

70th ANNUAL REPORT

AND

BALANCE SHEET

1987 — 1988

The Briars  
Sporting Club Limited  
Burwood



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# **THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

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## **Seventieth Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1987 — 1988**

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Presented to members at the Club Rooms  
30A George Street, Burwood,  
on Friday, 2nd December, 1988

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E.J. SIDDELEY	...		1924-1925
E.LOVE	...		1925-1926
H.W. WHIDDON	...		1926-1928
E.J. SIDDELEY	...		1928-1929
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E.J. SIDDELEY	...		1931-1932
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J.H. EDMONDS	...		1980-1983
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# **THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

**Office Bearers 1987 — 1988**

## **PATRON**

R.B. Clark, B.E.M.

## **LIFE MEMBERS**

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M.A. Hill

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## **HON. SOLICITOR**

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## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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M. Watts (Personnel & Basketball)

P. Price (Social)



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Your Board of Directors and Management present for consideration by members this seventieth Annual Report of the Club's activities and financial position for the year ended 30th September, 1988.

Another significant milestone has passed as the Club completes its seventieth year, a year which saw further consolidation towards the long term strategy of recruiting a stream of young, capable and keen members to secure the Club's future viability.

Indeed the disappointment associated with the relative lack of success on the playing arenas of late has been, in my view, largely offset by a number of young members who have joined the Club's ranks in recent times.

In financial terms the strength evidenced in recent years has been maintained with total net revenues before operating expenses showing an increase of 9% to \$72,458. The Club's principal sources of revenue continued to be derived from bar trading, income from property and investments and proceeds from our association with golf tournaments, the underlying objectives that individual sporting and social activities remain self financing for recurring costs has been substantially achieved.

On the other hand, our operating expenses for the year have increased significantly over the previous year, primarily because of the impact of the first full year's premium for sports injury insurance, the work that has been carried out in renovating the games room and the generally higher cost of maintaining the clubrooms and facilities in keeping with members' needs.

The Board has resolved that a further \$5,000 be set aside to the provision for sport development, bringing to \$22,800 the aggregate sum which has been set aside by the Club in the past five years. During the year, amounts totalling some \$12,000 were utilised from the provision, the principal purpose being to fulfill the expenditure requirements of the detailed proposal submitted by the Football Committee (and referred to in this report last year), to sponsor junior teams from various sports competing under the Club's name and to subsidise the sporting fees of junior members of the Club.

Despite the fact that both Football and Hockey have experienced relegation to lower divisions within their respective competitions in recent years, for the reasons set out elsewhere in this report, the longer term future of all of the Club's major sports appears to be reasonably assured.

In cricket, the A grade, after losing a number of key players from the previous year, exceeded all preseason predictions by reaching the final, only to have any chance of securing the premiership thwarted by the inclement weather, which permitted only a couple of hours play. None of the remaining shire sides really played to their potential, although there is certainly evidence that with the high proportion of young players, success should not be too far away. Full credit to Steve Schomberg and his committee whose encouragement has seen a strong sense of Club spirit pervade across all of the grades, as evidenced by the high ratio of players who enjoy the post match fraternisation at the Club.

Football after two years of lingering on the threshold of the premier division in Sydney Suburban Rugby finally succumbed and now face their first season in the second division. Whilst this in itself is most disappointing, I believe it gives the Club the opportunity to regroup and, given that our aims to recruit sufficient players of ability and experiences are achieved, the younger players will be given the scope to experience, not only a more satisfactory level of success on the field, but also the traditions and club spirit that both Rugby and the Briars can offer. In preparation for the 1989 season significant progress has already been made by the incoming football chairman, Owen Moore and his committee, in implementing at this early stage, plans to meet the challenging task that lies ahead.

Last year saw a resurgence in the fortunes of hockey. Albeit in a lower division, the first and third grades performed admirably to reach the final and grand final of their respective competitions. However, despite stirring efforts in these games they were both denied success that would have been well deserved. Apart from the results that have been evident from the efforts in previous years in the development of junior hockey, one of the prime reasons for the current good standing of hockey has been the enlistment to their ranks of a number of existing club cricketers, many of whom were playing hockey for the first time. It is encouraging to see once again the development of the dual sporting roles which does much to foster compatibility as between the club's various sporting activities.

Not so long ago Squash in the Club was looking to phase out with only one team competing in the Club's name. With a committed effort from Dan Power as Chairman, the number of teams has increased to five with the prospect of more teams in the future. The prevailing positive attitude has carried over to success on the court with the F1 and junior C3 teams winning pennants.

Basketball continued to field three mens and one women's team during the year with a premiership going to the mens C1 side. The sport, together with squash has created an ideal mid-week complementary activity for participants in the other major sports.

Social aspects of the Club were again well catered for during the year with Paul Price, often with a lack of appropriate back up support, taking on the role of chairman with great enthusiasm. Once again the feature event was the annual dinner held for the first time at the S.T.C. Function Centre, Rosehill, a venue better suited to the numbers which now attend. Members and their guests were treated to an absorbing talk by Andrew Slack, former Australian Rugby captain. The other major function was the annual ball, while two regular events the Trots night and Club picnic were deferred to dates later in the year. The response to Ted Stockdale's Old Members night was most encouraging, with a very good turnout from the Club's most senior members setting a fine example by maintaining their interest in the Club long after the cessation of their playing days.

With the renovation work recently completed in the games room and with projects currently underway in extending and refurbishing the kitchen, upgrading the ladies washroom facility and general maintenance, including interior painting, the club rooms will prove a most attractive area for the conduct of overall, or individual sports, social activities.

The contribution of bar trading to the Club's funds has again been significant with a continuation of the established trend of increased turnover and gross margins. The quality and reliability of the bar service has been exceptional and for this, and the significant amount of time spent on the refurbishment referred to in the preceding paragraph, the Club owes a very special vote of thanks to Colin Dayman, our senior steward.

On the 29th May, 1988 the Club participated along with representatives of Concord Council and the State Government in the official opening of the Rothwell Park change room facility. The completed building has been well accepted by both our own members and opposing teams and is in keeping with the first rate ground we have in Rothwell Park as our major sporting venue.

At 30th September, 1988 the membership of the Club was 415 as follows:

	<b>1988</b>	<b>1987</b>
Life Members	4	3
Full Members	323	337
City Associates	40	39
Country	35	37
Junior	13	5

Mention has been made in this and earlier reports on the strategies that have been developed to encourage the growth of new membership. Central to this theme has been the work of John Price, whereby, in conjunction with the sporting chairman, we have developed a strong ongoing relationship with a number of local secondary schools. Having made the initial inroad, it can well be expected that through the peer contacts established by new recruits, a steady flow of new members should be assured.

Focus has continued to provide the main communication link between the Club and its members, particularly for those who are unable to attend the Club on a regular basis. The extent and quality of contributions to recent issues has been of a high standard and it is most pleasing to see articles from members who recall aspects of the Club's long past history.

During the year two Directors, Colin Dennis and Bruce Robinson decided to stand down from the Board, while a third, Peter Mansford has indicated his wish to retire at the forthcoming annual general meeting. Col Dennis has been on the Board continuously since 1976 and for the period from that date to 1980 was President of the Club. Bruce Robinson was appointed to the Board in 1986 and had to relinquish his post prematurely consequent upon his transfer interstate. Peter Mansford has been a director continuously since 1979. Colin, Bruce and Peter have all made substantial contributions to the Club in numerous capacities over many years, and on behalf of the Club, I take the opportunity to thank all three for their significant and dedicated service.

At the last annual general meeting David Walker joined a select band of Members who have been elected to exalted office of life member of the Club in recognition of his outstanding work both on and off the sporting field.

Special thanks to our Honorary Auditor Colin G. Jones, who has now held that office in the Club for a period of twenty five years, during which time he has managed to complete the task each year under time constraints when his own professional workload is at a peak.

As the period of my tenure in office as President draws to a close, I would like to particularly thank all those that have served with me on the Board, Management and other capacities, and to my own understanding family, for the very much valued support. I have appreciated the opportunity that has been given to me to meet and get to know so many Club members, particularly those new to the Club; an opportunity that would not otherwise have been available to me. By way of concluding remarks, it has always given me a great deal of pride to be told by the many people with whom I have made contact outside the Club, of the high esteem and regard with which the name of the Briars continues to be held in the community.

In conclusion, we record our appreciation for the support we received from our Municipal authorities in Burwood and Concord councils and the Cumberland College of Health Science 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:

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

Bankstown Basketball Association  
Parramatta Basketball Association  
N.S.W. Cricket Association  
Council of Municipal Shire Clubs  
City and Suburban Cricket Association

**Peter D. Richardson**  
President

## **OBITUARY**

W.A. Elder passed away on March 26, 1988.

Bill was President of the Club from 1962-65, a Director of the Club for many years and also a Senior Steward. At the time of his death he was a Vice-President.

Bill joined the Club in the late 30's to play cricket which he excelled in and it was until a few years ago he held the Club record for the most runs scored in "A" shires (nearly 900) in the one season. He was an all round sportsman having played 1st grade Rugby with St George, Baseball and in later years Pennant Bowls with the Epping Club.

To Grace his charming wife, Lynne, Michael, Linzi, Richard and their families our condolences. Bill will always be remembered for his contribution to the Club and his firmness and fairness when running the Club.

Well done William.

**Ted Stockdale**

## **BRIARS CRICKET REPORT SEASON 1987 — 1988**

This season showed a big improvement especially in the position of A grade and the Club Championship. There was a big improvement in effort and commitment this season and great pre-season preparation saw A grade in particular get off to a great start to the season.

The highlights of the season were: —

- Excellent performance by the A grade Side (2nd)
- Excellent performance by the U/24 Side (2nd)
- Excellent performance in the Club Championship (4th)
- Very successful Double Wicket Day
- Very successful inaugural seven-a-side competition for the local schools
- The increasing number of good young cricketers that we are attracting to the club.
- The great job done by the Captains especially Stuart Lind who was sometimes making 20 phone calls each week just to get a side on the paddock in D grade.

I would like to thank all who assisted during the season in the running of cricket.

- The Captains — Gerard Price, Rod Smith & later Peter Richardson, Peter Lucas, Stuart Lind & David Wright.
- Stuart Lind — Assistant Chairman, Newsletter Co-Ordinator
- John Price — Junior Co-Ordinator (ably assisted by Greg Lippiatt, Peter Richardson, Gerard Price, Paul Price and Bart Pozuelo on the seven-a-side day)
- Paul Price — Treasurer & "Glebe" Reporter
- Rod Smith — organising of Social Activities
- Ted Stockdale — afternoon teas at Rothwell every Saturday and No. 1 Cricket Supporter (much appreciated Ted)
- Tim Werner/John Price — assistance on the double wicket day
- Paul Simpson — training co-ordinator, a job done exceptionally well.

I would like to congratulate the respective clubs that we played this year for their efforts and especially Wentworthville Club Champions and A Grade Premiers, Roseville B Grade Premiers, Warringah C Grade Premiers, Sydney University D Grade Premiers.

Our final placings for the season were:

Club Championship	— 4th
A Grade	— 2nd
B Grade	— 11th
C Grade	— 11th
D Grade	— 12th

**Steve Schomberg**  
(Chairman)

## **“A” SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1987 — 1988**

What a year this turned out to be! After losing players such as Bart Pozuelo (Petersham 1st grade), Phil Alley (St. George 1st grade), Greg Wallace and Jim Marinos from the previous season's A grade team which failed to make the semis, we were sure 1987-88 would be our toughest for some time.

Written off as semi-finalists even before a ball had been bowled the team was determined to prove everybody wrong. And, with the addition of a few 'new' faces and some much improved performances we were fortunate enough to make the final, only to lose due to a wash out.

The old saying "catches win matches" was never so evident than it was this season, especially when compared with 1986-87. The fielding during the year was one of our highlights and definitely led the way to our performances as we were able to constantly pressure the opposing batsmen and pick up wickets.

Unfortunately, though it was not one of the better years for our batsmen as can be seen by the averages. There is no doubt that the unpredictable weather played its part as we were unable to build any momentum especially after Christmas where almost 7 full days out of a possible 14 were washed out.

One of the areas we must look to is rebuilding the higher grades as it is essential that we have 15 or 16 players of A grade standard fighting for positions as this pressure will definitely lead to improved performances.

Overall, a tremendous effort from everybody involved and I'm sure that with this season under our belts 1988/89 will see the A grade Trophy in its rightful place — the Briars Clubrooms.

Congratulations to Wentworthville on winning their second successive premiership.

### **The Players:**

**Steve Twohill** — the boy from Tumblegum performed quite solidly, however, must learn to convert his twenties and thirties into 50's and 100's. This season he had seven scores between 20 and 50 and showed he has the makings of a very good A grade batsman. Excellent technique but possibly lacking in concentration. Unfortunately, not required to bowl.

**Paul Thomas** — in my opinion, the best 'keeper/batsman in the competition. Scored his maiden A grade century in a great innings against Pennant Hills but another who scored 20's and 30's regularly without really carrying on. Combined with Steve in some very solid opening partnerships and is sure to dominate the opposition in years to come. His keeping was also of a high standard.

**Paul Simpson** — potentially a good A grade batsman however, apart from his 93 not out against Pennant Hills failed to perform to expectations. With some improvements in his technique and running between wickets he should do much better. Appeared for too casual at times and will need to concentrate harder in years to come. His fielding was of a consistently high standard and organised training very well. Unbelievably did not get a chance to show his wares as a bowler.

**Paul Price** — not one of his better seasons with the bat especially after Christmas however, he was involved in match winning partnerships against Macquarie University and Warringah in pressure situations. Bowled well early in the season but lacked opportunities after Christmas, a point he emphasized to the skipper. Has the potential to perform at a much higher standard if he can be more consistent. Took out the Billy Ducker Award for the first time.

**Steve Schomberg** — what can you say about this workhorse. Easily the Clubs most consistent bowler taking the most wickets in A grade and also the best average. Picked up 5 wickets in an innings 3 times and when given the ball rarely disappointed. Apart from his 28 not out against Baulkham Hills to help win the game his batting was not very successful. Also, did a terrific job as Cricket Chairman.

**Greg Lippiatt** — one of the most improved players in the Club. In and out of the side before Christmas, he soon held his place with some very good batting and fielding. Batted well for 49 against Lindfield when others failed to perform and with a few minor adjustments should hold his place in A grade. 'Rambo' was another who was not required to bowl but persisted in "bowling" to his skipper at training.

**Adam Lax** — up until he injured his shoulder Adam was easily one of our best and most reliable bowlers, regularly picking up wickets and keeping an end steady. His 7 wickets in our outright victory over Auburn proved vital and I'm sure with regular attendance at training he will be even more successful. Didn't bat very often but keeps reminding us of a 50 he scored in B grade some years ago.

**Warwick Giblin** — prior to Christmas, Warwick was one of the most consistent performers in the team with some very good batting. Played a vital role in our outright win over Auburn with 2 half centuries but unfortunately like most others failed to continue this good form. Proved a handy bowler when given the opportunity and assisted the captain well when advice was needed.

**Gerard Price** — without doubt the best all round performer in the side. As skipper, held the side together on many occasions with his batting including 89 against Epping and a match winning 50 not out against Macquarie University, and as a result topped the averages. Also bowled superbly throughout the season being unlucky not to capture more wickets. Bowled very fast at times and took 11 wickets in the final round against Roseville to help the side clinch 2nd position. Skipped the side very well in his first season as A grade captain.

**Garry Schomberg** — without a doubt this was Garry's least successful season for some time. After missing some of the early games he failed to find any touch except for a patient innings against Bexley. With a more positive and aggressive attitude I'm sure he'll bounce back to the heavy scorer he once was. Didn't bowl but assures me he can keep wickets.

**John Price** — didn't play the whole year in A's but performed well. Involved in a match winning partnership with Steve Schomberg against Baulkham Hills and bowled well against Wentworthville earlier in the season. Should be a regular A grader if his fitness improves — or is he too old for that??

**David Horniman** — due to the terrible weather 'Condo' was not given the opportunity to really show his true potential. He definitely has the ability to succeed in A grade and when on target would be close to the quickest in the comp. Next season should be a big one.

**Rod Smith** — after a season and a half in B grade, the prodigal son returned to the A's and per

formed very well, especially with the bat. He still knows how to clear the boundary fence with big hitting and showed this in the final with 2 big sixes. Not given many opportunities with the ball due to the weather. Hopefully, we'll see more of him at training next season.

**Andrew Macky** — probably a season in A's Andy would like to forget. He started like a house on fire with two good early scores however, he couldn't repeat these efforts later on. His fielding was of the highest standard and took some brilliant catches. With more concentration he should be a regular A grader.

**David Trewin** — didn't play the whole season in A's but his enthusiasm in the field was infectious. An excellent team man.

**Ted Stockdale** — unfortunately we were unable to enjoy Ted's cups of tea due to the dressing room reconstruction and the inclement weather. However, with his regular attendance he remained our most ardent critic. We appreciate your support Ted.

