as premiers.

Easy wins against Burwood and Magpies and a near draw against Petersham, saw us enter the semi-finals as minor premiers having to play Petersham in what was to be one of the toughest semi-finals for quite some time.

Having been sent in to bat, we were in early trouble at 4 for 28 before Ian Richards came to the rescue with a valuable 53 runs. Ian aided by Greg Douglas (16), David Goss (19) and Ben Triscari (15) took the score to a reasonable but not safe 142. Losing their second wicket at 46, Petersham looked like being far from just another push-over. A steady flow of both runs and wickets kept the game tense right up to the last few minutes when Petersham looking good at 7 for 122 succumbed to the pressure to lose their final three wickets for only six runs, Gerard Price finishing up with 7 wickets for 47 runs.

Then came the final – a match which proved to be disastrous from a batting point of view.

Again losing the toss and batting first, our top batsman decided that it was a nice day for tennis and a little too hot to be scoring runs other than sixes. With half our team back in the pavilion at 5 for 25 we all decided to kneel down and pray for rain or a miracle. Neither one eventuated but a ray of hope was given to us by Ian Richards (26) and David Goss (32) with a partnership of 43 for the 6th wicket giving us a score of 6 for 97 at stumps.

The clouds we had looked for the following Saturday did not find Centenary Park and we only managed to add five runs to our score, Jeremy Roper-Tyler not being able to bat due to an accident at school.

Our bowlers, believing that all was not yet lost, showed a lot of heart but could not get an early breakthrough in this strong batting line-up and our score was passed with five wickets down and 30 minutes to go, Gerard Price securing all five wickets.

Although the competition was not won, I am sure all enjoyed the season and will look forward to many more years in this great game.

#### UNDER 16 STATISTICS

##### BATTING (X NOT OUT)

Name	Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Runs	Average
G. Price	9	4	78 x	241	48.20
P. Thomas	10	3	60 x	242	34.57
D. Goss	7	3	39 x	127	31.75
A. Windred	3	0	34	75	25.00

**BATTING (X NOT OUT)**

(Continued)

Name	Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Runs	Average
I. Richards	4	0	53	87	21.75
J. Roper-Tyler	2	1	14	16	16.00
G. Douglas	4	0	23	61	15.25
E. Crespo	8	1	42 x	92	13.14
P. Price	8	1	38 x	91	13.00
B. Triscari	4	1	15	37	12.33
M. Ronchetti	5	1	14	31	7.75
A. Gillies	2	1	4	4	4.00
C. Ford	3	2	2 x	4	4.00

**BOWLING**

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
G. Price	115	17	41	330	8.05
J. Roper-Tyler	5	1	2	27	9.00
P. Price	82	6	29	356	12.28
B. Triscari	24	2	7	87	12.43
D. Goss	29	6	4	69	17.25
G. Douglas	50	12	6	138	23.00
I. Richards	30	6	2	69	34.50
C. Ford	10	1	1	52	52.00
J. Marown	14	0	1	58	58.00
M. Ronchetti	6	1	0	25	—
A. Windred	2	0	0	10	—
J. Mitropoulos	1	0	0	1	—

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**CROYDON BRIARS UNDER 14**

We went into the first match not knowing what to expect, as it was the coaches and most of the players first season. Magpies batted first and declared at 4 — 190. We were then dismissed for 43, more by fear of the much larger opposition players than good bowling. Only the youngest member of the team, 10 year old Alan Anderson, stood up to the opposition scoring 7 before he had to retire hurt. As expected, we were sent back in but not before a 10 minute tongue lashing by the coaches on the art of batting. In the second innings we were dismissed for 56, while this does not seem a great improvement from the first innings

some of the players were showing signs of being batsmen. Joe Darrigo top scored with 28 and Abraham Ergun 13.

Our next match was against Burwood. We batted first scoring 138. Dirk Blell showed how good he could be by scoring 65. Dirk and Allan Anderson (16) had a third wicket partnership of 46, the highest for the season. Sean Pracey (16) and Abraham Ergun (22) also batted well. We dismissed Burwood for 125 to record a morale boosting, but only, win. Abraham Ergun 5 — 31 and Joe Darrigo 3 — 31 sharing the bowling honours. At the end of the second day's play we were 2 — 35, Joe Darrigo 17 n.o.

An experiment with the opening batsmen proved successful as Jeff Eager (7) and Sean Pracey (27) scored a slow but invaluable opening stand of 41 against Shamrocks. Unfortunately, most of the other batsmen did not have the openers' concentration so we were all out for 107. Joe Darrigo scored a quick 15 but was badly run out. Fabio Rebhecci ended the middle order collapse with a sound 19. Shamrocks were batting soundly and our 107 was looking more and more inadequate till Sean Pracey (3 — 21) and Joe Darrigo (3 — 25) combined to give us a chance but this was not enough as they passed us with six down to reach 171.

Steady bowling by Lewisham had us all out for 83. Jeff Eager (8) batted in his usual slow but safe style to wear the new ball's shine down only. Fabio Rebhecci (12) and our not out specialist Bret Howle (15 n.o.) used this to advantage. Lewisham replied with 3 — 126 to beat us easily. David Bezjak 2 — 16.

Dirk Blell 7 — 59 destroyed the Western Suburbs batting to have them all out for 136. At the end of the first day's play we were in a handy position of 1 — 26 but it rained the second week.

Magpies showed the same form as in the first game to declare at 6 — 191. Two new players Raymond Garfery (13) and wicket keeper Lennox Miller (10) were our only resistance and were dismissed for 63. In the second innings Abraham Ergun (18) and Joe Darrigo (17) batted well to avoid the outright loss. At the end of the match we were 7 — 59.

Eager for our second win against Burwood, Raymond Garfery (24), Dirk Blell (17), Abraham Ergun (22), Graham Barnes (10), Lennox Miller (11) and David Bezjak (12) all got starts but due to lack of concentration did not carry it on. So we were out for a reasonable 124. Off line bowling by our first three bowlers let Burwood reach 2 — 80. Sean Pracey brilliantly bowling his spinners captured 6 — 25 to have them reeling at 8 — 103 but bad fielding let Burwood reach 134.

Our last match was against Shamrocks. Dirk Blell (42) batted extremely well till he was hit on the head and had to retire. When he resumed he had lost his confidence and was nothing of the batsman he was before he was hit. Dirk was aided by Sean Pracey (15), Abraham Ergun (40), Joe Darrigo (18) and Bret Howle (15 n.o.) to reach 8 declared for 174. Shamrocks decided to play for the draw. After 90 minutes of very tight cricket it was obvious that we could not win so all the team was given a bowl. Shamrocks ended the day at 1 — 87 David Bezjak the lone wicket taker with 1 — 7.

Overall it was a year where many players showed potential but due to lack of confidence and concentration did not perform up to expectation. As they were a very young team this year's experience with their potential should make us a force in 1980 – 81.

Congratulations to Dirk Blell, Sean Pracey and Abraham Ergun for winning the batting, bowling and fielding awards respectively and Dirk for taking seven wickets in a match.

### BATTING (X NOT OUT)

Name	Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Runs	Average
Dirk Blell	8	0	65	151	18.9
Bret Howle	7	4	15 x	44	14.7
Abraham Ergun	10	1	40	124	13.8
Joe Darrigo	10	1	28	111	12.3
Raymond Garfery	4	—	24	49	12.3
Fabio Rebhecci	4	—	19	44	11.0
Allan Anderson	4	1	16	30	10.0
Sean Pracey	10	1	27	76	8.4
Lennox Miller	4	0	11	26	6.5
Jeff Eager	6	2	8	20	5.0
David Bezjak	8	0	12	37	4.6
Graham Barnes	10	0	10	35	3.9

<b>Also Batted:</b>	Monassa Senioli	1 for 5	Maurie Calcara	4 for 3
	Anthony Clarke	1 for 6	Craig Stevens	3 for 1
	Michael Clarke	2 for 5		

### BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Sean Pracey	25	1	11	170	15.5
Joe Darrigo	38	6	7	152	21.7
David Bezjak	26	3	6	144	24.0
Abraham Ergun	54	10	8	201	25.1
Dirk Blell	53	6	11	296	26.9

<b>Also Bowled:</b>	Graham Barnes	1 for 5	Monassa Senioli	1 for 19
	Jeff Eager	0 for 8	Fabio Rebhecci	2 for 11
	Bret Howle	0 for 10	Craig Stevens	0 for 4

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## WESTERN SUBURBS WATSON SHIELD

Congratulations must go to this year's Watson Shield team for a truly remarkable and history making season. The boys managed to run away with the Shield, giving Wests their first ever win by a junior representative side.

With three of our players in the side (Gerard Price — Captain, Paul Price and Paul Thomas) the squad won their division undefeated to enter the semi-finals against Georges River — Penshurst and then go on to beat the much favoured Parramatta side (with three State reps) in the final at Merrylands Oval.

A tremendous team performance based on teamwork, determination and confidence resulted in a most deserving reward.

Congratulations to the team, in particular the Price brothers and Paul Thomas, for a job well done.



## FOOTBALL ANNUAL REPORT 1980

The 1980 Briars Rugby Season has re-established the Club as a force in sub-district rugby. Achievements on the field have been the most successful since the middle sixties. The results were as follows:

Club Championship	—	Third
Kentwell Cup	—	Finalists
Burke Cup	—	Finalists
Whiddon Cup	—	Grand Finalists
Judd Cup	—	Ninth

The reasons for the above results are varied, with the following being the major ones:

- \* A solid nucleus of players, who have developed since the 1976 crisis season and have finally realised their abilities on the football field.
- \* A relatively small loss of players from the 1979 season, while at the same time gaining more new players, most of high quality (e.g., Bob Stevenson, Gary Whitaker, Rex Harris, Tim Koertz, Andy Steele, Peter Rae, etc., etc., etc.).
- \* The success of a Kentwell Cup side, which had shown enough in 1979 to suggest it could do better in 1980. While our Burke Cup and Whiddon Cup sides have always done reasonably well (especially in 1980) the Kentwell sides of the past decade have never quite matched them. However, 1980 was the start of a new era for Briars Kentwell Cup side, for at last we learnt how to 'pull-off' the close ones.

\* A strict 'NO TRAIN, NO PLAY' in the top two sides allowed training nights to be highly successful, with complete sides on the training paddock. Furthermore, numbers at training throughout the whole season were very good, always over or close to sixty.

\* Enthusiastic, devoted and willing coaches provided the background for success on the playing field as well as on training nights. Coaches for 1980 were as follows:

**Kentwell — Keith Wearne**, Keith's attitude to coaching can only be described as magnificent. His time and devotion to the job were not limited to training nights and match afternoons but to every single day between the first training run to the last game. It is no wonder then that Keith is the most successful Kentwell coach since 1965. His drive and determination, against all odds rubbed off on his players, making it a memorable season.

**Burke — Ken O'Brien**, although new to coaching, Ken was able to develop our Burke Cup side into a premiership threat only the lack of big match experience taking away from them a place in the Grand Final. Ken's quiet yet firm and constructive attitude gained the respect of all the players who played under him in 1980.

