

67th ANNUAL REPORT

AND

BALANCE SHEET

1984 — 1985

The Briars
Sporting Club Limited
Burwood



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Presented to members at the Club Rooms
30A George Street, Burwood,
on Friday, 6th December, 1985

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Board of Directors and Management Committee present for consideration and adoption by members, this 67th Annual Report of the Club's activities and the financial position for the year ended 30th September, 1985.

A most rewarding year for the Club, five teams made grand finals from three sports, with the 'A' Shire Cricket side the only team to take out a premiership. Financially and the administration were also very sound and it is great to see such a good balance of success in sport and administration.

The Club had a very good year financially with a 9% increase in turnover and a 51% in surplus. This was due to improved gross profit from Bar Trading, up from 38.8% to 47.3%, the increase in revenue from our efforts at the N.S.W. Open Golf held at The Lakes and income from our investments.

The Sporting Chairmen again financially controlled their sports well, with half the proceeds from the N.S.W. Open Golf going towards their budgets. Basketball, in its first year, suffered costs which are non-recurring. Hockey, with their junior program, experienced a greater deficit than expected but I am sure that the financial rewards will be forthcoming in the next few years.

The N.S.W. Open Golf held at The Lakes Golf Course was again a huge success, members and friends raising \$10,660. Congratulations must go to John Threlfo as the convenor, for the first time, while many others gave excellent service and are noted in John's report.

The Club must not lose sight of the fact that we may not have this revenue forever and our fees for sport and members' subscriptions must be realistic, if ever the occasion arose.

The most rewarding part for me this year was the improvement in the sports. Five teams made Grand Finals, unfortunately only one team was successful. Cricket also won the Club Championship for the second time in three years.

Cricket had an outstanding season, the 'A' Shires going through the season undefeated, the 'B' Shires losing the Grand Final and the 'C' Shires winning the end of season round robin plus the winning of the Club Championship. Bill Hooker as Cricket Chairman, plus the respective Captains, Greg Wallace, Peter Richardson and Peter Lucas, are to be congratulated for an excellent season both on and off the field.

Rugby started slowly but a very strong finish saw the Club fifth in the Club Championship, the Grand Final in Kentwell and the semi-final in Whiddon. Kentwell had not made a grand final for twenty years and it was great credit to the coaches, Bruce Robinson and Rex Harris, to achieve this result. Tony Wozniak returned to Football Chairman and did a first class job.

Hockey, under the Chairmanship of Robert Wood, showed improvement both on and off the field. Although semi's were not reached, we were able to field three senior sides and two junior sides. It was the first time for many seasons that Hockey had a coach and there was a marked improvement in A Grade because of this fact. Hockey moved from Burwood Park after nearly 30 years and are now playing at the Cumberland College of Health Sciences Ground at Lidcombe. Robert Wood deserves special mention for steering Hockey in the right direction.

Squash again is in the doldrums, with one team in the summer competition and two teams in the winter competition. As mentioned in the last report, the squash members are most apathetic and if this carries on for too long they will self destruct.

Basketball proved a great success for its first year, starting with three teams, two making the Grand Final. The winter comp. grew to five teams plus three women's teams playing under the Briars banner. Congratulations to Steve Schomberg for his excellent efforts during the year and I am sure premierships are not that far away.

Golden Oldies, under the control of John Staniforth, embarked on a one month tour to England and the Continent in September. A party of fifty people were on tour and from all reports, a great success. This tour was a two-year project and John is to be congratulated not only for the success of the tour but bringing older members back to the Club, who would normally not return, after retiring from competitive Rugby.

The Club sponsored a Women's Netball side during the year and it would be hoped that this will continue in the future.

The Briars Tennis Day was held again at the St. Lukes Oval Tennis Courts. Over 60 people played but unfortunately the inclement weather caused the tournament to be washed out in the afternoon. This Annual event is proving very successful.

There was a big improvement in the social scene, with record numbers attending the Annual Ball and Annual Dinner. The Annual Ball was held at the STC Centre, Canterbury Race-course, with 260 people attending and the Annual Dinner had over 230 people listening to the guest speaker, Mr. Alan Jones, of rugby fame. Other social innovations such as a Trot Night at Harold Park, Car Rally and Club Room functions, proved outstanding successes. John Price proved a very worthy Social Chairman.

Focus is a much read publication and the comments I receive, especially from older members, is gratifying. Gerard Price, the Editor, and Col Dennis, Advertising, have done an excellent job. The improvement to the printing and mailing of Focus by Grant Heggarty has reduced our costs, a problem which had arisen over the past two years.

The upgrading of the Club Rooms again has been carried out during the year, with the

external painting of the Club and repairs to the ground floor. Being an old building, constant watch will have to be made so as we are not caught with major repairs.

The membership of the Club decreased slightly during the year as shown below. Marty Watts again organising new members' meetings, did a good job.

	<u>1984-1985</u>	<u>1983-1984</u>
Full Members	351	345
City Associate	41	50
Country	47	50

The Club has now produced a brochure for the recruitment of juniors. Already the Club members have been attending local schools under the guidance of Marty Watts and I am sure results will be noticed in the 1986 season.

The Club has now put its mailing list on computer and with the constant change of addresses, additions and deletions, our records are now in very good shape and will be a future cost saving — many thanks to Grant Heggarty.

The Golf Day was returned to the sporting calendar by Barry Cardwell and Steve Bardwell at Blackheath Golf Club. Over thirty people attended, showing that it is a popular day and it would be hoped that it will continue on a regular basis.

During the year, two management members retired, Nigel Sterry — Hockey and Peter Dunlop — Rugby. Many thanks for a job well done.

I would be remiss in not mentioning two members who have given sterling service over the years, one retiring, one continuing. The first is Col (Cricket) Jones who is the Honorary Club Auditor and has held the position since 1963, a position which gets very little recognition but is of great importance. Col's years of experience have been a great benefit to the Board and is one of the longest-serving members in an Honorary capacity in the history of the Club — many thanks Col for a job well done and may you carry on the good work for many years to come.

The second is the retiring Honorary Executive Officer, Craig Hickey. Craig has been a member of management since 1967, starting out as assistant treasurer. He has been football chairman twice, Honorary Assistant Executive Officer and finally the Honorary Executive Officer. Over this period, Craig has always been a Club man through and through and always made sure that the Club came first. He received respect from Board and Management with his years of experience, and members were quickly put in their place who unjustifiably 'knock' the Club. I, for one, have appreciated Craig's work and he has been a great help over the past three years. I am sure we all wish Craig a happy retirement.

As I retire at the Annual General Meeting, I would like to thank Board, Management and the members for their co-operation during my term. It is good to see such a good balance of success in administration and sport — it is something which Briars should be proud of.

In conclusion, we record our appreciation for support received from our municipal authorities in Burwood and Concord Councils and the Cumberland College of Health Sciences for the use of their oval during the year.

We extend our congratulations to the successful clubs with whom 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 competition available:—

Sydney Rugby Union
Sydney Suburban Rugby Union
Sydney Hockey Association
Sydney Hockey Umpires' Association
Squash Racquets Association of N.S.W.

Western Suburbs Basketball Association
N.S.W. Cricket Association
Council of Municipal and Shire Clubs
City and Suburban Cricket Association

I. G. S. BLAIR,
President.

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CRICKET REPORT

SEASON 1984 – 1985

It is with pleasure, and pride, that I am able to write the Chairman's Report for the above Season. After the 'let-downs' of the 1983/84 Season when we knew we were the best, but failed to show the results – we are now able to say we are the best, and have the results to prove it !

The achievements of the 1984–85 Season were:

- A Shires Premiers with an undefeated record
- B Shires Minor Premiers and Finalist
- C Shires winners of the Limited Over Competition
after finishing a creditable 6th in the Premiership
- Club Championship Trophy winners
- Winners of the 'Tooheys Cup' 7s competition for the first time.

Success doesn't happen overnight, this Season has been a culmination of many years' efforts. The foundation stone was the establishment of the junior cricket of Croydon – Briars under Kevin Holley and Aldo Cantori, its nurturing and development by Peter Mansford, and the establishment of a close working relationship with Wests for the development of aspiring youth by the late Dave Brooks. There is no doubt in my mind that without the effort of the aforementioned in fostering youth into Briars' cricket, we would now be a 'spent' force and not the 'king-pins' of today.

The effort of the A Shires was absolutely fantastic. From the outset of the Season, they showed that they meant business. I will leave it to Greg Wallace to do the boasting in his Report, however, let me say that, like many of the older Briars, I was very proud to watch the ability and professional competitiveness that the team displayed throughout the Season. A team as gifted with talent as our current A Shires is, can only perform to the heights they have achieved with the right leadership and drive – Greg Wallace is a gifted Captain who displayed all the characteristics of the fine cricketer we know him to be. With Greg at the helm, the future is most promising.

To Peter Richardson and the B Shires team, as 'front-runners' throughout the Season they had the Premiership taken out of their grasp by a solid and determined Canterbury 10th wicket in the Final. The team performed well to get the results, however, there was a tendency to rely far too heavily upon the performances of Steve Staplefeldt – a cricketer who, with a little perseverance, is headed for a lot higher grade of cricket. Let this, however, not detract from the wonderful performance of the team – it takes eleven players to reach a Final – well done fellas, for a fine effort.

The C Shires under the leadership of Peter Lucas and later in the Season, Peter Wallace, performed remarkably well up to the last few rounds, then seemed to falter. However, the end of Season Limited Over Competition saw them again collect lost form to win the Bill Kirsop Shield.

The C & S team's performances during the year were most promising, with the ledger being well and truly in the positive. A stronger core of players capably led by Colin Dennis, Ian Blair and Craig Hickey, has ensured that Briars are able to field competitive opposition in this competition. My thanks to Col Dennis for his dedication in ensuring that another season was enjoyed by all.

On the social side we toured to Wagga over the New Year weekend only to be greeted by, yes again ! — rain ! The tour was naturally disappointing but nevertheless enjoyable — my thanks to Dave and Jann Scoble for the warm hospitality that always awaits us in Wagga.

With BBQ's at the Price household, Steve and Rhonda Schomberg's, and the End of Season function, a close-knit Club was enhanced by such enjoyable evenings — my thanks to all those that offered their houses and services.

The development and introduction of youth into our ranks via the Western Suburbs District Cricket Club was again a telling attribute to our success — Lance Brooks, Mal Croughton and the West's Committee my sincere appreciation. May the close relationship between the Clubs continue to prosper in the years to come. The Dave Brooks Memorial Trophy was founded during the season as a perpetual trophy for the annual SCG game between the two Clubs — in a close game, Wests took out the inaugural honours.

The successes of the past Season were only possible due to the dedicated work of the Committee. My sincere thanks and appreciation to the aforementioned captains, Steve Schomberg, Rod Smith, Gerard Price, Peter Wallace and Peter Mansford, for their help and guidance during the Season.

I am sure Ted Stockdale would be in agreement that, the A Shires, apart from their on-field exploits, excelled themselves in the "afternoon tea" stakes. However, a good "spread" is only rewarded with a Ted Stockdale brew of tea — again, we are indebted to Ted for his loyal support and assistance.

Finally, congratulations to all our opponents that make Shires and City-Suburban the unique competitions they are. The game was played in a fine manner and our congratulations on Premierships well deserved:

- B Shires (Canterbury)
- C Shires (Epping)
- D Shires (Auburn — Lidcombe)

May 1985-86 be as rewarding.

BILL HOOKER (Chairman)

"A" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1984-1985

What an unbelievable season ! Burwood A Grade Shires began the season with a few new faces, a new captain and, most importantly, a whole new attitude. Most players felt they had something to prove after the ordinary team and individual performances of the previous summer. We knew we were the best team in the competition and we were going to make sure every other team had no doubts about it either. This confidence began at the end of the 1983-84 season, when we annihilated each team in the Consolation Cup for the teams not in the Semi-Finals.

Further motivation came at the 1984 Annual Dinner when the "Invincibles" of the 1964 Briars Rugby team were reunited and presented to the Club. We knew we could match their unbeaten record in our forthcoming season and decided, even at that early stage, to be known as the "Unbeatables" when we accomplished this feat. It is now history that we, not only were unbeaten, but proved beyond any doubt that we were far and away the best team in Shires cricket for many years.

Our superiority was not confined to one area of the game or attributed to one or two players. We were outstanding in all four aspects of cricket — batting, bowling, fielding and attitude. This was easy to do as success in one area easily led to success in other areas.

Burwood's batting was very strong, the team scoring in excess of 250 runs in 12 of the 15 games and losing all ten wickets only twice during the rounds. Our bowling was always accurate and penetrating and rarely did an opposing batsman look in control of the situation. As a result only one team scored more than 200 runs against us. The bowlers were well supported by some excellent catching and fielding. Several catches were dropped in the first two games, but after that, only 3 catches were dropped, and 68 taken, for the rest of the season. A remarkable effort that, but it must be attributed to the increase of fielding practice at trainings on Wednesday afternoons.

Burwood's attitude was also excellent. Things like arriving at practice on Wednesdays, taking a share of the responsibilities of organising team gear and setting up the ground for play, all go towards helping a team get in the right frame of mind for the afternoon's cricket. Each player's determination to succeed and confidence in both his and his team mates' abilities ensured that Burwood was going to claim their rightful place at the top of the competition.

The season culminated in one of our most dominating displays. In the final, Burwood recovered from a bad start (2-8) to score a mammoth 398, then bowled Lane Cove out for 139.

The Team —

Garry Schomberg set a club record by scoring the most runs in A grade in a season (809), bettering the old record by 87 runs. He also figured in an unbeaten partnership of 264 runs with Greg Wallace in the opening match of the season against Bexley, for another club record.

Garry batted magnificently throughout the season, scoring three centuries and regularly tearing the opposition attack apart. His better scores were 132 n.o., 64, 91, 155, 52 n.o., 57 and 134 n.o. Garry also took some great reflex catches at short leg and generally fielded very well.

Greg Wallace enjoyed his first season as captain tremendously. It was easy to captain a team in such great form and one that wanted to win so much. Opening the batting, Greg also passed the previous A grade record by scoring 733 runs, including two centuries. As well as the club record partnership with Garry Schomberg, Greg showed his experience by figuring in eight century partnerships throughout the season, including one in both the semi-final and final. His better scores were, 129 n.o., 129 n.o., 96, 72 and 66. Greg also bowled leg spin on occasion and took several vital wickets.

Steve Schomberg loves winning. His attitude to sport is one that inspires all those around him to achieve better results as he always gives a one hundred percent effort and never entertains a negative thought. He would be an asset to any team and is a model for all players in the club to look to. Steve always bowled with great accuracy and had all batsmen in trouble with the amount of swing and cut he achieved. He took at least 4 wickets in an innings on six occasions, his best performance being 5 wickets for 13 runs, off 14 overs against Auburn in a limited over match. As well as his excellent bowling Steve scored two half centuries and took many fine slips catches.

Bart Pozuelo scored 626 runs this season, including two centuries. His 130 in the final combined a determined defence with many glorious attacking shots and was the backbone of Burwood's massive score of 398. His better scores were 133, 92, 68, 57 and 130. Bart also opened the bowling and made plenty of opposing batsmen look second rate with his accurate outswingers. His best performance was in the semi-final when he took 5 wickets in 10 overs to help dismiss Warringah for 92.

Claudio Orlando was a wonderful inspiration to the team with his enthusiastic wicket-keeping. His keenness and faultless keeping was a big part in Burwood being the best fielding side in the competition. Claudio also batted well when he was given a chance late in the season. In the final, Claudio scored his initial A grade half-century with a well compiled 72 and figured in a partnership of 142 with Bart Pozuelo.

Richard Tregagle struggled to get wickets early in the season. The first two games on lifeless pitches followed by four washed out games, saw Richard with only one wicket by Christmas. Generally his bowling was up to his usual high standard but luck continually deserted him. Richard always gave a one hundred percent effort in his bowling, fielding and batting and showed himself to be among the best ground fieldsmen in Shires cricket.

Rod Smith was the mainstay of our slow bowling attack. He showed clever variation in

flight, length and direction and was rewarded with many wickets, including 10 in the match against Roseville. Rod contributed a few useful scores with the bat, his best being a whirlwind 62 not out against Macquarie University when quick runs were needed.

