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President's Report

Your Board of Directors and Management Committee, present for consideration by members the Seventy-Fifth Annual Report of the clubs financial position and activities for the year ended 30th September 1993.

Gentlemen,

It would seem that because the Briars Sporting Club is and has always been such a stable and well organised institution, most presidents reports contain a brief of our financial standing and of what has occurred in the previous twelve months regarding our sporting activities, social engagements and occasionally an extra ordinary happening. This year we certainly have a great deal to report.

Seventy-five years ago our club was established, and to be the highly respected organisation that we are today, reflects the foresight of our founding members and the progressive and dedicated attitudes of members who have worked tirelessly for the betterment of our club since foundation.

Our celebration of 75 years officially commenced with a Gala Cricket Day between a Presidents XI and a Present XI at Rothwell Park, both teams including "Players" of yesteryear who should have known better than to "Don the Creams". Some subsequently suffered for many days thereafter, but the consensus was that it was worth it, as all who participated, including spectators had an enjoyable time.

The Briars early involvement in athletics was remembered by the holding of an athletics carnival at St Lukes oval. Apart from the club members, Ted Callaghan, John Threlfo and Ian Richard who gave of their time, special thanks must go to the staff from Trinity Grammar School who supplied not only man power and organisation for the day, but also most of the equipment required. Briars no longer have athletics equipment! It really was a good day and enjoyed I'm sure by all participants.

Both Rugby and Hockey held 75th Anniversary Days, Rugby at Rothwell and Hockey at the State Sports Centre. It was wonderful to see Bruce Trevenar at this day watching the sport he loved. Sadly Bruce passed away during the year.

The Annual Dinner this year was an outstanding success, extremely well attended by over 200 members, past and present and guests, who were fortunate to hear three of our own members speak. Dr Roger Vanderfield, Chris Walker and John Jessup did a magnificent job in reminiscing of their eras in Briars; I thank them for taking the time that they obviously did over their presentations. Unfortunately Bob Clarke could not attend but sent an

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outstanding pre-recorded message which was appreciated by all, whether they new him or not. Ted Stockdale attended and did the honour of presenting to each speaker a gift. This was achieved only after order was established from a standing ovation for Ted. I get the sneaking suspicion Ted that you are held in great respect by our members! Congratulations to our Social Chairman, Paul Mattick, for organising a magnificent evening.

The Board and Management recognise that attitudes are constantly changing and are taking steps to ensure that the club remains progressive and moves smoothly into the future.

Firstly, the Board of Directors has, after great deliberation and careful financial planning, unanimously agreed to proceed with the upgrading of our commercial sites fronting George Street. We do this at a time when it is absolutely necessary to bring our building into line with council requirements regarding safety, fire etc, but more importantly to secure the future financial income of the Briars from these sites. At this time we have run down shops, which, in this economic climate would be lettable at a minimal return, as opposed to upgrading the shops and putting ourselves on a level playing field with other Commercial Landlords with regards to quality of site and asking rentals. Work on this upgrade will also include male amenities upstairs in our clubrooms, a coldroom for storage of kegs and stock and up-to-date showers and changerooms downstairs. It is envisaged work will commence in mid January.

Whilst it was previously noted that we continually need to keep abreast of changing attitudes, it should be pointed out that the spirit within the Briars does not change. This year we have come face to face with the culmination of increased costs of running sports over the past 5 to 6 years. Rather than be defeated by these increases, the sports have displayed enormous enthusiasm and responsibility to protect the clubs' finances and to keep playing costs down by actively seeking financial supporters for their sports. Let me say immediately that everyone involved in this fundraising realises that no financial assistance will be accepted by the Board of Directors should it in any way compromise the name of the Briars. However, it is prudent for us to continue to be progressive and to accept the offers of those supporters who are prepared to assist us on a Win/Win basis. That is to join with reputable organisations who benefit from our club members support and they in turn will refund a percentage of our spend to the sports. Already we have been successful in raising reasonable sums on this basis. Sadly, gone are the days when members can be charged on a pro rata basis what it costs to run the sport - it is just too high. Our members expect and deserve a good portion of our bar takings to go into maintaining and improving what no one else has got on our sporting level, our own clubrooms. I can assure you, that every active member, through his Sporting Chairman, has been briefed on the financial

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situation of his sport and I am pleased to say that members are valuing their association with Briars because they are working for that honour.

We have been fortunate to receive a State Government Grant of \$15,000 to go towards the establishment of a second turf wicket in the area. Cricket needs this wicket desperately and we are doing everything possible to make sure we utilise these funds to our best advantage.

During the year we have seen sporting groups from the club tour England, Ireland, Hawaii and Hong Kong. Cricket had a most successful 4 week tour of England with excellent results on and off the field. Golden Oldies Rugby maintained Briars 100% attendance at the festivals by playing in Dublin.

Squash launched an overseas tour of Hong Kong where they performed extremely well against some tough opposition. Rugby toured to a tournament in Hawaii and handled a gruelling schedule so well that they finished 3rd in front of many teams which would have been expected to defeat us.

My congratulations to all touring sports on their initiative, fund raising, organisation and discipline in furthering the name of the Briars overseas. I do hope we can maintain an enthusiasm in all sports to organise successful tours as the result in almost always a better upcoming season and an attraction to players outside to come and join the Briars to have the chance of touring - a once in a lifetime experience.

All sports are conscious of the great need and benefit of having junior teams to draw players into the senior ranks. It is never easy to establish run or maintain these sides but the benefits are obvious. The Board will support junior development providing guidelines set down are met. The Briars needs juniors.

A committee has been established to investigate the raising of funds, in the general guidelines of a school development fund, for a major project for the Briars. This project is yet to be defined but would certainly be along the lines of securing an area where all sports could be played on the best surfaces within a central area. Many hurdles have yet to be jumped, but a goal will be established, and some of our more senior and highly respected members have indicated that they are prepared to be part of and help guide this committee.

The Future Directions Committee continued to add valuable input into where the club is and where we should aim our endeavours.

Elsewhere in this Annual Report, you will read the individual sports reports. Suffice for me to say that the Board are most satisfied with the progress of every sport and the decisions those Sporting Chairmen have made. However, we will now be sure that every sports budget is carefully

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monitored by the Finance Committee. During the year premierships were won by squash, basketball and hockey.

Once again the Management Committee has performed very well for the club. As I said last year it is a tough job and everyone this year has done their share.

During the year Bill Hooker, Laszlo Kovacs, John Golsby and David Abood retired from Management and Peter Bowyer and Graeme Rolleston from the Board. My thanks to all these members for their dedicated contributions.

The Board of Directors recognised the outstanding contributions of Perc Murray and Bruce Trevenar and nominated both as Life Members of the Briars.

Our Honorary Executive Officer, John Threlfo and his assistant Brett Howle have once again proven their outstanding value to the club and for me to say thank you to both doesn't really seem enough. Both do an difficult job very well.

In conclusion we thank those clubs we have played against, congratulate the successful ones and look forward to competing next competition. We record our appreciation to the municipal authorities in Burwood and Concord Councils and our thanks to the following bodies for making competitions available.

Sydney Rugby Referees Association

Parramatta Basketball Association

NSW Suburban Rugby Union

NSW Cricket Association

Sydney Hockey Association

Council of Municipal and Shire Clubs

Sydney Hockey Umpires Association

City & Suburban Cricket Association

Squash Racquets Association of NSW

Craig R. Hickey
President

75th ANNIVERSARY

Athletics Carnival

When the club was first founded in 1918, it became famous in the Western Suburbs for its athletics carnivals.

Although athletics has not figured in the club's recent history, a special carnival to mark the 75th anniversary seemed fitting.

In the early hours of Sunday, March 7, it appeared as though someone in the club had killed an entire busload of Chinamen as heavy rain fell and grey clouds hung over Sydney. However, the deluge did not affect the field and the day progressively fined up. The Col "Hockey" Jones 6km road race got underway in drizzle, but was completed in fine conditions which prevailed for the rest of the day.

Sprint and middle distance races were completed before attention was directed to the intersports tug o' war conducted, somewhat appropriately, "behind the shed".

Kenny Kable's south sea island recruiting campaign produced a rather awesome team for the Squashies, however, they were out-tugged by Rugby in the semi.

The grand final saw Golden Oldies prevail over Rugby which vindicates the weight training program followed by the GOs.

Sometime during the morning Ray Tuffin completed the 6km road race and maintained that he had lost his way.

The little kids had a great time in the sack races before the big kids got into the "Back to Briars" sports challenge involving cricket bat throwing, shot putting and a football passing contest, followed by an egg breaking event.

Spectators were entertained by flying cricket bats overhead and the unorthodox styles used in the shot put.

Harry Jamieson was the only competitor to adopt the classic shot put technique, but his throw did not do justice to his style.

After lunch, the 100m sprint finals and relays were held, with cricketers doing very well considering that they are more adapted to a quick dash the length of a cricket pitch.

The Squashies, who usually shuffle sideways and run around in circles, also surprised the crowd with their running skills.

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At the close of events, a presentation ceremony was held with medals, plaques and trophies presented to the worthy winners.

Special thanks must go to John Trelfo and Ted Callaghan for the general organisation; Doug Carlross, of Trinity Grammar, for his expertise and equipment; Craig Sandwell and John Staniforth, official starter and marshall; Ian "Beast" Richards, the voice of the Briars; Larry and Di Thompson, Len Hollis, Steve Hansen and family - the Canteen crew; Don Flynn, gear sales; Ray Pontifex, trophies and engraving, and lastly, thanks to the spectators. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

The results were:

Col "Hockey" Jones 6km road race: 1 P. Brennan, 2 D. Simpson, 3 N. Alvaro.

David Walker U/16 800m: 1 K. Simpson, 2 N. Alvaro, 3 P. Agius.

Bill McLaughlin 1500m: U/20, D. Simpson 1, 20-30 years, P. Brennan 1, P. Jones 2, M. Nobes 3, 31-40 years, T. Cleary 1, Over 40, K. Kable 1, L. Thompson 2, P. Grant 3.

Bruce Trevenar Tug 'o War: 1 Golden Oldies, 2 Rugby, 3 Squash.

Past Presidents "Back to Briars" Sports Challenge: 1 Rugby, 2 Squash, 3 Golden Oldies.

Bob Clark Trophy 100m: U/13, K. Simpson 1, H. Liu Patty 2, P. Agius 3, U/16, D. Cook 1, L. Rimes 2, U/20, M. Bussuttil 1, P. Yappas 2, D. Stephenson and J. Hakko 3, 20-30 years, G. Price 1, J. Majarres 2, C. Slapp 3, 31-40 years, J. Price 1, T. Worner 2, S. Kovacs 3, Over 40, J. Randle 1, L. Thompson 2, K. Kable 3.

Open Ladies: 1 K. Simpson, 2 M. Young, 3 K. Pearce.

Schools Invitation: 1 M. Bussuttil, 2 P. Yappas, 3 D. Cook.

Open Invitation: 1 D. Cook, 2 M. Bussuttil, 3 G. Price.

Fred Lucas Trophy 400m: U/16, K. Simpson 1, S. Heggarty 2, H. Liu Patty 3, U/20, D. Stephenson 1, N. Alvaro 2, Open, P. Brennan 1, C. Slapp 2, and P. Jones 3.

Harvey Ford Trophy, Schools 4x100m relay: 1 Rosebank College, 2 Trinity Grammar.

Doug Staniforth Plaque, Briars Sports 4x100 Relay: 1 Cricket, 2 Squash, 3, Rugby.

Ted Stockdale Plaque for Winning Briars Sports Overall: 1 Rugby, 2 Golden Oldies, 3 Squash.

Anniversary Cricket Day

Australia Day is of great significance and importance as it marks the establishment of the Commonwealth proclaimed on January 1, 1901. Celebrated in 1993 on January 26, it had an additional significance, for on that day, a Tuesday, the Briars 75th Anniversary Celebrations Cricket Match was held at the home of our cricket, Rothwell Park.

The day, fortunately, was dry but cloudy and cool, can it be suggested, a sign of esteem the club is held in even by the unearthly powers, for some of the selected would have found it very trying, if not impossible, to have played had it been a usual January hot and humid day.

The planning and preparation which had preceded the function were evident on arrival at the ground for a 10am start.

The wicket was perfect, flat and true, probably favouring the batsmen and the ground was adorned by a huge marquee under which tables and chairs were in sufficient numbers to accommodate the huge crowd which was expected. There were two official intervals. Lunch, when hot succulent steaks and famous Aussie sausages were the main fare, and afternoon tea, a sumptuous spread covering many tables with a wide variety of sandwiches and cakes catered for all possible tastes.

Afternoon tea was enhanced by a charming pleasant lady who dispensed cups of tea/coffee with good humour. There can be no doubt that a wonderful job was carried out by all those involved in the social side of the day. The cricket match itself, 40 overs a side, was between Craig Hickey XI and Peter Richardson XI, each side a blend of current, retired and older players.

The result and the teams, for the record:

P. Richardson XI

P. Richardson
B. Pozuelo
D. Abood
S. Stapelfeldt
G. Wallace
B. Howle
S. Mantle
D. Wright
B. Cardwell
J. Balmforth

C. Hickey XI

C. Hickey
R. Streeter
I. Blair
D. Scoble
T. Aili
G. Price
W. Hooker
D. Walker
H. Lennartz
R. Smith

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G. Tweedale

A. Clarke

P. Thomas

P. Price

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B. Pozuelo 62

P. Price 83

S. Mantle 33

G. Price 53

B. Howle 23

D. Walker 22

D. Scoble 2-22

S. Stapelfeldt 2-24

The game was played in a wonderful spirit believe it or not, no sledging, no queries of umpire decisions, a lot of lighter banter - in fact, just the way a game of cricket should be played.

Thanks are in order to the two captains for the way the match was designed and run.

The catering and the match were both of the highest order; however, perhaps the most important attribute of the day was that it enabled renewal of many friendships, the reliving of many memories.

It was indeed a pleasure to see Bob Clark, Ted Stockdale and Stan Jones present in support of the function.

The team photographs with Bob Clark in the centre will become a major item in the club memorabilia and quite rightly so.

They mark the culmination, after 75 years, of the initial dreams and the ideals of the founder members, in particular Bob Clark and the continuous efforts over the 75 years which developed the ideals, the spirit and tradition of which The Briars Sporting Club can be very proud.

Anniversary Annual Dinner

The annual dinner was held on 20 August, 1993 and was our best attended for a number of years. With a change of format, a change of venue and increased numbers, the night was a resounding success.

Special thanks must go to our three guest speakers, Roger Vanderfield, Chris Walker and John Jessup. There is no doubt that the time and effort they took in preparing speeches added enormously to the success of the night and helped give the night the special significance appropriate for our 75th Anniversary.

Many thanks go out to all those who went to the effort of arranging tables. It was heartening to see a large number of members who are no longer playing sport for the club present at the dinner. With only a little effort it

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does not take long to organise a table and it is hoped that all those who attended will aim to come back again in the future years.

A special thank you to Cameron Slapp, who liaised in the organisation of five tables of current rugby players. Also thank you to Michael Jaroszewicz, who did another great job organising the squash players. Special thanks must also go out to Craig Hickey and Ian Richard for their thoughts and assistance in the format of the evening and also for the fine job done liaising with our speakers.

A report on the night would not be complete without a thank you to Bob Clark for going to the effort to record a tape of apology for his non-attendance and of welcome to those present. The presence of Ted Stockdale was also greatly appreciated and there is little doubt that Ted enjoyed being there as much as the rest of us enjoyed having him there.

Finally, to each and every person who attended, you should be proud of your participation and behaviour on the night. The presence and participation of all of you ensured that the dinner was a highlight of our 75th year.

Gala Hockey Day

I would like to personally thank all the members who came down to help celebrate the 75th anniversary of Briars at the Gala Hockey Day held at the State Sports Centre. It was very pleasing to see so many of the past legends of hockey, people like Bruce Trevenar, Col (Hockey) Jones, David Walker, Robert Streeter and many others.

The past members game was a delight to say the least. Peter Stewart showed why he is such a successful rugby player and was caught out on numerous occasions trying to tackle players. Graham Trevenar was shown up by a very snappy centre forward in the form of Col Jones who beat the defenders with pace and put a great ball past him to score the first goal of the day. Rumours that Tom Persson approached him after the game were unfounded. The game was equalised late in the second half, but it was very pleasing to see so many Briars enjoying themselves.

The day was also incorporated into the annual Briars Valleys challenge. The under 17s trophy went to Valleys as the boys from Canberra were too strong for our developing boys.

The first grade match was played after the Vets game and was one of the best performances I have seen in the 16 years I have been playing Barton. Before the game Bruce Trevenar called the first grade coach and captain

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Tom Persson over and had a few words to him. I don't really know what was said, but the side came out of their team talk totally fired and started the game with supreme confidence and commitment. The game was a continual sea-saw.

It should be noted that the Valleys side contained various state players and also members of the Canberra National League side. The Briars boys totally surprised them on the day and went out eventual winners. It is the first time in about 14 years that Briars have won the trophy. An excellent result lads. Well done.

The following poem was forwarded by Col (Hockey) Jones. Col points out that Peter Paterson was a member through the '60s. He played hockey, cricket and squash and was a devoted member. He has a fond remembrance of the club and penned this following the June gala hockey day.

Once a Briar

We reunited in the month of June, year nineteen ninety three.

Anticipating social hockey and reviewing memories.

Most found the mind was willing but the body had its say.

Time upon the field was brief and fun for those who played.

Old friends quickly recognisable with grey or thinning hair.

It seems those over 60, now shaped somewhat like a pear.

Our children blossomed to adulthood with families of their own.

We talked at length with pride about the seeds we've sown.

Friendships born some 30 years gone past were evident to see.

And tales of games played long ago flowed plentiful and free.

Recalling little incidents provided lots of laughs.

And thoughts became directed to those unable to take part.

For just a few short minutes our imaginations raced.

How on these modern pitches we would perform with skill and grace.

As younger men we played on fields resembling Gorgonzola cheese.

When often balls did rise to strike the body or the knees.

Turning back the clock and blissfully strolling down memory lane.

Jolted by the knowledge of those now suffering in pain.

Were others there I wondered who fought back silent tears.

On hearing of the team mates not blessed kindly by the years.

Many now retired from the workforce and have given of their best.

Well satisfied by their achievements, overcoming all the tests.

These things surely are reminders of how fortunate we are.

To know that each tomorrow is reward enough by far.

Three-quarters of a century celebrated by the Briars.

This sporting club of rare distinction we represented with great pride.

For me upon reflection all the memories are great.

My association left me with a team of very special mates, Peter Paterson © 1993

Obituaries

Bruce Trevenar – Bruce passed away on 23rd September following a long illness. Bruce joined the club in 1946, firstly playing cricket until 1967 where as a bowler he took 968 wickets with an average of 14.1. Then followed Hockey which he played a dominant role in introducing to the club. An "A" grade player and featured in the many successes that "A grade" had in winning numerous premierships. Bruce also played competition squash and again was prominent in this sport becoming a major sport in the club.

Bruce was on management committee for a great number of years, became the club's Honorary Licensee upon the club obtaining its liquor licence and continued in the position until his death.

Bruce was a very humble person in real life except on the hockey field and squash court where it did not pay to get in his way.

To Shirley, Graeme and Ian and the rest of this family our very deepest sympathy. The club has lost a wonderful member and a gentlemen.

A. D. (Mick) Hilder – Mick passed away late 1992. Mick joined the club in the 1930's, was a member of the clubs 1934 premiership Burke Cup Rugby side. A regular at the clubs Golf Days in the mountains and was always available to assist the club right up until his time of death in helping out in Golf Tournaments. Mick was in the army in World War II.

To Mick's family our deepest sympathy.

Ted Stockdale

Cricket

Another season has passed and unfortunately for the first time in many seasons we were unable to supply a semi-finalist. We had the opportunity of having 3 teams in the semis right up until the last round but crucial losses and draws dented our hopes.

In the very important pre-Christmas rounds we had a reasonably easy draw, however the old foe, rain, interfered and washed away certain victories in a couple of the grades. This didn't help our progress but we were still well placed in a couple of the grades to make the semis. But, other results went against us and we missed some opportunities to end a slightly disappointing season.

This season we finished eighth in the Club Championship, only 160 points from first place and with 108 points gained for a full round it shows we weren't that far away.

Once again the season provided us with a couple of notable highlights. These included:

1. Paul Price – 160 vs Roseville (8th in Association averages).
2. Brett Howle – 147 vs Pennant Hills (most runs in B's Association and 4th in averages).
3. Terry Kershaw – 150 vs Lane Cove.
4. Paul Simpson – 2 centuries in C and D grades.
5. Steve Stapelfeldt – 137 vs Bexley.
6. B grade dismissing Strathfield for only 52.
7. The U.K. Cricket Tour.

The final standings for the season were as follows:

A Grade	5th
B Grade	7th
C Grade	5th
D Grade	5th
Club Championship	8th

The season didn't begin in very good fashion as we were informed by Cumberland College at Lidcombe that the synthetic wicket we had previously been using was no longer available to us. This sent us into wild panic as we made endless phone calls and wrote plenty of letters in search of a ground anywhere! Luckily a ground, St Lukes No. 1 was available to us but it was also a synthetic wicket and of a pretty ordinary standard. But, we didn't have many choices and were forced to use it.

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At the present time we are negotiating with Concord Council in the hope of receiving their approval to construct a new turf wicket at Ron Routley oval, Concord. We have been successful in obtaining a State Government Grant for \$15,000 and hope that we can complete the wicket early in 1994.

During the season there were several annual events which we participated in including:

1. The annual 'Double Wicket' competition played at Goddard Park. Once again it was a good day involving 28 players with the eventual winners being Marc Burns and Paul James.
2. The schools 7-a-side was unfortunately washed out at lunch time with only a handful of games being played.

