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Presidents Report

Your Board of Directors and Management Committee present for consideration by members the Seventy-Sixth Annual Report of the clubs financial position and activities for the year ended 30th September 1994.

Gentlemen,

The year that has just passed has been one of significant happenings within the Club. Our success in the sporting area has been generally outstanding, perhaps, without delving into the record books, the most successful overall year that the Briars has achieved. To reach the pinnacle status of Club Champions in three of our sports is outstanding and a reflection of the cultivation of a spirit of fellowship and organised co-operation in a mutual interest.

Another significant occurrence during the year has been the completion of major renovation works to the clubs premises. This work will guarantee that the future of The Briars income from the commercial sites will be stable and viable and that the ever increasing maintenance costs we were suffering from a decaying building should be allayed for many years to come. Already we have more than doubled the rents from the commercial sites over the last year and this very significant increase in rental return, in a time of generally stagnant rents, will obviously be of huge benefit and reflected in next years accounts. Our rooms have been upgraded with the addition of long needed men's toilet facilities upstairs, effective new air conditioning and a coldroom in the cellar which has improved the longevity of our beer and the quality of presentation. The clubrooms have been painted throughout and as finances become available our snooker table, darts and table tennis equipment will be upgraded. This improvement will no doubt lead to more social activities within the clubrooms which in turn will increase our bar turnover.

This building work has been a long, and on occasions, frustrating exercise and I personally thank on your behalf John Staniforth, Ian Richard, Richard Tregeagle who together with myself formed the building committee, Michael Jaroszewicz, who in professional terms controlled the building works, and Tony Farrugia who was a most co-operative and efficient builder. Probably the most frustrated of all was our Bar Steward, Gary O'Brien who had to suffer a long period of total disruption to his domain which made the operation of the bar at times almost impossible and I thank him for his patience. Our House Chairman, Anthony Clarke has done, and continues to do, a simply remarkable job. The number of hours he has put into the clubroom painting and the many other necessary jobs has been enormous and known only to those who were close to the project.

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Suffice to say that I personally thank Ant on your behalf. Anthony could not have achieved our desire to paint the members clubrooms by members without the help of various sports who contributed their time on weekends, and a group consisting of Ray Tuffin, Mat Waddington, Chris Lamond, and Brett Howle who contributed almost as many hours as Anthony, and generally it was on a Sunday. So please, when you see these people take the time to thank them personally, but don't ask them anything about building works or painting - your reply may not be what you expect! Finally I am happy to say that we are very pleased with the results of the Boards decision to do the work and that the total cost of the work, approximately \$280,000, was totally funded by you members. I take this opportunity to thank the "bean counters" on Board, Bill Hooker, Peter Richardson and John Crockart for their expertise in controlling the finances during the building works.

Sadly, the most significant happening during the year has been the death of our Founder and Patron, Bob Clark. Without the incredible foresight and drive of Bob in those early and subsequent years the club may not have existed nor may it have survived. His work and generosity in giving time to provide a platform for amateur sportsmen, and guidance in life for many, has been of benefit to so many and we now still enjoy the legacy of his enormous contribution. Bob recently gave the club \$15,000 so the cricket could build a necessary turf wicket at Ron Routley Reserve and bequeathed to The Briars \$40,000 so that the Outward Bound scholarship, which he has generously sponsored since its inception, can be carried on in perpetuity. It is an understatement to say that we shall all miss Clarky.

Whilst on the matter of gifts to the Club, the Briars Foundation, which was mentioned in this report last year, has now progressed to the stage of being formally organised with its own legal identity and Articles. The basis of this fund is to provide for major projects in the future for the The Briars. Every member will have the opportunity to be part of this outstanding concept and shortly you will be provided with the aims and goals of the Foundation. I am happy to say that the initial response to the Foundation has been more encouraging than we predicted from those who would wish to provide something to the future of The Briars in recognition and thanks for what they have gained during the active years they enjoyed as part of The Club.

Over the years we have been lucky to have had Club Treasurers who have guided us through the good and bad times, and now with the help of electronic procedures we are able to keep a tight control on our finances and continually update the sporting chairman on their current financial situation during their season. You will note that there has been a significant turnaround in the financial position of all sports, achieved over a period of time and mainly brought about by the updating already mentioned, the

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responsibility shown by the chairman based on the premise that their sport will not cost the club money and their own drive and enthusiasm to attract sponsorship for the sport based on the guidelines set down by The Board. Sponsorship is, and will continue to be, an important part of every sporting chairman's budget to offset the ever increasing costs of running sport on a professional and competitive level at high standards. Most significantly, we need these extra funds to make sure that we can provide either full Briars Junior teams in all sports or have the facility to assist existing junior organisations to encourage those players to join The Briars at a senior level. We are actively pursuing schools and other organisations through our junior development team of Gerard Abood and Jason Hughes and the success of their co-operation with all sporting chairman and their own efforts will, without doubt, reflect the strength of our sports in the very near future. We need juniors!

Cricket this year had a most successful season winning the coveted Club Championship and both second and third grade. Gerard Price and his committee once again did a terrific job throughout and I am sure that they have recognised the need to strengthen our ranks with good juniors so that pressure can be put on every player by someone in a lower grade.

Hockey did the trick also winning the Club Championship and the first grade with both second and third grades getting through to the finals series. Brett Graham and his committee have already started on a junior "minkey" program that hopefully will give us the junior sides necessary to progress to the higher division.

Squash won the Club Championship for the second time in three competitions together with five pennants. Ken Kable and his committees organisation of squash has been of the highest order. Ken has decided to take a rest from the pressures of winning and handed over to Jim Farrell. Thanks Ken you done good and played strong!

Rugby faced a crunch season where they had to finish in the top ten of a twenty team competition to secure a place in next seasons second division. Unfortunately they missed out and will regroup in third division next season. Ray Tuffin, after a couple of tough but rewarding seasons, where Rugby did infact stop a slide and stabilise, has moved out of the Chairman's role and onto the Management Committee of the NSW Suburban Rugby Union. The work Ray did was tireless and our thanks to him and best wishes to new Chairman Rob McQuade.

Basketball was suspended as a major sport during the year as it was obvious after a crisis meeting that the majority of players chose not to be member of the Briars and wished to play under a less formal system than ours. Ed Moore, the Chairman, tried in vain to get Basketball into the Briars fold, but although Ed had no trouble attracting players to fill teams

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his substantial efforts to convert players to Briars members fell on deaf ears. I thank Ed for his very considerable efforts and I know that he was disappointed at the final result. The door is always open should the situation change.

Once again John Threlfo and Bill Hooker did a terrific job organising our troops at the Greg Norman Classic golf tournament and substantial funds were once again raised for the sports.

Focus this year has been getting bigger every issue and keeps those who no longer get along to our functions and games well informed. Milton Howell, our editor, has done a terrific job and we thank all those who have supported this vital publication.

Without the dedicated work of the Management Committee and the Board of Directors, the enormous amount of work that has taken place this year would not have been achieved. I can assure you that the Club is very lucky to have the calibre of members who have given their time to sit on these committees. Once again John Threlfo and Brett Howle have been an enormous help to me. During this year Ray Tuffin, Mal Graham, Ed Moore, Ken Kable and Paul Mattick retired from management and I thank them all for their efforts.