Gerard Price batted very consistently this season. In 13 innings, Gerard was only dismissed 8 times and only failed twice. His fine batting often enabled Burwood to convert a reasonable total into a very good score. This was especially evident against Macquarie University when he scored 68 not out and combined with Rod Smith in a partnership of 115 in only 58 minutes. Gerard, both as vice-captain and as the team's best fieldsman, encouraged everyone to attain a high standard of fielding.

Peter Siebels was one of the finds of the season. In his first season as an opening batsman and his first season in A Shires, he proved to be a more than capable and very determined cricketer. His batting went from strength to strength as his self-confidence increased, as did his fielding. His better scores were 80, 58 and 54. It was unfortunate for the team that Peter couldn't finish the season because of Aussie Rules commitments.

Nigel Sterry bowled very consistently throughout the season and often had opposing batsmen struggling against his accurate bowling. He had particularly fine games against Strathfield and Lane Cove twice. The highlight of his season was the five wickets he took in the final to drive the last nail into the overwhelmed Lane Cove team.

Paul Price improved tremendously as a middle-order batsman this season. He has a very good technique and will continue to improve as his confidence increases. Paul's season finished on a high note, as he scored his first A grade half-century in the final. He began his innings with the score at 2 for 8, but scored an elegant 53, combining with Greg Wallace in a partnership of 116 to get us out of trouble. Paul's fielding was very enthusiastic. He took three excellent catches on the long-on boundary, one of which he held even after colliding with the fence and breaking two ribs.

Ian Blair came out of retirement to fill in several times during the season and held his position for both the semi-final and final. It was very pleasing to have Ian in the premiership winning team as he has contributed so much to Briars Sporting Club over the years and more particularly to the A Shire's cricket team as captain for the last 8 years.

Bill Hooker, as Cricket Chairman for the past 2 years, is greatly responsible for the club spirit that is obvious in Briars Cricket teams. His organisational and administrative skills, together with hard work, make everything run smoothly and his keenness for the game of cricket has rubbed off onto all players. Thank you for a job well done. Bill also played one A grade match, scored a valuable 19 runs and fielded very effectively.

Ted Stockdale was Burwood's number one supporter. It is so important to have someone as

enthusiastic, experienced and reliable as Ted to organise the afternoon teas and give the players encouragement and advice when it is needed.

Andrew Macky, Dave Young and David Jamieson all gave their best when they played in the team. Their effort was appreciated.

And now to 1985-86, another successful season !

GREG WALLACE

'A' SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Lost O/R	Won 1st	Lost 1st	Washed Out	Points	Position
15	—	—	11	—	4	62	1st

Runs For	Wickets For	Average For	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average Against	Quotient
3974	100	39.74	1946	117	16.63	2.39

BATTING

Name	No. Inns.	N.O.	Highest Score	50's	100's	Aggregate	Average	Catches
G. Schomberg	16	3	155	5	3	809	62.2	8
G. Wallace	16	3	129	no 3	2	733	56.4	8
B. Pozuelo	13	1	133	3	2	626	52.2	4
S. Schomberg	8	3	64	2	—	223	44.6	8
G. Price	13	5	68	no 1	—	319	39.9	7
P. Siebels	10	—	80	3	—	324	32.4	2
R. Tregear	6	4	13	no —	—	49	24.5	4
P. Price	10	2	53	1	—	182	22.8	3
R. Smith	9	2	62	no 1	—	143	20.4	3
C. Orlando	9	—	72	1	—	178	19.8	20C/3S
N. Skerry	4	3	11	no —	—	17	17.0	3

Catches

Also Batted —	D. Young	1 for 37	2
	W. Hooker	1 for 19	—
	I. Blair	5 for 38	3
	A. Macky	4 for 27	—
	D. Jamieson	1 for 0	—

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best	5 Wkts/innings
S. Schomberg	152.3	55	346	30	11.5	6-52	2
B. Pozuelo	93.2	24	274	17	16.1	5-44	1
R. Smith	120.5	21	328	20	16.4	5-40	2
N. Sterry	111.5	22	335	15	22.3	5-30	1
R. Tregaeagle	126.2	23	390	17	22.9	4-43	—
G. Wallace	48.2	8	163	7	23.3	3-42	—

Also Bowled — G. Price 0 for 21

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“B” SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1984—1985

The “B” Shires team continued in the 1984/85 season as a major force in the competition, completing the preliminary rounds as minor premiers and advancing to the finals for the fourth time in the last five years. However, for the second consecutive year the team was denied the ultimate achievement by the slimmest of margins.

Undoubtedly, the strength of the side was based on a particularly effective middle and lower batting order centred around David Young, David Jamison, David Trewin, Steve Stapelfeldt and David Baccarini regularly filling the positions from 3rd to 7th wicket, with the last three, together with Adam Lax, when available, providing an efficient bowling attack supported once again by above average fielding capabilities. In a team, which over recent years, has derived its success as a result of the harmonious blending of the talents and enthusiasm of individuals, it would be remiss this season not to mention the outstanding individual performances of Steve Stapelfeldt, which are dealt with in greater detail in the player profiles and statistics.

Having completed the preliminary rounds as worthy minor premiers, the path through to the finals met with considerable misfortune and disruption, as a result of injuries to David Jamison (semi-final), Adam Lax (both games) and captain Peter Richardson, who was unable to participate in the second day of the final as a result of a car accident. Despite these adversities, the team responded particularly well in two games of typically fluctuating fortunes.

In a rain delayed semi-final at Roseville Park, Burwood lost the toss and having been asked to bat on a difficult wicket we were in immediate trouble at 3 for 2, and later, 6 for 41 (David Young 34) before a typical rearguard acting from Steve Stapelfeldt (27), David Trewin (29), David Baccarini (70) and not the least at all, Adam Lax, who contributed 17 not

out in a last wicket partnership of 72, saw the side reach a well-compiled 203. The following week Roseville, under sustained pressure, failed to respond to the challenge reaching only 135 after, at one stage being 8 for 41 (Adam Lax 4 for 16 off 14 overs, Steve Stapelfeldt 5 for 54 off 24 overs).

The final was played against our old adversaries, Canterbury at Lance Hutchinson Oval. Winning the toss, Burwood elected to bat and were comfortably placed at 4 for 125 (Peter Mansford 20, Paul Simpson 23 and David Young 32) before an uncharacteristic middle and late order collapse culminated in a final score restricted to a moderate 165, of which David Jamison contributed a solid 45. In the time that remained on the first day, Canterbury appeared set for a large first innings total with an opening stand of 58, before David Trewin with a totally inspired performance, bowled well above his ability to have the opposition in trouble at 6 for 90 at stumps. The match was thus evenly poised as it entered the second day, but with three quick wickets from Steve Stapelfeldt for only one run, Canterbury were 42 runs in arrears with only one wicket in hand. In a tense session prior to lunch, the final paid gradually whittled away the deficit to pass our total and lead by 15 runs. The efforts of David Trewin (4 for 56 off 24 overs) and Steve Stapelfeldt (5 for 71 off 32 overs) were particularly fine performances. In a desperate effort to secure a win in the time that remained, Burwood declared at 7 for 149 off 30 overs, but on a docile wicket we were unable to make significant inroads into Canterbury's second innings, which reached 4 for 132 at the close of play. Congratulations to Canterbury on a well deserved win.

Despite the disappointment of the final day, the B's derived particular satisfaction in contributing to the winning of the club championship. Our congratulations also to Greg Wallace and his youthful A side for their achievement in winning the A Grade premiership in such a dominating manner.

Once again, thanks to Bill Hooker, who contributed so much to the achievement during the year through his usual efficient administration of the sport, to my fellow selectors for the hours of thoughtful deliberation which took place behind the scenes, and to Ted Stockdale and Chris Mitchell for their continued and very much appreciated support.

The players who contributed most to the team during the season were as follows:—

Peter Richardson (Captain) — Experienced a comparatively poor season with the bat, on seven occasions failing to reach double figures and on no occasion taking his score beyond 30. Disappointing season culminating in missing the second day of the final after aggravating a nagging lower back injury. Recaptured form of old in taking ten catches close to the wicket in the latter half of the season.

Peter Mansford — Joined the B's in the ninth round after early unavailability for business reasons, and immediately proceeded to give the stability to the early batting, being dismissed cheaply only once in eight completed innings. The unflappable manner in which Peter goes about his game provides staunch support and an example to a team where youth predominates.

Paul Simpson — Still at school, Paul in his first year with the club showed considerable promise. Despite giving the appearance of a lack of concentration early in his innings, was most consistent. However, needs to apply himself into converting a good start into bigger scores as evidenced by his inability to carry any of his nine entries into the 20's, to a score of 40 or more.

David Young — Started the season in good form earning a promotion to the A's in mid-season. Later returned to the side and demonstrated the "big match" temperament missing in previous years, with confident innings in the finals series; in particular, his aggressive innings of 34 on a rain-affected wicket against Roseville in the semi-final set the side on the path to recovery, after a disastrous start.

David Jamison — After a period of hibernation in C. & S, David returned to Shires and immediately impressed with consistent batting displays in the middle order, often being called upon to bolster the batting after moderate starts by the earlier batsmen. This was no better exemplified than in the final when David played a virtual lone hand during a late order first innings collapse, scoring 45 valuable runs in a most determined manner. A most welcome return to the Shire's fold from this experienced player.

David Trewin — Together with David Jamison, provided the stability in the lower order, so often needed. Very much suited to wickets with the ball coming on to the bat, David has an ability to score runs freely in the arc from backward square to mid wicket, a skill not often seen in this grade of cricket. Although not a prolific wicket taker, David's bowling was marked by a determination which is a characteristic of his whole approach to the game, no better evidenced than in the final, where in the absence of Adam Lax, our main strike bowler, David gave a typical wholehearted performance, providing the spearhead late on the first day to have Canterbury reeling at stumps, after a good start. Took some very good catches in slips and showed his good all-round cricket knowledge in providing thoughtful advice as vice-captain.

Steve Stapelfeldt — The 1984/85 season witnessed the conversion of Steve Stapelfeldt from a player of immense raw potential into a mature, thinking cricketer who was unquestionably the outstanding player of the side and arguably of the B Shire competition. In statistical terms, Steve headed the averages and aggregates for both batting and bowling; however, his full value lies in the manner of his performance with an exceptional ability to turn a match with both bat and ball. This was illustrated in the game against Lane Cove, who after proceeding comfortably to be 1 for 67, were suddenly 6 for 67, after Steve burst upon the scene with 4 wickets off consecutive balls. Undoubtedly, Steve will not contribute significantly to the group of outstanding young cricketers who currently comprise our A grade side.

David Baccarini — After a slow start given limited opportunities with the bat, when six completed innings produced only 40 runs, David proceeded to a late season onslaught, culminating in a magnificent 70 in the semi-final, when with admirable support from the tail enders, converted a precarious score line of 7 for 90 to a total of 203. Proved a reliable,

economical first change support to the opening bowlers with the ability to secure a vital breakthrough. Continued to provide a good example to others with his anticipation in the covers.

Adam Lax — In a season dogged by unavailability, Adam nevertheless, contributed significantly in the games he played including hauls during the preliminary rounds of seven and six wickets respectively against the ultimate semi-finalists Canterbury and Roseville. Adam continued his exceptional record in the end of season big matches in taking 4 for 16 off 14 overs in the semi-final, before succumbing to a severe ankle injury which precluded his participation in the final.

Brett Smith — Joined the side as wicket-keeper in the fifth round, and particularly in the initial stages, showed glimpses of potential which if to be fully realised, needs to be combined with a higher level of concentration. In limited opportunities with the bat, helped save the side from trouble on a couple of occasions. Often contributed to the development of the team's senior players with helpful advice.

Paul Lang — A dedicated young player in his first year with the club. Apart from a particularly fine innings of 60 not out on an under-prepared wicket against Warringah, experienced some difficulty on the quicker paced wickets, a problem which should be alleviated with more experience.

Peter Wallace — Perhaps lacking the pace and consistency necessary for a front line opening bowler in B's, nevertheless Peter is an honest toiler with the ability to provide the occasional unplayable ball. A good team man, Peter was particularly sound in the field, taking a couple of very good outfield catches.

Other players making limited appearances in the season were Mark Wright (6 games), Craig Smith (5), Paul Price (4), Brad Wilson (3), Paul Mattick (3), Andrew Macky (3), Garry Holmes (2), Brett Howle (2), Alan Thompson (2) and Peter Siebels (1).

"B" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
15	2	8	3	2	66	2nd
Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average	
2875	115	25.00	2362	141	16.75	

BATTING (x Not Out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	50's	Aggregate	Average	Catches
S. Stapelfeldt	14	3	69	2	408	37.1	5
D. Jamieson	13	4	45	—	275	30.5	3
D. Young	11	1	81	2	295	29.5	3
D. Trewin	13	1	58	2	336	28.0	7
D. Baccarini	14	4	70	1	202	20.2	4
P. Simpson	16	—	39	—	316	19.8	5
P. Mansford	8	—	30	—	144	18.0	1
P. Richardson	17	1	30	—	236	14.8	10
P. Lang	10	1	60 x	1	125	14.3	8

Also Batted

Catches

Catches

P. Price	5 for 167	2	P. Siebels	1 for 12	—
P. Mattick	3 for 61	1	A. Macky	4 for 46	—
G. Holmes	2 for 42	—	B. Howle	2 for 10	—
B. Wilson	3 for 63	1	A. Lax	3 for 18	2
P. Wallace	5 for 35	5	C. Smith	2 for 18	2
B. Smith	8 for 60	11C/1S	A. Thompson	1 for 0	—
M. Wright	6 for 80	3			

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
S. Stapelfeldt	230.1	42	626	52	12.0
A. Lax	128.2	33	332	27	12.3
D. Baccarini	157.2	41	435	28	15.5
D. Trewin	146.0	39	370	15	24.7
P. Wallace	95.0	17	265	10	26.5

Also Bowled:

C. Smith	8 for 121	P. Mattick	1 for 42
A. Thompson	3 for 63	B. Wilson	1 for 56
D. Simpson	3 for 80	A. Macky	0 for 100
P. Price	2 for 61	P. Lang	0 for 4

"C" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1984-1985

After being runners-up in the 1983-84 season great expectations were held for the new season for "C" shires. Despite having a number of new faces to settle into the team the season could not have started better. We beat the young Epping Ill's outright in the first round and then defeated the formidable Epping I's on first innings in Round 3. This was a particularly pleasing result as we rolled their strong batting line up for only 147 and despite a minor middle-order collapse, passed their score with the loss of only six wickets.

Round 4 saw us playing Warringah at Weldon. This saw the usual "C" grade collapse after being 1 for 113 we were all out for 152. However, rain and bad light prevented our bowlers having a crack at the Warringah batsmen.

With a few games under their belts, a couple of the new boys were ready to show their potential. After winning the toss against Wentworthville, we declared at 6 for 276, Brett Howle and Brad Pillinger batting superbly for 75 x & 51 respectively. However, their innings were overshadowed by a magnificent 95 by Paul Mattick. Paul then struck with three quick wickets at the end of the first day. We easily obtained the first innings points on the second day. However, if we had not dropped 14 catches on the second day, we would have had a very easy outright.

The next match saw the old hands, Peter Mansford, Ian Blair and Bill Hooker tear the Lindfield bowlers apart as we built up a score of 4 dec. for 269. In spite of a late start the second week we dismissed Lindfield for 129. We set Lindfield 141 to win off 18 overs. A number of dropped catches enabled Lindfield to obtain the outright. We had butchered another outright.

The last before Christmas saw us field a weakened side against Pennant Hills. Numerous dropped catches saw Pennant Hills score 288 with M. Clarke and C. Smith putting in gallant bowling performances in the heat. Two stupid run-outs and most batsmen getting starts but not going on with the job saw Michael Clarke join Herman Hipiteuw at the crease with the score at 9 for 243, with defeat seemingly close at hand. However, with Clarke showing batting skill never seen before, he and Hermy moved the score past the 250, then 260 and then towards 270. Everyone started to ask "could Herman and Clarke do the near impossible and score the runs to snatch victory". Unfortunately, Herman was dismissed just 15 runs short of victory. Clarke, whose previous highest score for the club was 4 not out, remained unbeaten on 12. In doing so he had more than doubled his runs in Shires cricket.