The season also marked the celebration of the Clubs 75th Anniversary with a game played at Rothwell Park on January 26, between the Presidents XI lead by Craig Hickey and a Present XI lead by Peter Richardson. A great day was had by all and coincidentally a tied match resulted.

During the season a challenge was inaugurated between Epping DCC and ourselves to confirm the strong relations between the 2 clubs. One player from each side was honoured with our representative being Peter Richardson. The Turnbull/Richardson trophy is awarded to the Club who earns the most Club Championship points in that particular round. I am pleased to report that we were successful in all 4 grades and that we currently hold the trophy.

During the season there were also a number of social events that took place and a couple of these assisted in raising funds for the London tour. To all those who supported, we thank you.

Karaoke Night (Pre season)

Harbour Cruise

Trivia Night

End of season Award Night

Once again the club was served by our best supporters in Ted Stockdale and Bob Clark. It really is a pleasure to have them both at Rothwell Park each week preparing afternoon tea and cleaning up and we appreciate their efforts immensely. On behalf of all the players THANK YOU TED and BOB.

To all the other Club members who supported us during the season we thank you also.

During the competition all the turf wickets used in grade cricket and A/B Grade Shires are rated by umpires and averaged over the season. This season we were not surprised at all to find the Rothwell Park ranked the

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3rd best wicket in all of Sydney cricket - a magnificent achievement for the Council and its groundsman Peter Sheen. On behalf of the Club we would like to thank Concord Council for the use of the facilities during the year. These included Rothwell Park, Goddard Park (for the Double Wicket), Majors Bay Oval practice nets, and St Lukes No. 1 ground.

On behalf of the Burwood Club we would like to congratulate the successful teams in each division.

A Grade	Lindfield
B Grade	Macquarie Uni.
C Grade	Wentworthville
D Grade	Roseville
Club Championship	Roseville

Once again the City and Suburban side was fielded and again encountered problems in supplying 11 players each week. There were numerous times when we had 8 or 9 players and unfortunately the results on the field were not of a high standard even though the players performed extremely well. We are hoping to rectify this problem in the 1993/94 season. Many thanks to David Wright on his assistance and patience during the season.

The club has now purchased a set of cricket covers for Rothwell Park which hopefully will help in reducing the number of wash outs during the season. These are a necessary investment.

There are a number of people I would like to thank for their efforts during the season. Firstly, my assistant Richard Tregeagle and Brett 'Charlie' Howle for all their efforts. To John Price for his organisation with Charlie of the London tour, and Geoff Armstrong for his excellent organisation of the Trivia Night.

I think the captains also deserve a mention of thanks for their time given during the season in selecting teams after each game and for the numerous phone calls during the week.

The clubs future is currently shaping up pretty well with a large number of junior teams from under 8's through to under 16's participating in the local junior associations. With constant monitoring and financial support we can really benefit in the not too distant future. For his efforts we would like to thank Mark Moran.

With such high expectations placed upon the cricketers in recent years it is disappointing that we were unable to provide a semi final for the first time in many years. We hope to rectify that next season.

Finally to all those who offered support during the season, we thank you.

Gerard Price

A Grade

The 1992/93 season will be looked back as one where we almost made the semis and but for a few crucial injuries and wash outs, would have given the competition a real shake. However, this was not to be and without making excuses we had our chances but didn't take them when it counted.

Here's some of the events:

Bart breaks his hand and misses the first 3 rounds.

Stapo retires after Round 2 until Round 8.

Phil Adams plays one game and injuries his back.

Simmo misses the last 3 A Grade games due to work commitments.

The season began well for us with wins in 4 of our first 5 games (the other was drawn). The rain then interfered in 3 of our next 4 games including games against 2 of the weakest teams and crucial points were missed. We then began to play very badly as we lost 3 of our last 4 games and eventually finished 5th, one win from the semis.

The batting this season was obviously not as strong as previous seasons with only 3 century partnerships, and only one batsman scoring over 300 runs for the season. The following figures shows some interesting facts about the batting.

Wicket	Average/Wicket	Best Partnership
1	24.67	67
2	28.82	70
3	36.64	102
4	35.18	101
5	15.64	61
6	21.56	36
7	31.63	103
8	15.50	22
9	16.20	30
10	20.67	19

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Although we were disappointed with the final results there were a few highlights that should be acknowledged. These include the following:

1. Round 1 vs Bexley – They batted into the second day to score 253 leaving us about 78 overs to score the runs. After being 2 – 14 we did it easily thanks to a mighty 137 from Stapo.
2. Round 11 vs Roseville where we belted them to score 6 – 307 thanks to a career high 160 from Paul Price and a gutsy 71 from Bart Pozuelo.
3. Stapo's match winning 137 against Bexley.

The players:

Terry Aili – Was troubled all season with his bad knee but once again made some good starts only to lose his wicket cheaply. Scored a very good 60 against Canterbury and failed to take a catch all season.

Paul Price – Once again had a good season scoring over 400 runs including a very good 160 against Roseville. Topped the averages and still the cornerstone of our batting. Didn't bowl though.

Paul Simpson – Unfortunately Simmo missed 4 out of the last 5 games through work commitments and his efforts were missed. Batted well with 3 half centuries in 4 innings and took 5 – 29 with the ball against Epping. His first and last innings in A's were both ducks.

Steve Stapelfeldt – Another whose ability on the field was severely missed when he 'retired' after Round 3 till Round 8. Scored a brilliant 137 against Bexley but then failed to reach his true potential. Can win games if he really wants to.

Paul Thomas – Thommo maintained his high level of keeping taking 19 catches and a stumping. Didn't bat as well as he could with a very good innings against Epping (41) his best effort.

Jeff Ho – A solid year for Hoey with some very valuable innings against both Wentworthville and Macquarie Uni. Only took 17 wickets but bowled very well once again. Provides a good afternoon tea.

Steve Schomberg – The old bloke keeps on going. Took 19 wickets including 4 – 17 against Auburn 5 – 72 against Canterbury. Had limited batting opportunities this year but still a very valuable player. Maintains his high level of afternoon tea and still showers after games.

Richard Tregeagle – Led the wicket taking for the year with 23 with some good performances against Baulkham Hills (4 – 35), Macquarie Uni. (5 – 43) and Strathfield (4 – 44). Always gives 110% and a great team member. Wasn't dismissed at all this year.

Paul James – Earned his spot through some consistent lower grade efforts. Performed well with the bat and even opened in one game and when

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called on to bowl did a good job. With a little more variation can maintain his spot in A's. His wife keeps an immaculate score book.

Bart Pozuello – After a short stint with Mosman, he returned to the A's in Round 5, but didn't dominate as anticipated. Batted well against Pennant Hills (56) and against Roseville (71), where he returned after head butting the ball. Still developing in the art of off spin bowling.

Peter Carapiet – Began the season with 2 ducks but fought back with an excellent 44 against Wentworthville. Left for an overseas trip not long after and finished in B's.

Phil Tregeagle – After some good performances in B's, he was promoted to A's but didn't kick on as hoped. A good fieldsman and a great team man.

Gerard Price (Captain) – Once again had a good season with the ball rarely bowling a bad over with his best performance 4-35 against Roseville. Batted well on occasions, including 66 against Macquarie University, but needs to be more consistent. Captained the side to the competition lead but two bad losses to Lindfield and Canterbury cost the team dearly, late in the season.

I would also like to thank Warwick Giblin and Phil Adams for their efforts in the games they played in the A's.

Gerard Price

Matches Played	Won o/r	Won 1st	Lost o/r	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	0	6	0	3	4	44	5th
Runs for	Wickets for	Average for	Runs against	Wickets against	Average against		
2103	87	25.95	1936	110	18.92		

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A Grade Statistics

Batting

Name	Matches	Inn.	N.O.	Runs	Avg	H.S.	50's	100's	Catches
P. Price	13	12	1	409	37.18	160	2	1	7
S. Stapelfeldt	8	7	0	227	32.43	137	-	1	3
T. Aili	12	10	0	289	28.90	60	2	-	0
P. Simpson	9	8	0	227	28.38	68	3	-	1
J. Ho	13	9	3	155	25.83	43	-	-	1
G. Price	13	10	3	173	24.71	66	1	-	5
B. Pozuelo	9	7	0	158	22.57	71	2	-	9
P. James	10	8	2	106	17.67	29x	-	-	2
S. Schomberg	13	6	3	52	17.33	22x	-	-	7
P. Carapiet	6	5	1	67	16.75	44	-	-	1
P. Thomas	13	11	2	130	14.44	41x	-	-	19c, 1s
P. Tregeagle	5	5	1	52	13.00	22	-	-	3
R. Tregeagle	13	5	5	10	-	5x	-	-	0

Also batted:

W. Giblin 4 innings for 19 runs (4 matches) 2 catches

P. Adams 1 innings for 30 runs (1 match) 1 catch

Bowling

Name	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Avg	Run/ow	Ov/wkt	Best
J. Ho	152	44	17	290	17.06	1.91	8.94	4.29
G. Price	137.3	39	19	325	17.11	2.37	7.21	4.35
S. Schomberg	154.2	45	19	383	20.16	2.49	8.11	5.72
R. Tregeagle	178	35	23	497	21.61	2.79	7.74	5.43
P. James	58	17	9	139	15.44	2.40	6.44	3.28
P. Simpson	24.4	4	7	62	8.86	2.58	3.43	5.29
B. Pozuelo	88.3	17	7	225	32.14	2.56	12.57	4.30

Also bowled:

P. Adams 22/6/3/60

S. Stapelfeldt 14/1/0/33

B Grade

The 1992/93 season for the Burwood Briars B Grade side will be reflected upon as a season of mixed opportunities due mainly to the usual, untimely and certainly unwanted washouts. (Sounds familiar?).

The season can be summarised as follows: Four wins and four losses on first innings and 5 washouts. We finished in 7th position on the ladder (12 points 2 wins out of the top 4 and 20 points from first). 22 players were used during the season.

There were 5 partnerships greater than 100 and 10 greater than 50.

At the outset of this report it would not be proper to mention the services of Peter Richardson to Burwood Cricket and more particular to B Grade over recent years. Peter was captain of B Grade for many years, prior to my taking over this year and Peter's move to C Grade. Peter was the Skipper in our premiers year in 1989/90, and his passion for the game has never waned. Therefore it was fitting that it be his name chosen for the Turnball/Richardson Trophy dedicated in recognition for services by Peter Richardson and Perc Turnball to their respective club over the years. It is won by the club earning most club championship points for the round between Burwood and Epping, inaugurated this year and pleasingly won by ourselves and happily accepted by Peter at the presentation.

The season started on the wrong side of the ledger for the team with losses in the first 2 rounds. A win in the third round then led to the next 4 games being washed out. In each game we batted on the first weekend and achieved scores as follows: 268, 6-248, 6-300, 201, all very competitive scores but only to have the second weekend rain effected and no result possible. But that's Cricket, isn't it. We went into Christmas on 14 points with only 3 other teams below us.

The side never lost spirit however and was determined to do its best each game. A great win over Macquarie Uni in the next round was followed by a washout in the next. The last 4 games were split between 2 wins and 2 losses, with an emphatic victory over Strathfield in the last round whereby we were dismissed for 179 but then turned around and rolled them for 54 before the end of the first day and had them 1-2 at the end of the day, only for it to rain the second week.

The heartening aspect from the season was that the side never lost hope throughout the season, and is one season more experienced, with a good balance of old heads and young blood.

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Congratulations must go to Macquarie University for the B Grade Premiership and to Roseville as club champions.

A special mention must be made of Gerard Price who's untiring efforts in the administration of cricket and as A grade captain which will surely result in an A grade premiership, club championship, or both, in the not too distant future.

To Ted Stockdale, our undoubted number one supporter, again throughout the year, goes the teams' thanks for your support every Saturday afternoon, particularly for your help with the afternoon teas. It was also very pleasing to see Bob Clark return to Rothwell upon his return to Australia.

Thanks also go to our 12th person, Anne James, with her skilful (and very neat) work on the scorebook during the year, and to all those who popped down regularly or even irregularly during the season, thanks for your interest and support.

Following are brief profiles on the regulars during the season:

Geoff Armstrong

Unfortunately, Geoff did not enjoy the most successful of seasons due in part to work commitments, and injury, and a lack of confidence, at times, in his own ability. His wealth of experience to both the team and his novice captain were invaluable however and a welcome asset in any team.

Frank Caristo

Completed another solid year behind the stumps, including a record equalling 5 catch haul against Epping. Finished the season with 20 catches and 1 stumping. Frank must harness and transform his frustration at himself, at times, into positive effects for the team. Always reliable to do his part when required with the bat as evidenced by being in 3 highest wicket partnerships.

Anthony Clarke

Joined the team after the second round and pleasingly kept his spot for the rest of the year. A whole hearted competitor who always strives to give his best, be it with the bat, ball or in the field. Star performance was against Strathfield where he captured 5-14 from 12 and at one stage had 4-4 from 5. A handy lower order bat.

Warwick Giblin

Started the season in A's but fell into a lean trot, then answered with a great 84 in his first B grade game against Auburn when a 100 was deserved. Always keen, trying to out think the opposition in any situation and thoughts in this regard are always welcome. A handy change bowler,

which included a match winning 3-21 against Macquarie when he got the last wicket in his last over.

Brett Graham

Like Clarkie, joined the side after the first 2 rounds in C grade and remained in the side thereafter. Must work on being more consistent with the bat in order to attain higher scores. Top score of the season was a fine 44 against Pennant Hills.

Brett Howle

Enjoyed the responsibility of captaincy, which resulted in his best ever year with the bat with 469 runs. Highlight was a 147* against Pennant Hills, with 3 other scores above 50. Snared 8 catches but drew the line at bowling himself (unlike the previous captain) much to the relief of team mates.

Andrew Macky

A very handy person to have in the team because on his day can win a match with the bat or ball. A fine fieldsman in the gully also. Scored 248 runs this year with a top score of 55. Chimed in with his leggies when required including 4-25 vs Canterbury. Refuses to turn up on time before a match however.

Shane Mantle

A lot of people would give dearly to have the natural ability of Shane. Always seems to play the game in fourth gear, when fifth is so close. Has the undoubted ability to be a premier all rounder if he chose to, and continued to work on it.

John Price

John's worst enemy is probably himself. Did the hard work either opening or at 3 getting himself set but then a loss in concentration cost his wicket. Had 7 scores between 10 and 30 in 12 digs. John scored 250 runs this year but must be more positive to play his natural game instead of trying to adjust to situations that don't suit his style. Was over bowled during the year with 1 over.

Wayne Scott

Played the first five games of year making starts in each. Has the ability to develop and cement a middle order position in the team and must strive to do so.

Peter Schouten

A very tricky opening bowler who uses his pace and height to advantage. Captured 5-49 against Epping and 4-22 against Strathfield in a hostile bowling display. Occupied the number 11 position with the bat with

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dignity. A Saturday afternoon at Rothwell just wouldn't seem right without Peter catching 40 winks somewhere in the shade.

Phil Tregeagle

Some consistent scores from Phil of 39, 53 and 103 saw Phil earn his spot in the higher grade. Has an excellent temperament for the top order, determined to stay in the centre all day.

Thanks must go to Peter Carapiet, Johnny Platania, Bart Pozuelo, Paul James, David Abood, Glen Evans, Neil Glasson, Norm Ezzy, Kyri Kyriakides and Mat Young who all contributed throughout the year.

Brett Howle Captain

Maths	Won O/r	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	0	4	0	4	5	34	7th
Runs For	Wkts For	Avg For	Runs Against	Wkts Against	Avg Against		
2884	102	28.27	1667	84	19.84		

Batting (min 4 Innings)

	Mchs	Inn	N/O	Agr	Avg	HS	100's	50's	Cat
Brett Howle	13	13	2	469	42.64	147*	1	3	8
Phil Tregeagle	5	5	0	208	41.60	103	1	1	1
Warwick Giblin	8	8	1	275	39.29	84	0	3	1
Peter Carapiet	4	4	0	136	34.00	62	0	1	0
Brett Graham	11	10	2	211	26.38	45	0	0	1
Andy Macky	11	10	0	248	24.80	55	0	2	3
Frank Caristo	13	11	0	116	23.20	35	0	0	20c & 1s
John Price	13	12	0	250	20.83	61	0	1	4
Wayne Scott	5	5	0	94	18.80	37	0	0	1
Anthony Clarke	11	7	2	89	17.80	36	0	0	1
Shane Mantle	9	6	0	96	16.00	33	0	0	3
Johnny Platania	5	5	0	68	13.60	30	0	0	1
Geoff Armstrong	7	7	0	89	12.71	30	0	0	0
Peter Schouten	10	6	2	24	6.00	10	0	0	0

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Also Batted

	Mchs	Inn	NO	Agr	Avg	HS	100's	50's	C
Bart Pozuelo	1	1	0	70	70.00	-	-	-	0
Paul James	3	3	2	57	57.00	-	-	-	1
David Abood	1	1	0	40	40.00	-	-	-	0
Glen Evans	2	1	1	22	22.00	-	-	-	3
Neil Glasson	2	1	1	10	10.00	-	-	-	0
Norm Ezzy	6	3	0	26	8.67	-	-	-	0
Kyri Kyriakides	2	1	0	0	0.00	-	-	-	0
Mat Young	1	1	0	0	0.00	-	-	-	1

Wicket	Avg	Partnership
1	25.46	79 J. Price & W. Giblin
2	44.85	118* B. Howle & W. Giblin
3	24.00	56 B. Howle & J. Platania
4	24.08	51 G. Armstrong & P Tregeagle
5	39.33	101 J. Price & B. Graham
6	33.25	126 B. Howle & B. Graham
7	16.45	69 B. Pozuelo & F. Caristo
8	12.33	44* P. James & F. Caristo
9	11.88	35 N. Ezzy & F. Caristo
10	15.83	33 A. Clarke & P. Schouten

Bowling (Min 8 wkts)

	Overs	Maid	Wkts	Runs	Avg	O/Wkt	Runs/Over	Best
Warwick Giblin	60	16	9	128	14.22	6.67	2.13	3-21
Norm Ezzy	43	10	8	140	17.50	5.38	3.26	4-27
Anthony Clarke	93.1	26	12	223	18.50	7.76	2.40	5-14
Peter Schouten	108.1	27	16	311	19.44	6.76	2.88	5-49
Andy Macky	72	12	11	261	23.73	6.55	3.63	4-25
Shane Mantle	120	27	10	307	30.70	12.00	2.56	3-79

Also Bowled

Mat Young	19.2	4	5	41	8.20	3.84	2.14	5-41
Glen Evans	15	4	2	35	17.60	7.50	2.33	2-27
Kyri Kyriakides	23.5	6	3	58	19.33	7.83	2.47	3-43
Paul James	30	10	4	78	19.50	7.50	2.60	3-32
Neil Glasson	14	5	0	26	-	-	1.86	-
John Price	1	0	0	11	-	-	11.00	-

C Grade

The 1992/93 C Shire team completed the preliminary rounds in equal fourth position, missing a semi final berth by the narrowest of margins on percentages. Requiring a win from either one of the last two games against two other semi final aspirants, the team had to be content with two played out draws.

The side that took the field was significantly different from the previous season and, coupled with the fact that some twenty six players participated, the resultant implied lack of stability was soon overcome with only two losses coming in the first few rounds. On the other hand due to adverse weather conditions between late November and mid January four games were drawn. Unfortunately two of our drawn games, had they been played on turf rather than on our home synthetic wicket, would have resulted in two (as opposed to nil) point results, thereby undoubtedly ensuring a semi final place. I suppose there are always reasons one can find to justify how things might otherwise have been.

As indicated above, our home games were played on the synthetic wicket ground at St Lukes. Unfortunately neither the wicket nor the general ground facilities are in keeping with the standard required for shires cricket, let alone as a lower grade home ground befitting a club having the tradition and standing of the Briars. As I write it would appear that this situation will once again prevail for the major part, if not all, of the new season. Whilst every effort is being made by the administration of our cricket to facilitate the availability of a ground with an appropriate turf wicket, it is imperative for the future enjoyment of our lower grade players, the attraction and retention of new young players and the general development of cricket in the Club, that this matter be speedily resolved.

Perhaps the most disappointing feature in relation to the team was on three occasions in quick succession during the early part of the season we were left in a position, for a variety of reasons (some scarcely believable), of having only ten players in attendance. Fortunately this turned out to be only an aberration and for the rest of the time, the commitment of all team members was very much in evidence.

Because of the particularly high turnover rate, individual performances were hardly noteworthy, with no batsman having an aggregate in excess of 250 and only one bowler securing over 15 wickets.

Surely the outstanding feature of the season was the impact of a new young player to the Club, Jason Hughes who, by his performance with the ball, to a lesser extent with the bat, and his ability and wholehearted effort

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in the field, set a fine example to his older team mates. I am sure that in years to come Jason will continue to make a fine contribution to the Club both on and off the field.

Despite the occasional tribulations outlined above and the lack of ultimate success, which can only be ultimately measured in terms of participation in the final series, the season was nevertheless most enjoyable. Congratulations to Wentworthville in winning both the 1992/93 minor premiership and premiership. On behalf of the team I would once again express a vote of thanks to Gerard Price and his cricket committee, who have worked so hard and effectively to have the Burwood Cricket Club as one of the best administered in the competition. It was certainly not due to lack of effort on their part that resulted in the club having one of its least successful in recent times in terms of semi final participation.

Brief profiles of players who most contributed to the team during the season are as follows:

Terry Kershaw

Terry's batting showed to be particularly effective on our home ground synthetic wicket where he is able to hit the ball strongly through the line. In the early part of the season invariably helped the side away to a good start. With the return of a couple of established players during mid season Terry spent some time in the D's, before returning to the side for the last game. A unperturbed player, whose experience added a much needed stability to the side.