Without opposition we would not have competitions and I thank all those clubs who we played against and congratulate those who have been successful. Our thanks to Burwood and Concord Councils for their continuing support and we thank the following associations.

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

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New Club Rooms



Obituaries

The club's Patron and co-founder Robert Bruce (Bob) Clark died September 24, 1994, sadly marking the end of an era for many of our old members.

Bob and a group of 13-15 year old mates formed The Briars Sporting Club in 1918, and so founded an amateur sporting club unique in the Southern Hemisphere. From this humble beginning, with not even enough members to form a cricket team, the club has grown to what it is today.

The history of Bob's life and that of the club are indistinguishable from one another. Those principles adopted by Bob and his mates, and guided by their parents, have been the backbone of the club for over seventy six years.

Although born in Mosman, his mother moved the young Bob and his sister, Edna, to a property on part of the Appian Way Estate, Burwood, following his fathers death. Bob was educated firstly at Edgecliff Prep and then Sydney Grammar School, before commencing work at Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Limited where he remained until his retirement as Personnel Officer (he must have had a very understanding boss as Bob's work phone also doubled as the Briars secretary's phone). On his retirement he went to England for a holiday and stayed nearly twenty-years. He was more of an Englishman than the locals and became host to many club members visiting the U.K.

Bob was secretary of the club for thirty-two years; a trustee before its incorporation; a director for some fifteen years and its Patron since incorporation. He was awarded an M.B.E. on his resignation as secretary.

The club's main sports were originally focussed on Rugby and Cricket, and it was not long after his return from service (having had a hernia operation to enable him to join the Tank Corps at the beginning of World War II) that Bob, together with Dave Higgins (Colleagues), Marc Leay (Epping) and Frank Butterfield (Hunter's Hill) re-established the Sub District Rugby Competition.

Bob undertook to be the Competition's first secretary, and was recognised as a Life Member of the NSW Suburban Rugby Union for his endeavours. He made a similar contribution to the post-war return of the Municipal and Shire Cricket Association.

Combining a number of roles as Club secretary, organiser, disciplinarian, transport driver, team manager, player and father figure to its members, no decision was made without Bob's approval during those first forty

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years. All tiers of management were conscious of Bob's interest and assessment, even over the last thirty years.

In many ways Bob was a stubborn, difficult man who was intolerant of fools; particularly those who did not place Briars first in their priority list; and, it was said by his peers, those whose playing form on the day was not up to his expectations.

However, he looked back with pride on the growth and strength of the Briars but was never complacent about the contribution and unselfish dedication required of members.

Although Bob had Scottish ancestry and was thought to still be in possession of his first dollar (he would never take a taxi if there was a bus, nor a bus if he could walk), he was very quietly a generous man. Over the last ten years he sponsored nominated club members to undertake the Outward Bound course. Bob has left the club a legacy to allow this scholarship to be funded indefinitely. He also donated \$15,000 for an additional cricket turf wicket in Concord for the Club's use.

Bob Clark was a true Briar.

Cricket

The 1993/94 cricket season will be remembered as one of the most successful in the club's history. Not only did we win the prestigious Club Championship for the first time in 9 years but the B and C grade premierships as well. Also, the D grade team were successful in reaching the semi-finals where their run ended.

The pre-season was where a lot of work was done to locate a suitable club coach and eventually we secured the services of Steve Thomlinson. His vast coaching experience and knowledge certainly assisted in the training sessions and the different attitude of the players. This, combined with a couple of new players saw the club perform to our best ability. Unfortunately, the A Grade did not perform as well but a loss of important playing strength in the off season dramatically affected our chances.

The season provided many highlights including:

- Paul Price - 2 centuries in A Grade.
- Rohan Appleton - 2 centuries in B Grade including one in the semi-final.
- Warwick Giblin - 1 century and out 'handled the ball' in the semi-final.
- The club championship victory.
- Premierships in B and C Grade
- Garry Schomberg setting a new club batting average for C Grade.

The final standings for the season were as follows:

A Grade	6th
B Grade	1st
C Grade	1st
D Grade	4th
Club Championship	1st

During the season the Turnbull/Richardson Trophy was again up for grabs. This trophy is decided between ourselves and Epping and is awarded to the club who gains the most Club Championship points during the round. Once again we were victorious. Well done guys!

The season also involved a number of social events which helped meet the ever increasing costs of running cricket. To those who supported these events, we thank you.

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- Pre Season Night
- Trivia Night
- End of Season Award Night
- Grand Final victory celebrations

Once again, the A and B Grades were supported well by Ted Stockdale and Bob Clark who were continually offering advice and opinions. Ted's assistance in the preparation and serving of afternoon tea is very much appreciated and on behalf of all the cricketers we thank you Bob and Ted.

To other club members who supported the cricket during the season we thank you as well.

The club was once again very fortunate to have the services of one the best turf wickets in Sydney, Rothwell Park. The wicket was voted the 3rd best in Shires, an excellent achievement for the council and it's groundsman, Phil Edgar.

We are also thankful to Concord Council for the use of the synthetic wicket at St Lukes No. 1 and for the practice wickets at Ron Routley Oval.

The club fielded a city and suburban team again but due to inclement weather only 13 games were played. There were a number of occasions when less than 11 players took the field due to shortages in the higher grades. To those who played in these games, especially Warwick Hutton, Tony Challita and Alex Staines, we thank you.

The 1993/94 season was the first season that the Under 24's were included in the Club Championships pointscore. A report on the season follows however, I would like to thank Wayne Scott and Anthony Clarke, the team managers, as well as the team captain Gerard Abood, for their efforts during the competition.

There are a few people I would personally like to thank for the efforts and assistance given to me during the season. Firstly, to Richard Tregeagle for his prompt and accurate collection of the fees - a very important role in the financing of cricket. To Brett 'Charlie' Howle for his assistance off the field in the general organisation of the cricket, to Paul Simpson for his organisation of the training sessions during the season, to Gerard Abood and Jason Hughes for their efforts on the Schools 7-a-side day, to Geoff Armstrong for his splendid efforts in organising the Trivia Night at Balmain Leagues and finally to Anthony Clarke for his behind the scenes efforts in transportation of the fridge to Rothwell, the covers at Rothwell, assistance at the Schools 7-a-side, and plenty of other assistance during the season. Thanks Clarkey.

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There is no doubt that the captains also deserve a vote of thanks for regularly giving up every second Saturday night as well as the usual number of phone calls during the week finalising teams and fixing any late changes that always occur. Thanks to Brett Howle, Peter Richardson, Tim Worner and Geoff Armstrong.

Finally, the club is very fortunate to have secured such a valuable sponsor in Manchester Unity. The funding provided was quite significant and assisted in maintaining the fees at the same level as previous seasons. We look forward to their ongoing support. Next season, we are hopeful of having a second turf wicket for C and D Grade at Ron Routley Oval. The costs of this has been covered by a State Government Grant as well as some financial assistance from a prominent club member. This will help the club enormously in future years.

The results achieved during 1993/94 have been magnificent and will be very difficult to emulate but with the return of club coach Steve Thomlinson and the right attitude amongst players we'll go very close.

Thanks to all who supported during the season.

Gerard Price

A Grade

The 1993/94 season was not one of our most successful even though we were a semi-final chance with 1 round to go. The off season saw the loss of 3 of our top 4 batsmen and this proved to be the difference between a semi-final and an ordinary season. We simply couldn't score enough runs to put pressure on the opposition.