**Whiddon — Dave Jamieson**, Jamo added, in 1980, to his long list of contributions he has made to the Club by coaching a rugby side. The results speak for themselves, Whiddon making it through to the Grand Final. If anyone of the coaches had a hard job, then Dave was the one, for his side contained some of the most experienced and therefore more 'mature' footballers in the Club. Yet Dave was able to combine the talent of these players with a great deal of success.

**Judd — John Staniforth**, Stano's season was filled with frustration (as only people who have coached Juddies have experienced) as his team deserved a much higher placing than ninth. The attitude of the Juddies was exemplary on the rest of the Club and a tribute to John's manner that although success was limited, their attendance at training was right up to that expected of Kentwell.

The attitude of all players to training, playing and Club involvement played its part on the field. I have already mentioned training nights and our end results, but the players efforts during the off-season and trials to get themselves fit played no small part in our success.

If the aboveshowes why the 1980 season was a success on the football field, then it is time to praise the efforts of people who helped run the management side, equally as important as the playing side.

The Committee for 1980 comprised of: L. Callaway (Canteen), R. Handthorn (gear transport), R. Smith (Raffles), D. Vaughan (Bar Roster), M. Dovgon (gear), G. Brady (Jumpers) and M. Brown (Social). Special highlights and achievements these gentlemen should be remembered for are as follows:

\* Being able to run football at no expense to the Licenced Club. This season our total expenditure on football would have been close to \$4,000. Yet, due to sound management the bill was met. Items that were purchased during the season were: A set of guernseys each for, Whiddon and Judd, completing an initiative commenced in 1979 to lessen the financial load on new members; new tackling bags; sixty pairs of shorts; ten footballs.

\* The cost of playing for Briars Rugby was only \$15, this amount including a levy of \$11 for accident insurance with the N.S.W. State Government Scheme. Players no longer need to purchase football guernseys and it is hoped will be supplied with further gear subsidies in the future.

\* Canteen takings were \$1620 over nine home games, an increase of 60% on 1979, a tribute to the hard work that Lindsay put into the running of the canteen during the season.

\* Our 200 Club also provided a financial windfall of \$800 thanks largely to Rod's work.

\* Footballers were once more a majority at any club function helping to make such events financially feasible.

\* Introduction of our own Rugby jumpers was a fashion breakthrough, their popularity ensuring that they will be a much sought after garment next winter, thank you Gary.

A new innovation to our set up was the introduction of managers for our top three teams. The managers were: **Charlie Williams (Kentwell), John Powell (Burke) and Dave Blair (Whiddon)** and all would agree they carried out their function with 100% success. The introduction of Dave Blair also brought along to the Club a statistician, with our competition tables board updated weekly along with a whole host of other relevant and interesting information.

A highly successful year culminated with a Dinner Presentation Night at Sydney Rowing Club on the Wednesday night following the Grand Finals. One of the highlights of the night was the presentation of Best & Fairest Pewters to the following players:

Kentwell	—	<b>D. Vaughan</b>
Burke	—	<b>G. Johnson &amp; C. Murray</b>
Whiddon	—	<b>R. Pierson</b>
Judd	—	<b>B. Burns</b>
Club B & F	—	<b>A. Steele</b>

The success of the night was largely due to the organisation of John Baker.

A final word of thanks to two gentlemen who made substantial contributions to Briars during the year, Ian Richard and Ian Duncan. 'Beast' once more backed up on Subbies management committee to add to his other commitments on Board of Directors and New Ground Planning. To Ian Duncan I owe a great deal, for he not only left football in a good state as my predecessor but was always there to help throughout the year. I believe that Ian's role in the Briars Rugby revival has been a major one, his contributions to the Club as Football Chairman, Kentwell Coach and Player being outstanding.

Our current success must not be allowed to be a "flash in the pan", for too many people have worked too hard for the success of 1980. There is still a great deal to achieve, namely

a Club Championship and Four Cups in 1981. The platform is there with players young enough yet with the experience to go all the way, and a coaching and administrative depth to care for matters of the field. To quote our P.M. 'Life wasn't meant to be easy' and to become the new leaders in Subbies we must work harder in the 1980's. Success breeds success and once the cups start to come in the effort involved will be worth it.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish all Club members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, 'The Year of the Briars'!

**TONY WOZNIAK**  
(Football Chairman)

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### **KENTWELL CUP**

#### **1980 a Year to Remember**

The style of rugby that was adopted for the Kentwell Cup Team this year was based on dynamic forward power and running rugby from second and third phase. This required the forwards to be first to the breakdown of play and to set a strong solid platform for the backs to launch their attack in second and third phase. To achieve this style of rugby a team needs to be very fit and needs to spend a lot of time on developing its skills. To this end conditioning became a very important factor in our training routine and we started preseason training with good attendances and had good attendances during the trials. The results achieved during the trials were very encouraging and we started in the season with a fit and very confident Kentwell Cup team.

The first game of the season was against St. Ives and the team played very well for a fine win. It did look like being a year to remember however, after the first 6 games we had won only 2 and lost 4 and it had the appearance of being just another season.

This was not to be the case however as the team started to pick up their game and concentrate on our style of rugby. Once the team got into gear they started to roll along and had some excellent results. It was a fine effort when, to make the semi-finals, it seemed that we needed to win 6 of the 8 last games, however, the team won 8 of their last 9 games. The 10th game was the final against Colleagues.

The first semi-final was played against St. Pats Old Boys and the win by 27 - 10 demonstrated that when they put their minds to it the team has the best forward pack in sub-district. It was unfortunate that when we played Colleagues in the Final that Colleagues got their act together and put the cleaners through us nicely to the tune of 30 - 4. This was particularly disappointing considering that we had beaten them five weeks before at their home ground in what was, in my view, our best performance for the season. In this game we started rucking well and we became a very hard rucking team for the rest of the season.

A lot of lessons were learned and a lot of bridges were crossed during this season and this



season should be used as the base for successive seasons and if that is the case I see no reason why Briars' Kentwell Cup Team could not be the Premiers in the 1981 season.

As we found out this year when we trained two nights a week, the only way for success in sub-district is by two nights a week training and the strict enforcement of the 'no train — no play' rule. This is the first time the 'no train — no play' rule has been strictly enforced for some time and as a result in the entire season only two players were dropped for failing to attend training. Attendance at training was excellent.

The strengths of the Kentwell Cup Team were:

1. The forward pack, and in particular, the front row. Considering the lack of height and therefore the problems associated with the line-outs the tight five did a magnificent job.
2. Without a doubt the best loose forwards playing sub-district in Sydney today.
3. The dedication to training.
4. The ability to win the close games.
5. The defence of the backs and the confidence in attack that came later during the season.

In all thirty players played in the Kentwell team during the season and special mention should be made of those that played a major part in getting the team through to the final.

**KERRY WEALE (Full-back).** Played both winger before injury and full-back for the finals, a good fielder of the ball under pressure and developing good skills in joining the back line in attack.

**ROD SMITH (Full-back).** I hope Rod is still talking to me, had some great games and had some other games.

**TIM O'REILLY (Winger).** A good attacking winger and also an extremely strong defender.

**CRAIG PHELPS (Winger).** A very talented footballer who can play anywhere in the back line and played three positions in the Kentwell team this year.

**GREG BUDDEN (Centre).** A kamakazi defending centre who is developing good attacking skills.

**MAL WEBBER (Centre).** Made some fine breaks early in the season, just needs to renew his aggressive tendencies.

**JOHN HURLEY (Five-eight).** A class five-eight with an excellent kick, controls the game well and who won't remember his three field goals in the semi-finals.

**ANDREW CRAIG (Half-back).** Straight out of Whiddon Cup last year into Kentwell Cup this year. Copped heaps behind our line-out but came back for more. A good effort.

**REX HARRIS (Half back).** A couple of nice games from the master.

**PHILIP ENGLAND (Lock).** A very good season for Phil. A good, tight, eighty minute footballer (as he approaches the veteran class).

**DAVID VAUGHAN & BOB BISHOP (Breakaways).** Both had splendid seasons, strong tacklers and dynamic ball runners. A pleasure to have them in the team.

**TIM KOERTZ (Breakaway).** An eighteen year old who played a good part of the season in Kentwell. A tremendous prospect and another eighty minute player.

**ALAN McDONOUGH (2nd Row).** The rest of the team want to thank Alan for introducing the 400 metres conditioning run, Captain for the first part of the season and a regular member of the team. A solid, hard running, second-rower.

**KIM PFIEFKE (2nd Row).** Like Alan a good solid second-rower who put a lot of pressure on the opposition in the scrums. The Colleagues half-back is still wondering what hit him.

**IAN STEELE (2nd Row).** Played first half of the season, best I have seen Ian play, hope to see him next year.

**PAUL BEVANS (Prop.).** Trained as hard and played as hard as any other player in the team, a dedicated player who I would not like to pack against in the front row. A great season.

**TONY WOZNIAC (Prop.).** Captain for the second half of the season and the finals. A good leader, an excellent prop, a delightful person, a great season.

**MILTON HOWELL (Hooker).** The hooker who doesn't lose many loose heads (and if you ask him 'never') also good in the loose and scored a couple of good tries.

Other players who played: Lindsay Calloway, not the fastest winger in Sydney but an extremely dependable one; Martin Cooke, winger, good pace but needs to work on defence; Ian Thompson, winger, broke his hand early after some good exhibitions; Brian Hurley, centre, a fair season from Brian, we haven't yet seen his best; Derek Nix, five eight, injuries and skiing kept Derek out of Kentwell; Gary Whittaker, five eight, a skilful ball player who should play Kentwell next year; Neil Rosenberg, five eight, look forward to seeing him again when he gets his licence back; John Jessop, breakaway, would have played Kentwell in any other sub-district club; Gordon Pegler, second rower, two good games in Kentwell; Phil Twining, prop, and second row, played well in Kentwell; Bob Stephenson, will probably take Tony's position in Kentwell next year.

I am sorry if I have missed anyone else who played. I hope Tony Wozniak and Milton Howell enjoy their rugby in the U.K.

I would like to thank everybody who played Kentwell this year for making it one of the most enjoyable seasons I have personally had in rugby and remind the Kentwell team that near enough is not good enough.

## BURKE CUP

Right from the first game of the season it was obvious to both myself and Briars followers that Burke Cup had the ability to achieve winning results. Hunters Hill were the only team that we did not beat during the season and if given the fourth opportunity I'm sure, as was the team, that we could have done it. After the good pre-season work done by Keith Wearne in establishing some degree of fitness amongst the players, we went on to win all but one of the games in the first half of the competition. Early in the second half of the competition, we were troubled by injuries, but this was overcome by the players excellent application to both training and match-play. (Fancy a Burke Cup coach being asked by the team members if they could train two nights a week!).

Winning the last seven games of the competition saw us finish in second place to Hunters Hill. History tells us that we were to go on to lose the next two games, bowing out to Colleagues in the final. Personally, I feel it would have been a fitting reward to the players display of character and determination to have at least made the grand final. It was not to be.