John Platania

The side was indeed most fortunate to have the services of this talented player for most of the season after the fourth game. When available on a full basis and totally committed, is certainly capable of holding a place in the A grade team. John's correct unhurried technique provided the basis to score 241 runs in six completed innings including scores of 75 and 63 n.o. A pleasing feature of John's participation was a higher level of intensity in the field then perhaps had been in evidence in previous years.

Paul Mattick

With some 180 overs, bore the brunt of bowling. In maintaining a steady line was most economical, conceding just a little in excess of two runs per over and at the same time securing the most number of wickets with 23 at an average of 18. As with the rest of the lower order had only limited opportunities with the bat. However his attacking innings of 41 in a tight and crucial match later in the season against Roseville proved to be a winning hand. Having lead the side during the previous season, his knowledge of the players, both of our own side and the opposition, and his unflagging support were very much appreciated by the captain.

Jason Rudd

A younger player whose strength as a batsman is in his classic driving, particularly on the off side. Generally able to establish a reasonable start but on too few occasions converted this to a substantial score. If Jason is able to complement his attractive shot making ability with a more technically correct defence he should develop into a fine batsman. A very good field in the covers region. Reliably acted as a stand in wicket keeper when provided with the opportunity.

Jason Hughes

As indicated earlier in the body of this report Jason, in his first year with the Club, has made an immediate impact. A medium paced left hander he bowls within himself most economically, conceding just 133 runs off 101 overs and taking ten wickets. With limited chances, nevertheless, showed that he is a more than capable lower order batsman as evidenced in scoring an unbeaten 33 as nightwatchman against Lindfield. Probably Jason's greatest contribution to the team was in the field where his unstinting drive and enthusiasm on many occasions provided an uplifting example to the side. Possessing a very safe pair of hands took most catches with ten.

Jason Smith

Another very welcome new comer to the Club, Jason first played in the side in the eighth game. Used predominantly as a top order batsman and, on the occasions he was able to become established, showed that he is a batsman of undoubted class. Likes to get on with the job and perhaps his full potential will be better realised batting a little lower in the order. Although not a prolific run getter to date in the C's, Jason certainly shows the capability to play in a higher grade.

Gary Schomberg

Returning mid season after a year overseas the introduction to the side of a player of Gary's calibre was certainly most welcome. In his limited appearances was able to start well but did not really carry on to the big scores of which we know he is capable. During a season, where very few chances were offered to the slips cordon, Gary took a couple of very good catches. In a combined spinning performance with his captain, helped to set up an outright result against Lindfield.

Peter Richardson

Some knowledgeable observers now consider this player to be approaching the status of veteran class. Apart from his role as apologist to opposing teams for the sub standard wicket and ground facilities; thoroughly enjoyed his first year as a C grade captain. On limited occasions showed some of his former wares with the bat although, as was generally the case

with the team's lower order batsmen, was not provided with the opportunity to build an innings as inevitably quick runs were often the order of the day.

Richard Freeman

The team was particularly fortunate in having a wicket keeper of Richard's standing and ability. In many other shire clubs he would almost certainly be filling the role as an A grade keeper, such is our current talent. Despite most of the time playing in circumstances which made keeping difficult, Richard performed a most admirable role. Perhaps did not produce the batting results of which he is capable, although represented the team very well by taking out the Club's prestigious Billy Ducker award against some very formidable opposition.

Wayne Scott

Another player who joined the team mid way through the season, Wayne is a very good player at this level, performing exceptionally well in his limited appearances with both bat and ball. In the last two games he produced fine attacking innings of 75 n.o. and 44. On a number of times on being introduced to the bowling attack to rein in the run scoring, he was able to turn the game to our advantage by taking a quick two or three wickets. Lead the team bowling averages by taking thirteen wickets at an average of just under eleven.

Des Morrison

When on line, Des shows to be a very productive and economical bowler, as was well exemplified in his very good performance of 4 for 18 early in the season against Epping. However Des did at times lessen the potential impact of his type of bowling by tending to drift on a line towards and outside leg stump. Proved helpful to the team with a couple of useful contributions as a lower order batsman.

Many thanks also go to the more occasional contributors to the team during the season, some of whom contributed very significantly in specific individual instances, these players being Paul Simpson, Brett Graham, Paul Garret, David Abood, Phil Tregeagle, Shane Mantle, Micky Bakshi, Anthony Clarke, Norm Ezzy, Greg Wallace, Adam Marsh, Phil Harding, Tom Bikou, Mal Graham, Neil Glasson, and Glen Evans.

Peter Richardson **Captain**

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C Grade Statistics

Matches	Won/O/R	Won 1st	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	1	4	2	6	41	4th eq

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs	Wickets against	Average against
2,405	101	23.81	2,032	110	20.02

Batting (*not out)

Name	Inn	N.O.	H.S.	50's	100's	Agg	Avg	Catches
J. Platania	7	1	75	2	-	241	40.17	1
T. Kershaw	8	-	59	1	-	192	24.00	1
P. Mattick	7	1	41	-	-	108	18.00	2
J. Rudd	12	-	52	1	-	207	17.25	6 /2 w/k
J. Hughes	8	3	33*	-	-	83	16.60	10
J. Smith	6	1	29	-	-	78	15.60	5

Also batted (completed Innings)

		Catches			Catches
P. Simpson	1 for 140	1	R. Freeman	9 for 61	9 w/k & 1st
B. Graham	2 for 132	1	A. Clarke	2 for 33	-
G. Schomerg	4 for 120	3	N. Ezzy	0 for 21	1
W. Scott	4 for 134	-	G. Wallace	1 for 19	1
P. Richardson	10 for 98	1	A. Marsh	1 for 28	-
P. Garrett	5 for 97	1	B. Harding	2 for 13	2
D. Abood	4 for 96	2	T. Pikou	2 for 6	-
P. Tregeagle	1 for 73	-	M. Graham	1 for 0	-
S. Mantle	1 for 64	3	N. Glasson	-	1
M. Bakshi	3 for 64	-	M. Abood	-	1 (sub)

Bowling

Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wickets	Avg	Best
W. Scott	74.2	19	142	13	10.92	3/19
N. Ezzy	80	21	181	11	16.45	5/49
P. Mattick	180.5	41	429	23	18.65	4/40
J. Hughes	101	21	133	10	23.30	4/35
D. Morrison	83.5	15	240	9	26.67	4/18

Also bowled

P. Garrett	7 for 61	P Harding	3 for 194
G. Evans	7 for 88	S Scomberg	2 for 44
N. Glasson	5 for 61	J Smith	0 for 14
M. Bakshi	4 for 66	P Simpson	0 for 28
P. Richardson	3 for 57	G Wallace	0 for 35
A. Clarke	3 for 101	T Bikou	0 for 34
M. Graham	3 for 103		

D Grade

Hopes were high at the start of the season for a top 4 finish, however, the final standings saw us finish 5th just missing the semis.

The season had many highlights including the record partnership (224 vs Lane Cove) between Paul Simpson (114x) and Terry Kershaw (150x) at St. Lukes where both batsman mauled the attack in a display of batting frenzy, the emergence of Jason Smith from the ranks of C & S to show his wares in Shires, in particular against Pennant Hills (148) a masterly display of touch and brute strength, some eye catching bowling performances like Jason Hughes 7-75 (Baulkham Hills), Saeed Khan match figures of 8-78 (Warringah) and match figures for Paul Simpson of 8 for 39 (Lane Cove) and the good team results especially our outright against Lane Cove, our one wicket victory over Epping and our near outright win against Strathfield.

Some of the not so memorable low lights of the year included our poor fielding which saw more leather on the ground than in the hand, losing 3 of our last 4 matches to slip out of semi contention and the attitudes of a few players in looking after their own interests at the expense of the team.

All in all, an enjoyable season with the foundation for next season being laid.

Aldo Cantori – Was not a great season with the bat for this old campaigner however, his experience in the team was invaluable. Helped blend a good team spirit in the side especially with younger players (ie everybody).

Nick Dimas – Nicks interest seemed to be not on the cricket field this year. His season was highlighted with a bruising 44 against Epping and 4 for 37 to complete a good double against Epping.

Marc Burns – Has the potential to score lots of runs but seems to lack consistency and sometimes aptitude. Top score for the season was a 40 against Auburn scored in the way he should bat every innings. Managed to take 10 catches during the season. Had the chances to double this tally.

Keiren Campbell – Probably our most consistent batsman during the season. Also had his best score against Epping with a stylish 51. Unfortunately, too many times wasted chances for bigger scores with 3 run outs during the season. Damaged more dressing shed walls than the rest of the team put together.

Saeed Khan – Proved to be our main strike bowler. Shows the potential to play higher grades. Demolished Warringah taking 8 wickets in the match

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in a great display of fast bowling. Always gives a consistent effort. Definitely not in the team for his batting.

Andre Berenger – Started the season well but could not get into double figures in his last 6 innings. Seems to promise alot with his style but is unable to be consistent. Needs to be more aggressive with his attitude. Scored a very solid 40 against Auburn.

Mal Graham – Did not see out the end of the season due to injury. Struggles to keep his body together for a full season. Did not let the team down, always giving 100% in all he does. Also managed a 5 wicket haul against Warringah. Was rewarded for his consistency with a stint in C Grade.

Spiro Troubetas – Sat in the wings for the first half of the season. Did not really hit his straps once in the team. Needs a few time trials over the distance of 22 yards. Not a keener bloke in the club.

Peter Wallace – Wal again showed his career is not washed up although his bowling arm is getting lower than the setting sun. Says he made a comeback to warm up for the UK Tour but it's hard to believe we've seen the last of him. A six wicket match against Strathfield was a vintage performance from the old stager.

Des Morrison – The never say die attitude of Dessie is an asset for any side. Always gives more than he's got. Once the ball is in his hand he believes it is his for the rest of the day. His performance against Strathfield (with the ball) nearly saw us pull off a dramatic result but his effort with the bat evened things out.

Tim Worner – Captain. Manouvered the troops well again this year to bring the side within a whisker of the semis. Now carries a permanently bent little finger due to a mid season injury (thanks Glen). Did a good job behind the stumps but never really excelled with the bat. Tends to get cranky in his old age (our batting collapses would give any captain grey hairs).

Tim Worner

'D' Shire Statistics 1992/93

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	1	4	–	6	2	38	5th
Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average		
2845	129	22.05	2565	114	22.50		

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Batting

Name	No. of Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	50's	Aggregate	Avg	Catches
T. Kershaw	5	1	150x	—	166	41.5	2
T. Woner	9	3	37	—	162	27	16, 2s
K. Campbell	16	3	51	1	276	21.23	11
N. Dimas	8	—	44	—	131	16.37	4
M. Burns	15	1	40	—	214	15.28	10
A. Berenger	13	2	40	—	159	14.8	3
D. Morrison	6	2	30	—	50	12.5	1
A. Cantori	12	3	27x	—	107	11.88	3
S. Troubetas	8	—	21	—	82	10.25	6
M. Graham	5	—	—	—	51	10.2	1
J. Jutrisa	7	1	9	—	38	6.33	1
S. Khan	9	2	9	—	38	5.42	2

Also Batted

	Catches
J. Smith 3 for 270	1
P. Simpson 2 for 152	—
T. Elhassan 3 for 138	1
M. Bakshi 2 for 107	—
T. Bikou 3 for 76	1
P. Mattick 4 for 50	—
S. Mantle 1 for 40	1
D. Abood 1 for 33	2
P. Wallace 4 for 32	—
P. Carapiet 1 for 31	—
G. Evans 4 for 30	3
P. Garrett 3 for 26	2
M. Abood 3 for 24	4
A. Kershaw 1 for 22	—
K. Kyriakides 2 for 13	2
J. Hughes 1 for 2	—
A. Staines 1 for 1	—
P. Harding 1 for 0	1
B. Graham —	1
P. Price —	1
S. Lind —	1

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Bowling

Name	Overs	Maid.	Runs	Wickets	Avg	Best
J. Hughes	49	8	121	11	11.00	7 for 75
M. Graham	101.3	22	247	14	17.64	5 for 50
S. Khan	201.4	56	505	28	18.03	5 for 39
D. Morrison	76.5	20	195	9	21.66	4 for 54
P. Wallace	61	15	198	9	22.00	4 for 59
P. Mattick	25	4	100	4	25.00	2 for 44
N. Dimas	85.4	23	211	8	26.37	4 for 37
P. Garrett	50	8	163	4	40.75	3 for 44
K. Campbell	54.4	6	194	4	48.5	1 for 4

Also Bowled

P. Simpson 8 for 39	S. Mantle 1 for 28	T. Womer 0 for 7
D. Abood 3 for 75	A. Cantori 1 for 45	J. Jutrisa 0 for 11
G. Evans 2 for 62	M. Abood 1 for 93	P. Harding 0 for 31
K. Kyriakides 2 for 76	D. Horniman 0 for 6	R. Harb 0 for 34
A. Kersarva 0 for 43		

Under 24's

The 1992-93 Under 24s were beseeched by the consistency problems which have proven to be inherent for Briars in this competition. However, in spite of this, a team containing only one A Grader and three B Graders put up a competitive performance, only to lose our last match and miss the semi finals. I would like to thank all the players for their efforts, and to the managers of our team, Geoff Armstrong and Anthony Clarke, a special thanks for your time.

Game 1 vs Canterbury

After travelling nicely to 1-87 off 20 overs, Briars experienced a typical 24's collapse to be all out for 125. We were then passed 4 down.

Game 2 vs Wentworthville

Once again batting first, Briars struggled to be all out for 139 on what was a good Rothwell wicket. A superb effort in the field saw a wonderful victory with Wenty knocked over for 128.

Game 3 vs Lane Cove

Our best performance of the year. Against a Lane Cove side containing 7 A Graders, a brilliant Terry Aili knock of 98, ably supported by Jason Rudd, saw us reach 214. Our bowlers then obliterated the Lane Cove batting to have them declare at 7-97. We declared 0-0, leaving them 17 overs to make 118. They got them in the final over, 7 down but we took 6 first innings points.

Game 4 vs Bexley

A diabolical sticky wicket at Bexley Oval meant that the game was to be won on the toss of the coin. With both teams needing to win to make the semis, we agreed to play – otherwise the wicket was nowhere near fit to play on. Of course, the coin fell the wrong way, and an hour later, we were 9-25, before reaching 46. At lunch Bexley were 4-20, but 40 minutes of sun hardened the surface and they declared at 5-63. By this time the crusty surface had cracked, and the wicket was on par with the start of play. Needless to say we fared no better, making 43 in the second innings and losing outright by 4.00pm.

Finally, best of luck to this season's Under 24's – go get 'em, guys!

David Abood

City and Suburban

1992-93 SEASON

It seems appropriate to return to the wisdom of former writers to open the report for last season. In his entertaining remarks after the 1990-91 season, David Jamieson succinctly outlined the traditionally substantial differences between Shires cricket and City and Suburban:

'Quite simply put, C & S cricket is about getting out on a Saturday arvo, enjoying each other's company, having a bat or a bowl, and if you happen to win, that's the icing on the cake. Whilst at the same time, one should always try harder to avoid VERY embarrassing defeats'.

For as long as anyone can remember, this has been the *raison d'être* of this side, where former grade or shires players lined-up with new recruits to the game. The 1984-85 skipper, Col Dennis, suggested that the team objectives for that season included important issues such as:

1. To eliminate bickering and spiteful comments.
2. To get to the game at least before the completion of the first over.
3. Having won on the field, to not subsequently lose more than one match as a result of a problem with the score-book.
4. To show more racial tolerance.

Sadly, those 'glory days' of Briars C & S are gone, as a result of eroded numbers making it more difficult to field eleven men, and ever-encroaching financial constraints. The 1992-93 season brought a new era to the team, with the cricket management deciding, in their wisdom, to use the fifth side to trial new or prospective shires players. Hopefully, there will be room still for the older players, when they want a game. It will be up to them to contact the selectors.

It was disappointing that, under the new system, quite a few players from shires squads, who were asked to play C & S for various reasons, did not attend the match, despite agreeing to do so. This is an area that must be tightened, if the new scheme is to survive. For many new players, C & S is their first dealing with the club. Some left almost immediately, not impressed with a side regularly unable to field eleven players. To their immense credit, some new players accepted the challenge and performed very creditably. In particular, Warwick Hutton, Alex Staines, Greg Fisher and Jason Smith all showed plenty of potential and a lot of patience. All should become valuable players for some time.

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As in the past few seasons, the turn-over of players was enormous, with only a handful making regular appearances. It was pleasing to see some of the luminaries of the 1980s making fleeting visits however, particularly Ian Blair, Peter Wallace, Peter Dunlop and Col Dennis.

The last two made a couple of appearances at the end of the season, and were quickly reminded of the highs and lows which can occur in cricket. Peter put many others to shame by driving down from Cessnock for the last match, and his enthusiasm was rewarded when he snared 3-5 with his off-spinners. The previous week, Col was reminded of how misleading statistics can be, when three 'sitters' were dropped from his bowling in consecutive balls. He was heard to lament that he could see his whole life flashing before his eyes!!

Before moving to the statistics, I'll mention some who held the side together:

Warwick Hutton: Had an excellent first year. Took the most wickets, took the bowling average (min. 50 overs), took the batting average (min. 100 runs), but most importantly, is an excellent team man.

David Wright: Just starting to approach the veteran stage. Found the captaincy impossible to escape this season, and with the Chairman of Selectors, found it extremely frustrating. Had a fair season with the bat, topping the aggregate. Resurrected bowling career after five seasons, when 'keeping duties were passed on late in the season.

Alex Staines: An enthusiastic young player, new to the club. Alex showed potential in all his matches. Fields well, is a very promising 'keeper, and will be a fine batsman when he learns to hit the ball, rather than steer it.

Greg Fisher: Another new player to the club. After a number of seasons away from the game, Greg was a bit rusty, but maintained his interest, and will be a better player next year.

Craig Sergeant: Another new player, Craig will need to improve his concentration to realise his potential.

Andre Berenger: Played early in the season, before moving on. Andre is a very fine player potentially, but lapses in concentration let him down occasionally.

Spiro Troubetas: An excellent team man, with a lot of enthusiasm. Batted well, before being promoted.

Ted Staines: This season was an eye-opener for Ted for several reasons. He came to watch son, Alex, and became our umpire! Worse still, on several occasions when players weren't present, Ted took to the field for us, to help out. **THANK YOU, TED!**

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STATISTICS (I'm indebted to Ted Stockdale for the preparation of these statistics)

BATTING

NAME	CHS	INN	NOT OUTS	TOTAL	HIGH SCORE	AVERAGE
J. Smith	0	5	0	116	38	23.2
W. Hutton	2	10	2	143	37 N.O.	17.9
D. Wright	4(K)+1	12	1	189	42 N.O.	17.2
A. Staines	3(K)+1	13	4	115	22	12.8
C. Sergeant	0	6	1	49	18	9.8
S. Troubetas	0	5	0	78	28	15.6
G. Fisher	0	7	3	31	8	7.9
L. Pegler	1	4	0	55	36	13.8
M. Abood	4	5	1	46	15	11.4

ALSO BATTED: M. Byers 3-60, G. Evans 3-34, A. Cohen 1-0, K. Kyriakides 4-22, G. Guest 1-3, A. Leslie 3-33, R. Harb 3-16, T. Elhassan 2-32, M. Graham 1-8, D. Young 1-1, A. Mackey 1-5, P. Rodden 1-7, I. Blair 1-35, P. Harding 1-33, M. Bashki 1-8, T. Staines 3-4, N. Ezzy 1-3, P. Wallace 2-16, J. Juritsa 1-2, P. Garrett 2-32, M. Abood 5-46, A. Keshava 3-27, T. Bikou 3-49, M. Burns 1-9, L. McCluskey 1-6, J. Rudd 1-2, D. Baccharini 1-34, C. Dennis 2-16, P. Dunlop 1-0.

BOWLING

NAME	OVERS	MDNS	WKTS	RUNS	AVERAGE
S. Lind	23	3	6	78	13
W. Hutton	107	17	25	332	13.3
P. Garrett	15	0	4	65	16.3
P. Wallace	22	1	5	83	16.6
R. Harb	28	3	6	119	19.8
D. Wright	17	1	4	84	21
K. Kyriakides	24	0	5	112	22.4
G. Fisher	50	7	6	229	38.2
A. Leslie	13	1	2	84	42

ALSO BOWLED: G. Guest 2-40, J. Smith 0-22, G. Evans 1-34, M. Graham 1-42, D. Young 1-7, S. Troubetas 0-44, C. Sergeant 0-24, A. Mackey 0-15, N. Ezzy 3-34, A. Keshava 1-50, M. Abood 1-45, P. Harding 3-36, I. Blair 0-20, T. Wright 1-26, R. Nandi 2-30, P. Boumelhem 0-16, D. Baccharini 1-31, L. Pegler 1-60, G. Price 1-30, A. Clarke 2-61, P. Price 0-12, C. Dennis 1-66, D. Morrison 4-31, P. Dunlop 3-5.

SEASON'S HONOURS

BEST BATTING AVERAGE:

W. Hutton 17.9

HIGHEST SCORE:

D. Wright 42 N.O.

HIGHEST AGGREGATE:

D. Wright 189

BEST BOWLING AVERAGE:

W. Hutton 13.3

MOST WICKETS:

W. Hutton 25

MOST WICKETS/INNINGS

W. Hutton 5 (twice)

MOST CATCHES/SEASON

D. Wright 5

The Briar's 1993 U.K. Cricket Tour

On the 13th June 1993 a squad of 17 cricket players departed for a 9 game tour of England. With games organised for London, Edinburgh and small county's throughout the U.K.