We began the season with 2 wins in our first 3 games but a couple of no point draws followed and we fell behind the pack. Three losses in four games just before and after Christmas left us with a huge task to make the semis but a first innings and an outright win meant we had to win the last game and hope results went our way. We drew the game and missed the semis.

During the season there were a couple of games that proved very costly to our premiership chances. They included the following:

- vs Baulkham Hills where we scored 9 (dec) 224 but couldn't bowl them out (8-180) and a no point draw.
- vs Epping where they batted until well into the second day leaving us 57 overs to score 278 for victory. We played magnificently to be all out for 270 with one over to spare.

There were 2 other games where another 30-40 runs would have been very valuable and given us very competitive totals but our lack of batting depth proved very costly.

The season provided many individual highlights some of which include:

- Phil Tregagle 91 against Macquarie University.
- Jeff Ho's 6-53 against Canterbury.
- Paul Prices's 113 against Epping and 101 not out against Pennant Hills in only 26 overs.

The batting strength can be seen from the following figures that our obvious strength was our opening pair of Paul Price and Phil Tregagle.

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Wicket	Average/Wicket	Best Partnership
1	52.91	145 x P. Price, P. Tregeagle
2	35.82	153 x P. Price, P. Tregeagle
3	23.36	61 x P. Simpson, A. Blain
4	26.55	74 x G. Abood, P. Tregeagle
5	21.64	50 x P. Simpson, G. Abood
6	16.09	90 x P. Thomas, G. Price
7	18.27	68 x G. Armstrong, G. Price
8	12.45	29 x A. Macky, G. Price
9	20.44	57 x J. Ho, G. Price
10	16.00	23 x R. Tregeagle, J Ho

The bowling depth probably lacked one more medium pace – due to the loss of Shane Mantle and Steve Schomberg through injury but we simply weren't a good enough side to seriously threaten for the premiership.

Players Profiles:

Paul Price - Once again was the leading batsman and formed half of a very good opening combination. Scored 4 half centuries and 2 centuries, both brilliant efforts, against Epping (113) and Pennant Hills (101 x) in only 26 overs. Didn't get a bowl again.

Phil Tregeagle - In his first full season in A Grade proved to be a very good player. An excellent ally for PP scoring 4 half centuries and with PP combined in 4 half century opening partnerships and one unbroken century partnership. A good team man.

Paul Simpson - Simmo had a pretty disappointing season with the bat scoring less than 200 runs. Played well against Canterbury and Strathfield but couldn't convert 20's and 30's into the big scores he is capable of. Didn't bowl much.

Geoff Armstrong - Began the season well but fell away for the balance of the season with the exception of 39 against Strathfield and 46 against Warringah. His 66 against Linderfield showed what he is capable of but consistency deserted him. Surprisingly, didn't get a bowl.

Gerard Abood - promised big things on his return from grade but with the exception of 43 against Lane Cove failed to perform with the bat. Needs to tone down his aggression to perform consistently. Even if he paid the captain he would never have bowled.

Brad Wilson - Wilo's season with the bat would best be forgotten – 86 runs. After Christmas he really hit his straps with his bowling taking 16

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wickets bowling very well. More frequent appearances at training would see him playing more dominant roles in the games.

Andrew Macky - Only played a couple of games and received limited opportunities with the ball but with a little more variation in his bowling could cement a spot in A's.

Paul Thomas - Thommo's keeping was once again first class but his batting was his downfall. A great innings of 64 against Holroyd was his highlight. Maybe the pressures of his impending marriage upset his game.

Jeff Ho - Hoey once again proved what a handy cricketer he is. Saved the game for a draw against Warringah and combined with the skipper to build a good score against Canterbury. Led the wicket tally with 35 wickets including two 5 wickets hauls.

Richard Tregaele - The ageless Tregaele continued to take wickets in A's combining very well with Hoey. His 27 wickets were very important and regularly took the early wicket. Only dismissed twice all season.

Andrew Blain - One of our Melbourne connection who began the season brilliantly with 80 and 31. He only stayed for a few more games due to his work commitments back in Melbourne.

Frank Caristo - Filled in for a few games when Thommo was out and did a good job. Needs to keep his emotions under control to ensure he performs at the highest level all the time.

Paul James - Promoted to A's after Christmas due to some very good figures in B's and bowled well on a couple of occasions. A little more variation in flight will see him take even more wickets.

David Abood - Only played 2 games in A's before joining the refereeing ranks again.

Steve Thomlinson - Thommo played the last 3 games in A's and began his career with Briars on a bright note - "O". Needs to work harder on his game.

Gerard Price - Didn't score as well with the bat as he would have liked with 49 against Holroyd the top score. Took 28 wickets for the season including 16 in the last 3 games. Combined with Hoey to build a good total against Canterbury to ensure victory.

Thanks go to Jason Hughes and Shane Mantle who also played one game each during the season.

Gerard Price (Captain)

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A Grade Statistics

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	1	4	0	4	4	34	6th
Runs for	Wickets for	Average for	Runs against	Wickets against	Average against		
2542	103	24.7	2575	124	24.50		

Batting

Name	Matches	Inn.	N.O.	Runs	Avg	H.S.	50's	100's	Catches
P. Price	13	13	2	543	49.36	113	4	2	6
P. Tregeagle	13	13	2	427	38.82	91	4	0	3
A. Blain	6	5	0	143	28.60	80	1	0	3
G. Price	13	11	2	211	23.44	49	0	0	6
G. Armstrong	13	11	0	237	21.54	66	1	0	4
P. Simpson	11	9	0	171	19.00	37	0	0	5
J. Ho	13	11	4	128	18.28	28x	0	0	3
P. Thomas	8	7	0	102	14.57	64	1	0	14c, 1s
G. Abood	8	7	0	98	14.00	43	0	0	4
A. Macky	5	4	0	47	11.75	21	0	0	1
R. Tregeagle	13	9	7	23	11.50	7	0	0	3
B. Wilson	12	10	0	86	8.60	21	0	0	4

Also batted:

F. Caristo	3 innings for 33 runs (3 matches) 3 catches, 1 stumping
P. James	4 innings for 29 runs (4 matches) 1 catch
D. Abood	2 innings for 20 runs (2 matches)
S. Thomlinson	2 innings for 6 runs (3 matches) 3 catches
J. Hughes	1 inning for 0 runs (1 match) 2 catches
S. Mantle	1 inning for 18 runs (1 match)

Bowling

Name	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Avg	Run/Ov.	Ov/wkt	Best
J. Ho	203.1	48	35	550	15.71	2.71	5.80	6-53
G. Price	177	37	28	471	16.82	2.66	6.32	4-40
B. Wilson	160	39	21	490	23.33	3.06	7.62	4-20
R. Tregeagle	221.2	47	27	667	24.70	3.02	8.19	5-55
P. James	56	21	6	131	21.83	2.34	9.33	3-47
J. Hughes	10	3	1	29	29.00	2.90	10.00	1-5

Also bowled:

P. Simpson	12/0/0/46
S. Mantle	8/3/0/14
A. Macky	16/2/0/58

B Grade

PREMIERS! There is simply nothing more satisfying than starting an annual report with that word.

