

63rd ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET
1980 - 1981

The Briars
Sporting Club Limited
Burwood



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Sixty-Third Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1980 — 1981

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Presented to members at the Club Rooms
30A George Street, Burwood,
on Friday, 4th December, 1981

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Board of Directors and Management Committee present for consideration and adoption by members this 63rd Annual Report of the Club's activities and of the financial position for the year ending 30th September, 1981.

The year under review was rewarding through our efforts on the sporting field, with outstanding results from cricket. In fact outstanding would be, in all fairness, gross understatement. It was equal or possibly our best cricket season ever.

CRICKET

A Shires winning their competition after 25 years break.

B Shires runners-up in their competition, and C Shires winning their first competition. The Club finishing 2nd overall in the Club Championship.

Congratulations to the Captains of all three teams, Ian Blair, Peter Richardson and Mike Sterry respectively, and to all players who provided us with a great Season's Cricket.

The heartening aspect of our current Cricketers is the great spread of youth throughout the teams with, of course, the benefit of the more senior players also to assist in their bleeding. This, of course, is a result of work in previous years with our junior cricket, and a source of talent we should not neglect in the future.

FOOTBALL

Rugby, under the capable management of Phil England and his Committee, proved that last year's efforts were not a flash in the pan. Fifth place in the Club Championship was a good effort if one also realises there was a considerable turnover in senior players from last year. However, this saw, as last year, an injection of new, younger players and some converts who should only add greater strength and depth for our campaign for pennants in 1982.

I would also like to congratulate Phil England on the way he organised his Committee in running the day-to-day activities of football through his delegation and sub-Committees. In the long haul, it is this participation and organisation that eventually provides winning teams. We can reasonably expect substantial dividends for this work in 1981.

HOCKEY

Hockey did not provide the results anticipated at the outset of the Season. Bob Streeter, well aware that all sports must meet their financial commitments on an annual basis without Club subsidy, has raised in excess of \$4,000 which will cover arrears for last year and will enable Hockey to enter the 1982 season with a surplus.

Further attention to regular training sessions and a workable programme to develop juniors should see our Hockey performances turn the corner.

SQUASH

Squash had a good start to the year, winning the B3 Pennant in the spring 1980 competition. Our A3 and B4 teams were defeated in the grand finals. My congratulations to this year's Club Squash Champion, Geoff Bevan. Our Autumn '81 competition saw 8 teams entered. A2 were victorious, our A1 were beaten in the Grand Final with our B1 and E4 teams losing in semi-finals.

The Spring 1981 season has 9 teams entered and has, of course, not been completed. However, our A1, A3, B2, E1, are all good chances.

ELLIOTT STREET GROUND

In early June this year your Board reviewed its commitment, the new ground development.

In summary development costs had grown from \$90,000 to a minimum of \$130,000.

The Club set a minimum goal for initial debenture issue of \$25,000 and as at June, 1981, only \$12,500 had been raised.

A Government subsidy of \$45,000 had been arranged which would leave the Club to provide \$72,500 plus annual maintenance, and any further costs increases. Having regard to the Club's current trading figures, the need to re-furbish our own Club rooms and members' poor response to fund raising, the Club sought and received approval to be released from its obligations under the Lease.

CLUB ROOMS

Plans have been prepared for re-furbishing the Club rooms to provide adequate Club rooms to attract trade into the '80s. We are at present awaiting approval of our plans from the relevant authorities. Following approval, it is intended that work would commence immediately.

HOUSE TRADING

Results for the past 12 months have not been satisfactory. Carrying the stock levels that we do, is most inefficient and steps are now being taken to substantially reduce the range of stocks held to those with high volume sales potential.

Lack of attention to the introduction of regular Stewards for mid-week trading has substantially reduced our chances for more profitable trading. Attention to this aspect of house trading will show immediate increased profitability.

SOCIAL

1980-1981 will rate as a poor year for successful Social activity. Early in the year a most attractive calendar was prepared but regretfully only two or three events were finally undertaken. Regular, original and well-organised socials are an important part of the Club's activity and plans are already in hand to correct the poor performance of the past year.

FOCUS

Initial planning for this publication was for 10 issues for the year with regular advertisers

meeting production and mailing charges. Those accepting the original responsibility for this task were unable to deliver midway through the year and further publications were suspended. I am pleased to advise that Greg McPhee will take over responsibility for next year's publication.

GROUND

I would like to thank Wal Lewis, Don Rich, Col Dennis, Terry Daley, Dick Crookes, Ian Richard and Peter Mansford, for the considerable time given in our original negotiations and planning.

DIRECTORS RETIREMENT

This year saw the retirement of two of the Club's longest serving Directors, Ted Stockdale and Harvey Ford.

Ted originally joined the Briars for his first season in 1945. Since that period, Ted has served the Club as Secretary, Treasurer and Board Member. Ted also found time to serve for 10 years as Secretary/Treasurer for the sub-district Rugby Union. You will of course, be aware that the Stockdale Cup in the Sydney sub-district competition was named in his honour.

Ted's service to the Club has been outstanding. His attention to detail on Club administration was exceptional and surviving without Ted's administrative assistance will indeed be a challenge. Ted will, of course, still be on the scene for a quick cold one or two and we look forward to his continued support outside Committee for many more years. Ted, on behalf of all Club members, past and present, a genuine, "Thanks, mate". Ted's position on the Board has been filled by Keith Wearne.

Harvey Ford originally joined the Club in 1940. He formed part of the Club's original Board of Directors in 1950 and served on the Board until his retirement in 1981. Harvey's quiet but firm and direct manner was most effective in the two terms, he served as President. The Club is, of course, most appreciative of Harvey's assistance on the Club's legal matters throughout his term. Harvey, our sincere thanks for your service.

PERSONNEL

Our membership stands at 443 compared with 449 last year.

	1980/81	1979/80
Full Members	337	352
Junior Members		3
City Associate Members	58	55
Country Members	<u>48</u>	<u>39</u>
	<u>443</u>	<u>449</u>

I am also pleased to report that personnel chairman, Bob Bishop, has successfully organised two fund raising efforts with the help of other members. Last October, 1980, the Club members assisted as Course Marshalls at the N.S.W. Open at Concord Golf Club. \$1,750 was raised.

This year we assisted in October at N.S.W. Open, The Lakes and \$3,000 was raised. We have already been invited to assist at next year's N.S.W. Open at Manly. Our target for '82 is \$4,500. Thanks to the 66 members who took part this year.

IN GENERAL

We have much on our plate over the next 12 months to get our house in acceptable running order. These priorities are:

1. A vast improvement in house trading and club attendance.
2. An interesting and well-attended Social programme.
3. A punctual self-financing Focus.
4. Completion of house renovations.
5. The involvement of new and younger Members on working committees.
6. Winning more Cups and Pennants.

This year saw the retirement of Maurice Critchley as Hon-admin.exec. officer. Our thanks to Maurice for his most efficient role in service to the Club. The Club's new Hon.exec.admin. officer is Craig Hickey. Craig, well known to all members, has contributed immensely to the Club's running through the year and I offer my personal thanks for a job well done.

In conclusion, we record our appreciation for the support received from our municipal authorities —

Burwood Council
Concord Council
Strathfield Council

We extend our congratulations to the successful clubs with which we have competed and to the others for the opportunity of enjoying our sporting contact.

We also thank the following sporting bodies for their assistance in making competitions available:—

*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 Association
Squash Racquets Association of N.S.W.*

JOHN EDMONDS
President.

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CRICKET REPORT

1980 — 81 Season

Sub-Committee —	P. Mansford (Chairman)
	D. Jamieson (Deputy Chairman)
	I. Blair
	N. Sterry
	A. Cantori (Manager—Juniors)

A comparison of the results of the 1980—81 Season with those of 1979—80, show clearly that the gradual improvement in performance was maintained. In fact we experienced possibly our most successful Season ever, as evidenced below —

	1979—80	1980—81
Club Championship	4th	2nd
A Shires	5th	1st
B Shires	3rd	2nd
C Shires	5th	1st
City & Suburban	Won 6, Lost 17	
Under 16 years	2nd	2nd
Under 14 years	5th	5th

It will be noted that each Shire Team improved its position, and the Junior teams maintained their standing.

Once again the encouragement given to youth was seen as a major contributing factor in the improved performance of the Club as a whole. Our association with Croydon Cricket Club again resulted in the introduction of a number of new young players.

The performance of the A Shire team in winning the Competition, and the R. B. Clark Cup, after a break of 25 years, was a magnificent team effort as well as a great personal success for Ian Blair.

Additionally, the winning of the C Shire Competition for the first time was a highly commendable effort and just reward for the sterling work put in over the previous couple of years by Mike Sterry.

My personal congratulations, and I am sure those of all members, goes to Ian and Mike and the members of the respective teams.

Regrettably it is not able to be reported that we brought off the Shire "Quadrella" by also winning the B Shires and Club Championship, as we had to settle for runners-up in these Competitions.

Nevertheless, after the drama of the previous year, being beaten on the field of play by Epping was somewhat easier to accept. Sincere congratulations to Epping.

During the course of the Season a game was played at the Sydney Cricket Ground between

two Briars teams. The day was a resounding success due to the organisation of David Brooks and it is proposed to make the match an annual event.

In addition, we participated in the 6 a side competition run by Macquarie University and conducted our own Double Wicket Competition. My thanks go to David Jamieson and Mike Sterry for the organisation in making these days the enjoyable ones they turned out to be.

In analysing the tremendous results that eventuated at the end of the season, it would be true to say that this was associated with the fact that practice was organised for the Rothwell centre strip. The practice was first class and assisted the large numbers who attended.

Our thanks go to Concord Council in providing this facility, which showed up the inadequacy of the existing practice wicket.

It is hoped to improve the practice facilities at Rothwell in the near future, in association with the Council.

Whilst referring to practice, it would be remiss if mention was not made of the effort put in by Steve Schomberg during the Season — thanks very much Steve.

A summary of this unforgettable Season would not be complete if mention was not made of the function held at the Club on the night of the finals being concluded. The Club spirit that grew during the Season was typified on that night with an almost 100% attendance of players, and the night was one that will be remembered by all present. Particular thanks for the organisation of this function go to Rod Smith and David Jamieson.

PETER MANSFORD
Cricket Chairman

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"A" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1980—1981

As the Cricket Chairman wrote in the April "Focus" — "What a Season!"

In two years the A's have come from last to first, the previous winning A Shire side was twenty-five years ago, which was the inaugural year of the R. B. Clark Trophy named after the Club's Patron.

The team after scraping into third position, and I mean scraping, were fourth with one game to go and due to draws in other games and our hard earned win in the final game, we made the semi-finals. The team from then on played magnificently by completely outplaying Epping in the semi-final and beating Auburn in a 'cliff-hanger', who were minor premiers.

The three main factors for our success this year were:—

- (1) Our fine bowling attack, there is no doubt bowlers win matches.
- (2) Our excellent fielding during the year and,
- (3) Willingness by all the team to attend practice.

Our batting let us down on a couple of occasions, but in the semi-final and final the application was excellent. On five occasions, Briars scored over two hundred runs in an innings whereas the opposition could only manage this feat twice.

The side played to win, only drawing one game during the season.

The team became accustomed to the Captain losing the "toss", out of 13 games, he only won the toss three times and, has been given a Winter subscription to 'Thommos'. Highlights for the year:—

- * Richard Tregeagle taking 20 wickets in the semi-final and final.
- * Richard Tregeagle on two occasions during the season had 3—0.
- * Bill Hooker's cavalier batting in the early part of the season.
- * Beating Lane Cove on the first innings on the first day of a two-day game, in fact Lane Cove only lost one game during the season and did not make the semi-finals !
- * Steve Schomberg's 8—36 against Canterbury.
- * Bart Pozuelos' 5—13 in four overs to give the team a fine outright win against Macquarie University.
- * David Wright's great catch against Epping in the semi-final.
- * Paul Toner's fine slip catching in the early and latter part of the season.
- * Ian Blair's "ton" against Roseville.
- * Rod Smith's power batting against Epping to nearly win the game in the round.
- * Bob Streeter's 'gutsy' batting against Epping and Auburn in the finals — the bruises, I am told, have just gone.
- * Gary Schomberg's batting on his entry to "A" Shires.
- * Last, but not least, David Walker's fine keeping, plus words of wisdom to batsmen on their way back to the pavilion.
- * The Captain's tossing and calling.

The side got away to a good start having 34 points after six games, but then losing the next three games, but with a draw and a win before the semi-final, the side found the firmer wickets more to its liking.

The Club this season had 14 or 15 "A" Shire players and only on two occasions excluding the semi-final and final, did the "A"s field the same team in succession — another factor in our fine performance.

Attendance at practice was most pleasing as most of the team made the effort each Wednesday even when the practice wickets were very poor. Special mention must go to Bart Pozuelo and Paul Toner, who went close to 100% for the year.

Thanks to Peter Mansford for his help in organising cricket in general, but also the centre wicket practice over the semi-final and final period.

Thanks go to Kevin Price, Darryl Lewis, Keith Austin, Also Cantori and David Guille for playing in the team at various times during the year.

To the spectators, thanks for your support, especially at Rothwell, and Mr. Walker in particular, who follows the side week in, week out.

The side played as a team with no individual being relied on to win a game each week. If a player failed others carried on and in some cases personal sacrifices were made so that the team could win, which not only brought success, but made it a happy team to play in.

IAN BLAIR (Captain) is not sure whether he could handle another final like the one just played. Had a good season with the bat, scoring a century. The job was made a lot easier by the excellent performance of the team and his fielding returned to its high standard after a few poor years. The Captain's hardest job during the year was at selections, deciding which player to omit. Still bowls with venom.

BILL HOOKER — Bill returned to the Club after an absence of six years and proved an instant success in the opening spot and with Paul Toner got the side away to a good start. His fielding in third slip and gully area was excellent and his attendance at practice typified the team spirit as he worked in the Camden area. A good Club man.

PAUL TONER — The youngest member of the side at seventeen years of age, Paul proved a valuable team member. Paul played the full season with the "A"s after the side lost its regular openers from the previous season. More remarkable that Paul the previous season played in the "C"s and only a handful of games in the "B"s. Fielded well in slips during the year. A promising cricketer, who will definitely play in higher grades. Has a future in bowling "leggies".

BOB STREETER — After having a most successful 1979/1980 season, Bob was unavailable at the start of the season and on his return could not force his way into the side until the middle of the season. Again other commitments made him unavailable, but was recalled to the side for the semi-final and final, when Darryl Lewis was unavailable. Bob, with his experience played a 'sheet anchor' role as an opener, getting the side off to a good start in both games.

BART POZUELO — Had a good season with both bat and ball and the Captain is still convinced that there is still a lot of untapped talent. A product of the Croydon juniors, Bart has now spent two full seasons in the "A"s and is yet to turn 21. His bowling in the semi-final and final was excellent and there is no doubt that he obtained a few of Richard Tregear's wickets in the last two games, with his well conceived 'short pitched' ball. His batting improved as the season progressed and was a victim of the Captain asking for runs, when a century was in sight. Fielded well.

GARY SCHOMBERG — One of the success stories of the Club this season. At one stage during the season was in the "C" Shires then worked his way up to the "A"s, with good batting performances. Played in the "A"s two games before the semi-final, scoring 94 against Warringah — another victim of the Captain asking for runs when a century was in sight. Gary's batting in the semi-final and final showed that he can consolidate an innings and I am sure that in seasons to come, will score a lot of runs. Took some fine catches during his time in the "A"s.

ROD SMITH — With the fast bowlers doing most of the damage, Rod did not get a bowl in either the semi-final or final, but still had a good season with the ball. His batting is becoming more controlled and his power hitting can really change a game. Two innings of note highlighted this during the year against Epping — in the round scoring 58 in 30 minutes to nearly snatch victory and his three "sixes" off the last three balls at Macquarie University in the '7' a side

game had to be seen to be believed. Took some fine catches during the year, especially his back handers !

STEVE SCHOMBERG — Steve was like Bob Streeter, unavailable for the earlier part of the season, but on his return bowled exceptionally well. His bowling performance against Canterbury taking 8—36 from 20 overs was a fine performance. Had been mentioning to the Captain that he could bat and this was shown in both the semi-final and final, when he helped with his brother, Gary, and David Walker to save the side from collapse. Recovered from the "Mona Park catching blues" when he took a good catch in the final.