Though departure was delayed for more than 9 hours there was an aura of anticipation as the squad members started to gather at the International Airport. All spruced to the hilt in the required Briars attire, including the short, back and sides, was certainly a sight.

After the luggage was checked-in, like horses to water the squad began to gather at the nearest watering hole. Was this just to settle nerves or a sign of things to come (based on certain squad members enthusiasm for Briar's Club activities) only time would tell. At 10.30pm the formal good byes were made and finally the 13 hour journey to Los Angeles began.

A trip that some members would prefer to forget, P.P. would consider it his most memorable. Los Angeles and Disneyland was the place to go, with over an hour waiting period for some rides. Space Mountain and Briar's Patch gave an opportunity for some of us to experience our youth again.

With the time difference between Los Angeles and London gave Desi Morrison an excuse not to celebrate the passing of the aging process. Anthony Clarke's seat allocation was certainly a mis-fortune, seated between two absolute goddesses, (if only they weren't over 70). While Wally was certainly in a class above the rest. But it was on with business, the business of playing cricket. First port of call was London, it was typical of English weather, wet and miserable, but it definitely didn't dampen spirits.

With the feeling of jet-lag and not being able to access rooms until that afternoon, a tour of London was suggested. Later that day it was a struggle to motivate oneself for the night activities. "Two Scooner Wonder" John Price was certainly an inspiration for us all.

The First Test at Lords was overcast and cold. With the Merv Hugh's Mo's and co-ordinated coloured shirts, you couldn't miss us in a crowd, even if you wanted too. The London Telegraph had us pose for a couple of photographs. The highlight was having our photos taken with members of the Australian side. Oh! and the cricket itself was great too, with Michael Slater scoring his maiden test hundred (152) and Mark Taylor also scoring 111 with an opening stand of 260 (A record at Lord's).

Game 1 – B.W.I.A.

The first game was against BWIA, who were a West Indian team, with 4 first class players, including Roger Harpers older brother. (One hoped that they didn't get any lessons from the Master Blaster himself). They were certainly very competitive and colourful.

Briars 136 - BWIA 137 for a loss of 4 wickets.

G. Abood claiming the first Briars duck of the tour.

Game 2 – Old Merchant Taylors C.C.

With the win of the toss and Gerard Price scoring the first half century of the tour and the good support by Jason Smith and Gerard Abood (both scoring 39), put Briars at a good stand for a big score. But it was not meant to be, Old Merchant Taylors won with one over to spare. The grounds and facilities, such as an electronic score board, was probably the best on the tour and the most picturesque. Peter (Wally) Wallace and Craig Hickey deserved outstanding Achievement Awards (However did they achieve deserved standing during the game)?

Game 3 – Ramsey C.C.

We travelled by bus to Ely for our third game. Ramsey C.C. went into bat, they belted 223 runs off 43 overs. But with Phil Tregedale top scoring with 63 not out. Supported by Brett Howle, John Price and David Abood gave us a good reason to celebrate. It was Briar's first WIN of the tour - and celebrated we did, with the opposition providing the entertainment. The party carried on throughout the evening with Briar's testing their vocal chords in between gulps of the fine British Ale.

Maybe Desi Morrison could comment on which drunken chief (out of 20) was given the most constructive advice, while pushing the bus, which broke down up the road at 12.00 at night.

We spent most of the next day travelling through the English Country side, which included a glimpse of 'Sherwood Forest' on our way to Edinburgh - Scotland. What was going to be a short trip, ended up 8 hours on the road - thanks to the great navigation skills of John Price. At least we had a break at a little pub along the way called 'The Dog', with fine food and dining one didn't mind spending money at the old traditional English Oak Pub.

Edinburgh Castle was unbelievable as it seem to have been carved out of a mountain of rock. One could only imagine the strength of the men taken to complete such as structure. We finally arrived at the Royal British Hotel for some long awaited R & R.

Game 4 – St Boswells C.C.

The wicket was quite wet when St Boswell went into bat, making a score of only 112. Contributed to the fine bowling of Jason Hughes. But alas, in reply Briar's could only score 100 runs. Not only was the weather dismal but also the performance of the team.

Game 5 – Penicuik C.C.

Early on the morning of the 25th June some members of the team decided to head out to the famous St. Andrews Golf course for a round or two. That afternoon we travelled to Penicuik just outside Edinburgh. With Briar's first up to bat and scoring 230. David Abood top score of 60 with good support from the skipper Brett Howle (53). But unfortunately, just when Desi Morrison was on a roll with 2 wickets for 17, rain washed out play. Once returning to the Royal British Hotel it was off to the local pub for dinner. The next morning a few of us looked a little worse for wear, with Desi looking like he didn't get a wink of sleep all night.

Around 2.00pm we departed for York via Newcastle. After checking into the Novotel Hotel, we went searching for a night activity. Unfortunately it was pretty slack, so it was an early night for all. Well rested it was off to explore the sights of the City of York. We took a tour on a open-top-bus, at this stage of the trip, it was looking pretty much the same. Desi was so impressed with the sights he decided to take the bus tour again. All standing on the side walk we waved Desi off on his way. We didn't see sleeping beauty again that day. (How many times did he go around - who knows!!).

Game 6 – Bedale C.C.

Our next match was a 90 min drive from York. This game was to become our second win on the tour and what a convincing one at that. With an opening stand of 109. David Abood scoring his second 50 and Paul Price were the backbone to the batting line up. Well supported by John Price (30) and Phil Treggle (38 not out) Briar's 222 runs for 4 wickets. In the field it was the bowling of Peter Wallace, Des Morrison, Paul Price and John Price all contributed to containing Bedale to only 176 off 45 overs. A very solid performance done by all. Certainly a good reason to celebrate.

The next day we were off to Derwentwater. It was decided that a more scenic route be taken, so we drove through the Yorkshire Dales made famous by the TV serial 'All Creatures Great and Small'. We were staying at the Derwentwater Hotel located near a large lake about 1 mile outside the small town of Cheswick.

Once again we went off into the township to sample some of the local cuisine and the beer (nearly every township and/or shire had their own local brew and this fact did not escape the boys). It was getting on and the

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first group decided to go back to the hotel. The stragglers decided to walk, and take a short cut through a cow paddock. Clarke's great idea to find a sleeping cow to push over, but unfortunately there was not a sleeping cow to be found. (Lucky for the cow).

Game 7 – Cockermouth C.C.

Our next game, according to the local press was to be a big event. On arrival at the ground, the opposition were so fired up, they were falling over their own feet. The toss was won and Briar's went into bat. Paul Price and David Abood got the side off to a good start. Paul Price played very well with a good score of 70. The total score being 196 after 45 overs. Briar's bowling attack started very well, containing Cockermouth 61 runs after 20 overs. We were able to keep the opposition below 196, which made the tour record 3 Wins - 3 defeats.

The after match function was one to remember with a game called stumps. With Gerard Price leading the way by firstly crashing into the table of drinks which he was supposed to skull then making his way down to the stumps, circling 10 times with his forehead placed on the stump, then staggering back for the next member to have a go. With team members such as Brett Howle, Paul and John Price, Peter Wallace, David Wright and Gerard Abood, (on reputation alone) there was no way that Cockermouth were going to win.

Game 8 – Neston C.C.

The next day we had to travel to Chester to play our next game. Which was to be played against Neston in the small town of Warall. Winning the toss again and batting, the openers got off to a good start. Having 20 on the board in 3 overs. But it was Phil Tregeagle (85) and Gerard Abood (56) the main stayers in the innings. Des Morrison was the pick of the bowlers. The Neston side were never in the hunt. The after match function was not up there with the best.

On the 3rd July we travelled to Stratford on Avon, arriving around 12.00pm. The place was really alive with people everywhere. Once we checked into the Stratford Moat House, the rest of the day was at our leisure. As the evening wore on, the game room was the most popular, with pinball, pool tables and everyone's favourite, the Air Hockey.

The next morning off on the mandatory open-top bus trip to see the sights of places such as William Shakespeares birth place and the river Avon. There was also a slight hint of spring in the air. Or at least, according to the behaviour of 2 young team members (love was in the air).

Game 9 – Kenilworth Wardens - Final Game

The next day was our final game of the tour. By this stage nearly all players were feeling very weary and a good percentage of the boys were carrying

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some sort of injury. But like the true Briar's the players finished the tour with a win. Made possible by an all round performance with both bat and ball. Brett Howle (61), Gerard Price (47) and mister average Phil Treggle were the bats to perform.

Des Morrison 3 wickets, David Wright and John Price being the pick of the bowlers. Briar's 210 - Kenkworth 179. Saving the best for last, the performance of Anthony Clarke (Mr Duck Man) with 2 ducks in his last 2 bats. The function after the game was great. With plenty of song and drink (Brett Howle winning the skulling competition). By midnight the boys had enough and were looking forward to a good rest back at the hotel. Plenty of best wishes, hand shaking and goodbyes were said.

The Tour Police throughout the tour were very tough, placing fines on individual for things such as mis-conduct, wearing the wrong attire, bad navigation etc. John Price was the leader of the gang with the longest record of criminal activities.

Thanks to Sanford and Gullivers travel for their co-ordination, but credit must be given to Brett Howle and John Price for organising the tour and to club members and players for their participation in fund raising activities.

As for me, it has always been a dream of mine to play in England, but to do it with a great bunch of guys, was definitely a dream come true for me.

Also watching the different personalities and behaviour of my team mates was a learning experience. To be accepted and made to feel part of the team, made it a lot easier to overcome my feelings of uncertainties on leaving the shores of Australia - MY NATIVE LAND.

Jason (Brother) Smith

The Tourists:

David Abood

Shares a room with his stud brother.

Trashes his own brothers bed/bag etc but not his own.

Refuses to speak to his brother for three quarters of the trip.

"take a valium Dave".

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Gerard Abood

Shares a room with his brother.
Suspects everyone is trashing his room except his brother.
Reckons he's a hit with the ladies.
"have another beer Gerard".

Marc Buns

Quiet achiever of the trip.
Didn't enjoy being dumped on the M1 at Oxford as we had to get to Heathrow to catch a plane.
Broke wrist before trip.
Bunked with Bro.
A happy chappy.

Frank Caristo

Shared a room with Wal and therefore had to use other rooms toilets.
Got revenge by letting Gerard into the room and trashing Wal's stuff.
Didn't get to bowl on tour which says something about his bowling.
Doesn't like pizza anymore.

Anthony Clarke

Custodian of the Billy Ducker hat till the next trip.
Roomed with Gerard who couldn't believe some of the noises that emanated from the bathroom.
Likes the occasional sleepwalk.

Craig Hickey

Was tour copper for the trip.
Never fined himself.
Spat the dummy, with Wrighty, (2 olds blokes) to go to the Yorkshire dales.
Tried to win the Billy Ducker on numerous occasions but to no avail.
Did a Bradman and retired in England.

Brett Howle

Roomed with PP and therefore was prime target for trashers.
A relieved man after the trip started.
Never captained a losing side.
Was fined for not allowing Phil to get his ton.

Jason Hughes

Took 2,324,458 photo's within the first 2 weeks of the trip.
Spat the dummy against Workington.
Nice ear-ring.

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Paul James

Learnt to shower after games instead of getting fined.

Developed his arm ball on the tour.

Seemed to have trouble sleeping due to some very early wake up calls.

Des Morrison

Shared with Wrighty.

Jekyll and Hyde once he gets behind the wheel.

Didn't bat on turf and not happy about it.

Fell asleep on the sightseeing tour bus and ended up doing 24 circuits of York.

Dearly missed Kimmy.

John Price

Most common saying on tour "but it wasn't me" or "ready to go yet".

Was most fined person on tour, justifiably.

Trashed everyone's room and blamed everyone else.

Outsmarted himself and locked himself out of his hotel room for 2 hours at 1am in the morning.

Gerard Price

Earned reputation as Goochy early on the trip.

Pined for his wife.

Never to play stumps again.

Paul Price

"got him, yes"

Couldn't handle the pace on the trip on the way over.

Let the team down at stumps and was sacked from the tour and sent home early.

Jason Smith

Claimed land rights at every opportunity.

Didn't do much else on tour.

Phil Tregeagle

Slept with John Price.

Never to be trusted on a tour again.

Will trash at ANY opportunity.

Clothing still smells of bananas thanks to PP.

Peter Wallace

Had the uncanny knack of either being caught on film or video eating.

Should never tour again as there will be 16 guys seeking revenge.

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David Wright

Has a lot to answer for because of the 3 hour detour via the Yorkshire dales.

Enjoyed the "Grab a Granny" nightclub in York.

Glenda Gregory

Was sent home early each night so she would not see or hear anything.
Had the misfortune of rooming with Hickey.

Anne James

Great scorer, and a better driver than her husband.

Jane Price

Hated cricket and went to Greece.

Lisa Tregeagle

Ditto re Greece.

Liz Varga

Did she trash any rooms?, a secret she will take to the grave.
Taught the boys some new language on the trip.

Batting

	Matches	Inn	N/O	Agg	Avg	HS	Cat	Ducks
David Abood	6	6	0	191	31.83	61	0	1
Gerard Abood	6	6	0	150	25.00	57	3	1
Marc Burns	5	4	1	24	8.00	13	1	1
Frank Caristo	6	3	0	17	5.67	14	3	0
Anthony Clarke	6	4	0	21	5.25	16	1	2
Craig Hickey	5	3	2	23	23.00	14	0	0
Brett Howle	6	6	4	188	94.0	65*	5	1
Jason Hughes	6	2	2	26	26*	16*	1	0
Paul James	6	5	3	31	15.50	14*	1	1
Des Morrison	6	2	2	3	3*	3*	1	0
John Price	6	6	0	125	20.83	43	3	0
Gerard Price	6	5	0	154	30.80	50	4	0
Paul Price	6	6	0	202	33.67	70	1	0
Jason Smith	6	6	1	133	26.60	44	1	0
Phil Tregeagle	6	6	3	272	90.67	85*	1	0
Peter Wallace	6	2	1	1	1.00	1	0	1
David Wright	5	2	0	6	3.00	4	0	0

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Bowling

	Overs	Wckts	Runs	Avg	Best
David Abood	6	1	42	42.00	1-42
Gerard Abood	9	0	41	—	—
Marc Burns	1	0	12	—	—
Frank Caristo	—	—	—	—	—
Anthony Clarke	31	2	152	76.00	1-15
Craig Hickey	1	0	4	—	—
Brett Howle	1	0	8	—	—
Jason Hughes	35	10	156	15.60	4-26
Paul James	40	4	145	36.25	2-26
Des Morrison	54.1	6	209	34.83	3-42
John Price	24	4	80	20.00	2-37
Gerard Price	36	5	106	21.20	3-31
Paul Price	26	2	93	46.50	1-19
Jason Smith	4	1	26	26.00	1-26
Phil Tregear	2	0	20	—	—
Peter Wallace	44	7	139	19.86	3-23
David Wright	22	2	101	50.50	1-28

U.K. Cricket Tour



Back Row (left to right): Peter Wallace, Des Morrison, Phil Tregear, Paul Price, Anthony Clarke, Jason Hughes.

Middle Row (left to right): Marc Burns, Frank Caristo, Gerard Abood, Jason Smith, David Wright, Paul James.

Seated (left to right): Craig Hickey, John Price, Gerard Price, Brett Howle, David Abood.

Rugby

Briars rugby has been moving along for several years in a non growth state with no end goal. Rugby like all our club sports can no longer be run as a general past time. The expense to run rugby is high with \$22,000 being spent this season. This figure is disturbing when fees only cover \$5,000. There is a large sum to make up and it can not be made up from social events only. We must run our sports as we would a business with financial and management plans further out than one year. It has been a difficult year running from behind in funds, management and discipline. We have recovered in several areas, however, still have a great deal of work ahead of us to ensure we continue with the sport in a competitive manner.

1993 has been a year of consolidating, putting the administration and general direction back into prospective. It has been a year of rebuilding and redefining our goals for future advancement within the Subbies Competition.

The broadening of the Subbies first division competition by including the ten second division grade sides has created a situation where the top ten sides stay in first division and the bottom ten move down in 1994 to fight it out in Subbies Second division. This makes 1994 a very important year for Briars Rugby. We must stay competitive in our attempt to make the top ten and continue in second division. We play 19 clubs once each in a do or die effort. It is a year where we need total club support at home games to ensure the players receive the encouragement they deserve.

The rugby committee this year was full of support with some outstanding contributions.

Geoff Moss, Larry Thomson, Steve Hansen and their ladies who ran the home ground canteen raising \$4,000. The effort this team of workers produced was high and the food was the best we have seen for years.

Scott Cary and Tony Lane who were our groundsmen. Pulling down the ropes and cleaning up the rubbish left on the ground after each home ground is not pleasant. These two guys completed the task each home game and must be commended for the way they left Rothwell Park.

Flash Viglienzzone, James Munroe, Cameron Slapp, Shaun Humprey and Peter Attwood worked hard and long as the social and tours committee. 1993 was a great social year with a monthly event held in the club. Many records were broken and the club prospered with strong bar takings. Well done guys, you have all set the standard for future committees.

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A special thank you must go to Flash Viglienze. He has been an outstanding individual off and on the field. The overseas tour this year was completely administered by Flash. A tour which saw the Briars come third out of 30 sides, a tour where our conduct on and off the field was of the highest standard.

Paul Madirazza who not only took on the role as kit steward, but always behind you ready to support you where ever possible.

Scott Hyde (the first person to play a tough game of first grade to end up in hospital dancing afterwards to celebrate and to fall off the table he was dancing on) and Greg Guest who shared the rugby captain duties. Thank you both, you were certainly a relief after the Blue Mountain speeches.

The rugby trainer, Chris Howard, this guy really put us on the map this year. We were the fittest club in the competition by a great margin. Chris won the "outstanding service award" at the rugby presentation night. An award which was well earned and supported by all.

I would like to personally commend the coaches who all put in tremendous commitment, personal time and effort in the 1993 season Terry O'Kane, Bruce Ferguson, Andy Craig, Peter Stewart and Doug Patchett.

They were admirably supported by a dedicated bunch of Managers (Gary Pearce, Tony Love, Tom Rampolli).

There are many more people who deserve a strong thank you and I personally thank each one of you for a great season.

The 1994 season is well in the planning stage with a strong committee established. All we need to complete the 1994 season is the support and encouragement from within the Briars Sporting Club.

Ray Tuffin
Rugby Chairman

Barraclough Cup

Played 17: Won 13 Drawn 1 Lost 3

"Minor Premiers"

Major Semi Final

Briars 5 – St Ives 18

Final

Briars 3 – Hunters Hill 14

A good level of fitness; commitment to the 'team goals' throughout the season; strong belief in their own talents and abilities on the field in pressure situations; and the emergence and recruitment of some new players made 1993 a very successful year for 1st grade.

The results in the finals weren't what we wanted but at least the side was, for the first time since 1985, in a position to influence the final outcome of the competition.

Important to me was that, opposition teams will give our 1994 side the 'respect' the team earned in the Barraclough Cup this year by players who were prepared to push themselves harder, at both training and on the field. Thanks to all the players who played first grade this year.

Chris Lamond – Fullback: Chris had his best year with the club in a totally new position. He knows the areas that he needs to work on which will only add further to his contribution to the team.

Stewie Brisbane – Wing: Stewie may not be the flashiest winger but is certainly the most effective. A tough ask to take over the goal kicking duties late in the season but handled it well. Introduced body skating to training.

Matt – Wing: Came into the team in the last part of the season and made an immediate impact. Aim to cement a position in 1994.

Fai Tsang – Wing: Took a tough decision well, but still remained an important member of the team. His commitment on the field was never questioned.

Steve Davis – Outside Centre: Steve showed throughout the season in both attack and defence he has all the skills to play at a higher level. Really enjoyed tackling the opposition. Tough both mentally and physically.

Phil Guest – Inside Centre: Business commitments restricted his appearances but brought his experience learned in Grade to the position and the team. Pass your exams in the pre season Phil.

Rob McQuade – Inside Centre: Injury cut into Rob's season but made an impact on every game he played, in an unfamiliar position. Has a good football brain and will be an important part of next year's team.

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Alan Conan – Five Eight: Captain: Gave the side direction and leadership throughout season. Hampered by injury at times but never gave less than 100%. Thanks Al.

Reg Tiata – Halfback: High impact for his first year with the Briars. Best halfback in Baraclough Cup by a long way. Judged to be in the top 6 players for the whole of Stubbies says it all for Reggie's 1993 season.

John Vali – Lock/Breakaway: Best and Fairest 1993. The harder the game the better John played. A great team and club man. Must play next year.

Greg Guest – Breakaway: Has found his true position. His commitment on the field is something everyone can learn from. Will only get better in 1994.

Scott Hyde – Breakaway/Lock: Added to his already high reputation this season. Had a deservedly winning season in all areas. Respected by his teammates and coach.

Cameron Slapp – Breakaway/2nd Row: Developed even further this year. When opportunities came his way always added to the team performances.

Peter Attwood – 2nd Row: Filled the job description game after game. Every team needs players like Pete because although they do the less spectacular things, they add greatly to the end result.

Graeme Baylis: – 2nd Row: The quiet achiever. Deceptively strong as opposition tacklers found out often. Scrummaging improved with practice.

James Munroe – Prop: Had an up and down season but added real thrust in the last part when the pressure was on. The club needs James firing next year.

Dooley Davis – Prop: Haven't seen Dooley fitter and it showed in his performances this year. Enjoyed winning as much as scoring tries.

Tippi – Prop: Came into side when Dooley was injured and never let me down. His enjoyment of the game rubbed off on his teammates.

Shaun Humfrey – Hooker: Enthusiasm plus on the field and exhibited his fearless style of play which confounds the opposition but lifts his fellow players.

Paul Viglienzzone – Hooker: When given his chance grabbed it with both hands, through hard work and dedication, got the rewards he deserved.