The B Grade cricket side secured both the Minor Premiership and Premiership, bringing the S J Mayne Trophy back to Burwood for the first time since 1989/90.

The success for the season may, in part, be attributed to the fact that the side achieved a couple of wins early in the season and the momentum rolled on from there. From that time on we were never out of the top four and made the other teams attempt to catch us. In any premiership there must be some luck go in your favour, and this was evidenced in the fact that we won 2 of our games by bowling sides out in the second last or last over of the day.

A total of 24 players were used throughout the year, of which 8 played two or less games. Of the 13 games throughout the regular season we won 9 on first innings and had two second week washouts against Bexley and Warringah. Our only two losses, firstly against Canterbury attempting to bat on the second week on a wet wicket where we were rolled for 82 chasing 185, and then an unexpected loss against Pennant Hills where we were simply outplayed. This round 12 loss against the cellar dwellers, in hindsight, was beneficial to the team as we had already secured our place in the semi's but any complacency was quickly removed and the team refocussed on the job to win the premiership.

The semi final against Canterbury was played at Rothwell. Winning the toss we batted and aimed to occupy the crease to accumulate runs. A second wicket partnership of 155 between Rohan Appleton and Warwick Giblin saw the side progress to 1-193 before Warwick was dismissed, handled ball, for 81. Rohan was dismissed shortly after, just before stumps for an exact 100. Both players continuing their great form. We finished the day at a comfortable 3/204. The middle and late order were a little disappointing the next day as we were dismissed in the fifth session of the match for 307. Anthony Clarke batted sensibly in his 42.

Bowling was to its usual high standard and we had Canterbury in early trouble at 4-35. This proceeded to 9-109 before a last wicket partnership of 101 saw Canterbury dismissed for 210. Pleasingly, the bowling honours were shared with Peter Schouten 3-37, Mat Young 2-30, Jason Hughes 2-41 and Anthony Clarke 3-42.

The final was also played at Rothwell, against Roseville the second placed team who we had defeated in round one some six months earlier. Winning

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the toss, we again elected to bat as had been the usual procedure throughout the year. However we were never on top with our batting being 3-41, 6-121 and finally dismissed for 163. This was extremely disappointing in light of our consistent performances throughout the year with several batsmen making starts but then dismissed. Fortunately a lone hand by Gerard Abood in a determined 71 gave our bowlers something to bowl at and our score a little respectability.

Pressure in a final is different to any other game. We exploited this perfectly with our bowling and fielding. We captured an early wicket but Roseville were in command at 1-72. A direct hit for a run out from Jason Hughes at fine leg and another wicket saw Roseville finish day one due to bad light at 3-73, but still favoured to win.

Overnight rain caused a one hour delay to the start of play. Resuming we captured 2 early wickets for Roseville to be 5-75 and the game was suddenly back in our favour. We relentlessly applied this pressure and dismissed Roseville for 112, their last 4 wickets falling for 6 runs. Star performer was Anthony Clarke who captured 5-21 from 13 overs, well supported by Jason Hughes 3-33. With the game far from over we batted with the same positive attitude as throughout the year and were 5-127 from 62 overs when an early finish was agreed too and the premiership was ours. After the on field celebrations and presentations we adjourned to the club to continue our premiership celebrations with C grade and the rest of the club.

My congratulations to the other 11 players who competed in this final, and a thank you to the other players who contributed throughout the year. Thanks also to all those who dropped into Rothwell during the year or were there for the finals for their support.

Overall we played as a team throughout the year, enjoying our game at all times. This culminated in our Premiership.

Other specific team highlights of the year were:

- Macquarie Uni 1-17 then 6-19, all out 60
- The last wicket win in the second last over vs Strathfield
- Baulkham Hills chasing our 277 being 7-258 then all our 266 (last wicket in the final over, caught David Abood bowled Andy Macky)
- Passing Auburn 9 down

Congratulations to all players in the club in recording the most successful season for The Briars in attaining the club Championship and a special thanks to the executive of the club in sponsoring the club championship shirts. Congratulations also to Peter Richardson and C grade on their premiership and to Tim Worner and D grade on their semi final berth.

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The success of the year is due in no small part to the untiring efforts of cricket chairman Gerard Price. It was most pleasing to see Gerard's continued efforts and enthusiasm rewarded with this most successful season. Thanks also to Phil Edgar, groundsman at Rothwell for his time and efforts in the preparation of the ground. Steve Thomlinson deserves special praise for his efforts as first year coach in getting the most out of each player. Thanks also to my fellow selectors who spent many a long hour in the boardroom on Saturday evenings selecting sides. It was pleasing that the most difficult task throughout the year was deciding what players should be relegated to a lower grade instead of the reverse. Finally a special thanks to Anne James who was our scorer for the majority of the year. It was most appreciated by all.

On behalf of all players a very special worked of thanks to Ted Stockdale and Bob Clarke in their unfailing support of cricket every Saturday afternoon. We were delighted to reward their support with a Premiership.

The players:

Warwick Giblin

Enjoyed a most successful year with the bat with an aggregate of 522 runs at 47.45. This average broke the clubs previous long held record for B Shires. Warwick is a model of concentration with the bat as evidenced in his many long innings in the centre. He scored a superb 102 against Pennant Hills in a 178 second wicket stand with Rohan Appleton. This partnership also broke the clubs second wicket and all wicket partnerships. Everyone enjoyed the recovery party held at his place after the premiership win.

John Price

Formed a formidable left/right opening combination with Warwick, with this pair opening the innings on 8 occasions and were primarily responsible for our first wicket average of 47. These continual solid starts allowed the side to accumulate large scores. John was unfortunate to miss out on his maiden century for the club (yet again) with 93 against Holroyd. John often got good starts but failed to convert these into higher scores as an opener should. To his credit, did not miss a game throughout the year.

Rohan Appleton

A newcomer to the club this year and part of the Melbourne connection. Capped a great first year with the club in scoring 2 centuries being 112 not out against Pennant Hills and then 100 in the semi 2 games later. Shared another second wicket 155 run stand with Warwick during the semi. A dynamic cover fieldsman who will throw himself at anything.

Brett Howle

A very frustrating season with the bat with starts being made on most occasions but then getting out. However this was compensated in captaining a Briars side to a Premiership is his second year of captaincy. Enjoyed the luxury of bowling himself for just one over and capturing a wicket. Won more tosses than he lost which kept him in the side on some occasions.

Gerard Abood

Joined the side after Christmas due to some indifferent form in A's. Saved his best innings for the year in scoring 71 in the final in holding the side together. This innings showed Gerard's ability with the bat and was an integral part of our win. An enthusiastic fielder, who is always keen to motivate his teammates when needed.

Andy Macky

Enjoyed his first premiership with the club immensely. Scored a great 56 n.o. in a one dayer against Lindfield early in the season thus ensuring a victory. Was promoted to A's for a part of the season but returned to be part of the side in the lead up to the semi's. Captured 4-65 vs Baulkham Hills with his leggies, including the vital last wicket. A great team man, with his only downfall is that he is always the last arriving, some 15 minutes after everyone else.

Jason Smith

Played 2 stints in the side with a top score of 56 n.o. against Strathfield. As a classy middle order batsman it was pleasing to see Jason be part of the C Grade Premiership.