### Gerard Price

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
15	2	4	3	6	52	2nd
Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average	
2623	135	19.43	1945	113	17.21	

## "A" SHIRE STATISTICS BATting

Name	Matches	Inn	N.O.	Runs	Avg.	H.S.	50's	100's	Catches
G. Price	14	15	4	336	30.55	89	2		8
R. Smith	5	6	1	118	23.60	33	-		1
P. Thomas	15	17	-	357	21.00	115	-		1
J. Price	9	5	2	61	20.33	29x	-		5
W. Giblin	10	13	-	257	19.77	57	2		1
P. Price	15	15	3	217	18.08	41	-		5
S. Twohill	13	16	-	282	17.63	45	-		2
G. Lippiatt	11	10	2	139	17.38	49	-		2
P. Simpson	15	15	1	229	16.36	93x	1		4
D. Trewin	7	7	1	81	13.50	29	-		1
G. Schomberg	10	10	1	118	13.11	28	-		5
D. Horniman	3	5	1	44	11.00	17	-		0
A. Macky	8	9	1	87	10.88	42	-		8
A. Schomberg	13	11	4	72	10.29	28x	-		5
A. Lax	11	4	2	11	6.50	7	-		2



## BOWLING

Name	Over	Mdn	Wkt	Runs	Avg	Run/Over	Over/Wkt	Best
S. Schomberg	149	48	30	390	13.00	2.62	4.97	5.12
G. Price	173.2	40	28	426	15.21	2.46	6.19	6.23
W. Giblin	35	8	7	115	16.43	3.29	5.00	3.28
A. Lax	112.4	23	19	333	17.53	2.96	5.92	4.19
D. Trewin	11.1	2	2	37	18.50	3.33	5.55	2.20
J. Price	57	12	8	174	21.75	3.05	7.13	3.35
P. Price	80	16	11	268	24.36	3.35	7.27	3.36
D. Horniman	25	1	3	90	30.00	3.60	8.33	2.26
R. Smith	22	2	2	87	43.50	3.95	11.00	2.19

## B SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1987 — 1988

In a season unduly influenced by rain affected and underprepared wickets, the B Grade side, despite an inconsistent season, still had a remote chance of making the semi final playoffs with one round remaining.

The inconsistency referred to is illustrated by the fact that, with the exception of two rain marred draws in the latter part of the season, the team recorded a sequence of consecutive loss/win results right throughout the season.

The state of the wickets reflected the abnormally low team averages of around 14 runs per batsman for both the home team and the opposition, with only three batsmen exceeding an aggregate of 200 runs for the season and no one bettering 260. Indeed the team only passed the 220 mark on two occasions during the season.

The situation was exacerbated by the participation of some thirty players in the team during the season. This level is far too high to enable continuity and stability. In previous reports I have dwelt on the factors that give rise to this unsatisfactory situation and do not intent to comment further, suffice to say that playing cricket at competitive level calls for a far greater commitment than has been in evidence.

There were however, a number of positive aspects in relation to the season. Alex Fookes and Gerard Abood, both playing with the club for the first time showed considerable potential, being the two leading batsmen for the team in terms of both batting aggregate and average. Furthermore David Abood, playing his first season in the B's applied himself consistently throughout and should benefit from this experience in the higher grade.

On the other hand we lost the services of an admirable performer and team stalwart of recent years in David Baccarini who has moved to Queensland. We wish David well in his new environment and trust it will not be too long before he rejoins us.

The bowling, although generally consistent throughout the season, lacked the necessary penetration to capitalise on early breakthroughs. The highlight of the side's performance was undoubtedly the very high standard of fielding, both on the ground which enabled pressure to be maintained on opposing sides, and in the air where some of the catching was quite superb.

In conclusion I would like to express my particular thanks to:

- (i) Rod Smith who captained the side until his promotion to the A's mid-way through the season.
- (ii) Ted Stockdale for his consistent support and assistance with the afternoon tea arrangements and post match fraternisation at the club.
- (iii) The council groundsman, Greg Sneesby whose dedicated efforts provided the club with one of the best and most consistent wickets in Sydney.
- (iv) Steve Schomberg who as cricket chairman provided an administrative backup of high quality to support the teams in the field, and
- (v) My fellow selectors who toiled behind the scenes throughout the season.

Brief profiles of the players who contributed most to the team during the season are set out overleaf:

**Peter Richardson (captain)** — Once again did not enjoy one of his better seasons. Now approaching the veteran category showed his hand for times ahead by dropping down the order to fourth wicket. Collected his usual quota of catches in slips. Derived immense satisfaction from his association with a fine team of young men.

**Rod Smith** — Not the same force with the bat as in the previous season. However, his thirteen wickets at an average cost of just under thirteen runs earned Rod a well earned elevation to the A's. During his time as captain worked well to ensure a strong sense of team compatability.

**David Abood** — A good team man, David showed consistent application in his batting, highlighted by a stubborn 59 to provide the basis for a team total of 326 against Epping. Still needs to persevere with the objective of remedying certain technical flaws in his batting.

**Gerard Abood** — Joined the club as a fifteen year old and immediately became established as a regular member of the team. After a promising start batting at either second or third wicket, suffered a mid season slump, before being elevated to the role of opener, where in the final round against ultimate premiers Roseville, compiled a highly meritorious 85. This demonstrated to Gerard the benefits of building an innings, whereas earlier appeared over anxious to go for his shots too early. Looks to have the potential for a very successful cricketing future.

**Alex Fookes** — Another newcomer who has shown tremendous potential. Alex just need to temper his natural stroke making flair until his innings is established. Chimed in with a few steady overs of off spin. Fielded very well taking eight catches.

**David Jamieson** — David did not experience a particularly happy season with the bat, although has gritty innings of 28 n.o. on an underprepared wicket at Baulkham Hills held the side together for a win. As usual gave of his utmost in every game he played.

**David Baccarini** — Played in all except the last four games when he left to take up residence interstate. On a couple of occasions showed his former ability with the bat, however his timing suffered somewhat with the late pronounced backswing which has developed in his game. Provided once again a wholehearted effort with the ball as a support bowler and never relented in the field.

**David Horniman** — Proved again to be the enigma of the side. When the latent talent comes to the fore produces performances several grades above B shires, as evidenced in his devastating spell of 6 for 64 against Epping, an effort that included quite a number of balls that were absolutely unplayable. Possessed of considerable stamina, will bowl for extended periods without complaint. Showed to have a very good batting eye, hitting some of the biggest sixes seen at Rothwell for some years.

**JEFF JARRETT** — Proved ever reliable behind the stumps, showing just a little vulnerability when the spinners are deployed. His considerable experience and astute cricket brain often utilised by the captain as a sounding board showed glimpses of his old form with the bat in the limited opportunities given.

Phil Davis, Matt Young, Greg Lippiatt, Tim Alley, Nick Dimas, Andrew Macky, David Trewin and John Price all played either three or four games during the season and their contributions were very much valued. In his two appearances Garry Schomberg had innings of 64 and 113 the latter being a dedicated if subdued effort against Epping.

## B SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	—	5	6	2	34	9

  

Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average
2295	115	13.99	2542	116	14.61

## BATTING (X NOT OUT)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	50's	Aggregate	Average	Catches
A. Fookes	11	2	62	2	230	25.56	8
G. Abood	12	1	85	1	256	23.27	7
D. Abood	10	—	59	1	215	21.50	3
J. Jarrett	8	4	26	—	85	21.25	14 (1st)
D. Baccarini	8	2	37x	—	96	16.00	1
D. Horniman	8	1	36	—	92	13.00	3
R. Smith	7	1	25	—	70	11.67	6
D. Jamieson	8	1	28x	—	69	9.86	2
P. Richardson	13	—	37	—	125	9.61	11

### ALSO BATTED

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G. Schomberg	2 for 177	—
D. Trewin	2 for 104	1
T. Alley	3 for 86	—
G. Lippiatt	4 for 76	2
A. Macky	3 for 73	—
R. Streeter	2 for 57	2
P. Davis	3 for 56	—
J. Price	3 for 48	2
M. Young	3 for 47	—
N. Dimas	3 for 42	—
B. Pillinger	2 for 30	4

G. Price	1 for 26	—
B. Howle	2 for 17	1
S. Schomberg	1 for 16	1
P. Siebels	2 for 13	—
W. Hooker	1 for 10	2
W. Giblin	1 for 4	1
D. Kable	2 for 2	—
P. Breakwell	1 for 2	—
T. Worner	1 for 0	—
P. Wallace	1 for 0	—

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. Smith	73.1	17	165	13	12.69
J. Price	64.3	10	238	14	17.00
D. Horniman	174.5	41	541	30	18.03
D. Baccarini	107	13	401	15	26.73
D. Trewin	56.1	11	164	6	27.33

### ALSO BOWLED

S. Schomberg	7 for 78	G. Lippiatt	1 for 9
P. Siebels	6 for 119	W. Giblin	1 for 19
N. Dimas	5 for 82	D. Abood	0 for 7
G. Price	5 for 86	D. Jamieson	0 for 7
M. Young	3 for 92	G. Abood	0 for 17
P. Breakwell	2 for 64	D. Kable	0 for 19
T. Alley	2 for 95	P. Davis	0 for 22
A. Fookes	2 for 103		

## CRICKET C GRADE

Our season started capably at Cumberland College with Briars not only winning the toss, but the match as well. Peter Lucas' keen eye for a good pitch to bowl on became obvious as Lane Cove scraped together 182 runs; Alex Fookes was the thorn in Lane Cove's side, holding two sharp catches and compiling 104x with the bat. Gerard Abood (40) batted well as Briars motored past Lane Cove's total with seven wickets still to play.

With the soil of Macquarie Uni under our boots, Baulkham Hills (with only nine players) put together 228 runs. Tim Worner became the unknown quality in the Briar's attack (10-1-2-40) with a clever variation of flight and deception. Not content with two wickets Tim opened the batting scoring 41, but it was all to no avail as the game ended in a draw. Briars 3-104.

Another win of the toss saw Briars batting on a placid Macquarie track. Lucas and Tim Alley's opening partnership of 68 was overshadowed by the David Kable (38) and Tony Kanaan (22x) final wicket partnership of 58. Briars were eventually dismissed for 269. Pennant Hills 1-4. Rain. Another draw.

Continuing from their last outing, Lucas and Alley amassed 137 for the first wicket against Wentworthville at Macquarie. No one else really bothered and Briars declared at 9-249. More than just an opening bat, Alley had Wenty played alive as he returned 11-4-6-21. Reeling from the Alley onslaught, the opposition could only manage 187.

Lusty hitting from Brett Howle (33) pushed the Briars total to 150 against home team Macquarie Uni. Competent bowling from Matt Young (22-8-0-36) and Bede Maher (14.4-6-2-16) supported by able fielding failed to retract Macquarie and they passed us seven wickets down.

Visitors Auburn-Lidcombe wilted under the Brad Pillinger experience (115) in a Briars total of 222. Dave Kable bowled well (20-3-2-83) but Auburn managed to pick themselves up and pass Briars losing only five wickets in the process.

Phil "the veteran" Davis (42 — this is his score, not his age) made the Briars total of 151 somewhat respectable playing away at Warringah. The home team proved too determined in passing our score for the loss of only three wickets.

The following three games were drawn courtesy of the usual Friday night/Saturday morning deluges. Individual performances include Scott Edmonds (18-5-3-49) and Tim Worner (11-1-4-49) against Epping. Tony Kanaan (16.2-1-6-77) and Peter Lucas (40x) against Strathfield. Tim Worner bowled well against Bexley to take 12-1-3-49.

The season's most exciting game took place against Lindfield at Acron. Our opposition decided to bat first and found themselves in trouble as Scott Edmonds grabbed 8.1-4-4-18 enabling Briars to restrict Lindfield to 132. Some extremely ordinary batting saw Briars dismissed for a paltry 108. Dave Kable took offence and wreaked havoc capturing 7.3-2-4-13 in Lindfield's second innings of 40. Needing 65 runs to gain an outright, Briars decided to do it the hard way, Losing eight wickets in the process. Finally a result.

The season's closing match started badly and Briars found themselves 6-90, guests of Roseville. The tail wagged (reliable as ever) enabling us to reach 204. John Platania (44), Peter White (26), Scott Edmonds (35) and a season's best for Michael Clarke (32). Matt Young's (21-4-3-62) trojan like effort with the ball was inspiring yet Roseville only lost five wickets in the process of passing our score.

C Grade's Phar Lap award for the biggest heart goes to Matt Young who returned 80-23-5-200 for the season. Matt's efforts were roundly appreciated and he was a pleasure to have in the team, for his motivational efforts were a fillip for the C Grade, and on the whole, Briars.

C Grade would like to thank for their all infrequent appearances Bede Maher, Scott Harrod, Matt Young, Nick Dimas, Glen Evans, Paul Breakwell, Alan Low, Andrew Groves, David Jamieson, Brad Pillinger, John Platania, Gerad Abood, Robert Streeter, Brett Smith, Peter White, David Abood, Roy Slaven, Alex Fookes and Aldo Cantori.

#### **The nucleus of the team included.**

**Peter Lucas** (Captain) — Peter was one of our most consistent rungetters for the season. He combined well with Tim Alley, the most notable partnership being their 137 run opening stand against Wentworthville. In winning the inaugural Dale Carnegie captaining award Peter proved that, contrary to the old Australian saying, a man is a camel.

**Tim Alley** — Tim's effort against Wentworthville (74 runs and 11-3-6-21) was Herculean and established himself as not only an opening batsman but a very capable fast bowler as well. His dedication alone should assure that in season to come he will find himself in higher grades.

**Mark Kingston** — Averaging 19.13, Mark seemed to lack the maturity and concentration to go on and make a big score. Alas, these things come with time and allow Mark to be earmarked as a player of the future.

**Dave Kable** — Dave established himself as a quality fast bowler with his tireless efforts throughout the season. Batting low in the order Dave managed to give a whole new look to the image of fast bowler/batsman with a handy 38 against Pennant Hills. Dave also trained well which is encouraging to see in one so dedicated.

**Brett Howle** — In an effort to rid himself of his "all-or-none" batting technique, Brett managed to compile some good scores through the season. Managing to play shots on both sides of the wicket with consummate ease. Brett's 44 against Pennant Hills was typical of his new found consistency. Other players may take note of Brett's enthusiasm towards not only his fielding, but his attendance at training.

**Tim Worner** — In snatching the season's bowling averages the unknown quantity of Tim the bowler became apparent. This is not to overshadow his excellent performance with the bat. Tim showed he is capable of batting competently anywhere in the order. Tim minimised his unavailability by getting married on a Monday — a fine example of club dedication.

**Phil Davis** — Phil was rumoured to be the oldest player in the team hence, he was fondly known as "the veteran". The veteran brought new meaning to the term 'allrounder' with a clever variance of full tosses with only ten deliveries for the season. Solutions to his lack of punctuality include: (a) a new alarm clock. (b) a faster car, or (c) going to bed on Friday night with the pads on.

**Tony Kanaan** — Tony could always be called upon to give a sterling effort with the bat. His mental attitude and controlled aggression were fillips for the C grade and a boon for the Club on the whole., Tony needs to be recognised for his unsung performances with the bat and his safe hands in the field.

**Michael Clarke** — Clarkey managed to smash the 100-run barrier for the season and in doing so sparked rumours of 'allrounder' status. He might go a lot further if he concentrated on one bowling style instead of pace bowler, medium-pace bowler, swing bowler, seam bowler, leg spinner or off-spinner.

**Scott Edmonds** — Scotts exemplary performances with the ball were outstanding for a man of his school age. Scott proved he was a player of the future by exempling his profoundness with the bat on many occasions. Definitely one to watch on a meteoric rise though the grades.

**Michael Clarke.**

## STATISTICS

### BATTING

Name	Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	50's	Aggregate	Average	Catches
T. Alley	5	—	74	1	171	34.20	3
M. Kingston	9	1	37x	—	153	19.13	1
D. Kable	6	2	38	—	73	18.25	—
B. Howle	6	—	44	—	109	18.17	4
P. Lucas	11	2	49	—	163	18.11	3
P. Davis	9	1	42	—	125	15.63	1
A. Kanaan	7	4	22x	—	45	15.00	5
S. Edmonds	8	2	35	—	83	13.83	5
M. Clarke	8	—	32	—	101	12.63	4
T. Worner	8	3	41	—	60	12.00	3

**Also batted:**

B. Pillinger	3 for 156	R. Streeter	3 for 22
J. Platania	1 for 44	S. Harrod	2 for 10
G. Abood	1 for 40	M. Young	4 for 14
N. Dimas	1 for 27	B. Smith	1 for 2
P. White	3 for 42	P. Breakwell	2 for 1
D. Abood	1 for 13	B. Maher	1x for 4
A. Low	1 for 11	A. Fookes	2xx for 107
A. Groves	2 for 22	A. Cantori	1x for 0

**BOWLING**

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
W. Worner	36.2	3	150	10	15.00
S. Edmonds	121.1	32	354	22	16.09
T. Alley	49	8	145	7	20.71
A. Kanaan	66.2	5	271	13	20.85
D. Kable	83.3	15	253	11	23.00
M. Clarke	86	4	389	14	27.79

**Also bowled:**

P. Davis	1 for 6	G. Evans	1 for 74
B. Maher	2 for 16	P. Breakwell	1 for 119
S. Harrod	3 for 73	A. Low	0 for 12
M. Young	5 for 200	A. Groves	0 for 21
N. Dimas	1 for 62	D. Jamieson	0 for 25

Matches	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	1	2	—	4	6	34	10th
Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average		
1769	87	20.33	2236	93	24.04		



## D SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1987 — 1988

The lack of depth last season in Briars cricket saw the D Grade side field no fewer than 52 different players. Not even David Wright could boast that number in C&S in one season. Consequently the composition of the team was a week to week proposition which was reflected in the side's performances. Nonetheless the first 4 games saw us taking the field at least 1 player down, with one particular afternoon against Sydney Uni (the eventual premiers) only 8 Burwood players available.