To say our results after Christmas were overall disappointing is an understatement. Negative cricket against Lane Cove cost an outright after dismissing them for 50 in the first innings. Dropped catches allowed Canterbury to score 285. After Canterbury agreed to forfeit their second innings we declared our first innings at 9 for 85. We snatched outright points with some brilliant second innings batting by C. Smith (50x), T. Bikou (56) and P. Lucas (42).

We defeated Auburn easily in a one-day game but once again we dropped a number of catches.

Then the wheels really fell off. A number of catches were dropped to allow lowly placed Roseville to score 330. Poor first innings batting left us with no chance of gaining points. Then poor batting saw us score only 163 against Strathfield which was just not enough.

This meant that we needed to beat leaders Baulkham Hills outright to ensure a place in the semi-finals. On a cold afternoon we were put into bat and were all out for 150. However, we struck back to have Baulkham Hills 4 for 24 at stumps. Unfortunately, on a hot second day, some inept bowling and fielding saw Baulkham Hills score 254, to end any chance of us making the semi-finals.

So what went wrong? Certainly our fielding during the season was at best, disgusting. We dropped over 80 catches during the season. YES 80 CATCHES DROPPED !!! But the most disappointing part of the season was the lack of commitment by some players. On numerous occasions players would arrive at the ground just prior to the commencement of play. The most disturbing thing was that this was often the more senior members of the team.

I hope the "C" grade captain for the 1985-86 season is given 100 percent commitment and support by his players.

I must thank Bill Hooker, Greg Wallace, Steve Schomberg and Peter Richardson for their support during the season.

Peter Lucas: Paid the price late in the season of trying to play with injuries.

Herman Hipiteuw (V-Capt) (Wkt): Started the season in good form but unfortunately joined the rest of the team in dropping vital catches.

Paul Mattick: Except for his 95 against Wenty had a disappointing season with the bat. Bowled superbly early in the season before going to B's. The best fieldsman in the team.

Alan Thompson: Still one of the best "C" grade bowlers in Shires cricket. Brought laughter to the rest of the team in his attempts to get his body behind the ball when fielding.

Michael Clarke: Continues to improve as a spin bowler. Showed what a class bat he is with fine innings of 12x and 4x against Pennant Hills and Epping 11's respectively. Gary Schomberg beware, Clarke is gunning for your spot.

Craig Smith: Earned the status of an all-rounder with his performances during the season. Must learn to control his language on the field.

Tom Bikou: New player to the club. Proved himself to be a very strong leg-side player. Must work a lot harder on his fielding.

Brett Howle: Had a successful first-up season as a middle-order batsman. Must work harder on his fielding.

Stuart Lind: A true clubman. Unfortunately could not gain a regular spot in the team but always gave 100%. Will definitely benefit from the club having a D grade team.

Neil Pollard: New player to the club. Considering he had not played cricket for a number of years, he showed definite ability. Will improve if he makes himself available all season.

Thanks also to: P. Wallace, D. Collister, N. Dimas, A. Maher, L. Moore, J. Drayton, S. Davy, P. Mansford, S. Staplefeldt, A. Lax, L. Holmes, B. Pillinger, B. Smith, I. Blair, W. Hooker, S. Craden, M. Wright, A. Cantori, L. Beddoe, R. Streeter, P. Lang and A. Macky.

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"C" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won D/R	Won 1st	Lost D/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Tied	Points	Position
17	2	7	1	5	1	1	48	6th

Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average
3215	153	21.01	3356	187	17.95

BATTING (x Not Out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	50's	Aggregate	Avge	Catches
R. Streeter	10	—	90	2	269	26.90	6
P. Mansford	6	—	58	1	159	26.50	6
C. Smith	10	3	50x	1	180	25.71	11
T. Bikou	13	1	56	1	283	23.58	3
P. Lucas	14	2	58	1	280	23.33	5
P. Lang	7	—	36	—	131	18.71	3
N. Pollard	8	3	25x	—	91	18.20	1
B. Howle	15	3	75x	1	203	16.92	4
P. Mattick	12	2	95	1	168	16.80	7

"C" Shire Statistics (Contd.)

<u>Also Batted:</u>			<u>Catches</u>		
A. Cantori	9 for 108	3	S. Lind	7 for 31	1
B. Pillinger	3 for 102	—	M. Clarke	6 for 18	2
G. Holmes	5 for 94	1	I. Blair	1 for 54	1
H. Hipiteuw	9 for 86	24/4s	D. Collister	2 for 41	4
M. Wright	2 for 98	1	N. Dimas	6 for 11	3
A. Macky	4 for 70	1	A. Maher	1 for 15	—
P. Wallace	7 for 72	4	J. Drayton	4 for 14	1
A. Thompson	8 for 56	3	S. Cruden	2 for 13	—
W. Hooker	3 for 72	2	S. Davy	1 for 18	1
S. Staplefeldt	1 for 44	1	N. Anderson	1 for 1	1
A. Lax	1 for 22	1	G. Hooker	1 for 1	—
B. Smith	1 for 9	—	W. Cook	1 for 0	—
G. Beddoe	1 for 1	—	G. Cassano	1 for 0	—
B. Earl	1 for 21	1	B. Wilson	1 for 63	—

BOWLING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
P. Wallace	87.3	15	241	21	11.48
A. Thompson	222.2	80	490	41	11.95
P. Mattick	185.2	53	474	37	12.81
C. Smith	193	43	646	32	20.19
M. Clarke	140	17	480	18	26.67

<u>Also Bowled:</u>		S. Cruden	7 for 137	A. Maher	1 for 19
		N. Pollard	5 for 126	N. Dimas	1 for 59
		S. Staplefeldt	5 for 98	P. Lang	0 for 36
		I. Blair	4 for 63	G. Holmes	0 for 57
		A. Lax	3 for 48	B. Wilson	0 for 6
		A. Macky	3 for 163	W. Hooker	1 for 41
		G. Beddoe	0 for 12	G. Moore	0 for 10
		G. Hooker	0 for 19	N. Anderson	0 for 9

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CITY & SUBURBAN CRICKET REPORT

SEASON 1984-1985

During the intensive and emotionally charged team meetings that were held early in the season, the strategists determined that the gentlemen of the C. & S. should set out to achieve the following personal and team objectives.

1. To eliminate bickering and spiteful comments.
2. To get to the game at least before the completion of the first over.
3. Having won on the field, to not subsequently lose more than one match as a result of the scorebook failing to balance in our favour.
4. To show more racial tolerance.

Now it should be noted that the Official Captain attempted to have included performance related objectives. To do with things like batting, bowling, catching, running between wickets and suchlike. The strategists, having taken counsel from The Honourable Mitchell, pooh-poohed such suggestions and a motion of no-confidence in the Official Captain was carried unanimously for the fifth straight season, which took care of objective number five on the spot.

Just before commencing the preparation of this report, I spoke with the teams Cabinet, so that there could be some real consensus about how we had performed in meeting these objectives.

This was a bad mistake, as the diversity of opinion created such nasty conflict and ill-feeling that nothing could be resolved at all.

I will just have to wait until everyone's talking again, before I can make any further analysis of how successful we were in handling the number one objective. But the side did settle down and we only lost the first four matches before stunning the Cricketers Club with a great victory at Rothwell Park.

Mr. Ian Blair hardly said a nasty word in scoring 62 runs in majestic fashion. Indeed the whole said was really happy, even though the Cricketers Club had lost their second wicket prior to the arrival of both our opening bowlers, together with Messrs. Hickey and Friday as I recall, who were pretty angry that the Official Captain had allowed proceedings to get away at 1.40 p.m. without them.

Objective two was discussed again at the tea break. But amidst some spiteful comments, they claimed that they were at the ground having a smoke in the shed before the end of the first over, so that they were technically within the terms of the objective. You can't give these people any room. Both opening bowlers on this day, Mr. David Guille and Mr.

David Wright had modest success this season, but Mr. Wright's several good performances earned him enough in match payments to abandon his teaching responsibilities and set off around the world for nine months.

Although neither Mr. Wright nor Mr. Guille topped the bowling performances, statistically the averages were a triumph for our new found racial tolerance.

Two gentlemen of Ethnic origin headed the lists for the first time and even Mr. Ireland and Dr. Walker were complimentary about their command of English.

Both Nick and Terry, as they prefer to be addressed performed consistently well. Nick topped the bowling and ran up 205 runs for the season as well. Terry qualified for C. & S. history with consecutive sixes off the last two balls of the match to defeat Old Sydnyans, and actually enjoyed fielding, which is even more remarkable.

Sadly, some of Nick's quieter moments in the field tended to produce some ugly Ockerisms. The team defended a rebuke by the Official Captain, claiming constructive criticism. But some damage was inflicted on objectives one and four. Some of these better performances had, by mid-season, lifted our performance to such an extent that our record showed five wins from eleven matches. Quite a turnaround. But disaster was only narrowly averted in the match against Yaralla when former gentleman, Mr. Peter Burt took charge of the score book. Only a runner and the team's internal Auditor saved us. Leaving objective three intact; but only just.

Once again the team rallied against the Official Captain, arguing that they were appalled that a non-player should have been placed in charge of the book, in a crucial match, when both of his sons were at the wicket and with Mr. Holley as the supervisor.

Fortunately, the Official Captain's Mum and Dad were present, so the final vote was only ten to three in the team's favour. Mr. Holley incidentally made eight welcome appearances and looks like a future Official Captain. He was, however, not present several matches later, when Mr. Peter Burt again slipped in, unnoticed to the scoring seat. Objective three was not threatened at all on this occasion as he managed to turn defeat into a draw, but I am not going to identify the match as the Trade Practices people are just itching for some action. And so the season wore on, and the objectives became more strained. Mr. Watts, filling in as Official Captain won some tosses, but lost sight of Objective One when he actually yelled at the players about their poor performance. All out for 55 is not so bad.

I understand Mr. Chegwyn, with a double figure score on the day, started a walk out. It was only the cool heads of Mr. Colin and Mr. David Blair, who both wanted a bowl, that restored some harmony. They both got an over each, which seemed fair enough.

It's hard to fathom the team's standards at times. On one occasion, they turned on Mr. Kersey (who took six extremely valuable wickets) over his cap, which is not precisely in the

Briar's colours. It's a great cap, colourful, flamboyant and Mr. Kersey wears it with great dignity. But I was accused of biased mateship and told to smarten up my attitudes. They insisted that he be fined heavily by our St. George opponents, and he was, leaving the Official Captain without any respect at all. Having attained a near 50% winning record at Christmas, we subsequently held onto that, finishing with ten wins from the twenty-three completed matches, with two drawn games.

I would expect that Mr. Ireland's form will return next season, and it's probably time for him to be rewarded with a new position in the batting line-up.

Mr. Yeomans continues to plug away economically and should be left to bowl for longer spells. Mr. Guille was troubled by the onset of old age elbow and if not fully recovered next season, might bowl some slow stuff.

I'd like to see Mr. Moller more available, as we could use his penetration. Dr. Walker will continue to amaze us with his great keeping skills for some time to come, and should enjoy the job next season, with the promise of keeping to Mr. Ross Howarth, who really looks the goods as an off-spinner. He'll bag plenty of wickets if we can entice him out on a regular basis.

The Official Captain plans to play some golf next summer, but will, no doubt, be available to take seven wickets in an innings again, somewhere. The new Official Captain can look forward to the same support that I have received, as I now move into the Inner Cabinet and onto the Strategy Board.

CITY & SUBURBAN STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
23	10	11	2
Runs For	Runs Against	Wickets For	Wickets Against
2704	2856	159	188

Batting Averages (Minimum ten innings)

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Average
T. O'Kane	12	2	55x	211	23.44
I. Blair	11	—	62	232	21.09
N. Dimas	11	—	60	205	18.63
C. Dennis	15	2	62	241	18.53

Batting Averages (Contd.)

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Average
C. Hickey	21	—	69	350	16.66
D. Walker	17	2	44x	215	14.33
A. Chegwyn	10	3	29	88	12.57
D. Guille	10	—	23	123	12.30
D. Wright	10	1	15	45	5.00
M. Watts	12	—	21	56	4.66

Also Batted:	W. Hooker	3—60	C. Blair	5—12
	P. Dunlop	1—2	R. Moller	1—1
	K. Price	1—14	J. Patterson	1—0
	B. How	1—0	B. Smith	1—23
	L. Edwards	3—8	P. Friday	3—1
	D. Blair	7—9	R. Smith	1—1
	G. Ireland	9—67	G. Price	1—0
	P. Simpson	1—0	R. Kersey	5—26
	L. Yeomans	7—34	B. Pozuelo	3—49
	J. Barrett	2—34	S. Lind	4—9
	D. Jamieson	1—4	D. Holley	3—90
	R. Howarth	3—24	P. Mansford	1—15
	J. Kelly	1—3	J. Akle	1—1
	N. Young	1—0	T. Bikou	1—4
	K. Holley	8—124	J. Edmonds	1—20
	T. Burt	4—51	M. Walker	1—12
	G. Young	2—11	C. Walker	1—9
	A. Lax	2—5	J. Dimas	1—1
	C. Burt	2—0		

Bowling Averages:

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
N. Dimas	83	10	22	251	11.41
D. Wright	125	13	29	391	13.48
C. Dennis	57	7	18	261	14.50
D. Guille	39	4	9	157	17.44
L. Yeomans	75	16	12	264	22.00
D. Blair	27	4	5	118	23.60
R. Kersey	24	1	6	148	24.66
K. Holley	47	3	5	202	40.40

Bowling Averages (Contd.)

Also Bowled:	K. Price	3-39	B. Pozuelo	7-108
	L. Edwards	0-24	I. Blair	1-31
	M. Watts	0-8	P. Wallace	2-35
	T. O'Kane	0-7	G. Young	5-54
	R. Moller	3-116	A. Lax	4-54
	C. Blair	2-58	N. Young	1-30
	R. Smith	1-19	G. Ireland	0-12
	C. Hickey	2-26	S. Lind	2-26
	G. Price	2-20	R. Howarth	4-38

Honours List:

Best Batting Average	:	T. O'Kane	23.44
Highest Score	:	C. Hickey	69
Highest Aggregate	:	C. Hickey	350
Best Bowling Average	:	N. Dimas	11.41
Most Wickets In Season	:	D. Wright	29
Most Wickets In Innings	:	C. Dennis	7
Most Catches in Season	:	D. Guille, D. Walker	4

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FOOTBALL ANNUAL REPORT 1985

The 1985 Rugby Season, while a significant improvement on the previous season, was, as far as on-field performance, mediocre. Our results were as follows:

Club Championship	5th
Kentwell Cup	Grand Finalists
Burke Cup	7th
Whiddon Cup	4th
Judd Cup	9th
Sutherland Cup	7th

Football Annual Report (Contd.)

Without doubt, the highlight of the season was the performance of the Kentwell Cup side. Although beaten in the Grand Final, it was Briars first appearance in the decider for twenty years. More important, was the style of play adopted by the side. To succeed in pressure football, you must have as many options as possible. Traditionally, Briars have been strong in forward play. This last season, Kentwell added backline play, scoring many existing tries, surprising our opposition, who had grown used to our style of play. The credit for adopting the fifteen man rugby style of play must go to Bruce Robinson and his assistant Rex Harris. Both have spent innumerable hours studying Briars and opposition teams styles of play, enabling them to maximise Kentwell's performance. The pleasure that both players and spectators derived from Kentwell this season was due to the dedication of Bruce and Rex — thank you.

Our Whiddon Cup players appear to like to perform every five years; this year's side made the semis for the first time since 1980. Prior to that, it was 1975. The side was consistent throughout the season, peaking close to the semis. However, success eluded them when it was required.

Our other sides had mixed seasons, at times giving hope of success at play off time, only to mix good performances with mediocrity. Peter Dunlop emphasised the need to win in last year's report; we have not accomplished this object as yet. While participation and effort form part of the overall Rugby philosophy, it is the need to win which must prevail. This can only come from the players themselves, no-one else.

If we didn't win cups, it was no fault of our coaching staff. The efforts of Bruce and Rex, I have mentioned. Dusty Saunders' performance in getting Whiddon to the semis was very commendable and the effort and dedication of Phil England, Warren Rann and Billy Burns was not rewarded by our on-field performances.

One competition which we won hands down was in team management. David Blair, Charlie Williams, Ray Tuffin and Doug Staniforth's efforts were magnificent. As if managing a rugby team is not a large enough contribution, each participated in other areas:—

- * David Blair, member of the Sydney Suburban Rugby Union Executive Committee.
- * Charlie Williams, helped the running of the home game canteen.
- * Ray Tuffin, Club trainer, responsible for the low injury toll the club has experienced over the last two seasons.
- * Doug Staniforth, purchased all Rugby gear, set-up of home games, jointly ran home games canteen.