Paul James

Enjoyed great success with the ball which earned him a deserved promotion to A grade. Paul's early season form in B's was great with returns of 4-16 vs Macquarie, 5-60 vs Canturbury (from 34 straight overs) and then followed by 7-86 in the next round against Strathfield. Paul also played some important batting roles during the year. Due to his promotion Paul was 12th man for the semi's and finals. Topped the wicket aggregate even with his time in A's.

Frank Caristo

Started the season in B's as keeper but was promoted to A's during the season. Frank kept soundly on most occasions but must contain his frustrations with himself so it does not interrupt the team momentum.

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Mat Young

Mat is a whole hearted competitor who strives to give 100% on each occasion. This effort was sometimes frustrating for Mat as he continually suffered "no balling" problems during the year. Mat must work on this problem in his game to be a complete opening bowler. He can be relied upon with the bat when required as can be seen in his 56 n.o. to go with his 5-64 in the opening round. A deserved participant of the premiership side.

Anthony Clarke

Returning from overseas Anthony eventually forced his way through the lower grades and secured a place in B's from round 8 onwards. Highlight of the year was his bowling performance in the final where he captured 5-21. A competitor who always enjoys his cricket and also a very useful late order bat. Clarkie also topped the bowling averages.

Jason Hughes

Jason also forced his way in to the side due to impressive lower grade performances. He cemented his place in the side through his consistent bowling, failing to get a wicket on only 2 of 13 occasions. Jason has the ability to come on as a change bowler and either tighten the situation to prevent runs, or continue the attack in getting wickets. Had a whiff of A's during the year and should continue to strive for this.

Peter Schouten

Peter is as laid back as they come. He is not your typical quick bowler as he lacks the aggression normally associated with an opening bowler. Peter is a consistent performer being continually at the batsman. His best performance of the year was against Warringah where he had their top order in disarray and finished with 5-47.

Brett Howle **Captain**

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B Grade Statistics

Matches	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
15	0	11	0	2	2	54	1st
Runs For	Wkts For	Avg For	Runs Against	Wkts Against	Avg Against		
3225	108	29.87	2672	132	20.24		

Batting (min 5 innings)

Name	Mchs	Inn	N/O	Agr	Avg	HS	100's	50's	Catches
W Giblin	10	12	1	522	47.45	102	1	2	2
D Abood	5	5	1	182	45.50	57	0	2	3
R Appleton	12	11	1	446	44.80	112x	2	1	6
A Macky	10	10	3	266	38.00	57	0	2	3
T Aili	5	5	1	110	27.50	73	0	1	1
G Abood	8	6	0	159	26.50	71	0	1	3
J Price	15	15	1	343	24.60	93	0	1	5
J Hughes	12	7	4	50	16.87	24x	0	0	4
B Howle	15	14	1	209	16.08	34	0	0	8
P James	9	6	2	62	15.50	10x	0	0	3
M Young	12	8	3	75	15.00	58x	0	1	2
F Caristo	12	9	2	94	13.43	17	0	0	13c, 1st
A Clarke	8	6	0	66	11.00	42	0	0	2
P Schouten	13	7	2	16	3.00	15	0	0	2

Also Batted

Name	Mchs	Inn	N/O	Agr	Avg	HS	100's	50's	C
W Scott	2	2	2	87	n.a.	75x	0	1	3
P Simpson	1	1	0	77	77.00	77	0	1	0
J Smith	7	4	2	101	50.50	55x	0	1	6
P Thomas	2	2	0	20	45.00	66	0	1	3
S Mantle	2	1	0	17	17.00	17	0	0	2
B Graham	3	2	0	18	9.00	18	0	0	1
T Murphy	1	1	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	1
S Schomberg	1	0	0	0	DNB	0	0	0	1
R Tregunna	1	0	0	0	DNB	0	0	0	0
J Fergusson	1	0	0	0	DNB	0	0	0	0

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Wicket	Avg	Highest Partnership	Players	Opposition
1	46.99	111	T Aili & D Abood	Strathfield
2	61.38	179	W Giblin & R Appleton	Pennant Hills
3	21.14	59	B Howle & R. Appleton	Auburn
4	17.08	43	B Howle & P Simpson	Macquarie Uni
5	33.03	99	G Abood & A Macky	Holroyd
6	25.91	72	P Thomas & W Scott	Baulkham Hills
7	16.60	63x	J Smith & P James	Strathfield
8	27.28	70x	W Scott & J Hughes	Baulkham Hills
9	10.71	34	J Hughes & A Clarke	Canterbury
10	9.83	45	P Schouten & M Young	Roseville

Bowling (Min 8 wkts)

Name	Overs	Mald	Wkts	Runs	Avg	O/Wkt	Runs/Over	Best
A Clarke	110.4	22	19	283	14.89	5.81	2.56	5/21
P Schouten	137	27	20	349	17.48	6.85	2.55	5/47
J Hughes	151.4	44	20	356	17.80	7.57	2.35	4/29
P James	161.2	50	22	404	18.36	7.33	2.51	7/86
W Giblin	35	8	5	113	22.60	7.00	3.23	3/44
M Young	137.3	19	19	454	25.47	7.23	3.63	5/84
A Macky	102.3	13	11	318	28.91	9.90	3.11	4/65

Also Bowled

S Mantle	22	6	2	89	34.50	11.00	5.14	2/26
B Howle	0.4	0	1	4	4.00	0.40	4.00	1/4
T Murphy	10	0	1	43	43.00	10.00	4.30	1/43
S Schomberg	18	6	0	24	-	-	1.53	0/24
J Fergusson	18	2	0	42	-	-	2.63	0/42
J Price	11	4	0	40	-	-	3.64	0/8
R Tregunna	10	2	0	25	-	-	2.50	0/25
P Simpson	8	2	0	31	-	-	3.68	0/4
J Smith	4	1	0	9	-	-	2.25	0/9

B Grade Cricket Premiers



Back Row (left to right): Jason Hughes, Mat Young, Warwick Giblin, Peter Schouten, Anthony Clarke, Frank Caristo.

Seated (left to right): Rohan Appleton, John Price, Brett Howle (Captain), Gerard Abood, Paul James.

Absent: Andy Macky.

C Grade

The Burwood 1993/94 C Grade side capped a magnificent season by achieving the Minor Premiership/Premiership double and winning the J B Hollander Trophy for the first time since 1980/81.

Comprising one of the most experienced sides for many years, the team performed consistently throughout the season, finished the preliminary rounds on 58 points, four ahead of the second placed team. Overall the semi finalists were fairly evenly matched, being separated by only ten points, but these four were clearly ahead of the rest of the field, with the fourth placed team finishing fourteen points ahead of the fifth.

With the exception of two draws in the fourth and fifth rounds (one of which being abandoned without any play through rain), the team completed twelve consecutive first innings wins only to falter in the last round against Warringah when we were comprehensively beaten. This game was probably the only time that our top order batting failed, but this proved fortuitous in that most of our middle and late order batsmen had the opportunity to gain some experience under pressure conditions. In hindsight this preparation was to prove very important as a lead in to the finals, and the loss had the effect of ridding the side of any complacency that may have emerged after such a successful run. It was indeed a very committed and determined side that took the field against a confident Warringah the following week.

The team boasted a particularly strong batting side, which would not have been out of place in a higher competition. At the completion of the preliminary rounds the side had lost only 66 wickets for the remarkable average of over 40 runs. Five of our top order batsmen scored in excess of 250 runs and averaged over 25 per innings, including Gary Schomberg who topped the Association's averages for C Grade during the preliminary rounds with 56.88.