Round 5 the side turned the corner to record its first victory against Epping 2. Im Worner scored a magnificent 167, a new D Grade record. In the following game against Strathfield, new boy John Dibiase delighted his team mates with a top knock of 83. Good wins were registered against Pennant Hills, Roseville and Epping 1 during the remainder of the season. Unfortunately rain was a major player in cricket after Christmas. After being in a strong position against Bexley and Baulkham Hills on the 1st day only to see our enthusiasm for victory on the 2nd day dampened by the storm clouds above.

A positive aspect of the season was the injection of new young players into the side who will provide good strength to the club in years to come. Some outstanding performances by individuals during the season are worth noting:

**Tim Worner** — fantastic knock of 167 against Epping 2, played every shot in the book and some that aren't.

**Bede Maher** — a fluent innings of 96x scored at "the Bay" rescuing the side from deep trouble after being 5 for 24

**Peter White** — a caviller 64x, featured in a record 8th wicket undefeated partnership of 123 with Bede Maher against Pennant Hills

**John Dibiase** — a mature innings of 83 scored at ST Pats in only his second innings in shires cricket

**Mark Kingston** — thumped anything on leg stump to the boundary in scoring 63 to register his first half century for the club

**Grant Johnston** — watched wickets tumble in compiling 62 out of a total of 106 against Warringah 1

**Nic Dimas** — in his return match for the club after an overseas jaunt a brilliant 99 against Strathfield

**Greg Wallace** — in another polished batting performance scored a fine 58 on a wet wicket against Lindfield

**Brett Howle** — batted with typical flourish in scoring 70x against Bexley

**Stuart Lind** — side's leading wicket-taker, highlighted with an 11 wicket haul against Warringah 2

Although the season was disappointing in terms of results, the sportsmanship and friendship was always evident throughout. I would like to extend my thanks to the players, my fellow committee members and all those associated with the Briars who extended their support to me during the season.

**Stuart Lind**

## "D SHIRES STATISTICS"

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	0	5	2	4	2	34	11

  

Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average
2318	127	18.25	2347	129	18.19

### BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	50's	Aggregate	Average	Catches
M. Kingston	3	2	63	1	87	87.00	
T. Worner	3	0	167	1	209	69.70	3
B. Maher	4	2	96x	1	132	66.00	4
G. Wallace	2	-	58	1	102	51.00	
B. Pillinger	2	1	43x		47	47.00	4
P. White	3	1	64x	1	89	44.50	2
J. Dibiase	6	-	83	1	170	28.33	4
J. Plantaina	3	-	33		78	26.00	1
G. Johnston	6	-	62	1	123	20.50	5

#### Also Batted

		Catches
S. Lind	14 for 131	6
M. Young	2 for 45	3
B. Howle	1 for 70	
D. James	5 for 35	3
I. Lippiatt	8 for 73	2
N. Dimas	1 for 99	
M. Welfare	6 for 63	2
A. Groves	5 for 53	1
S. Foster	3 for 47	2
K. Langly	2 for 52	
C. Liddell	5 for 45	1
S. Whitby	5 for 44	
D. Wise	4 for 44	1
R. Streeter	3 for 31	2
T. Evans	10 for 35	5

#### Also Batted

		Catches
T. Alley	1 for 18	
P. Grey	4 for 3	
J. Langly	1 for 3	1
K. Bhandara	1 for 3	1
R.O'Brian	1 for 0	
S. Trussell	2 for 1	2
D. Boutros	1 for 0	
A. Kohlenburg	1 for 0	
T. Babbage	1 for 9	2
A. Low	4 for 8	1
R. Fish	5 for 23	5
P. Breakwell	3 for 3	2
P. Siebels	1 for 2	
T. Mezher	1 for 0	1
T. Kanaan	1 for 7	1

G. Evans	1 for 31		B. Hooker	1 for 4
A. Thompson	2 for 28		T. Alli	1 for 6
P. Wallace	1 for 18		P. Lucas	1 for 2
J. Price	1 for 5	1	M. Smith	1 for 0
D. Kable	1 for 4	1		

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. Young	41.2	18	75	8	9.38
P. Breakwell	89	18	275	20	13.75
S. Lind	231.2	51	699	52	16.64
M. Welfare	71.3	20	203	12	16.92
T. Evans	92	19	316	9	35.11

### Also Bowled

N. Dimas	4 for 39	P. Siebels	2 for 6
T. Kanaan	3 for 42	I. Lippiatt	3 for 49
P. Wallace	2 for 18	D. Kable	3 for 48
A. Groves	3 for 31	D. Wise	0 for 13
T. Alley	1 for 65	T. Worner	1 for 45
S. Whitby	0 for 59	K. Langly	0 for 18
G. Johnston	2 for 67	R. O'Brien	1 for 33
P. White	0 for 2	D. James	0 for 2
T. Mezher	0 for 6	M. Kingston	0 for 0
G. Wallace	2 for 18	J. Price	1 for 26
B. Maher	2 for 49	T. Alli	1 for 17

## UNDER 24 COMPETITION

The 1987/88 season marked the occasion for the inaugural Under 24 competition for Shires cricket.

At the beginning of the competition it was decided that we would attempt to give as many players as possible a chance to perform whilst at the same time trying to win. This formula proved very successful as we used 16 players in the five games and were defeated in the final.

The competition proved invaluable to our younger players and there were many highlights including:

- Tim Alley — 100 vs Strathfield
- David Baccarini — 5 - 32 vs Strathfield
- Steve Twohill — 2 half centuries
- Winning the semi-final against the previously undefeated Wentworthville team who had 6 A graders in their side.

### Round 1 vs Bexley

Burwood 6-195 (S. Twohill 64, P. Thomas 47x, G. Price 28x) defeated Bexley 191 (T.Alley 4-53)

### Round 2 vs Strathfield

Burwood 2-197 (T.Alley 100, S. Twohill 63) defeated Strathfield 196 (D. Baccarini 5-32)

### Round 3 vs Canterbury

Canterbury 154 (T.Alley 4-35), G. Price 3-38) defeated Burwood 123 (P. Thomas 26)

### Semi-Final vs Wentworthville

Burwood 4-162 (G. Price 51\*, S. Twohill 39) defeated Wentworthville 161 (P. Price 4 - 30, N. Dimas 3 - 23), T. Alley 3 - 55)

### Final vs Warringah

Warringah 8 - 186 (G. Price 3 - 38) defeated Burwood 109 (G. Price 23, B. Howle 23)

This competition really proved how much talent is currently in our ranks in this age group and I'm sure if their progress continues the way it is, then the club's future is assured.

I enjoyed captaining the team throughout the competition and will eagerly monitor the progress of all the players. The manner in which the players behaved and played was a credit to the Club.

Well done fellas.

**Gerard Price**

## UNDER 24 STATISTICS

### BATTING

Name	Matches	Inn	N.O.	Runs	Avg.	H.S.	50's	100's	Catches
P. Thomas	3	2	1	73	73.00	47x	-	-	1c, 2s
G. Price	5	4	2	115	57.50	51x	1	-	2
S. Twohill	5	5	-	181	36.20	64	2	-	2
T. Alley	5	4	-	141	35.25	100	-	1	2
B. Howle	4	3	1	45	22.50	23	-	-	2
A. Fookes	2	2	-	30	15.00	18	-	-	1
P. Simpson	5	4	1	29	14.50	20	-	-	2
N. Dimas	3	2	-	23	11.50	14	-	-	2
A. Macky	5	3	-	20	10.00	16	-	-	0
G. Abood	3	3	-	21	7.00	19.00	-	-	1
P. Price	5	2	-	12	6.00	9	-	-	1
D. Abood	2	2	-	8	4.00	8	-	-	1
B. Pillinger	3	2	2	22	-	22x	-	-	5c, 1s

#### Also played:

M. Clarke	3 games — batted once (0x)
D. Baccarini	1 game (D.N.B.)
D. Horniman	1 game (D.N.B.)

### BOWLING

Name	Over	Mdn	Wkt	runs	Avg	Best
D. Baccarini	13	3	5	32	6.40	5.32
N. Dimas	24.3	4	5	67	13.40	3.23
T. Alley	56	7	12	200	16.66	4.35
P. Simpson	23	4	4	68	17.00	2.27
G. Price	76.3	17	9	194	21.55	3.38
P. Price	47.1	3	8	199	24.88	4.30
M. Clarke	27	5	1	98	98.00	1.33

## CITY AND SUBURBAN CRICKET

### 1987 — 1988

*We came. We saw. We rarely conquered. We **did** enjoy ourselves . . .*

The 1987-1988 season saw the Venerable Gentlemen of the club severely chastened on several occasions, as our less-than-imposing record indicates. Nevertheless, the season had many highlights with a few of them even occurring on the field of play.

The C and S squad is rarely without its quota of "characters", and last season saw "The Great M", Maurice Critchley, at his best. Unlike the previous season, when his wit and repartee were often interrupted by lengthy stints at the crease, Maurice had plenty of time to keep us entertained on the sidelines. We knew the season would be interesting when, prior to our second match, at Centennial Park, Maurice caused mischief and mayhem to man and beast by driving along the dirt horse-track in the wrong direction, and parked in the way of several bemused equestrians. Not even an amplified request from the ranger, a "third-rate public official" as Maurice described him, would induce the former to relinquish his wicket-keeping gloves to move the offending vehicle.

One of the more intriguing aspects of the season was the wicket-keeping selection trials, which were held over a period of three months. These trials became necessary as a result of David Walker's defection to Concord Golf Club, and caused some mirth to all but the three gentlemen concerned, Marty Watts, Maurice, and Craig Hickey. They good-naturedly allowed each other a turn behind the stumps on alternate weeks, until the arrival of Herman Hitipien closed the issue.

Craig became so keen to take catches behind that he insisted on giving even the opposition fieldsmen catching practice. Consequently, and much to his chagrin, eleven of his twelve batting appearances resulted in his being caught.

The Gentlemen's own catching this year was quite acceptable, with most catches taken provided they weren't too far away. Alan Thompson was one bowler who didn't want to rely on his fieldsmen, and bowled most of this twenty victims. Clearly, Alan expected others to do the same, for the only two catches he took all season were from his own bowling.

Alan was also an international traveller during the season. During a fact-finding mission to Liverpool, he attempted to sign Everton players to a short contract for next season, as well as to check on rumours that they had a soccer ball that swung through the air. A dramatic farewell dinner was held at a local restaurant, in the best traditions of Briars Annual Dinners, David Jamieson denies everything despite a lifetime ban.

We are a democratic group in C & S, always willing to give a young hopeful a game, especially at 12 o'clock on Saturday morning when we are two players short. A variety of players came and went; unfortunately, no less than five of them were rewarded with the dreaded 'duck' on their solitary appearance.

One of our most dramatic "signings" occurred early in the season, as we prepared to face I. Zingari. On paper, our side looked even less-menacing than usual, with some regulars unavailable and some new recruits selected. At 1.45 we patiently waited for two of the selected ten players to appear! *Who* said that cricket teams need eleven men? He obviously didn't play C&S). We waited in vain. John Healey later offered the poor excuse, that he hadn't realised that those available were automatically selected. This must be the golden rule of our cricket! The extremely nervous cousin of a new player, John Debiase, was quickly conscripted from the spectators few, and we took the field with nine men.

Things did get worse, however. Late in the season, when we *had* won a game, we were forced to take the field with eight men, when three of those selected (names withheld) took fright and became lost in the wilds of Rose Bay, only to emerge after ten overs.

Briars C & S players are undoubtedly a stern group, never shy to let the on-field skipper aware of his short-comings, as my predecessors have lamented in years to gone by. there was much mumbling about matches "getting away" and conjecture about the future of the skipper, during the early part of the season. He saved his neck from the ravages of the Fletcher Christians, when we won a few matches late in the season. Two of the potential mutineers were Maurice Catchley and Bob Kersey, disgruntled perhaps at the on-field captain's usurping of the important role of tossing captain. This was done after there was considerable confusion in 1986-87, in several matches, about the number of overs to be played. Ugly scenes were only narrowly averted.

The major thrashing for us occurred against Colleagues, where a batsman scored a sedate 130 from 16 overs, with only twelve sixes (and six men on the boundary). Our batsmen gained some revenge against old friends, Paddington, when we registered 4/169, our best for the season. Generally, however, we failed to score enough runs quickly enough, in the top order. (The records show that four of the season's best ten partnerships were for the fifth or sixth wicket).

May I thank the side for two enjoyable seasons, and may I suggest that the 1988-89 skipper take precautions against the arthritis of the dialling finger suffered by me over the last season. Finally, a special thanks to Bob Kersey for his organisation of the C&S fishing trip.

**David Wright**

- On Field Captain
- Firstwhile Tossing Captain
- Sole Selector
- Telephonist

# BRIARS C&S 1987-88 SEASON REPORT

## Season's Analysis

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## BATTING

Name	Innings	Not Outs	Aggregate	Highest Score	Average	Catches
P. Mansford	10	2	203	44	25.38	1
W. Hooker	9	0	185	54	20.56	0
J. Jessop	3	0	58	24	19.33	2
I. Blair	12	0	184	43	15.33	6
S. Foster	11	2	136	58*	15.11	3
T. O'Kane	13	0	184	50	14.15	3
M. Blyfield	7	1	82	22	13.67	1
D. Wright	16	5	115	22	10.45	5
C. Dennis	12	0	120	34	10.00	1
C. Hickey	12	0	112	37	9.33	6*
M. Watts	11	2	82	20	9.11	2
R. Kersey	8	4	36	8*	9.00	3
H. Hitipieuw	4	2	17	9*	8.50	5x
M. Critchley	13	2	82	20	7.45	9*
A. Thompson	7	2	37	25	7.40	2

\* includes some wicket-keeping

**Also batted:** J. Crockart 9 from 4; J. Healey 14 from 5; P. Davis 0 from 1; K. Holley 0 from 1; W. Saunders 7 from 1; C. Blair 3 from 2; P. Simpson 2 from 1; B. Howell 52\* from 1; J. Barrett 7 from 1; O. Moore 37 from 3; B. Maher 1 from 1; M. Coles 0 from 1; G. Kelly 6x from 1; R. Tregeagle 28 from 2; D. Jamieson 37 from 1; J. Debiase 2 from 1; J. McKenry 0 from 1; M. Wright 3 from 1; R. Abonzio 0\* from 1.

Batted — 35

Fifties — 5

W. Hooker 2

S. Foster 1

T. O'Kane 1

B. Howell 1



## BEST PARTNERSHIP

## B Wicket Keeping

	Caught	Stumped	Total
M. Critchley	3	3	6
C. Hickey	3	1	4
M. Watts	0	0	0
M. Coles	1	0	1
H. Hiltipieuw	5	1	6

## C Bowling

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	Best
C. Blair	19	3	6	58	9.67	5 - 30
J. Crockart	29	1	7	131	18.70	4 - 39
R. Kersay	76	4	20	375	18.75	3 - 33
C. Dennis	61	1	12	301	25.08	4 - 39
D. Wright	143	18	23	596	25.91	5 - 51
O. Moore	23	1	5	139	27.80	3 - 32
G. Kelly	17	0	3	86	28.67	2 - 32

**Also bowled:** M. Wright 0 - 1; T. McKendry 1 - 12; T. O'Kane 0 - 1; B. Maher 2 - 44; P. Davis 1 -3; K. Holley 0 - 22; W. Saunders 0 - 2; P. Price 1 — 56; I. Blair 0 - 24; S. Foster 0 - 8; R. Tregeagle 3 -42

**19 Bowled**      **5 wickets — 2**      C. Blair 1  
D. Wright 1

## HONOURS LSIT

<b>MOST RUNS</b>	P. Mansford 202
<b>BATTING AV.</b>	P. Mansford 25.38
<b>HIGHEST SCORE</b>	S. Foster 58*
<b>MOST WICKETS</b>	D. Wright 23
<b>BOWLING AV.</b>	A. Thompson 17.9
<b>BEST BOWLING</b>	C. Blair 5 - 30
<b>MOST CATCHES</b>	M. Critchley 9 (includes 3 as keeper)

## **KENTWELL CUP**

What a year that was? Certainly one I will never forget the only satisfaction to be derived came from the two lonesome wins otherwise an extremely frustrating year playing well out of our depth.

Fortunately for us the new season will present new challenges not just for the club but for individuals as well.

Last year I made some specific comments directed toward changing members attitude to the game. I felt there was a distinct lack of drive or sense of purpose — My opinion has not changed.

No doubt some other comments will be made about our success including the recruitment of the Welshman — all five of them. For me this opportunity belongs to the players those that gave their total commitment for the full season in the face of defeat. I thank them for sharing the load. Bear in mind that I have said before "One must have experienced the bitter taste of defeat before one can enjoy the sweetness of success!"

We should treat our entry into Second Division as an opportunity. We will need to present ourselves as THE club to beat — but we will not be beaten — anyone that survived the 1988 season can never be beaten again. GOOD LUCK.