Briars Rugby was well served by its committee in 1985. The efforts can be highlighted as follows:—

- * Financially, Rugby more than met its budget. The home game canteen attained record takings, which reflects the work of Chris Murray and Doug Staniforth. Other major fund-raising activities were carried out by Larry Thompson, through one major raffle plus raffles at each home game.
- * A pre-season recruitment campaign attracted new faces to the club, including Kentwell Cuppers, Gary Neate, Greg Mitchell and Ross MacLean. The brains behind the campaign was Bruce Robinson, while John Jessup carried out the logistics to perfection. J.J. also proved his versatility by being deputy chairman as well as Jaffle maker.
- * Rugby continued to support all club functions, with major support for both the annual ball and the Briars Dinner. One aspect which has deteriorated is the after match social participation by players. I believe this aspect is here to stay, as it is a common symptom amongst all Rugby clubs, in the main due to R.B.T.

To formally end the Rugby year, our presentation night was held at Massey Park Golf Club – one hundred people attending. Thank you Larry Thompson for organising all aspects of Rugby's social calendar.

So, 1985 has come and gone; what about the future?

In the short-term, provided we keep our current players, coaches and administrators, we will continue to be competitive, without domination.

Our long term prospects will depend solely on our ability to attract new blood to the club. The current crop of players are getting older, so the prospects of running out of Golden Oldies seems unlikely. The future lies in the local area, the school venue being the most attractive. To successfully achieve recruitment through the school medium, we need a very strong administration base, which can cope with the added work load. Our current resources are stretched to the limit, so new administration blood must surface.

Rugby is at the crossroads. It has a base for success in the future provided more players and members are willing to become involved in the short-term for long-term success.

TONY WIZNIAK

KENTWELL CUP FOOTBALL REPORT

Despite losing 20–10 to Matraville in the Grand Final, the 1985 Season was certainly a success story for the Kentwell Cup team. Highlights of the season were –

- Grandfinalists
- Defeating Colleagues 28–0 in the semi-final

– An all-time record score in Kentwell Cup, when the team won 72–0.

– Scoring 65 tries in the season including 9 in the finals.

The team scored 396 points to 189 against.

I believe the success of the team compared to last year's can be attributed to a number of factors. We recruited some very good new players and the club owes a lot to Owen Moore for encouraging his mates to have a game with the Briars. There certainly was a lot more dedication to fitness, both pre-season and during the season – two nights a week training is a must for Kentwell Cup. Backline play continued to develop (look at the number of tries!) and some less experienced players of previous years became valuable contributors to the team. Finally, and I believe most importantly, the team was not prepared to settle for second best. It's been a long time since a Briars team came off the ground after winning by 20 points and been very disappointing in the way they played. The expectations of the team was such that anything but total effort and concentration was not good enough.

As a coach I was most pleased to see our football skills develop in three particular areas. Undoubtedly, the moves developed within the backline complemented the big, hard running back, who, at times, devastated the opposition. Line-outs skills improved dramatically despite still having no "big" men, whilst the rolling maul by the Briars forwards completely outclassed opposing teams.

For next season we must continue to look to recruitment, particularly we need those big second row/back row forwards in line-outs. A more consistent approach to the goal kicking task throughout the club again is essential. There is also a fundamental need to introduce a programme for the younger players in the club who have the basic requirements of size and speed to more quickly develop their individual skills and positional play. I'm sure we have 4 or 5 players in the lower grades that, given the proper direction and encouragement could make the top team and Phil England certainly showed the way at the end of the season.

Before looking at the individual contributors to the team, special mention must be made of Tony Wozniak and Terry O'Kane who were selected and played in the representative team; Brent Cash who was selected but could not play; Garry Neate, who deservedly won the best and fairest and added significantly to our forward skills and Joe Lancuba whose final series effort demonstrated to all that he was the best half in the competition.

The team was:—

Aron Maher/Full back — Improved greatly this year in all his skills and positional play. Is going to be one of the stars in 1986.

David Guille — Fullback. Top effort to come back late in the season and made a more than significant contribution. David may look 40 but played like a 25 year old.

Brent Cash — Wing. Scored 13 tries and undoubtedly could succeed in grade football. Great season.

Ross MacLaine — Wing. Bigger than all the forwards and faster than all the backs, Ross was a great acquisition. Should play in the representative team next year and I hope he brings a few of his Lane Cove mates with him.

Owen Moore — Centre. Devastating player who had all the opposition bluffed. Got a lot more room this year and took every advantage.

Mal Webber — Centre. What a comeback — The Michael Hawker of the Briars, Mal always made the advantage line. Great defensive effort throughout the season.

Tony Cooper — Five-eight. Very skilful player who was the perfect link. A late season injury was a tremendous blow. Combined his skill with a big heart.

Brian Hurley — Centre. Went on a weight training program in the off season. That was certainly noticeable - he put on weight ! A change in program will see Brian with the Kentwell Cup next year.

Peter H. Hansen — Five-eight. Harry played two seasons — the first bit and the last bit. Great hands and showed his defensive expertise in the final against the mountains. Perhaps a full season next year Harry ?

Joe Lancuba — Half. If everyone showed the same dedication and will to win as Joe, we would win every game. A quite gifted player who is now the complete half back.

Bob Bishop — Lock. A number of serious injuries interrupted Bob's game this year but I've no doubt he still has one big year left. Talent is ageless Bob.

John Jessup — Breakaway. Went on the same program as Brian. By the end of the season JJ was back to his very best.

Garry Neate — Breakaway. Came to the Briars to get fit before going to grade and stayed the season — thank goodness for that. A truly great player who undoubtedly could play 1st Grade in any competition in Australia. Will be sorely missed next year.

Peter Dunlop — Second Row. Probably his best season with the club. Gets better as he gets older and concentrated this year more on the game than on the man — well done, Peter.

Greg Mitchell — Second Row. One of the hardest men I've seen on the field. Did immense damage to the opposition with his tackling, as well as to his own team. Will be devastating in the back row next year.

Gordon Pegler — Second Row. Another hard man who I'm very pleased to see as part of the team. A magic two games against Colleagues and the Blue Mountains.

Paul Bevins — Prop. Received an offer to go to Matraville as they think he is part of them — or vice versa. Very good season unfortunately interrupted by work commitments.

John Healey — Prop/Second Row. Great skills, great heart, great man. That about sums up John.

Tony Wozniak — Prop. Undoubtedly instrumental in the success of the team with his drive and dedication. Proved to all subbies that he was the best.

Terry O'Kane — Hooker/Captain. Another top year for Terry. Led the team very capably and always gave of his best — which is good enough for any team.

Special thanks must also go to Milton Howell and Bob Handthorne, both of whom acquitted themselves very well when called upon. Ray Tuffin also deserves a very special mention in the Kentwell Cup team for his efforts. Ray played a major role in achieving the fitness levels that were required.

To Rex Harris — thanks, old buddy. I'm not sure who really was the coach, Rex or myself. His contribution to the refinement of our backline play and to the development of the Briars can never be fully appreciated.

David Blair, manager extraordinaire, cannot retire this year. We would lose half the team if he did.

In conclusion, I've no doubt that in 1986, if the team can display the same dedication and discipline, that we can win the Cup. The objective must be to finish the home and away games in the top two — from there, no-one will beat the Briars in 1986.

Its been a great pleasure to be associated with such a fine group of men, who became a "nearly great" team.

BRUCE ROBINSON

BURKE CUP FOOTBALL

Whilst improving on last year's performance, the 1985 Burke Cup side again did not ply consistently or to its full capacity, finishing seventh for the season with Fifteen competition points. A draw against minor premiers and grandfinalists, Newport at their home ground and wins in both rounds against Hunters Hill and St. Patricks, were highlights of the season. These matches demonstrated the side was capable of winning, provided they capitalised on early scoring opportunities and got their self confidence activated.

The usual injuries and enforced changes plagued the side and this is well illustrated by the statistic that a mammoth fifty-three personnel donned a Burke Cup jersey. Our lack of teamwork and pattern of play are further exemplified in that only Andrew Craig at half back played all matches. In fact, only six people played over 75% of the season in Burke. They were:—

Andrew Craig (18 games) — A good season, although needs to work on his passing. A well deserved winner of the Best & Fairest competition.

Robert Lancuba (17) — A determined winger, often however, lacking concentration and involvement.

Ian Thomas (16) — A backrower with obvious Kentwell potential about him. A real goer.

Trevor Spaul (15) — A good team man but must develop more aggression and drive to remain in the front rowers' club.

Brett Freestone (15) — An outside back with size and pace but greater commitment essential to reach potential.

David Guille (14) — Leading point scorer at fullback and most mature player.

The side trained well, particularly in the early part of the season, but we were unable to convert this into a consistent 'win at all cost' approach on Saturdays. Our defensive pattern initially worked effectively but again our basic application to skills let us down as the season wore on. Our approach to running and spinning the ball wide and only occasionally resorting to ten-man rugby, will hopefully pay longer term dividends.

It is impossible to list all the other players who made a contribution this year, but we should mention:—

Gordon Peglar (Second row) — Gutsy performer, who led by example despite his recurring knee problems.

Steve Bardwell (Second row) — Would have played an extra game had his sleeping habits not been affected by the annual dinner.

Bob Hanthorne (Prop) — Will we ever forget his outstanding twenty-five metre try under the posts, playing inside centre, in the last game of the season ??

Andrew Steele (Back row) — Has found a miracle cure to recover from Wednesday night flu and be fit for Saturday.

Luke Edmunds (Hooker) — Getting better by the game.

Derek Nix & Brett Schofield (?) — For their versatility, flexibility and great team spirit.

My sincere thanks to the above and players such as Kerry Brown, Gordon Brown, Paul McMahon, Brian Hurley, Ross Thompson, Steve Currie, Tony Andrews and the other unnamed but not forgotten thirty-four, who made it an enjoyable, if not totally successful, 1985 campaign.

Players to watch next year, provided they work on their fitness and commitment, include — Gavin Rolf, Marty Orman, Dooley Davis, Paul Wilson and Boyd Moody.

Also, I thank Charlie Williams, our manager, for another outstanding season and contribution. Were the team able to have half Charlie's heart and will to succeed, we would be world beaters. Captaincy can be a difficult task and I appreciated the efforts of Tony Andrews and David Guille in the first round and Andrew Craig in the second half of the season.

Congratulations to Colleagues on winning the Burke Cup (again). 1986 should see the trophy in George Street, Burwood, provided we introduce a few new key players to the side (including a consistent goal-kicker); a fresh but determined attitude to winning is shown; the basic skills are practised and implemented and there is a stronger nucleus of players around from which a match winning side can be nurtured.

It was a pleasure working with Woz, his committee and the other coaches. I appreciated their camaraderie and involvement, except when Robbo was forced to make the last minute team change, but I guess that is how Dusty and Woz must have felt.

PHILIP ENGLAND

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WHIDDON CUP REPORT, 1985

I am very pleased to report that the 1985 Whiddon Cup side had a most successful and enjoyable season.

After 18 competition matches we finished the season with a total of 22 points, equal with Blue Mountains in third position, the teams finishing above us being Newport on 24 points and St. Patricks O.B. undefeated on 36 points.

Apart from St. Pats, all other sides were evenly matched.

St. Pats were the only team that we did not have a win against. They went on to win their semi-final and grand-final and thus finished undefeated.

We played Blue Mountains in the first semi-final, put on a very good side, our preparation was good but unfortunately on the day we did not have one of our better games and consequently lost 16-8.

I am pleased to say that Whiddon Cup were able to field sides without a lot of disruption from loss of players mainly through co-operation with the other coaches and Tony Wozniak. Of course changes through injury cannot be avoided.

We were also assisted by the "Juddies" and "Fighting 5ths", having ample players which we could call on as required.

As distinct from previous years that I have been associated with Whiddon Cup, training was particularly well attended by all and attitude at training and in the games was excellent, which provided the basis for a very harmonious and successful side and went a long way generally towards the club having an overall successful year.

As can be seen from our points for and against (F. 95, A. 69), we were not the most prolific scoring team in Briars, but our defensive efforts won the day with just enough effort to gain the winning margin.

The team was very capably led throughout the season by Chris Murray, despite some dubious decisions from time to time.

To Paul McMahon, congratulations on winning 'Best and Fairest' from Chris Murray and Speedo, who were close 2nd's.

I would like to mention some of the younger members of Whiddon who played with a lot of ability and heart and would like to see them attain higher grades next season.

Scot Burton	—	Hooker
Alex Chegwyn	—	Half Back
Gavin Rolfe	—	2nd Row
Mark Alexandra	—	2nd Row
Chris Adams	—	Wing
Barry Poole	—	Wing
Marty Orman	—	Centre
Geoff Cooper	—	Centre

Other players of Whiddon Cup were made up of our more senior and experienced members who all performed to their usual high standard throughout the season.

Peter Stewart	Jack Ellison	Kerry Weale
Chris Murray	Steve Currie	Paul McMahon
Bob "Speedo" Stephenson	Larry "Fingers" Thompson	Derek Nix
Peter "Chang" Bowyer	Paul Wilson	Gordon Brown
Geoff Moss	Ray "Agro" Potbury	

To all players who played Whiddon Cup this season — every congratulation on your efforts and thanks very much for the season. Hope to see you all backing up again next season.

To the Football Chairman and fellow coaches and managers, thanks for all the assistance.

Special mention to Whiddon Cup manager, Ray Tuffin, for all his efforts in making the 1985 season successful and a pleasure to be associated with him.

DUSTY SAUNDERS

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JUDD CUP REPORT 1985

In the trials it was looking like we had truck loads of players, but that was not to be. As the year progressed, we were left with some specialised positions, very bare and each week it was a telecom bonanza to get a team on the paddock. Thanks to all the players who turned up at short notice and out of position. On a brighter note, some fine prospects were unearthed, such as Danny, Mark, Gavin and Richard. Some of the more notable players who added to our successes during the year included —

Rod Smith — Veteran player who did not like training. Good cricketer.

Tim Deeble — Reliable player. Unfortunately broke his ankle, which hindered his pace.

Tony Toohill — Tony came down from the mountains each week to train and play and showed versatility playing in different positions.

Chris Reeves — Faster than a speeding bullet.

Lindsay Callaway — Lindsay had a good year — he got married.

Ray Potbury — Strong runner who plays with plenty of aggression; should be called 'Agro'.

Roger Fish — Alias 'Rembrandt' — painted his skills all over Sydney.

Danny Dougard — Latecomer. We would have made the semis if he had played all year.

John Staniforth — **Captain**, who led by example.

Phil England — We won matches when he played.

Graeme Rigby — Very fast — and like my old girl friend, played in many positions. Should have a big year in '86.

Len Hollis — Most handsome player in the team. Tackled well; greatly improved.

Gavin Rolfe — Heaps of potential. Never lost a line-out.

to pass on the trophy inherited from the Glenfield Grizzlies in the 1983 Festival for never having won a match in international competition in the **VERY FIRST** game of the 1985 Festival. Our hapless victims were the Old Vulgarians from England who had no answer to the thoughtful match strategies painstakingly devised before the match by guest selectors Larry Thompson and David Guille. Fresh from a moving Opening Ceremony on the hallowed turf of Twickenham, the Briars, sent on the field at London Irish with the specific match plan of scoring more points than the opposition, thrilled the spectators lurking around the beer tent with a powerhouse display of superb running rugby, scoring, I think, 4 tries to 2. After this match the organisers presented Briars with a bottle of scotch for being selected as the best-dressed team to play on the London Irish ground that day. Many other compliments were received throughout the Festival week in respect of the Briars Blazer which served to identify our Club very effectively, although the girl checking us in at Narita Airport on the way home has to be excused for asking whether we had been in Japan for a song and dance Festival !

The second game against Richmond saw the Briars beaten by a better team on the day. We played well in this match but were up against an impressive outfit with a couple of ex-internationals who regularly play together at Club level for about 15 matches per season. It is my unpleasant duty to advise that Peter Burt (who otherwise toured without blemish) was the guest selector for this match and must shoulder a fair proportion of the blame for the result. A well executed try by the red-shirted Doug Staniforth was roundly applauded by both teams although Doug's conversion of his own try was the subject of such conjecture. Sporting a can of XXXX and a grin from ear to ear, Doug granted a rare interview to a British T.V. crew, part of which, I believe, was shown on a Sydney channel. Club Patron, Bob Clark, was present at this match and we were proud to have Bob join us for the official team photo.