The bowling was well balanced and nearly always in control. The return of Steve Schomberg to cricket in the new year after serious knee surgery and rehabilitation and his gradual return to full fitness and form was an extremely important factor in the team's success in the final series. The bowling was well supported by a very good fielding side. Very few catches were missed during the season and the anticipation and alertness of the ground fielding always exerted additional pressure on the opposing batsmen.

As mentioned earlier, we met Warringah in the semi final on an Epping Oval wicket of very high standard. Despite the efforts of vandals on the

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night preceding the match in slashing the covers and causing some, fortunately, minor damage to the pitch, the start of play was delayed only by virtue of persistent showers during the morning. We won the toss and elected to field.

Warringah battered solidly to finish with 194 early into the second day. Steve Schomberg led the bowling with a superb performance with 6 for 59 off 22 overs, ably supported by Saeed Khan (2 for 37), James Ferguson (2 for 56) and most remarkably, given the events that were to unfold overnight, Wayne Scott, who while complaining of a stomach disorder battled on admirably to bowl unchanged for eleven overs, taking 0 for 32. This was during a period when the game could have very easily slipped from our control. As it subsequently transpired Wayne was rushed to hospital during that evening for an emergency operation to have his appendix removed. His team mates now very much appreciate the difficulties under which Wayne had laboured during his efforts the previous afternoon. Now being a top order batsmen short, we set about our task under difficult conditions built around an exceptionally responsible innings by Brett Graham, who scored a fighting 55, virtually each of the top eight batsmen made a significant contribution to overhauling the Warringah total. This was achieved with the loss of only six wickets. Undoubtedly the determination and finals experience of a number of the side contributed significantly to a most meritorious win.

Macquarie University was the other successful semi finalist. Unfortunately we were denied the usual privilege as the minor premier of at least playing the final on a neutral ground, when we met on our opponent's home ground. We won the toss and elected to bat on what turned out to be a most uncharacteristic Macquarie wicket, with the ball often rearing head high off a good length during the first session. David Trewin played a virtual lone hand in compiling a hard fought 45 in a seemingly inadequate total of 132.

With the wicket losing much of its venom in the post lunch session, Macquarie proceeded at a brisk rate and reached 42 without loss, however inspired bowling from Steve Schomberg and James Ferguson, supported by some outstanding catching saw five quick wickets fall for the addition of only 17 runs. During this facet of play the team showed a highly tuned ability to convert pressure very quickly back upon the opposition. A minor revival saw the score reach 6 for 103 before another breakthrough had the opposition 9 for 110 at stumps at the conclusion of an eventful first day.

Steve Schomberg took the last wicket in his first over the next morning, completing another magnificent performance with final figures of 5 for 41 off 24 overs. He was more than ably supported by James Ferguson who finished with a typically whole hearted effort with 4 for 29 off 18 overs. With virtually the whole of a day's play still available Burwood realised

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the game was far from over and recommenced the game accordingly. After losing an early wicket, Jason Smith, in his unaccustomed role as opener, and Gary Schomberg ground out a hard fought partnership of 127, thus placing the game out of reach of our opponents, who finally conceded the match at tea.

The win was particularly rewarding given the circumstances of the wicket early in the match. Burwood certainly deserved the accolades accorded to them as premiers.

The middle grade strength of the Club was well exemplified with a strong fight back by the B Grade side to also take out the premiership - congratulations to Brett Howle and his boys on a well earned win.

From a Club point of view the team obviously played an important role, along with the other four sides, in securing the most important prize of all, the Club Championship. Congratulations to all participants on this wonderful achievement.

The only downside for the season was the need for the Club's two lower Shire sides to again host games at St Luke's, pending resolution of our attempts to secure a second turf wicket. Fortunately it would appear that this long awaited change is close to reaching fruition and the two teams will be playing on a venue more befitting the status of the competition.

Despite the tremendous success of the season with the Club Championship and the B and C Grade premiership trophies in our cabinet, I sound a word of caution as far as the future of our Club's cricket is concerned. We still derive the benefit of the foresight of previous administrations of the Club's cricket wherein we were able to introduce some very good young cricketers from the junior program that was implemented at the time. Unfortunately our strength is still very much dependent on this group, who are all getting older. Although we still maintain the program, with one or two exceptions, we are not seeing the two or three above average teenage cricketers each year that is so necessary to secure our current success into the future. We must as a club ensure that appropriate emphasis is placed on this strategy in the immediate years ahead.

Once again the team's thanks go to a number of people whose diligent work, mostly behind the scenes, has contributed significantly to the Club's success story this year:-

- to the cricket committee, and Gerard Price in particular, for the very professional manner in which our sport is administered,
- to Steve Thomlinson, who in his first year as club coach, played a significant role in providing one of Club's most successful seasons in

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recent times and his efforts, particularly in the pre season training sessions had all sides well prepared right from the beginning.

- to my fellow selectors for the many hours of thoughtful and diligent consideration that has made an at times difficult task most rewarding.

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

Terry Kershaw

On most occasions assisted in getting the side away to a good start, as evidenced in an aggregate of 388 at an average of over 30. Took eight catches in the slips cordon, including one magnificent take at a crucial stage in the final which did much to turn the course of the match. His experience, keen support for the team and Club, and unassuming demeanour contributed much to the overall team effort.

Jason Smith

Joined the team again towards the end of season and in two games showed what a class player he is at this level. The first of these was early in the season in a limited overs game against Lindfield, when, showing admirable coolness under pressure, he led the side home in a tight game, scoring 69 not out to pass the opposition's score in the second last over. The second example was in the final when, after we had secured a narrow first innings lead, Jason showed tremendous concentration combining with Gary Schomberg to play an uncharacteristically restrained innings throughout most of the second day to thwart any chance our opponents had of winning outright. Another great team participant.

Tom Bikou

For most of the season opened the batting and, together with Terry Kershaw, invariably gave the side a good start. Unfortunately of the seven times Tom reached 20, only once was he able to convert the score past 40. Worked hard during the season to enhance his fielding skills with much improved results. Still needs to improve his punctuality as on a number of occasions left the team short for varying periods at the start of play. After being part of the team for virtually the whole of the season must be considered as unfortunate to be the member to miss selection in the finals side when the full complement of players became available.

Gary Schomberg

Despite early and mid season unavailability (five games) Gary displayed his undoubted class by amassing almost 450 runs, including five scores over 50. His 127 run partnership with Jason Smith in the second innings of the final, when the game was far from over, typified his endeavours for

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the season. In this innings Gary adapted his game to the demands of the circumstances in the interests of the team. Maintained his total involvement in the game by keeping wickets in competent fashion for most of the season. Now that he is fully available will undoubtedly resume his rightful place in the higher grades.

Brett Graham

For the most part Brett probably did not perform to his fullest potential, although in two innings demonstrated plenty of grit and determination in playing significant roles in two of the sides most important victories. In the first of these games played in the oppressive bushfire conditions early in January, Brett held a depleted batting side together for a well compiled 56. The second opportunity arose in the semi final when Brett showed considerable maturity in leading the way with a fighting 55. This innings was instrumental in the side progressing to the final. If Brett can concentrate in doing the hard work at the beginning of his innings he certainly has the ability to carry on to become a very good middle order batsman. Adapted particularly well to his new found position at short leg where he snared 14 catches to lead the number of catches taken by a C grader for all clubs during the season.