**John Campbell**

## **BURKE CUP**

The season was in essence a replay of the 1987 season, with an incessant movement of players through the team (62 different players) — the highlights of any week being to ask players to play a second or third game so as the Burke Cup could field a side.

To the hard (small) core of players who consistently trained and turned up every Saturday to play several games, I thank you for your commitment in ensuring that, even though we have been relegated, the BRIARS name HAS NOT denigrated through forfeiting week after week. (Only one Judd Cup game forfeited which was due to bad weather and a field change).

Even though losing every game, except one, the team was usually competitive which was shown in the last game against Matraville (who were equal first), when it was 6 — 6 well into the second half and only instances of inexperience cost the game.

I would also like to thank the players and officials who gave a hand on Saturday afternoons in managing the side.

**Gary Sly:**  
Coach

## WHIDDON CUP

Selecting the whiddon Cup side for games this season was a fairly easy task — all we did was to take the handful of players who trained on Wednesday Night and then make a dozen or so telephone calls to find out if some players were still alive and if they had a mate or if the Navy had a vessel in town. Finally we would send a recruitment officer up to the Palace Hotel Mortlake on Friday to ply potential players with a mixture of alcohol and bullshit.

By 9.30 on Saturday morning we had a side however by noon most of these players had been seconded into Kentwell or Burke so we then moved to plan B.

Plan B involved scrutinising the spectators to see if there were any potential players. A quick scout around to obtain shorts, boots and socks and we now had the basis of a side. Next step involved conning some Judd Cup players into doubling up. To achieve this our recruitment officer would approach nominated players in the guise of awarding best and fairest points and then the following conversation would take place.

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| <b>Recruitment Officer:</b> | "Excellent game son, you look fit enough to double up."  |
| <b>Player:</b>              | "Look mate I'm buggered all I want is a beer."   |
| <b>Recruitment Officer:</b> | "You only have to play for ten minutes Billy Bloggs has just arrived and is getting stripped and he will replace you." |
| <b>Player:</b>              | "O.K. but only for ten minutes."   |

Of course Bill Bloggs hadn't turned up and even if he had John Campbell or Garly Sly would have grabbed him for their sides.

Despite protests and pleas for mercy the Judd Cup player usually finished the game and was then grabbed for the Burke Cup.

Under these circumstances team cohesion was impossible. Very often line out calls were organised as we ran onto the field and we usually fell back on the old Briars standby, a series of three numbers would be called out — if the middle number was even the ball went to number two if the middle number was odd the ball went to number four. Most of the time we were very confused however long time rivals such as Hunters Hill and colleagues proved most helpful. These clubs are very familiar with our standard calls and often called out where the ball was going which was a great benefit to the player throwing the ball in as he usually didn't have a clue.

Except the middle aged and greying player/coach Geoff Moss and player/manager Ted Callaghan most of our players were young and vastly inexperienced. The lack of team cohesion and the inexperience was most evident in our results however except for a couple of undisciplined efforts the boys tried their hearts out every week. Our forwards often matched their opponents in set plays but we fell down in second phase play which was only to be expected.

The frustrating thing was that if we have been able to train as a squad and basically keep the side together we could have had a good year. On the Saturday of following our one and only complete team training run we nearly defeated the highly rated Blue Mountains side scoring two tries a piece with a crucial decision by the referee to award us a penalty when he could have given us a penalty try having a big bearing on the result. Also late in the season when we acquired the services of Joe Lancuba a player with considerable Kentwell experience we notched some good wins against higher placed sides which only showed the benefit of experience which was otherwise missing.

In the end I would just like to thank the 68 players who played Whiddon Cup for their efforts and hope they got some enjoyment out of the season.

**Geoff Moss**

## **JUDD CUP REPORT**

I would have liked to have written this report, after a more convincing season on the football field, but unfortunately near misses do not get points on the board.

However without making any excuses, for a team that at the beginning of the season nearly had to forfeit the competition due to lack of numbers, and we only got three to training on a good night, Judd Cup played some very enterprising football.

Getting the numbers to get a side on the paddock was a more difficult task than coaching them. Many thanks go to those who helped in the ring-arounds and who brought friends down to play.

A special thanks goes to Bob Coulter manager of the side.

I don't hope, I know we will have a better season next year, see you then.

**Peter Stewart**

## PLAYER REPORT

This season so many of our Rugby Players gave service in more than one grade that it was decided to collate the various reports from our coaches and present one complete player report.

Thus the following comments represent the mixed opinions of all the coaches.

**Acuna Nino (Judd & Whiddon)** — A Chilean who talks like a Greek greengrocer — played mostly breakaway and wing with a lot aggression but lacks real pace for either position — should look to playing in the tight five as he matures.

**Avery Gary (Judd & Whiddon)** — Winger whose positional play and defence improved immensely this year — a good all round club man, who was always there when Judd Cup kicked off until Kentwell Cup finished.

**Andreza Paul (Whiddon & Burke)** — The latest recruit from that great nursery of Briars Rugby the Palace Hotel Mortlake. A second row or lock with definite top grade material in both talent and outlook. It is not very often you see a tight five player who can run with the ball.

**Anese Dean (All four grades)** — Young second row whose fitness and keenness was rewarded with several Kentwell appearances. Has a good right hand as a Lindfield prop with testify. Also provides a running commentary during matches for players who weren't paying attention.

**Alessandra Marc (Burke, Kentwell)** — Marc has to be pushed to help him achieve his best. He had a lousy run of luck with injuries early in the season which really did not help. Needs to get more determined if he wants to make 1989 his season.

**Ealdry Patrick (Whiddon)** — halfback — a real terrier with heaps of heart — an off season spent study the rules with improved him tremendously.

**Eertie Robert (Whiddon & Burke)** — Honest hard working prop who regularly doubled up — always willing to help out.

**Brown Matthew (Whiddon, Burke, Kentwell)** — Centre or wing who had an erratic first season and did not settle down in any one grade. A player with the size and courage to make a good footballer and maturity should add the finesse.

**Brown John (Judd, plus 5 mintues in Kentwell)** — Five eight and captain of Judd Cup. "I can known them down brown" led the side well. But an unfortunate knee injury in his Kentwell debut robbed him of the opportunity to lead Juddes in their most impressive win against Matraville in the last game of the season.

**Burrows Steve (Judd)** — Second row — fine recruit from the navy. We are not sure what Steve does in the Navy but it certainly has nothing to do with navigation — just ask his mate Terry.

**Bowen John (Kentwell)** — A bit of bad luck ruined John's season — he foolishly tried to tackle a rampaging golden oldie in the annual G.O.'s v. Presidents xv match and broke his thumb — up until then he was travelling well and enjoying his football. A five eight with a deceptive side step.

**Bell Steve (All four grades)** — A breakaway in his first season of rugby — earned his Kentwell appearances and showed a willingness to listen and learn. Steve's biggest asset is what he doesn't know — he doesn't know how to give up.

**Bowyer Peter (Judd)** — Kentwell Cup manager who gave up his grange hermitage and pulled his boots back on towards the end of the year. Suddenly realised he wasn't as old as he thought he was and gave some strong performances.

**Cage Artie (Burke)** — Lock forward or hooker from N.Z. who has learnt his craft well. Provided experience and leadership and only lack of fitness and youth kept him out of 1st grade. Kept raving on about something called a Bledisloe Cup — but no one took any notice.

**Callaghan Ted (Judd & Whiddon)** — If we had six Ted Callaghans the club would be much stronger. Ted did everything this year he played (second row) he managed the Whiddon Cup side and recruited players from his own nursery at the Ancient Briton Hotel at Glebe which could soon rival the Palace Hotel at Mortlake as a means of Shanghaing, sorry recruiting, players. There is no rhetoric with Ted he is just a doer.

**Chattaway Russell (Judd, Whiddon, Burke)** — A top second row — brought several new players to the club — owns the best pairs of occaniuis in Sydney.

**Coulter Robert (Judd)** — Manager extraordinaire — always willing to pull on a jumper when a second row or prop was required.

**Chalmers Russell (Whiddon)** — Second row — another Kiwi who goes about his job with a minimum of fuss. Unfortunately work commitments prevented him finishing the season — hopefully he can come back next year.

**Craig Andrew (Kentwell)** — Andy is a marvellous half — quite capable of winning a game on his own. Has his critics who feels he is not up to Kentwell standard — what utter crap. Andy was never outplayed this season and is up there with the best.

**Davis Dooley (Burke, Kentwell)** — Prop — you could not say that fitness is a strong point of Dooleys and if he is to reach anywhere near his potential he is going to have to put in an effort. Its very frustrating watching a player like him only showing glimpses of his capabilities every now and then.

**Ellison Brothers (Judd)** — Watching Mick and Jack at half and five-eight sometimes resembled a slow motion replay. Were always there if sometimes a little late.

**Egan Jim (Kentwell)** — Possesses a lot of skill at five eight — a good tactical kicker who can also run the ball.

**Egan mark (Kentwell)** — Centre with a devastating side step. Worked well with brother Jim.

**Farquhar Angus (Judd & Whiddon)** — Came down as guest players and liked it so much he stayed.

**Fox Kevin (Kentwell)** — Few people share Kevins passion for the game. He plays the game with a singular determination and the frustration he felt through his injury this season will only serve to increase his drive. Kevin has the admirable quality of being able to strike fear in the hearts and minds of his opponents.

**Groves Andrew (Whiddon)** — Played every position in the pack — stayed whirlwind finish to nearly grab Whiddon best and fairest — tremendous off field effort running raffles and other fund raising activities. Seconded his mum Carol to wash jumpers — Whiddon Cup players were the only team in the competition to have their own jumpers washed in 'cuddly' and collars ironed.

**Guest Timothy (Burke, Kentwell)** — Lock — sometimes the toughest comments are reserved for those with the greatest potential. If Tim really wants to get there he has to really work at it — a broken hand didn't help his cause this year.

**Guest Mark (Kentwell)** — Wing or centre who can be brilliant in attack but lacks concentration — with more ball and more opportunities he has the ability to give more.

**Guest Philip (Burke, Kentwell)** — Utility back and third member of the talented Guest family — look forward to having for the full season in 1989.

**Glattback Peter (Whiddon, Burke, Kentwell)** — A very good fullback, his positional play is excellent who added backbone to the backline when it was needed. We would really love to have him for a full season next year so we can benefit from his experience.

**Holmes Matthew (Whiddon, Burke)** — Prop having his first season of rugby — made tremendous progress for raw beginner — will develop into top grade prop if he wants to make the effort — can already scull a bottle of soya sauce which is crucial to becoming a first grade prop.

**Hollis Len (All four grades)** — A prop who made his debut in Kentwell at the age of 40 which is a proud achievement and one to recognise because of his courage and commitment to the club, scored his first try for the club in a domestic club match against Matraville playing in Judd Cup.

**Hansen Steve (Judd)** — Disgustingly unfit half back who has ruined the careers of more five eights than he cares to remember. An astute judge of opposition sides he waits until we play weak teams and suddenly turn up with his gear. Gary Sly maintains he is the Gobbledock of Smiths Crisps fame and cries of "Chippies" were definitely heard at several games this year. Was one of the main-reasons Judd Cup went so well towards the end of the season.

**Horniman David (All four grades)** — Utility Back — without doubt the most maligned player in the club. But the facts speak for themselves — David played more games for Briars this year than any other player. In one four week period he played 12 full games out of a total of 16. Throughout the year David did not want to be considered for higher grades because he felt he lacked the fitness to do justice to himself and the club. At times he had to be coerced into playing but play he did when others might have turned their back on the club.

**Hawthorne Peter (All four grades)** — A legend in his own lifetime — just ask him — would like to hear from anybody who has a tape of this years annual dinner.

**Hyde Scott (Kentwell)** — Breakaway who gave his all when some others gave nothing. He led the way with punishing tackles — gave everything to the game and the club. A real champion who has the respect and admiration of everyone in the club.

**Healy John (Kentwell)** — Thank God for John Healy without him in the line outs and scrums our position would have been hopeless. He was obliged to carry his injuries and the forward pack. Gave great support and assistance throughout the year.

**Howell Milton (Burke, Kentwell)** — The perfect clubman who ought to get a trophy every year. No other player would put up with being shifted in and out of first grade as much as happened to him this year. Enjoys his rugby and is good enough to play well in any company.

**Johnstone Mark (Burke)** — Honest hard tackling centre. Injuries and lack of fitness prevented Mark from displaying his full potential.

**King Sean (Whiddon, Burke)** — Speedy centre/winger with good defence — regularly played two games each Saturday without the slightest hesitation. Could be a top player as he has all the necessary essentials. Needs another season to fully develop.

**Kingston Mark (Burke)** — Played prop, second row and hooker and was always willing to give anything a go and commit himself. A good trainer and with experience will develop into valuable club player.

**Katz Brothers (Judd)** — Andrew played well until injured half way through the season. George played everywhere and proved most popular after a big win at the races.

**Lopez Andrew (Whiddon)** — hard running centre/winger who unfortunately suffered severe knee injury which could regrettably finish his playing career.

**Lancuba Joe** — Turned up late this season with new hair cut — helped Whiddon Cup pull off some late season wins against more fancied sides.

**Lancuba Robert (Judd, Whiddon)** — married life, no training and too much pasta has resulted in expanded waistline and reduced pace. However strong running and good defence are still features of his game.

**Lowe David (Whiddon)** — Wing or fullback — plucked from the sidelines to play — has all the skills but unfortunately was a victim of the dreaded flu bug this year. Could develop into a top flight fullback.

**Lax Adam (Burke, Kentwell)** — Second row who made a comeback this year, but never really had a chance to get going properly. Adam had the talent but his old injuries stopped him in the end.

**Longhurst John (Kentwell)** — What a great find. John has guts and fire — enjoys his rugby and displays the sort of spirit that blends well with the likes of Terry O'Kane and Scott Hyde. Won a lot of lineout ball and once he moved from second row to lock he really killed them.

**Loxley Steve (Burke)** — Talented half or five eight who until he broke his leg was improving his play game by game at the same rate he increased his verbal abuse of his own players and the opposition. He was missed after his injury.

**Moar Andrew** — Here is a young man with real potential. Andrew likes a bit of biff and bash. He loves it tough — just wait until he is a bit older — he is going to dish it out — flat out. Should stick to hooker despite what anybody says — his best change is at hooker and his extra skills will prove invaluable. Deserved to be winner of Geoff Archibald Trophy.

**Mudford Darren (Burke, Kentwell)** — A versatile player with heaps of potential, however, as with hairstyles he should pick a position (lock) that suits him best and stick with it.



**McQuade Robert (Burke, Kentwell)** — Definitely a confidence player. A talented five-eighth who needs to believe in himself first and foremost and make the physical commitment to prove he can be a great player.

**O'Kane Terry (Kentwell)** — Terry knows the adage "There is nothing to fear except fear itself". He leads the way with courage and determination. He enjoys the conflict and revels in the battle and only when he fails does he join the others in despair but he never let the club down.

**Powell John (Judd, Whiddon, Burke)** Wing who made comeback after several years in retirement — a badly broken finger cut short his comeback.

**Price Simon (Kentwell)** — Best lineout thrower this club has had in years. Injuries prevented him playing more games this year but he gave tremendous support.

**Reeves Chris (Burke, Kentwell)** — Wing who until he broke his jaw was having an up and down season with some good games being followed by some indifferent displays of which he will be reminded every time Gary Sly sees him.

**Roberts David (Kentwell)** — A bloody big oath with a huge capacity to drink, one of the Welsh contingent who has had a lot of exposure to some very good coaching. We probably only saw 70% of his real potential. Needs to crash tackle at least one player a game and work on his lineout. Described by John Campbell as being a lazy bastard — these are John's comments only and do not reflect the opinion of the others in the club.

**Sylvester John (Burke)** — Despite being a regular player still requires a road map to find Rothwell & Goddard parks. A gutsy defender at either centre or fullback who when he retires from rugby will become a cat burglar.

**Staniforth Doug** — The loss to Briars Rugby following Doug's recent death will not be fully felt until next season when we have to find someone to do all the work he did. It might be a well used cliché but Doug really was one of nature's gentlemen.

**Scerri Robert (Whiddon)** — Played the most Whiddon Cup matches this season (16) usually at five-eighth. Bob has all the skills but needs to be more decisive in his play. Played better when he had experienced players around him.

**Stewart Peter (Judd)** — Coach and sometimes player, trained his side in secret for most of the season. His late season form saw him called to grade with Drummoyne where he hopefully did some heavy recruiting for the Briars. Made his golden oldies debut this year.

**Sly Gary (Burke Coach)** — Struggled all year without a manager and a side which was continually chopped about by injuries and unavailabilities. Despite the frustrations of the season he finished the year with his sense of humour intact.

**Staniforth John (Judd)** — Second row and the Peter Pan of Briars Rugby — it might take a bit more tape and bandages to get John on the paddock but his enthusiasm has not waned.

**Toohill Tony (Whiddon, Burke)** — Best season so far — won't best and fairest in Whiddon Cup from only eight games — seems to have finally found a home at Breakaway.

**Thompson Ross (Kentwell)** — Centre — in Kentwell consistency is a must — Ross was more than that he was the backbone of our defensive line and gave 100% all year.

**Thompson Larry (Judd, Whiddon)** — Prop or Hooker — scored a try in the first game of the year and went to expo to celebrate. Made limited appearances this year, but his sense of fun on and off the field made rugby enjoyable for his teammates.