The Boston Brahmins from the ol' US of A were next and a closely contested draw was a fitting result for the last game of the Festival. Several Briars played for the Brahmins who were a little short of numbers and, I regret to say, went to no end of trouble to involve themselves in several "ugly" incidents with members of the bona fide Briars side. The guest selector plan was abandoned by unanimous consent for this match and the usual chaos, presided over by Robbo and Stanno, prevailed.

All three Festival games were followed by the traditional after-match celebrations with rugby enthusiasts from all over the world drinking and yarning together and thoroughly enjoying themselves. Little can be said in an official publication such as this about the goings-on between matches but all personnel who fell below the standards expected of a rugby tourist were duly fined in a fair and just manner, with the reasons for each fine being handed down by His Honour, Mr. Justice Burt. Although no records of judgments were kept, for obvious reasons, the fines levied amounted to a total of 110 Deutschmarks plus the value of a quantity of cheese purchased at a cheese factory out of Amsterdam.

After the London Festival, we travelled via Oxford to Amsterdam, where we played the 4th and final match on tour. Like the Richmond game the Amstel-Veen side were too big and

experienced for our lads and a loss was recorded, due also to the loss of players with injuries and of players who did not tour Europe, not to mention the effect that the rigours of touring were having on our team. It is interesting to note that the philosophy of Golden Oldies Rugby has not yet been fully understood by the senior sides in England and Europe where most of the older rugby players play regularly in local competitions, unlike our side which came together for this tour. Without wishing to detract from the fun, friendship and fraternity aspects of Golden Oldies, I would recommend that the Briars play more Golden Oldies games between Festivals. After the Amstel—Veen game the apres-rugby atmosphere was the same as elsewhere with the Briars being treated to goot zupe and draft Heineken Beer in the Club house next to the field.

Leaving Amsterdam, the tour continued through Rudesheim, Munich, Venice, Lucerne, Paris, Trier and finally home via Tokyo.

The Fifth International Golden Oldies Rugby Festival will be held in Auckland, New Zealand from 3 May to 10 May, 1987. Our intention at the time of writing is to enter two teams, one in the 35—40 years category and another in the over 40's category. We would especially like to see those who have played Golden Oldies Rugby for Briars since 1983 but who were unable to tour in 1985, make a commitment to tour in 1987. In addition, all Briars who will turn 35 by 1987 are invited to join the Golden Oldies **NOW** in readiness for the 1987 Tour.

I would like to thank all tourists and also those who played in the games against Wests Black Knight and the Central Coast Seagulls this year for their support. Finally, the Golden Oldies wish to express their appreciation of the financial assistance provided by the individuals who reached into their pockets in response to our fund-raising activities.

JOHN STANIFORTH

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BRIARS HOCKEY REPORT

The 1985 hockey season was a mixture of successes and disappointments. Looking at the successes first —

During the pre-season, a very enjoyable day was had by all who attended our carnival, held at our new grounds at Cumberland College, Lidcombe. Wests Newcastle, Hawkesbury Valley, Canterbury and ourselves provided a good day of hockey for everyone. By the end of the day there was no doubt that Wests Newcastle were the better team on the day and they took the trophy home north. This was the second year this event has been held and we hope that it will remain on our hockey calendar and that next year our friends from Wollongong will also be able to make the trip up.

Numbers were somewhat thin at the early part of the season and we were grateful to some of our more experienced members for coming out of retirement and showing that they still have what it takes — a sense of adventure and a strong heart.

The 38th annual Barton/Valleys vs Briars clash was held on the June long weekend and the day — night — early hours of the next morning typified what these types of events are all about. Where friends meet again, clash heads and have a few drinks together afterwards. It's amazing that everyone made it back to Canberra. Briars 1st Grade retained the trophy for the 3rd year in succession with a 1—1 draw. This is a first in 20 years. Seconds, unfortunately, went down 1—2, so Barton/Valleys retained the 2nd Grade Trophy. After a period of 7 years, it was pleasing to see the juniors involved again on the day. They too, retained the trophy for Briars with a 1—1 draw.

This brought us to the half way point of the season and it was very apparent that the hockey committee, consisting of Sandor Kovacs, Peter Jones, David Chaves, Ken Chaves, Steve Dewit and Laszlo Kovacs, was one of the best established and was prepared to work towards making our members' hockey more enjoyable on Saturdays. Congratulations and my sincere appreciation must go to all the committee members and the three team captains, Martin Wood, Eric Wade and Ian Trimble, for their tireless and professional approach.

We also congratulate Michael Sterry, Sandor Kovacs, Laszlo Kovacs, Ken Chaves, Steve Schomberg and Luke Thiele, who attained their Level 1 coaches badge.

Another success that cannot go without mention, is that of Eric Wade. Eric attained selection into the New South Wales Veteran team. This is a great achievement and we are all very pleased and proud of him.

We again held a President's Day (Veterans' Day) at Central Park during August and although not strongly attended, we do intend to continue holding this event each year, in the hope that it will get bigger and better, as we all like to see old friends.

This season took on a new competition format. It is now team based, in which individual teams can be promoted or relegated from grade to grade according to the team's performance for the year. The disadvantage of this was mainly that our three teams would no longer be playing at the same ground for the majority of their matches. However, the advantages, such as placing more responsibility on team members to train and reward for their success, that is promotion, far outweighs the disadvantages.

Looking into the future, we have now formed a Junior Hockey Committee:

President	—	Brian Wood
Vice-President	—	Senior Hockey Chairman
Secretary	—	John Cameron
Treasurer	—	Barry Thiele
Social Secretary	—	Karen Foster

These office-bearers are all dedicated parents who also have the aim of seeing Briars Junior

Hockey grow into a strong organisation. This year we had an under 15's and an under 13's competition team, as well as our Minkey program. Thanks must go to Ken Chaves who coached the Under 13's and with reasonable success, considering most were first year hockey players.

Next year, we will be endeavouring to field an Under 17's, 15's, 13's and 11's competition team, however our Minkey program on Sunday mornings could be at risk, as at this stage, we do not have a coach for the Minkey players. If we lose this program, our juniors will again disappear into oblivion.

The Junior coaches for the next year are:-

Under 17	—	Paul Huggett
Under 15	—	Paul Price
Under 13	—	Ken Chaves
Under 11	—	Luke Thiele

I wish them all success with their teams in 1986.

After all of the above, you might ask yourself what the disappointments were? There were none. As far as I am concerned, the overall progress of hockey during 1985 was satisfactory. We must consolidate and continue the achievements of this season. Slowly, but surely, hockey will be standing up proud in future years.

First grade played in the highest competition ever and they had some good results under the coaching of Martin Wood, who did an excellent job. Next year, anything less than making the semi-finals would be disappointing for the players.

Second and third grade must take a serious look at themselves, although third grade will have the opportunity to consolidate. With more team training for both grades, their results would definitely improve, as team play is what they lack.

Areas that need improvement are definitely training attendance and social functions. When these improve, and I know they will, success will follow and that is what we all want and what it's all about. We enjoy our hockey but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try to do our best and train to be the best.

These should be the goals for the 1986 Committee. I wish them success.

Robert Wood
Hockey Chairman

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FIRST GRADE HOCKEY (A2)

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points	Position
18	4	6	8	25	39	14	Equal 6

Playing in a new competition format, two grades above what we played in 1984, i.e. A2 grade, the A side performed with credit, creating a good base for a very successful season in 1986.

Prior to the season starting there was an air of expectancy amongst the A grade squad, as we viewed the opening round. Our pre-season games had given us confidence and an opportunity to try out different combinations.

The first match against Manly did not get off to a good start. Before the opening whistle Sandor Kovacs broke a bone in his hand while practising. An accident that kept him out of the game for a few weeks. The 1–1 result in that game was a big boost to the side, although we were well aware of shortcomings such as basic skills in trapping and passing and a chronic lack of fitness. Before the 1986 season begins, much time must be given to physical fitness, not only to take advantage of good starts, but also to help sharpen our mental approach to the games. Often, especially with the 6 draws we had, we would score first and have the opposition in trouble, only to loosen up and allow them to score within minutes of our scoring. This was particularly noticeable against Gordon, Ryde and the second match against Parramatta – games we could and should have won.

After three games in the first round, we had 4 points with 1 win against Western Suburbs 2–1 and 2 draws against Manly and Gordon 2–2. Due to rain we were forced to play two of our harder games on Sundays, after tough Saturday games. This demoralised the team somewhat, especially the 0–7 loss to North Sydney and to a lesser extent 0–4 to Sydney University.

We finished the first round with 7 points, about 5th place on the table. The June period saw us play very little hockey at all, so when we started the second round with a 2–1 win over Manly, playing some of our most skilful hockey to date, we had reason to look forward to making the top 4. However this was not to be, even with the return to Briars of Bob Streeter and Colin Huggett, we could not lift our game enough to swing vital matches our way. Fitness was a major factor here as was the lack of real commitment by players to the team concept. Attendance at practice was adequate at best, but despite these problem areas, I feel the team as a whole and individuals within the team, developed a great deal during the season.

Factions within the team also dissipated as the season wore on. This contributed greatly to team spirit.

I would like to thank all the players for their support and encouragement this season. A

special thanks to Robert Wood and Mike Sterry whose advice on team matters made my job much more enjoyable and more effective than it would otherwise have been.

THE TEAM:

L. KOVACS – Goalkeeper:

Laszlo once again had a very up and down season. Initially his enthusiasm helped produce some outstanding goalkeeping, this being reflected in the fact he led best and fairest for most of the first round. He lost confidence towards the end of the first round, especially in static situations. Needs to be more aware of his surroundings and to concentrate more. A very good team man.

D. ROMEO – Goalkeeper:

Dominic came into his own for the last few games of the season. He proved to be fearless in defence and with a greater degree of fitness and tactical sense could develop into a fine keeper for the club. Needs to ensure he is properly protected when playing, i.e. gloves, etc.

P. JONES – Full back:

Peter started out the season well, tackling with aggression and using his long, powerful hit well. He had difficulty adapting to the new style of defensive play introduced and this probably led to a deterioration of his play as the season progressed. Peter had a preference for the forward line, scoring the first time he was given the opportunity to play there. Basic skill levels and fitness need to be worked on. Always willing to learn and was a consistent participant at practice.

R. WOOD – Full back:

With the commitments and a suspect knee Robert had this year, he played well above what could have been expected. Robert's biggest enemy is himself through a lack of confidence in his undoubted ability. His runs forward to link up with the forwards on attack and his fine tackling were the highlights of his play. He also adapted well to his new defensive role. Excellent team man. Thanks for your support and encouragement, Robert.

B. STREETER – Full back:

Bob joined the team in the second half of the season providing solid support at the back. His tackling and power hitting were a much needed addition to the defence. He needed a push every now and again to map himself back into the game. Fitness would need a lot of work if Bob wishes to be competitive next year.

D. STERRY – Right Half:

Overall, Derek had a very disappointing season. A lack of motivation seemed to be the main reason for this, as the one or two times he became worked up, he showed the team that he has some very good, basic skills and a feel for the game.

M. WOOD – Centre Half:

Did not play up to his own expectations. He spent the first round as centre half but had difficulty distributing the ball laterally. The second half of the season was spent as a full back which was much more suited to overseeing the pattern of play the team was adopting.

S. SCHOMBERG – Left Half:

Steve was the opposite to most of us. He started slowly and after a remark made which dented his pride, his motivation and commitment to the game at hand was an example to the rest of the team. He went on to win the Best & Fairest award for A grade. Steve played left half in the first round and centre half in the second. His stability and tenacity proved a real headache for opposition attacks. Steve should spend time on his hitting and trapping skills. Another good team man who always endeavoured to attend practice and encouraged others.

G. PRICE – Right Wing:

For a player with his speed and ability, Gerard had an indifferent season, scoring only 2 goals. Lost opportunities, a lack of fitness and commitment during the game, handicapped not only his enjoyment of the game but also the overall effect he had on the opposition. He was great breaking down the wing, using his speed but very slow to come back to form up into a defensive grouping after the attack broke down.

N. STERRY – Inside Right:

Nigel proved his usefulness during this season, playing in three different positions. He prefers the left side of the field but when asked to take on the inside right position mid-way through the season, he performed with credit, combining well with both the right wing and centre forward. He spent most of the season there but also took on the positions of inside left and left half. Basic speed is an area Nigel should work on for next season.

R. ROBERTS – Centre Forward:

Russell's positional play and acceleration with the ball were good. Russell scored 11 goals during the season but did not live up to the potential he most definitely has. Very hesitant between the 25-yard line and the top of the circle. Had periods where he lost concentration but once again fitness could see that problem overcome.

A. DECLASE – Inside Left:

Andre is a very talented player but one who does not fit well into a team game. He allowed situations to effect his game too often, although he controlled his emotions greatly this year (no red cards). He started the season as inside right but the right side combination failed to click, so he moved across to the inside left position, one that seemed to bring out his passing ability more. If he can learn to become a team player, with his skill he would become a key player in the side.

P. PRICE – Left Wing:

Paul has matured a lot this year as a hockey player. He gained confidence to the point where he was picking up crosses with ease and cracking them past the approaching goal-keeper. He picked up 5 very good goals. If he can commit himself right from the start of next season, he will be one of the most valuable players the team will have. Well done, Paul, a very versatile player of the future.

C. HUGGETT – Inside Right:

Colin rejoined the Club midway through the second round playing inside right from the out-set. His first game was exceptionally good. He later found the pace of some of the better teams too much for him which led to poorer performances towards the end of the season. Colin has great potential given a good fitness base.

MARTIN WOOD Captain/Coach

Goal Scorers:	Russell Roberts	11	Martin Wood	2
	Paul Price	5	Nigel Sterry	1
	Gerard Price	2	Colin Huggett	1
	Andre Declase	2	Peter Jones	1

Best & Fairest:	Steve Schomberg	15	Peter Jones	4
	Nigel Sterry	13	Colin Huggett	4
	Paul Price	13	Derek Sterry	3
	Russell Roberts	10	Andre Declase	3
	Laszlo Kovacs	7	Bob Streeter	3
	Gerard Price	6	Dominic Romeo	3
	Robert Wood	6	Sandor Kovacs	2

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HOCKEY – 2nd GRADE REPORT (B3)

This season saw a completely reconstructed format, in the running of the competition. Whereas in past years, all three grades played on the same ground each Saturday, this year, each team had to become self reliant, rarely enjoying a common ground each Saturday.

For this reason much more pressure had to be placed on each term and each player, to ensure full sides were fielded each week. Despite player saturation on this requirement, to some, the message did not hit home and on numerous occasions a phone call (in time) was not made, indeed, a minority did not even turn up, all very disheartening to the rest of the team being short, with no reserves or double-ups to call upon.

Other factors were that several key players, due to other commitments, were not available until late in the season or available on a casual basis only. This is something we must unfortunately live with.

To those players who made the commitment to the team, thanks. Some close games were had and overall enjoyed to the fullest. My thanks to Ken Chaves for his back up as Vice Captain, in what was for me, a difficult season, with diversions to Veterans Hockey. Thanks also to all the other players who helped us through an up and down season.

Congratulations to Dominic Romeo (goalkeeper) in winning "B" Grade Best & Fairest. Well deserved Dom, and shaping up as "A" grade material in the not too distant future.

It is fitting too, at this point, to also make mention of Robert Wood, Hockey Chairman, Peter Jones, Sandor Kovacs and Steve Dewit, who worked tirelessly in administration and socially, so that we could all enjoy both aspects of our hockey. Well done, fellas. To a lot of us it is easy to turn up, play and go, without even thinking of all the organisation and work that goes into making it all possible.

On the Players –

Dominic Romeo (goalkeeper): Always performed well, safe in defence and an asset to any team. **Eric Wade** and **Steve Dewit (Fullbacks)** always gave the opposition plenty of hassles in attack and were instrumental in setting up good attacking moves for us with strong penetrating hits. The half line consisted of **Dave Chaves (left half)**, **Ken Chaves (Centre half)** and **David Dibiase (Right half)**. Dave Chaves was tireless in work rate but at times tried too much stick work on unsuitable grounds. Ken performed well in the centre, although on occasions got himself caught out of position but can only get better with more experience in this position. David Dibiase improved with every game and I enjoyed working with and behind him.