DAVID WALKER — Should be nicknamed "Johnnie" 1820 still going strong ! David again had an excellent year behind the stumps adding another 24 victims to his incredible record. David came to the fore with his years of experience, with fine batting displays in the semi-final and particularly in the final, holding Auburn at bay for over an hour and a half.

His advice was appreciated not only by the Captain, but also the younger players, especially the bowlers. David appreciated the challenge put out by the young keeper in the "B"s — his keeping being one of the features of the season.

Will be looking for a higher position in the batting order after a successful tour at the end of the season.

Had the distinction of playing in the last winning "A" Shire side twenty-five years ago.

DAVID WRIGHT — David was probably a victim of circumstances, being the fourth fast bowler in the side, got little chance for a long spell at the crease as most of the damage had been done by the earlier bowlers. With limited opportunities, bowled very well. Fielded well during the year and his catch in the semi-final at leg slip will be well remembered. His promotion in the batting order during the year had the desired result with a great display in the final with David Walker.

RICHARD TREGEAGLE — After a year lay off with a serious back injury, "Call me Dennis", Richard was promoted to the "A"s in the fourth round and gave the team fire power which had not been seen since the days of David Scoble. Bowled well all year and his 20 wickets in the semi-final and final was a fantastic performance. Richard did not get many opportunities with the bat, but on two occasions defended stoutly to stave off defeat on both occasions. Fielded well.

In conclusion, I must agree with the coach of the 1964 undefeated Kentwell Cup side when he wrote, "the reader would possibly conclude that the side was perfection itself. This was not the case, but space does not permit a full commentary on each player so main points only are reported, and obviously in a winning side, most of the points are favourable".

"A" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Lost O/R	Won 1st	Won 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	2	1	6	4	1	40	1st

(after leading
in 1st innings

"A" SHIRE STATISTICS (Contd.)

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average
2619	121	21.64	2524	158	15.97

BATTING (X NOT OUT)

Name	No. of Innings	N.B.	Highest	50's	Aggregate	Average	Catches
G. Schomberg	5	—	94	1	178	35.6	4
R. Streeter	5	1	43	—	116	29.0	2
B. Pozuelo	14	—	83	3	328	23.4	6
I. Blair	14	1	100	1	303	23.3	11
W. Hooker	14	—	87	2	319	22.8	7
P. Toner	15	2	72	2	291	22.4	10
R. Smith	14	2	58	1	243	20.3	8
S. Schomberg	9	1	42	—	124	15.5	3
D. Walker	10	2	32	—	80	10.0	19c
							5s
D. Wright	10	3	19	—	63	9.0	5
R. Tregeagle	9	5	10	—	16	4.0	5

Also Batted:	K. Price	4 for 58	K. Austin	7 for 118
	D. Lewis	4 for 59	A. Cantori	5 for 71
	D. Guille	2 for 18		

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Most Wickets in an Innings
R. Tregeagle	178.5	52	430	38	11.3	7
S. Schomberg	166.1	42	332	29	11.4	8
R. Smith	141	38	333	27	12.3	4
B. Pozuelo	230.5	85	526	35	15.0	5
D. Wright	119	33	316	16	19.8	3

Also Bowled:	K. Price	7 for 207	I. Blair	1 for 20
	D. Guille	0 for 63	P. Toner	0 for 2

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B SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1980 – 81

The 1980-1981 season for the B Shire team was highly satisfying, the side qualifying for the semi-finals in second position, to be ultimately beaten by the minor premiers Epping in the final.

Under the leadership of David Jamieson, the team performed particularly well in the pre-Christmas period, winning six out of the first seven matches the one exception being a drawn game against Lane Cove when the second day was abandoned because of rain.

The team faltered temporarily in the new year with a narrow loss to Canterbury who passed our moderate total of 140 with one wicket in hand. The next three games became one-day fixtures with a loss on the first day in each case due to the weather, and it was during this period that we suffered our second loss of the season, to Epping after being sent in on a difficult rain affected wicket.

The strength of the side was unquestionably the bowling headed by Terry Finlay, John Guest and Craig Smith. The contribution to the side by this trio was quite remarkable, particularly when one considers not one of them was a regular participant in the previous season's B Shire side. With the exception of the second innings against Macquarie University when the result was not in question, not once during the season did an opposing side score more than 175.

The batting during the first half of the season was consistent with good efforts against Wentworthville (4-148 decl.), Roseville (204), Lindfield (4-179), Bexley (7-238 decl.) and Auburn (191). However, with the exception of a fine performance of 3 for 211 declared on a wet wicket at Pennant Hills the batting deteriorated, and the side faced the semi-final with really none of the side's leading batsmen in top form.

The outstanding batting performer was Gary Schomberg, a natural left-hander with a very good eye. In particular his innings of 96 not out against Pennant Hills on a wet wicket was a magnificent display of controlled power. Late in the season Gary earned a well deserved elevation to the A's and the side unfortunately lost its main strike weapon. It was unfortunate that both Gary and Peter Mansford (97 not out against Bexley) had innings curtailed by declarations when in sight of centuries.

The bowling was ably supported by a fielding side that was safe, without being brilliant.

Once again the club has been fortunate in having the services of a top class wicket-keeper in the person of Paul Thomas who in his first season has shown tremendous potential.

The side, a successful blend of youth and experience, drew its strength from a well developed team spirit rather than from the individual talents of its members. For this reason the role of captain was most satisfying. Particular mention should be made of the invaluable support provided by the senior members, Peter Mansford, Craig Hickey, Kevin Holley and Kevin Price.

The semi-final played at Rothwell Park, Pennant Hills batted first and after at one stage being 8 for 100, finally reached 150. This innings produced the best opening bowling of the season, with Terry Finlay and John Guest keeping the opposing batsmen under continued pressure with good line and length. At stumps on the first day Burwood were 5 for 100 with the result very much in the balance. Led by a determined Craig Smith who held the side together for over two

hours to remain unconquered on 28, we established a narrow first innings lead of twelve.

Commencing their second innings before lunch, Pennant Hills, attempting to set a reasonable target, were in trouble from the outset and finally were dismissed for only 44. Terry Finlay bowled superbly with a fine analysis of 7 for 23, being ably supported by John Guest with 3 for 21. Set 36 to win an outright result was easily achieved with a loss of one wicket.

In the final at Epping Oval, Epping won the toss and Burwood were invited to bat on a wicket which provided initial life. After the loss of early wickets, by lunch we were reasonably placed at 4 for 78. However, a late order collapse saw the final score restricted to 110 with Craig Hickey playing a virtual lone hand in compiling a meritorious 34.

The turning point of the match came in the remaining period to stumps when Epping batted to reach 55 with the loss of only one wicket. The breaks we needed did not eventuate, with an early dropped catch, a series of confident appeals for catches at the wicket being denied, and the loss of the final hour's play because of deteriorating light. With more favourable luck, the position at the end of the first day's play might well have been very much different. So much for the glorious uncertainty of this game of cricket.

With a task ahead on the second day, Burwood responded with admirable spirit and Epping were forced to fight for every run. At one stage Epping were only four runs ahead with three wickets in hand and it appeared that, with plenty of time in hand, a result in the second innings might be possible. This was not to be; Epping's tail carried the score to 165 and with limited time and an opposing side maintaining a very good defensive bowling line, we were dismissed for a paltry 48 in pursuit of quick runs.

Although the bowling generally was not quite of the same excellent standard of the semi-final, special mention must be made of Craig Smith who off twenty-one overs took 7 for 48 and Terry Finlay whose figures of 1 for 38 off thirty overs belied the real value of this sterling performance during which he consistently beat the bat.

Congratulations to the Epping Club on a fine win.

The personal disappointment that settled over the team on the last day of the season was short-lived, being quickly offset in the knowledge that the A and C teams had both emerged winners in their finals. The whole of the B team join me in extending our congratulations to Ian Blair, Mike Sterry and their respective teams on great efforts, concluding a season which must undoubtedly rank as one of the most outstanding in the Club's history. It was certainly a pleasure to be part of it all.

PETER MANSFORD — Started the season in fine fashion accumulating 234 runs in six completed innings. With the exception of a steady fifty against Warringah prior to the semi-final, suffered an uncharacteristic loss of form. Undoubted highlight of his season was an unconquered 97 in which he batted in dedicated style throughout a full afternoon's play. Consistent with his form of past years, safe and reliable in the field, taking seven catches.

PETER RICHARDSON — Not one of his best seasons with the bat. Reached double figures in most visits to the crease, but failed to consolidate when apparently set. Other contributions to

the team included eight catches in his role in two matches as substitute keeper and losing five consecutive tosses as captain.

CRAIG HICKEY — The most consistent of the team's regular batsmen. Craig's steadying influence, as evidenced in the final, featured on many occasions. Willing to assist the younger players by passing on the benefits of his experience. Contribution to the side was most significant.

DAVID JAMIESON — Led the side for most of the season. However, unfortunately was struggling to produce the consistent form of the previous two seasons. It is expected that David's absence from the higher grades will be shortlived.

ALDO CANTORI — Joined the team from the A's in mid-season. However, with the exception of a very well compiled 79 at Pennant Hills did not produce the form that he is capable of showing. Appears to lack confidence early, particularly against a seaming new ball, and perhaps would adapt better to a lower order batting position.

GARY SCHOMBERG — Gary made a tremendous impact upon the side in the six matches he played. Although at times gives the impression of a vulnerability to a ball moving away from off stump, Gary generally displayed a fine temperament in selecting the right ball to punish and this he did with regularity and precise timing. A reliable field, without over-abundant enthusiasm.

KEITH AUSTIN — Keith did not reproduce the devastating form of 1979-80 which earned him a place in the A's until the latter stages of this season. Once Keith is able to overcome his often tentative start to an innings, he has the ability to unleash tremendous power. Perhaps a higher degree of concentration towards his natural game might see more of the results that Keith is capable of achieving. Although not known for his fleetness of foot he is sure and reliable in the field, with a very good arm.

PAUL THOMAS — Still at school, Paul showed outstanding potential in his first season with the club. His wicket keeping, before his play was affected by injury, was outstanding particularly in his work close to the stumps. On a couple of occasions his batting demonstrated experience beyond his years; his innings of 24 in the final was certainly evidence of this. It is hoped that Paul is able to put aside his disappointment at our loss in the finals and approach the coming season with renewed enthusiasm.

KEVIN HOLLEY — After initial unavailability Kevin bounced back into the team with his usual spirit and enthusiasm. As a late order batsman, on a number of occasions produced fighting innings to get the side out of trouble, not the least being his innings which steered the side to a first innings lead in the semi-final. Provided variety to the bowling attack with his slow left arm spinners. Given the appropriate conditions, consideration should be given to encouraging Kevin to revert to bowling his fast-medium seamers. Sound fieldsman close to the wicket, taking eight catches. Kevin continually involves himself in the game and his contribution by way of tactical advice from time to time was much appreciated.

KEVIN PRICE — Joined the side from A's mid way during the season and although his contribution with the bat was not at the level to which we have become accustomed, his

enthusiasm and determination was again clearly in evidence. Kevin appeared to lose a little of his bowling 'zip' late in the season which was probably attributable to a lowering of his bowling trajectory. As always a fine team man.

CRAIG SMITH — The performance of Craig Smith was quite outstanding. Most wickets (40) best bowling average (10.27) one hat-trick, shares the most number of catches (8), and fourth in the batting averages (23.7). What more can one say. Craig has now adopted a far more mature attitude to his game without any loss of keenness or competitive spirit. Following his resolute performance in the semi-final can now have genuine claims to all-rounder status. Craig's fielding was maintained at its usual high standard.

TERRY FINLAY — With his unselfish attitude and unflagging stamina, Terry emerged as the team's stock bowler. His 39 wickets at 12.8 did not truly reflect the real value of his performance, for he continually beat the bat throughout the season with a line and length which rarely strayed. Terry's performance is probably one of the best seen from a B Shire bowler for many years. Terry's reluctant decision to return to his home in Adelaide after only one full season with the club will create a gap that will be very difficult to fill. His determination and total support made Terry an ideal team man.

JOHN GUEST — In his first full season in B Shires, John gave a whole-hearted effort and should benefit significantly from the experience gained. His bowling in the semi-final showed that once John is able to achieve full confidence in his own ability and not let relatively minor matters unsettle him, he is capable of producing a good result. With a little more application, John will also become a more than useful lower order batsman. His keenness and exuberance were in evidence throughout the season.

RICHARD TREGEAGLE — The first three games of the season, before his promotion to the A's, was sufficient to confirm Richard's total recovery from the back injury that had plagued him over the past couple of his seasons. His resurgence to top form is now a matter of record and amply detailed in the A Shire report.

PETER WALLACE — Peter played four matches with the team before business commitments took him interstate for the remainder of the season. In the time he was available Peter bowled consistently and we look forward to his re-appearance next season.

B SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	1	8	1	2	1	48	2nd
Runs for	Wickets for		Average		Runs against	Wickets against	Average
2427	121		20.06		2191	154	14.22

BATTING (X NOT OUT)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	Catches
G. Schomberg	6	2	96X	276	69	1
A. Cantori	10	2	79	220	27.5	4
C. Hickey	16	5	50X	279	25.4	3
C. Smith	9	5	28X	95	23.7	8
P. Mansford	17	1	97X	321	20	7
P. Thomas	8	—	40	160	20	10C/4S
P. Richardson	17	1	52	281	17.6	4/8(WK)
D. Jamieson	9	—	43	155	17.2	5
K. Holley	10	—	43	169	16.9	8
K. Austin	7	2	32	72	14.4	4
K. Price	8	2	27	67	11.2	—

Also Batted:	J. Guest	8 for 55	P. Wallace	3 for 20
	T. Finlay	5 for 17	K. McDonald	1 for 6
	R. Streeter	1 for 25	N. Papalettera	1 for 5
	D. Young	1 for 18	R. Ellis	1 for 5
	K. O'Brien	1 for 17	R. Tregeagle	2 for 3

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. Smith	199	66	411	40	10.27
R. Tregeagle	78	31	155	15	10.3
T. Finlay	230.1	64	501	39	12.8
K. Price	61.2	14	136	10	13.6
J. Guest	162.3	44	380	23	16.5
K. Holley	76.4	17	183	7	26.1

Also Bowled:	K. McDonald	5 for 77	N. Papalettera	0 for 16
	P. Wallace	6 for 109	P. Richardson	0 for 9
	D. Jamieson	0 for 36	R. Ellis	0 for 3
	C. Hickey	0 for 27	D. Young	0 for 0

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C SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1980 — 81

For the first time the C grade won the premiership. The potential of last year was realised and perhaps just as importantly Jamo's Jinx was laid to rest. David Jamieson after playing in 10 finals with the Briars in different sports has finally won a premiership.

We performed very well throughout the season to amass 58 points which enabled us to make the semi-finals in 3rd place. In the semi-final against last year's premiers Epping 1 we managed a fairly comfortable win by scoring 171 and bundling them out for 128. Gerard Price 49 and Peter Caruana 36 were the best performers with the bat and Alan Thompson 4-38 and Gerard Price 3-7 were the best performers with the ball. Then, determined to get some needed batting practice, we batted on to the end of the second day with the score at 8-278 with John Jessup contributing a marvellous 86 and Gerard Price gave another top performance with 72.

The Final was against Epping 2, at Rothwell Park. We won the toss and decided to bat on a cool, cloudy day but nonetheless on a good batting strip. The decision to bat and the decision to open with Greg Lippiatt seemed a good one when, after an hour and a half the two openers were still there with over 60 runs on the board. Then a wicket fell and an incredible change came over the game. For the addition of only 30 more runs, we were 8 wickets down. However, our two opening bowlers David Guille and Alan Thompson in an inspired 3-hour session changed the game completely and virtually sealed the game. David scored 65 and Alan remained unbeaten on 35, to give us a total score of 206. We knew that the strength of the batting for Epping was their first four batsmen. David Guille opened the attack and claimed a wicket in his first over - Epping 1-0. Alan decided no David-come-lately was going to outdo him so he took one in his opening over - Epping 2-0. David decided it was his turn again and took another wicket in his 2nd over - Epping 3-0. One could never adequately describe in words the feelings of the team at this stage of the game. Everyone felt the same way, delirious, over-excited and yet not believing that this was really happening. Then Alan not being overawed by the situation took another one in his 2nd over - Epping 4-0. No team member could stand still, let alone talk rationally and even the Umpires were scratching their heads in disbelief. As Captain, I will never forget my emotions at that stage of the game, even our final winning run at the end of the match seemed an anti-climax in comparison. Added to these feelings was the sobering experience of seeing the opposition team Captain, Tim Creer, standing by himself, head bowed down, looking at the ground, knowing that the premiership was gone.