I would like to thank and congratulate team captain, Graham Johnson, for the job he did for Burke Cup this season. Also my thanks go to Kerry Weale for the assistance he gave on several occasions during the year.

Congratulations should also go to Johnny Powell for his great job as Team Manager, (he brought Phil Twining back to life at least 12 times during the season.)

As a coach I suppose primarily one should hope for the support of the players of the team. In the case of Burke Cup 1980, I've been proud to be associated with these Briars. In my book they're number one.

The following Briars played Burke Cup during the 1980 season:

**ROD SMITH (Full back).** Rod spent half the season in Kentwell and half in Burke. Overall this would have been Rod's best season for a few years, showing a willingness in attack and his usual high standard of defence.

**CRAIG PHELPS (Full back).** Also half Kentwell, half Burke. A player of enormous ability. He is now starting to listen and as far as I was concerned was a pleasure to coach.

**KERRY WEALE (Full back/Centre).** This season Kerry has further developed the ability to read a game. Good individual and team footballer. If only he could get over his shyness.

**BOBBY ELLIOTT (Wing).** Good prospect. Showed incredible dedication to come from Gosford to train and play. Bob will be playing his Benefit Season with Gosford Galahs in 1981.

**LINDSAY CALLOWAY (Wing).** May not be the fastest, but overall he proved himself the most reliable.

**MARK SHIELDS (Wing).** Mark's best season with the Club to date. Mark never let the team down on any occasion this season.

**BRIAN HURLEY (Centre).** Speed Hurley showed this season ability to control midfield defence. Good listener and has developed good balance in attack. I feel he is ready for a big season in 1981.

**GREG BUDDEN (Centre).** Another half Kentwell, half Burke. Greg displayed outstanding defensive ability this season. Further development in attack should see Greg being very effective in 1981.

**FRANK WALTERS (Centre).** Once Frank gets serious he is a top footballer. Good reader of a game and it would be good to see him put his retirement back another year.

**GARY WHITTAKER (Five eight).** Very talented footballer. 1981 should be quite a year for Gary.

**DEREK NIX (Five eight).** A player with a lot of attacking ability. Performed excellently in Burke Cup throughout the season. Proved to himself what he can do in the final against Colleagues.

**JOE LANCUBA (Half back).** Joe had a fine season for his first in rugby. Joe is also a good listener and has the ability to play Kentwell in the near future.

**CHRIS MURRAY (Lock).** Chris finally did his ability some justice. This is the first season Chris has approached seriously for some time. The results speak for themselves and there is no reason why he cannot do it in Kentwell.

**JOHN JESSUP (Breakaway).** J.J. had a top season in 1980 and has more than enough ability to do it in "first grade" in 1981. A pleasure to coach.

**GRAHAM JOHNSON (Breakaway).** Graham, the team captain, was probably the most consistent player all season. Very impressive as team captain.

**GORDON PEGLER (Second row).** Gordon's first full season in the second row, took some time to gain sufficient fitness to utilise his full ability. Gordon is an impact player and in my book worthy of a forward position in most teams.

**KIM PIEFCKE (Second row).** Kim played in Burke Cup up to the half way point of the competition. At that stage he had reached sufficient fitness to perform excellently for the remainder of the season in Kentwell.

**IAN STEELE (Second row).** Ian has lots of ability but is a little bit short on self control. In the final against Colleagues he showed the Club and himself what he can do.

**PHIL TWINING (Front row).** Phil is another impact player who during the season would have come very close to the best forward in Burke Cup. A pleasure to be associated with.

**BOB STEPHENSON (Front row).** In my opinion Bob is one of the best footballers in the Club. The standard Bob reached in his first season of rugby was quite surprising and hopefully he will have more seasons with Briars.

**BRUCE EVANS (Front row).** Bruce put complete effort into all games he played with Burke Cup this season. For his first season back in rugby for some time, Bruce made a good go of it.

**GABRIEL MA (Hooker).** Took some time to reach fitness, but once he was fit enough Gabe was back to his reliable best.

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### WHIDDON CUP

Played	Won	Lost	Points for	Points Against	Position
21	14	7	200	120	2nd
Round 1	v. St. Ives	Lost 0 - 16	—	Round 10 Won 12 - 0	
Round 2	v. Hunters Hill	Won 9 - 3	—	Round 11 Lost 0 - 12	
Round 3	v. Lane Cove	Won 34 - 0	—	Round 12 Won 40 - 3	
Round 4	v. Old Wavs	Won 7 - 3	—	Round 13 Won Forfeit	
Round 5	v. Colleagues	Won 14 - 4	—	Round 14 Lost 0 - 7	
Round 6	v. St. Pats	Won 10 - 0	—	Round 15 Won 24 - 6	
Round 7	v. Chatswood	Lost 4 - 13	—	Round 16 Won 14 - 0	
Round 8	v. Lindfield	Won 3 - 0	—	Round 17 Won 7 - 3	
Round 9	v. Bondi	Lost 3 - 13	—	Round 18 Lost 3 - 18	

Position at end of Round 18 = 4th

Semi Final	v.	Colleagues	Won	10 - 3
Final	v.	Bondi	Won	6 - 3
Grand Final	v.	Hunters Hill	Lost	0 - 13

#### Points for 200

Tries	—	30
Conv.	—	13
Pen.	—	15
F.G.	—	3

#### Points against 120

Tries	—	14
Conv.	—	8
Pen.	—	15
F.G.	—	1

The season just completed saw the team finish in 2nd place which in comparison to last season was an improvement of three positions a great effort indeed.

As is the norm there are a hundred and one stories and excuses to be told, but for mine the most startling were the number of players who played in Whiddon.

Considering sixty chaps ran around in the side (even more than Judd) I believe the team did marvellously well to finish where we did.

Throughout the winter we were always in the top four and on occasions were on top, however by the time the semis rolled around our form was not all we had hoped it would be, but to their credit the boys came good and in beating Colleagues (10 - 3) in the sudden-death semi we then faced Bondi (last season's premiers) in the final.

Everyone knew it would be difficult mainly because Bondi had beaten us in both games, nevertheless in a planned move (2 minutes from full-time) a field goal gave us a win (6 - 3) in a very very hard game.

The grand-final saw us pitted against Hunters Hill in what was expected to be another tough one, unfortunately on the day we were just not good enough (pardon the cliché).

During the season we had played "10 Man Rugby" and played it pretty successfully and even allowing for one or two new faces in the backs it was decided to stick with our style, however on the day we struggled for possession in the set pieces and as a consequence rarely got into the oppositions quarter, which made it rather difficult to settle into our pattern.

Our second phase play was only average and this coupled with the pressure mounted by Hunters Hill made it very hard for us but in the latter stages of the game the lads did come back (to their credit) and went close to scoring but the opposition with good solid defence kept us out.

It was quite an experience to have coached so many uncoachable players because how does one coach guys like Boyle, Baker, Robinson, Duncan, Pearson, Blyfield, Stewart, Harris and Dunlop??? Not an easy task believe me, nevertheless it was an enjoyable experience and naturally it entailed some funny situations with the following being the HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Robo's game at fly half v. Old Waverlians.
2. Gary Brady playing outside Robo in that game.
3. The fact that we won the game.
4. Dunc's second phase play and taking of high balls at outside centre and his passing and kicking of same.
5. Robo's game at half (yes half) v. Lane Cove which we won 34 - 0 (how we won so well will never be known).
6. Maybe the fact that Harris didn't play.
7. Blyfield's (7 out of 8) goal kicking v. Lane Cove which were out of this world.
8. Blowfly came back to earth (with a thud) when he missed two in front the next week.

9. How did Brady manage to score 2 tries (in one game).
10. Dunc's love of the rope.
11. How Dunlop's eyes glaze over (at training???)
12. How did Whittaker manage to kick that field-goal v. Bondi (and why not earlier)?
13. Dunc's love of the rope.
14. How Billy Burn's slept in and forgot a game.
15. How Stewart made that great try v. Lane Cove. How did you Peter?
16. How Harris was seen explaining the art of dummies to Joe Lancuba.
17. Whittaker throwing the ball at Baker, and missing.
18. How Boyle joined the snow bunny set (although he came back).
19. Boyle and Baker seen with 2 jars of vaseline talking to Mark Shields.
20. Dunc's love of the rope.
21. Blowfly stepping off his right foot but forgetting to also place his left on the ground.
22. Dunc's rice salad.
23. Col Dennis's power punting of a football.
24. Baker's way with words.
25. Boyle's charismatic charm at Milner.
26. Andrew Steele's incredible shove in the scrum.
27. Baker and Dennis actually seen conversing.
28. Baker's infamous "Time Out Signal".
29. Dunc's love of training.
30. The fact that Boyle never lost a tight head according to Boyle.
31. Boyle's lack of underclothing at training.
32. Peter (Twinge) Rae actually completing a game.

33. Dunlop's long underwear apparel or whatever it was he wore to training.
34. Fancy Whittaker missing Baker.
35. Harris and his hamstring.
36. Dunc's love of the rope.
37. On learning of the cancelled game v. Old Waverlians and the possibility of a Whiddon outing how Shield's replied "Aw gee Wests are playin Saints".
38. How Ross Henry also replied "I sorta gotta fix my car".
39. Blowfly's endless stream of ugly women.
40. Boyle's endless stream of beautiful babe's.
41. How Pearso won 5 lineouts throughout the year.
42. How Dunc constantly conned the coach.
43. Robo's incredible ideas on striking in scrums.
44. Harris's horrendous hat.
45. Hollywood gave us Laurel & Hardy and Abbott & Costello — Whiddon gave us Pearson & Dunlop and Robinson & Harris.
46. Dave Blair actually purchasing a sifter to ensure there were no lumps in the soil for our goal kickers.
47. Dunc's love of the rope.
48. How Stewart and Handthorn were constantly thinking and suggesting.
49. How Bruce Evans caught "Pin's and Needles".
50. The Coach's catchcry "HELLO".

Following are pen pictures of the hard core:

**BRUCE ROBINSON (Captain).** Bruce was the only everpresent in the side and always gave of his best, his form was lacking in the middle of the season however with his enthusiasm and experience came back and played good football and led the team well. Robo as I have mentioned has a wealth of experience and I hope that next year will pass on some of that experience perhaps as a coach.

I enjoyed the association Robo and thanks for the memories. Bruce finished 2nd in the Best and Fairest. Well done Robo!



**ROSS HENRY (Full back).** Roscoe started the season well then fell away due to poor positional play and after a chat with the coach (ex- full back) came back and played to his ability. A keen footballer Roscoe will learn from last year's efforts (his first full season) and be a better player for it, only 19 years old he is a player capable of a higher grade of football.

**MARK SHIELDS (Wing).** A vastly improved player, Mark started in Judd then played in Whiddo's and found promotion to Burke and played good steady football, unfortunately for Mark a glut of wingers saw him finish in our side where he did all that was asked of him. Mark's pace was not as quick as a winger's should be in fact he was slower than the coach. A good team man.