Thanks to Gary Pearce, team manager, whose unsung work was an added factor to the overall success of the team, thanks Percy.

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To Chris Howward, our club trainer; the fitness level he got the side to in both the preseason and during the season was a big reason for the overall success, thanks mate.

Our Football Chairman Ray Tuffin, made my job that much easier because he delivered for the club and the team the things he said he would. Ray has set the foundation for further success in 1994.

Thanks also to the 'regulars' who came down to support the team throughout the season, it was appreciated by the team.

As satisfying as the season was, we have an even bigger challenge in the enlarged competition for next year. I firmly believe that by building on the successes of this year and aiming to improve in some areas we can achieve even more in 1994. Let's do it!

Terry O'Kane
1st Grade Coach

Stockdale Cup

Coached by Bruce Ferguson

Manager: Tom Rampoli

The Briars Second Grade in 1993 started the season strong with one of the strongest sides seen for many years.

The first five games were won with the side improving game by game. However, they fell apart with several key players missing through injuries, personal commitments etc.

These pressures went through the club with many players being pulled up from lower grades to fill the gaps in seconds.

Second grade lost the majority of their games through the rest of the season with many players losing their confidence and their ambition to win.

The side finished as a young and maturing side which learnt a great deal from their 1993 experiences.

Mat Rodgers finished the year with the best and fairest award. Mat proved to be one of the most consistent performers throughout the year.

Many of these players could have and should have placed pressure on the first grade.

The year was not lost, they have all learnt a great deal and will be a stronger unit for the coming 94 season.

Blunt Cup

A poor start like the last few years in third grade with a strong finish. The team settled halfway through the season and the forwards grew with confidence, we finished one point out of the semi-finals.

Player Profiles

Kingo – Played strongly in the second half of the season. Can play alot higher grade with extra fitness.

Carey – Not the best at training but a good team player.

J. Rik – Found his position at prop and improved all year.

Springer – Very good at tapping the ball back in line-outs. Needs to get more involved in general play.

R. Matara – Mal was a great help during the year, unfortunately changed grades.

Mark Gavin – Good second rower with a lot of potential.

Nga – Uncontrollable

Pearcy – Looks very old but still won best and fairest.

Johny – Very talented player and will play higher grades.

J. Bailey – An important part of the team when he found his right position.

J. Britton – Still learning the game, but has pace to burn.

S. Vicent – Very trendy player, saved his best games till the end of the season.

Cleary – First year at Briars and hopefully not his last (ask the wife).

P. Waddington – Probably didn't see enough of the ball, but doesn't make too many mistakes.

Boxer – Still enjoying his rugby and still has plenty to offer.

Special thanks to – Rob McGuinness and Tony Love.

Richardson Cup

So close yet so far - unfortunately eliminated from participating in the semi-finals by points for and against after finishing the season in equal fourth position.

This was a bitter pill to swallow, especially knowing the fact that Briars were the Richardson Cup defending premiers - seen the photo!

To the good fortunes of rugby we had a big influx of new players, but to the detriment of 4th Grade trying to be fair and giving everyone a game of football created the position where we didn't field a set side on the paddock from week to week.

On a positive note to the season, several of the players nurtured in 4ths progressed to higher grades and show great potential for the future of Briars. Statistics show that some 45 players donned a jersey and took the field for the mighty fourths throughout the season.

A season to be remembered for a number of close games and great heartache to the coach, but an early end to the season.

Many thanks to all those players who gave it their best shot - a list of player profiles would take me a month to write (even if I could spell half the names). Thanks again to all the grade managers, especially to Dougie Patchett for his assistance during the second half of the season.

Pete Stewart

Hockey

1993 was a year of contrasts. It was very sad to see the passing of the "father" of Briars hockey, Bruce Travenar. Though never having played hockey with Bruce, he often gave me guidance in my early years with Briars. Bruce's record of achievement is unmatched in hockey to date and was an inspiration for me during my years as sports chairman. I am sure everyone was pleased to see Bruce attend at the 75th celebrations at the State Sports Centre, and I was moved when he called Tom Persson over to have a chat. With a tear in his eye he said "win this one for me Tom". This moved Tom, and he used it as his theme to rev up the first grade to record the first win over Valley's in the last 14 years.

Last October when Bill Hooker asked me to head up hockey I sat down and set out some objectives. They were:

- Promotion to the A Division
- Achieve a balanced financial year
- Get the players back to the club and to social functions

In order to be promoted to the A division we needed to win the Club championships and the B1 premiership. To lift the level of play within the club to achieve that we needed a competent coach. I approached Tom Persson who after a lot of deep thought (initially rejecting the offer) accepted the role. Tom had played the last 18 years with the one club (Moorebank Liverpool) and at the highest level (A1) for the last 15 years, had just won the Australian Indoor Title for New South Wales, and was selected in the Australian Indoor Team, and was now coming to play for the Briars.

Tom has brought a lot to the club. His support for the club is inspirational and has done more to bring his fellow team members back to the club than achieved in the last 6 years. His professionalism has set standards that will ensure the club will go from strength to strength. The highlight of his effort was the 1st grade Grand Final victory.

To run hockey successfully however there needs to be financial success. Hockey is not a cheap sport to play. At the standard that the club is now playing all games are played on the artificial surface and hence training must be conducted on the same surface.

To supplement the fees that were \$180 for the season (\$10 per game), support for social activity is essential. On this front the year was a dismal failure. A few hard facts need to be taken into account.

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Per player is costs: \$26 for training, \$42 for equipment, \$50 for ground hire, \$113 for Registration and Affiliation Fees, \$6 for insurance and \$6 for other expenses. This adds up to \$243 per player to play hockey.

The ONLY way we can keep down the costs is by an active social/fundraising calendar. The budget estimated that we could generate \$1,900 in social activity. The fact that socials, though run during the year, due to poor attendance were unable to generate a cent of income. Had we raised half our target Hockey would have returned a balanced budget. Some members will criticise the Hockey administration for yet again returning a loss for the 4th year running. Some of that criticism is well founded, however changing the culture of hockey takes time. Previously Hockey players did not attend the club. They just played their game and disappeared. This is changing and with changing attitudes within the club the social activity of the Hockey players will improve. A bit of support from fellow club members for advertised club activities will also help.

Hockey saw another first this year with the club obtaining a sponsorship deal. My thanks must go to those who worked so hard to obtain this for us. Glen Williamson, a new member to the club made several approaches to various organisation to obtain the funds required to run hockey to meet the objectives set down. Glen was unable to succeed. On hearing this Robyn Graham took the banner and succeeded. My sincere thanks Robyn on your contribution to Hockey, both in securing the sponsorship and on your tireless efforts off the field. Thanks must also go to Steven and Sam Readfern, Peter Jones and Joey for their tireless effort with the baked dinner night, Kate and the girls who turned up every week sometime in the most unpleasant conditions and to Brett Graham who was a great help to both me and to hockey.

As far as success on the field, 1993 was an outstanding year.

Undefeated Premiers and Grand Final winner North Rocks Indoor Comp.

Finalist A grade Summer Competition (beaten by Moorebank Liverpool who fielded a mixture of A1, A2 and A3 players including an Australian representative).

Winners of the Allan Yates Memorial Shield in the 1st grade and the 3rd grade.

Winner's B1 Grade Grand Final

These achievements speak for themselves. It is very pleasing to note that the most outstanding players in the club are a result of the club's junior development program. The effort by the sports and the club should not be downgraded but doubled. Through our effort in getting the young involved in the club will the Briars be able to succeed in the same glory as the past 75 years.

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At the time of writing this report we have not been notified whether we have been successful in our application to be promoted to the A division of the competition. If we are successful in the application we will not only have a sport in the club being played at the highest level available, (imagine the stir in the club if cricket or rugby was playing Grade?), but it will attract more players to the club and ensure that the current playing strength is continued.

1994 will be a very interesting year in hockey. The challenges will be different and the same. My personal view is that Briars Hockey has come a long way forward in administration, playing strength and skill and club support. Improvement in all these areas will be sought by the incoming chairman and support from within will be there to help achieve these aims. The members should be proud of the efforts of Hockey in 1993. Briars hockey is looking good.

Trophy winners for 1993 were:

Encouragement Award, Ben Scully

Most Outstanding Team, 1st Grade

Players Player 3rd Grade, Mike Sterry

Players Player 2nd Grade, Mal Graham

Players Player 1st Grade, Tom Persson

Clubs Most Outstanding Player – (Bruce Trevenar Trophy), Ian Reynolds

A. J. Robinson Trophy, Laszlo Kovacs

Most Improved Player, Wayne Allsop

Highest Goal Scorer in Club, Greg Dunn

Best and Fairest Player 3rd Grade, Sandor Kovacs

Best and Fairest Player 2nd Grade, Mal Graham

Best and Fairest Player 1st Grade, Ian Reynolds

Club Championship

	1B	2B	3B	Points
Northern Districts	32	30	30	218
Briars	31	24	24	196
Baulkham Hills	23	26	27	171
Parramatta	19	22	30	150
Easts	24	26	0	148
Rooty Hill	19	15	9	115
Western Rangers	9	16	21	89
Gordon	10	12	17	81
U.T.S.	8	5	14	56

First Grade

It was dark, damp and quiet as I approached Majors Bay Reserve on the first Friday night of official club training for hockey 1993. Pulling through the R.S.L. car park the familiar beat of Disco music could be heard somewhere inside the concrete belly of this notable landmark. Through the drizzle I spied our open field with a toilet block and several dazed looking Disco revellers giggling upon the lawn. But still it was dark, and not a band of enthusiastic, physically propositioned athletes in sight let alone a hockey player. I decided to venture over to the toilet block and low and behold hidden behind, there they were. THE BRIARS HOCKEY PLAYERS that's right all 4 of them. Players soon began to lob up and eventually we had a respectable number but also we had NO lights so physical training on this dark, damp evening was my first real introduction to the BRIARS.

From that evening things began to improve dramatically and I must say the 1st grade players all put in at training and were soon upping their own tempo in the premiership games. The 1st Round saw Briars leading the competitions with 6 wins and 3 draws and thus qualify for the ALAN YATES Final which we duly won 2-1 over Nth Districts who would prove infact to be our arch rivals throughout the season. This ALAN YATES VICTORY was proved in fact to be our second success of the season after winning the Barton Shield for the 1st time in well over a decade with a tremendous 4-3 win over Valleys 1's. The team began to train harder now and the competition proper came down to the business end. At the end of the competition rounds BRIARS record stood at 14 wins, 3 draws and 1 loss to finish on 31 points (max 36) and so miss out on the minor premiership by 1 point to Nthn Districts who we would now play in the major semi-final. A 2-1 win saw us march straight into the grand final and so our chance to take the title. The grand final was again to be played against Nthn Districts who had destroyed Baulkham Hills in the final the previous week and who looked hungry to make amends for their previous defeats at the hands of the BRIARS.

The Grand Final started at a frantic pace and 7 minutes later the Briars were 1 Nil down, however to the credit of the players 17 minutes later the Briars were 4-1 up. This remained the score till half time. The second half saw the opposition playing a system with 6 forwards – still they couldn't penetrate the BRIARS defence and were soon 5-1 down.

At the 70 min mark and with the score narrowed to 5-3. BRIARS had succeeded in winning their first, 1st grade premiership since 1974. A special thanks must go to all the Briars supporters who came out to support the team especially as many were from other sporting bodies within the club. From the team **THANK YOU.**

PLAYER PROFILE

No. 1 Danny Thiele (Goalkeeper)

Danny is truly a remarkable player possessing the reflexes of a cat coupled with the courage of a cougar he excelled week in week out and to his credit conceded only 17 goals all year.

No. 2 Peter Carapiet (Fullback)

Peter who is not known for his speed was more than a match for any young trophy hunting opposition players, gifted as a child with unbelievable stick and ball control he would often toy with the opposition whilst setting up the play and flay out his stick in a lighting tackle to dispossess any man who dared venture onto his turf. Favourite saying 'SMASH EM'

No. 3 Martin Wood (Fullback)

Woody with the speed of a gazelle (and running style) would run down his hapless opponents in a matter of strides, dispossess them using but a trifle of his incredible bulk and strength then be able to link into the attack with golden locks flowing.

No. 4 Wayne Allsop (Wing Half)

Wayne's game could be compared with that of the perfectionist. Speed to burn, the strength of a bear along with the finesse of a dove, his biggest attribute to the game is obviously his powerful, gun barrel straight, squashing hit.

No. 5 Ian Renolds (Centre Half)

Ian 'THE RUDDER' possessing ironman fitness was undoubtedly the player of the competition with an unquenching desire for domination. So dominating was he that this year oppositions player could be heard to call out 'ONO KRIK JIMBA' which is for 'Beware The Rudder'.

No 6 James Ryan (Wing Half)

Jamie with the physique of SWARTZENEGGER and the mind of EINSTEIN played the game as a cat with a mouse, endlessly taunting before moving in for the kill with his decisive body moves and windscreen wiper type drag.

No. 7 Graham Varis (Winger)

Graham with the speed of Carl Lewis and applicable attention spans proved a nightmare all season for the hapless defenders who tried valiantly to slow this fleetfooted crowd pleaser. Obviously now nearing his peak.

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No 8 Mike Girvan (Inside forward)

Mike was an inspiration to the team constantly playing on with grotesque injuries which would have forced mere mortal players out of the game years ago. His deft touch and reading of the game saw many a pundit describing him as the 'new Charlesworth'.

No. 9 Greg Dunn (Centre forward)

'Big Greg' scored goals virtually at will, a true dynamo. Surely his nutritional intake was the key but besides this his ability to turn a seemingly hopeless situation into one of pure cannablistic joy could only be matched by his ability as team manager.

No. 10. Tom Persson (Inside Forward)

Tom did well to keep up with the physical fitness and commitment of his team mates and was this year heard to exclaim his real thoughts on Parramatta. Getting on a bit.

No. 11 Paul Price (Winger)

Paul if not playing hockey or cricket would surely be suited to gridiron - 'Big, Strong, Fast and Hard' - a true game breaker, led from the front and must surely be someone for his brothers to look up to.

No. 12 Matt Yager (Res Fullback)

Matt is young, full of drive and seems to be years ahead of himself as far as reading and playing the game is concerned - with him coming on the team lost nothing, infact gained by his youthful yest and drive.

No. 13 Merv Maher (Res Forward)

Merv was a man driven by destiny, able to grasp an opportunity and squeeze every ounce of competitive battle from it. A true professional who's onfield exploits gained rave reviews from not only teammates but opposition as well.

I'd like to finish by thanking All participating players in 1st grade this year along with Laszlo for his help throughout the year the support shown not only to hockey but myself throughout the season from the BRIARS BOARD and MEMBERS was fantastic and surely helped in 1st Grade achieving the success of 1993.

The Coach

Second Grade

Second-grade were the surprise packet of Briars hockey this season, reaching the finals for the first time since 1989, only to self-destruct in the semi-finals against Eastern Suburbs and finish a disappointing fourth.

I say disappointing because the side certainly had the capability to go much further, especially given their great start to the season which saw them in second position at the half-way mark of the competition, and their fine performances against Parramatta in round 6 and Northern Districts in the Yates Cup final.

However, the lack of a noted striker in the forward line for the majority of the season meant that the side often battled needlessly to defeat inferior opponents, and nowhere was this more obvious than in the above two matches where the side clearly enjoyed the better of proceedings only to finish up without the two competition points.

A lack of commitment to training, combined with the fact that a massive total of 40 players appeared in the side during the season, meant that finding the combination necessary to overcome this problem proved to be nearly impossible and resulted in the team's performance declining dramatically during the latter half of the season.

Although these problems were somewhat arrested in the lead-up to the semi-finals the damage had already been done. Hockey is ultimately a team sport and the presence of individuals, no matter how talented, is not sufficient to attain success as the first-grade side has demonstrated over the previous two seasons. Hopefully with a more stable line-up in 1994 second-grade will find the greater commitment to training and each other that was missing this season and which is so vital for a successful year. The talent is certainly there!!

Results

Matches	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Pts	Position
18	11	2	5	34	30	24	4th
Yates Cup final:	L 1-2 to Northern Districts						
Semi-final:	L 0-2 to Eastern Suburbs						

Player Profiles

Malcolm Graham – (Goalkeeper): 1993 was certainly Malcolm's best and most consistent year of hockey for the club and his solid work at the back was undoubtedly the major contributing factor behind the team's resurgence this year. For so long unrecognised, Malcolm's efforts this year

brought their just reward as he took out both the Player's Player and the Best and Fairest awards and demonstrated that he remains one on the pre-eminent goalkeepers in the lower grades of the competition.

Matt Yager – (Fullback): Matt's pace, fitness and strong tackling saw him make numerous appearances in the first-grade line-up throughout the year and made him an important contributor when he joined the side, finishing second in the Best and Fairest award. 1994 should see him again press for first-grade selection providing that he becomes a little more decisive in his play and shoulders greater responsibility on the field.

Glen Williamson – (Fullback): In his first year with the club, Glen proved to be a keen and enthusiastic clubman, devoting a large amount of time and effort to the co-ordination of the side's training sessions. Glen also made a solid on-field contribution despite the fact that this was his first full season on turf, but he should aim to improve his pace and eradicate his worrying tendency of playing too high in defence if he is to reach his maximum effectiveness.

Carl Francis – (Fullback/Wing): Carl rejoined the club mid-way through the season and yet again played his usual solid and reliable game at the back, providing his goalkeeper with excellent support. However, to continue playing at this level Carl needs to play the game at a greater tempo and have greater confidence in the ability of the players around him.

Ben Scully – (Left Half): Ben's dedicated approach to training saw him finally live up to his potential this season and him arguably the most improved player in the club. His strong marking and tackling were vital ingredients in the side's success this season and saw him finish a deserving second in the Best and Fairest Award. At just 18 years of age Ben's best hockey undoubtedly lies ahead of him and, providing that he becomes a little stronger on the ball and works on increasing his pace, he can look forward to an even more successful year in 1994.

Andre Declase – (Centre Half): Andre's work rate was again at an amazingly high level this year and it was only when out injured for a few weeks that his true value to the side was fully appreciated. A player with a vast array of skills, Andre was a key figure in the team's attack and never failed to inspire his team-mates with his drive, determination and commitment. Unfortunately his comments failed to similarly impress the umpires with the result that he received four yellow cards during the season, so perhaps a roll of Elastoplast would be in order for next season.

Brett Graham – (Right Half): The skipper began the season as a bit of a journeyman, playing in a different position each week, but finally found his niche in the unaccustomed position of right half. The transition proved to be a most successful one and he became the lynchpin of the side's

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attack, creating many opportunities through his effective linking with Andre and Merv to create the loose man. A continued improvement in his vision should see Brett enjoy an even more successful 1994 and hopefully lead the side to a well overdue premiership.

Grant Hornblow – (Left Wing): Grant was one of the big improvers of the season, finishing as the side's leading scorer with 5 goals as a result of his excellent leading off the ball and rapid acceleration. Unfortunately, however, Grant is returning to the 'Shaky Isles' and won't be back at the club next year. On behalf of the players I would like to wish him all the very best for the future – it has been a pleasure playing beside him for the past two seasons.

Brad Fussell – (Inside Left): Brad joined the club mid-season and made a wholehearted contribution to the side each week. This was Brad's first season on turf and he understandably struggled a little with his ball control and tackling, but a greater willingness to accept advice and attend training should see him come on significantly next year.

Russell Roberts – (Centre Forward): An excellent clubman, Russell was another who played first-grade for a large part of the year before joining the side for the latter half of the season. As usual Russell's experience and cool head had a tremendous impact upon his team-mates and his excellent stick skills saw him create many scoring opportunities. Hopefully 1994 will be the year that Russell captures that elusive, and well-deserved premiership victory.

Mervyn Maher – (Inside Right): Merv was another who joined the club mid-season and proved to be one of the side's key players in the lead-up to the semi-finals, bringing with him a wealth of tactical knowledge and experience. His excellent vision saw him combine with Brett and Andre to create countless scoring opportunities and he was rewarded with several appearances in first-grade to cap a great season.

Chris Maxfield – (Right Wing): Chris started the season in a blaze of glory and turned in some impressive performances in the early rounds with his good pace and positional play. Unfortunately, however work commitments meant that he could not train or play on a regular basis during the second half of the year and accordingly his on-field performances suffered with the result that he was not selected in the side in the games leading up to the semi-finals. Hopefully next season will see Chris playing regularly and demonstrating the form of which he is capable.

Michael Sterry – (Fullback/Half): Although a regular third-grader, Mike also made numerous appearances in the side throughout the year playing in a variety of positions. Despite giving away a lot of years to his opposing players, Mike's outstanding fitness stood him in good stead and his skill

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and experience saw him make a valuable contribution to the team in the matches he played.

Derek Sterry - (Full/Half): Like his brother, Derek made many appearances in the side in addition to his third-grade commitments and always made a solid contribution with his reliable game at the back.

Bill Tabikh - (Wing): 1993 was shaping as an excellent year for Bill and his on-field performances were of a consistently high standard, but work commitments forced him out of the game for the second half of the season. Hopefully next year will see Bill return on a regular basis.

I would like to thank these players and the assortment of other players (too numerous to mention) who made occasional appearances during the season for their fellowship and efforts this year, and a special vote of thanks to our head coach Tom Persson for his support and guidance throughout the year.

Brett Graham
Captain

Third Grade

The year started off with a real bang for the 3rd grade. In our first game Paul Price managed to hit the ball around the net so much that the opposition goal keeper thought that he was in the middle of a swarm of bees. Pity Paul only scored one goal. Paul despite only playing 6 games during the year was the highest goal scorer.