We finally bundled out the team the following week for 62 and sent them back in. They scored 192 in their second innings and we scored the required 49 runs after a bit of a scare when we lost three quick wickets. David Guille took 4-31 and 2-66, Alan Thompson 6-27 and 4-76 and Laurie Yeomans 4-27.

As well as the semi-finals and finals, Alan Thompson performed magnificently during the year with the ball, bowling the incredible amount of 397.4 overs - an average of more than 30 overs a match. He took 66 wickets for 730 runs at an average of 11.061, surely a club record. Once again Alan also helped the Captain throughout the year with his sound advice.

Gerard Price was a newcomer to the team and showed great potential as an all-rounder. Gerard's potential seems to be more with the bat and is perhaps the best young batsman seen by the club since Bart Pozuelo.

Another newcomer - John Jessup - showed a lot of natural venom with the bat and his 63 in the 3rd round against Epping 1 on a wet wicket, in a total score of 101 was a magnificent effort. As a fielder, his unflinching courage when placed in close to the bat has enabled the Captain to create more pressure on batsmen at opportune times. One batsman even refused to bat until John had

been warned that the position in which he was fielding was fraught with personal danger.

Peter Caruana returned to us half way through the season and showed once again what good potential he has as an opening batsman.

A new spin bowler has emerged in Paul Price. Paul also played in the under 16 junior team this year. For one so young he shows great potential both with the ball and the bat.

Once again the fielding and spirit of the team was high with each member, fulfilling their roles to the best of their ability and with great keenness.

Scott McDonald and Hermin Hitipeuw were good examples of this as both had disappointing seasons with the bat but contributed some magnificent fielding and both took some of the best catches seen in C Shires.

The premiership win was the result of an all-round team effort and our outright win in the final only proved what we already knew, that we were the best team in the competition.

Individually the team shaped up as follows:-

MICHAEL STERRY (Captain) — Capitalised on the experience he gained last year as Captain. Had a disappointing year with the bat except for his first couple of innings.

ALAN THOMPSON (vice-Captain) — Topped the averages in the batting and bowling this year. Probably one of the most consistent bowlers the Briars has seen. One of the great competitors and many times his advice and tactical conferences with the Captain led to several batsmen being tied down or dismissed. Must be a leading contender for a B Grade place next season.

GERARD PRICE — Find of the season. Great all-rounder and competitor. As a batsman has a great range of shots and shows great potential both in his batting skills and attitude. As a bowler, put in several fine performances. His opening over is one of the most accurate of any in the Club. Good fielder and team man. Another contender for B Grade.

JOHN JESSUP — Added a new dimension to the fielding side with his consistent and fearless close-in fielding. The best bat in the side on soft wickets. Needs to settle himself early in his innings a bit more.

GREG LIPPIATT — Batting improved a lot this year and may have found his role as opening batsman. Very keen team man and great fielder, having one of the hardest throws in the game. His bowling needs practice but could also develop.

PAUL PRICE — At 16 shows great promise for the future both in batting and bowling. Also a very good fielder and like his brother Gerard, very enthusiastic. Shows great variety in his spin bowling for one so young. With hard work will be an A Grade bowler in a couple of years.

PETER CARUANA — Very stylish batsman. Got the team off to a good start on many occasions. Could be a very good opening batsman if he refused to flash his bat outside the off stump early in his innings and improved his calling for runs. Another B grade prospect.

SCOTT McDONALD — Scott unfortunately had a disappointing season with the bat. Seems to lose his positioning in relation to his stumps. Must overcome his nerves when going in to bat. The best fielder in a top fielding side. Took catches this year which had to be seen to be believed. Good team man.

HERMIN HITIPEUW — Still shows promise with the bat but can't quite capitalise on it. Kept wickets this year immaculately. His keenness and attitude is a great example to the younger members of the team.

DAVID JAMIESON — Joined the team late in the year and produced some fine batting to help get us into the finals. Added a great deal to the experience reservoir of the team for the final series and took some of the pressure off the Captain. One of the keenest players in the team.

BOB STREETER — Added extra strength to the opening batting position and showed us just how hard he was hitting the ball this season. Returned to the A's at the end of the season.

GREG SALMON — New player this year who left half way through due to work commitments. Fine fast medium bowler with a fine in-swing action. Found it difficult adjusting to a strong wind.

DAVID GUILLE — Made himself available for the final series after being given short notice. Added depth and pace to bowling and made a vital contribution to the batting. Fine fielder and added to the spirit of the side.

LAURIE YEOMANS — Also came into the team late in the season. Added more pace to the bowling attack. Good close-in fielder. Keen team man and added fresh confidence and enthusiasm to the team for the semis and finals.

PETER WALLACE — Bowled very well at the beginning of the season and added a new string to his bow by opening the batting. Unavailable at the end of the season. Great competitor. More concentration on his batting could see him develop into a good all-rounder.

Also played: K. McDonald, K. Holley, D. Sterry, J. Price, N. Papalettera, C. Thompson, R. Ellis, J. Guest, D. Lewis, G. Schomberg.

C SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	5	4	1	1	2	58	1
Runs for	Wickets for	Average		Runs against	Wickets against	Average	
2530	109	23.21		2067	178	11.61	

BATTING (X NOT OUT)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	Catches
A. Thompson	6	5	35X	56	56	6
G. Price	15	7	81X	365	45.625	10
P. Caruana	9	2	58	257	36.43	1
R. Streeter	5	—	82	182	36.4	3
J. Jessup	17	5	86	381	31.75	6
G. Lippiatt	13	4	53	176	19.556	6
D. Jamieson	7	—	52	122	17.43	1
G. Salmon	5	1	17	45	11.25	2
M. Sterry	12	1	62X	116	10.545	8
P. Wallace	4	—	12	39	9.75	2
S. McDonald	12	2	34	87	8.7	12
P. Price	10	1	23	77	8.556	2
H. Hitipeuw	10	2	20X	62	7.75	19

Also Batted:	D. Guille	3x — 98	N. Papalettera	2 — 19
	K. McDonald	2 — 6	C. Thompson	3x— 9
	K. Holley	1 — 72	R. Ellis	1 — 1
	J. Price	1 — 10	G. Schomberg	1x— 22
	D. Lewis	2 — 51	L. Yeomans	3x— 10

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. Wallace	64	19	159	15	10.6
G. Price	139.2	43	282	26	10.85
A. Thompson	397.4	148	730	66	11.06
G. Salmon	111.5	41	210	17	12.35
P. Price	49.4	4	197	12	16.41

Also Bowled:	D. Guille	8—177	L. Yeomans	11—120
	G. Lippiatt	1—29	K. McDonald	1—21
	K. Holley	0—1	J. Guest	6—99
	D. Sterry	2—3	M. Sterry	0—36
	D. Jamieson	0—3	S. McDonald	0—0

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CITY & SUBURBAN REPORT 1980-1981

Just to be different, the 1981 season opened brightly enough with a victory against our traditional opening round opponents, Cintra. Indeed, it was our first win against them for some time and a rare opportunity to enjoy this local game, that has so often in past years been disrupted or abandoned because of poor weather.

The assembled squad of players available for selection was, as they say, a comfortable blending of mature, seasoned performers, coupled with a few new faces and supplemented by some rather doubtful types from the more seamy side of Briars' activities; of an age that might be called young only in City & Suburban circles, plus an untested leader who was not the popular choice. If he was not what might be called a new Captain, then perhaps a Captain new to the discouraging task of enforcing some discipline amongst this collection of doubting and sometimes critical connoisseurs.

Readers should understand that for fifty years or so, Briars C & S Captains have had to wrestle with an ailment, identified in C & S circles as Terminal Frustration (TF), often difficult to detect due to deception and false statements and sometimes cleverly disguised.

For example, at one point, after several losses, the official Captain faking injury, delegated his responsibility to Mr. Peter Burt. Although widely broadcasting that the reason for his temporary absence was solely to recover from a dose of earthquake knee, it was whispered in C & S circles that the real reason was Advancing Terminal Frustration.

Down through the seasons astonishing cures and miraculous recoveries have been associated with a long line of TF sufferers. But careful observation of former giants, Balmforth, Clifford, Stockdale, McLaughlan and our current and mostly absent Patron, The Honourable Mitchell (to name but a few), reveals the scars that will never heal.

Strangely, from recent Captains, only Messrs. Hickey and Brooks display no signs of TF wear. But then Hickey was just a boy when he failed and Brooks, being wealthy, was able to afford the very best of care.

The point in all of this preamble is that Mr. Burt announced that he had also stumbled on a cure, or at least a treatment for holding the condition in check and not as a result of his studies in pharmacology. His claim, however, that relief was possible if one bowled unchanged for a full session, was challenged on the grounds of originality and a search of the records showed that this concept had been developed in the 50's by a Mr. Bruce Trevenar. With success it seems, as those who have seen Bruce of late all remark on how well he looks. Not a trace of TF remains. And with all those overs to his credit, for even the official Captain asked that Peter bowl quite often, his tally of wickets rose steadily to peak at 35.

Now Bob Moller, known in C & S circles as a nagging left arm type, was just what the official Captain wanted for the other end. He swung and cut but was hospitalised when only a relatively small number of catches went down. On this occasion the fools even operated and something was removed. But those of us who had seen it all before just smiled quietly and nodded to each other.

My goodness, even as I write, another of our promising new men, Bob Kersey lies ill in Ward 10D, suffering from what they call in sheep circles, liver fluke. Diagnose and scrutinise they may but it can only be revealed here, that he is obviously gripped with the more exotic strain of pre-season TF, brought on by fantasies of being asked to contain rampaging big hitters in yet another crisis situation. A predictable attack.

You see TF is highly infectious, or is it contagious? Once located within the Captain, it can run like wildfire through players who are a little run down, or if, like Mr. Watts, a little run out.

For no matter what heights our Marty reaches in the baffling world of computer sciences, the application and perseverance he displayed in helping this 1981 team, to establish what is known, in C & S circles, as a new world run-out record, will never be pushed from our minds. (Phone Marty on 238 3689 for the final score).

But sadly, the most prized run-out scalp of all, Grahame Irelands, Marty missed. Leaving Mr. Ireland in the formerly trusted hands of Trevor Parker. An uncomfortable episode in an otherwise successful record attempt and one that saw a nauseous wave of TF sweep over us all.

And timely it is to move onto the singing sword of Mr. Parker. For here is a man who knows nothing of TF and there can be no doubt that there is something quite disturbing about his attitude. Confident, alert; his bright personality shining through as he punished the over pitched and the short. Cheerful with his children, pleasant to his wife Margaret. It might be best, I think, if he were to find another club.

But Trevor was not the only one to pooh-pooh TF, for there was another small group led by Mr. Ireland who were not noticeably affected. Or so they claimed. And whilst Grahame drove and cut with, what is known in C & S circles as consummate ease, David Brooks tried hard to introduce opposition bowlers to TF, through his persistent and somewhat tedious use of the defensive Arthur Murray stumps shuffle. A little shuffle left and a little forward shuffle. But remarkably enough, the bat came down on the ball often enough to throttle appeals for plumb LBW decisions and to also sneak the ball away far enough so that 269 runs were registered.

Two other members of Mr. Ireland's band, Mr. Croughton and Mr. David Blair, who had seemed laconic enough, both succumbed to TF quite early in the season. They were then shockingly treated by the official Captain, who, seeing that they were in difficulty threw balls new and old, in all directions but theirs.

Mr. Croughton was so enraged that he took advantage (some said unfairly) of the official Captain's absence, to manoeuvre a bowling spell against Paddington and take 4 wickets for 19 runs at Waterloo Oval, which is known, in C & S circles, as a batsman's graveyard. His soulmate, Mr. Blair, could only console himself with a best score of 22, against a weakened Cintra attack and repeated sarcasms of our 'keeper, Mr. Duncan, who is widely recognised. Ian, one of our more responsible members kept wickets with distinction and was seen to make many fine catches from unlucky snicks, off lucky bowling. Truly did he float like a butterfly, putting great stress on the batsman and more so his King Gees.

When someone succeeds there is always a trade off and while Ian bounced merrily around, Brian Johnstone's wicket-keeping ambitions were left to perish, and what's even worse, it was

Brian who was caught running frequently to distant fences, in order to offset the result of sloppy field placement by the official Captain. But what a graceful sight, still full of pace and balance and even now perhaps Drummoyne's last hope for escape from Second Division.

The season's results, you know, were only quite modest, but amongst the matches worth remembering and recording were the following. A season's top score of 162, which wrapped up the game against Mosman Vets. Our success against St. Pats College by two runs and our four run margin against the CBA.

An unexpected last over win against Hunters Hill, when they finished five runs short of our dangerously low 62 runs and the precision of our tied game with St. Pats Old Boys.

The statistics for the Paddington game were a nightmare brought to life. Mal Croughton with his 4 for 19 and Bob Moller's nice 3 for 4, still saw Paddington amass 67 runs to defeat our lot by the lonely single.

With epic struggles such as those taking their toll, it is small wonder that we needed to call on dozens of players to see us through. Most of those coerced, boosted the ranks of TF sufferers, but a few broke through to make a valuable contribution. David Guille came out of retirement eleven times to play in eight matches and turned in a match winning performance of 8 for 35 against Homebush Old Boys. What a shame that we lost. Laurie Yeomans also bowled tidily but lost on a TKO to the Rydalmere wicket.

A final word or two to take in the C & S sprint, which was not won by Maurice Critchley who abandoned cricket, when his batting average reached 11.66 in order to resume his studies. I suppose it was commendable, but six attempts at first year knitting does seem to be, as they say in C & S circles, a lost cause.

THE BORING STATISTICS

Matches	Won	Lost	Tied	Drawn	
20	7	12	1	—	
Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average
2164	161	13.44	2454	147	16.69

BATTING (X NOT OUT)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
D. Guille	8	4	21	99	24.75
T. Parker	8	—	38	162	20.25

BATTING (Contd.)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
D. Brooks	15	1	38	269	19.21
G. Ireland	16	—	49	228	14.25
P. Burt	13	2	32	146	13.27
M. Critchley	8	5	12	35	11.66
C. Dennis	14	—	28	139	9.93
M. Croughton	9	3	14	54	9.00
M. Watts	10	—	16	63	6.30
D. Blair	10	2	22	47	5.88
I. Duncan	10	2	6	16	2.00

Also Batted: (x Not Out)

R. Moller	7 for 7 xxxxx	P. Caruana	3 for 136
J. McPherson	6 for 112 x	R. Lyon	3 for 21
B. Johnstone	6 for 28	T. Jessup	2 for 17
R. Kersey	6 for 48 x	C. Hickey	1 for 0
L. Yeomans	5 for 40 x	L. Williams	1 for 25
R. Jones	4 for 4	I. Blair	1 for 26
S. Chadwick	4 for 3 x	R. Smith	1 for 22
M. Blyfield	4 for 49	L. Brooks	1 for 6
N. Young	4 for 11 x	P. Toner	1 for 1
C. Orlando	4 for 55	K. O'Brien	1 for 14

P. Walsh	1 for 6
D. Jamieson	1 for 27
R. Walker	1 for 0
J. Walters	1 for 0
P. Wallace	1 for 10
B. Pozuelo	1 for 24
S. Lewis	1 for 70
D. Wright	1 for 3 x

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
R. Kersey	40.5	1	17	215	12.65
P. Burt	153	27	35	458	13.09
M. Croughton	22	2	7	92	13.14
L. Yeomans	51	6	13	173	13.31

BOWLING (Contd.)