**Viglienzone Paul (Whiddon II)** — Briars resident "Punk" complete with tatoo and bowver boots — improved throughout the season. Could kick on if he makes the effort.

**Whitham Lance (Whiddon)** — Winger who had limited opportunities but grabbed three tries in first season of rugby — will improve once defence and positional play develop with maturity.

**Wooster Howard (Burke)** — Solid reliable prop who provided a basis for the forward pack to work on. A nasty facial injury finished the season early for Howard but he should bounce back.

**Wilson Paul (Whiddon & Burke)** — Paul is an honest second row who gives his all every game. A snapped achilles tendon finished his season half way through the year.

**Witham Marc (Burke)** — Talented half who somewhere between 1987-1988 learnt that he wasn't playing soccer and his game improved accordingly. Marc's contribution to Briars went way beyond playing and having a few beers at the club. A great clubman who is a credit to his family and himself. Winner this year of the Gordon Bevan Shield.

**Witham Andre (Burke)** — Breakaway who adds a bit of life and flare to every game. Never takes a backward step.

**Webber Mal (Judd)** — No need to spear about Mal's ability only his reluctance to tell his wife Jo that he was playing.

**Wozniak Tony (Kentwell)** — Under different circumstances Tony could be brilliant. Next year presents a great opportunity with a new set of challenges. Tony will have to prove himself once more to gain the respect of these second division players. It could be another resurrection.

To those players who didn't get a mention in the player report perhaps you were lucky, however we thank you for your support throughout the season. To those people in the background — the supporters and workers some final comments.

**Kath Staniforth, Sue Staniforth, Debra and Bruce Ferguson** another superb effort in running the canteen this year.

**Col Dayman and Ted Stockdale** — The first two behind the bar at every home game — thanks guys.

**Rhonda Sly** — came to every match and never watched a game. However was invaluable as keyminder, wallet minder, child minder and jumper washer.

**Helen O'Kane and Diane Healy** — came to every match and actually watched the football.

**Steve Bell Supporters Club** — Came to every home game and supported the canteen well.

**Phil England** — helped out whenever called on.

**Kylie & Cathy** — supplied some glamour for the older players to oogle over.

**Diane Thompson and Carol Groves** — brought a picnic atmosphere to all home games.

**Sue Moss** — was noteable for her absence at most games this year.

Finally to everyone concerned with rugby this year thanks for all your support in what was a most frustrating season.

**Geoff Moss**  
Rugby Chairman

## **BRIARS HOCKEY CHAIRMANS REPORT 1988**

1988 was a successful year for Briars Hockey — regardless of what anyone says. For those playing the results this year were better, albeit, in a lower grade but you ask a player whether he prefers to win or lose, this year we won plenty.

The return of many ex-players was a welcome boost to all the sides. Particularly the younger ones who are learning true Briars spirit. Some quarters of Briars Hockey don't concern themselves too much with club spirit and could have been having bad effects on them. Now we are in majority and it showed throughout the year. So far this year over 20 players have stated their intention to play 1st grade next year. This competition will do no end of good for the complacency that has set into many players. If you aren't up to scratch you are out.

My thanks to people that helped this year spread far and wide. In three years I have managed to break up the tasks that a Hockey chairman was required to do. Nobody ever wanted the job because you did everything. Just ask the last 2 or 3. This year we had Paul Huggett looking after Junior Hockey with Matt McFarlane's help. Laszlo Kovacs was secretary and treasurer (probably 2 peoples jobs but if he wants to do it who am I to argue). Steve Redfearn and girlfriend Samantha who catered for the home games and brought home our biggest profit in social ever. I can't emphasise how welcome their help was this year, hope they are happy with us as their new club. Special thanks to John Price for starting the ball rolling with the cricketers for 3rd grade and to Ricky Francisco for his persistent efforts with 1st grade in spite of all the flack many people put on him. Thanks also to Colin, Paul Huggett for arranging another screamer of a Canberra trip — just ask anyone that went.

I am not interested in hearing any negative criticisms. 1989 will be a great year because we have many people putting in positive help. A junior recruiting campaign strategy is in place. There is two pre-season outdoor comps running, we will have at least 2 if not 4 indoor sides, and Briars along with a number of other clubs will be pushing the SHA to change the competition format so the opposition, particularly in 1st grade, will be up to the standard that we deserve.

In 1989 we require non-playing coaches for at least 1 or 2 grades and people who would like to umpire, our games, both home and away. Even if it is only one game, it helps. For all the ex-players that are sitting at home with some spare time, look at the draw in next years Focus and see when we play in your neighbourhood, even if you only come down and watch, we'd love to see you.

Thanks to all those that helped in 1988 and I hope the same help is passed onto the 1989 Chairman.

**Sandor Kovacs**  
Chairman  
Briars Hockey

## 1ST GRADE HOCKEY REPORT (IC) 1988

To say that our first season in 3rd Division was a disappointment would be an understatement. Team moral began on a high level at the start of the season. The coach, Rick Fransisco, was elected unanimously by the 1st grade squad. although no pre-season matches against other clubs were organised this year, the pre-season twilight competition in which the Club had a team and the 2 teams Briars had entered in the Indoor Competition had many payers, particularly 1st graders, reasonably fit and ready for the season.

However some pre-season disputes and the fact we were now in 3rd Division lost us some good 1st grade players. Then come the worst news of all, the players the team could have been built around, being some of the members of the previous years under 17's junior side, decided they wanted to play with their mates in 2nd Grade. Thus for the first time the 1st grade team had to rely on a person who did not want to play 1st grade. The coach, and 2nd graders who fancied another game. With the inevitable absences during the season the team structure suffered badly as did moral.

Perhaps the worst example of the lack of cohesion was the 2nd round game against Eastern Suburbs. At the time set down for the start of the game the 1st grade Briars team consisted of 5 players. When the game started 10 minutes later Briars had 7 players, but even against a side which we easily beat in the 1st round, the 7 players couldn't hold the opposition out and we lost badly.

For the majority of the season Briars were either leading the competition or 2nd. However we finally finished 3rd with Glenorie and Monterey finishing ahead of us. It became obvious very early in the season that these 2 teams and Briars would be the 3 top teams.

Only Lavender Hill, A.M.P. and Brothers were of a reasonable standard, the other teams, apart from the 2nd round fiasco against Easts caused us no problem. In fact in the first round game against Long Bay we won 18-0 and the coach got stuck in to the team for not playing well. The problem was he was right and he should have known, because as the opposition were short, he played with them in the second half.

Unfortunately playing in 3rd Division each team has to provide one umpire. Certain teams in the competition still consider that winning is the most important thing and some very dubious decisions, cost us valuable points.

After finishing 3rd it was with great pleasure that we played the semi-final on the astro-turf at Homebush. For the first time in weeks we played a team and easily beat AMP 2-0. In the first we had our chances but at the end of full-time drew 1-1 with Monterey. After extra and double extra time the score was still locked at 1-1. Unfortunately, as Monterey finished ahead of us in the competition, they progressed to the grand final and beat Glenorie.

Our coach Rick tried hard all year to have us finish Premiers and win automatic promotion to Second Division. On behalf of the team I would like to thank him for his efforts. Unfortunately he got little support and people in Briars Hockey still believe they are beyond criticism and they know best.

There were too many individual players in the side. Rick has been trying to knock that out of us and create a side of only team players. Unfortunately it didn't happen and we have only ourselves to blame. In all my years in Briars hockey I have not come across a more dedicated coach, its a shame he didn't get more dedicated players.

The main players for the season were as follows:

**Terry Isaacs** — (left wing, inside right) Shows he has good skills but needs to get fitter. He also needs to combine better with the other forwards. Showed he could score good goals.

**Colin Huggett** — (inside left) One of the fastest forwards in the competition but needs to improve his stick skills. A very good defensive player. However at times he tries to do too much.

**Paul Huggett** — (centre forward) Sometimes forward, sometimes full back, Paul is developing into an all rounder. Needs to develop more consistency in his skills.

**Ricky Francisco** (inside right) Played in more games than he wanted. Tried hard but often found his skills are not backed up by the speed and fitness he used to have.

**Gerard Price** (right wing) The goal scoring machine of the team. Probably the fastest forward in the competition. If he could train and increase his skills, he could be better again.

**Greg Dunn** — (right wing, centre forward) His skills suffered from playing in second grade, sometimes 1st grade. Still has great potential and raw goal scoring ability. Needs to learn to combine better with the other players.

**Nigel Sterry** — (left half) Needs to be more consistent. Tackling is excellent and uses his reach and extra length hockey stick well. Still allows opposition wingers too much room.

**Ian Reynolds** — (centre half) Also suffered from 2nd gradeitis. Still has not reached his potential. Has the stickwork and the speed but until he learns how to combine the beating and leaving of players he will not progress.

**Derek Sterry** — (right half) Had one of his mixed seasons. Can be one of the best attacking right halves in the competition but his defence was not as good this season.

**Michael Sterry** — (left back) Had a varied season. As usual had his best games in the best fields and needs to adjust to the conditions more. As captain he was very disappointed with the teams performance.

**Bob Streeter** — (right back, centre forward) Another player that shows his versatility in his "sometimes a back sometimes a forward" season. Bob still has a lot of the skills and its good to see him back in 1st grade.

**Laszlo Kovacs** —(goalkeeper) Still needs to improve his consistency. Played very well on occasions. Needs to keep the ball on the ground more with his clearing kicks.

Thanks must also go to other players such as Paul Price, John Price, Terry Martin, Martin Wood, James Ryan, Mathew McFarlane and Steven Schomberg who played with us during the season.

**Michael Sterry**  
Captain

## **BRIARS 2ND GRADE HOCKEY**

1988 was the year we introduced to the senior ranks a group of players that have been playing together for about 5 years as Briars Juniors. These kids, most of whom are doing their HSC this year, some that are only 13 years old, felt they would like to play together in the seniors for the 1st year. We granted them their wish, missed in a few experienced players to support them and let them loose on the Sydney A Reserve Mens Competition.

The results were a bit of a mixed bag. A few of the boys were clearly in a class above the opposition in this grade. Most of them were holding their own as far as skills go but had to get used to playing against bigger, more physical opposition. Some of them realised they will need to improve skills as well as eat more Wheet-Bix to be more competitive.

The first 3 or 4 games we actually played with 11 players 17 years old and under and just Sander Kovacs (Captain/Coach) from the seniors in the side. There was some hesitation as the boys got used to the six foot, 17 stone player bearing down on them but by the 3rd or 4th game together this no longer presented a problem. One memorable game against Northern District saw the opposition clapping and congratulating our boys off the field. Almost all the opposition players were over 6 foot tall. On the other hand there were games where we were ashamed of ourselves, particularly in the 2nd round where we looked for all sorts of excuses like positions changed too much, never the same players playing together, the boys are going to have to learn that they play where they are told and how they are told. It is up to the coach to tell them the plan of the game and it is their job to carry out that task the way he asks. Sure they can discuss it at training or before a game but once out on the field do the job asked and do it 100%. That way you won't have time to think too much and it won't detract from your game.

The year was a successful one from the boys point of view in that they played together against senior opposition and were able to hold their own. What some seniors weren't able to understand was that this was very important to these boys. They were given their opportunity to do this, it is now out of their system and they can concentrate on playing at the highest grade possible in 1989. The boys will probably fill positions in all the 3 grades next year and that way no-one is being held back from playing at their potential.

The winner of the best and fairest award for 2nd grade this year went to Jamie Ryan. Jamie also won the U/17 award for best and fairest which shows how consistent a player he really is. Jamies tough bulldog attitude of "never let them go without getting the ball" saves the backs and other halves a lot of work so they were more able to concentrate on proper marking and defending.

Thanks must go to players like Russell Roberts, Steve Redfearn and Peter Jones who played with the 2nds throughout the season. These fellows helped the younger ones with advice on positional play and hints that one only picks up after playing many years of senior hockey.

The following is a synopsis of the 2nd grade players in 1988.

**Mathew McFarlane** (goalkeeper) 18 years — This was Matt's 5th year of hockey as a keeper — has bursts of brilliance that saved many goals in both 1st and 2nd grade. Needs to work on reflexes and laying down on short corners. Matt has put in a lot of work with organising and supporting the juniors and also being responsible for Hockey's Golf commitment effort, it looks like Matt will be helping Briars for a long time yet.

**Reuben Brown** (right back) 14 years — Reuben has grown to be a big lad in the last few years but to the opposition he grew 2 feet in the last 6 months in the way he has picked up his skills from Steve Redfearn who has been moulding Reuben to be an excellent full back. Possible areas of improvement are his stickwork to get him out of tight plays and picking correct gaps at free and 16 yard hits.

**Steve Redfearn** (left back) too old — Steven came to Briars after a year or two's break from Northern Districts, Steven has shown tremendous enthusiasm in helping with the things that most of our seniors shy away from the moment you mention — Hard Work. Each homegame Steven arranges drinks, a barbeque and raffles and has come up with so many ideas for next year we are going to make him the Social Director of Hockey. On the field Steven's "scared of no-one" attitude comes through clearly. Maybe too much, a little less ferocity and some more stick work might keep the umpires a little happier.

**Gerard Doyle** (right half) 17 years — Gerard is a brave and persistent half that can wrap up a winger so he can't do a thing which is great for our defence. But just as important for a defender is a clearing hit, Gerard must develop a good hitting technique if he is to compete for 1st grade positions.

**Ian Reynolds** (centre half/inside right) 17 years — Ian has probably the best potential that any player has ever had in the history of Briars. There are shades of Trevenor, Walker, Streeter and Shorter in this fellow who, if he wanted to, could go onto great representative honours if he joined a top club. He must now start to work on building himself up physically particularly in the forearms and shoulders and also must attend more coaching clinics while still young enough to attend.

**Martin Wood** (left half/inside left) 17 years — Martin has a tremendous hit that gets good ball to the forwards. He now has the physical size to support a less wild swing as this takes long to execute and opposition get the ball from him occasionally. Martin helped the coach at training a fair bit and I think enjoys a bit of responsibility which also helps his concentration on the game.

**James Ryan** (left half/inside left) 16 years. — For James second year of hockey he has done remarkably well. Ian Reynolds and Greg Dunn taught Jamie to play hockey in 3 weeks of the 1987 summer school holidays and he walked onto his first game of hockey as one of the better players on the field. On the field he is known as Nugget because of his nuggetty style of tackling and defending. Should work on switching dribbling sides as he can easily be herded by a defender when attacking.

**James Ivaasen** (left wing) 13 years — In January 1987 at the ripe old age of 11 James played in a Indoor Seniors competition and has been contributing this year as a replacement winger or when numbers were tight. The competition in the U/13 is a bit boring for James who is a representative junior for Briars so he likes to keep sharp by playing against people 4 times his age. Will be one of our future stars.

**Graeme Varas** (left wing) 16 years — Graeme has grown quite a bit in the last 12 months and now has the frame of a lightning fast forward. Needs work on putting on some weight. His stickwork is excellent and is able to get away from defenders and put away some excellent crosses and shots. More training, more training Graeme.

**Peter Jones** (left inner) too old — Peter alternated between 1st and 2nd grade this year, as a defender in 1st's and a forward in 2nd. Scored some great goals (at last! he says) and was of good assistance in helping the younger ones with their game. Should decide where he wants to play and put some effort in that direction — particularly with fitness. Need to go to training!

**Russell Roberts** (centre half/centre forward) too old — Russell had a similar year to Peter going from 1st to 2nds. Russell has an amazing calming effect on a game and can move up field very effectively and the give great passes for forwards to run onto. Again some work on fitness and speed would go a long way to getting back into 1st grade.

**Greg Dunn** (centre forward) 17 years — The 'lean mean scoring machine' Greg has an ability to take a ball through a gaggle of players and get in an impossible shot to score goal after goal. Lost a bit of concentration towards the end of the season. When running with the ball a bit of bending of the knees will open up your field of vision greatly. Top goalscorer in 2nd grade with 13 goals.

**Sandor Kovacs** (right wing) too old — Sandor worries too much about everything. Once on the field should concentrate on his own game 100% and leave the coaching till half time. Fed many good crosses into the goalmouth but missed too many 'sitters', got the odd memorable goal throughout the year.

Thank you to all those that helped out throughout the season:

Paul Huggett, Colin Hugget, Michael Sterry, Nigel Sterry, Paul Foster, Bob Streeter, Norm Wong, Danny Theile.

Statistics for the year were:

<b>Played:</b>	<b>18 games</b>	<b>Goals for: 33</b>
<b>Won:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Goals against: 51</b>
<b>Lost:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Best &amp; Fairest: James Ryan</b>
<b>Drew:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Leading Goalscorer: Greg Dunn</b>

**Sandor Kovacs**  
Captain



# HOCKEY

## 3rd GRADE REPORT (B RESERVE)

### 1988 SEASON

It is with great pleasure that I report on the C grade hockey teams' performances for this year. For me personally, it was one of the most enjoyable seasons I have had in my 14 years with the club. This is attributed to several factors.