**JOHN BAKER (Inside Centre).** John's football was excellent throughout, in particular his defence was first class in fact I don't remember his opposing number actually getting past him, as a consequence John's style of rugby quite often made up for our defensive lapses. Like a lot of the other fellas his pace was lacking however his experience often made up for that facet of his game.

Enjoyed his rugby immensely and on the field always gave his all, it certainly was an experience to have had you in the team. Now you owe me that \$100.

**GARY BRADY (Inside Centre).** Gary played good steady football when in the side. When one considers G. B. is a forward and was playing in the backs and never once complained I believe it exemplifies the spirit we had in the side. Scored some good tries for the team.

**PETER RAE (Outside Centre).** Twinge came to us late in the season and played some fine football when given the opportunities. Defence was good and a handy goal kicker, hopefully next season Peter will be available a lot earlier. A good team man.

**MICHAEL BLYFIELD (Five eight).** Without doubt the keenest footballer in the side, Mick played steady rugby inkeeping with our style of "10" man football. Blowfly's form lapsed in the middle of the year however with hard work Mick came good again, his style of game suited the team and generally one of the most consistent, Mick was also one of our goal kickers and kicked some good ones during the season. His attitude to the game was exemplary.

**REX HARRIS (Half).** Rex came into the side and added spark to the attack (something that was lacking) and his experience was an asset to the side.

In particular his use of the blind side was instrumental in the side invariably making a lot of ground. Considering Rex (ex-Randwick) was an attacking half he fitted in the team's pattern very well indeed, perhaps his only drawback is that he is a friend of Robo's and also that terrible HAT. A pleasure to have had you in the team.

**PETER STEWART (Lock).** Peter's form at No. 8 was a vast improvement on last year and in the last half of the competition he was the most improved footballer in the side.

Played rather tight for a lock and perhaps needs to cover a little more, his 2nd phase play was a plus for the side and I am sure learnt a lot playing with the team. A quiet unassuming fellow.

**PETER DUNLOP (Second row).** Dunny started in Judd and after a few games decided to get "serious" and soon after was promoted to Whiddo's, where his form rapidly improved (considering he played alongside Pearson) to a point where he was one of our best forwards. A very experienced player his rucking (very vigorous) and mauling were an asset and Peter managed the odd goal or two. A very keen footballer who formed a very good second row partnership with Roscoe, has the most unusual eyes especially when he is agitated.

**ROSCOE PEARSON (Second row).** Benedict Arnold was one of our best players and actually won the "Best & Fairest" Award a great effort indeed, actually last season Roscoe played some tremendous rugby in particular his mauling was great (it has to be when one considers he runs a 100 in 38 seconds) and of course not forgetting his passing from the back of the maul to the five eight and inside centre just another facet of his play. Another good team man his keenness was exemplified by the fact that he was always at the ground at 12.00, however the reason for that is probably the fact that it takes him 45 minutes to get ready. Hopefully (if his knee can stand it) Roscoe will have another run next season. Congratulations on the award.

**BRUCE EVANS (Prop.)** "Pins & Needles" played in the side and was one of our most consistent forwards. His strength in the set pieces are his forte however his injuries during the season did not help. Another keen man who hopefully will return next season. One of the quieter guys in the side (thank God).

**JOHN (Jean Claude Killy) BOYLE (Hooker).** Hooker extraordinaire (rugby type Hooker) who won 1493 tight heads and lost only two (according to John), actually J.B. performed very well last winter a very mobile type (for a hooker) his second phase play was excellent, his rucking was devastating (just ask Colleagues) and his attitude (on the field) was first class. Possibly his only drawbacks are that he is part of the "Petersham Connection" and his lack of underclothing, those aside one might just question his taste for the opposite gender. A good gutsy player it was a pleasure to have tried to coach him.

**IAN DUNCAN (Prop., O/Centre, Full back).** Another big man who did very well his knowledge and experience were of tremendous benefit to the side (even if he thinks I didn't take any notice).

When one considers his ability and watches him play in Whiddon (although I certainly appreciated his presence) I believe that he should get off his dairy-air and get fair-dinkum.

He time and time again relieved the team with good tight mauling and the odd kick and his play in the scrums was first class, his cunning wit was also first class. Thanks Dunc.

**ANDREW STEELE (Breakaway).** Potentially a fine player Andy played the last few games and always gave of his best, his cover defence was of the highest order however if he is to be considered for higher grades he must get involved more in the tight stuff, if this is done I am quite sure in a year or two Andy will become a Kentwell loose forward.

**BOB HANTHORN.** Bob played in the side at Prop, Loose Forward and Hooker but unfortunately was never really settled in Whiddo's and as a consequence his form suffered. Always tried hard Bob was also unlucky in that we had some very good forwards in the side at the time, nevertheless his keenness never wavered and his attitude toward the team was appreciated.

Copped a lot of stick from everyone (not the coach) but kept backing up, did a lot of work in the Club which showed his spirit.

**GARY WHITTAKER.** Came back to the fold and performed well adding another dimension to our style.

Gary's foot invariably gained a lot of ground and saved our forwards a lot of wear and tear. A talented player at five eight or full back Gary will surely compete in higher grades next season, had the odd injury which affected his confidence but to his credit came back well. Formed a unique partnership with Bake and enjoyed his football whilst in the side. A good kicker who I am sure will score a lot of points and that is something that we in Briars look forward to, perhaps the only criticism of his play is that he must be more positive in his defence. A good team man.

**DAVID BLAIR (Manager).** Last season saw the advent of managers in Briars rugby and a great success it was too, quite frankly I believe and a lot of people in the Club share the belief that David did a tremendous job for the Whiddon Cup side and the Club, hopefully Dave will be available to carry on next season. Well done and thankyou!

Sixty players ran around in Whiddon and I would like to thank them all for their efforts throughout the season with special mention to the following:

Craig Hickey, Tim Koertz, Neil Quinlan, John Healey, Martyn Cook, Mark Brown, Col Dennis, Peter Burt, Derek Nix, Alan Phillips and Gabe Ma.

I would like to say that it was a pleasure to have been associated with "Briars Rugby" in 1980 and to congratulate Tony Wozniak on a job well done.

In closing I sincerely hope that next year we shall be able to place some silverware in our cupboard, as I believe it is vital if we are to carry on from where we left off in 1980.

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### JUDD CUP 1980

Until the 13th round the 1980 Judd Cup Team could have been described as one the best sides in recent memory to have never won a match. An unfortunate forfeit by Old Waverlians gave us our first points, points I feel we would have won in any event, as evidenced by our strong effort against Colleagues the following week. Round 15 saw the team crush St. Pats and in round 16 we proved far too good in the mud for Chatswood. As far as points on the board are concerned, those were the highlights of the season but it is notable that the team consistently worried the top sides and lost 7 games by only 6 points or less.

As expected, the talent scouts of the higher grades made lucrative offers to numerous players as soon as they started to produce any form. This would formerly not have had much effect on results, but the overall strength of the Judd Cup competition this year did not allow much opportunity for an unsettled side to win matches.

On the brighter side, all players maintained their spirit and keenness throughout the season making it a most enjoyable one despite the poor results. I was particularly pleased with the number of players who trained on and backed up as reserves for Whiddon Cup in the finals.

Several important lessons can be learnt from this season which, if kept in mind next year, should see the Juddies pulling their weight and matching the higher grades in winning valuable Club Championship points:—

1. A firm selection policy for Judd Cup should be laid down and circularised by the Football Committee at the start of the season so that players, coaches and selectors know where they stand from the outset. I am not advocating a "no train — no play" policy for Judd Cup but simply that a policy should be decided on by the Committee so that prospective players can be made aware of the degree of commitment required to play Judd Cup as well as to play any other Cup.
2. As far as possible Judd Cup should be run as an experimental side. New players should be given an opportunity to try out in a position they nominate, with the seasoned campaigners being prepared to play out of position while the new bloke has a go.
3. Judd Cup games can no longer be won by the side which waits for the other side to make mistakes. The higher standard now requires a positive commitment from all players to play to their full abilities in each game.

My thanks to the many players who appeared briefly in Judd Cup before establishing or re-establishing themselves in higher grades, especially Joe Lancuba, Peter Dunlop and Bob Elliott.

Towards the end of the season several higher grade players were forced back into Judd Cup for various reasons, which considerably strengthened the side, including:—

**GARRY BRADY.** The Club has not yet seen the best of this versatile player — hopefully Garry can be played in his preferred position next season.

**SCOTT HIPWELL.** Added the much needed lineout ability which we lost with Dunlop's selection in Whiddon.

**PETER BOWYER.** "Chang" distinguished himself with some sound defence and attack in the latter part of the season.

The following players who played almost all season in Judd Cup deserve mention for their efforts this year:—

**BILL BURNS.** Young Bill deservedly won the Best and Fairest competition with whole hearted efforts in every game — consistently made breaks but lacked support.

**ANDREW STEELE.** A close second in the Best and Fairest. Andy is a non-stop footballer who looks like Kentwell material when able to train.

**NEIL QUINLAN.** A great acquisition to the Club coming third in the Best and Fairest — the highlight of Neil's generally sound game was his aggressive tackling.

**JOHN HEALY.** Although John played well at prop I feel he will not produce his best until playing in his preferred position.

**LAURIE YEOMANS.** A student of the "Red-back" school of tactics, Laurie as Vice-captain was a steadying influence throughout the season, occasionally was able to instigate some good backline moves and tackled soundly.

**SAM INGUI.** A much under-rated player who showed glimpses of better form when moved from the wing — scored a top try from full back against Colleagues.

**MICK TAYLOR.** A promising new player who showed a lot of talent at full back or wing — can kick goals and will go well in higher grades.

**JOHN STOCKS.** Another new player with a lot of undeveloped potential who also will play much better in his preferred position.

**GREG WEBBER.** Starting late in the season, Greg added some much needed penetration to our backline.

Many other players, too numerous to mention, also played Judd Cup this year and I thank them for their efforts, especially in regard to attendance at training.

Finally, I must thank Dave "Hello" Jamieson for the consideration he showed throughout the year for Judd Cup in his selection decisions. Dave's regular Saturday morning phone calls to finalise team selections were a feature of the breakfast B-B-Q at Woronora River.

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## HOCKEY REPORT

The challenge of 1980 — promotion to 1st Division was met on the whole quite successfully. We finished 6th in the Club Championship out of 10 and up to the second last round still had a chance of making the semi-finals in 1st grade. The 1st grade side finished 7th, one point behind 5th place. The 2nd grade side finished 7th also, although they were 11 points behind 6th place. The 3rds finished last.

Once again we fielded a Junior Side made up of mostly players who had never played before. They made the final of the B grade competition in a magnificent performance.

Perhaps this season with its strongest ever opposition teams has shown us more than ever that only if a team trains as a team can it hope to play good hockey. The Juniors attended Tuesday night training as a team nearly every week and trained in a 3-3-3-1-1 combination and played that way in the match and reached the finals, where playing with 2 men short they only lost 1-0. Apart from the juniors the 1st grade side consistently had over half the team at each training session and performed well throughout the season and were unlucky to lose 2 key players from the team when we were running 4th with 4 games left.