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
D. Guille	97	19	21	283	13.48
N. Young	29	3	7	109	15.57
R. Moller	104	23	17	288	16.94
C. Dennis	51.3	4	7	235	33.57

Also Bowled:	P. Walsh	7 for 38
	D. Blair	3 for 51
	B. Pozuelo	2 for 16
	L. Williams	1 for 52
	R. Smith	1 for 57
	N. Sterry	1 for 28
	S. Jamieson	1 for 8
	M. Critchley	1 for 7
	P. Wallace	1 for 18
	J. McPherson	0 for 43
	T. Parker	0 for 10
	P. Caruana	0 for 34
	D. Brooks	0 for 7
	R. Lyon	0 for 30
	S. Wright	0 for 27
	N. Brooks	0 for 9

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CROYDON CRICKET CLUB UNDER 16

The Results:—

1. Croydon 134 and 0—37 defeated Magpies 61 and 3—66
2. Croydon 9—124 drew with Petersham 155
3. Croydon 2 (dec.) — 65 and 1—78 defeated Rovers 54 and 142
4. Croydon 5 (dec.) — 224 defeated Petersham 134
5. Croydon 7 — 116 drew with Balmain 7 (dec.) — 171
6. Lewisham 2 (dec.) — 126 defeated Croydon 141
7. Croydon 4 (dec.) — 110 defeated Regents Park 92
8. Croydon 0 — 22 drew with Magpies 80
9. Croydon 6 (dec.) — 161 defeated Burwood 23 and 22

Semi : Croydon 90 defeated Petersham 61

Final : Lewisham 210 defeated Croydon 104.

With only three of last year's U16 side eligible to play in 1980/81, it was difficult to guess how this new team would perform. However, the first few games revealed that some of these new U16 boys had the potential to ensure yet another semi-final spot.

The first round against Magpies was dominated by Abraham Ergun's powerful batting, scoring 72 and also finishing with 6 wickets for 21 runs. Although we only scored 134 runs, we managed to bundle Magpies out for 61. In the second innings, Captain David Goss scored a very entertaining 30 not out.

Probably our best batting performance was our second meeting with Petersham (Paul Price 74, David Goss 58 not out, Abraham Ergun 29, Robbie Flood 17) in which we scored 5 (dec.) – 224. We then dismissed our opponents for 134 (Anthony Farinola 5 – 32) to record a much needed win.

The final round saw Abraham Ergun score 87, the highest individual score for the season. Good bowling combined with the fact that Burwood had only six players resulted in an easy outright win to ensure a very useful 2nd position on the competition ladder.

The semi-final against Petersham was tight and tense with runs very hard to get. Batting first we spent a long time in scoring only 90 runs (David Goss 24, Paul Price 18) and our boys knew that only a trojan effort could see us through to the final. This they produced on the second day, both in bowling and fielding and Petersham were dismissed for 61. (Ergun 4–10, Price 4–14, Goss 2–5) to qualify us for the final.

The final again showed weaknesses in our batting and after being 0–45 (Farinola 41, Price 26,) we were blasted out by good bowling for only 104, Claude Lopino offering stubborn resistance to score 13. Lewisham, with plenty of batting depth had little trouble in surpassing our score and were not dismissed before amassing a decisive 210 runs.

Paul Price was the best of batsmen with 346 runs at 38.44 – a model of consistency with three 50's and a 40. Also bowled well to earn 19 wickets with a best of 4 – 1.

Anthony Farinola proved to be a successful opener with 197 runs and Abraham Ergun and Gossie reinforced the middle order with 253 and 199 runs respectively.

Three bowlers (Goss, Ergun and Farinola) managed to take 20 wickets with Abraham taking the honours with 26 wickets at 9.84. John Kanaan with 15 wickets was the surprise package of the side with his accurate bowling and fierce determination. Well done John !

David Bezjak did very well behind the stumps with 12 catches and 5 stumpings in his first year as wicket-keeper.

Claude Lopino and Robert Flood, similar in styles (and run rates) showed much promise and should be watched for their batting as they develop.

Michael Clarke, Jeff Eager and Allan Fenton did not manage to score many runs but were always reliable and keen and obviously enjoyed the season and love the game of cricket. Michael took a number of quite spectacular and valuable catches.

Unfortunately, Jeremy Roper–Tyler and Ajoy Brasad were forced to leave the side before the Christmas break. We wish these boys all the best for next season.

Congratulations are conveyed to all team members for a fine season. Let's all do one spot better next year !

My sincere thanks must go to Simon Breen for his services in managing the side for the latter half of the season. His able support was very much appreciated by all the boys and by the Croydon—Briars Cricket Club management. Good one Simon !

AWARDS

Best batting average	—	P. Price 346 at 38.44
Best bowling average	—	A. Ergun 26 wickets at 9.84
Fielding award	—	J. Kanaan
Encouragement award	—	R. Flood

Batting	Innings	Not Outs	Highest Score	Runs	Catches	Averages
1. P. Price	11	2	74	346	3	38.44
2. A. Ergun	9	0	87	253	3	28.11
3. D. Goss	11	3	58x	199	8	24.87
4. A. Farinola	13	3	49x	197	5	19.70
5. J. Kanaan	7	1	21	70	2	11.66
6. D. Bezjak	6	0	13	38	12, 5 st.	6.33
7. R. Flood	11	2	17	47	4	5.22
8. C. Lopino	6	1	13	23	3	4.60
9. J. Roper-Tyler	2	0	6	8	3	4.00
10. S. Pracey	2	0	5	8	1	4.00
11. J. Eager	4	2	3	5	1	2.50
12. M. Clarke	8	4	2x	7	6	1.75
13. A. Fenton	3	1	1	1	0	0.50
14. A. Brasad	1	0	0	0	1	0.00

Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Averages
1. A. Ergun	125.5	42	26	256	9.84
2. P. Price	62.2	7	19	211	11.10
3. A. Farinola	96	27	20	224	11.20
4. J. Kanaan	70	20	15	169	11.26
5. D. Goss	117.3	27	21	341	16.23
6. M. Clarke	2	1	2	6	3.00
7. D. Bezjak	1.3	0	1	6	6.00
8. S. Pracey	1	0	1	6	6.00
9. C. Lopino	2	0	0	10	—
10. R. Flood	4	1	0	17	—
11. J. Eager	3	0	0	29	—

CROYDON BRIARS UNDER 14

The season for the Under 14 side was marked by a dramatic series of ups and downs, highlighted by a spirited final burst, giving the side 18 points in the last three rounds. Despite this enthusiastic finish, the boys were an unlucky fifth on the competition ladder at semi-final time.

Although beaten by Lewisham A in the opening round, there were some very interesting performances on our team which were encouraging signs for the season to come. Batting first, most of our middle order batsmen got off to a good start but unfortunately only Brad Marsh with 37 carried on with his innings (K. Black 13, J. Darrigo 14, A. Orlando 15). Our chances of winning were destroyed by the brilliant batting of Lewisham's first drop. Nevertheless, all our bowlers performed quite well, with the wickets being evenly shared, (Lewisham 8 (dec.) – 163 defeated Croydon 105 and 1 for 58).

A win followed against Lewisham B with some fine performances by Brett Howle 36, Kevin Black 63, Graham Barnes 4–17, and Joe Darrigo 3–28.

The match against Balmain must be the game that got away, when, after Joe Darrigo devastated the opposition batsmen with 7–35 off 17 overs to dismiss them for 98, our batsmen (with the exception of Sean Pracey with 26 runs) managed to score a total of only 80.

The side had apparently hit a slump, and no more wins were recorded before Christmas. This may have been the result of the disruption caused to the team by Kevin Black and Brad Marsh leaving the side, and by our inability to field our strongest side due to absenteeism, not to mention the loss of team Manager Peter Wallace, due to work commitments.

A revitalised performance after the Christmas break saw the boys rise from the bottom of the ladder to become a threat to the top four.

An incredible outright in a one day game against Rovers marked the beginning of the rise. Accurate swing bowling by Joe Darrigo 5–22, supported by Fabio Rebecchi 2–7, Lennox Miller 3–7 and some enthusiastic fielding saw us chasing only 38 runs. Sean Pracey 21 and Raymond Garfey 36 not out, batted without fault to score a 66 opening partnership and a declaration at 1–85 gave us the chance of an outright. Joe Darrigo clinched 10 wickets for the match with 5–17 in the second innings. Rovers again scored only 38 in a tense finish and 10 valuable points were ours.

A win on forfeit against Glebe then followed. We then needed to beat WSAFCC in the final round in order to reach the semi-finals. To the boys' disappointment, the first day was washed out and to make matters worse, we lost the toss on the second day and were forced to bat.

Declaring at 6–93 (J. Darrigo 38 not out) WSAFCC ended up 6–88 at stumps. How valuable the first day could have been.

Although the writer was only involved with this side for the latter part of the season, it was a true pleasure to work with these boys. It was great to see the boys try their hardest, even when the chips were down. Win or lose, these boys always played like champions, trying all the way.

Sean Pracey with 148 runs at 18.50 and Joe Darrigo with 23 wickets at 9.57 should develop into very good players in a year or two. Raymond Garfey looks like continuing the Croydon tradition of producing high class wicket-keeper batsmen. His 112 runs at 14.00 came at times when they were most needed.

Fabio Rebecchi and Graham Barnes, two of the younger players were probably the keenest players and given a few more opportunities will be very useful all-rounders.

First drop batsman Brett Howle had a hot and cold season but a little practice and guidance will make him a force to be reckoned with next season.

All in all, it was a season of limited opportunities for boys like Also Orlando, Peter Evans, Diego Dominguez, Brett Donald, Stuart Webster, Lennox Miller and Jihad Essa and it's truly hoped that these kids will continue with the game in the years to come.

All team members are congratulated for a fine season and the club wishes all these boys every success in 1981/82.

AWARDS

Best Batting Average	—	S. Pracey 148 at 18.50
Best Bowling Average	—	J. Darrigo 23 wickets at 9.57
Fielding Award	—	R. Garfey
Encouragement Award	—	F. Rebecchi

Special Awards

- J. Darrigo 7—35 vs Balmain
- J. Darrigo 5—17 and 5—22 vs Rovers

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Batting	Innings	Not Outs	Highest Score	Runs	Average
1. S. Pracey	10	2	30	148	18.50
2. J. Darrigo	8	2	38x	104	17.33
3. R. Garfey	10	2	36x	112	14.00
4. F. Rebecchi	6	1	34	62	12.40
5. B. Howle	6	—	36	71	11.83
6. B. Donald	5	2	9	23	7.67
7. G. Barnes	6	2	4x	10	2.50
8. S. Webster	6	2	4x	6	1.50
9. K. Black	3	1	63	93	46.50
10. B. Marsh	1	—	37	37	37.00
11. L. Miller	2	—	17	24	12.00
12. A. Orlando	4	—	15	23	5.75
13. P. Evans	4	—	15	17	5.67
14. D. Dominguez	3	—	6	7	2.33
15. J. Essa	1	—	0	0	0.00

Croydon Briars Under 14 (Contd.)

Bowling:	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
1. J. Darrigo	87	22	23	220	9.57
2. A. Orlando	3	2	1	1	1.00
3. F. Rebecchi	27	11	7	38	5.43
4. L. Miller	16	4	4	27	6.75
5. P. Evans	6	0	2	23	11.50
6. K. Black	19	2	5	69	13.80
7. G. Barnes	18	3	4	67	16.75
8. S. Pracey	27	6	5	121	24.20
9. B. Marsh	12	3	1	28	28.00
10. D. Dominguez	2	1	0	1	—
11. J. Essa	2	0	0	23	—

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FOOTBALL ANNUAL REPORT 1981

The 1981 season has reinforced that last year's results were no fluke and that Briars is a club to be reckoned with in the 80's. To reach five finals in two years is an achievement that has only been bettered by the **current** big two — Hunters Hill and Colleagues. The overall performance of the club combined with a sprinkling of new talent, more "converts" and maintenance of our existing players will hopefully see a number of pennants on our walls next year.

In the club championship we ran fifth. Our results overall were:

	Played	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Place
Kentwell	18	8	0	10	179	259	16	6th
Burke	18	12	0	6	171	123	24	3rd
Whiddon	18	10	1	7	203	118	21	5th
Judd	18	9	2	7	145	77	20	3rd

One of the main features again this season was the talent and dedicated approach of our coaches, and maintenance of a "no train no play" rule in the senior grades. Keith Wearne and Ken O'Brien, who coached Kentwell and Burke respectively for the second year running, were able to continue the development and efforts of their teams. This continuity has engendered a new and mature approach to training, playing and personal commitment. Bruce Robinson, a worthy Gordon Bevan Shield winner, took over from David Jamieson and did a sterling job of playing and coaching. The club's rugby atmosphere is the better for Bruce's contribution. Ian Duncan pulled his team together to become a match winning force, who very nearly pulled

it off this year. Ian's coaching performance was only one of a number of outstanding things he has done for rugby and the Club in recent years.

Managers were available for all grades this year and this ensured smooth, effective organisation on and off the field. Charlie "Reliable" Williams, David "The Success" Blair, Peter "The Can" Maughn and Terry "Sociable" Daly were outstanding, and lobbying for next year's positions has already started. We thank Raine and Horne, Drummoyne, for keeping them rugged up in their maroon sweat shirts.

Whilst not our most "youthful" football committee, it certainly has been one of the hardest working and task orientated groups with which the club has been associated. Each man did more than he was asked and namely were:

Rod "Raffles" Smith — his efforts ensured that our Rugby budget was met and a profit made; he has also learnt on which side of the table one should stand in "under and overs".

Lindsay "Jaffles" Calloway — managed to beat last year's canteen takings whilst also playing senior Rugby. A great effort.

David "The Statistician" Blair — ensured that our results were "Heralded" and kept players informed of how many tries and goals they didn't score.

Bruce "New Members" Robinson — organised early drives of new members (to the extent that he nearly couldn't get a game) and maintained interest by allocating bar roster.

Ian "Lost Balls" Duncan — who amongst all his other duties, found time to organise gear and equipment; represent on the Sub District; and together with his committee, lose and retrieve varying sizes and shapes of Rugby balls.

Graham "The Treasurer" Johnston managed to record over eighty players' particulars, keep an immaculate set of books and collect more money than we had registered players.

My grateful thanks to the above and their Sub Committees. Ken "Kodak" Grey and Bob "Take the Physical" Spedding also should be mentioned for their efforts in promoting the club through the local papers and advertising brochures.

The Third Annual Rugby Presentation Dinner was held at Sydney Rowing Club, and thanks to Bob Stephenson the night was a rousing success, with over 140 present. Along with other presentations, the following announcements were made:—

Best and Fairest

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| Kentwell Cup | — | a worthy recipient John Jessup (runners-up Neil Quinlan and John Magrath) |
| Burke Cup | — | a "talkative" Joe Lancuba (runner-up Mark Brown) |
| Whiddon Cup | — | a "wide awake" Gordon Brown (runners-up Leo Purtell and Andrew Steele) |

Judd Cup — an "overwhelmed" Ray McKenzie (runner-up the more experienced Bill Burns).

The encouragement award for the most impressive new member went to Tony McLaughlin, runners-up were Adam Lax and Gary Pearse.

During the summer season Ian Duncan and Committees will be continuing their fund raising drive to ensure a tour to the United Kingdom next year, whilst Joe Lancuba will be co-ordinating Touch Rugby activities.

An inaugural Sub District dinner was held at the Menzies on Friday, 18th September, and Briars was well represented. Trophies were presented to successful Clubs and we particularly congratulate Hunters Hill (Kentwell), Colleagues (Burke), Bondi Bronte (Whiddon) and Old Waverlians (Judd) respectively for their efforts in the First Division Competition.

Finally, may I thank everyone associated with us during the 1981 season, particularly the new members. I have no doubt 1982 will be a year to remember, and Briars will move forward and regain the coveted trophies which have eluded us in recent times.

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KENTWELL CUP REPORT

The question is what happened in 1981? To finish sixth is not necessarily a poor performance but why did we not reach the same heights that we reached in 1980? As a coach, the quick and easy answer would be to say that the loss of four of the stalwarts of the 1980 pack namely: Wozniak, Howell, McDonough & England at the beginning of the season, together with the injuries to established players, such as Thompson and Pifkie, meant that the continuity that had been developed in 1980 did not flow through to 1981. There is a certain amount of truth in this and clearly the pack was a lot lighter at the beginning of this season than was the case in 1980. Some of the early games that we lost, however, were games where the opposition didn't necessarily beat us. It took us a while to realise that we had the team to beat any other team in the competition and the performance in the second round proved that to be the case. With the emergence and the self confidence of such players as Andrew Craig, on the wing, John Jessup, Chris Kubara and Neil Quinlan, the stage is set for a great 1982 year.