The forward line saw numerous changes throughout the season. **Michael Kemp (Left wing)** handled the position well with good speed this year with the ball. **Llewelyn Martin (Inside left)** still fast and always dangerous in attack. He does not like to tackle back too much. **Bill Tabikh (Ring Wing/Inner)** a good attacking forward who somehow did not seem to 'hit his straps' this year. Maybe he needed a little more fitness. Nevertheless, an asset. **Paul Huggett (Centre forward)**. Welcome back Macka, we needed that drive and anticipation up front. Just a little more calmness when a scoring shot is on will pay big dividends. **Ian Reynolds (Inside right)**, one of our up and developing younger players who has obviously a future as a hockey player. Tenacity will come. Well done, Ian. **Michael Tass (Inside right)**, a late season starter but a much needed player. Excellent penetration but obviously lacked condition due to inconsistent match play. **Peter Jones**, "promoted" from A2 later in season and tried the centre forward position. Peter showed good speed and attack and still has a mean hit. All that is now needed is a slight "rudder adjustment" to direct the ball into the net. **Sandor Kovacs**, another "promotion" late in the season and some injury problems. Plenty of speed and a shame could not have had services for the full season, likewise of Peter Jones.

Thanks to the following players who also participated and helped out. Bill and George Nastsis, Col Huggett (promoted to 1st grade), Robert Rogan (lost to work commitments), Andrew Langdon, Malcolm (Dad) Shorter and last but not least, Bob Streeter, the 'old' man back from retirement. Nice to see you back Bob. I was beginning to feel lonely.

ERIC WADE
Captain

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Draws</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Points</u>
1985	1	16	1	10	65	3
1984	7	11	—	31	47	14

Comment: Room for Improvement !

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THIRD GRADE HOCKEY (C4)

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Points</u>
18	0	18	9	86	0

Although the above results show we were soundly beaten, many of the games were lost in the final 15 minutes, when lack of fitness and concentration were our downfall. Most of our opposition teams comprised older and more experienced players, but what we lacked in youth and experience, we made up for in enthusiasm, which was gratifying considering the results each week.

Next year our team will be a little older and hopefully, wiser and more skilful. If the team can play together from the start of next season; meet prior to the season for some practice games and attend training during the season, then we should perform far better than this year.

The highlight of the season was frightening Parramatta in the second round. They were the leaders at the end of the first round, with only 5 goals scored against them and we scored one of them. In the second round we took another goal off them and the score was 1—2 until the fateful last 15 minutes. The final result of 1—4 was still an excellent effort and if we could have played like that against the inferior teams, then we would have done well.

I would like to thank the following senior and junior players for helping us out during the year (Best and Fairest points in brackets) —

David Chaves, Ken Chaves (5), Andre Declase, Steve Dewit, Paul Huggett, Sandor Kovacs (3), Michael Kemp, Peter Mansford, Lew Martin (2), Dominic Romeo (1), Robert Rogan (2), Michael Sterry (2), Peter Wallace, Warren Widger and Robert Wood (3).

The team comprised –

Olek Ploskodniak (10) Goalkeeper. Olek should not be discouraged by the results, since 10 other team members put him in some difficult situations and it was marvellous to see numerous fine saves. His enthusiasm and support during the year was appreciated.

George Nastsis (3) – Right back. Still gaining experience and in two or three games showed considerable skill and brilliance. Good 16-yard hitter.

Ian Trimble – Left back. Only feels old on Saturday afternoons, but will be back next year to add some experience to the team.

Alan Cooper (13) – Back and Right Wing. Pleased to welcome such a fine player to the team. Alan was very fast on the wing but decided to be where the action was, unfortunately in our back line. Hope to see Alan next year.

Eddie Fernandez (3) – Back. Only joined us for the last few games and was very impressive on defence and as a strong hitter.

Charlie Charalambous (8) – Right half. Our most improved player of the year. Charlie moved from right wing and found the right half position to his liking. Excellent in defence and later in the season, on attack.

Stuart Deer (7) – Centre half. A large area to cover but Stuart is young and fit enough to cope. He must control his "fly cutting". Stop the ball first and quickly pass to your man.

Ian Reynolds (4) – Centre half. Ian played some games for us at back and in the half line. Very good junior player with excellent ball control. Will go far as a senior player.

Paul Burgess (1) – Left half and left wing. Paul is a most enthusiastic junior and attended nearly every practice. Still learning his skills and improved with every game. Deserved a goal on a few occasions.

Bill Nastsis (3) – Right wing. His patience on the lonely wing was rewarded with a fine goal. Bill also improved as the season progressed.

Bruce Cable (11) – Inside Right. Covered a lot of ground in defence and attack. The only forward I can remember saving a goal on the line – well done. Hope to see you next season.

Paul Mattick (3) – Inside Right. Unable to play the full season but very fit and skilful. Hopefully Paul will be available next season.

Ben Keneally (2) – Centre forward. Another junior with potential. Has the skill, but

lacked the speed sometimes (after his second game of the day) to push forward his advantage. However, very excited when he scored a goal just before full time against Canterbury.

Keith Arango (16) – Inside left. Our most effective and hard working player who deservedly won the Best & Fairest award.

Brian McNally (7) – Left wing. Probably through boredom on the wing, Brian tends to wander far out of position to right half on a number of occasions! Stay in position, the ball will come to you. A good player and supported practice sessions throughout the season.

I. TRIMBLE
Captain

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UNDER 15's HOCKEY REPORT

Finishing only 2 points out of the semi-finals, the boys should be very proud of themselves. Many thought that the loss of one of last year's key players would greatly effect the team's performance. On the contrary, it meant that the guys had to play as a team and everyone benefited as a result.

We welcomed three new players into the side, Paul Cameron, Robert Wildman and Martin Wood, who all proved to be valuable members of the team.

The team developed a short passing game and were confident in using both sides for attack, which they saw a lot more of this season. We had two main "generals" on the team. Ian Reynolds who controlled the centre of the field and Greg Dunn (captain) who organised the forwards, both with great success.

Everything came together and it was revealed what they could do as a team, when they defeated Rooty Hill 6-0. The team's attitude and team spirit was generally excellent, with most attending training on a regular basis and turning up to the games early. The area that needs improvement and this will come with more experience and practice, is discipline. This means that they persist with the tactics of short passes to unmarked players or into gaps for other members of the team to run onto, regardless of whether they are up or down a couple of goals. The square pass is a very useful and valuable pass which is often forgotten about and it is the responsibility of the players without the ball to move into a position to help a player and call for the ball.

The team has great potential and they should fare well in the Under 17's competition next year.

I would like to thank all the parents and families who came along to cheer the team on. Their support is invaluable and I hope it continues into 1986.

Statistics —	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	For	Against	Position
	10	4	5	1	15	25	6th

Goal Scorers	Goals
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Greg Dunn	7
Ben Keneally	3
Ian Reynolds	2
Paul Cameron	2
Marshall Paterson	1

Best and Fairest: Greg Dunn

Most Improved: Paul Cameron

Individual Players —

Matthew McFarlane — Goal-keeper: Has the ability to be a good goalie. He made some excellent saves during the season and started to learn when to come out and when not to come out. Matt tends to lose concentration however, which is an area he must work on. Continued practice with the pads on will help him develop the agility necessary for him to continue to improve.

Duncan Bainbridge — Right back: Duncan developed a good hit this year, sending the ball well up the field on many occasions. Through experience, he will learn to read the play more and work with the other backs as one unit. Overall, Duncan had a good year. If he continues to work on his fitness, he will have another good year in 1986.

Robert Wildman — Left back: This was Robert's first year in hockey and after a couple of matches with the team, settled in at fullback. He has the potential to develop into an excellent fullback, as he has a strong hit and is quite sound defensively. Robert can tend to panic at times, making him mis-hit the ball. With experience, he will overcome this.

Paul Foster — Left half: Paul made the switch this year from the right to the left side and proved to be a very reliable and sound defensive wing half. He realises that at times he does not have the speed to match his opponents, but he countered this by imposing his positional play which resulted in him cutting off many attacking moves. He has the skill and if he could work on his fitness during the off season, he will have an even better season in 1986.

Ian Reynolds — Centre half: Ian took over as centre half this year, although somewhat reluctantly, but showed he could handle the job very well. He is a tough and hard-working player. A great asset to the team. At times, he tries to do too much with the ball himself, instead of acting as a distributor and directing play. Ian had several runs in the senior grades and impressed many of our top seniors.

Martin Wood — Right half: This was Martin's first year in hockey too, and he showed good potential. He appears to be an intelligent player, which is somewhat rare. Martin reads the play well and has excellent cover defence. Needs to work on his hit but otherwise is a good team player and should develop into a strong player.

Paul Burgess — Left Wing: Paul became more of a team player this year which came about from playing in the senior ranks. He now receives the ball, does what it has to do, then looks for another forward in a good position to pass it to. This was a good achievement for Paul and it led to him directly being involved in scoring movements. Paul leaves the juniors and joins the senior ranks next year. We wish him success.

Marshall Paterson — Inside Left: Marshall is a very talented player and has most skills. However, he needs to increase his workload and give a little more thought to what he does with the ball. If he can achieve this, he will become an excellent team player and would have a very bright future in hockey.

Greg Dunn — Centre Forward: A talented team player. Greg's team play and excellent striking power resulted in him being the leading goal scorer with seven goals to his credit. Greg also won the Best and Fairest award.

Ben Keneally — Inside Right: Ben improved his defensive game and work effort this year, but does tend to run out of steam during the second half. He is a good team player and scored three excellent goals for his efforts. Ben also played in the senior ranks with some success. If he works on his fitness during the off season, he will be an even greater asset to the team.

Paul Cameron — Right Wing: Another newcomer to hockey, Paul found his speed a definite advantage on the wing. He continued to improve every week. He needs to work on shooting for goal but with practice, he'll score more goals like the two great ones he scored in the last two matches. Paul won the Most Improved award.

I wish the team success next year.

ROBERT WOOD
Coach

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UNDER 13's HOCKEY REPORT

This current season has been a great one for Junior Hockey, especially so for the U-13's team, not because we finished the season seventh out of the ten teams in the competition but because the thirteen kids that participated in this team can now play hockey confidently and enjoy it. Something that every sportsman/woman tries to achieve. In every competition you get winners and losers. We were at the end of August, I feel, definite winners for the boys and for the future of Briars Hockey.

The boys have learnt to push the ball, run into a gap, pass it when called upon to do so, and so on. They have acquired a sense of field positioning. They have quite amazed me for U-13 hockey players, both on and off the field.

The competition this year was very diverse. Some of the teams were extremely good and some were not so good. Briars on the whole were only learners at the commencement of the season, but definitely not learners at the end of the season. The growth of hockey skills in all aspects of the game has been phenomenal from some of the boys. Overall their confidence in themselves and their coach has been my greatest achievement with them this season.

I note here an example of this fact. Briars at the end of the season played in the Parramatta U-13 Carnival which included seventeen other teams from the Sydney Metropolitan Area and one Newcastle Area representative side. We unfortunately (or so I thought) had been drawn in the pool to play this team. The last of the preliminary games for the day provided a crowd of 500 or more the pleasure of watching us play the Newcastle team. If we were to beat this team by more than two or more goals, we would be semi-finals candidates. The final score was a loss of one goal to nil (with our ten players, including a substitute goalkeeper, who had never played in that position before). With their goal coming in the final few minutes, the Newcastle coach was tearing his hair out. Meanwhile, I could not find enough words of praise for the ten boys on that field. Every other team had been thoroughly beaten by this side and we nearly achieved the impossible.

I have had a most rewarding season because the boys have all become good hockey players, so much so that I know I have two future representative players in my side this year if they keep practising and learning their skills. If we can keep the momentum moving early next season, I have no doubt the boys will all do very well next year. I might also add the fact that only four of the boys had played hockey before, an achievement in itself and for the future strength of Briars Hockey, my ultimate aim.

Team Synopsis:

GOALKEEPER — (Daniel Thiele): Definitely the find for Briars Junior Hockey in 1985. He has got the ability to become a representative player in his own right. He must learn to anticipate the movement of the ball to other players in the D. He must not get caught out of position following the ball.

LEFT BACK — (Shaun Rohrlach (V-Capt): Easily the best player at the start of the season, but fell away as the season ended. Must learn to look around and then direct the free hit to gaps in the field.

RIGHT BACK — (Spencer Golechtyl): Another improver who has learned and improved as the season progressed. Blitzed Newcastle forwards in final game. Must keep on tackling back when beaten by faster players and also improve by not trying to 'belt the leather' off the ball on the free hits.

CENTRE HALF – (Graham Varis (Capt.)): Also a very capable player at the start of the season. Must learn to distribute the ball to team's forwards and not hang on to the ball too long. Finished the season strongly, nearly taking the Best & Fairest.

RIGHT HALF – (Andrew Berghuis): Always gave a solid performance on the field, never gave up trying and as an U-11's player, has learned a great deal this year. With steady application, he also has the ability to develop into a future representative player.

LEFT HALF – (Adam Byrn): Adam's performances this season were very up and down. He has the basic skills and thinking as a half but should learn to play against the opposition and not the umpire, on the field.

RIGHT WING – (Marcus Thiele): Improved as the season progressed. Runs very well with the ball and as an U-11's, is not afraid to tackle the bigger blokes. He will improve as he grows older and bigger.

INSIDE RIGHT – (Mathew Titmus): The most improved forward in the line up. As an inside forward he must run onto the 'Um' ball and tackle back to assist his halves. Got goal hungry in last few games. Keep it up, it's what Briars hockey needs.

CENTRE FORWARD – (David Allen): He has, through the season, improved because he practises what he has learnt, such as dribbling the ball, using the back-stick, but he must, as any forward should, learn that he cannot beat the clever players in the opposing team and therefore must learn to pass the ball after receiving it from his halves to his inside forwards and then run into a gap and anticipate a return pass.

INSIDE LEFT – (Reuben Brown): He has also improved as the season progressed. Must learn to run on to the ball and remember that playing hockey, you can tackle and dispossess even the bigger boys (and girls).

LEFT WING – (Ronald Tapia): Tried hard all year and combined well with his centre half and inside left to make many breaks up the wing. Must learn to turn on the wing and centre the ball on the freestick.

WING FORWARD – (Michael Ackroyd): Another Under 11's player who stood tall with the big boys. He has plenty of speed and ball control. He certainly can play hockey, as the Newcastle team found out. Thanks for filling in on the many occasions.

Statistics –	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points	Final Posn.
	12	2	2	8	4	29	26	7th
Best & Fairest:	Andrew Berghuis				Most Improved:		Daniel Thiele	
Goal Scorers:	M. Titmuss		2					
	A. Berghuis		1					
	G. Varis		1					

Thanks must go to — M. Wood, B. Kennealy and M. Patterson for filling in during the season.

Finally, I must thank all the parents and their families for their support and cheers on the sidelines during the season. I cannot wait till 1986.

KEN CHAVES

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MINKEY HOCKEY PROGRAM REPORT

This was the second year for the program and it again proved to be quite successful. All the participants enjoyed themselves immensely and were given the opportunity to play all positions on the field, from week to week.

By the end of the program, the players were showing some good team work and understanding. There is tremendous potential amongst the players and many of them will develop into very good hockey players and some might go on to representative honors.

The Minkey participants were:—

(ages in brackets)

Christopher Detjen (6)

Kenneth Crowe (9)

Jonathon Detjen (6)

Michael Karlj (9)

Grant Middleton (6)

Daniel Everett (10)

Robert McLachlan (7)

David McLachlan (9)

Clint Middleton (8)

Mark O'Hara (10)

Phillip Constable (8)

Patrick Detjen (11)

I wish to thank all the parents for their support and for helping to assist in promoting the goals of the program. That is, emphasising enjoyment of the game of hockey.

ROBERT WOOD
(Coach)

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ANNUAL SQUASH REPORT

It has not been a particularly good year for Briars in the field of squash. The previous year saw the reduction of teams from several down to only two and as we started off this year with the autumn pennant, we were able to only muster one team as follows:—

C5 GRADE — Peter Ræ (C), Lou Tourian, Ed. Moore, Grant Heggarty
Peter Lewis (Reserve).