The highlight of the season is the success of the younger players in the A grade side — the under 21 brigade. Colin Huggett, Malcolm Shorter, Lazlow Kovacs, Russell Roberts and John Price all improved throughout the season and were selected in the Sydney Seconds Colts team that competed in the State Championships. Congratulations to these players all of which have come through from our junior sides. Malcolm Shorter even went one better and was later selected in the Sydney Firsts Colts team.

The Kovac brothers, Bob Bauman, Paul McKay and Warren Widger looked after the social side this year, doing an excellent job with the drink and barbecue arrangements at the ground each week and for the Barton trip and barbecue at the Sterry's place. Other social functions unfortunately were not as successful due to the lack of support by the players. Something is wrong with the attitude of most hockey players — this attitude also shows up in training attendance and attitude to the game generally. Do the players want to play top hockey, if so why don't they train — are the players only interested in the social aspects — if so why don't they attend socials or the club generally? Each player appears to want to win as many games as possible and play in the highest grade possible — how can they do that without being fit and without training? With the Club facing possible relegation to 2nd Division next year, it is up to every player to commit himself next year to hockey not some form of Saturday afternoon light entertainment. Surely even for each players sake and not just for the Club wouldn't it be nice to know how well you really could play the game if you were really fit and had trained with the rest of your team on a regular basis.

Coaching again this year was Mike Sterry who filled in the time left after coaching and organising training for both the 3 womens teams, 3 mens teams and 1 Junior team, with being a selector for both the women and mens teams, managing the junior team and being the Fixtures Secretary for the Sydney Hockey Association and Club liaison officer with the Sydney Umpires' Association. Mike has just been appointed Secretary of the New South Wales Indoor Hockey Association. As coach Mike attended 2 coaching courses held by the Coaches Federation during the year and attended most representative hockey matches held in Sydney this year. At the beginning of the season Mike represented New South Wales on the Management Committee for the Australian Indoor Hockey Championships in Melbourne.

Stanley McGuffin assisted Mike at the beginning of the year but had to pull out due to health problems. Everyone is hoping he will be fit and well for next season.

The 1980 season was Briars turn to visit Canberra the home base of the Barton Club. The Rosebuds also came this year and played against a Barton womens team. Rosebuds won and retained the David Walker Trophy. Briars won the B grade 2-1 but predictably lost the 1st grade finding the home side as usual too fast in the second half after several of our players had to back up from the B grade match.

Briars again entered the Manly Carnival and with 10 men through the whole of the Carnival made it to the quarter finals. We were defeated in the quarter finals after finishing 0-0 at full-time on a countback on short corners. We had a goal disallowed a few seconds from full-time to allow Lithgow to move on and win the Carnival.

Bob Streeter again won the Best and Fairest. Steven Schomberg was the Best and Fairest player in 2nd grade and Neil Huggett in 3rd grade.

The standings at the end of the premiership rounds were —

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
1sts	18	6	4	8	27	39	16	7
2nds	18	4	2	12	18	58	10	7
3rds	18	3	2	13	17	80	8	10

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### 1ST GRADE REPORT

Getting so close to the semi final spot was a great effort for our first year in 1st Division. The side must be one of the youngest 1st grade sides ever fielded by the Club which looks good for the future.

With 5 of our youngest players making the Sydney 2nds Colts team we have reached the stage where we in theory have the ability to take on 1st grade 1st Division sides. We now have to mould that ability of individuals into ability as a team. A great team will beat a team of great individuals most of the time. It is up to these young players to attend training so that team formations, movements, set plays and general understanding not to mention spirit and specific tactical ploys can be worked out and worked on. Without that we will never play 1st grade 1st Division hockey that could carry us into Premier Division — with it, the use of the Clubs resources, general management expertise, the acquisition of a new good surface ground and the building of junior resources — the Premier Division is only a matter of time.

### THE TEAM

**LASLO KOVACS (Goalkeeper).** Played consistently most of the year. Has a tendency to kick the ball in the air too much. Showed flashes of brilliance during the season i.e., first round match against Gordon. Absorbed a lot of pressure well this year.

**GEORGE FREITAS (Full back).** Skilful ball player but must get rid of the ball earlier. Lacks fitness but good team man. Needs to bring more variety into his game. Combined well with Robert Wood and Mike Sterry. Regular attender at training.

**ROBERT WOOD (Full back).** Robert lacks confidence in his own ability. Showed he can play good 1st Division hockey. Improved his hitting and combination work. Would be one of the biggest improvers with team training. One of the keenest trainers.

**MICHAEL STERRY (Right half).** Too involved with Saturday morning juniors and early afternoon womens matches to give his best performance on the field. Must learn to accept bad umpiring decisions — even if the umpire is incompetent. Tended to become frustrated when he tried moves practiced at training before realising the particular player he expected to understand the move wasn't at training. Must have a better year next year.

**BOB STREETER (Captain) (Centre half).** The best player in the side again this year. Plays extremely well against orthodox team formations but a bit at sea against other formations. Must mark his centre forward more closely. If Bob can develop the square pass he could make himself and the Briars half line a more integral part of the attack.

**NIGEL STERRY (Left half).** One of the unsung heroes of the side. His stickwork is excellent and general marking good. Has been accused of not marking his winger — but when one is trying to mark 2 or 3 players one leaves the one man who is the least dangerous. Lacked support from his winger and inside forward for most of the season.

**PHILLIP ADAIR (Left wing).** This was Phillips first year with the Club. His stickwork and speed were excellent and he scored some fine goals. He needs to combine more with his other forwards and the half line.

**COLIN HUGGETT (Inside left).** One of the best improvers in the side. At the end of the season seemed to show flashes of brilliance which augurs well for next season. Good attender at training. Would benefit from watching higher grade matches. Another player who would benefit greatly from team training.

**MALCOLM SHORTER (Centre forward).** Played spasmodic hockey throughout the season. Must learn to adapt his play to the conditions and opposition. Could be the best centre forward in 1st Division with more work on individual and team skills.

**ANDRE DECLASE (Inside right).** Returned to the Briars after 4 years. Showed his old flair and enthusiasm. He was the most skillful player in the team and was sadly missed at the end of the season. His play suffered due to lack of understanding by our forwards of his setting up of opportunities for other players.

**MICHAEL TASS (Inside right).** Replaced Andre at the end of the season. Lacks a hit and an ability to score goals. Skillful player who with individual and team training could in combination work with Colin Huggett be the mainstay of our forward build up play. Needs a lot of hard dedication to training next season.

**RUSSELL ROBERTS (Right wing).** Started off the season as one of the best players but tended to fall off towards the end. Needs to vary his play more and learn to come infield at the appropriate time. Could be one of our best goal scorers next year.

**JOHN PRICE (Left wing).** Played towards the end of the season in 1st grade. Has great speed and potential. Needs to improve stickwork and teamwork generally. Would benefit greatly from consistent training. Must learn to vary play if things are not running for him. Next season could be Johns best if he wants it to be.

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## 2ND GRADE REPORT

After winning the B grade Second Division last year our hopes were high for a good performance this year although realistically we knew we would meet much stronger opposition.



Unfortunately we lost more games than we won but those statistics do not show the full story. Many games were close or going our way in the first half. Then in the last 20 minutes of the second half the game was lost. One of the major reasons for this was fitness — the lack of. It is up to the players to get themselves fit. The lack of 2nd grade players at training is another reason. Flashes of teamwork in the last few matches showed that the team after playing together over the season were starting to put it together but alas too little too late.

#### **THE TEAM:**

**JEFF BODY (Goal keeper).** New to the Club this year. Found the going tough but stuck at it. Lacks in experience but shows great potential and the capacity to learn.

**JOHN KEMP (Full back).** Played his usual steady game with flashes of unorthodox play. Hard worker and valuable team player.

**PETER JONES (Full back).** Still shows potential but needs to train hard if he is going to improve his game. Must learn that a short pass can often be better than a long hard hit — Ian Cooke the Australian full back is a classic example of a mixture of hard hitting and short quick passing.

**DARRYL LEWIS (Left half).** Learnt a lot last year and with harder training next year could be one of the best players in the team. Must learn to combine better with his winger.

**STEPHEN SCHOMBERG (Centre half).** Stephen didn't seem to be as fit as he was last year. Started to get back to true form at the end of the season. Must integrate more with the defence.

**DEREK STERRY (Right half).** One of the fittest members of the team and hardest workers. Needs to give more thought to his game. Regular trainer.

**JOHN PRICE (Left wing).** Shows great speed and determination. Showed out against slow opposition defences. Needs better stickwork.

**SANDOR KOVACS (Inside left).** Needs to improve positional play and individual skills. Shows flair and unorthodox play that could be moulded into a valuable forward.

**ALAN FISHER (Centre forward) (Captain).** Always tried hard but found himself heavily marked in most games. Worked well with the rest of his team.

**PETER WALLACE (Inside right).** Peter has much more potential than he showed this season. Has natural ability and speed and with hard training could have a great year next year.

**ROLAND BROWN (Right wing).** Has good stickwork and general skills. An injury problem hampered his play and next season should see him improve. Regular trainer.

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### 3RD GRADE REPORT

Unfortunately 3rds had a very poor year this year. The defensive record was very poor as we let in on average 4.4 goals per match.

The team generally varied from week to week on performance. The game against Glebe in the first round was a great win and all players seemed to lift both their individual play and team play on the day. A notable thing about that match was the fact it was played on Sunday after having played a game on the previous day. The players obviously played better after a team 'training run' the day before. It would seem to be logical then that if the team turned up for training during the week the results would come. This was stressed and also exemplified in last years report. Maybe if it is stressed in next years report and the year after the penny might drop. After all no team wants to finish last in the competition — so how about we all do something about it — see you at pre-season training.

#### THE TEAM

**BOB BEAUMANN (Goal keeper).** Had a tendency to go to ground too often this season. Found the forwards were a lot quicker this year but always gave his utmost. Good team and club man.

**MAX SMITH (Full back).** Max couldn't quite put his game together this year. Must anticipate moves more and not commit himself too early.

**IAN TRIMBLE (Full back).** Tended to find himself too far upfield too often. Too predictable. Ian has much more ability than he showed this year and could given better fitness improve greatly.

**PAUL MACKAY (Left half) (Captain).** Found the going faster this year. Surprised everyone with his fine performances on the left wing. Always tried hard under great pressure.

**NEIL HUGGETT (Centre half).** Without doubt the best player in the side. More determined this year. Stickwork improved this year. The only 3rd grader to regularly attend training. Good team and club man.

**BRIAN CALHAN (Right half).** Lacking in positional play. Must learn to work in with the rest of the team. Better and quicker distribution needed.

**LLEWELYN MARTIN (Left wing).** Started off the season very fit but seemed to lose this later. Showed flashes of brilliance and always managed to break through the first line of defence.

**SANDOR KOVACS (Inside left).** Fleet of foot and fast of eye. Must improve his defence work rate. Beginning to improve in his team work at the end of the season. More stick skills needed.

**ERIC WADE (Centre forward).** Erics position and stick skills are as good as ever and he added much needed experience to the side. Good team man and never gave up trying.