Although we only won two games in the first round the team developed a great deal of pride and self confidence in the second round and to finish sixth under those circumstances, was a good effort. The confidence was greatly assisted by the return of Wozniak and England. With six games to go it was apparent that we had to win all six to have any chance of making the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we lost one of those games and one of the teams that we hoped would lose, didn't but the dedication of the players during that period augurs well for the 1982 year.

I have attempted during the two years I have been the Kentwell Cup Coach to change our pattern of play to that of fifteen man rugby, rather than relying exclusively on our Briars'

well known ten man rugby. This change does not come quickly and some of our players have had difficulty adjusting to it. It would have been the easy way out to have relied on ten man rugby from the beginning of the season, however, it is my belief that ten man rugby will get a team to the semis but will not necessarily win a competition. Rugby at all levels should be a running game and if played that way makes it much more enjoyable for the players.

There were some highlights during the season and no doubt the best of these was our beating Hunters Hill in the second round this year, by playing fifteen man rugby. This is the first time that the Briars Kentwell Cup team have beaten Hunters Hill and was one of the proudest moments I have had as the Kentwell Cup Coach. Another superb performance was the first round game against Colleagues and Craig Phelps' cover tackling from five-eight and John Hurley's taking the ball under pressure, were magnificent performances.

My thanks once again to Charlie Williams who did a mammoth job as Manager.

As there were over 35 players that played in Kentwell Cup this year, there is not enough room to give a comment on all of them so I have listed those that were there for the majority of the season.

Fullback: Kerry Weale — unfortunately Kerry was injured for a good part of the season but once again, when he played, was safe under pressure and helped with good line kicking.

Fullback/Centre/Five—eight: Craig Phelps — once again Phelpsie had a good season; a footballer of enormous potential and can play anywhere in the back line. We didn't help him by playing him in most of the back line positions, but he was an invaluable member of the team.

Winger: Lindsay Calloway — once again Slim was Mr. Consistency, safe under pressure and who will ever forget his magnificent side step against Hunters Hill.

Winger: Andrew Craig — from half-back to wing in one season is unusual. Andrew is a fine player and showed real strength and determination after being dropped from the Kentwell half-back to force his way back into the team as a winger. Fast and elusive and always keen to be in the action.

Centre: Brian Hurley — the best season Brian has had for some time, strong in defence and a good pair of hands. A little bit of sprint training during the summer would not hurt.

Centre: The other centre position was occupied during most of the year by Greg Budden, Mal Webber and Frank Walters, all of whom gave valuable assistance to the team.

Five-eight: John Hurley — a most valuable player to the team kicking in excess of 100 points during the year, safe hands and an excellent boot.

Half-back: John McGrath — Bung was a welcome addition to the team, having come back from Drummoyne. The team started settling down somewhat when John was appointed captain.

Lock: Philip England — this young veteran had another excellent season and clearly, five yards from the line is a very difficult man to stop from scoring tries.

Breakaway: John Jessup — has now arrived as a good Kentwell footballer. Don't know why the opposition clubs have nicknamed him "Animal".

Breakaway: David Vaughan — no doubt David is a class player and against Lindfield in the first round, we saw the best of David Vaughan. David was captain for part of the early season much against his better judgment, but showed his strength of character by doing it to the best of his ability.

Breakaway: Chris Murray — the best season Chris has had for some time, a dynamic tackler and a gutsy footballer.

Second Row: Chris Kubara — Chris learned that being the line-out jumper can be a little hard. Took some knocks which dented his confidence, however, came back strongly and is now an established, good Kentwell footballer.

Second Row: Gordon Peglar — Gordon had a good season and showed good determination to lose enough weight and gain enough fitness to be a regular Kentwell player. A good maunder and rucker.

Front Row: Paul Bevins — another hard season from Paul, a good trainer and a tough competitor.

Front Row: Bob Stevenson — one of sub-districts few good attacking props, Stevo is a good, tough prop whose scrummaging has improved dramatically. An invaluable member of the team.

Prop: Tony Wozniak — Tony made a welcome reappearance at the beginning of the second round and in my view is the best prop in sub-district, an excellent rucker, maunder and scrummager and a good leader of the forwards.

Hooker: Neil Quinlan — from third grade to first grade in one season and did an excellent job. Not the world's best line-out thrower but a dynamic tackler and a keen and enthusiastic member of the team.

Special mention should be made of John Hurley, who, being a light weight prop, played two stone above himself every time he went on the field. A quiet and determined worker with another stone on him could be a regular member of the Kentwell team.

The other people that played during the year were Tim O'Reilly, Ian Thompson, Martin Cook, Joe Lancuba, Adam Lax, Graham Johnston, Bob Bishop, Kim Pifkie, Steve Bardwell, Bruce Ferguson, Bob Hanthorne and Scott Hipwell.

During the year another three blokes played Kentwell to help me out, not only did they take the field but all three had superb games, they were: David Guille, Bob McLeish and Bruce Robinson, and to these blokes — thank you.

My thanks to Philip England, who was Football Chairman. Was easy to talk to, always had a willing ear and keen to give advice.

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BURKE CUP

The 1981 season for Burke Cup proved itself to be somewhat frustrating for both players and coach. Due to injury and unavailability of players in all grades for certain games, the task of maintaining consistent team combinations was made very difficult. But still we ended the season with a very good Burke Cup side, probably better, player for player than the 1980 Burke Cup side. To me this made the loss to Colleagues in the final, probably our worst game for the year, all the more disappointing. But still we did make it and win the semi-final and make the final in what, for me, was a most enjoyable year because of the players involved in the team.

Two new players to the club, Gary Pearce and Steve Bardwell, having their first season in union, more than held their own in Burke Cup. With this year behind them I hope to see them back next season for more. Bob Bishop and Bruce Ferguson had their season somewhat disrupted through various injuries but I am sure that next season, with more luck, will see them playing in the top grade. Fullback duties were shared by Rod Smith for the first half of the season and David Jamieson for the latter half of the season. Rod Smith was playing well until his training was interrupted, while David Jamieson surprised both club supporters and himself with his standard of goal kicking and fullback play. On the wing, we had the speed of Chang Bowyer, the power of Andrew Craig and the guile of Martin Cooke. Seriously though folks, our wing play this year was quite good, with Chang proving as reliable as ever, Martin Cooke playing well when in Burke Cup and Andrew Craig being the wing find of the year. On the other wing ex-manager, Johnny Powell, without doubt had his best season since being with the club. In the centres, we saw Frank Walters, Greg Budden, Mal Webber and David Guille all play well, but unfortunately, because of injury and unavailability, a consistent pairing of these players was not realised. At 5/8 Derik Nix, once he had regained his confidence, was playing well until skiing commitments intervened, which led to him being replaced by David Guille (one of the elder statesmen of rugby, at this club, anyway). David coming back to the club proved to everyone what a good footballer he is. At half, we had Joe Lancuba, Burke Cup best and fairest player for the season.

Joe, with his greatest strength to me, being his complete commitment in every game, to doing his very best for both the team and himself, greatly improved his game this year. A further improvement should see Joe pressing very hard for a permanent spot in Kentwell Cup. Our back row again this year was great. At lock for the first half of the year we saw newcomer Adam Lax performing very well. With Adam's great willingness to listen and learn his natural ability should see him in the top grade consistently in the not too distant future. Lock was then taken over by Phil England, who again maintained his top standard. At breakaway, we had Andrew Steele, David Vaughan, Ross Henry and Gordon Brown. Andrew had his most injury-free season I have seen from him since being with the club, which led to several good performances. David Vaughan, who on ability should always play Kentwell Cup, found himself in Burke Cup towards the end of the season. While playing Burke Cup he gave full support and turned in some good games. Ross Henry, ex-fullback turned breakaway or lock, had a very good year, showing great attacking ability and by next season should be one of the most productive line-out jumpers in the club. Gordon Brown's games could only be summed up as "complete commitment". Within the next two seasons if Gordon remains reason-

ably free from injury, we should see him having some impact on Kentwell Cup. In the second-row throughout the season, we had Steve Bardwell handing in consistently good performances, Peter Dunlop contributing his usual experienced and determined play and Scott Hipwell playing to a standard far above anything we have seen from him. Our props were basically made from combinations of Gary Pearce, Bob Stephenson and John Healy. Pearcey, one of the shrewdest trainers in the game, improved his technique greatly throughout the year. Bob Stephenson had a terrible year with injuries but when fit he showed in both Kentwell and Burke Cup what a good footballer he is. John Healy, playing two stone above his weight, would have improved his front-row game by 50% on previous seasons and he gave his all when called on to do so. The hooking spot was more than capably filled by Mark Brown, who, in my opinion, was the best player-hooker in the Burke Cup competition.

My personal thanks goes to Phil England and Peter Dunlop for their experience and support in both training and pre-game team situations. A fine job of team captaincy was done by David Guille and his ability and experience in the backline was invaluable. Our scrum may not have been one of our strengths but without the work put in by the scrum machine himself, Bruce Robinson, it could have been one of our real problems.

The incredibly detailed support work put in by David Blair made the achievement of our whole team objective so much easier. Finally, the result of the teams efforts this season was to gain a position in the final. Of this the entire team should be proud. Next year let's go two further.

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WHIDDON CUP

This year proved very frustrating for the Whiddon Cup Team. We were always on the fringe of great things but at crucial times throughout the season we failed to put our act together. We finished fifth in the competition table — well down on last year's grand final effort. There is no doubt that at times we had the team to beat any side in the competition and a draw with Hunters Hill and a narrow loss to eventual competition winners Bondi proved we had the ability.

What went wrong ? First of all the no train/no play edict in the higher grades coupled with the large number of injuries throughout the season impacted greatly on the team. We had a total of 68 players who participated in the season — not a sound base for developing teamwork and team spirit but surely a club record for the number of players ! Secondly, the player/coach mantle did not sit easily and I'm sure the team suffered because of a lack of constructive coaching and selection.

On a brighter note the Whiddon Cup Team, despite the advancing years of some (or most !) players undoubtedly introduced a Rugby revolution into the Briars — we passed the ball to the centres and at times even the wingers got a touch. Who will ever forget the second round game against St. Ives when both our speedy wingers scored three tries each. It all happens in Whiddon Cup — its just that it happens in slow motion.

I'd like to thank all the players who played in the team and for your support, in what was for me, a difficult year. Space precludes me from mentioning all 68 but the main participants deserve special mention.

Front Row — What a Powerhouse

- Ian Steele** — Turned up sober twice for training — pity about the games.
- Bruce Evans** — The only one-armed prop in Sub-District.

Second Row — We dominated 26.4% of Line-outs

- Ross Pearson** — Miraculous was two years younger in 1981 — lacked experience because of this.
- Peter Dunlop** — Too talented — should have played a higher grade but poor selections kept him out.
- Dick Thornett** — Over trained and became stale.

Back Row — Enormous Weight in the Scrums

- Phil England** — Thank goodness he didn't win the best and fairest.
- Gordon Brown** — Thank goodness he won the best and fairest.
- Tony McLaughlin** — Top effort, however, talks too much.
- Andy Steele and Adam Lax** — Too good for Whiddon.

Half Back — Experienced or Just Old?

- Rex Harris** — A great dive pass — next time use the ball.
- Craig Hickey** — Won the game — Craig 3, Referees 1.

Five-Eight — We Don't Kick the Ball in Whiddon Cup

- Allan Small** — A new player with a lot of potential — perhaps in the front row.
- Leo Purtill** — Added an American touch to the team.

Centres — Why Doesn't the 5/8 Kick the Bloody Thing?

- Dusty Saunders** — Game improved considerably after a kick in the groin — must have been on short rations at home.
- Greg Webber** — Tried hard — top try scorer — very trying.

Wingers — What pace !

- Steve Alderman** — Determined runner particularly when cutting back inside.
- Peter Bowyer** — Chang was too fast for our team.
- Tim O'Reilly** — Will improve when he stops playing the ball after he gets tackled.

Full Back — A Position That Requires Weight

Rod Smith — The only one fair dinkum about wanting to play Whiddon Cup.

Manager — A Can for Every Occasion

Peter Maughan — Thank goodness for Vicki.

See you in 1982.

Bruce Robinson.

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JUDD CUP 1981

After turning into the second half of the competition on 13 points, it took us another 6 matches to record our next win, but from this point on the team looked as if it would be a premiership threat. After our semi-final against Colleagues everybody knew that we had the ability and the courage to give Old Waverlians and Hunters Hill a challenge and a half for the Judd Cup. Unfortunately at half time in our game against Waverley with six key players carrying injuries, our job became extremely difficult and by full time our challenge had ended. Minor semi-finals vs Colleagues won 7—3. Final vs Old Waverlians lost 9—3. Old faithfuls, Warren Bryan, Mark Shields, Mark Ribbon and Dave Lewis again proved their value to the club with Ribbo and Fred having excellent seasons.

Laurie Yeomans had a solid season at fullback and half. He played 17 games during the year and was our most capped player. The old war horse John Staniforth took over captaining of the side halfway through the season and lead by example as we all know he can.

Last year the sides best players award went to the durable William Burns. Unfortunately Bill didn't quite last to the semis this year (another "if only"), but we were blessed with a young Billy Burns — Ray McKenzie, Bill's nephew — who kept the trophy in the family. Super competitive Ray "Raudonikis" has his sights set on McGrath, Lancuba and Craig next year and for this reason Duncan is glad he is no halfback.

Two of our Concord converts, Michael Fish and vice-captain Peter Payne were major reasons for the teams success. Payney's steady leadership and his rock hard defence and Fishies flair and good kicking ability continued, pulled the team out of tight situations.

Gary Howell was another bright young prospect to join the club late in the season and all the club was glad to have the services of Gary Whittaker late in the year. John Lackey, Bob Bishop and Tony McLaughlan made up our back row for the semis and they laid a solid foundation for the destroyers, Peter Stewart and Bob Hanthorn, who were fuelled this year by the bionic Tony Asmiss, the lovable Mick Thompson and the highly desirable Larry Thompson. Mick and Larry's love antics with opposition front rows was a tactic I take no responsibility for. However Bob Hanthorn is thankful to them both for his improved home life.

I know Robbo will talk at length about Tony McLaughlan but I would like to say that his performances in the semi and final were the best backrow performances I have seen from anyone in the club. A deserved winner of England's encouragement award.

The team and I thank the likeable Terry Daly for his valued help and assistance during the year. Terry also has the notable distinction of being the only club manager to play a game this year and not be sent off.

Next to last I am appreciative of the help that Stano has given me and the side. I believe that his efforts last year with the Judd Cup side improved the attitude and performance of most who played under him. His presence this year was an inspiration to all. Young Doug Staniforth once again proved to be Juddies most loyal supporter.

Finally, P. England had a hard act to follow and although the football results were not quite as good as 80, in many respects, the football administration left nothing to be desired. Thank you to all the players for an enjoyable year.

IAN DUNCAN

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TOUCH FOOTBALL 1980-1981

The club entered two teams in the Western Suburbs Touch Football summer competition 1980/1981 and although the results were not particularly flattering the 35 players who participated benefited in some way.

Ken Kable and his squash co-horts Wayne Rastall and Grant Heggarty starred in our second side as did the long striding, always late, Sandor "Hockey" Kovacs.

Other seconds players Joe Lancuba, John Jessup, Neal Quinlan, John Healy, John and Brian Hurley, had big Rugby seasons in 1981.

Our top (for want of a better word) team, played or talked their way out of a semi spot in 2nd Division. Imagine the referees impossible job controlling the back chat from the likes of Smith, Guille, Boyle, Baker, Craig, Jamieson, Webber, to name a few.

Both teams had their ups and downs and finished about three-quarters of the way down the respective ladders.

The experience gained last year should hold everyone in good stead for the forthcoming season. Joe Lancuba is looking after the administration and it is good to see an influx of interest by new Rugby players and additional squash players.

IAN DUNCAN

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HOCKEY REPORT

1981 was a year that promised much but (with one major exception) realised very little in the development of Briars hockey.

The challenges were:—

- (1) To improve on the laudable results of 1980.
 - (2) To overcome the substantial 1980 budget deficit.
 - (3) To increase junior playing strength.
 - (4) To contribute to the proposed new ground activities being undertaken by the club.
- Pre-season activities again involved participation of 3 teams in the Sydney Indoor Competition extending from mid-January through March, as well as a month of Sunday trials against Bankstown, Manly, Sydney University and Northern Districts clubs immediately prior to commencement of the field hockey competition. These trials were generally well attended and seemed to be a healthy sign for a good season's results.
 - In fact things looked deceptively rosy when, after the first six games of the competition the 1st—grade were in 4th place and the club ranked 7th in the club championship. 2nd grade were about to end a six-match losing slump and 3rd grade had just earned their first point of the season in difficult circumstances away at North Sydney.