David Trewin

A most welcome return after a couple of seasons of temporary retirement. Ever reliable at fourth wicket, often held the side together in the latter stages of an innings, his most valuable contribution being a determined 45 on a spiteful wicket in the final. In touch, the timing of his legside play is particularly productive and entertaining. With the overall strength provided by the specialist bowlers David was perhaps under-utilised as a bowler. Continues to be a very competitive cricketer and very useful to have around during the big games at the end of the season.

Wayne Scott

Joined the team midway during the season due to early unavailability, and although having only limited opportunities, contributed with both bat and ball. Showed a return to form during the late order revival in the last preliminary round game against Warringah. The circumstances giving rise to Wayne missing the second day of the semi final and the final have been recounted earlier in this report. Needless to say the rest of the team shared Wayne's disappointment in missing the highlight of the season. Undoubtedly Wayne was very much part of the overall success and his absence made each of this team mates just a little more determined to win.

Peter Richardson

Enjoyed immensely the opportunity to lead a Club premiership team for the fourth time. As with a number of other senior players in the team, his

prior finals experience unquestionably played a very important role in the team coping with the totally different cricket which is called for in games at this level. Although some of the skills of former years may have diminished somewhat, still maintains a high level of enthusiasm. Again batting in the lower order was not a prolific scorer, but nevertheless made contributions at crucial times in a number of important games.

Steve Schomberg

The team was particularly fortunate to have the services of Steve during the second half of the season on his way back to cricket from a serious knee injury. From his first game immediately after Christmas, Steve progressively regained his full fitness and form by the time of the finals. In these games Steve was instrumental in firstly placing pressure on the opposition by tight bowling and then proceeding to demolish the middle and lower batting order taking a total of eleven wickets for 99 off just 46 overs in the two games. His competitive attitude and will to win made a very important contribution to the psychological advantage that the team exerted over the opposition in both games. A real pleasure to have a player of Steve's standing in the side.

Paul Mattick

The team's sole contributor to the spinning ranks, Paul provided the very necessary balance to a tight fast medium attack. It was often this variation which provided the vital breakthrough. Because of the nature of the wickets in the finals, did not have much opportunity to show his wares. Made a couple of useful contributions with the bat in the lower order. His tactical advice right throughout the season was very much appreciated by the captain. An important part of a very experienced C Grade side and enjoyed probably more than anyone the thrill of a premiership win.

James Ferguson

One of the band of Melbourne boys who made a significant contribution to the Club during the season. A fearsome sight when in full cry, unleashing his thunderbolts from a position almost behind the umpire's ear. Gave a totally whole hearted performance each time he took the ball and his 4 for 29 in the final was probably his best effort for the season. Unfortunately will be lost to the Club when his work takes him to New Zealand in the coming months.

Saeed Khan

Playing his first full season with C's, showed that with perseverance and bowling steady line and length was a more than capable bowler at this level. Secured 30 wickets opening the bowling, including an exceptional patch in mid season when he had three consecutive five wicket hauls

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providing a constant reminder to the Chairman of Selectors of his claims for a trial at a higher level.

Andrew Poole

Another one of the Club's Melbourne recruits, joined the side for the last competition round and immediately showed he could be a very fine acquisition for the Club. Came into the side for the final in the enforced absence of Wayne Scott. Unfortunately now lost to the Club due to relocation with employment.

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 David Abood, Anthony Clarke, Terri Aili, Jason Hughes, Rhet Tregunna, Peter Este, Terry Murphy, Paul Simpson, Rohan Appleton, Alex Staines, Robin Nandi, Spiro Troubetas, David Wright and Keiran Campbell.

Peter Richardson Captain

C Grade Statistics

Matches	Won 1st	Loss 1st	Lost O/R	Drawn	Points	Position
13	10	1	1*	2	58	1st

*after leading on first innings

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average against
2,883	86	36.55	2,877	150	20.65

Batting (*not out)

Name	Inn	N.O.	H.S.	50's	100's	Agg	Avg	Catches
G. Schomberg	10	2	81	5	-	447	56.88	16 (w/k)
J. Smith	6	1	72	3	-	237	47.40	8 (6 w/k)
D. Trewin	10	1	61*	4	-	348	38.67	-
T. Kershaw	14	2	77*	3	-	388	32.33	8
T. Bikou	11	1	77	1	-	284	28.40	6

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Also batted (completed innings)

		Catches			Catches
D. Abood	1 for 163	1	T. Aili	2 for 49	1
P. Simpson	1 for 128	-	R. Nandi	1 for 47	1
W. Scott	3 for 121	3	J. Ferguson	2 for 36	6
P. Richardson	7 for 99	5	K. Campbell	0 for 29	1
S. Schomberg	4 for 88	2	P. Este	0 for 25	-
P. Mattick	4 for 85	10	R. Appleton	1 for 14	-
A. Staines	0 for 74	4 (w/k)	S. Khan	1 for 13	4
		1 stump	D. Wright	1 for 8	-
A. Poole	1 for 49	2			

Bowling

Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wickets	Avg	Best
S. Schomberg	134.5	28	352	20	17.60	6/58
S. Khan	230.5	58	578	30	19.27	6/46
J. Ferguson	233.4	37	500	23	21.74	4/29
P. Mattick	213.5	37	609	25	24.36	6/46

Also bowled

T. Murphy	11 for 178	P. Este	3 for 110
J. Hughes	7 for 88	P. Simpson	2 for 21
W. Scott	6 for 122	A. Poole	1 for 38
A. Clarke	5 for 51	R. Tregunna	1 for 84
D. Trewin	5 for 151	R. Nandi	0 for 31
R. Appleton	3 for 49		

C Grade Cricket Premiers



Back Row (left to right): Wayne Scott, David Trewin, Steve Schomberg, Terry Kershaw, James Ferguson, Gary Schomberg, Brett Graham.

Seated (left to right): Andrew Poole, Paul Mattick, Peter Richardson (Captain), Saeed Khan, Jason Smith.

D Grade

The 1993/94 season saw the D's finish one place higher than the previous year and clinch fourth spot on the table thus sealing a birth in the semis. It proved to be a season of mixed emotions and feelings. The final feeling felt by most was one of "what if?".

The Season in Summary

- Finished 4th on the table, one spot higher than last year
- Lost 2 games all year both to Macquarie Uni (the eventual D grade Premiers), the 2nd loss was the semi
- 7 games were rain affected where at least one whole day was lost
- 3 of these were 2nd day wash outs where no result was achieved (Roseville, Canterbury, Warringah). In all three of these games we had batted and were well placed in achieving a result
- 1 game was totally washed out without a ball being bowled (Bexley)
- The semis saw us bowl and field with great determination to dismiss Macquarie for 205 only to see us bat the worst we had all year to be dismissed for 154.