**PAT RIERDAN (Inside right).** Needs to be fitter. Could develop his hockey by introducing more variation into his game. Hard worker in attack.

**JOHN VANDERHULS (Right wing).** First year with the club. Improved his hockey throughout the year. Needs to improve positional play.

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## JUNIOR HOCKEY REPORT

Briars hockey have once again fielded a Junior hockey team in the Cumberland—Hills Junior Open B grade Competition. Briars beat Baulkham Hills 5-1 in the semi-final and were unlucky to go down 1-0 in the final.

The improvement shown by the team shows in that semi-final result, for in the second game of the season Baulkham Hills beat Briars 6-1. In fact the team lost its first 3 matches but came back strongly only losing one more match to finish 2nd. This in itself is an outstanding achievement as half the players in the team had never played hockey before.

There were some outstanding individual performances by Colin Huggett who as the Captain inspired the team by example and leadership. Paul Huggett (the 6th member of the family to play hockey for Briars) has been the backbone of the defence with Paul Price and Gerard Price playing magnificently in the forwards. In fact Gerard could develop into one of the best forwards Briars has seen. Colin Huggett at 17 has made the Sydney B Colts this year — well done Colin — and in fact 4 other Briars made the same side — all of them having played hockey in our junior teams.

The most pleasing aspect of the Juniors performance this year is that they have won their games for the right reasons — they train, think and play as a team. At the beginning of the season most opposition teams consisted of players who had several years hockey experience and as individuals were more skillful than our players. The old saying that a good team will beat a team of good players is certainly true in respect of the Juniors.

At the beginning of the season a team formation was constructed to suit the players and the players gradually fitted into their roles. They trained with enthusiasm and there was at least 8 of them each week. Practice was at first devoted to basic skills but for most of the season was based on developing basic moves and team understanding. Practice games against the seniors at training in the last few weeks has made them understand more fully that passing is the best way of beating a more skilful (and faster) player and that passing exists on a 360° plane and not the 90° one employed by most of the senior players.

Unfortunately for the finals 2 of the team were absent and an unfortunate injury has robbed us of another of our players Anthony Farinda who was one of the most consistent players in the side. This cost us the chance of winning the final but even though the side lost I hope that the team will retain their enthusiasm and come back again next year.

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## SQUASH REPORT

The 1979 – 80 year of Briars Squash was one of changing fortunes. The spring Competition of 1979 provided the Club with a record 3 pennants, whilst in contrast the autumn Competition of 1980 provided us with another record, we didn't win one pennant.

The reasons behind such a contrast in on court performances are providing the selectors and committee with a number of problems. Some facts which come to mind and certainly have a large bearing are – at the end of the spring Competition we lost a total of 6 established A grade players. This was not taken into consideration by the Western Districts grading wizards, who pushed all our recommended gradings up. There was also a noticeable drop off in the number of players attending club practice on Saturdays. Could it be that we thought we were invincible? Or did we just get lazy. At the end of the Spring Competition, Ken Kable was elected to the position of Squash Chairman. This was the third Chairman in as many years and certainly does nothing for the morale or smooth running of the Club.

The Spring 1979 Competition semi-final teams were –

- A1** Ken Axtell, Peter Gardiner, Russell Butler, Neil Munroe and Roger Gersbach.

This team was defeated in their semi by the eventual pennant winners. It was a good allround team that had no weak spots. Roger Gersbach had the best results with 8 wins and only 1 loss.

- A3** Cliff Priest, Tony Pierce, Ces Stevens, Lars Brander and Greg Menz.

Unbeaten in the competition and easy pennant winners. Some really outstanding performances. Tony Pierce and Lars Brander both had 9 wins and 2 loss records, whilst Greg Menz had another spectacular comp. winning 11 and no losses and this was only his second Sydney comp. He also won the best performance trophy with an average of 5.54.

- A4** Frank Pierce, Ron Churcher, Allan Cameron, Ken Kable and Col Tolley.

Another unbeaten team and easy pennant winners. Again some outstanding performances. Frank Pierce at number one with 11 wins and 1 loss. Ken Kable with 11 wins and no losses and Col Tolley with 10 wins and no losses.

- C2** Robert Bedic, Pat Long, Bob Harris, John Burdekin and Neil Bowling.

Beaten in the semis but only after much drama with injuries etc. Very unfortunate to lose their captain Pat Long very early in the comp. Then Neil Bowling suffered a foot injury towards the end of the comp.

- E2** Warren Lopez, Wayne Rastall, Brian Douglas, Grant Heggarty, Dave Walters and Rocca Fania.

A six man team that gave captain Grant Heggarty a few problems. He obviously thrives

on problems as this team was another of our pennant winners. Performers of this team were Warren Lopez with 7 wins and 1 loss and Wayne Rastall with 8 wins and 1 loss. The remainder of the team picking up the matches when they really mattered.

Autumn 1980 saw 8 teams entered again. Although we had lost 6 A grade players we still managed to field an inter district team and 2 A grade sides. With 4 teams making the semis.

**Inter district.** Dick Humphries, Joe Caristo, Ray Pontifex, Geof Bevan and George Kozis.

This team entered the semis in a very confident mood, with George Kozis losing only 1 match out of 10 and with Dick Humphries and Joe Caristo both firing well. Add to this our new surprise packet from the bush Geof Bevan and we thought we were home and hosed. This was not to be and the team went down in a very close match.

**A2.** Greg Menz, Cliff Priest, Frank Pierce, Lars Brander, Ken Kable and Alan Cameron.

This team really surprised a lot of people by even making the semis. Greg Menz and Ken Kable had both been playing B3 only 2 comps before, whilst Frank Pierce and Allan Cameron had both been in A4 the previous comp. It was unfortunate that Lars Brander sustained a bad knee injury just when he was beginning to hit form. Frank Pierce and Greg Menz had excellent comps; Greg winning 8 and losing 3 at Number 1 whilst Frank won 10 and lost 3.

This team was beaten in their semi.

**D1.** Warren Lopez, John Hannan, Wayne Rastall and Brian Douglas.

This team were the real fighters of the comp. They were not given much of a chance by the experts. Three of the team were up from E2 the previous comp, but they lifted themselves into the final. After winning their semi against the minor premiers, they were considered a great chance. But not to be and they were beaten in the final.

**D5** Ken Bell, Ken Smith, Ed Moore, Grant Heggarty and Dave Walters.

What a great team spirit this team had. Every Saturday they would be at practice first and leave last. It was almost enough to get them a pennant. New boy Ken Smith was the real star of the team with 14 wins and no losses, a great effort and one that won him the performance trophy for the year. They looked morales for the pennant, after blasting their apponents off the court in their final. Unfortunately during the finals Ken Bell had a bad fall and tore the ligaments in his good knee. As he was the number 1 player it was decided to let Ken take the court in the Grand Final even though his leg was in plaster up to his hip. This allowed the other players to play in their lower positions. It was a hard decision to make for Grant Heggarty, but one we all agreed was probably the best. Unfortunately the best laid plans, etc., did not come off and the team went down. This left us without a pennant winner for the first time in about 8 years. Spring 1980 is well underway now, once again we have 8 teams entered.

**4th Grade.** Dick Humphries, Joe Caristo, Geof Bevan, George Kozis and Ray Pontifex.

This team has little chance of a semi spot. They appear to have blown their chances as players were out with holidays and injury for most of the first round.

**A1** Tony Pierce, Ken Axtell, Frank Pierce, Greg Menz and Roger Gersbach.

Another team that had injury problems early. They appear only a slim chance for a semi spot, but if they get there, they are capable of beating any team in the comp. Good luck fellows.

**A3** Cliff Priest, Ken Kable, Allan Cameron, Gary Cornish and Ray Barros.

Looks good for a semi spot at this stage. They have had a few losses and have a hard run to the end of the comp. We will be crossing our fingers, hoping that the 2 new boys, Ray Barros and Gary Cornish can provide the inspiration necessary to get them there.

**B3** Frank Mandile, Ron Churcher, Pat Jones, Jim Walsh and Robert Bedic.

A big hope for a pennant. They are very close to the lead at this stage. There is certainly the talent in this team to take it out.

**B4** Pat Cole, Tom Williams, Rob Harris, Randal Godden and Ralph Miller.

This team has managed to stay in the semi race, even though they had key players away for long periods of time. When they get to the semis they are a definite prospect.

**C2** Peter Olde, Ken Smith, John Link, Neil Bowling and John Burdekin.

Looked a good prospect at the beginning of the comp. Unfortunately they have just not been able to put their act together. They are lying about 6th place with no hope of a semi spot.

**D1** Wayne Rastall, John Hannan, Brian Douglas, Ed Moore and Grant Heggarty.

A team that has a great chance, currently running in second place. Unfortunately they have lost Grant Heggarty for the season with injury. He had been in great form, not losing a match. It is now up to the others in the team to do it for him.

**E8** Gary Nicolls, Glen Lackey, George McDonald, John Fripp, Ross Pearson and Bill Barnwell.

This team has got everything, the new, the not so new, the experienced and the veterans. With a combination like that how can they lose. A great chance for a pennant. Good to see a footballer in there.

During the year we had the annual visit from the infamous Dubbo Ducks. These guys just don't know what it means to get sleep. I'm sure they go into weeks of training, building up a resistance to bed. As usual, a few of the more foolhardy Briars tried to stay with them. This was reflected on court during Saturdays matches.

Saturday night dinner was at the Club, followed by dancing and a lot more drinking.

Sunday was the real prize winner. Champagne, sea food, water skiing and jet ski riding at Cabarita Park. Thanks go to Cliff Priest and Frank Pierce for providing the water action.

The Dubbo boys enjoyed themselves so much, it was touch and go whether they would get to the plane. They got there on time but had a lot of difficulty saying goodbye to a few of the Briars lady friends.

Finally, a call to the other sports in the Club. Squash is a night-time sport that does not unduly interfere with your weekends. We are trying to increase the depth of our lower grade teams to encourage more participation within the Club. For further information contact Ken Kable 70 4155 (W) or 909 2532 (H).



## GOLF REPORT 1980

The Briars Sporting Club means just what it says: Sporting Club incorporating Rugby — Cricket — Hockey — Squash and Snooker — Table Tennis — Skiing and perhaps a sad last is Flog or in reverse GOLF.

Now there are various reasons for Golf's being in a poor position but to my mind there are two vital reasons:—

1. Gentlemen who say yes to a Briars Golf Day and who have bloody committed themselves and who bloody know that they won't turn up on the day, maybe I am old fashioned and maybe because I help to organise the days but suffice to say in future if you sign up or say yes GET THERE!
2. Publicity or P.R. hasn't always been as good as it should have been and the odd clash of dates has not helped but I can assure you golfers this will not be the case in the future.

Now I say golfers but I do not mean just the Walkers, Cardwells etc., but also the plus 20 and 30 handicappers as we cater for all golfers.

Next year there will be four golf days and they will be held on the third day of the following months, March, May, July and August at Blackheath and Leura where we assure you of a pleasant day.

Sporting Chairmen when you read this (and you should) try and avoid any clashes.