However, poor attitude towards :

- (i) Umpiring
- (ii) Commitment to team training
- (iii) Early attendance at games
- (iv) Winning against more experienced 1st Division clubs
- (v) Team talks

- brought about the deterioration in the 1st grade performance over all but 3 of the remaining 12 rounds.

The most telling point in the attitude deterioration was the fact that a Briars player (luckily not the same one!) was sent from the field on 5 consecutive weeks! This coincided with four consecutive easy losses by the 1st grade side which promptly tumbled from the vaunted 4th placing to the humble 8th placing which was then maintained through to the competition conclusion.

- Thankfully the 2nd and 3rd grade sides responded to the extra weight thrust upon them with continued strong performances that put the poor early season form well behind them and ultimately meant the difference between the club beating the relegation threat which hung over Briars Hockey for most of the season.

So tight was the struggle that with only one round remaining, Briars trailed Western Suburbs (sic!) by 5 points and we therefore needed to win all 3 grades against University of N.S.W. at their home ground at Kensington, while relying on Bankstown to beat Wests 1st grade to make the difference!

In fact Bankstown came through as planned, but Briars almost came unstuck when, after convincingly winning the lower grades, 1st grade were a little loose and played a draw — that — should — have — been — a — win against a strong finishing University side.

The difference between staying in First Division or being relegated back to Second Division was a single point.

- Ironically, the pain and sweat of the last rounds' battle against relegation has since been made irrelevant by a restructuring of the 1982 competition which will involve the introduction of a new "Premier B" single team division (complementing a single team "Premier A division") Briars 1st grade will be nominated in the new Premier B Division while 2nd and 3rd grades will be nominated in Third Division.

Each division will comprise only 9 teams, with the "bye" team providing umpiring support for other clubs.

It is yet to be debated at length whether the proposed competition changes will strengthen Sydney hockey, but it is an unquestionable fact that splitting up the grades will have a potentially disastrous effect on the smaller clubs such as Briars unless there are vastly increased participation levels evidenced by all members of the hockey clubs thus affected.

- 1980 itself saw changes with—firstly—the switching of playing times of 1st and 3rd grade sides to provide playing umpires more chance of active participation and also to spread the benefit of official umpire representation at lower grade games — and secondly — the introduction in mid-season of 6 "new" international rules designed to speed the game up and put more emphasis on scoring field goals as opposed to relying on penalty corner conversions.

It was obvious that most other clubs worked hard at capitalising on the new rules while Briars trundled along wishing we could get enough of the teams along to outdoor training so we could do something about them ourselves.

In the second round especially, the club displayed Second Division attitudes to keeping a tenuous standing in First Division hockey.

Training — it's the same old song!

- An actual training run provided one of the season's highlights when a basically 1st grade side defeated Sydney B Colts by 4—1 at Ryde No. 2, maintaining the club's proud record in such trial games.

John Price again represented in that same Colts side at the State Championships and is to be congratulated on his efforts in gaining such selection.

- The annual encounter with Barton played at Rydalmere Hospital saw the Rosebuds retain the David Walker Trophy by a convincing 3—0 margin, 2nd grade retain the Campbell Trophy with a stirring 3—3 draw, and 1st grade beaten conclusively 0—4 by a vastly more technical Barton side. The expected "get square" football game at the club unfortunately did not eventuate

- The Best — and — Fairest results by grade were —

1st grade — Andre Declase (20 pts) from Nigel Sterry (16).
 2nd grade — Steve Schomberg (again ! 14 pts) from Craig McIntosh (11).
 3rd grade — David Hendren (14 pts) from Darryl Lewis (10).

All these players must be congratulated for their season's efforts, all being vital cogs in their respective teams.

- Goal-scoring was the most glaring single area of weakness in 1981, with only a miserable 62 goals being scored in the total of 54 all grades games.

In fact in 18 of the 54 games played Briars teams failed to score a goal — a remarkably depressing statistic — while at the same time the opposition averaged 2.7 goals a game against !

(N.B. The author has been heard to comment countless times that Briars **must** score 3 goals a game to win !)

Malcolm Shorter was leading goal scorer in both 1st grade (12 out of 21) and 3rd grade (4 out of 16) while Alan "Ghost" Walker proved the find of the season with 8 stirring goals out of the 2nd grade total of 25. Gerard Price became equal top goal scorer, in 3rd grade by slamming home the vital match-winning goal in the final game against University of N.S.W. and Gerard in fact had the unique record of playing in all 3 grades during the season in his first full season in Briars senior hockey.

- Junior hockey never did pick up the hoped-for momentum in terms of numbers but the commitment of the players involved could well be copied by some of the senior club members. Many thanks to Mike Sterry in particular and his irregular band of assistants in the necessary umpiring commitments which took the heat off association supervision of the club's junior activities.
- The national team unfortunately severely disappointed the club's supporters at the August 15th England Test Match. Enough said !!
- This is the appropriate time to insert the Briars own statistical performance analysis.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
1sts	18	5	3	10	21	48	13	8th
2nds	18	5	3	10	25	40	13	8th
3rds	18	3	2	13	16	56	8	10th

The figures speak for themselves

- The thankless coaching job was again performed by Mike Sterry and it is hoped his contribution will be more strongly supported should he maintain his involvement in this area next year.

- Bill Hooker was the sideline organiser in 1981 and his efforts cannot go unmentioned. Regular support from the Kovacs brothers was also appreciated.
- Briars Hockey is again at a crisis point in regard to adequate playing field availability now that the eagerly awaited Belfield complex has been discontinued, and while no major developments have yet occurred this area is the emerging priority in the between seasons period.
- Now for the good news !

The 1980 hockey budget deficit has been retrieved and all 1981 expenses covered, this resulting from the moving of playing fees up to \$50.00 (in line with the other Briars sports) but principally from the annexing of the contract to deliver telephone books to the Burwood municipality. This contract will realise some \$4,000 to the hockey club's coffers and actually put the sport into credit prior to the start of hostilities in the 1982 playing season.

At the time of writing the White Pages delivery had been finalised and arrangements were in process for the Yellow Page delivery commencing November 20th.

The major contributions of the Huggett and Sterry families were the cornerstone of the operation during phase I, and I would particularly note the contribution of Colin Huggett and the early support of Alan Walker (and his 9 — month pregnant wife who organised the blokes for the first 3 days) and Stan McGuffin. The Sterry family garage was also most kindly appreciated.

Phase II will prove a most revealing exercise in November

With the financial problems under control the stage is set for a very positive approach to the challenging new competition looming in 1982.

1981 is dead and gone.

1982 will be a vital year for Briars Hockey.

BOB STREETER
Hockey Chairman

1ST GRADE REPORT

- A depressing season with few highlights.
- Only 3 points less than in 1980 and only one position lower in the table but incredibly less satisfying.
- A distinct lack of finish in the forwards and concurrently a more erratic defence than the previous year.
- Insufficient team training and consequent lack of organised team set plays compared to all opposition sides.
- Plenty of talent and spirit but insufficient motivation.

- The emergence of frustration with subsequent immediate deterioration in playing standards.
- Pre-occupation with disputing umpiring decisions.
- Late attendance, particularly to the 7 games with 12.30 starting times.
- Insufficient on-field thinking and movement into gaps, away from cover, or in late cover defence.
- Insufficient individual (reliable) skills under pressure.
- Too much yap, not enough talking and calling.
- No Best — and — Fairest points awarded in the first round Sydney University game.
- Lack of adaptation to new rules.
- Inability to capitalise on positions of controlling the match because of lack of confidence in finishing.
- All the above are the bad points that each player must address if we are to give our true ability in 1982.

Coaching is only part of any team composition.

Every player, must make his best contribution — all the time !

THE TEAM

LASZLO KOVACS — Goal keeper

Played some very good games but was a little more suspect than the previous season, probably because of availability problems. Needs continued hard work to fully realise his great potential.

WAYNE SMITH — Goal keeper

Another outstanding goal keeper from the current junior ranks. Wayne acquitted himself very well when Laszlo was unavailable and was the best player on his team in the second round clash with the premiers.

ROBERT WOOD — Full back

The early season star with major B & F points in two of the first three games. Robert suffered an unnecessary loss of confidence in the mid-season slump but he should worry less and just think about a little more.

GEORGE FREITAS— Full back

A real confidence player who is either "on" or else very "off". The sustained pressure of higher division hockey is more keenly felt by such players and George will have to work very hard on his game for the 1982 season.

MICHAEL STERRY — Right half

Probably too involved in too many things to concentrate fully on his own game. Mike must set an example to his fellow players by not reacting to poor umpiring. Finds on-field coaching just as difficult as poorly attended training sessions.

BOB STREETER — Centre half (Captain)

Claimed the major A & F points in successive games against North Sydney and Gordon in the first round. Probably too defence-orientated in 1981 at a time when the faltering attack needed strong support.

NIGEL STERRY — Left half

Had a very good season and was runner-up in the Best — and — Fairest with four major awards. At times seems to leave his winger just a little too open but has the advantage of good cover defence (providing he doesn't do left side tackles in his own circle!)

DEREK STERRY — Utility half

Filled the fourth half spot capably when that team formation was employed. A good cover defender but has the bad habit of taking himself out of the play when a disputed umpiring decision goes against him.

JOHN PRICE — Left wing

Had a varied season and was subject to a few selection shuffles. John again played representative hockey which is laudable but he is still to rectify his predilection with backstick stops (which are basically uncontrollable) and the habit of also taking himself out of the play when things go against him.

COLIN HUGGETT — Inside left

A generally good season — scored vital first goal in the first round win over North Sydney and took major points against Wests and Sydney University in the second round. Finished strongly against Randwick in the first round but found it difficult to combine effectively with his fellow forwards when they continually insisted on stopping the play to talk to the umpires!

MALCOLM SHORTER — Centre forward

Suffered from lack of training and some Saturday duties. Carried too much of the weight for finding the net and was consequently well marked for most of the season. Needs to think more and react less.

ANDRE DECLASE — Inside right

Clear winner of the Best and Fairest with five major awards. Andre is certainly one of the most skilful forwards in the competition but sorely misses the need to train regularly with his close team mates. Needs to make a bigger effort to score once in the circle.

ROLAND BROWN — Right wing

The third of the five regular forwards to score only one goal in the entire season. Had some very good games, especially the last round against University of N.S.W., but needs to get better directed shots in from the edge of the circle to pressurise the opposing goalie.

Thanks also to Peter Jones, Craig McIntosh, Gerard Price, John Towns, Russell Roberts for filling in at different times during the season.

Congratulations to Gordon — and roll on 1982!

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B GRADE REPORT 1981

Three points in the first half and 10 points in the second, sum up the 1981 season for the B grade. Misconduct by a few players and a lack of effort by others resulted in a disastrous start to the season. Once the team overcame these shortcomings results improved and I'm personally very pleased with the great lift in team spirit associated with the change. I hope in '82 we can think this way from our first trial game and realise if the club is to continue in 1st Division there must be more dedication by every player. Congratulations to Steve Schomberg on winning the Best & Fairest with many outstanding performances.

STAN McGUFFIN (Capt.)

WAYNE SMITH — Goalkeeper

Good prospect for A Grade in '82 — improved with every game and made many great saves — Well done Wayne.

CRAIG McINTOSH — Fullback

Very consistent player — organised the defence very well — unlucky not to play regular A Grade.

PETER JONES — Fullback

Mixed season, for Peter played some very good games, but must learn to keep his stick down.

DEREK STERRY — Half back

Very strong wing half in defence and attack — lost him to A Grade and very deservedly so.

RICHARD COGHLAN — Half back

Has the ability to play higher grade but must show more dedication.

RUSSELL ROBERTS — Right wing

Showed flashes of his best form but must try harder to get back in A Grade.

STEVE SCHOMBERG – Centre half

Another good season for Steve — won the Best and Fairest in B Grade — Watch out Bob Streeter.

MICHAEL TASS – Inside right

Skilful inside forward with plenty of determination but lacks a little on finishing.

ALAN WALKER – Centre forward

3 goals in the final match showed us what Alan could have achieved had he settled down a bit earlier.

STAN McGUFFIN – Inside left

Came back after injury and found the going a bit tough but played better towards the end of season.

GERALD PRICE – Outside left

Another good prospect for the Club — showed plenty of speed and skill — expecting big things of you in '82.

DARRYL LEWIS – Halfback

Sorry we lost Darryl to the army as he would have made a big name for himself in Briars Hockey — a very mature player for his age.

NEIL HUGGETT – Halfback

Has plenty of ability to hold regular position but must learn to accept umpires decision.

ERIC WADE – Full Back

Helped out at full back when required and adapted very well to that position — thanks Eric.

Many thanks also to D. HENDEN, B. HOOKER, W. SHARP, N. STERRY, and L. KOVACS for helping the side during the season.

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C GRADE REPORT 1981

Wins	Losses	Draws	For	Against	Points	Position
4	11	2	16	56	8	Equal last

For this report, it is considered appropriate to quote statistics from the outset, as one could say, every picture tells a story, and the results here are no exception.

It is, however, fair to say that this year is no exception to any other year in as much as this team is, by necessity, subjected to continual changes of players and positions to the A & B grade teams and fill-ins by players who are probably not as adept in the arts of hockey as one would like. Because of this, it was particularly hard to "mould" a good hard core side of players with an understanding of the others game and capabilities.

Our defensive record was not good at an average of 3.3 goals, against per match, not as bad as 1980 season at 4.4 per match, however, a lot of tidying up is needed, particularly in the half positions, as on numerous occasions the full backs were left stranded with no back up forthcoming. Experience and condition training should overcome this problem.

Our biggest problem was in our forwards, here inexperience really showed with lack of ball control, combining together individual play and that "killer instinct" when a goal is on, that all good forwards must have. An average of 0.94 goals per match reflects the foregoing.

So come on fellas in "1982 it's up to you", let's see you all at training, you may be surprised how it can improve your game.

Despite the result, an enjoyable season, and thanks fellas, for the support you gave your captain. I enjoyed it, and hope to see you all rearing to go in 1982.

The Players —

BRIAN CALNAN (among other positions **GOALS**) Showed flashes of talent in this position and gained confidence as time progressed. Not frightened "to have a go". Stick at it Brian.

WAYNE SMITH (**Goals**) Acquitted himself well and improved with every game; a future A grade goal keeper. Capable of stopping a player, be it opposition or not, a good effort Wayne.

STEVE BROADHURST (**Goals**) Unfortunately we did not see Steve for a full season. Showed a lot of promise in games played.

BILL HOOKER (**Full back**) An old head and capable player who added strength to the side, a good team man, welcome back Bill.

ERIC WADE (**Full back**) A new position in Briars Hockey to Eric who finally relented to "pressure" to step back from centre forward after too many years to mention. Slotted in quickly and with Bill Hooker was a huge obstacle to the opposition. Eric has not discounted playing higher grades in this new-found position.

NEIL HUGGETT (**Centre half**) Improving every year in stick control and ability and has now graduated to a full-blooded hockey player, of course size and that beard helps too. A good team man.

DAREL LEWIS (**Right half**) Inclined to get caught out of position at times but gave 100% effort. A bit more condition and will be hard to keep out of higher grades.

WARREN SHARPE (**Left half**) Improving with age and experience; must learn to mark his winger and combine with his full back. It will come Warren, stick at it.

GERARD PRICE (Right wing) A product of junior hockey and developing into a good hockey player. Is destined to be a future A grade player.

DAVID HENDREN (Inside right) First season with Briars and showed glimpses of obvious capabilities, with more support from his other forwards, am sure would have shown out much more.

JOHN TOWNS (Centre forward) Another acquisition to Briars this season with plenty of hockey ability. A bit more "killer" instinct John and the goals will come to you.

SANDOR KOVACS (Centre forward) Unfortunately Sandor was sidelined early in the season with a badly sprained ankle, trod on a ball I think. Came back in latter part of season with vigour, physical and verbal. Needs more stick skills.

DAVID DEBAISE (Centre forward) Yet another player in this position. More ball control would have helped in those crucial moments. David gave his all and settled in quickly.

PAUL PRICE (Inside left) Another junior with great potential for the future. With experience and age, Paul will undoubtedly become an A grade forward.