At the end of the competition the team was placed fifth out of a field of eight. On individual performances, Peter Rae was quite outstanding, having only lost two matches in the fourteen rounds. Of the two players who did beat Peter, he returned the favour and beat them convincingly in the return matches. Earlier in the Pennant rounds, Ed Moore was proving to be a very formidable opponent but as the competition progressed, Eddie succumbed to the pressures and finished with about a fifty per cent win rate. Peter Lewis, who was registered as a reserve, filled in three times during the competition and had very convincing wins. As for Lou Torian and myself, well, our form could have been better and we finished the competition with a win rate of less than fifty per cent.

The Spring Pennant for 1985 started on a slightly better note than the previous pennant, with two teams being entered as follows:—

C4 — John Healy
Peter Rae (C)
Lou Tourian
Ed Moore
Peter Lewis

C6 — John Jessup
Greg Kelly (C)
Gary Phillips
Terry Rae
Brian Eddie

It is good to see the welcome return of John Healy, John Jessup and Greg Kelly back to Briars Squash. John Healy and John Jessup have had a brief spell from the sport while Greg spent a season with the Strathfield/Croydon Club. It may be of interest to club members to know that an invitation was made to the Strathfield/Croydon club to join Briars Squash but unfortunately, for logistical reasons, the offer was not accepted.

The Spring Pennant is still in progress, with approximately three to four rounds to go and at this stage the C4 team have a good chance. The addition of John has definitely bolstered the side and even with his brief spell out of squash, is maintaining at least a fifty per cent win rate. Peter Rae and Ed Moore are also having a reasonable competition and with Peter Lewis having lost one match to date, the team is looking good.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the C6 side. To date, two out of five players have had recurring injury problems and the team has rarely been able to field a strong side. This has culminated in only one winning night so far in the competition and the remaining matches will not prove to be any easier.

The current pennant season is due to finish late November and team selections will begin again late January, 1986.

GRANT HEGGARTY
(Squash Chairman)

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BASKETBALL ANNUAL REPORT 1985

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This was a very successful start for Briars Basketball. 3 teams in all were formed without a great deal of effort and were very competitive in the grades that they played. Two teams were entered in the Men's A competition with one of these teams making it through to the grand final. The other team was entered in the C grade competition and this team's performance proved to be the most noteworthy. The majority of the team members had never played competitive basketball before and this proved to be a completely new experience for them. Their standard of play improved greatly during the season, resulting in their clawing their way through to the grand final — an excellent effort for a group of guys who had never played before.

From here on it is hoped that basketball will progress in leaps and bounds. It is an exciting sport and one that anybody can play whether you've played before or not.

MEN'S A1

Well, this first season for this team had its ups and downs. (Unfortunately more downs than ups). The team was greatly strengthened during the season with the addition of Terry Malpass and John Davidson, but unfortunately a winning combination in the team kept eluding us. Some players in the team found the opposition far too quick at times and often we were left lagging behind. Fitness played an important role in many of our losses where we seemed to hold teams for most of the game but just let the game slip during the last few minutes. The team had four wins during the season and lost at least three other games by the odd point.

PLAYER PROFILE —

JOHN DICKMAN — GUARD: Played the first half of the season. Found the 'Tall Timber' a little difficult to cope with.

ED MOORE — GUARD: A consistent trier, Ed had some very good games. Has a good shot but must work on when to shoot and when to pass.

PAUL MATTICK — GUARD/FORWARD: Has the capability of playing well but tends to lack concentration from time to time. Had some consistent scoring games early in the season.

STEVE SCHOMBERG — FORWARD (Captain): Another 'court gentleman' who claimed all season that he had the best players in the competition. Unfortunately, he was unable to organise the team to win on a consistent basis.

MICK LIUBINSKAS — CENTRE: A very strong player. Became a little frustrated with the team as the season progressed. Had some big-scoring games early on.

BOB SEILY — FORWARD/GUARD: A good ball handler who played the first half of the season.

TONY BORG — GUARD: Youngest member of the team. Tony played better as the season progressed. Must remember to pass and shoot quickly.

TERRY MALPASS — CENTRE/FORWARD: A great addition to the team. Terry added a lot of experience to the side and shaped as a possible leader in future comps.

BEN SEAMAN — FORWARD: A real trier. Ben needs to work on his shooting technique. Usually does all the hard work to beat a player but fails to put the ball in the hoop.

JOHN DAVIDSON — FORWARD: Played with us whenever he wasn't overseas. A very strong rebounder with a soft touch around the basket.

STEVE SCHOMBERG

Team Statistics — MEN'S A1

PLAYER	FOR	AV.	AGST.	AV.	HS
John Dickman	2	0.3	—	—	1
Ed Moore	47	3.9	—	—	14
Paul Mattick	78	6.5	—	—	10
Steve Schomberg	83	6.4	—	—	13
Mick Liubinskas	85	8.5	—	—	18
Bob Seily	14	2.0	—	—	6
Tony Borg	24	2.4	—	—	8
Terry Malpass	66	7.3	—	—	14
Ben Seaman	37	3.7	—	—	9
John Davidson	18	6.0	—	—	9
Team	455	35.0	632	48.6	51

Wins — 4 Losses — 11 Position = 5th

A2 GRADE

The competition started with a bang but several conflicting commitments early on led to some unnecessary losses.

These early games revealed some amazing hidden talents like big Bob Perl's blinding "fast break" pace and uncanny tap in control and Murray Brown's ability to shoot from anywhere (and usually miss).

In spite of these minor problems and a few injuries, the team turned in some fine performances and were early leaders of the competition; a mark of the fighting spirit.

After setting the pace our game unfortunately seemed to suffer and we were struggling at times to maintain our lead but finally managed to come in second. From there on it was all downhill, with 3 poor games on the trot, resulting in a convincing loss in the Grand Final, to a clearly superior team on the night.

HIGHLIGHTS

The 3 point shot competition — easily lost by Peter Allen, who finds the 3 point line about 1.0 metres outside his maximum range.

Murray's death-defying assault on a mobile scoreboard, which proved that you can't keep a good man down until he knows he's bleeding!!

A fine display of the shooting art by Garry Schomberg who seems able to score from very unlikely spots — well worth watching.

Some wise off-season buys have added some needed depth to our line-up but our few losses will be missed.

PLAYER PROFILE —

PETER ALLEN — FORWARD: A developing player with a great ability to "read" the play. Has an unfortunate habit of losing the ball at the most inopportune times.

BOB PERL — CENTRE: Master of the "tap-in". Strong rebounding centre but has difficulty in scoring after getting the ball.

ERIC WLODARSKI — FORWARD: The "mad pole" shoots a great long shot if he could just get the ball. Inventor of the "polish lay-up".

GARRY SCHOMBERG & MURRAY BROWN — GUARDS: (alias Bib & Bub), a dynamic defensive duo who unfortunately sometimes get the attacking and defensive ends confused.

JEFF LOFTS — FORWARD/GUARD: A true court "gentleman" who plays leftover and should know better.

ROB FISHBURN — GUARD: Got married and "did" his back (details are not available) so had a short season.

JEFF LOFTS

Team Statistics – MEN'S A2

PLAYER	FOR	AV.	AGST.	AV.	HS
Bob Perl	126	9.0	—	—	16
Jeff Lofts	69	4.3	—	—	10
Eric Wlodarski	138	8.6	—	—	21
Peter Allen	227	16.2	—	—	29
Rob Fishburn	7	3.5	—	—	5
Garry Schomberg	230	17.7	—	—	34
Murray Brown	133	10.2	—	—	23
Brett Coventry	16	8.0	—	—	10
Team	950	59.4	831	51.9	93
Wins — 12	Losses — 5	Draws — 1	Position — 2nd		

C GRADE

Briars fielded a C Grade team for the first time ever in the inaugural competition of the Western Suburbs League.

10 men with a mission came together with no basketball experience and a general lack of co-ordination. Thanks to some skilful tutoring from coach Paul Mattick and mentor Steve Schomberg, the team was able to muster sufficient abilities to see them into a very close 4th place at the conclusion of the second round of the competition.

Many teams who did not make it into the semis were resplendent with their basketballing talents. Combining a fierce will to win, with an unquenchable thirst for beer after the game, Briars pushed these teams out of their way in their quest for victory.

The first semi-final saw Briars easily beat the Laissez, who had incidentally, beaten them on both previous encounters. The next final saw another unexpected win for the Briars who had now set their sights on a grand final berth.

On the night of the grand final the Briars had a pre-match psych-up session which put the players in the correct frame of mind. "Knuckles" McGregor had to be restrained from head butting the dressing room door. On the night the Briars were beaten by a team who showed what basketball experience really meant.

Congratulations to all players of the inaugural C Grade Briars team. The teamwork and skills that you developed in such a short time will certainly ensure success for your future basketball endeavours.

PLAYER PROFILE —

WARWICK NEGUS — FORWARD: Although one of the team's high scorers, must keep his

guard up to prevent losing more of his face onto opponents' fingernails — he will write a letter about it !!

ARTHUR BABIAN — GUARD/FORWARD: Is now aware of the difference between final and grand final. He has promised to psych himself accordingly in the future.

GRANT MATHISON — CENTRE: Well, what can one say?? — except thanks for contributing your girlfriend and sister to the women's competition.

GERARD PRICE — GUARD/FORWARD: Who invested in the "new" shoes seemed somewhat despondent when his goal shooting deteriorated whilst wearing them.

GERARD "KNUCKLES" MCGREGOR — FORWARD: One of the season's most improved players; is busy preparing for the new season, boxing gloves have been retired.

KELLY McCONVILLE — GUARD: Our Yankee connection; has vowed never to eat 4 McDonald's cheeseburgers after a game again. We hope his recovery is speedy.

RICHARD TREGEAGLE — CENTRE: Has learnt to jump, catch and shoot in the vicinity of the ring, and throw. It is hoped that by the end of the next comp. he'll be able to learn how all these things fit together.

DAVE JAMIESON — GUARD: His vocal support throughout the season complemented his basketball skills. Another one of the season's most improved.

PAUL PRICE — GUARD: Was still recovering from the 'flu on grand final night and was sorely missed. A general asset to the team.

JOHN PRICE — GUARD: Played some of the season when his knee permitted. Is practicing running and bouncing without travelling — may even coach a team next comp.??

PETER WALLACE — GUARD: His major claim to fame this season was scoring more points than Gerard Price. Aims next season to get more than 20% of his shots in!! — well done, 'Magic'.

NIGEL STERRY — FORWARD: Used his height to great advantage but must develop the art of shooting.

WARWICK NEGUS

Team Statistics — MEN'S C GRADE

PLAYER	FOR	AV.	AGST.	AV.	HS
John Price	14	1.6	—	—	4
Warwick Negus	122	8.1	—	—	25
Peter Wallace	55	4.2	—	—	12

Men's C Grade (Contd.)

PLAYER	FOR	AV.	AGST.	AV.	HS
Gerard Price	48	3.4	—	—	8
Paul Price	11	1.8	—	—	4
Richard Tregeagle	12	4.0	—	—	6
Arthur Babian	138	8.6	—	—	18
Dave Jamieson	2	0.7	—	—	2
Gerard McGregor	10	1.7	—	—	4
Grant Mathison	177	14.8	—	—	28
Nigel Sterry	12	2.0	—	—	4
Kerry Weale	1	0.3	—	—	1
Team	602	35.4	526	30.9	66
Wins — 11	Losses — 6	Position — 2nd			

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1984 N.S.W. GOLF OPEN TOURNAMENT

Your Club was again invited to participate in the staging of the 1984 National Panasonic N.S.W. Golf Open Tournament, held at The Lakes Golf Course between 18–21 October, 1984.

The organisers of the tournament allocated similar functions to previous years, i.e. car parking, rope crew (sometimes), course communications, leader boards, press tent and the additional function of club security/will call. As well, the Club was offered the opportunity to conduct the practice range from the Monday through to the Sunday.

In order to adequately cover all of these functions, a hard-working telephone committee was co-opted to ensure a maximum number of people were in attendance. Due largely to the efforts of members of the telephone committee, we were able to have sufficient people available to ensure all of the duties were adequately staffed. Numbers could have been slightly better for Thursday/Friday but a plan has already been formulated to cover these days in 1985.

Each function was allocated a team leader as follows:—

Press Tent	— Bob Hanthorne	Club Security/Will Call	— Lindsay Calloway
Leader Boards	— Bill Hooker	Practice Range	— Bruce Trevenar/ Charlie Williams
Rope Crew	— Ross Seabrook		

1984 N.S.W. Golf Open (Contd.)

My personal congratulations and, I am sure the Club would echo my sentiments, to these fellow members for the extremely efficient manner in which they carried out their duties. The tournament directors were highly impressed with the organisation of the Briars participation, and this reflects very favourably on all of the people who volunteered their services over the duration of the tournament.

I would be very remiss in not publicly acknowledging the enormous amount of time and effort contributed by Greg McPhee, to ensure the success of the Briar's participation. The Club (and sports, ultimately) has benefited to the amount of \$9,000.00, less expenses. Proceeds from the practice range totalled \$1,665.00, with over 1,600 golf balls to be sold for another tidy amount to go into the Club coffers.

Personally, I have been very pleased to be associated with the organisation of the Club's involvement this year. I hope all volunteers enjoyed themselves and will be available for the 1985 Tournament, which is set down for Concord.

JOHN THRELFO.

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BRIARS SKI CLUB – THREDBO

The Club is now back into routine after the rebuilding hassles following the tree falling through the lodge.

Some legal difficulties remain to be resolved, however, it is unlikely that this will occur in the short term.

The opportunity was taken during rebuilding to refurbish some critical areas. The kitchen has been made larger and cupboards renewed, after 23 years wear and tear. Mod cons such as a microwave oven and dishwasher have been added and the stove replaced.

Ross Anstey retired as a director during the year, it becoming a little difficult to run things from Newcastle. Thanks, Ross for your efforts over the last six years, particularly as Chairman over the past two. Ross, incidentally, was the foundation secretary and was a director for many years prior to his current period of involvement.

Jim Field has been appointed a director in his place. Jim, a solicitor, has put a lot of time into helping with the legal side of the tree incident.

The other members of the board are – Richard Vanderfield (Chairman), Brian Darragh (Deputy Chairman), Andrew Clifford, John Edmonds, Peter Arnold, Mike Kennedy and Maurice Catt, as Secretary.

Special thanks are due to Don Walker for preparing the Club's accounts and to Col Jones, who acts as honorary auditor.

There are usually some vacancies during the ski-ing season, after the ski club members have made their bookings and Briars members are welcome to utilise the lodge. The area is also becoming very popular as a summer resort.

The booking officer, Andy Clifford at 643-2244 (Bus.) or 427-2673 (Home), welcomes enquiries.

RICHARD VANDERFIELD.

HOUSE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I have now finished a two year term as House Chairman for the Club. The last few months were a bit hard, due to commitments I had with work and family. I thank the many hands that have helped me over my term, which has made the job that much more enjoyable.

The club itself is looking good and fresh with its outside paint job. The Club, to me, is something I have always been proud of and proud to be a member, but there are some members that abuse the privilege of being a club member and leave the cleaning to good old, someone else. Someone else has always been the hardest worker in the club and, at times, is hard to find.

At the time of this report, I will be heading off to South Australia for a three-year stint. I have enjoyed my role in the club and look forward to seeing some of you in South Aussie.

RAY TUFFIN

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PERSONNEL REPORT

1985 saw the advent of Basketball as a new sport within the Club and as a result we gained the services of some very keen new members.

New members joined the Club during the year and whilst the number was only small, all sports are continuing to ensure that their players are becoming financial members of the Club.

On the recruitment side, we began Rugby coaching at Fort Street High School under the guidance of Peter Dunlop and contact was made with Trinity Grammar School. A recruitment brochure will be available before the end of 1985 for use in attracting new members from schools in our area.

MARTIN WATTS
Personnel Chairman

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FOCUS — 1985

The 1985 year of the FOCUS has seen the production of some of the best contributions since my reign as FOCUS editor. The volume and quality of information has been exceptional and I feel members now realise its value as an information source for sporting achievements, as well as the general welfare of the Club.

To date there have been four editions published with one to follow in the latter part of the year. With the updating of members' addresses, it is hoped that all members now receive their copy on a regular basis. If not, please notify the Club immediately.