- the good mix of experience and youth.
- the keenness of all players
- the improvement shown by those players who had never played the game before this year.
- the success the team had (2nd)

The first game of the season saw us all turn up at Randwick's ground not knowing whether we would have a side or not. Most of the players were cricketers. 3 of them having never played the game before. The improvement shown by these guys (Paul Simpson, Brett Howle, Dave Kable) was amazing, it actually put a few of the senior players to shame. The new players to the club (Gavin Bourke and Norman Wong) fitted in really well and the return of some previously retired but greatly experienced players (Steve Schomberg, Peter Wallace, Paul Mattick, John Price, Paul Price and Bill Hooker) added to the strength of the team. Alan Cooper and Sandor Kovacs who had been playing in the previous seasons and Danny Thiele (a product of our juniors) completed the line up for the season.

The season started off with many laughs and the relaxed atmosphere contributed to the enjoyment and success experienced by the team. Even though we were defeated by Randwick twice in the finals, the fact that we got to the finals and finished second is a credit to the team. Congratulations to the Randwick club in their success but — they were a very experienced outfit who had *all* been playing together for a long period of time.

I would also like to thank Laszlo Kovacs who helped organise the team, turning up to every game to umpire for us. This was greatly appreciated.

### Player Profiles

**Paul Price** (right inner) — the leading goal scorer but also the leading shot taker. Played well all season and devastated many defences with his speed up and down the field.

**John Price** (centre forward) - played well without luck this season and showed flashes of brilliance from time to time. Did well considering he was carrying injuries (knee and back) for most of the season.

**Paul Simpson** (right wing) — Simmo's speed down the right amazed most of us, especially those that play cricket with him. Tied with Brett Hawle for the most improved player award. His skill development was quite outstanding.

**Paul Mattick** (left wing) — hampered by a knee that still only works every now and then Paul coped extremely well. He made some great penetration which resulted from excellent positional play but sometimes just a little slow in getting the shot away.

**Gavin Bourke** (left inner) — a very good season, Gavin was promoted for half the season to the A grade side. His skills and positional play were excellent and he proved a vital link between the halves and forwards.

**Danny Thiele** (Goalie) — Danny had a very good season, but sometimes lacked a little in confidence. He needs to talk more especially to his backs and halves. Made some great saves during the year.

**Bill Hooker** (right back) — The saying that you improve with age has a living example in Bill. His strength in the back was most reassuring and his clearance hits made many opposition forwards take a backward step.

**Peter Wallace** (left back) — Peter also returning from retirement, worked extremely well with Bill and very few opposition teams were able to penetrate successfully our defence. Peter's clearing hits and flying interceptions were a pleasure to watch.

**Brett Hawle** (right half) — Brett picked up this game and demonstrated skills as if he had been playing for years. He tied with Simmo for the most improved award and his aggressive play both in defence and attack were an inspiration to the team.

**Norman Wong** (left half) — With his first season with the club, Norm proved to be a great asset. His timing with defensive tackles was superb and even though a little slow at times fed the forwards well.

**Steve Schomberg** (centre half) — After retiring following a broken finger 2 seasons previous. Steve made a welcome return to the hockey field. Dominated the centre of the field and sometimes got in the way of the forwards. A relative injury free season until the grand final.

**Dave Kable** (left half) — Dave played well in his first season of hockey and his persistence made up for any lack of confidence. His skills improved greatly during the season.

**Alan Cooper** (left wing/left back) — Alan played consistently all year and showed his flexibility by playing just as well in the forwards and backs (who said backs can't score goals!) Unfortunately injury prevented Alan from playing in the finals.

**Sandor Kovacs** (left wing/left inner) — Sandor played the latter part of the season in C grade and was an asset with his speed and long reach. A fiery player, Sandor sometimes went a little too aggressively incurring the wrath of the umpires.

Also played Greg Wallace, Bart Pozuelo, Peter Jones, Peter Dale.

**Steve Schomberg**  
(C Grade Captain)

## **BRIARS VETERANS HOCKEY 1988**

This is a new side to the Club that was formed through the enthusiasm of Ricky Fransisco, Briars 1st Grade Hockey Coach.

There are three competitions through the year. The main one in Winter is played over 4 months on Sunday mornings, the comp is strictly for over 40 year olds. The spring and summer comps are played October to November and January to April respectively on Tuesday and Wednesday nights these comps are much more relaxed ie. ages down to 30 are okay, at one stage we even played 4 ladies in the side to make up numbers. All the games are played on the artificial turf pitches at Moorebank and Homebush.

The side this winter was made up of 6 ex Briars, 6 ex Illawarra and two current Baulkham Hills players. Guys like Paul McKay, Max Smith, Ian Trimble, Kevin Holley, Eric Wade. (Eric, a state over 52 y.o. veterans team member on loan from Glebe) are all over 40, I won't say by how much except there are 50 year old out there.

Call it male menopause, call it getting fit, or maybe they happen to like their hockey, but these guys are having the time of their lives. In the spring cup Bob Streeter, Michael and Derek Sterry, Ivan Cluvers have joined the side as the Illawarra members have pulled out to form their own side.

This means WE NEED YOU. The ideal numbers for the side is about 15 because every one has weeks when they can't get to a game. Whether you just want to play occasionally or each week give these guys a call and let them know you are interested. Even if you can't play find out when they are playing and come down and watch a game — ever seen an Astro-turf pitch?

**Call Bob Streeter**

**(H) 484 2357**

**(W) 642 0177**

**Ian Trimble**

**(H) 817 2622 for details.**

The results for the winter competition are as follows:

**Games Played: 11**

**Goal for: 20**

**Games Won: 4**

**Goal Against: 30**

**Games Draw: 1**

**Lost: 6**

## **JUNIOR HOCKEY REPORT 1988**

This year Briars fielded two junior teams in the Parramatta/Hills Junior Hockey competition. The teams consisted of an Under 13 and an Under 17 team, coached by Laszlo Kovacs and Paul Huggett. The performance of both teams was not as good as expected, and can be attributed to difficult attitudes shown by the boys during training. The strength of the juniors peaked over the previous two years, and this years numbers was obviously disappointing.

A sincere effort will be made before the end of the year to establish contact with various Primary Schools, in an attempt to entice players before they commit themselves to other sports. Recruitment was not easy this year, with only half a dozen new juniors. A more formal attitude is required at training, whilst maintaining variety and fun. This should be the task of next years coaches.

The under 17 team lacked experienced players this year, with only a handful of last years team. Training attendance was very poor, with the excuse given of studies being more important. I believe the junior members should be encouraged to play their own matches in preference to senior fixtures. Danny Thiele and James Ivaason were selected to play in the area teams for Under 17 and Under 15 respectively. Danny also played in the Parramatta District Under 17 team.

The under 13 team lacked motivation for the majority of the season, and had several personality clashes. There are several players which exhibit excellent potential. Danny Everett, and Philip Constable both achieved representative selection in the area team.

Several social functions were held, namely the Canberra visit, a games night at the club, and an end of season picnic. The Canberra weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and helps to maintain the tradition with our up coming stars. The games night was a great success, and will become a regular event. Three competitions were held during the night; three ball, 8 ball, first to 11 table tennis, and computer soccer. The end of season picnic as always was enjoyed by all.

A side was also entered into the Parramatta Junior Hockey Carnival. The side performed well, narrowly missing out on the semi-final. Players that attained selection in the area sides were Philip Constable, James Ivaason, and Danny Thiele.

As usual, the seniors called upon a few of the juniors to play in their matches. Nearly all of the Under 17 team played in a senior match at some stage during the season.

The R.D. Vanderfield award winner this year is Danny Thiele, Danny had an excellent training attendance, also turning up at many senior training nights. Danny played in the third grade team as goal keeper, playing right through to the grand final. At several of the functions held during the year, Danny also helped with the organisation. He embodies all of the qualities of a true Briar.

**Paul Huggett**

## UNDER 17 REPORT

This year our under 17 team finished 5th out of six teams. Out of fourteen games, only nine were played due to a disappointing run of wash-outs at the beginning of the season. Out of the nine games, we won two, drew one and lost six games. Training attendance was poor through the season, and it was difficult to ensure all of the players turned up. Several of the players were consistently late to the games, placing a lot of pressure on the team at the start, and even causing a forfeit. It is important that players always turn up well before the games, as it enables the coach to coordinate his team.

The other teams in the competition were the same as in previous years. Dundas were again the strongest team, winning the competition against Baukham Hills. Northmead had a stronger team this year, defeating us in both rounds. St Pats also were stronger than our team. Next year we should be able to field relatively the same team, which should give us more strength and experience.

The best and fairest this year was won by James Ryan. This was James second year in hockey, and it is a credit to him that he also played in first grade seniors. Graham VarAs deserved the most improved player award. Our players generally played well, but never had the drive and enthusiasm to really trouble the better teams. There were often several periods during the games where we would dominate the play so well, then allow a really soft goal, and just collapse. This has been a common problem with our junior teams over the years, and needs to be solved if we are to be a dominant club.

Full use of the new 25 yard off-side rule was not made by our forwards, and seemed to create confusion amongst our own defence. Unlike previous years, both sides of the field were equally used, and our attack in general was well structured. The disappointing aspect was our poor finishing in the circle, which if improved could have won us several more games.

I would like to thank all of the senior members for their assistance during the year with umpiring. Although no one volunteers to do this job, it is a very important facet of junior development and senior/junior relationship.

## PLAYER SYNOPSIS

**Danny Theile** (goal keeper) — played his best season, most probably due to his playing both senior and junior hockey. Has good natural reflexes. Had many brilliant saves, but allowed silly goals through lapses in concentration. Needs to improve on his judgement on how best to stop each shot at goal.

**James Ryan** (contre half) was captain of the side, and with out doubt the most skilled player in our team. James needs to learn to distribute the ball in a more controlled manner, and with more thought. Needs to improve his hit. James is not blessed with bundles of speed, but has a lot of stamina.

**Martin Wood** (left half) played well in the games he turned up to. Martin has great potential, but needs more on field aggression and determination. Martin is an excellent all rounder, capable of playing in both defence and attack. Some technical work is required with his hits and flicks.

**Graham Varas** (right half) had a slow season, and was generally slow to get involved in the games, due to his lack of pre-game warm up. Has to learn to control his hits from set plays to a controlled pace. Needs to work on back tackling and positioning during defence. Had a better second half to the season, giving good support to his forwards.

**Reuben Brown** (right back) had a mixed season, playing some excellent games, but also losing concentration and only giving average performances. Worked hard most games in defence, and generally his technique was good. Needs to work on his hit, like most other juniors (is this a sign of the times?) Could benefit from tackling practice.

**Ben Keneally** (inside right) had a good season, with his experience showing through. Although Ben only had a few brilliant games his performance was generally much better than previous years. Ben needs to work on his approach to the circle, and passing amongst his forwards. His finishing off is usually good. Ben has the potential to be a very solid forward, providing he can match his enthusiasm with some aggression.

**Glen Evans** (left back) was a great boost to our side. This was Glen's first year at hockey, and I don't think any one was prepared for his explosive and persistent play, besides his lack of skill. Glen finally settled in as fullback, where his cricket skills became a big advantage for hitting. Glen should persist with the game, and we all look forward to seeing him next year in seniors.

**James Ivaason** (inside left) had a better season than last year. He put more determination into his game, and despite his young age, performed generally well. Needs to develop more ball control, and to think more about his positioning during the game. Has to work on his hitting, and needs to develop his back tackling.

**Philip Crawford** (centre forward) played well considering his size disadvantage and young age. Had a few opportunities to score, but lacked the finishing off ability of previous centre forwards. Had good positioning in general.

Other players that assisted at various times were Mike Ackroyd, Marcus Theile, Adrian Keed and Rob Wildman.

## HOCKEY U/13 JUNIOR REPORT

The year did not get off to a good start. Wet weather saw the first six games cancelled. The team also suffered from a lack of numbers. Briars had to disband their U/15 squad half way through the season. This split made it possible to field a full side for the remainder of the season.

This was the third year I have been coaching this group of boys, and it has been satisfying to see that I am getting somewhere. In the last couple of years, we have been concentrating on stick skills and having fun. The having fun part we have had a huge success with. The stick skills still needs some work done on it, particularly the accuracy of our hits. This year we started to work on field positioning. We had mixed results in this area. A few players whose hearts are larger than their ability, found it very hard to play their position, and leave it to their mate to deal with their own problem, be it defence or attack. To try and solve this problem meant a few harsh words occasionally for which I hope they forgive me for, and a few changes in field placements. The latter did cause some confusion and our defence did suffer.

The highlight of the season came at the end when we entered a side in the Parramatta U/13 knockout competition. The side was stacked with two 14 year olds. Thanks must be given to Phillip Crawford and James Ivarsen for their effort on the day. Both these players will be playing with this side next year so it was a good try out. This carnival is used by other associations to try out their representative sides. Briars after leading for most of the game let in to two very quick goals with only minutes to go to lose to the much fancied Ryde side, and they only lost to the Sutherland side (Sydney champions) 1-4.

Most improved player for the year is Ben Scully and best and fairest for the year is Danny Evarett. Congratulations to both of these boys.

**The side for the year was:**

<b>Goalkeeper</b>	David McLachlan
<b>Full Backs</b>	Danny Evarett Matthew Payne
<b>Halves:</b>	Phillip Constable Marcus Thiele Ben Scully
<b>Forwards</b>	Pat Tucci Brad Irwin Adrian Keed ? ? ?

See you all next year

**Laszlo Kovacs**

## **BASKETBALL ANNUAL REPORT 1988**

Briars Basketball has enjoyed a successful 1988 with the A reserve and C2 mens sides both making the semi-finals in their respective competitions.

The A Reserve side playing at Bankstown finished 4th and the C2 side at Parramatta finished 2nd.

The remaining sides, C1 mens and C2 ladies both finished 5th just missing a spot in the semi-finals.

Basketball is proving a very popular social sport within the Briars, and with the acquisition of some players from the Homebush High School should continue to grow.

As Basketball chairman I would like to thank Steve Schomberg, Ed Moore, Leslie McGifford and Joanne Price for their invaluable assistance throughout the year.

**Martin Watts**  
Basketball Chairman

### **BASKETBALL REPORT A Grade Basketball 1987/88**

In the two seasons that the A grade team has played in the past year, we have finished a creditable 2nd and 4th. We still just seem unable to win the big games. Our first season we played in the Parramatta Association in the Division 2 competition. We played very good, basketball during the season the highlights being the excellent man to man defence and the superb outsidng shooting. We played well in the final, probably one of our best games, but the other team just proved to be too big and a bit more accurate then us in the shooting department.

In the second season we went for a change in venue and entered the Bankstown Division 2 competition. The change of venue didn't really help our game, if anything, the break over Christmas plus the new opponents seemed to result in an about face in our form. Defence was still the best part of our game but our offensive shooting fell away badly especially in the semifinal.

#### **Season Highlights**

- Perfection of the "Polish lay-up" by names Schomberg, Lofts, Paul Cruden and Brown.
- Development of the 'atomic' bounce pass by Chris Bradley. Attempt to catch it and you break your fingers, actually catch it and it knocks you over.
- Excellent defence played by Jeff Lofts who not only once but twice successfully stopped attacking elbows using his chin and lower jaw (Did you get the number of that truck????)
- Inability of Murray Brown being able to find the hole (basket of course) on his many trips up the court. Funny he never used to have that trouble.



- Play of the year. By Steve Cruden who after having an intentional foul called on him for over aggressive defence was successful in enticing the opposing player to commit three fouls and 2 technical fouls in the space of 3 minutes. Great psychology Steve.
- The pass of the season by Bob Perl; yes that's right Bob Perl actually received the ball and *then* passed it to someone.
- The greatest comeback. Equally shared by Eric (Mad Pole) Wlodarski who returned after an achilles tendon injury and Rob Fishburn who returned after the birth of his daughter. (How's that bad back now Rob?)
- Team play of the season must go to Ben Seaman who came to one game after a *social* get together after work and amazed us all by grabbing the ball off one of our players dribbling through all the opposition players driving to the side line putting up a hook shot, scoring a 3 points, racing back to the defensive end and swatting the ball away from the opposition and then abusing us all for not trying. What could we do? We all stood at half way applauding!

## PLAYER PROFILES

**Murray Brown** — Since his marriage has become much more civilized. Unfortunately his basketball seems to have suffered and he has many trips up and down the court without a great deal of success.

**Steve Cruden** — A very successful season, Steve has found his range and improved greatly in the shouting-department. Actually played some defence this year.

**Chris Bradley** — After a return to basketball from a tour of duty in Volleyball arena, found it a bit difficult to regain his touch in the shooting department. Still the quickest player up and down the court.

**Jeff Lofts** — The experience in the team, Jeff had a very good reason in the shooting department but over the Christmas break found that his clothes had shrunk and his mobility on the court had decreased. Had nothing to do with all that Christmas Cheer!!!

**Robert Fishburn** — Returned after a back injury and still has the ability to shoot well from the perimeter. He must take the initiative and shoot more often.

**Steve Schomberg** — had a very inconsistent year. Defence is still the best part of his game, but must try to work inside on offence.

**Robert Perl** — His shooting and rebounding improved greatly this year. If he could develop passing skills and a few individual moves around the basket, he would be very difficult to stop.

**Eric Wlodarski** — Fitting basketball in with bowls, Eric has made a strong comeback after an achilles tendon injury. His perimeter shooting as always was very good and his defence as always very solid.

**Ben Seaman** — Ben played very aggressively all year but as the water polo season commenced found it difficult to make all basketball games.

**Steve Schomberg**  
A Grade Reporter

## **C2 BASKETBALL REPORT**

1988 saw a team of very experienced, mature basketballers take the team to 2nd place in the C2 winter competition. Playing 21 games 16 were won and 5 lost which made for a very successful season. We went down in the semi-final by a very narrow margin 29-26 to the eventual competition winners.