Hopefully next year shall see an improvement as regards the number of starters.

On the 20/4/80 at Leura 16 players rolled up to a beautiful sunny day, some fellows played good golf and others not so good however everyone enjoyed themselves.

Inevitably there was the odd burglar but rest assured records are now in order and in the future I shall be on the lookout.

Winners on the day were David Walker (h'cap 8) with 69 off the stick a fine effort indeed, coming in second was Barry Cardwell (17) with 77.

The handicap event was won by Colin Dennis (33) with a nett 54, Noel Young (36) came in second with 58. The Bradman was won by Kenny Gray with 114 off the stick with Marty Watts a winner of the closest to the Pin and the Long Drive went to Mick Blyfield.

As can be seen the prizes went to some of the high markers so as to show that everyone can win.

The following two golf days were cancelled due to clashes of dates.

On the 17/7/80, 26 bodies arrived at Blackheath.

As was mentioned earlier I shall endeavour to stop the odd burglar but at Blackheath Andrew Steele (Ian's brother) off 36 recorded 89 to win from Steve Van Beek (36) with 92, Bobby Spedding (20) finished 3rd with a nett 58 on a countback from Derek Nix. David Walker again was victorious with a nett 67 off 9 and Speddo 78 off the stick coming in second. Closest to Pins were won by Ken O'Brien and David Jamieson and the Long Drive went to Ross Henry.

The Four Ball Stroke event was won by Craig Hickey and Speddo from Pegler and Steele and the Bradman was won by Andy Handthorn on a countback from Bob Handthorn i.e., father beating son.

On both days we were blessed with beautiful weather, we had some good golf and there were great prizes; \$130 in value and generally everyone enjoyed their golf.

Rugby players were best represented with a sprinkling of cricketers and some very welcome visitors, so all that remains is for hockey and squash people to "Extractus Digitus" and come along.

In closing I would like to thank Chris Mitchell for his efforts and trust my whinging has not been in vain and once more hope the golf days can once more become a success.

Looking forward to seeing you at golf in 1981!

DAVID JAMIESON.

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## SOCIAL REPORT 1980

Another quiet year socially, due mainly to the obvious lack of enthusiasm of all but a dedicated band of Club members. This is my third and final year as Social Chairman, and I have pleasure in announcing that Paul Bevins is the nominee as the new Social Chairman.

The Annual Dinner was a great success again this year, with Concord Golf Club doing a great catering job and despite letting us spend too much, we have no complaints at all. The Guest Speaker, Mr. John O'Shea, an ex-Lions Rugby forward was superb.

The recently held trip to Bong Bong was a terrific day, but unfortunately, financially unsuccessful, due solely to a lack of response from members to a worthwhile and cheap outing.

The Annual Picnic was well patronised and fortunately, the weather held out to make it a very enjoyable day. Thanks very much to Dave Jamieson who again did a terrific job as race-starter, and also to chief cook David Blair.

The last function for the year will be the Cocktail Party to be held in the clubrooms on Saturday December 20th from 7.30 p.m. Dress is black tie or lounge suit, and cost will be \$17 per double or \$9 per head. For bookings, contact me on 789 6335. Last, but definitely not least, I would like to thank my wife Auriol for all the help she has given me in the last three years, and also all the support she has given Briars in the same time.

WARREN BRYAN  
Social Chairman.

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## BRIARS SKI CLUB THREDBO

Directors: B. Darragh, A. Clifford, R. Vanderfield, M. Kennedy, J. Edmonds, P. Johnson  
and R. Anstey

Secretary: P. Arnold

Hon. Auditor: C. G. Jones, F.C.A.

The Club has successfully completed its nineteenth season — membership remained at 50.

Following a slow start the snow season developed into one of the best for some years, the Lodge being fully occupied from the end of June through to the school holidays in September.

Accordingly the balance sheet for the year ended 30th September is expected to show a substantial improvement on last seasons disappointing result.

Things have flowed smoothly this season although some unauthorised usage of the Lodge has been reported. Members are reminded that all occupancy **must** first be arranged with the

Booking Officer (Andrew Clifford) — its not funny to drive all the way from Sydney arriving in the middle of the night only to find your accommodation taken by someone who reports that "Joe Bloggs" of the Briars Club says it would be ok — needless to say anyone caught involved in unauthorised occupancy at the Lodge will be dealt with most severely by the board.

Members will be aware that the board was forced by rising operating costs to marginally increase accommodation rates this winter.

The installation of the new "Snow Gums" Chair together with last seasons improvements of the two new "T" Bars "Sponars" and "Antons" has happily reduced the waiting time at the bottom of the main chairlift and Thredbo remains the best skiing in the alps when adequate snow falls.

Improvements of this proportion do not come cheaply and we were disappointed to see the cost of a day ticket rise so sharply this season. Accordingly the Club supported a submission to the Prices Justification Tribunal on this question — however don't hold your breath waiting for a favourable result.

My sincere thanks to those members who assisted with maintenance of the Lodge and wood cutting during the summer.

The Club has now accumulated a tidy sum (approx. (\$18000.00)) in reserve which will be spent on improvements re-furnishing and upgrading the Lodge this summer — additionally plans are being drawn so as to get an accurate estimate for an extension to the Lodge and we will revert to this question at a later time.

I welcome Peter Johnson and Ross Anstey as Directors and Peter Arnold as our new Secretary. I would express my sincere gratitude to my fellow directors our secretaries past and present and our Honorary Auditor Col Jones for their strong support in administering the affairs of the Club throughout the season.

In conclusion I would inform members, that after serving as Directors of the Club since its formation twenty years ago, both Harvey Ford and Don Walker did not seek re-election to the board this year. Members will be aware of the meaningful contribution both these gentlemen have made in the establishment of Briars Thredbo.

It is pleasing to report that both Harvey and Don intend to maintain their keen interest in the Club — sincere thanks for a job well done.

**P. Arnold —**  
Secretary  
Bus. 570 4356  
Priv. 570 2828

**A. Clifford —**  
Bookings  
Bus. 76 6766  
Priv. 427 2673

**B. Darragh —**  
Chairman  
Bus. 29 6656  
Priv. 449 1998

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## HOUSE REPORT

Chairman: DAVID LEWIS

The House Chairman is responsible for the daily maintenance and upkeep of the Club's amenities, the repair of defective equipment and making recommendations to the Club's Board of Directors on capital expenditure. Every club member can assist in the execution of these duties.

The simplest contribution a member can make is to maintain the Clubrooms in a clean state. This can be done with no effort by simply returning a glass to the bar, emptying an ash tray, leaving furniture in an orderly fashion or washing dishes in the kitchen when finished with them. Remember, if you don't do this it is your fellow Club member who must do it.

1980 saw some long neglected tasks carried out. Many items of furniture were repaired. Defective light switches and power points were replaced. Lighting was improved in the games room. The bar lino and crest have been replaced. The dart board has been correctly installed.

1981 will bring gradual, but significant, improvements to the Clubrooms, particularly the games room.

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## BAR REPORT

Senior Stewards: Laslo Kovacs and Sandor Kovacs

Regrettably 1980 experienced the downward trend in bar activity that has been evidenced in previous years. Considerable effort was expended in arranging duty stewards to ensure that the Club is open each night during the week from 5.30 p.m. till at least 8 p.m. and we extend our thanks to those members who so generously gave their time to ensure that service was available for those members who dropped in for a drink.

Attendance at the Club after home matches was at a lower level than previous years. This is a disappointing aspect of the Clubs activities for two significant reasons. Firstly a drink after the game with ones team mates and opponents helps to develop the camaraderie that is essential for successful teamwork. Secondly going for a drink elsewhere reduces the Club's profitability.

We hope to see you at the Club more often during 1981.

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## PERSONNEL REPORT

Chairman: R. Bishop

In 1980 we had the pleasure of welcoming 19 new members to the Briars. While not as many as in previous years, it is particularly pleasing to see the high level of involvement and participation these new members attained in their first year as Briars. On this point one can only wish that some of our more senior members (not necessarily in age) were around more often to see this fresh attitude to the Club, especially in light of our upcoming commitments to the new ground.

Another encouraging sign through the year was an increased attendance at new members meetings, not only by the respective sporting chairmen and members of management, but by general club members. Special thanks must go to those who assisted by preparing and serving supper to all those present. Perhaps next year more of us could come along and make the night a truly enjoyable 'Briars' night for both new and old. All dates will be posted on the social notice board.

Just a reminder to club members, a further role of the personnel chairman is to act as a point through which members can air their thoughts and grievances to the management committee. There seemed far too little feedback during 1980 which could be a sign that we are putting insufficient thought into the well-being of 'our' Club.

In conclusion I would like to thank Col Dennis and John Edmonds for their assistance with new members, the management committee as a whole for their help throughout the year, and Greg McPhee for his welcome advice in my first year.

BOB BISHOP.

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## "FOCUS ON THE BRIARS"

Editor: David Lewis

During the past year six editions of Focus were published.

The Club thanks all those who contributed articles, particularly the Sporting Chairmen.

I would like to thank Terry Daly and Peter Burt for their assistance in the past.

Remember, the Focus is the only truly common link between all the Briars' members. Anything you can communicate to your fellow Briars is essential in maintaining the unique Briars' camaraderie. Whether it be an opinion on a vital issue concerning the Club and its members, an amusing anecdote or some personal gossip, we are all interested to hear about it.

To make your job as easy as possible, a box has been installed in the Club for your contribution. Also you can telephone the newly established FOCUS HOTLINE, where a friendly and courteous Briar will be ready to take your contribution — FOCUS HOTLINE — 747 3434

## 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 as follows:—

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

This Trophy won by Ian Blair. Ian captained the B Shire Cricket Team and in prior years played football for the Club. Congratulations, Ian.

## 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 Keeness	—	15 points
Value as a Club member	—	15 points
Neatness of uniform	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner this year was Tony Wozniak. Tony was football Chairman and played Kentwell Cup. 1980 was one of our most successful seasons for many years and most of the credit for that is due to Tony.

## 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 a 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, Bob Streeter. Bob was Hockey Chairman, captain of the A Grade team and he played cricket for the Club. Well done, Bob.

### 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

This year's winner is Ken Kable. Ken is Squash Chairman and currently plays in the A3 squash side. Well done, Ken.

### 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.

The winner this year, Colin Huggett. Well done, Colin.

### 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 who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club's welfare during the year. For 1980 it has been awarded to Ian Duncan.