PETER WALLACE (Left wing) Has the speed, when fit, for this position. With more ball control and a back stick, ideally suited here.

ALDO CANTORI (Left wing) What little we saw of Aldo before going overseas, a very impressive winger showing enormous potential in this spot.

CHRIS LANGDON (Left wing) Another doubler for this spot, shows spasmodic brilliance and lapses. Teach yourself Chris, to watch the ball and not the opposition and you may be surprised at your improvement.

My thanks to the following players who were always willing to fill gaps when needed. Peter Jones, John Vanheeswyk, Wayne Davies, Paul Sunnucks, Dean Declause and Glen Borg.

As a footnote, some memorable wins for consolation were 2-1 against Bankstown (0-3 first round), 4-3 Randwick (0-4 first round) and the one that was played like a final, and last match of the season against UNI of N.S.W. won 2-1, saved Briars from certain relegation to 2nd Division in 1982, allowing us to finish with 125 club championship points ahead of Wests 124 and Randwick 29.

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SQUASH REPORT

The Spring 1980 Competition drew to a close at the end of November, leaving us with the B3 Pennant. This team, comprising Ron Churcher, Frank Mandile, Pat Jones, Jim Walsh (C) and Robert Bedic, put in a great effort to beat the previously unbeaten minor premiers. We also had 2 teams beaten in grand finals, they were A3 comprising Cliff Priest, Ken Kable (C) Allan Cameron, Gary Cornish and Ray Barros. B4 comprising Pat Cole, Tom Williams, Rob Harris, Randal Godden (C) and Ralph Miller.

The Club Champion for 1980 was Geof. Bevan with a hard fought win over George Kozis. The performance shield went to the grey fox Gary Nicolls, the burglar.

AUTUMN 1981

This competition saw us without a State side for the first time in 2 years. However, we still managed to put 8 teams on the court with mixed results. A2 with Greg Menz, Frank Pearce, Cliff Priest, Roger Gersbach, Ray Barros and Ken Kable (C) won the pennant, beating the unbeaten minor premiers, in both the final and grand final. A1 comprising Arthur Krallis, Tony Pearce (C), George Kozis and Ken Axtell battled hard all comp, only to go down in the grand final. B1 with Cliff Priest, Allan Cameron, Frank Mandile (C), Ron Churcher and Pat Cole came from a long way behind at the half way mark to make the semis. Unfortunately, Cliff received a 2-week suspension the week before the semis, this meant the rest of the team had to move up a position. Even then they went down by only 3 points to the eventual winners.

E4 was another team beaten in the semis. This team contained John Jessup, Gary Nicolls, Martin Nix, George McDonald (C), Ross Pearson and Brian Hurley. John Jessup had a wonderful return to squash and was the winner of the performance trophy for this comp. Another pleasing aspect was that there were 3 current footballers playing in this team.

SPRING 1981

This competition is drawing to a close. At the time of writing, there were only 2 rounds left to play. The results are:—

Interdistrict

Geof. Bevan, Joe Caristo (C), George Kozis, Ray Pontifex and Ken Axtell. A team that never really fired, they are second last and working on their condition for next comp.

A1

Arthur Krallis, Tony Pearce (C), Greg Menz, Frank Pearce and Gary Cornish. Unbeaten at this stage and a proverbial mile out in front. With proven big time players we consider this team "morals" to bring home the Vanderfield Trophy.

A3

Ray Barros, Ken Kable (C), Cliff Priest and Allan Cameron. Running 3rd or 4th at this stage and certain semi-finalists. How much further this team can go is very much a week-to-week thing, as they have no reserves if there are any injuries.

B2

Frank Mandile, Ron Churcher (C), Pat Cole, Robert Bedic and Pat Long. This team didn't look a chance at the half way mark but have really started a good run. They are now equal 4th and capable of winning.

C3

John Link, Bert Houston (C), Wayne Rastal and John Hannan. Currently running around 6th

place, this team will not make the semis. They really needed one more good player and they could have been right in the thick of it.

C8

Grant Heggarty (C), Brian Douglas, Jason O'Brien, Ed Moore and Ken Ball. This team will just miss out on a semi berth. They will come in 5th. Most unfortunate as they lost John Jessup with studies before the comp. started, then Jason disappeared half-way through the comp.

E1

Glen Lackey, Gary Nicolls, Martin Nix, George McDonald (C). Another team that lost personnel before the comp. started. They have fought back well and look to be semi-final chances.

F6

Ricci Barros, Ross Pearson, Bill Barnwell (C), John Fripp, John Pearson. Bill has had his best comp. in years and Ricci is just starting to show his real potential. The team will not make the semis but they have put up some good performances during the comp.

G5

Malcolm Orman, Gary Signor, Robert Cornish (C), Tony Wozniak and Owen Moore. Our lowest ever graded team, but there is not one of them that I am not proud to call a Briar. Totally inexperienced, not one comp. match between the lot of them prior to this comp. yet they have made the semis. With the sort of spirit they show, nothing is impossible.

It has been a reasonably successful year with the hope that it can go on to even bigger and better things in 1982.

My thanks to my committee, Ray Pontifex, Allan Cameron and Ed Moore. Thanks also to the team captain who has had to overcome some difficult problems during the year.



A2 PREMIERS AUTUMN 1981 — L to R FRANK PEARCE, RAY BARROS, GARY CORNISH, KEN KABLE (C) Missing from photo GREG MENZ & ROGER GERSBACH.

GOLF REPORT 1981

Four bookings were made for the golfing season, however, due to a pennants day and a clash with sub-district rugby finals, only two were held.

On the 17th May, 33 chaps made their way to Blackheath by bus with another 6 travelling by car.

The excellent numbers were most welcome, especially after last year's disappointments.

The day itself was indeed a beautiful one, and the golf was also of the highest order, causing our golf expert Chris Mitchell to utter that his experience and teachings were bearing fruit (at last).

The re-birth of the bus was a popular one with many old faces coming back, including Tiny Gorton, Humbug Harris (a fabulous singing duo), Col (unfortunately related to Ian) Blair, David (if I'm asked I'll come) Guille, Pete (crack one at 7.00 a.m.) Maugham, John (I'm off 33) Fripp (honest fella) and Dave (I don't know if I'm left or right handed) Cooke, which really made for an interesting day.

The golf in "B" grade saw an exciting tussle between "Chang" Bowyer and the handicapper with a countback being needed to give the handicapper a deserved win (modest isn't he!). In "C" grade Col Blair with a nett 59 managed to pip David (not another) Blair by a stroke.

David Walker with a 70 off the stick blitzed all and sundry with some wonderful golf as well as the long drive, and nor forgetting Ian (catholic — or no T.V. in those days) Blair who with Bob (Burglar) Spedding won the closest to pin holes. "Dad" Maugham won the Bradman with 132 off the stick with a fine display of stroke making.

After a few drinks and the odd moan about handicapping, it was into the bus for a relaxing trip home.

Leura was our other day and once again the numbers were good (39).

John (Bobby) Crockart played some good golf to finish a close winner over Bob (Speedo) Stephenson with Craig (I was on time) Hickey coming in third.

Closest to pins were won by David Walker and David Blair with Andrew Steele taking the long drive.

John Jessup managed to win the Bradman and not lose a ball — his prize, 6 golf balls. Ironic isn't it! All in all another successful day.

To all those who played (78) I thank you for your patronage and hope to see you again next year at Blackheath and Strathfield.

DAVID JAMIESON
(Handicapper).

N.S.W. OPEN 1981

For the second year running, the Briars were asked to provide workers for the N.S.W. Open Golf Tournament, and once again it proved to be a total success. This year we raised \$3,000.00 to bring our total for two years to \$4,500.00, an achievement that all those involved, can be justly proud.

While it is impossible to mention all of the 61 people who participated this year, a very special mention and thanks go to Ken Gray and Greg McPhee for their efforts in helping with the organisation of our workforce.

To all the others who participated our sincerest thanks for a job well done (although some of the fringe benefits may have been thanks on their own).

Next year we have again been asked to help and will require even more numbers than this year. So if you want to help the Club, have a top time and see some of the world's best golfers in action, please respond when we contact you for your support.

BOB BISHOP

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SOCIAL REPORT

1980 has been a very interesting year for Briars socially. What started out to be a promising and exciting year has been a little disappointing — for me.

The first function was a huge success. A capacity crowd of 120 attended the Harbour Cruise and it proved to be an excellent night and made even better by the fact that a profit of nearly \$500 was made.

Theatre parties to EVITA, CHICAGO and CELLULOID HEROES were enjoyed by those who attended as well as the 60 who saw Australia play France from the comfort of the Bre-wongle Stand.

Happy Hours on the first Friday of each month were instigated which proved to be an ideal way of people getting to know one another. I believe it was a great pity they had to end — after all success of the Club begins with the people.

168 Members and guests attended the Annual Dinner where Gordon Bray was the guest speaker at the Concord Golf Club. It was good to see Members return to the Club to further the 'festivities'. It's a pity that some Members do not organise their seating arrangements until the last moment. This only makes things awkward and I hope in the future this will be rectified.

Another Harbour Cruise is presently being organised for Sunday, December 20th, and I am sure it will be equally as successful as the first.

I feel 1982 can be a brighter year for the Briars socially. However, enthusiasm should exist where criticism does, and attendance where apathy. \$1,200 profit can be just the start.

PAUL BEVINS

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BRIARS SKI CLUB THREDBO

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

SECRETARY: P. Arnold.

HON. AUDITOR: C. G. Jones, F.C.A.

The Ski Club has now completed its twentieth season — membership remained at 50, the board approved the transfer of shares/membership of the estate Lt R. A. Hyles to Mr. Anthony M. Hyles, during the year.

The balance sheet for the year ended 30th September, 1980, showed a trading surplus of \$5,798.45. The books have just been closed for the current year and the board envisage a surplus in the region of \$7,000.00 for the year ending 30th September, 1981.

The N.S.W. Fire Brigade has instructed us to construct a fire escape from the first floor bedroom area. Approval for this work has just been received from National Parks and Wildlife Services and work will commence on this project during the summer (approx. cost \$3,000.00)

Additionally it is hoped that the up-grading of the bathrooms will be completed this summer.

The board are presently consulting with experienced Alpine Architects, Phil McMaster Pty. Ltd., in order to see if we can get better usage of the Lodge, by redesigning the internal stairway. Plans and cost estimates will be available for display in the club early in the New Year.

Members will no doubt be aware of the "Hard Line" policy being taken by the National Parks people relating to future development of snow lodges within the park and for that reason it will be difficult to have our redevelopment plans approved. However, members should be assured that the Board is well aware of our rights under the terms of our lease which runs to 2004 and therefore we must adopt a positive approach so as to ensure the continued successful operation of the ski club into the eighties and nineties. Members will be kept well informed of our redevelopment plans and a general meeting will be called prior to any firm decision being taken on this question.

Some additional Lounge furniture has been purchased for the downstairs flat and we hope this will make this area of the lodge more comfortable for members.

General running costs, maintenance, rental, electricity, oil, insurance, etc. still keep escalating. Accordingly a decision has already been taken for accommodation rates to increase for 1982.

As we have no resident caretaker, we ask members to report any damage or deficiencies at the lodge, immediately to the board, so that we may promptly organise repairs to keep members' inconvenience to a minimum.

Also remember no "Free Loaders" — it's your club and lost income is difficult to recover. Needless to say any unauthorised occupancy at the lodge will be dealt with most severely by the Board and booking officer, Andrew Clifford is just a phone call away.

1981 was a great snow year, approaching the record falls of 1964. The lodge was fully occupied throughout the winter months and some of the best skiing for many years was enjoyed by members and their guests.

With the upgrading of the road from Liverpool to Mittagong, a moderate driver can now do Sydney/Thredbo in 6 hours comfortably, it is therefore hoped this will induce more members and their friends to use the lodge during the summer months.

Our sincere thanks to those members who give of their time for maintenance and wood cutting and particular thanks to Michael Kennedy who does so much for the club in this regard (without him there would be no log fire).

In conclusion, my sincere appreciation of the very solid support and assistance I receive from my fellow directors, Peter Arnold, our secretary, Col Jones who does our audit and won't take a cent for his time, and Don Walker, our financial consultant.

Good Skiing, Fishing or just plain Holidaying in '82.

PETER ARNOLD
Secretary.

Bus: 570-4356
Priv.: 570-2828

ANDREW CLIFFORD
Bookings.

Bus: 76-6766
Priv.: 427-2673

BRIAN DARRAGH
Chairman.

Bus: 29 6656
Priv.: 449-1998

BRIAN DARRAGH

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ANNUAL REPORT HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman: David Lewis

The House Committee is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the Clubrooms. This is mostly a frustrating and thankless task, mainly due to the ignorance and selfishness of some members.

This Annual Report will detail the abuse the Clubrooms and its fittings have suffered, the maintenance which has been carried out and a comment on the proposed renovations.

The Clubrooms of the Briars Sporting Club are a unique facility which the members of the Briars are very privileged to enjoy. Your fellow sportsmen, who serve on the Club's Board and Management Committee, are continually frustrated and appalled by their fellow Briars ignorant abuse of this great privilege. The cost to the Club is a lowering of standards, not to mention thousands of dollars. Examples are, unfortunately, numerous, and occur daily.

THEY INCLUDE —

NOT RETURNING GLASSES TO BAR
ASHING CIGARETTES ON THE CARPET
EXTINGUISHING CIGARETTES ON THE CARPET
REMOVING CASH FROM TILL
REMOVING STOCK FROM THE BAR
NOT PAYING FOR DRINKS CONSUMED
NOT LEAVING BAR CLEAN
NOT WASHING ALL THE GLASSES
NOT WASHING, DRYING AND REPLACING
KITCHENWARE
NOT PUTTING RUBBISH IN BINS
NOT PUTTING BINS IN STREET FOR
COLLECTION

LEAVING THE KITCHEN ANYTHING BUT
SPOTLESS
PUTTING CIGARETTES IN THE URINAL
BREAKING FURNITURE
NOT ARRANGING FURNITURE NEATLY
WHEN LEAVING
NOT CLOSING WINDOWS, BLINDS AND
CURTAINS
NOT TURNING OFF LIGHTS AND HEATERS
BREAKING BILLIARD CUES
NOT COVERING BILLIARD TABLES
BREAKING TABLE TENNIS PADDLES
THROWING DARTS IN PLASTER WALLS
NOT ADHERING TO THE MINIMUM DRESS
RULES

Remember, firstly, with the privilege of membership, goes the responsibility to maintain our unique Club with the same high standards of attitude and ethics that we demand on the sporting field.

Secondly, if you don't make your contribution, a fellow Clubmember must carry the burden of your selfishness.

During the past year, the major activity of the House Committee has been maintenance of the Clubroom's fittings and fixtures.

Major expenditure has been incurred in repairing the roof and repairing and repainting the ceilings. Certain plumbing and electrical repairs were carried out. A supply of washing up items and garbage bags were maintained however, the members did not fully utilise these facilities. A total of eight garbage bins have been bought, mainly to replace stolen bins. The front door lock was affixed after being smashed off. The accordion door was repaired. In the bar fridges, blocked drains were cleared and misaligned seams, repaired. The downstairs tenants were placated on several occasions, after spillages, which were not immediately cleaned up, leaked on to their stock and fittings, causing many hundreds of dollars of damage.

Although furniture was destroyed at a regular rate, none was repaired. The dartboard has been abandoned, owing to the intolerable level of damage to the plaster wall surrounding it.

The Clubrooms have suffered a gradual decline in standard over the past few years. This was mostly due to the Club's amenities being many years past their functional life. The most obvious examples of this are the carpet, the furniture and bar equipment. Light fittings and wall coverings are in need of replacement. The cost and effort of replacing this equipment is enormous. It was well beyond the means of the Club, whilst we intended to develop playing fields. The wise, but sad, decision to abandon the playing field development made available the funds to renovate the Clubrooms. The aim is to produce a cost effective redevelopment which will cater for the special requirements of your Club. New furniture, carpet, wall coverings, kitchen, office and bar will make the Clubrooms a much more comfortable and enjoyable place to be. To better cater for the sporting inclinations of our members, amenities such as sauna, spa and gym are being considered.

In conclusion, just as the highest standard of behaviour is demanded on the sporting field when you play with Briars, so is the highest standard demanded in the way you treat your Clubrooms and its fittings. If you are not prepared to maintain the minimum standard of behaviour, you will not be missed if you leave the Club.