The team made up of the following players.

**Matt Appleton**  
**Craig Hickey**  
**Robert Kirkby**  
**Gerard Price**  
**Richard Tregeagle**

**Ian Blair**  
**Dave Jamieson**  
**Craig Maddox**  
**Adam Thurgar**  
**Martin Watts**

The team was very balanced with a mixture height, speed and agility which made up for the very ordinary shooting prowess of some players eg Price and Thurgar.

The height came from Appleton, Tregeagle and Maddox, the speed from Price, Thurgar and Kirkby, and the agility from Blair, Jamieson and Watts. Hickey provided a blending of all three plus others too numerous to mention.

Special mention must go to Dave Jamieson (Lebanese back) for his very accurate focus contributions which kept every one entertained throughout the season.

In all, a very enjoyable and successful season and I would like to thank all players for their contributions throughout the season.

**Martin Watts**  
Catpain/Coach

## **C GRADE BASKETBALL** **Womens**

The C Grade Women's Basketball team did as well as the Hockey, Rugby and Cricket teams, we didn't win the competition either. We were better behaved than the hockey as we had no player of similar character to "Bucketmouth Price", that well known blot on Briars sportmanship. Also, despite being a team of women, not one player had the need to wear a corset unlike that other notable Price (John).

**The team consisted of: —**

**Monica Mattick** — Probably our most effective player. Had a fine year highlighted by getting her forklift drivers licence.

**Lesley McGifford** — Continues on her crusade to become a female Briar, our manager, mentor and chief recruiter. Supplied half the team from school.

**The Rosebank Girls** — Jana, Louise and Chantelle who provided most of our youth and most of our points.

**Joanne Price** — Despite the obvious burden of her surname and the strain of seeing her brothers surrender the Hockey Grand Final, Jo managed to show her usual high standard of play.

**Donna Mattick** — Enjoyed the game especially when she scored. Didn't enjoy the game all that much.

The summer comp has now started and after four games and many new recruits we have won two games, drawn one and lost one. This is our best opportunity for some time to reach the semifinals.

**Donna Mattick**

## **SQUASH REPORT**

1987-88 proved to be a mixed year for Briars Squash.

On the positive side we picked up 3 pennants including one Junior and one Mixed pennant both of which were firsts for Briars squash. We also won the F1 Premiership in the Autumn comp. We also managed to double the number of teams competing in the Western districts mens competition.

Only one social function was held during the year. This was a Christmas Party, water sports day, held at Cliff Priest home at Abbotsford.

Thanks to Cliff and Loreen for the use of there home and for providing all of the boats and equipment. Santa (Dan Strange) really did look a scream arriving in the waterscooter. A day that was really enjoyed by the dozen or so families that turned up.

On the negative side, we have lost Dan Power who has retired to the Far North Coast. This is a big loss to squash as we have relied very heavily on Dan and Grant Heggarty to get us through a few difficult years.

Another negative was, having four minor premiers over two competitions and managing to win only one pennat from this very strong position.

The fact that we had forfeits, players not knowing when they were playing and players arriving too late for their matches, shows a lack of commitment and poor organization. With the number of teams we are now fielding we must get back to a full committed structure with repsonsibility being shared by a greater number of players.

## **Statistics for the year:**

Spring 1987 three teams entered

**A3** Ken Kable, Greg Menz, Alan Cameron, Ray Pontifex, Grant Davis. Finished the comp in 2nd place and were defeated in the semi.

**C3** Cliff Priest, Grant Heggarty, John Healy, Peter Rae, Finished the comp minor premiers only to be defeated in the semi and final.

**C6** Ed Moore, Wayne Rastall, Dan Power, Greg Kelly, Gary Phillips. Finished 8th. Best performer Cliff Priest.

**1987 Juniors**, 2 teams were entered for this competition, the first time we have ever had juniors in squash.

**B1** Phil Byrnes, Joe Burgio, Mark Iacona, and Michael Katsalantos. Minor premiers but defeated in a knockout semi by the slightest of margins.

**C3** Badwe Sarlis, Frank Abrahams, Ben Krook. Minor Premiers and went on to win the pennant. Well done boys.

**1987-1988 Mixed competition.** Once again this was a first for the club, two teams were entered.

Dan Power, Sharyn Walker and Gary Phillips were undefeated Premiers of the group and division. This makes Sharyn, the first lady to win a squash pennant with Briars, I hope she won't be the last.

Grey Kelly, Diane Healy and John Healy competed in group 10 division but did not make the semis.

**1988 Autumn Comp**, four teams entered.

**A3** Ken Kable, Greg Menz, Ray Pontifex, Alan Cameron, and Joe Caristo. Once again this team got through to the semis, won the semi but lost in the finals.

**C1** Cliff Priest, Grant Heggarty, John Healy, Peter Rae. Minor Premiers once again only to be hit with injuries and unavailability of players for the finals, which they lost.

**C6** Ed Moore, Gary Phillips, John Mathews, Wayne Rastall, Dan Power. Another minor premier. A narrow loss in the semi left us short of players for the final which was lost.

**F1** John Jessup, Brandon Shephard, Phil Zyme, Joe Franko and Alex Fookes. A very young team except for J.J. of course. This team won the competition easily picking up a pennant.

The 1988 spring comp is almost finished. We have 5 teams entered out of which we will have 3 semi finalists.

**A3** (once again) **E2** and **F1** good luck to all those competing.

As can be seen by the increased number of teams squash is on the way back. Players of other sports within the club are more than welcome. Practice will be Tuesday nights from 8 p.m. or Saturday afternoons from 1.30 p.m. at Burwood Strathfield Squash Centre, or ring Ken Kable 73 5411 (H) or 790 4155 (B).

## **BRIARS SKI CLUB — THREDBO**

**Directors** — Richard Vanderfield (Chairman), Brian Darragh, Andrew Clifford, John Edmonds, Michael Kennedy, Peter Arnold, Jim Field.

**Secretary** — Maurie Catts

**Hon. Auditor** — Col Jones

The Club has just completed its 26th snow season in Thredbo. From a skiing point of view the season was good and bookings were heavy.

Briars members are reminded that there are often vacancies in the lodge after Ski Club members' bookings have been made. Andy Clifford welcomes enquiries.

The period from October through summer to April remains under-utilised. Thredbo has been extensively developed as a summer resort and nowadays offers a wide range of activities — golf, tennis, horse riding and some magnificent mountain bush walks, being but a few.

Special thanks to Don Walker for his preparation of the accounts and to Col Jones who is our honorary auditor.

For bookings, please contact Andy Clifford at 29 8601.

**Richard Vanderfield**

## **HOUSE CHAIRMANS REPORT**

During the year the club has undertaken a project to update the gamesroom and a considerable amount has been spent to improve the room in general and the games facilities as well with new equipment.

This has resulted in an increase in the usage of the room as well as assisting with the reintroduction of club championship in snooker, table tennis and darts.

A plan for refurbishment of the kitchen has been approved and work is well at hand and this facility will be excellent.

The ladies toilets are to be improved and with a general painting job in the front of the club all major matters requiring attention would appear to be completed.

Various other matters of a lesser nature have now been completed so the clubrooms are now in good shape — all they require now is more patronage.

**Bruce Ferguson**  
House Chairman

## **1987 N.S.W. OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The Briars Club was again asked to participate in the organisation of the 1987 N.S.W. Open Golf Tournament, which was staged at the Australian Golf Club, Kensington between 21 October and 26 October, 1987 — (Yes! the dates are correct because play was abandoned on the Sunday and the fourth round completed on the Monday).

In an effort to augment the expected response from Briars Club members, the following clubs were approached to provide volunteers: —

Randwick Golden Oldies, Hunter's Hill Rugby, Auburn Cricket and Strathfield Cricket (St. Pats).

It would be fair to say this tournament was a "Murphy's Law" exercise for all concerned. The diligence and ability to "Stick it out"; under all sorts of weather conditions of those people who did volunteer their services was outstanding and the Club owes them a mighty vote of thanks. Whilst the response numerically from Briars Club members was on the disappointing side, the other clubs provided their quota of volunteers who displayed enthusiasm working at the various functions. These clubs have been advised of the Briars Club's appreciation for their assistance.

The Golf Management Committee also wishes to publicly acknowledge the outstanding work of Club member, George Wright, in organising the "senior" contingent for this tournament. George has done this for a number of years now and has never let the side down. We hope George continues his association with the golf for many years to come.

The efforts of the following personnel are worthy of public acknowledgement for the number of days (3 or more) donated on behalf of the Briars Club:

**Martin Watts  
Col Dennis  
Margaret Hooker  
Peter Mansford  
Peter Richardson  
Fred Schomberg  
Steve Schomberg  
Dave Chaves  
Ken Chaves  
Ernie Jones  
Charlie Williams**

**Bruce Trevenor  
Ted Callaghan  
Les Church  
Maylynne Dennis  
Glenys Joy  
Ian Richard  
Col Jones  
Greg McIntyre  
Chris Reeves  
Dan Power**

## **1987 AUSTRALIA P.G.A. TOURNAMENT**

The Briars Club was given comparatively short notice concerning our possible involvement with this tournament. Originally the tournament was to be staged at Liverpool Golf Club but a lateral water hazard (commonly called a flood) caused the event to be transferred to the Lakes Golf Club (how appropriate). Consequently the tournament was staged between 29th October and 1st November, 1987.

As bad as the weather was for the N.S.W. Open, we were blessed with lovely sunny weather for this event, and it was hard to take watching the golf go by whilst manning the leader boards (ho hum!). Because of the short notice, the Briars Club only provided volunteers for the functions of leader boards, main results board and press tent.

Needless to say, the volunteers who helped out in this event enjoyed their time at the golf and the following personnel are especially mentioned for the number of days donated (three or more): —

**Peter Mansford**  
**Ted Callaghan**  
**Ian Richard**

Before moving on to the financial side, Bill and I wish to publicly thank Norm Bush for the provision of supplies and his dedication to the art of barbequeing after the day's events have unfolded. Thanks Norm for a job well done (or medium rare, if you like it that way!)

### **FINANCIAL REMUNERATION**

As has been the case in previous years, money is generated to sports/functions in proportion to the number of volunteers who donate their time. Whilst the efforts of all volunteers are much appreciated, the Cricket Chairman should be congratulated for the contribution of active players towards both tournaments. The percentage breakup of monies between the sports/functions is:

**Cricket 32.11**  
**Golden Oldies 21.12**  
**Focus 6.50**  
**Basketball 2.03**

**Rugby 25.61**  
**Hockey 9.35**  
**Squash 2.85**  
**Jnr. Hockey 0.41**

**John Thelfo and Bill Hooker**  
for Golf Management Committee

## **SENIOR STEWARD REPORT**

The results again show a good increase in sales even though less functions were held in the clubhouse and the rugby did not purchase their canteen stock from the club.

The club has opened successfully on all Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and the bar trade has improved accordingly.

During the year it became impossible to maintain Lite beer on tap but the re-introduction of Reschs on tap has so far proved very popular.

The standard of beer has been maintained mainly due to the efforts of our "cellarman" Greg Mitchell and for a man who only drinks soft drink he does a good job with the beerlines.

Friday nights have kept up their top standard with Rod Smith and Norm Bush providing a great supper and a meat tray raffle. Money raised from these raffles has assisted in a couple of special seafood nights and will also go towards our Christmas Party this year.

It was pleasing to see some of the younger members taking to bar duties and as is always the case the work has been left to only a few members. If the work is shared it is far easier for all concerned.

Also a great behind the bar worker has been David Cooke who seems to have a one man mission to keep the bar area clean and tidy.

Again one of my greatest assistants has been Ted Stockdale. Ted still looks after the till and other related matters and has again been responsible for manning the bar early on Friday and Saturday nights. Even though he has retired he still shouts almost everyone at the bar. The only unpleasant thing is that he stores up his complaints during the week to launch on all and Sundry.

Finally, this has been a very successful year bar mine so with the updating of the games room and the kitchen much more use should be made of the club premises.

See you at the Club for a cold one.

**Col Dayman**  
Senior Steward

## **PERSONNEL REPORT**

In terms of bringing new members into the Briars during the year 1988 is a most successful one, the method of inducting new members was changed slightly and more new members nights were conducted. Bruce Robinson is to be congratulated on his efforts in this regard.

Rugby, Hockey and cricket were very active during the year obtaining new members and I would like to thank the respective chairmen for their efforts.

**Martin Watts**  
Personnel Chairman





## JUNIOR RECRUITMENT AND SCHOOLS LIAISON

1988 was certainly a mixed year for the Briars on the sporting fields. However, inspite of our mediocre performances we enjoyed an increase in the number of juniors playing sport with the club.

Aside from losing on the field, rugby also suffered a breakdown in our close ties with Concord High. This threatened to disrupt our junior recruitment program however, thanks to our Annual Dinner our communications with the school have been restored and we look forward to renewing our 1986 ties.

Hockey juniors will be reported more fully in the Hockey reports however, we seem certain to renew our junior recruitment program with Homebush High. An encouraging sign considering all these boys live locally.

Squash missed this years deadline for entering junior teams however, Ken Kable has attended to the problem, and our squash juniors seem certain to start up again next year.

Basketball again made the semi-finals in U/14 and U/16 with the U/14 narrowly losing the Grand Final. Again Homebush High have enquired about joining our junior teams which presently consist of mainly Concord High students.

Cricket again seems to have been the biggest winner in 1988. The quality and quantity of juniors playing for the club is most encouraging. With David Abood now actively involved, we are sure further increase our penetration into the local schools. The now to be annual 7-a-side Interschool Knockout proved an enormous success with 5 local schools competing. We intend increasing the competition next year with a view to involve up to 8 schools.

The junior recruitment committee recently mapped out a 6 month program to ensure we get in early and ensure all school students are informed of their possibilities by joining the Briars. This program covers all sports and almost all local schools.

Therefore, we are sure 1989 will be an even more prosperous year for junior recruitment. Anyone with sons, friends, buddies or school pals interested in playing, just give me a call.

See ya at the Club

**John Price**

School Liaison Officer

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## FOCUS REPORT 1988

With the last of 5 editions of Focus for 1988 now complete, it has been noticeable, hopefully to all Briars, that the quality and quantity of contributions has improved to the point where it has become a respected newsletter. There has been a wide array of contributors during the year and to those who were willing and able, we thank them as it is YOUR FOCUS. Hopefully we will be able to maintain this standard for 1989 and maybe incorporate changes or additions to the format and content.

To produce such a publication requires the financial support of our advertisers and the following contributors for 1988 must be thanked sincerely:

Mortlock Insurance, Kerry Trollope, Sercombe Staniforth and Mattick, Raine & Horne, Pymble Timber Company, Len Hollis Automotive Refinishers and Heights Valet Service.

Your support was appreciated during the year and it is encouraging to know that we have at least 11 new advertisers for 1989. Thanks fellas.

Also, the following people must be thanked for their contributions:

Advertising	— Philip England
Rugby	— Geoff Moss
Cricket	— Gerard Price/Stuart Lind
Hockey — Senior	— Sandor Kovacs, Steve Schomberg, Paul Huggett
— Junior	— Paul Huggett
Squash	— Don Power/Ken Kable
Junior Recruitment	— John Price
Netball	— Jo Weber
Basketball — Womens	— Lesley McGifford
— Mens — A	Steve Schomberg
— Mens — C	— David Jamieson
Social	— Paul Price
Honorary Executive	— John Threlfo
House and Bar	— Col Dayman
Here and There	Rod Smith/John Price/Gerard Price
Golf	— Ian Richard/John Threlfo
Senior Members	— Ted Stockdale
B.A.R.C. and Golden Oldies	— Ted Callaghan

A special thanks should also go to Greg McPhee who willingly edited the August Focus whilst I was overseas. Also, thanks to Grant Heggarty for his efforts in arranging the printing of each edition.

I hope that 1988 was a good year for all and that the FOCUS can continue to inform and entertain in 1989.

**Gerard Price**  
Focus Chairman

## SOCIAL REPORT

Having taken over from the retiring social chairman Larry Thompson in late March it soon became obvious that the coming year was going to be quite hectic.

The social calendar kicked off with the End of Season Cricket Night held at the Club after the A-Grade Grand Final. Despite the disappointment of the anti climatic washout result all people present enjoyed the free flowing beer and music on the night.

The next of the socials was the Old Members Night organised by Ted Stockdale. Record numbers attended the night with many 'Old' members coming out of the woodwork. Many thanks to Ted for his his organisation and to those who assisted with the Bar on the night.

*May was the month of the Annual Ball. Once again the night was held at the plush Canterbury Racecourse function room and although the 160 or so present thoroughly enjoyed what is a highlight of the social calendar, it would seem that our numbers have reached a maximum over the past few years. To cater for this, a move will be made to the Concord Golf Club for the 1989 Ball, hopefully attracting some of those members and wives who may not normally attend.*

In a bid to cope with the ever increasing numbers which have reached record proportions, the Annual Dinner was this year switched from Concord to Rosehill Racecourse. The hiring of a double decker bus to transport some 80-90 Briars from the Club to the Dinner and back was certainly one of the nights highlights. Guest speaker Andrew Slack provided an entertaining speech on the night, whilst Steve Schomberg and Peter Wallace provided the entertainment the next day with their morning after blues.