## ADMINISTRATION

The Board met on 12 occasions and the Management Committee met on 13 occasions during the period 1st October 1979 to 30th September 1980. Attendance by members was as follows:—

### Board —

C. Dennis	11	
I. Blair	11	
M. Critchley	10	Leave of absence 2 meetings
J. Edmonds	8	
M. Elder	6	Resigned June 1980
H. Ford	8	
P. Mansford	9	Appointed December 1979
I. Richard	11	
E. Stockdale	12	
D. Walker	8	
K. Wearne	5	Appointed December 1979 Leave of absence 3 meetings

J. Windon attended 4 meetings in his capacity as Treasurer. He was appointed Treasurer in June 1980.

### Management —

C. Dennis	11	
R. Bishop	8	Appointed December 1979
W. Bryan	6	
R. Butler	2	Resigned February 1980
M. Critchley	11	Leave of absence 1 meeting
I. Duncan	2	Resigned December 1979
K. Grey	3	Resigned December 1979
C. Hickey	12	
K. Holley	2	Resigned April 1980
K. Kable	7	Appointed March 1980
L. Kovacs	7	Appointed December 1979
S. Kovacs	5	Appointed December 1979
D. Lewis	11	
P. Mansford	4	Appointed April 1980
G. McPhee	2	Resigned December 1979
K. Piefke	6	Resigned July 1980
R. Streeter	12	
K. Wearne	4	Resigned February 1980
M. Webber	3	Resigned December 1979
A. Wozniak	9	Appointed January 1980

## **ADDENDUM**

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

**COLIN K. DENNIS**

**President.**

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## **CONCLUSION**

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

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

**COLIN K. DENNIS**

**President.**

**M. F. CRITCHLEY**

**Honorary  
Executive Officer.**

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# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their Report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September, 1980. The Directors in office at the date of this Report being:—

C. K. Dennis (Chairman)  
J. H. Edmonds  
H. C. Ford  
I. G. S. Blair

K. E. Wearne  
E. G. Stockdale  
R. I. Richard  
P. Mansford

### Results

	1979	1980
Excess of income over expenditure for the year amounted to	4,989	4,234
To this is added accumulation account	<u>55,434</u>	<u>60,423</u>
Leaving accumulation account to be carried forward of	<u>\$60,423</u>	<u>\$64,657</u>

### Activities

The principal activity 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 the following transfers to (from) the Provision for Deferred Maintenance was made:—

Addition to reserve	1,500
Amount payable to plumbing contractor	<u>(2,892)</u>
	<u>(\$ 1,392)</u>

There were no other amounts transferred from the Profit and Loss Account during the period.

### 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 30 September, 1980.
- (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 30 September, 1980 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 30 September, 1981.
- (h) No Director of the Company has received or become entitled to receive a benefit by reason of a contract made by the Company or a related corporation with the Director or with a firm of which he is a member, or with a Company in which he has a substantial financial interest.

### Directors

Messrs. H. C. Ford and E. G. Stockdale retire in accordance with the Articles of Association and being eligible offer themselves for re-election. Mr K. E. Wearne has retired and does not offer himself for re-election.

### Auditors

The Auditor, Mr C. G. Jones, Chartered Accountant continues in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 166 of the Companies Act.

Signed at Sydney this tenth day of November, 1980, in accordance with a resolution of Directors.

K. E. Wearne

Director

I. G. S. Blair

Director

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER, 1980**

	1979	1980
<b>RESERVES AND ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</b>		
General Reserve	<u>\$13,032</u>	<u>\$13,032</u>
<b>ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</b>		
Balance 30/9/79	55,434	60,423
ADD: Profit year ended 30/9/80	<u>4,989</u>	<u>4,234</u>
Total Accumulated Earnings	<u>\$60,423</u>	<u>\$64,657</u>
Total Reserves and Accumulated Earnings	<u>\$73,455</u>	<u>\$77,689</u>
Represented by:—		
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Land and Buildings (Note 4)	25,389	24,939
Furniture and Fittings (Note 5)	<u>2,652</u>	<u>2,276</u>
	<u>\$28,041</u>	<u>\$27,215</u>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Trust Funds (Note 6)	38,000	45,000
	<u>1,762</u>	<u>1,860</u>
	<u>\$39,762</u>	<u>\$46,860</u>
<b>DEBENTURE — Cash Received</b>	<u>—</u>	<u>4,255</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stock at lower of cost or market value	10,738	11,909
Prepayments	1,698	1,627
Debtors	3,231	1,250
Cash at Bank	8,190	1,535
Cash on Hand	<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$23,977</u>	<u>\$16,441</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$91,780</u>	<u>\$94,771</u>
<b>LESS: LIABILITIES</b>		
Trust Funds (Note 7)	<u>\$ 1,762</u>	<u>\$ 1,860</u>
Debentures and Gifts		
5% Debentures maturing 30 September, 1991	—	850
Interest Free Debenture maturing 30 September, 1991	—	1,600
Gifts for Oval Development (expenditure not yet incurred)	<u>—</u>	<u>2,005</u>
	<u>—</u>	<u>\$ 4,455</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	6,000	4,608
Trade Creditors and Accruals	8,263	4,585
Subscriptions paid in advance	800	74
Provision for Sport Development	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$16,563</u>	<u>\$10,764</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$18,325</u>	<u>\$17,082</u>
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	<u>\$73,455</u>	<u>\$77,689</u>

*Notes forming part of these accounts are attached.*

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
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**BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1980**

	1979	1980
<b>SALES:</b>		
Beer, Wine and Spirits	33,193	32,647
LESS: Cost of Sales	<u>20,998</u>	<u>20,319</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$12,195</u>	<u>\$12,328</u>
Cigarettes, Nuts and Cordials	3,712	3,627
LESS: Cost of Sales	<u>3,267</u>	<u>2,692</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$ 445</u>	<u>\$ 935</u>
Gross Bar Profit	<u>\$12,640</u>	<u>\$13,263</u>
<b>LESS: BAR OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
Liquor Licence	1,577	2,305
Bar Expenses and Maintenance	660	930
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	<u>151</u>	<u>121</u>
Total Bar Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 2,388</u>	<u>\$ 3,356</u>
Bar Trading Profit	\$10,252	\$ 9,907
<b>ADD: Income from:</b>		
Property Rents	6,479	8,345
Members Subscriptions	4,176	6,151
Interest Received	<u>4,253</u>	<u>2,231</u>
Gross Income	<u>\$25,160</u>	<u>\$26,634</u>
<b>LESS: OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Administration and Club Room Expenses (Note 1)	12,133	13,389
Property Expenses (Note 2)	4,230	4,054
Net cost of Sporting Activities (Note 3)	2,799	2,914
Depreciation of Furniture and Fittings	391	329
Loss on Social Activities	<u>618</u>	<u>214</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$20,171</u>	<u>\$20,900</u>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	<u>\$ 4,989</u>	<u>\$ 5,734</u>
Less: Transfer to Provision for Deferred Maintenance	<u>—</u>	<u>1,500</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</b>	<u>\$ 4,989</u>	<u>\$ 4,234</u>

*Notes forming part of these accounts are attached.*

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
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**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1980 ACCOUNTS**

	1979	1980
<b>1. ADMINISTRATION &amp; CLUB ROOM EXPENSES</b>		
Legal Fees re Lease of Ground	339	—
Repairs and Maintenance	3,502	4,758
Stationery, Stamps and Telephone	3,033	3,259
Lighting and Heating	1,251	1,625
Annual Reports	1,296	1,528
Insurance	797	816
Billiards and Table Tennis	85	75
Donations and Presentations	90	50
General Expenses	913	336
Security	216	—
Cash Shortages	611	942
	<u>\$12,133</u>	<u>\$13,389</u>
<b>2. PROPERTY EXPENSES</b>		
Letting Fees	453	—
Insurance	1,688	1,732
Rates	1,713	1,946
Depreciation of Buildings	376	376
	<u>\$ 4,230</u>	<u>\$ 4,054</u>
<b>3. NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Hockey: Ground Hire, Gear etc.	3,625	5,071
LESS: Playing Fees	<u>2,525</u>	<u>2,689</u>
Net Cost of Hockey	<u>\$ 1,100</u>	<u>\$ 2,382</u>
Cricket: Ground Hire, Gear etc.	1,816	3,246
LESS: Registration Fees	<u>862</u>	<u>1,785</u>
Net Cost of Cricket	<u>\$ 954</u>	<u>\$ 1,461</u>
Football: Ground Hire, Gear etc.	3,807	2,472
LESS: Registration Fees	<u>3,170</u>	<u>3,172</u>
Net Cost of Football	<u>\$ 637</u>	<u>\$ (700)</u>
<b>American Tour</b>		
Cost of Tour	43,921	—
LESS: Funds raised and Players' Contribution	<u>44,075</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>\$ (154)</u>	<u>—</u>

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1980 ACCOUNTS**

	1979	1980
<b>3. NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES (Continued)</b>		
Squash: (Receipts) Subsidies	<u>262</u>	<u>(229)</u>
	<u>\$ 262</u>	<u>\$ (229)</u>
NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 2,799</u>	<u>\$ 2,914</u>
<b>4. LAND AND BUILDINGS</b>		
At Cost	28,772	28,772
LESS: Provision for Depreciation	<u>3,883</u>	<u>3,833</u>
	<u>\$25,389</u>	<u>\$24,939</u>
<b>5. FURNITURE AND FITTINGS</b>		
At Cost	13,749	13,749
LESS: Provision for Depreciation	<u>11,097</u>	<u>11,473</u>
	<u>\$ 2,652</u>	<u>\$ 2,276</u>
<b>6. INVESTMENTS</b>		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies at Cost (Market Value \$34,000, 1979 \$33,927)	34,000	34,000
Government Bonds at Cost	1,000	1,000
Deposit at Call	<u>3,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>\$38,000</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>
<b>7. TRUST FUNDS</b>		
<b>R. J. Thomson Memorial Trust Fund:</b> (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	<u>181</u>	<u>230</u>
	<u>\$ 881</u>	<u>\$ 930</u>
<b>J. Sheehan Sporting Scholarship:</b>		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	<u>181</u>	<u>230</u>
	<u>\$ 881</u>	<u>\$ 930</u>
	<u>\$ 1,762</u>	<u>\$ 1,860</u>
<b>8. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES</b>		
(a) The accounting practices adopted by the Company are in accord with the accounting standards required by the Australian Accounting Bodies and/or by law. The accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values.		
(b) <b>Change in Accounting policy</b> Interest arising from investments is brought to account as received, and no adjustment has been made to take account of interest due but not yet received, or interest accrued. If this change was not made interest received would have amounted to \$1850 (1979 \$1250).		

# **THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

## **STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS**

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

- (a) the profit of the Company for the year ended 30 September, 1980
- (b) the state of affairs of the Company as at 30 September, 1980.

Dated at Sydney this tenth day of November, 1980

On behalf of the Board and in  
accordance with the resolution

K. E. WEARNE — Director

I. G. S. BLAIR — Director

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## **STATEMENT BY PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING OFFICER**

I, John Lee Windon A.C.A., state that to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying Accounts for the year ended 30 September, 1980 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 tenth day of November, 1980.

J. L. WINDON

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# **THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

In my opinion:

- (a) the attached Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account which have been prepared under the historical costs convention are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1961, and so as to give a true and fair view of:
  - (i) the state of affairs of the Company at 30 September, 1980 and of the results of the Company for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) the other matters required by Section 162 of that Act to be dealt with in the accounts;
- (b) the accounting records and other records, and the registers required by that Act to be kept by the Company have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of that Act.
- (c) The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention which does not take into account changing money values.

C. G. JONES

Chartered Accountant

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

10 November, 1980

SYDNEY.

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