DAVID A. LEWIS



SENIOR STEWARDS REPORT

As can be seen from the Club's Balance Sheet, this year's trading figures are basically similar to the preceding twelve month period. After a slow start this year, trading has picked up over the past 3 months, thanks to the help of our stewards, Ian Richard, Dave Lewis, Kim Peifke/ Anthony Wozniak and Ian Blair/John McGrath.

With the unfortunate folding of the ground, it has now been decided to refurbish the clubrooms and in particular, the bar. As the existing bar crumbles around us, plans are in hand for a modern equipped bar which will hopefully see the end of members' complaints of the bar's inefficiency.

I am happy to announce that with the bar renovations, will come a choice of beverages, which will make the numerous Tooheys drinkers in the Club, once again, proud to be members of Briars.

We have seen several changes behind the bar over the past twelve months, none more devastating than the new electric till. After some months of criticism and the usual teething problems, the unit has settled in and is proving a great help to all members.

I take this opportunity to express my thanks to Ted Stockdale for his help and co-operation over the year. Ted has steered the Senior Stewards, over the last umpteen years, and made their jobs a great deal easier and less complicated.

Finally, a plea to all members — we are indeed lucky to have the licensed premises; let's use them and support not only ourselves but also the four sports that strive each year to fulfil their dreaded budgets.

I.D.

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PERSONNEL REPORT

Chairman: R. Bishop

1981 gave us the pleasure of welcoming 32 new members to the Briars, a very pleasing result to the year. However, there are still a number of people participating in sports that are not members of the Briars. It is a duty of all of us to ensure that these people are nominated for membership and attend the new members' meeting when requested. This is a basic principle to the existence of the Club and should not be compromised for short-term sporting requirements.

Attendance at new members' meetings was also a very pleasing highlight to the year. To all those who attended and helped welcome our new Briars, in true style, my sincere thanks.

To repeat last year's report, one of the roles of the Personnel Chairman is to act as a point through which members can air their thoughts and grievances to the management committee. Once again there seemed to be too little feedback of a constructive nature and I would ask that perhaps a little more thought go into this area, so that we all may benefit.

Finally, I would like to thank John Edmonds, Craig Hickey and all the members of Management for their help and support throughout the year.

BOB BISHOP

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"FOCUS ON THE BRIARS"

The original intention at the start of this year was to plan for six issues of Focus, i.e. every 2 months. Each issue was to carry advertising which would cover all publishing and mailing charges.

Publication and collection of editorials was planned on a tight schedule with up-to-date informative copy.

The Club knows Focus is eagerly sought by those members who do not have regular contact with the Club or are out of season in their respective sports.

Regretfully, the publication was suspended during the year as production could not be guaranteed along the lines mentioned above.

Next year's responsibility for Focus will be taken by Greg McPhee and we look forward to a successful year's production.

JOHN EDMONDS
President.



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 Keenness	—	15 points
Value to a Club as a member	—	25 points
Neatness of dress	—	<u>10 points</u> = <u>100 points</u>

This Trophy is won by Peter Mansford. Peter was Cricket Chairman this season and his organisation and leadership led to the Club's most successful ever cricket season.

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

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

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

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

The winner this year was Bruce Robinson. Bruce was Captain Coach of Whiddon Cup this year and the enormous enthusiasm he displayed made Phil England's job an easier one.

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	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner this year is again Bob Streeter. Bob was Hockey Chairman, captain of the A Grade team and he played cricket for the Club. Making a habit of this Bob, well done.

DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

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

The trophy was donated by the late R. D. Vanderfield who was very instrumental in commencing squash in the Club and having it recognised as a major sport. Points are awarded as follows:—

Value as a team member	—	20 points
Value as a member of the Club	—	20 points
Keeness as a player	—	20 points
Improvement as a player	—	15 points
Conduct on squash court	—	15 points
Neatness of dress	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

This year's winner is Grant Heggarty. Grant is currently playing in the C8 side and his determination will see him play higher soon. Well done Grant.

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.

Gerard Price has been awarded the trophy for 1981. Nice work Gerard.

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. The 1981 winner is: **John Jessup**.

ADMINISTRATION

The Board met on 12 occasions and the Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1st October 1980 to 30th September, 1981. Attendance by members was as follows:—

Board —	C. Dennis	2	Resigned 5th December, 1980
	I. Blair	9	
	H. Ford	7	Resigned 15th June, 1981
	P. Mansford	6	
	I. Richard	10	
	K. Wearne	3	Resigned 5th December, 1980
			Appointed 14th September, 1981
	E. Stockdale	9	
	J. Edmonds	10	
	R. Crookes	9	Appointed 5th December, 1980
	M. Matthews	9	Appointed 5th December, 1980
	J. Staniforth	3	Appointed 13th July, 1981
	C. Hickey	7	Appointed 28th February, 1981
	J. McGrath	8	
	M. Critchley	5	Resigned 28th February, 1981
Management —	M. Critchley	5	Resigned 28th February, 1981
	P. Mansford	7	
	D. Lewis	12	
	R. Bishop	10	
	A. Wozniak	2	Resigned 5th December, 1980
	W. Bryan	2	Resigned 5th December, 1980
	C. Hickey	11	
	C. Dennis	7	
	K. Kable	9	
	R. Streeter	10	
	J. Edmonds	9	Appointed 5th December, 1980
	P. Bevins	4	Appointed 5th December, 1980
	G. Brady	4	
	I. Duncan	6	Appointed 5th December, 1980
	P. England	7	Appointed 5th December, 1980
	D. Blair	6	Appointed 6th April, 1981
	S. & L. Kovacs	1	Resigned 5th December, 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.

J. H. EDMONDS

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.

J. H. EDMONDS

President.

C. R. HICKEY

**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, 1981. The Directors in office at the date of this Report being:—

J. H. Edmonds (Chairman)	K. E. Wearne
J. Staniforth	M. Mathews
R. Crookes	R. I. Richard
I. G. S. Blair	P. Mansford

Results

	1980	1981
Excess of income over expenditure for the year amounted to	4,234	4,369
To this is added accumulation account	<u>60,423</u>	<u>64,657</u>
Leaving accumulation account to be carried forward of	<u>\$64,657</u>	<u>\$69,026</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 transfer to the Provision for Deferred Maintenance was made:—

Addition to reserve	<u>\$392</u>
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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, 1981.
- (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, 1981 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. I. Blair and I. Richard retire in accordance with the Articles of Association and being eligible offer themselves for re-election. In addition, Messrs. J. Staniforth and K. Wearne who were appointed to the Board in July and September respectively offer themselves for 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 ninth day of November, 1981, in accordance with a resolution of Directors.

I. Richard

Director

J. Edmonds

Director

TREASURER'S REPORT

9th NOVEMBER, 1981

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Directors of the Club, I submit for your consideration the Balance Sheet and Annual Accounts of the Club for the year ended 30th September, 1981.

The Club made a net profit for the year of \$4369 after transferring \$392 to a provision for deferred maintenance and writing off \$3614 net costs re the proposed oval development at Elliot Street, Lakemba.

The reports clearly show the financial position of the Club at the end of our financial year, however there are a few items on which I would like to comment.

Gross bar profit has fallen by \$2515 which is the result of both a small decrease in sales, and, much more significantly, a fall in the gross profit ratio (gross profit/sales) from 36.56% to 30.66%. Had we maintained last year's gross profit ratio the Club's profit would have been increased by \$2068. With the Club's price levels as they are we should be able to operate at a gross profit ratio in excess of 40%. The reason that we do not operate this profitably must be primarily due to abuse of our honorary system and is disappointing.

You will notice that the net cost of football appears in the accounts at \$1811. It was decided at the end of the football season to write off in this year, the cost of the Club's football jerseys, which had been carried forward at cost, as football stock. This action accounts for approximately \$1500 of football's loss. Furthermore, a payment of \$480 was made during the year which related to the previous football season. If one extracts these items he will see that Phil England and his football sub-committee have done a commendable job financially.

While on sport, Bob Streeter, on behalf of Briars Hockey, tendered for and won, a contract to deliver telephone directories and the effort put in by Bob and the hockey boys is reflected in their excellent surplus for the year.

It would be remiss of me not to mention Paul Bevins, who as social chairman, managed to break a long-standing Briars tradition by returning a surplus on social activities, and congratulations are indeed due.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Bob Bishop, and all the members who participated, for organising the marshalls for the 1980 N.S.W. Open Golf Championships held at Concord Golf Course, which returned the Club \$1500. Since the end of the Club's financial year Bob and the members have performed similar duties during the 1981 N.S.W. Open, and their efforts will be reflected in the 1982 accounts.

I extend my thanks to my assistant treasurer, Peter Wallace, and the other Briars who have helped throughout the year, in the financial operations of our Club.

JOHN MAGRATH, Hon. Treasurer.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1981

	1980	1981
RESERVES AND ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
General Reserve	<u>\$13032</u>	<u>\$13032</u>
ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
Balance 30/9/80	60423	64657
ADD: Profit year ended 30/9/81	<u>4234</u>	<u>4369</u>
Total Accumulated Earnings	<u>\$64657</u>	<u>\$69026</u>
Total Reserves and Accumulated Earnings	<u>\$77689</u>	<u>\$82058</u>
This is represented by:—		
FIXED ASSETS		
Land and Buildings (Note 5)	24939	24563
Furniture, Fittings, Air Conditioner and Cash Register (Note 6)	<u>2276</u>	<u>3863</u>
	<u>\$27215</u>	<u>\$28426</u>
INVESTMENTS (Note 7)	45000	49663
Trust Funds (Note 8)	<u>1860</u>	<u>2006</u>
	<u>\$46860</u>	<u>\$51669</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock at lower of cost or market value	11909	8295
Prepayments	1627	1848
Debtors	1250	3120
Cash at Bank	5790	14466
Cash on Hand	<u>120</u>	<u>260</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$20696</u>	<u>\$27989</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$94771</u>	<u>\$108084</u>
LESS: LIABILITIES		
Trust Funds (Note 8)	<u>\$1860</u>	<u>\$2006</u>
Debentures and Gifts		
5% Debentures maturing 30th September 1991	850	1700
Interest Free Debentures maturing 30th September 1991	1600	3000
Gifts for Club Development Projects	<u>2005</u>	<u>6495</u>
	<u>\$4455</u>	<u>\$11195</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	4608	5000
Trade Creditors and Accruals	4585	6325
Subscriptions paid in advance	74	—
Provision for Sport Development	<u>1500</u>	<u>1500</u>
	<u>\$10767</u>	<u>\$12825</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$17082</u>	<u>\$26026</u>
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	<u>\$77689</u>	<u>\$82058</u>

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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**BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1981**

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
BAR RECEIPTS		
Sales	36274	35055
LESS: Cost of Sales	<u>23011</u>	<u>24307</u>
Gross Bar Profit	<u>\$ 13263</u>	<u>\$ 10748</u>
LESS: BAR OPERATING EXPENSES		
Liquor Licence	2305	1495
Bar Expenses and Maintenance	930	755
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	<u>121</u>	<u>97</u>
Total Bar Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 3356</u>	<u>\$ 2347</u>
Bar Trading Profit	<u>\$ 9907</u>	<u>\$ 8401</u>
ADD: INCOME FROM		
Property Rents	8345	9002
Members Subscriptions	6151	6042
Interest Received	2231	4189
Surplus on Social Activities	—	1346
Sundry Income	<u>—</u>	<u>29</u>
Gross Income	<u>\$ 26634</u>	<u>\$ 29009</u>
LESS: OPERATING EXPENSES		
Administration and Club Room Expenses (Note 1)	13389	13833
Property Expenses (Note 2)	4054	4567
Net Cost of Sporting Activities (Note 3)	2914	1884
Depreciation of Furniture, Fittings, Air Conditioner and Cash Register	329	350
Loss on Social Activities	<u>214</u>	<u>—</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 20900</u>	<u>\$ 20634</u>
OPERATING PROFIT	5734	8375
Less: Transfer to Provision for Deferred Maintenance	1500	392
Net Costs re Proposed New Sports Development (Note 4)	<u>—</u>	<u>3614</u>
SURPLUS FOR YEAR TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT	<u>\$ 4234</u>	<u>\$ 4369</u>

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1981 ACCOUNTS

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
1. ADMINISTRATION & CLUB ROOM EXPENSES		
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	4758	5510
Stationery, Stamps and Telephone	3259	3260
Lighting and Heating	1625	1660
Annual Reports	1528	1714
Insurance	816	823
Billiards and Table Tennis	75	110
Donations and Presentations	50	149
General Expenses	336	607
Cash Shortages	942	—
	<u>\$ 13389</u>	<u>\$ 13833</u>
2. PROPERTY EXPENSES		
Insurance	1732	1976
Rates	1946	2215
Depreciation of Buildings	376	376
	<u>\$ 4054</u>	<u>\$ 4567</u>
3. NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES		
Hockey		
Ground Hire, Gear, etc.	5071	4805
LESS: Received from Players	<u>2689</u>	<u>5867</u>
Net Surplus of Hockey	(\$ 2382)	<u>\$ 1062</u>
Cricket:		
Ground Hire, Gear, etc.	3246	3413
LESS: Received from Players	<u>1785</u>	<u>2234</u>
Net Cost of Cricket	<u>\$ 1461</u>	<u>\$ 1179</u>
Football:		
Ground Hire, Gear, etc.	2472	5585
LESS: Received from Players	<u>3172</u>	<u>3774</u>
Net Cost of Football	<u>(\$700)</u>	<u>\$ 1811</u>
Squash:		
Court Hire, Gear, etc.		5119
LESS: Received from Players		<u>5163</u>
Net Surplus of Squash	<u>\$229</u>	<u>\$44</u>
NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES	<u><u>\$2914</u></u>	<u><u>\$1884</u></u>

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	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
4. NET COSTS RE PROPOSED NEW SPORTS DEVELOPMENT		
Expenditure incurred during the year towards development of proposed new sports oval		5625
LESS: Funds raised specifically for that purpose:		
N.S.W. Open Golf Championships	1500	2011
Christmas Hamper	511	
		<u>\$3614</u>
5. LAND AND BUILDINGS		
At Cost	28772	28772
LESS: Provision for Depreciation	<u>3833</u>	<u>4209</u>
	<u>\$24939</u>	<u>\$24563</u>
6. FURNITURE AND FITTINGS		
At Cost	13749	15783
LESS: Provision for Depreciation	<u>11473</u>	<u>11920</u>
	<u>\$2276</u>	<u>\$3863</u>
7. INVESTMENTS		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies at Cost	34000	2000
Government Bonds at Cost	1000	1000
Deposits — 30 Days' Notice	—	45000
Deposits — At Call	<u>10000</u>	<u>1663</u>
	<u>\$45000</u>	<u>\$49663</u>
8. TRUST FUNDS		
R. J. Thomson Memorial Trust Fund:		
(To be held by the Club and used for such purposes as agreed to by the family of the late Ronald John Thomson)		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	<u>230</u>	<u>303</u>
	<u>\$930</u>	<u>\$1003</u>
J. Sheehan Sporting Scholarship:		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	<u>230</u>	<u>303</u>
	<u>\$930</u>	<u>\$1003</u>
	<u>\$1860</u>	<u>\$2006</u>
9. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES		

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.

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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, 1981
- (b) the state of affairs of the Company as at 30 September, 1981.

Dated at Sydney this ninth day of November, 1981.

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 William Magrath, A.A.S.A., state that to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying Accounts for the year ended 30 September, 1981, 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 ninth day of November, 1981.

J. MAGRATH

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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, 1981 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.**

9 November, 1981

SYDNEY.

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
MUNICIPAL AND SHIRE 'A' GRADE PREMIERS 1980-1981



Back Row: R. M. Streeter
Front Row: P. F. Toner
Insert: G. Schomberg

W. F. Hooker R. P. Smith
B. Pozuelo I.G.S. Blair (Capt)

R. J. Tregaele
D. A. Walker

S. Schomberg
D. J. Wright

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
MUNICIPAL AND SHIRE 'C' GRADE PREMIERS 1980-1981



Back Row: J. Jessup L. Yeomans D. Guille G. Lippiatt G. Price P. Price
Front Row: P. Caruana D. Jamieson M. Sterry (Capt) A. Thompson H. Hetipeuw