Team Statistics

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
P. Price	8	1	2	-	-	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
J. Price	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
S. Kovacs	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
G. Price	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S. Collomb	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
B. Patterson	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D. McIntosh	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. Thiele	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S. Walker	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
A. Chu	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. McFarlane	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G. Homblow	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
For	36	2	4	0	0	6	2	4	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	6	4	0
Against	22	0	3	0	0	1	5	1	0	6	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	1
For 92	51	0	0	0	1	2	4	3	3	1	1	5	4	1	3	5	10	3
Against 92	44	3	3	5	2	6	0	0	2	0	3	1	1	5	2	0	4	2

	Win	Draw	Loss	For	Against	Valr
Northern Districts	13	4	1	51	10	41
Parramatta	16	2	0	46	10	36
Baulkham Hills	12	3	3	33	22	11
Briars	12	0	6	36	21	15
Western Rangers	10	1	7	34	39	-5
Gordon	6	5	7	5	22	-17
U.T.S.	6	2	10	10	52	-42
Rooty Hill	4	1	13	6	45	-39
Easts	Forfeit					

The side lead the competition through the first round. The side had only lost two games in the first round and the style of hockey played was sound. The side was playing Mike Sterry as an auxiliary centre half to help Alan Chu provide a dominate midfield so as we could get the ball under control to our forwards. The left wing fell back to help fill in the midfield. This game plan worked well until the Price brothers went to England to

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play that other stick and ball game. This proved a turning point for the third grade. By the return of the Price brothers the side had dropped to 4th place in the club championships. Injuries in the higher grades caused an unstable player supply and regular positions were unable to be held and the good team work that had started the season had faltered. To the sides credit the momentum was started again, the return of Gavin Bourke being a major factor.

The highlight of the year was the win in the Allan Yates Trophy against Baulkham Hills who had beaten us two weeks prior 6.2 in a game that had the worst example of umpiring by another club that I have ever seen in 20 years of hockey. The win was very satisfying, '2MMM' victory dance and all.

The finals had us against Baulkham Hills again. They outplayed us on that occasion. Allan Chu our centre half had to go overseas to visit a sick relative. This left us to play Mike Sterry as centre half, and no auxiliary support. The game plan did not work as the work load was too much for our mid field. A lack of shooting accuracy did not help our game.

The players for the year were:

Laszlo Kovacs: Goalkeeper: Though Laszlo started the year as fullback he quickly realised that he was carrying 15 too many kilo's. The slowness in the backs was not good, so it was time to dig out the old pads and go back to what he does best, keeping. A lot of physical work in the summer may see him performing at the level he left the game.

Malcolm Graham – Goalkeeper: Mal started the year doubling up in both grades. The warm up in thirds often helped him play blinders in the seconds. His technique is constantly improving and the ganglyness of a few years ago is going. 1993 saw Malcolm improve greatly. Concentration and keeping his usual cool will see him push the higher grade position.

Steven Redfearn – Back: Steve started the year full of enthusiasm. Spent most of his time teaching his partner how to play the position. His pace often left him caught out but experience got him out of many tight corners. An absence towards the end of year was sad to see. His effort in organising the meat raffles was warmly welcomed. Steve has many more years to give and will be great to see him again next year.

Reuben Brown – Back: Reuben was not able to play all games due to work commitments but was there when needed most. A lack of match fitness did not help his game but his skills are still there.

Gavin Bourke – Back: Gavin being overseas for the first part of the year came back and helped stabilise the side when it needed it most. His ball skills have not diminished and we can only hope that his fitness continues as his contribution to the club is very significant.

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Gerard Doyle – Half: Jed is like a bull terrier who has had its food stolen from its mouth. Whilst he does not have the same level of skills of some of his team members his commitment more than makes up for it, and in fact surpasses them when it comes to sheer grit, determination and doing his job. Jed eliminated the right side attack of nearly every side we played.

Allan Chu – Half: Allan's best skill is his ability to drag the ball and eliminate the opposition player and get away quality balls to the forward. His worst skill is his tackling when he has been beaten. That part of Chuies game diminished towards the end of the season, thank god and the great balls started flowing. Allan is vital to the side as the prime distributor of the ball.

Derrick Sterry – Half: Derrick was the best partner for his brother at inside forward. The ability of Derrick, Mike and Allan made a great triangle that worked some great plays up the right side of the field to send away John Price on goal scoring runs. Derrick's game is getting better every year.

Graham Moat – Half: Graham started the year as right half and played some good games in that position, inexperience however saw Graham move to the right wing to strengthen the midfield. More work on basic skills will see Graham improve his game.

Markus Thiele – Half: Markus never really worked out his priorities this year. When he played he attacked the game with commitment and some amazing running. Concentration on positional play and the elimination of ball chasing will greatly improve his game. A lot of raw talent that if channelled properly will create a good player.

Paul Price – Forward: Paul started off the year with all the great shots of last year; they worried the goalkeepers, but didn't make the score sheet. I guess however if you keep hitting the ball at the goals eventually they will go in. Paul was the highest goal scorer in the team. He did not miss 8 of them, and they were in the 6 games he played before he thought he would try out for first grade. Paul's contribution to third grade was invaluable and helped set the side up for a semi final spot.

John Price – Forward: John played a consistent game all year. Had he received some more ball in the semi may have changed the result. Thought the pace may be slowing John often made great angles to get behind the opposition and penetrate deep into their half. If John was not selfless and pass the ball in goal scoring opportunities he would have scored a few more goals. His mature contribution to the side was well received and valued by his team mates.

Sandor Kovacs – Forward: Sandor in his 19th and last year with Briars finally won the best and fairest. It was probably the only time in 19 years he didn't get sent off either. Sandor's aggression in the past misdirected,

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was spot on this year. Still as fast as ever, often caught the defence napping and consistently dispossessed them. This year he was able to motivate the side, not upset them, which helped lift the heads of the team when down. Thank you for your efforts of the past years.

Mike Sterry – Forward: In the many years I have been playing with Mike I cannot remember him having a bad game. Always consistent and ever reliable. Mike's role in the team was slightly unorthodox, but it was built around his ability to deliver good ball and his impeccable defence. Mike was able to create a midfield dominance that was sadly lacking in the first few games. Mike was the player's player. A choice that was unanimous and very well deserved.

Blair Patterson – Forward: It was Blair's first year in senior hockey for Briars, playing in our u/17 side last year. Blair had occasional game of brilliance, but was let down with inconsistent form. However it is early days for Blair, he trains hard, listens, and is willing to give 100% to the team. Keep that up and the improved game will come.

Steven Walker – Forward: Steve was unable to participate in all the games due to conflicting commitments. It was difficult to set Steve in a pattern with the team, a task that was made harder by the demands of second grade. Steven is a good opportunist and works a good one two. His team game will improve however when he will trust his team mates to return the one two to him, and not rely on one or two players. Steven will be a very valuable player for Briars.

Scott Colomb – Forward: Scotty was in the same position as Steven this year. Scott likes to play forward, however his skills are more tuned to midfield play. Playing forward saw him out of position when possession was lost. He has great teamwork with some of the players and as he plays more hockey with the club I am sure will spread the teamwork with the whole team.

Daryl Macintosh – Forward: Daryl's first year with Briar's. He has improved during the year and with more match practice and coaching will improve further.

Laszlo Kovacs

Under 17's

After losing five of their more talented and experienced players to the senior ranks during the off-season, the side was never really in a position to emulate the tremendous success of last year's line-up, but there can be little doubt that 1993 was a positive year for junior hockey at Briars.

With an average age of just fifteen, the side understandably struggled to be competitive in the early rounds of the competition, but as the players gained more experience and skill they registered a dramatic improvement until, by the end of the season, no team could say that they had beaten Briars without a struggle.

Despite the side's lack of on-field success, the attitude and commitment of the players throughout the year was outstanding, and I have no doubt that 1994 will see the team come on in leaps and bounds as further training and experience harness their abundance of raw talent.

My thanks go to all the players and their parents for a very enjoyable and rewarding season, and to those seniors who assisted throughout the years, in particular Malcolm Graham and Ben Scully whose contributions were invaluable.

Results

After 5 rounds (6 teams):

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points	Position
5	0	0	5	1	42	0	6th

After 10 rounds of Under-17 B Division (6 teams):

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points	Position
10	3	0	7	11	34	6	5th

Player Profiles

James Whalan (Goalkeeper) – Although the results probably do not indicate the fact, James progressed significantly as a goalkeeper this season, adopting a more aggressive approach and experimenting with sliding out. With further practice in this area James can look forward to a more successful season in 1994, especially with a more experienced defensive unit supporting him.

Lachlan Boa (Fullback) – In his first year with the club, Lachlan proved to be a solid and reliable defender throughout the season and he gave some

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excellent balls to his forwards from the back. A keen and enthusiastic trainer, Lachlan should develop into a fine player provided that he starts to play the game at a faster tempo and works on keeping his hits flat.

Chris Baloglow (Fullback) – Chris was one player who clearly benefited from the experience he gained last season and he shouldered the added responsibility of being one of the senior players quite well. After playing in the forwards last season, Chris showed much promise as a defender with his rugged style of play, although he occasionally placed unnecessary pressure upon himself with some panic clearances and turnovers from deep defence. A bit of work on this area of his game should see Chris make a solid transition to the senior rank next year.

Chris Detjen (Fullback/Left Half) – Chris' determination and enthusiasm was an example for the rest of the side to follow. After a frustrating season in 1992, Chris played very strongly this year, his tireless work in defence saving his side from many a dangerous situation. Chris deservedly took out the Most Improved Award. Finishing second in the Best and Fairest, and he should be one of the key players in the side over the ensuing couple of seasons.

Hameed Sian (Left Half/Left Wing) – Hameed was one of the most improved players of the season and proved to be a very effective defender with his strong tackling and solid stick skills. With a more aggressive approach and an improvement in his marking, Hameed should look forward to a very rewarding year in 1994.

Nick Pervushin (Right Half) – Nick had a tremendous season, combining his strong defence with some much improved stick skills and passing to finish second in the Best and Fairest. Nick's strong on-field performances plus his enthusiasm for training and club activities made him an extremely worthy recipient of the R.D. Vanderfield Trophy and he looms as an exciting prospect for the years ahead.

Bjorn Hook (Left Wing) – At just thirteen years of age, I have no doubt that Bjorn will be the next Ian Reynolds of Briars hockey. In only his first season of the sport, Bjorn's game showed maturity and skills well beyond his years and despite giving away size and experience to his opponents, he was never outplayed, impressing all who saw him with his tenacity, vision and skills. Not surprisingly, Bjorn took out the sides Best and Fairest Award and the years ahead should mark a steady progression to a first grade spot.

Ming Chang (Inside Left) – Ming displayed improvement throughout the season despite playing out of position this year. Ming struggled at times with his positional play and control but his enthusiasm and willingness to get involved made him a solid contributor throughout the season.

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Sasha Zaika (Centre Half) – Sasha is something of an enigma who has the ability on his day to create havoc for any defence with his brilliant stick work. Unfortunately, Sasha failed to produce this level of performance on a consistent basis, but there is little doubt that he has the talent to make a successful transition to the senior ranks next season.

Danny Peacock (Centre Forward) – New to the club this season, Danny is a player with an abundance of raw talent and he finished as the side's leading goal scorer. With some work on his basic trapping and dribbling skills, Danny has the potential to be a match winner over coming years, providing he adapts a more focused approach at training and on the field.

Adam Palmer (Inside Right) – Captain – Adam possesses a solid all round game and he made an immediate impact, when he joined the side from Ryde early in the season. Having said this, however, I am sure that Adam has not reached his full potential, but provided that he lifts his work rate and intensity he should go on to better things in the seniors next year.

Ben Garland (Right Wing) – Ben's enthusiasm for the game and commitment towards training and his team mates had no peer this season and he was a deserving winner of the inaugural Clubman's Award. Ben too was only in his first season of hockey and understandably struggled early on, but as he gained more experience and his confidence rose, demonstrated a steady improvement, finishing the year as a competent player with good basic skills who will become better with every game he plays

Shane Hill (Wing) – A last minute recruit to the side, Shane made a wholehearted effort in the games he played. Shane has a lot more ability than he gives himself credit for, and once he comes to realise this his hockey will come on in leaps and bounds.

Thanks also to Marcus White and Johnathon Detjen who helped the side out with occasional appearances throughout the season.

Brett Graham
Coach

Squash

Looking over my past annual reports and I notice they almost always start with the words "xyz year proved to be a mixed year for squash". 1992-1993 is definitely not a mixed year for Briar's squash.

The club is now recognised as one of the strongest in the Western Districts, a far cry from 10 years ago, when we had only 1 team competing.

Spring '92 saw 12 teams entered, 5 into semis, with 1 pennant win.

Autumn '93 saw 12 teams entered, 5 into semis and 4 pennant wins.

A superb all round club performance that will be extremely hard to better. However, the growth has continued, 16 mens teams and our first ladies team, a total of 90 players entered in the '93 Spring competition. Standings with only 2 rounds before semis show 14 teams currently in the top 4. How many pennants this comp?

Thanks go to my committee for their personal contribution to this successful build up.

Special thanks to Mick Jaroszewicz for chasing up the members for the club socials; Greg Kelly for keeping the brown paper bag topped up; Jim Farrell for his Focus reporting and assistance both sides of the bar, and to all those newer members who are starting to get the hang of what is required from them each Tuesday night (read Wednesday morning).

Extra special thanks to Mike Nobes for his organisation of the very successful Hong Kong Tour.

Ken Kable

Squash – Statistics for 1992-1993

Spring 1992

This report was the last one written by Phil Byrne, who left for his '18 month sabbatical in Sweden' to finish his 'studies of the blond, blue-eyed species in cute dresses'. Phil did a great job and I join all the squashies (and probably many Briars from other sports as well) in thanking him for the informative and enjoyable reading he provided us with over the past 2 and a half years. Three things are expected to occur by the time he gets back from Sweden: Joe Elias to take his rightful place as No. 1 player in the club; J.J. to take back all his back-stabbing comments about squash; and Steve Clark to pay his fees on time.

The Spring comp saw an increase in the number of teams from nine to twelve with an expectation of further increases in the future. Five teams went as far as the Grand Final and one of them took out a pennant.

Winner of the R.B. Clark Outward Bound Scholarship was Paul Jones. Winner of the Vaunderfield Trophy was Greg Kelly.

Results were as follows:

A1: Michael Nobes (c); Peter Schroeder; Paul Jones; Attila Tusak; Andrew Mandelik.

This team, half of which are newcomers, was unfortunate to just miss out on the semis. Had they made it, the strength at one, two and four would have carried them to a pennant. Michael (10/12), represented West division in the Napier Cup at No. 1 and led them to victory as the Sydney A grade champions. Peter (4/5) was seriously hampered by the fact that he lives in Minto, whereas Paul (2/13) was hampered by something else. On my calculation, Paul should be hanging off the side of Mt Coree with his belaying rope broken and his climbing clamp stuck. Good luck mate. Andrew (8/10) had a very good comp and would do well with the club if he came back for another comp.

A3: Jeff Walsh; Gary Pengally; Tony Porter (c); Jose Majerras; Paul Bryne.

Surprisingly this team made the semis. Even more surprisingly, they made it to the GF, but once there gave it a good shake. Jeff (7/13) had an ordinary start to the comp, but won his last four matches. The same story could be said of Gary (6/10). Tony (7/10), in one of his last seasons as a free man, could have won more than he did as his squash has been very good. This January he popped the question to Briars' No. 1 supporter and she agreed (Why, Becks?). The strength of this team was the No. 4, Jose. Jose (12/12) was the winner of the Performance Trophy and the club's only undefeated

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player. Having pumped a few ales into him at the Christmas party, he agreed to come back and play another comp. (Make sure you get the fees off him, Greg). Paul (2/8), once he plays a full comp, should expect better results.

A4: Ken Kable; David Kirkpatrick; Joe Ellas; Sambucca Farrell; Alan Cameron (c).

This season will go down as the third Grand Final loss in a row for KK. Some of the others continued their drought of pennants as the boys went down in a close Grand Final. David (8/11) had a slow start to the season, but proceeded to win his last seven matches in a row and all three finals. He won his grand final 3-0 in very tense and tight circumstances and should be playing a higher A grade next season. Joe (9/12) should also continue up the grades. Ken (6/11) had a good start to the comp, but petered out towards the end as did Sammy (5/11). Alan (4/11), as always, could come out playing brilliantly and then not so brilliantly.

B3: Adrian Stodolka (c); Steve Clark; Young David Kable; Steve Madz; Jeff Andrew.

This team came in fifth, in a situation which saw them forfeit round three. Jeff (9/10) had a very good comp and has only dropped three matches for the Briars so far. Young David (6/10), who was last seen a couple of months ago somewhere near Lane Cove, was expected to have a better comp, but was hampered by ill-health and shot-put competitions. Steve Madz (4/6) still hasn't had that operation on his shoulder and will probably go on playing six matches a comp for the rest of his life. Finally, Steve Clark (4/12) managed 10 five setters in what is seen as a new tack for getting fit.

C1: Peter Anderson; Peter Harwood; Joe Karam; Maurice Termesana; Jason O'Brien (c).

Backing up on last season's win, this team decided to do it again this season in a grade notorious for its difficulty. The Briar's have made the semis in C1 for about the last six comps and despite being lay-down miseres in about three of them, have never won this grade. Fortunately, we found a team without the losing complex in Heggarty, Madz, Priest and Porter. The strength of the team lay in the last three players. Joe (9/11), Maurice (7/8) and Jason (7/9) all played extremely well throughout with Jason doing a great job as Cappie. Unfortunately, Maurice is moving to New Zealand for a couple of years (why?) and so that team is also looking for another player. With a good No. 1 they should play B grade next comp.

C2: Ian Thompson; Con Tarantello (c); Jim Bricknell; Chris Virgona; Dave Newton.

I would love to say many great things about this team, but they didn't fill their results in and they came last. Nevertheless, I think Ian won the great

majority of his matches, whilst, I think, Con had an unnaturally bad comp. Jim, coming off a brilliant 3-0 win over the checker in round one, has decided to move his practice to Rangoon. Why? The team is looking for a new player. Incidentally, if anyone wants his house sold, or his converted jumbo jet driven to Alice Spring, just ask Chris.

C3: Grant Heggarty (c); Andrew Pipolo; Phil Byrne; Keith Powell; Alan Wilton.

A tale steeped in tragedy is the one for this team. Robbed of a certain pennant, they had to make do with fifth, a position seriously out of context with the team's history. An unfortunate gash to Andrew's (won 5/7) hand, leading to the arm's amputation, stopped him playing the 14 games he'd planned on. Acute indecision over the choice of a new secretary for his orthodontic practice, carried over into Keith's game. It wasn't until the team had taken a vote and made the decision for him that Keith (7/12) started winning again. Grant (6/10) had his usual end-of-comp form lapse and lost his last three matches, whilst Alan (3/10) found that fitness is an important part of squash - yet how can you get fit when every time you walk on the court you have a coronary?

C5: David Messner; John Preen; Spiro Plessas; Eddie Moore (c); Grant Goerl.

Much was said about this team in the last Focus and it should be reiterated that any person who will not be turning out for the following comp should notify a selector before teams are selected. David, Eddie and Grant should all be congratulated for playing all 14 rounds. Hopefully David and Grant can receive more favourable gradings next comp. Tragic story of the year was the end to Spiro's 21-game winning streak (he capped it off with 8 losses in a row).

C6: Greg McManus (c); Roger Marcolin; Greg Anderson, Peter O'Donnell; Eric Gilfillan; Ray Gent.

After the ticking off they received in the last Focus, it is pleasing to say that a couple of them have been sighted at training (even if it is for a brief three sets and then a quick dash for the club). The boys had a disappointing comp. After winning a pennant in their previous season, they came in wooden spooners. We have been assured it's teething problems. Eric (won 4/7) and Roger (6/10) will probably move up in the team, whilst the two Gregs (won 5/11 and 1/8) probably won't. If anyone wants their house sold, just ask Peter.

D1: Wayne Rastall; Geoff Robertson; Greg Kelly; Mick Jaroszewicz (c); Robert Russo.

This was the second of our teams to make the Grant Final and the second to lose. In a display that matched the D6's perfectly, this team also returned on the Thursday to drown their sorrows. Wayne (won 9/10) had

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a good comp, playing lower than he perhaps should have. His brilliance as No. 1 shows he has learnt a lot from his previous season's No. 1. Geoff (won 5/11) performed his usual surge in the latter half of the comp, winning four of his last five matches. Greg (won 7/11), having decided he's not hitting the ball hard enough, has moved to the snow shoe racquet (watch out tin). Mick (won 7/11), as cappie, has the distinction of losing all four of his losses in five. Finally Robert (7/10), a man always in a hurry, won all seven of his wins 3-0.

D4: Ron Marshall; Mich Franco; Peter Aspro; Joe Franco (c); Gavin Wareham; Manuel Cusi.

Unfortunately for this team, their comp didn't go as planned, as they rolled in 8th. Peter (won 6/9) and Manuel (4/4) were the only two to win more than half their games. Joe (4/11) didn't have his temperamental and aggressive brother there to instil a bit of fire into his normally placid game. Mick won the three matches he played before going to Europe but lost the four he played after returning. The encouraging news comes with the fact that Ron (won 3/13) was able to get through a comp without inflicting some sort of injury upon himself. Not wanting to push his luck, he hasn't been sighted at training, but we're expecting a huge comp out of him next season.

D6: Robert Powell; Bill Bouchahine; Peter Cairns (c); John Calacoci; Nathan Johnston; Bob Soveid.

The D6's, boasting four new players to the club, were unfortunately beaten in their Grand Final, after coming in third in the rounds. The team performed well to make it so far, but were unlucky on the night, losing three rubbers 3-2.