To produce such a Newsletter requires financial support and this was provided by advertisers who must be thanked. Our 'regulars' included: Kerry Trollope Antiques, Mortlock Insurances, Richardson & Wrench, Burts Pharmacy, John's Video Show, Raine & Horse, Pymble Timber Co. and Kerry Weale's Hardware Store. Your support was most appreciated and hopefully will be maintained in the 1986 year.

As mentioned earlier, all contributions were provided by Club members. The following people must be thanked for their information, which included sports reports, management and board reports, as well as much humour in the 'Here and There' column.

Board and Management	—	Craig Hickey
Advertising	—	Col Dennis
Rugby	—	Tony Wozniak/John Jessup
Cricket	—	Gerard Price
Hockey	—	Robert Wood/Team Captains
Basketball	—	Steve Schomberg
Squash	—	Grant Heggarty
'Here & There'	—	Club Members
Social	—	John Price

My thanks must go to Grant Heggarty for his efforts in updating the Club address file, as well as the distribution of the FOCUS.

Thank you once again to all who have provided support throughout the year and hopefully will remain in 1986, to maintain the current standard of reporting.

GERARD PRICE
Focus Chairman.

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SOCIAL REPORT

With 6 functions having been held to date, 1985 has proved to be a socially successful year.

The Trot Night, held at Harold Park and the Car Rally at the Lane Cove National Park are destined to become regular dates on our social calendar.

Perhaps the most pleasing aspect 'Social' this year, is the fact that all functions have been well attended.

This was highlighted by the Annual Maroon & Gold Ball, held at the S.T.C. Club, Canterbury, at which some 250 members and friends danced all night to music by "The Shakes".

As per tradition, the Annual Dinner again provided many with nagging headaches the next day.

Greg Windred's singing guitar has been a regular feature at the Club throughout the year. The only problem has been JJ's insistence on assisting with vocals.

With 1985 drawing to a close, it is hoped that ALL will take advantage of witnessing the new year along with friends and members, at our biggest and bestest social event in the history of the club, The "NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY". Starts 7 p.m. with DJ music and we invite everyone to come along and bring anyone. Leave your cars at home, as the taxi stand is well within staggering distance.

On behalf of the members I would like to thank Larry Thompson, Rod Smith, Gerard Price, Paul Mattick, Robby Wood, John Staniforth and Grant Heggarty, for their assistance as the Social Committee.

Don't forget NEW YEAR'S EVE.

JOHN PRICE
Social Chairman.

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ADMINISTRATION

Both the Board of Directors and the Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1st October, 1984 to 30th September, 1984. Attendance by members was as follows:—

Administration (Contd.)

BOARD —	I. Blair	—	12	
	J. Edmonds	—	7	
	C. Dennis	—	10	
	J. Staniforth	—	12	
	P. Mansford	—	7	
	I. Richard	—	12	
	J. Crockett	—	7	
	C. Walker	—	8	
MANAGEMENT —	I. Blair	—	12	
	C. Hickey	—	11	
	P. Bowyer	—	10	
	M. Watts	—	10	
	R. Tuffin	—	3	
	G. Price	—	9	
	S. Schomberg	—	8	
	A. Steele	—	5	
	N. Sterry	—	3	Resigned January, 1985
	R. Wood	—	7	Appointed February, 1985
	W. Hooker	—	7	Resigned May, 1985
	R. Tregeagle	—	2	Appointed June, 1985
	P. Dunlop	—	1	Resigned December, 1984
	T. Wozniak	—	5	Appointed January, 1985
	P. Bevans	—	1	Resigned January, 1985
	J. Price	—	8	Appointed February, 1985
	G. Heggarty	—	8	

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BAR REPORT

It is very pleasing to see that Bar trading has increased dramatically over the last 12 months. A bar roster system has been incorporated to ensure the clubrooms are open every weekday evening from 5.30 p.m.

I must emphasise that the Briars is your Club, your meeting place, to have a social drink with your fellow members. If you can help by working once every 6–8 weeks, contact Rod Smith on 957-2666 or the Club.

My appreciation goes to all those who help man the bar and clean up at the end of the night and especially those who organised functions.

SEE YOU AT THE BAR !

ANDRES STEELE
Senior Steward.

J. H. STONE TROPHY

The 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. This year the trophy has been won by Robert Wood. Robert was this year's Hockey Chairman and has done an outstanding job for his sport, the Club and especially the promotion of junior sport. Congratulations, Robert.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

The trophy is intended as a remembrance of those who lost their lives during service in World War II. The trophy was donated by the late H. G. Whiddon. The basis of arriving at the winner is as follows:—

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

This trophy has been won by Gerard Price. Gerard was a member of the Premiership winning "A" Shires side as well as our Focus Editor. Well done, Gerard.

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 are awarded as follows:—

Attendance at training	—	20 points
Value to team	—	20 points
Most Improved Player	—	20 points
General Keeness	—	15 points
Value as a Club member	—	15 points

Gordon Bevan Shield (Contd.)

Neatness of Uniford	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

Chris Murray is the winner of this trophy. Chris was the captain of the Whiddon Cup side as well as a valuable member of the Football Committee. Good on you, 'Shirl'.

A. J. ROBINSON SHIELD

This Shield was donated by the late A. J. Robinson ("Robbie") and is won by the Hockey player obtaining the most points in the following manner:—

Value to team as a member	—	35 points
Value in Hockey Administration	—	20 points
Value to the 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 for this year is Robert Wood. Robert's efforts as Hockey Chairman and in the promotion of junior Hockey have been outstanding and have contributed immensely to the resurgence of Hockey in the Club. Well deserved, Robert.

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

Doug Vanderfield Trophy (Contd.)

Keeness as a player	—	20 points
Improvement as a player	—	15 points
Conduct on the Squash Court	—	15 points
Neatness of dress	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

Peter Rae is this year's winner. Peter's contribution to Squash this year has been outstanding. Congratulations, Peter.

E. G. STOCKDALE TROPHY

This Trophy has been donated by the Board of Directors in recognition of the outstanding contributions made to the Club over the years by Ted Stockdale. It is awarded to a Basketball player on the following basis:—

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

The inaugural winner of this trophy is the current Basketball Chairman, Steve Schomberg. Steve is also a valuable cricketer and hockey player in the Club. Well done, Steve.

R. D. VANDERFIELD TROPHY

This Trophy is awarded to a member of the Junior Hockey teams 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 junior teams.

The winner of this trophy is Ian Reynolds, who is fifteen years of age. As well as playing junior hockey, he has also played in the senior sides.

ROBERT BRUCE CLARK — OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

The Annual Scholarship, established by Bob Clark has been awarded to Brent Cash. Brent currently plays in the Kentwell Cup side and is a Flight Service Officer. Brent will be attending the course in January.

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ADDENDUM

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

I. G. S. Blair — 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.

I. G. S. Blair — President

C. R. Hickey — Hon. Exec. Officer.

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER, 1985

Your Directors submit herewith their report with respect to the Profit and Loss Statement of the Company for the year and the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year.

(1) The Directors in office at the date of this report are:—

I. G. S. Blair (Chairman)	C. K. Dennis
J. H. Edmonds	J. F. Crockart
J. Staniforth	R. I. Richard
C. D. Walker	P. Mansford

2. The principal activity of the Company during the course of the financial year consisted of promoting and playing amateur sport. There was no significant change in the nature of that activity during the year.

3. The excess of Income over Expenditure for the year amounted to \$17,957 (1984 — \$11,722).

4. Directors' Benefits —

Since the end of the previous financial year 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.

DATED at SYDNEY this twenty-seventh day of November, 1985.

On behalf of the Board and in accordance
with the Resolution

..... Director
I. G. S. Blair

..... Director
R. I. Richard

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1985

RESERVES AND ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		1985	1984
General Reserve		<u>\$ 19,327</u>	<u>\$ 19,327</u>
ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT			
Balance 30.9.84		96,629	84,904
ADD: Profit Year Ended 30.9.85		<u>17,957</u>	<u>11,722</u>
Total Accumulated Earnings		<u>\$ 114,586</u>	<u>\$ 96,626</u>
Total Reserves and Accumulated Earnings		<u><u>\$ 133,913</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 115,953</u></u>
This is represented by:—			
FIXED ASSETS			
Land and Buildings	(Note 4)	23,059	23,435
Furniture, Fittings, Air Conditioner,			
Cash Register, Carpet and Vinyl Floor	(Note 5)	<u>18,375</u>	<u>21,243</u>
		<u>\$ 41,434</u>	<u>\$ 44,678</u>
INVESTMENTS			
	(Note 6)	87,000	68,000
Trust Funds	(Note 7)	<u>2,254</u>	<u>2,066</u>
		<u>\$ 89,254</u>	<u>\$ 70,066</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock at Lower Cost or Market Value		8,744	10,392
Prepayments		6,450	6,200
Debtors		2,801	510
Cash at Bank		7,635	2,725
Cash on Hand		<u>189</u>	<u>189</u>
		<u>\$ 25,819</u>	<u>\$ 20,016</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>\$ 156,507</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 134,760</u></u>
LESS: LIABILITIES			
Trust Funds	(Note 7)	<u>\$ 2,254</u>	<u>\$ 2,066</u>
DEBENTURES AND GIFTS			
5% Debentures Maturing 30th September, 1991		1,100	1,100
Interest Free Debentures Maturing 30th September, 1991		<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
		<u>\$ 3,600</u>	<u>\$ 3,600</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provision for Deferred Maintenance		2,000	2,000
Trade Creditors and Accruals		3,879	3,408
Subscriptions Paid in Advance		4,361	3,733
Provision for Sport Development		<u>6,500</u>	<u>4,000</u>
		<u>\$ 16,740</u>	<u>\$ 13,141</u>
Total Liabilities		<u><u>\$ 22,594</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,807</u></u>
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities		<u><u>\$ 133,913</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 115,953</u></u>
The accompanying notes form part of these accounts.			

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1985

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
BAR RECEIPTS		
Sales	36,556	33,297
Less: Cost of Sales	<u>18,672</u>	<u>20,386</u>
Gross Bar Profit	<u>\$ 17,884</u>	<u>\$ 12,911</u>
LESS: BAR OPERATING EXPENSES		
Liquor Licence	2,128	1,636
Bar Expenses and Maintenance	608	472
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	<u>877</u>	<u>1,096</u>
	<u>\$ 3,613</u>	<u>\$ 3,204</u>
Bar Trading Profit	14,271	9,707
ADD: INCOME FROM		
Property Rents	20,017	18,222
Members' Subscriptions	8,789	8,412
Interest Received	10,565	7,763
N.S.W. Open Golf Championship	5,209	2,993
Sundry Income	—	380
Net Surplus Sporting Activities (Note 3)	<u>—</u>	<u>47</u>
	<u>\$ 58,851</u>	<u>\$ 47,524</u>
LESS: OPERATING EXPENSES		
Administration and Club Room Expenses (Note 1)	25,308	23,635
Property Expenses (Note 2)	6,049	5,061
Depreciation of Furniture, Fittings, Air Conditioner, Cash Register, Carpet and Vinyl Floor	3,429	4,331
Loss on Social Activities	636	246
Loss on Sale of Asset	—	29
Tour Subsidy	1,000	—
Net Cost of Sporting Activities (Note 3)	<u>1,972</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>\$ 38,394</u>	<u>\$ 33,302</u>
OPERATING PROFIT		
Less: Transfer to Provision for Sport Development	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
SURPLUS FOR YEAR TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT	<u>\$ 17,957</u>	<u>\$ 11,722</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these accounts.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1985 ACCOUNTS

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
1. ADMINISTRATION AND CLUB ROOM EXPENSES		
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	14,500	12,884
Stationery, Postage, Telephone, Bank Charges and Television	1,865	1,535
Lighting and Heating	2,135	2,681
Annual Reports	2,260	2,080
Insurance	1,342	1,219
Interest Paid	55	64
Billiards and Table Tennis	136	132
Focus	383	1,952
Donations and Presentations	—	—
General Expenses	<u>2,632</u>	<u>1,088</u>
	<u>\$ 25,308</u>	<u>\$ 23,635</u>
2. PROPERTY EXPENSES		
Insurance	2,590	2,311
Rates	3,083	2,374
Depreciation of Buildings	<u>376</u>	<u>376</u>
	<u>\$ 6,049</u>	<u>\$ 5,061</u>
3. NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES		
Hockey:		
Ground Hire, Gear Etc.	5,694	4,750
Less: Received from Players	<u>5,267</u>	<u>4,530</u>
Net Cost of Hockey	<u>\$ 427</u>	<u>\$ 220</u>
Cricket:		
Ground Hire, Gear, etc.	10,649	6,377
Less: Received from Players	<u>10,608</u>	<u>5,982</u>
Net Cost of Cricket	<u>\$ 41</u>	<u>\$ 395</u>
Football:		
Ground Hire, Gear, etc.	8,902	13,866
Less: Received from Players	<u>9,039</u>	<u>14,350</u>
Net (Surplus) of Football	<u>\$ (137)</u>	<u>\$ (484)</u>
Squash:		
Court Hire, Gear, etc.	1,006	2,960
Less: Received from Players	<u>737</u>	<u>3,138</u>
Net Cost/(Surplus) of Squash	<u>\$ 269</u>	<u>\$ (178)</u>
Basketball:		
Court Hire, Gear, etc.	6,625	—
Less: Received from Players	<u>5,253</u>	<u>—</u>
Net Cost of Basketball	<u>\$ 1,372</u>	<u>Nil</u>
NET COST/(SURPLUS) SPORTING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 1,972</u>	<u>\$ (47)</u>

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1985 ACCOUNTS

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
4. LAND AND BUILDINGS		
At Cost	28,772	28,772
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>5,713</u>	<u>5,337</u>
	<u>\$ 23,059</u>	<u>\$ 23,435</u>
5. FURNITURE AND FITTINGS		
At Cost	37,944	36,507
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>19,569</u>	<u>15,264</u>
	<u>\$ 18,375</u>	<u>\$ 21,243</u>
6. INVESTMENTS		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies at Cost	44,000	39,000
Government Bonds at Cost	26,000	23,000
Deposits — at Call	<u>17,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	<u>\$ 87,000</u>	<u>\$ 68,000</u>
7. TRUST FUNDS		
R. J. Thompson 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 Thompson).		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	<u>427</u>	<u>333</u>
	<u>\$ 1,127</u>	<u>\$ 1,033</u>
J. Sheehan Sporting Scholarship:		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	<u>427</u>	<u>333</u>
	<u>\$ 1,127</u>	<u>\$ 1,033</u>

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1985 ACCOUNTS

8. 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.

9. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Depreciation of Fixed Assets

Depreciable assets are written off by the Diminishing value method over their estimated useful lives.

(b) Basis of Preparation of Accounts

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the convention of historical cost accounting as practiced in Australia.

DIRECTORS' STATEMENT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER, 1985

In the opinion of the Directors:

- (a) the profit and loss statement of the Company is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the profit of the Company for the financial year ended September 30, 1985;
- (b) the balance sheet of the Company is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of that financial year;
- (c) at the date of this report there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due; and
- (d) the accounts of the Company to which this statement relates have been made out in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards.

DATED at SYDNEY this twenty-seventh day of November, 1985.

On behalf of the Board and in accordance
with the Resolution

..... Director
I. G. S. Blair

..... Director
R. I. Richard

**AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

I have audited the accounts comprising:—

- (i) balance sheet and profit statement of the Company together with the notes attached thereto;
- (ii) the statement by Directors;

in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

In my opinion:—

- (a) the accounts are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies (New South Wales) Code and so as to give a true and fair view of:
 - (i) the state of affairs of the Company as at September 30, 1985, and of the profit of the Company for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) the other matters required by Section 269 of that Code to be dealt with in the accounts;and are in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards
- (b) the accounting records and other records, and the registers required by that Code to be kept by the Company have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of that Code.

DATED at SYDNEY this twenty-seventh day of November, 1985.

.....
C. G. JONES
Chartered Accountant

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

MUNICIPAL AND SHIRE 'A' GRADE UNDEFEATED PREMIERS 1984-1985



Back Row: Ian Blair (President), Richard Tregeagle, Rod Smith, Nigel Sterry, Peter Siebels, Steve Schomberg
Front Row: Bart Pozuelo, Claudio Orlando, Gerard Price (Vice-Captain), Greg Wallace (Captain), Paul Price, Garry Schomberg