The Trot Night made a return to the Social season after a year's absence with a move from the private boxes to one of the new function rooms. It was generally agreed that it was — as president Peter Richardson put it — "The best trot night he had been to!" For a change the food was not only in plentiful supply but was of a first class standard. Auntie Glenda and her 5 lady betting companions provided the highlight of the night with a big trifecta win in "The Briars Sports Club Pace".

The Picnic day also made a belated return and was held in November, at the Fiddens Wharf Reserve — Lane Cove National Park. Good numbers attended and those present, especially the kids, seemed to enjoy the day and the free sweets and ice creams provided.

Following the A.G.M., the Briars Christmas Party will be held at the club — the date being December 17th. Food and a juke box will be provided on the night. That will then conclude the social calendar for this the 70th Anniversary year of the Briars.

They say the first year is always the hardest, and I must admit this year although satisfying, did live up to that theory. Thanks must go to those who assisted during the year with special thanks going to John Price, Ted Stockdale, David Blair, Dave Jamieson and Len Hollis for their help with various functions.

With more time to prepare for next years socials the return of a couple more Briar favourites will be seen. The popular Baked Dinner Night will make a big return to the Club and hence utilise the newly refurbished kitchen. The Car Rally may also make a comeback as may the Rock'n Roll night.

In closing I'd like to make special mention of Col Dayman who in his own way has also had a big impact on the social side of Briars. With his endless, thankless and tireless work in updating the games room, clubrooms and bar facilities numbers attending the club have grown from what was a worrying amount during the early part of the Rugby season, to what is now a figure which is reaping record bar sales for the club. Don't you be one of those 'Sleeping Briars' who rarely if ever attends the club or its socials. Come and enjoy what we have in this unique club and try some of the social events — you wont be disappointed.

**Paul Price**

Social Chairman

## ADMINISTRATION

Both the Board of Directors and the Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1st October 1987 to 30th September, 1988. Attendance by members was as follows: —

<b>Board</b>	P. Richardson	11
	J. Staniforth	11
	C. Dennis	6 (Resigned May 1988)
	C. Walker	8
	I. Richard	12
	J. Crockett	9
	P. Mansford	3
	W. Hooker	6
	B. Robinson	8
	P. England	4 (Appointed June 1988)
<b>Management</b>	P. Richardson	12
	P. Bowyer	11
	J. Threlfo	11
	M. Watts	10
	D. Baccarini	2 (Resigned January 1988)
	G. Price	6
	J. Price	11
	P. Price	7 (Appointed April 1988)
	G. Moss	6
	S. Schomberg	11
	R. Perl	2 (Resigned March 1988)
	C. Dayman	12
	S. Kovacs	5
	B. Ferguson	3 (Appointed April 1988)
	D. Power	5 (Resigned July 1988)
	K. Kable	1 (Appointed August 1988)

## **J.H. STONE TROHPY**

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 Paul Price. As well as being a very active and skilled sportsman in the areas of cricket, hockey and table tennis, Paul is also our hard working Social Chairman. His overall contribution to the club life has been outstanding. Great effort Paul.

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

The winner of this trophy is Stuart Lind. Stuart was the captain of the D Shires side, Assistant Cricket Chairman, Newsletter, Pointscore and Results Co-ordinator. Stuart dedicated himself to cricket during this year and his effort have been outstanding. Well done Stuart.

## **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 Keenness	—	15 points
Value as a club member	—	15 points
Neatness of Uniform	—	10 points
		<u>100 points</u>

This years winner is Marc Witham. As well as his great contributions on the football field in both Burke and Kentwell Cups. Mark has been involved in a great deal of behind the scenes organisation of Social events and the end of season tour. Well deserved Marc.

## **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	—	10 points
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner for this year is Laszlo Kovacs. Laszlo's efforts in the promotion of both junior and senior hockey have been outstanding and have contributed immensely to the resurgence of Hockey in the Club. Well deserved, Laszlo.

## **DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY**

The Trophy is presented to the Squash player who has contributed the most to Squash and the Club in general.

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

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

This years winner is the outgoing chairman Dan Power. Well done Dan. Unfortunately Dan has moved to the north coast and we wish him well for the future.

## **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 Keenness	—	15 points
Neatness of Uniform	—	10 points
Conduct	—	15 points
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner this year is Martin Watts. Martin has taken over as the Basketball Chairman after taking on the role of organising various teams over the past season.s His efforts and keenness are a fine example to other players and members.

### **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 this year is Daniel Thiele. Daniel as well as playing outstanding hockey in the junior ranks formed an important part of the grand final senior C grade side. Well done Daniel.

### **GEOFF ARCHIBALD TROPHY**

This Trophy is awarded to the Rugby player who has made the greatest contribution to the Club in his first year playing rugby. This year's winner is Andrew Moar. Andrew had an outstanding season in his first year, quickly establishing himself as an integral part of the Kentwell Cup backrow before injury forced him out. Well done Andrew.

### **ROBERT BRUCE BLARK — OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP**

At the time of going to press, the award of the 1989 Annual Outward Bound Scholarship established by Bob Clark, is still to be determined.

### **ADDENDUM**

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

**P.D. Richardson**  
President

### **CONCLUSION**

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

**P.D. Richardson**  
President

**J.F. Threlfo**  
Hon. Exec. Officer

## **THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Your Directors present their report on the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th September, 1988.

### **NAMES OF DIRECTORS**

The Directors in office at the date of this Report are: —

**P.D. RICHARDSON** (Chairman)  
**R.I. RICHARD**  
**J.W. STANFORTH**  
**C.D. WALKER**  
**J.F. CROCKART**

**P. MANSFORD**  
**W.F. HOOKER**  
**P.C. ENGLAND**  
**G.B. ROLLESTON**

### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal continuing activities of the Company are: —

### **THE PROMOTING AND PLAYING OF AMATEUR SPORT**

There was no significant change in the nature of those activities during the year.

### **RESULT**

The net result of operation for the year was a Profit of \$20,113.

### **DIRECTORS' BENEFITS**

Since the end of the previous financial year no Director of the Company has received or become entitled to receive a benefit.

**P.D. Richardson**  
Director

**J.F. Crockart**  
Director

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors,  
at Burwood this 11th day of November, 1988.



**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
**DIRECTORS' STATEMENT**

- (1) In the opinion of the Directors: —
- (a) The accompanying Income and Expenditure Accounts is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the Profit of the Company for the current financial year;
  - (b) The accompanying Balance Sheet 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 the financial year; and
  - (c) At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- (2) The Accounts have been made out in accordance with Applicable Approved Accounting Standards.
- (3) In respect of the current financial year the Company has: —
- (a) Kept such accounting records as to correctly record and explain the transactions and financial position of the Company;
  - (b) Kept its accounting records in such a manner as would enable true and fair accounts of the Company to be prepared from time to time; and
  - (c) Kept its accounting records in such a manner as would enable the accounts of the Company to be conveniently and properly audited in accordance with the Companies (New South Wales) Code.
- (4) The Accounts have been properly prepared by a competent person.

**P.D. Richardson**  
Director

**J.F. Crockart**  
Director

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors,  
at Burwood this 11th day of November, 1988.

**AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

I have audited the attached Accounts in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

In my opinion, 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: —

- (1) The state of affairs of the Company at the 30th September, 1988 and of the profit of the Company for the year ended on that date;
- (2) The other matters required by Section 269 of that Code to be dealt with in the Accounts;

and are in accordance with Applicable Approved Accounting Standards.

**C.G. Jones**  
Chartered Accountant

Signed at Sydney  
this 14th day of Novmeber, 1988.

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1988**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>NOTE</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1987</b>
Cash	2	100	306
Receivables	3	21,755	10,203
Inventories	4	<u>14,350</u>	<u>14,146</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>36,205</u>	<u>24,655</u>
 <b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Investments	5	148,695	167,714
Property Plant & Equipment	6	38,429	35,142
Other	7	<u>4,000</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<u>191,124</u>	<u>202,856</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>227,329</u>	<u>227,511</u>
 <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors & Borrowings	8	1,887	16,729
Provisions	9	9,803	17,700
Other	10	<u>3,035</u>	<u>845</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>14,725</u>	<u>35,274</u>
 <b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Other	11	2,946	2,691
Creditors & Borrowings	12	<u>3,100</u>	<u>3,100</u>
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<u>6,046</u>	<u>5,791</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>20,771</u>	<u>41,065</u>
 <b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>\$206,558</u>	<u>\$186,446</u>
 <b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Retained Profits		206,558	186,446
<b>Total Member's Funds</b>		<u>206,558</u>	<u>186,446</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these accounts.

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1988 ACCOUNTS**

**NOTE 1 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Company's Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the prescribed requirements of the Schedule 7 of the Companies (New South Wales) Code as in force on 1st October 1986 and are based on the historical cost convention. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year.

**(a) Depreciation**

Freehold Land and Buildings, Plant, Fittings and Equipment are written off over the estimated life of each asset using either of the straight line/diminishing value methods.

**(b) Inventories**

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
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**SCHEDULE TO BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1988**

<b>2. CURRENT ASSETS — CASH</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1987</b>
Cash		
Cash on Hand	100	100
Cash at Bank	—	206
	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$306</u>
<b>3. CURRENT ASSETS — RECEIVABLES</b>		
Other Debtors		
Debtors	5,248	5,857
Prepayments	16,507	4,346
	<u>\$21,755</u>	<u>\$10,203</u>
<b>4. CURRENT ASSETS — INVENTORIES</b>		
Inventories		
Stock on Hand	<u>\$14,350</u>	<u>\$14,146</u>
<b>5. NON-CURRENT ASSETS — INVESTMENTS</b>		
Investments		
Secured Debentures in listed Companies — at Cost	138,009	109,000
Deposits	7,740	56,023
	<u>145,749</u>	<u>165,023</u>
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>		
<b>R.J. Thompson Memorial Trust Fund</b>		
(To be held by the Club and used for such purposes as agreed to by the family of the late Ronald John Thompson)		
Secured Debentures in Limited Companies	1,059	700
Cash at Bank	427	631
	<u>1,486</u>	<u>1,331</u>
<b>J. Sheehan Sporting Scholarship</b>		
Secured Debentures in listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	760	660
	<u>1,460</u>	<u>1,360</u>
	<u>\$148,695</u>	<u>\$167,714</u>

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
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**SCHEDULE TO BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1988**

<b>6. PROPERTY PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1987</b>
Land & Buildings		
Freehold Land & Buildings at Cost	28,772	28,772
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>6,841</u>	<u>6,465</u>
	<u>21,931</u>	<u>22,307</u>
 Furniture & Fittings		
Furniture & Fittings at Cost	45,792	38,942
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>29,294</u>	<u>26,107</u>
	<u>16,498</u>	<u>12,835</u>
	<u>\$38,429</u>	<u>\$35,142</u>
 <b>7. NON-CURRENT ASSETS — OTHER</b>		
Other		
Prepayments	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>—</u>
 <b>8. CURRENT LIABILITIES CREDITORS &amp; BORROWINGS</b>		
Creditors & Accruals		
Trade Creditors & Accruals	<u>\$1,887</u>	<u>\$16,729</u>
 <b>9. CURRENT LIABILITIES — PROVISIONS</b>		
Provisions		
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	7,000	7,000
Provision for Sport Development	<u>2,803</u>	<u>10,700</u>
	<u>\$9,803</u>	<u>\$17,700</u>
 <b>10. CURRENT LIABILITIES — OTHER</b>		
Other		
Subscriptions Paid in Advance	<u>\$3,035</u>	<u>\$845</u>
 <b>11. NON CURRENT LIABILITIES — OTHER</b>		
Other		
Trust Funds	<u>\$2,946</u>	<u>\$2,691</u>
 <b>12. NON CURRENT LIABILITIES — CREDITORS &amp; BORROWINGS</b>		
Loans, Debentures		
5% Debentures maturing 30th September, 1991	600	600
Interest Free Debentures maturing 30th September, 1991	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
	<u>\$3,100</u>	<u>\$3,100</u>

**THE BRIARS SPORTINGS CLUB LIMITED**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**  
**STATUTORY PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1988**

	<b>1988</b>	<b>1987</b>
<b>Retained Profits</b> at the beginning of the Financial Year.	<u>186,445</u>	<u>139,581</u>
<b>Add:</b> Profit for Year	20,113	27,538
Transfer from General Reserve	<u>—</u>	<u>19,327</u>
	<u>20,113</u>	<u>46,865</u>
<b>Retained Profit</b> at the end of the Financial Year	<u><u>\$206,558</u></u>	<u><u>\$186,446</u></u>

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**  
**BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1988**

<b>BAR RECEIPTS</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1987</b>
Sales	45,742	37,110
Less: Cost of Sales	<u>25,268</u>	<u>20,431</u>
Gross Bar profit	<u>\$20,474</u>	<u>\$16,679</u>
 <b>LESS: BAR OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Liquor Licence	1,636	1,884
Bar Expenses and Maintenance	3,370	563
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	<u>449</u>	<u>561</u>
	<u>\$5,455</u>	<u>3,008</u>
 Bar Trading Profit	15,019	13,671
 <b>ADD: INCOME FROM</b>		
Property Rents	28,426	25,875
Members Subscriptions	6,200	6,497
Interest Received	17,187	16,457
N.S.W. Open and P.G.A. Golf Championships	6,779	8,609
Sundry Income	—	175
Surplus/(Loss) on Sporting Activities (note 14)	(1,027)	(4,595)
Surplus/(Loss) on Social Activities	<u>(126)</u>	<u>(66)</u>
	<u>\$72,458</u>	<u>\$66,623</u>
 <b>LESS: OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Administration and Club Room Expenses (note 12)	34,190	21,215
Property Expenses (note 13)	7,083	18,316
Depreciation of Furniture, Fittings, Air Conditioner,		
Cash Register, Carpet and Vinyl Floor	2,738	2,420
Amortisation — Rothwell Park Facility	<u>3,334</u>	<u>3,334</u>
	<u>47,345</u>	<u>35,285</u>
 <b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	<u>\$25,113</u>	<u>\$31,338</u>
 <b>LESS:</b>		
Transfer to Provision for Sport Development	<u>5,000</u>	<u>3,800</u>
 <b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<u>\$20,113</u>	<u>\$27,538</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these accounts.



**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
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**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1988 ACCOUNTS**

<b>12. ADMINISTRATION AND CLUB ROOM EXPENSES</b>		<b>1988</b>	<b>1987</b>
	Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	10,495	6,347
	Stationery, Postage, Telephone, Bank Charges and Television	3,425	3,239
	Light and Heating	2,555	2,062
	Annual Reports	3,185	2,994
	Insurance — General	1,355	1,509
	— Sports Injury	5,209	1,264
	Interest Paid	30	57
	Billiards and Table Tennis	1,197	50
	Focus	3,793	1,666
	Donations and Presentations	220	364
	General Expenses	2,726	1,663
		<u>\$34,190</u>	<u>21,215</u>
<b>13. PROPERTY EXPENSES</b>			
	Insurance	3,015	2,890
	Rates	3,692	5,050
	Depreciation of Buildings	376	376
		<u>\$7,083</u>	<u>\$8,316</u>
<b>14. NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>Hockey:</b>	Ground Hire, Gear etc.	5,111	4,557
	Less: Receipts for year	5,493	3,930
	Net Cost/(Surplus) of Hockey	<u>(\$382)</u>	<u>\$627</u>
<b>Cricket:</b>	Ground Hire, Gear etc.	9,211	9,103
	Less: Receipts for year	9,019	7,278
	Net Cost of Cricket	<u>\$192</u>	<u>\$1,825</u>
<b>Football:</b>	Ground Hire, Gear etc.	15,299	13,619
	Less: Receipts for year	14,343	13,120
	Net Cost of Football	<u>\$956</u>	<u>\$499</u>
<b>Squash:</b>	Court Hire, Gear etc.	3,015	2,065
	Less: Receipts for year	2,841	1,737
	Net Cost of Squash	<u>\$174</u>	<u>\$328</u>
<b>Basketball:</b>	Court Hire, Gear etc.	1,292	4,237
	Less: Receipts for year	1,205	2,921
	Net Cost Basketball	<u>\$87</u>	<u>\$1,316</u>
<b>NET COST OF</b>	<b>SPORTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<u>\$1,027</u>	<u>\$4,595</u>

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
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**STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1988**

**FUNDS PROVIDED BY  
DECREASE IN ASSETS**

Cash		206
Investments		<u>19,019</u>
		19,225

**INCREASE IN LIABILITIES**

Subscriptions in Advance	2,190	
Other	<u>255</u>	<u>2,445</u>
		21,670

**LESS: FUNDS APPLIED TO:  
INCREASE IN ASSETS**

Debtors & Prepayments	15,552	
Inventories	204	
Furniture & Fittings	<u>6,851</u>	
	22,607	

**DECREASE IN LIABILITIES**

Trade Creditors & Accruals	14,842	
Provisions	<u>7,897</u>	<u>45,346</u>
		23,676

**LESS: NON-CASH ITEM — DEPRECIATION**

<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>		<u>3,563</u>
		<u>\$20,113</u>



Gary Phillips Sharon Walker Dan Power  
1987 — 88 Mixed Comp. Division 8.

Badwe Sarkis Frank Abraham Ben Kwok  
1987 Juniors C1.