Peter (won 5/9), a Kiwi (that's his excuse) found his first comp in the West a little hard, but he must be congratulated for continuing through great injury (that's his other excuse). Robert (won 4/11) also had a difficult first comp, but performed his duties at No. 1 adequately to take the heat off his team mates. Big Bill Bouchahine, renowned for his on-court timidity, had a good comp, as did Nathan (won 7/11) and John. All members of this team should move up the grades.

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Squash had another surge in members and can now claim to be a major force in the Western Districts comp. This comp seemed to be the strongest in years with most teams being dropped down one or two grades, yet Briars still managed to field teams in A1, A2 and A3, and boasted a very healthy 14 teams.

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The performance trophy results saw Mark Arduin just pipping Steve Arduin with an average of 5.6. This was an enormous average and both Mark and Steve are to be congratulated for such fine performances. They will both have a chance in higher grades next comp as a result.

Results were as follows:

A1: Michael Nobes (c); Andrew Mandelik; Paul Jones; Dave Kirkpatrick; Tony Porter.

After making the Semi-finals this team unfortunately couldn't put it together on the night and were eliminated - they were disappointed but A1 is always a tough grade and even more so this comp so a great effort just to make the Semis, Michael was the top performer for the team.

A2: Attila Tusak (c); Jon Kranitis; Christian Sylvester; Peter Kollar; Andrew High.

The team played well for the last few rounds and ended up comfortably making the Semi-Finals. After winning the Semi, a very narrow victory in the Final saw a Grand Final appearance loom. Unfortunately the winning streak ended there against a very hot team and they finished a worthy second. Great performers were Jon (who won every match at number 2 during the second round after team changes) and Christian. Peter Kollar was apparently diagnosed with RSI in the groin and didn't play for much of the second round - I will leave you to decide how he got it.

A3: Jose Majerras; Gary Pengally (c); Ken Kable; Tim Spicer.

A continuation of the blues for the A3's saw them finish disappointing wooden spooners. On a brighter note Tim Spicer did have a good comp for his first A grade run and should improve next comp. KK's form was hot and cold - 'Hot' before going on holiday, and 'Cold' after returning from holiday - an obvious solution to the 'Cold' form exists there. Gary had a major disaster of a comp but actually won a game (not a match though) during the last few rounds!

B2: Joe Elias, Paul Byrne; Bucca (c); John Fee; Al Cameron.

An even better second round than first saw this team end up sneaking in as Minor Premiers. Sterling performances from most team members in the Semi ensured a Grand Final berth, which they took out with a commanding performance (only 3 rubbers needed to be played). The success story for this team was Paul Byrne who after losing his first 2 matches this comp, went through the rest of it unbeaten (including the Semi and Grand Final).

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C1: Dave Kable; Peter Anderson; Joe Karam (c); Peter Harwood; Jason O'Brien.

After making the Semis this team unfortunately did not take it further and were knocked out. Better luck next time lads, although most of this team had won pennants the last 2 comps in a row so the winning streak had to end sooner or later. The best performers here were Peter Harwood and Peter Anderson.

C2: Steve Madz (c); Grant Heggarty; Sylvester Tan; John De George; Cliff Priest.

Another pennant winning team but this one had a difference. Two members of this team earned the envious distinction of being Premiers in 2 comps. After taking out the C2 comp for Briars on the Thursday, Steve and Grant took out the B2 pennant for West Leagues in the Eastern Division comp on the Friday - impressive stuff.

C3: Ian Thompson; Con Tarantello; Reg Richardson; Chris Virgona (c); Dave Newton.

Another Semi-finalist team - well done but unfortunately they did not get any further this comp. Ian Thompson did well at the helm, winning 8 out of his 10 matches.

C5: Sean Curtis; Bruce Jacobs; Keith Powell; Wayne Rastall (c).

This team made the final four after some indifferent form early on and in true Briars fashion pulled out all the stops for the Semi, only to go down by a mere 1 point. A gutsy effort by the whole team with Cappie Wayne Rastall leading by example to finish a fine comp. Good to see Sean back on the court after getting hit in the eye at practice earlier in the comp. Better luck next time lads.

C6: Tony Forster (c); Stuart Santer; Alan Wilton; Robert Russo.

Towards the end of the comp Tony was spotted having a few late nights (or was it that this reporter was having a few early ones). The team unfortunately did not make the Semis. If you want to know what it is like to get beaten by a girl, just ask Stuart.

D1: Roger Marcolin; Greg McManus (c); Peter O'Donnell; Eric Gilfilin; Greg Anderson; Ray Gent.

This team made the Final but unfortunately went down by just 1 game. Greg McManus got a few more results on the board in the second round, which was pleasing to see as it does make my job a lot easier. Apologies for calling him an Accountant however as he is actually in Real Estate - there was a fifty percent chance of guessing correctly apparently.

D2 Team 9: Steve Arduin; Alex Forbes; Mark Arduin; Vance Lowe: Ed Moore (c).

The success story of the club for this comp never looked liked losing from the start and brought home the bacon in fine style. As can be seen from above, Mark and Steve duelled for the honours in the performance trophy and perhaps the checker will look twice at our teams in the future before dropping them down grades.

D2 Team 12: Greg Kelly; Mick Alphabet (c); Jason Leong; Steve Timpson; Ron Marshall.

If the other D2 team had managed to lose form on the last night of the comp this team may have made the Semi finals - but they didn't. Greg Kelly informed me that his hair cut wasn't the only reason he was looking more slim - he actually did lose a couple of kilos. All that has gone by the board now though as many more kilos went back on during the Hong Kong tour (as with this reporter).

E1: Darren Paisley; Mick Franco (c); John Bowers; Robert Powell; Nathan Johnston; Bill Bouchahine.

One of the few teams who did not make the Semi finals. Best performer was Bill Bouchahine with a 7/10 record.

E2: Joe Franco (c); Gavin Wareham; Slav Marjanovik; Troy Geri; Duncan Bain.

Last but certainly not least - the 4th Briars team to get a pennant for this comp - well done lads. Top performers for this team were Troy Geri (9/11) and Duncan Bain (8/11).

Hong Kong Tour 3-11 July 1993

Touring party: Michael 'Nobesy' Nobes, 'Big Jon' Kranitis, Tony 'Sheep Shearer' Porter; Peter 'Dog' Kollar; Andrew 'Sleazy' High; Geoff 'Rubber-man' Walsh, 'Quiet Ken' Kable and Gay; Jim 'Bucca' Farrell; Joe 'ET' Caristo;; Dave 'Junior' Kable and Megan 'Quarter-Kable'; Reg and Carol Richardson; Stuart Santer, Greg 'Kel' Kelly, 'Randy Ron' Marshall; 'Extra Big John' Threlfo (Tour Manager); David 'Cookie' Cooke; Dan and Diane Power.

The tour idea actually originated as a bit of a dare to Quiet Ken from Robin Williams (of the Hong Kong Cricket Club) while they were sitting in the bar of Briars. Now QKK is never one to back down from a dare, nor one to refuse a bit of a holiday, so the tour was off the ground. Matches were scheduled and played against the Kowloon Cricket Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Hong Kong Football Club. The hospitality shown to us was fantastic and many thanks must go to the KCC, HKCC and the HKFC for making our stay in Hong Kong a very very enjoyable

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experience. In particular, thanks to the KCC who allowed us virtually a free reign of their club which included the squash, tennis, snooker, ten-pin bowling, pool and bar (of course) - unrivalled hospitality. They also took us on a Junk to Lamma island where we ate and drank copious quantities and had a very eventful time to say the least.

Special mention must go to Chris Nobes and Robin Williams of the Kowloon Cricket Club, who were responsible for much of the tour organisation in Hong Kong and the Junk trip to Lamma island. Special mention also to Michael Nobes and Ken Kable who put so much time and effort into organising the trip from the Australian end. Without these four people in particular it would not have been possible to have had this tour. Thanks also to our tour manager Extra Big John, who did all the things that tour managers should - and even had time for a few beers (quite a few) as well.

A half day tour of Hong Kong island was enjoyed by all, a party went to Macau on an organised day trip, and another went to China. These were arranged by Swingaway tours liaison Matthew Lee who did a fine job.

Some notable tour memories were: 'Mr Williams, please do not come back to this restaurant' (Restaurant owner - Lamma Island); Nobsey winning a marathon match against Hong Kong's #2; Sheep Shearer only missing one night of partying. There must be a Chinese restaurant around here somewhere' (Cookie); The Grand Pub.

All matches were played in extremely good spirits and all three nights came down to the last match to decide the winner for the night. Of the 42 games played (14 players over three nights) Briars ended up winning 21 and the opposition 21 - a salute to the huge effort by our hosts to select teams as close as possible. Unbeaten players were Big Jon, Quiet Kenny, Bucca and ET. All our hosts provided us with copious quantities of alcohol and food - all days being raging successes and all nights were rages. An enormously successful tour.

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Squash



D2 Autumn

Steve Arduin, Vance Lowe, Alex Forbes, Ed Moore (c), Mark Arduin.

Hong Kong Squash Tour



Back Row (left to right): J. Caristo, G. Walsh, P. Kollar, A. High, R. Marshall, G. Kelly, D. Power, J. Farrell, R. Richardson, D. Kable, M. Nobes.

Seated (left to right): J. Kranitis, J. Threlfo, K. Kable, D. Cook, S. Santer, T. Porter.

Basketball

A very successful year ON THE COURT with the Club winning 3 Premierships from 4 Grand Finals. The Championship winning teams were to follows:

GRADE "B1" TUESDAY

Team: Scott Bailey, Jack David, Mark David, Mel Loteria, John Ross, Mark Mcleay.

GRADE "B2" TUESDAY

Team: Ron Zappanta, Noel Pimping, Craig Byass, Ted Hogan, Trevor Davis, Junior Rapoll, Ricky Reid.

GRADE "C2" THURSDAY

Team: Ed Moore, Willie Loteria, Steve Sarlog, Rom Vespa, Denis Tokic, Graham Creed, Mark Smith.

Although we did have a success on the court, our off court administration hit some problems. Without boring everyone with the details I can only add that things will be different in our approach in 1994. The guidelines for playing for the Club will be strictly enforced.

The new season kicks off on 17th of January 1994 with the Briars competing.

Ed Moore
Chairman

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Basketball



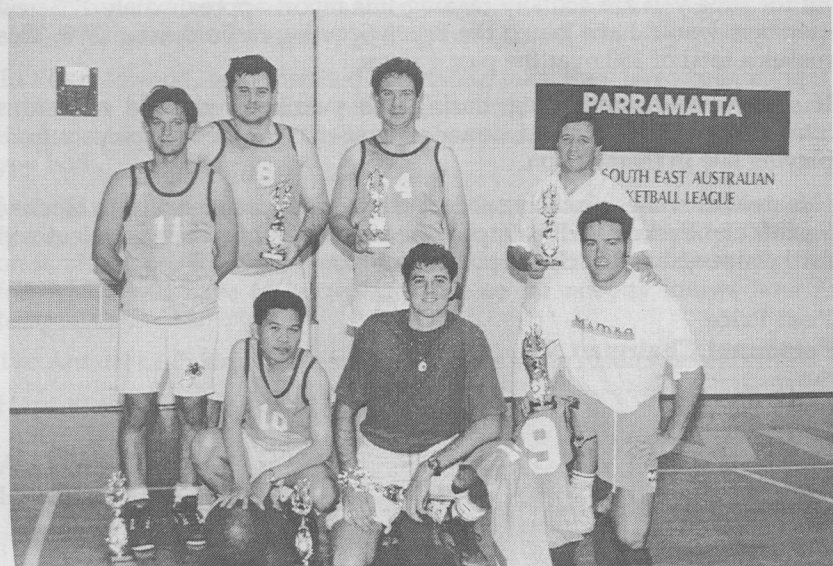
B1 Team

Mark McLeay, John Ross, Scott Bailey,
Mark David, Mel Loteria, Jack David.



B2 Team

Ron Zapanta, Craig Byass, Derek Moore,
Noel Pimping, Mohamed Halloum,
Rob Willis, Trevor Davis.



C2 Team

Rom Vespa, Mark Smith, Graeme Creed, Ed Moore,
Willie Loteria, Denis Tokic, Steve Sarlog.

Personnel

1993, once again, saw the continuation of large numbers of new members joining the Briars.

By the time you are actually reading this report approximately 120 new members would have joined the Briars Sporting ranks during 1993. This makes a total of 350 over the past 4 years.

It was very disappointing during the year, that despite numerous attempts, we had to stand down a number of Basketball players from playing late in their season.

However, after an extremely successful 1993 with premierships in Hockey, Squash and Basketball, it is hoped, the continued influx of new talent will further strengthen the clubs sporting ranks.

Paul Price
Personnel Chairman

House

I would like to start by thanking all the people that looked after the club whilst I was away.

David Baccarini and Bruce Chandler, for doing the running repairs to the club, which seem to be a never ending task. Thank you very much.

To Peter Atwood, who installed the ceiling fans, they have been a great success in keeping the club rooms that little bit cooler. Also to Mark Kingston for all his help with the plumbing work around the club. I thank you both.

I would also like to remind members of the lack of respect towards the games room. We have had the table tennis table fixed, but people still sit on it, please use the chairs provided. The snooker table has a tear in the felt which will have to be replaced but so far nobody knows how it happened, thanks.

The Annual Club Singles are still in progress so no results as yet.

Hope to see you at the club.

Anthony Clarke
House Chairman

Senior Steward

Sales for the year ended 30th September 1993 were a record, easily beating the previous record. Of course there was a price rise during the year, in line with the increase in license fees payable. Given that the rise was delayed by three months, the overall result is very pleasing.

Thanks to all members for their support throughout the year, in particular to the current chairmen of the respective sports, for their efforts in encouraging members of their sport to use the club's bar facilities.

It is interesting to reflect that there was much scepticism at the start of the year when Ray Tuffin announced his ambitious plans for Rugby's Social calendar. As the year unfolded, some of the new Rugby members added a Hangi to the list of events, and this proved to be the most successful night in the Club's history for bar takings. All other functions turned out to be a great success, and a great deal of credit is due to Ray and his committee for their contribution to the year's results.

A few new boutique beers have been added to the product range progressively during the year. The first of these was Heineken, and I would like to thank Geoff Moss for his help in getting some promotional items, which helped to get the idea off the ground. Corona was later stocked as a result of Rugby's Mexican night, and has been retained since that time. Carlton Cold was recently added to the list, and has proven to be a resounding success.

The Lucky Badge Draw was changed to the \$100 Draw during the year, so that members were encouraged to attend more regularly on a Friday night. Thanks to all who have supported this change by their attendance.

A great deal of effort by a select few people has made my job so much easier throughout the year. Paul Madirazza and Chris Lamond's contribution has been exceptional on the bar committee. James Spring has also approached me to become involved, and is already demonstrating that he will prove to be a valuable asset.

Anthony Clarke obviously took to the beer in England when he visited on Cricket tour. It is good to see him slot back into his role as House Chairman, now that he is back. Thanks to Dave Baccarini for his assistance whilst Clarkie was overseas, and to Mark Kingston for his help with plumbing matters.

Earlier in the year, till and stock shortages were considered to be a major problem in the bar area. At the time, Brett Howle gave me an enormous amount of help both with stocktakes and till balancing. Brett continues to

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be a major contributor in this area, ably supported by Marty Watts for till balancing in recent months, and by Stuart Lind, who keeps his eye on the change bag and banking matters.

Many accounting procedures have been reviewed and changed during the year. Bill Hooker has contributed an enormous amount of time and effort in this area, and Craig Hickey's comments and support likewise have been invaluable.

Norm Bush, Col Dayman and Rod Smith have continued their support on Friday nights throughout the year. It is always a great pleasure to see Ted Stockdale on Friday nights, and his gentle reminders that the Tonic Water is running low help to keep me on my toes.

With the club renovations about to get under way, we are fully expecting a bumper year ahead. Your continued support throughout the year will be much appreciated.

Garry O'Brien
Senior Steward

Social Golf

Sunday 24th October saw the holding of the 75th Anniversary Briars Open Golf Tournament at the beautiful wind swept Leura Golf Course. A class field of 42 of the nations top amateur golfers competed over the torturous 18 holes for what can only be described as the ultimate pinnacle in inter-sport social golf.

After many hours of high quality (and in some cases high quantity) golf, numerous attempts at bribery and corruption (how did the handicapper get that drunk so quickly) the true champions emerged from the mediocre.

The 1993 Briars Open Champion was Brett Howle who off the very generous handicap of 36 recorded a nett 57, 12 shots under par.

The Calloway section for golfers who have not yet earnt 'or bribed' a Briars Social Golf handicap was won by Ben Marshall with a nett 71 (it pays to get a handicap) and Ben also recorded the best scratch score of the day with a 77 of the stick.

The full results of a very successful and social day were:

Briars Open Championship

1st Brett Howle 57
2nd Geoff Moss 60
3rd Brian Howle 61

Nearest the pins
Gary Pengely
Ron Marshall
Les Cousins

Calloway Section

1st Ron Marshall 71 c/b
2nd Byron Brazier 71
3rd Steve Diller 73 c/b

Longest drive Ray Pontifex
Drive/Pitch Steve Hansen

Scratch Score Ron Marshall 77
Bradman Trophy Ray Tuffin 133

Your next opportunity to test your skills against the perverted minds who inhabit the Royal and Ancient at St Andrews will be early next year at Blackheath. Keep the beers coming.

The Inscrutable Handicapper

School Liaison

Firstly, I would like to thank David Abood for all his work for the first half of 1993. The whole year however was not as great as expected for junior recruitment. However it provides us with the opportunity to expand in 1994.

The past years has highlighted the importance of the cricket Seven-a-side Tournament, however, the event was rained out at the semi-final stage. Participation was good from alot of schools, so it seems sure to succeed next year as it has in previous years.

Hockey appeared to be the success of 1993. At the beginning of the season hockey was struggling to gain enough players for the U-17s side due to the departure of a number of players because of the age restriction. However, due to the efforts of Brett Graham, Ben Scully and other members of hockey, they were able to get a relatively young side and build them into a competitive team. Players such as Nick Pervushin and our two youngest members, Bjorn Hook and Ben Garland (both only 12 years old) assures hockey a solid base to build upon next year.

A very entertaining presentation evening was held at Briars for the U-17s side, for both players and family members, to get to know the club and its facilities. Hopefully 1994 will be an even better year to promote junior sports.

A number of sports masters and senior students of schools attended our Annual Dinner at Concord Reception Centre, and were very impressed by the Club's presentation of our 75 years. It also allowed an opportunity to build a relationship between the schools and clubs to help strengthen potential recruitment. This is also improved by the invitations I have received to attend Presentation Nights at Marist Brothers, Eastwood and Homebush Boys High.

I wish to conclude by thanking both David Abood and John Price for their assistance in helping me into this position and I would like to see 1994 as a successful year for all sports in junior recruitment. Thanks must also go to all Board Members who have assisted me.

Malcolm Graham
School Liaison Officer

Focus

Briars 75th year saw six editions of Focus produced. General feedback from members regarding the quality and content of their newsletter has been positive. As always any constructive criticism or suggestions on how your journal may be improved are welcome.

Thank you to all who made contributions during the year, particularly the Sporting Chairmen, and their representatives. It is important that every effort is made to make submissions as informative, entertaining and comprehensive as possible. Two correspondents who deserve special mention for consistently high standard of contributions are Jim Farrell for his squash reports and Brett Graham for hockey.

You will have noticed that increasing space has been afforded our new sponsors in recent issues. As these sponsorships offer significant reductions in the cost of running a sport, it is envisaged that this trend will continue.

To our loyal members who take advertising space each edition, thank you for your support. New advertisers are always welcome.

Finally, thank you to our publisher Kevin McDonald for his assistance and to the Heggarty household for getting Focus to the letterbox.

Milton Howell

Social

The fact that the club was celebrating its 75th Anniversary was to be the catalyst for social events at Briars during 1993. As well as a number of annual events such as the Old Members night, Dinner Dance and Annual Dinner, it was also decided that each sport would be responsible for the organisation of one event within their sport to celebrate the clubs 75th Anniversary. Each of these events provided a meeting place for our less active members, as well as giving the opportunity to see some of the past greats come out of retirement and grace the Briars sporting fields yet again. The various sports should be congratulated for their organisation of these very successful days.

The first of the usual Socials was the Old Members night. Once again thanks to the letters and telephone calls conducted by a small group of willing workers, numbers were good including many who had not attended such functions over the last few years. Rod Smith and Harry Jamieson provided an excellent supper and also organised the necessary staff to make the night a success.

The next Social held was the Dinner Dance, once again at Concord Golf Club. Despite a lot of interest initially, the numbers were not what they should have been. An attempt to make the night less formal to attract more members has not been as successful as we would have liked. The future format of this event will be seriously looked at in an attempt to regenerate the members enthusiasm for this night. Those who attended all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly and thanks to all who went to the effort to organise a table.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the Briars Social Season was the Annual Dinner. In celebration of our 75th Anniversary we indulged ourselves and rather than having a guest speaker relate his own anecdotes and past glories, we had three Briars relating our own anecdotes and past glories. The night was fittingly commenced with a recorded apology from Bob Clark. It is of special significance that a founding member can welcome the guests to the clubs 75th Anniversary Annual Dinner.

Our three guest speakers Roger Vanderfield, Chris Walker and John Jessop, did all that could possibly have been asked of them as guest speakers. There is no doubt the success of the evening can be attributed to their efforts. The presence of our Master of Ceremonies, Mr Phil Halderman, rounded the night off well.

The most important element to the success of the night was the attendance of members both past and present. The attendance of 60 current rugby

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players was well matched by a similar number of past players. The return to a strictly black tie night also ensured that the Briars provided a class act.

To all those who attended, thank you for being part of a fantastic night. To those who organised tables, a special thank you for making the job of Social Chairman much easier.

It should not be forgotten that the spirit that existed at the 1993 Annual Dinner can carry on year after year with only a little effort from a lot of people, rather than leaving it to a lot of effort from a few people.

It was a pleasure to be part of such a memorable year and it is hoped that our 75th Anniversary represents the start of much bigger things both sporting and socially for the Briars Sporting Club rather than a moments celebration of a long history.

Paul Mattick

Golden Oldies – 'The Wilted Briars'

As reported in the Focus this is the last report I will write as Chairman of "The Wilted Briars". As of November 18th 1993, Mr Rod Smith, nominated for the position of Chairman and was elected. My congratulations and at the same time commiseration, as he has the job of recruiting new stock to the aging hand full that have survived since the inception of "The Wilted Briars" in 1983.

In the 10 years we have been together the Club has travelled to most corners of the earth in search of that game of rugby. Both Don Flynn and John Staniforth have the dubious honour of attending all the festivals, with Ian Richard, Mal Goldsmith, Peter Grant and myself having attended five.

The tour to Ireland and the festival in Dublin was great success, the non Briars (CBOBS, Terry Hills Rugby, Wallabies) all took on the Briars spirit and upheld the usual Briars traditions with great aplomb. The inclusion of one Matt Ryan (front row) at 5/8 was one of the great success stories of the tour, Don Flynn does get the award for the most miss outs on tour, a full report on the tour will appear in the next issue of Focus.

It is with regret I now become just a player, as I have had many memorable experiences and good times as both Chairman and Tour Manager and made many friends around the world in the Golden Oldies movement. We may be over 35 but can still enjoy a game of rugby even though the tackles may not be as hard and the speed of the game be as quick. So give it some thought and contact the new Chairman with the view of going to Christchurch in 1995 as a "Wilted Briar".

Last but not least thank you to all those who have helped in any way over the last 10 years, all your efforts have been appreciated. To my wife Faye, thank you for your support and advice, I could not have done it without you.

A Wilted Briar

Edward A. (Ted) Callaghan

Administration

Both the Board of Directors and the Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1 October, 1992 to 30 September, 1993. Attendance by members was as follows:

Board

C. Hickey	11
I. Richard	11 (re-elected AGM Feb 1993)
J. Staniforth	10
J. Price	10
J. Crockett	9
P. Bowyer	6 (resigned May 1993)
G. Rolleston	4 (resigned at AGM Feb 1993)
P. Richardson	10 (re-elected AGM Feb 1993)
W. Hooker	6 (elected at AGM Feb 1993)
R. Tregeagle	3 (appointed June 1993)

Management

C. Hickey	12
J. Threlfo	12
B. Howle	11
P. Price	12
M. Howell	8
J. Golsby	1 (resigned Rugby Oct 1992)
G. O'Brien	11
A. Clarke	8
G. Price	11
P. Mattick	10
K. Kable	10
D. Abood	3 (resigned Schools Liaison May 1993)
W. Hooker	1 (resigned Hockey Oct 1992)
P. Cramsie	4
R. Tuffin	8 (appointed Rugby Nov 1992)
E. Moore	11
L. Kovacs	10 (appointed Hockey Nov 1992)
M. Graham	3 (appointed Schools Liaison June 1993)

J. H. Stone Trophy

The trophy is named after the first President of The Briars Sporting Club, the late John Stone. It can only be won by a club member, under 25 years of age, who has made an outstanding contribution to the club's welfare during the year.

Brett Graham has recently been appointed as Hockey Chairman and already display enthusiasm and commitment to the requirements of this position. Brett has always been one of those people who works behind the scenes doing whatever is asked of him in a thoroughly reliable manner. He is an active sportsman, representing the club in hockey and cricket, whose bearing and manner on and off the field reflected great credit on himself. Brett is a club member who is not afraid to "roll up his sleeves" and get on with the task at hand. Bearing in mind the reasons for which this trophy is awarded, Brett is a very worthy winner this year and will surely continue to make a valuable contribution to the furtherance of the club's ideals in the years to come.

Cricket Memorial Trophy

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

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

The winner of this trophy is John Price. John played a vital role in organisation of and fund raising for the cricket tour to England in 1993. The tour proved to be a great success which can largely be credited to the untiring efforts of the organisers, including John.

John has been actively involved in administration of cricket in general and has been a regular member of the B grade Shires team for the past few seasons. John is a worthy recipient of this award.

Gordon Bevan Shield

The Gordon Bevan Shield is awarded to the player who, in the opinion of the Club, has done the most toward football and the Club in general. The criteria for selection are as follows:

Attendance at training	- 20 points
Value to the Team	- 20 points
Most improved Player	- 20 points
General Keeness	- 15 points
Value as a club Member	- 15 points
Neatness of Uniform	- 10 points
	<hr/> 100 points

The Shield is awarded to Paul Viglienezzone. Paul has produced fine rugby during the 1993 season in a struggle to keep his 1st grade position which he won and lost on a number of occasions. His general keenness and enthusiasm are of the highest standard.

Paul co-ordinated the 1993 Rugby social events holding 6 functions. They were all successful with records for attendance and fund raising being broken. He also established and administered an overseas rugby tour during the year which is a large task for one person. Paul completed the task in fine Briars tradition with a very successful tour as just reward.

Paul also played an important role in helping the Rugby Chairman establish a proper administration structure for Rugby. He is always there helping, supporting and doing.

A. J. Robinson Shield

The 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
	<hr/> 100 points

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This year's winner is outgoing Chairman, Laszlo Kovacs. Laszlo has been active in the administration of hockey for the past 7 years, and has done a sterling job in overseeing and co-ordinating hockey's revival during the 1993 season.

Laszlo also enjoyed a welcome return to the playing ranks, captaining the 3rd grade side with distinction to yet another semi final appearance, and his commitment and enthusiasm to the club is second to none. Congratulations, Laszlo.

Doug Vanderfield Trophy

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

Points are awarded as follows:

Value as 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>

The winner this year is Michael Nobes. Michael's contribution to the club over the past year has been immense, from his on-court performances through to his work with the Hong Kong Tour.

Michael is always keen to assist less talented players and has been instrumental in improving the overall playing standard of squash within the club.

E. G. Stockdale Trophy

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

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

The Board of Directors have decided not to award the trophy this year.

R. D. Vanderfield Trophy

This Trophy is awarded to a member of Junior Hockey who has contributed most to the junior teams. It carries the name of a past President who showed great interest in the formation of junior teams.

The winner this year is Nick Pervushin, whose strong on-field performances, together with his enthusiasm for training and club activities, make him a very worthy recipient of this trophy. Congratulations, Nick.

Geoff Archibald Trophy

This is awarded to the rugby player who has made the greatest contribution to the Club in his first year playing rugby for the Club.

This year's winner is Reg Taiata. Reg has contributed a great deal on and off the field by helping with the organisation of socials and general administration of rugby. He has been an inspiration to many of the younger players through his attitude, commitment and sheer playing ability.

Reg capped a tremendous 1993 season by being selected in the Sub District's Presidents XV and being one of 700 players nominated from 5 divisions for the W.W. Ellis Trophy. Reg finished a very respectable 3rd which reflects great credit on himself and the club.

ROBERT BRUCE CLARK – OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship donated by the Patron of the club, Bob Clark, is awarded to a younger member who, in the opinion of the executive, displays outstanding potential to contribute to the welfare of the club and it is considered that attendance at an Outward Bound course would assist in the character development of the individual.

The executive is very pleased to award this scholarship to Paul Madirazza. Paul was awarded the Geoff Archibald Trophy last year and continues to display a high level of enthusiasm and commitment to the furtherance of the club's ideals. Paul is already a club member of the highest calibre who consistently maintains a high personal standard on and off the field and is a worthy role model to his peer group. Paul is also on the Bar Committee and is often called upon to clean the club after social functions for all sports.

75th Annual Report

Members would be aware that the club's office bearers are honorary positions which inevitably demands a significant amount of time, and on occasions additional personal expense, to ensure the job gets done. This has been particularly so during the club's 75th anniversary celebrations. The selfless dedication of all office bearers to their sport/function is appreciated and acknowledged by the executive, on behalf of all club members.

Garry O'Brien, Senior Steward, continues to handle this difficult portfolio with a great deal of drive and enthusiasm. Bar turnover figures are healthy and are very important to the financial stability of the club. Gary has a small group, being Chris Lamond, James Spring and Paul Madirazza, who assist with day to day maintenance of the bar and their contribution to this important activity is greatly appreciated by the executive.

The executive also wishes to publicly acknowledge the efforts of Greg McPhee, David Lewis and Jim Alford in endeavouring to compile a detailed history of the club. This is a very onerous and time consuming task but the final product will be of great benefit to the club for many years to come.

Board has approved of major renovations to the club building which will greatly assist member comfort and maximise the cashflow from shop rentals. A building application has been approved by Burwood council and a tender by KAF Renovations accepted by Board. It is anticipated work will commence in February 1994.

Richard Tregeagle, Mal Weber and Peter Bowyer, as members of the Future Directions Committee, have been very active throughout the year and submitted a number of discussion papers for consideration by the executive. The committee will continue to play a very important role in developing a strategic planning base for the club and sports, in cooperation with the respective sports chairmen.

Activities and special functions were held throughout 1993 to celebrate the club's 75th Anniversary. Some activities were not keenly supported by members whilst others can be counted a great success. As always in Briars, the success of individual functions depends entirely on the support of ALL members who can make themselves available to attend such functions. The executive's appreciation goes out to the organisers for their time and efforts.

The executive would like to publicly acknowledge the behind the scenes work put in by Stuart Lind, Martin Watts and Ted Stockdale who check the till, clear the black box and bank club monies on a weekly basis. These, and other associated tasks, are carried out with a minimum of fanfare but are crucial to the fiscal administration of the club's resources.

75th Annual Report

At the very successful 1993 Old Members' Night, it was announced that the Board would be recommending the election of Bruce Trevenar and Perce Murray as Life Members at the next AGM. Unfortunately, since that time Bruce has passed away. Bruce was one of the greatest characters of the club and very respected by his peer group for his immense contribution to the club as a player and administrator over many years. The executive offer their sympathies to Bruce's family and indeed, to all families of members who passed away during the year.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to work alongside your hardworking Board and Management Committee members. Under the resolute Presidentship of Craig Hickey, many things have been achieved over the past year and a sound platform established to take the club into the future with confidence.

Finally, I wish members every success, individually and through teams representing the club, in the upcoming year.

John F. Threlfo
Honorary Executive Officer

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their report on the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th September, 1993.

In the opinion of the Directors the Results of the Club's operations during the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material or unusual nature.

NAME OF DIRECTORS

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

Names

HICKEY	Craig R.
RICHARD	Robert I. G.
RICHARDSON	Peter D.
STANFORTH	John W.
CROCKART	John F.
HOOKER,	William
TREGEAGLE,	Richard
PRICE	John K.

Qualifications

Business Proprietor
Company Director
Chartered Accountant
Solicitor
Accountant
Accountant
Engineer
Business Proprietor

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.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT — continued

Result

The net result of operations for the year was a Profit of \$26,218 (See Note 1 (d) regarding Income Tax).

The Directors have reviewed the operations of the Company and advise that the Club has operated successfully and that the new financial year will be a period of continued growth with the Boards policy of continual improvement to the Club attracting more patronage of members and their guests.

In the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, no item, transaction or event of a material or unusual nature, has arisen which is likely in the opinion of the Directors, to significantly effect the operations, results or state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

DIRECTORS' BENEFIT

Since the end of the previous financial year no Director of the Company has received or become entitled to receive a benefit other than normal Directors' remuneration.

C. R. Hickey
Director

W. Hooker
Director

Signed in accordance with a Resolution of the Directors
at Burwood this 17th day of January 1994.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

- (1) In the opinion of the Directors:
- (a) The accompanying Income and Expenditure Account 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 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 of the Company have been made out in accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts and Applicable Accounting Standards.

C. R. Hickey
Director

W. Hooker
Director

Signed in accordance with a Resolution of the Directors
at Burwood this 17th day of January 1994.

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

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Scope

I have audited the financial statements of The Briars Sporting Club Limited for the year ended 30th September, 1993, consisting of the Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and accompanying notes. The Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Company.

My audit has been planned and performed in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide a reasonable level of assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the Company which is consistent with my understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements of The Briars Sporting Club Limited are properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to give a true and fair view of:
 - (i) the state of affairs of the Company as at 30th September, 1993, and of the Profit of the Company for the financial year ended on that date;
 - (ii) the other matters required by Division 4, 4A and 4B of Part 3.6 of the Corporation Law to be dealt with in the financial statements;
- (b) In accordance with the provisions of the Corporation Law; and
- (c) In accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts and Applicable Accounting Standards.

C. G. JONES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Signed at Sydney

this 18th of January 1994.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1993

CURRENT ASSETS	NOTE	1993	1992
Cash	2	400	7,097
Receivable	3	21,124	290
Investments	4	237,683	245,559
Inventories	5	26,990	24,892
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		286,197	277,838
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments	6	64,851	62,356
Property, Plant and Equipment	7	49,462	46,575
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		114,313	108,931
TOTAL ASSETS		400,510	386,769
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Borrowings	8	12,972	13,224
Provisions	9	42,000	52,915
Other	10	2,544	3,996
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		57,516	70,135
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other	11	3,884	3,742
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,884	3,742
TOTAL LIABILITIES		61,400	73,877
NET ASSETS		\$339,110	\$312,892
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Retained Profits		339,110	312,892
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		\$339,110	\$312,892

The accompanying notes form part of these accounts

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1993

NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The accounts of the Company have been drawn up in accordance with the accounting concepts, standards and disclosure requirements of the Australian accounting bodies, applicable Accounting Standards, the provisions of Schedule 5 to the Corporations Regulations, and the requirements of Law. They have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied.

(b) Depreciation

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

(c) Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost has been determined by specific identification.

(d) Income Tax

There has been no provision for Income Tax due to the Club being a Sporting Organisation and therefore exempt from Income Tax.

(e) Subscription In Advance

Subscriptions In Advance represent membership receipts for 1993/94. Such income is brought to account in the Income and Expenditure Account during the period to which the subscription relates.

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SCHEDULES TO BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1993

	NOTE	1993	1992
CURRENT ASSETS-CASH	2		
CASH			
Cash on Hand		400	400
Cash at Bank-Cricket Touring Account		-	6,579
Cash at Bank-Current Accounts at call		-	118
		<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$7,097</u>
CURRENT ASSETS-RECEIVABLES	3		
OTHER DEBTORS			
Debtors		952	290
Prepayments		20,172	-
		<u>\$21,124</u>	<u>\$290</u>
CURRENT ASSETS-INVESTMENTS	4		
INVESTMENTS			
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies-at Cost		75,713	80,000
Deposits		161,970	165,559
		<u>\$237,683</u>	<u>\$245,559</u>
CURRENT ASSETS-INVENTORIES	5		
INVENTORIES			
Stock on Hand		<u>\$26,990</u>	<u>\$24,892</u>

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SCHEDULES TO BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1993

	NOTE	1993	1992
NON-CURRENT ASSETS - INVESTMENTS	6		
INVESTMENTS			
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies-at Cost		<u>60,967</u>	<u>58,614</u>
TRUST FUND			
R. J. THOMPSON MEMORIAL TRUST FUND			
(To be held by the Club and used for such purposes as agreed to by the family of the late Ronald John Thompson)			
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies		700	815
Cash in Bank		<u>1,334</u>	<u>1,087</u>
		2,034	1,902
J. SHEEHAN SPORTING SCHOLARSHIP			
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies		1,153	1,071
Cash at Bank		<u>697</u>	<u>769</u>
		1,850	1,840
		<u>\$64,851</u>	<u>\$62,356</u>
PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	7		
LAND & BUILDINGS			
Freehold Land & Buildings-at Cost		36,247	28,772
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		<u>8,713</u>	<u>8,341</u>
		27,534	20,431
FURNITURE, FITTINGS, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
Furniture, Fittings, Plant & Equipment-At Cost		79,503	77,048
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		<u>57,575</u>	<u>50,904</u>
		21,928	26,144
		<u>\$49,462</u>	<u>\$46,575</u>

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SCHEDULES TO BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1993

	NOTE	1993	1992
CURRENT LIABILITIES-CREDITORS & BORROWINGS	8		
CREDITORS & ACCRUALS			
Trade Creditors & Accruals		<u>12,972</u>	<u>13,224</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES-PROVISIONS	9		
PROVISIONS			
Provisions for Deferred Maintenance		37,000	37,000
Provisions for Sport Development		5,000	10,315
Provisions for Tour Subsidy		<u>-</u>	<u>5,600</u>
		<u>\$42,000</u>	<u>\$52,915</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES-OTHER	10		
OTHER			
Subscriptions Paid In Advance		<u>\$2,544</u>	<u>\$3,996</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES-OTHER			
OTHER			
Trust Funds		<u>\$3,884</u>	<u>\$3,742</u>

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The amount of capital which is not capable of being called up, except in the event of and for the purpose of the winding up of the Company, is not to exceed \$2 per member by virtue of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

SEGMENT REPORTING 13

The Company operates as a Licenced Club in New South Wales providing services and facilities common to Sporting Clubs.

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**STATUTORY PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1993**

	1993	1992
Retained Profits at the beginning of the Financial Year	312,892	281,806
Add: Profit for Year	26,218	31,086
Retained Profits at the end of the Financial Year	<u>\$339,110</u>	<u>\$312,892</u>

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BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1993

	1993	1992
BAR RECEIPTS		
Sales	102,714	93,053
Less: Cost of Sales	52,860	44,792
Gross Bar Profit	\$49,854	\$48,261
LESS: BAR OPERATING EXPENSES		
Liquor Licence	4,497	4,180
Bar Expenses and Maintenance	6,340	4,331
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	1,306	1,254
	12,143	9,765
BAR TRADING PROFIT	37,711	38,496
ADD: INCOME FROM		
Property Rents	28,571	40,472
Members Subscriptions	9,070	5,598
Interest Received	24,208	30,119
Australian (1992 - NSW also)		
Open Golf Championships	2,393	3,048
Surplus/ (Loss) Sale of Clothing	81	2,433
Surplus/ (Loss) on Sporting Activities (Note 14)	(6,831)	4,096
Surplus/ (Loss) on Social Activities	(2,631)	(2,074)
Surplus/ (Loss) on Old Members Night	(313)	(636)
Donations	1,500	-
	\$93,759	121,552
LESS: OPERATING EXPENSES		
Administration and Club Room		
Expenses (Note 15)	52,748	44,156
Property Expenses (Note 16)	5,631	10,610
Depreciation of Furniture, Fittings, Air Conditioner, Cash Register, Carpet and Vinyl Floor	5,364	5,100
	63,743	59,866
	\$30,016	\$61,686

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BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1993 - continued

OPERATING PROFIT

LESS: Transfer to Provision for Deferred Maintenance	-	17,000
Transfer to Provision for Sports Development	407	8,000
Transfer to Provision for Tour Subsidy	-	5,600
	<hr/> 407	<hr/> 30,600

SURPLUS FOR YEAR BEFORE ABNORMAL ITEM

<hr/> 29,609	<hr/> 31,086
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LESS: Abnormal Item

Cricket Surplus overstated Fiscal 1992
in respect to Touring Account
Funds included in sport result.

<hr/> 3,391	<hr/> -
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SURPLUS FOR YEAR

<hr/> <hr/> 26,218	<hr/> <hr/> 31,086
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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1993

	NOTE 14	1993	1992
NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES			
Hockey: Ground Hire, Gear etc		11,836	7,816
Less: Receipts for year		<u>11,254</u>	<u>7,406</u>
Net (Cost) / Surplus of Hockey		<u>(582)</u>	<u>(410)</u>
Cricket: Ground Hire, Gear etc		10,350	7,190
Less: Receipts for year		<u>10,085</u>	<u>8,711</u>
Net (Cost) / Surplus of Cricket		<u>(265)</u>	<u>1,521</u>
Football: Ground Hire, Gear etc		20,823	10,806
Less: Receipts for year		<u>15,971</u>	<u>9,692</u>
Net (Cost) / Surplus of Football		<u>(4,852)</u>	<u>(1,114)</u>
Squash: Court Hire, Gear etc		10,801	10,673
Less: Receipts for year		<u>9,900</u>	<u>11,515</u>
Net (Cost) / Surplus of Squash		<u>(901)</u>	<u>842</u>
Basketball: Court Hire, Gear etc		1,221	134
Less: Receipts for year		<u>990</u>	<u>-</u>
Net (Cost) / Surplus of Basketball		<u>(231)</u>	<u>(134)</u>
NET (COST) / SURPLUS OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES		<u><u>\$(6,831)</u></u>	<u><u>\$705</u></u>
Cricket surplus relating to 1993			
Tour taken to profits in error		<u>-</u>	<u>3,391</u>
NET (COST)/ SURPLUS AS REPORTED		<u><u>\$(6,831)</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,096</u></u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS AS AT
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1993

	NOTE	1993	1992
ADMINISTRATION AND CLUB ROOM EXPENSES	15		
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning		12,392	10,668
Stationary, Postage, Telephone and Bank Charges		5,593	3,632
Light and Heating		2,983	4,547
Annual Reports		5,025	5,289
Insurance - General		104	1,871
- Sports Injury		3,943	9,560
Interest Paid		111	30
Focus		8,291	7,067
Donations and Presentations		2,052	1,272
General Expenses		346	220
Tour Subsidies		7,180	-
75th Anniversary Costs		4,728	-
		<u>\$52,748</u>	<u>\$44,156</u>
PROPERTY EXPENSES	16		
Insurance		701	5,460
Rates		4,558	4,778
Depreciation of Buildings		372	372
		<u>\$5,631</u>	<u>\$10,610</u>