Highlights of the Season

- A deft bowling change to bring Spiro into the bowling attack to see him break the 54 run last wicket partnership in the Lane Cove innings. Lane Cove failed by 3 runs to overtake our score. Three years of nagging finally paid off eh Spiro.
- A sparkling century from Shane Mantle (102) v's Macquarie Uni in his only appearance in the D's this year
- A fighting rearguard action from Mick Abood and Dennis Carroll to stave off defeat against a desperate Strathfield. This was as good as a win and against this foe it certainly felt like a win
- A spanking 84 by big Ray v's Baulkham Hills. He just could not hit that yellow van
- Our outright win against Holroyd after missing out on 1st innings points
- Andy Poole's big game v's Holroyd - 72 and 31* plus 4 wickets to boot

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- Andy Poole's great diving catch in the semis
- 4 players scoring in excess of 250 runs for the season - Spiro (388); KC (295); Timbo (272); Big Ray (251)
- Spiro's great reformation - Aggregate of 388; Average in excess of 35; a handful of wickets; 7 catches and a determination to rival any other player in the club
- All bowlers sharing in the spoils for the season. KC 6 for 24 v's Epping; Dessie 5 for 60 v's Holroyd; Mattie 4 for 24 v's Auburn; Murph 5 for 28 v's Pennant Hills; Big Ray 4 for 43 v's Lane Cove.

Close but not close enough. All up, it was a very satisfying year. Thanks to all those who ventured onto the field this season especially to the core of players who made up the bulk of the D grade side week in week out. These players helped keep the true Briars sporting tradition well alive.

Players Profiles

Dave Wright - Wrighty returned to the Shires ranks for the first round. For this game he had the choice of batting at 8 or opening. He chose the latter and stayed in the role all season. Top score for the season was a fighting 55 v's Lane Cove. Got to see his bowling talents against Canterbury. Unfortunately these talents were not required for the rest of the season.

Andre Berenger - Believes in keeping his talents and potential hidden. Somewhere in that head of his are a lot of runs. When that can be tapped look out. Best score was a 36 v's Lindfield. Has the potential to play in the higher grades.

Spiro Troubetas - What a year! Is this the same bloke who was dropped from D's last year. Attitude, determination, skill and belief in his own ability are just some of the changes we have seen in Spiro this year. Destined for higher pastures (unfortunately for D's). Has some big goals for next season. If I were a betting man I wouldn't back against him achieving them.

Tim Worner - Had a good year with the bat by his standards. Top scored with a fine 73 against Macquarie Uni. Had a number of promising knocks nipped in the bud by trigger happy later order batsmen wanting a bat. Captained the side well again this year.

Keiren Campbell - Came second in the batting aggregates this year and topped the wicket taking department with his right arm, slow somethings. A handy player to have in the team. Top score was a 61 against Canterbury and best bowling was 6 for 24 v's Epping.

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Marc Burns - Only saw glimpses of his talent during the year. Scored a 50 in the first game of the season but failed to come close to this mark again. Would do better if he had more belief in his own abilities.

Brian Kirk - Kirky can be best described as a surprise player. Comes out with runs, a wicket or a catch when least expected. Is a good advertisement for the slip, slop, slap campaign. Puts most of this cream on his forefinger before he goes out to umpire especially when the skipper is about to come in. Is a good team man.

Terry Murphy - Bowled 573 deliveries; had a run scored every 3.04 balls bowled; took a wicket with every 20.88 runs scored; every 3.074 overs bowled a maiden over; average 20.88. While playing D's enjoyed his bowling stints and longish stays at the batting crease. Can always find a spot at fine leg for this old bloke.

Anthony Raymond - Loves scoring runs. Loves taking wickets. Loves playing hard. Loves his social life. His best performances were after big Friday nights. Good bloke to have in any team, especially a semi final team. Maybe next year eh big fella.

Matt Jennings - Every team needs a Mat Jennings. Helps pass those long cricket hours with his enthusiastic view on life. Did well with the ball. Threw away or should I say ran away numerous opportunities with the bat. Best bowling was a 4 for 24 against Auburn.

Andrew Poole - Fitted in well with the team (for a Mexican). Not many players get to play in a premiership winning team after playing in a losing semi final especially in their first year with the club. Managed to accomplish this by receiving a late call up to the C's final. An excellent cricketer destined for higher grades if still in town next year.

Des Morrison - Proved how versatile a cricketer he is when he achieved his best figures for the year by bowling leggies. Was "discovered" just before the game rolling his arm over and actually getting the ball to land on the pitch. When asked if he could do that in a game Des replied, "If it means keeping the ball in my hand I'll bowl anything you want Timmy". Just about sums up this enigmatic cricketer.

Mick Abood - Was set to make a big impact with his bowling this year but unfortunately, injury put an end to this. The games Mick did play showed he has the ability and will play higher grades.

Tim Worner

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'D' Shire Statistics

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
14	1	6	-	2	5	42	4th

Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average
2989	114	26.2	1875	108	17.36

Batting

Name	No. of Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	50's	Aggregate	Avg	Catches
A. Raymond	7	2	84	2	251	50.00	4
T. Murphy	7	3	55*	1	174	43.50	-
A. Poole	6	1	72	1	177	35.40	3
S. Troubetas	12	1	71	3	388	35.27	7
K. Campbell	12	2	61	1	295	29.50	6
T. Womer	13	1	73	2	272	22.66	12
M. Jennings	6	1	45	-	112	22.40	4
M. Burns	10	1	56	-	190	21.11	4
B. Kirk	10	2	64	1	151	18.87	3
D. Wright	13	-	55	1	220	16.92	1
A. Berenger	13	-	36	-	160	12.30	-
D. Morrison	7	2	21	-	51	10.20	4

Also Batted

	Catches
S. Mantle 1 for 102	-
M. Abood 4 for 69	2
D. Carroll 5 for 34	4
P. Mattick 1 for 121	-
J. Ferguson 1 for 20	-
T. Elhassan 1 for 12	-
M. Graham 1 for 8	1
T. Challita 2 for 6	1
P. Wallace 1 for 5	1
W. Hutton 1 for 0	2

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Bowling

Name	Overs	Maid.	Runs	Wickets	Avg	Best
K. Campbell	104.1	24	284	17	16.70	6 for 24
M. Jennings	91	28	257	15	17.13	4 for 24
A. Raymond	99	35	204	10	20.40	4 for 43
T. Murphy	95.3	31	188	9	20.88	5 for 28
D. Morrison	121.3	25	346	15	23.06	5 for 60
B. Kirk	50	12	141	6	23.50	3 for 22
M. Abood	62	10	188	7	26.85	3 for 51

Also Bowled

A. Poole	5 for 72
J. Ferguson	4 for 40
S. Troubetas	3 for 29
W. Hutton	3 for 54
M. Graham	2 for 55
T. Challita	2 for 55
S. Mantle	1 for 26

Under 24's

The 1993-94 season for the U/24s turned out to be one of mixed fortunes. In a season that began by promising so much, we unfortunately allowed the results to fade away a little in the end.

The year certainly started on the right note, with a convincing victory over Baulkham Hills. Defending a modest total of 172 (Brett Graham 43, Gerard Abood 36), we bowled and fielded superbly, dismissing them for a mere 57, with Sloan Richardson (4-2) and Michael Abood (4-25) really shining.

The next 2 games, against Auburn and Bexley, were extremely close affairs, Burwood unfortunately ending up on the wrong side of the ledger on both occasions. Against Auburn, defending 9-204, we were passed on the last ball of the innings, with one wicket to spare, the most heartbreaking loss imaginable. Bexley was another nail-biter, where defending 151, and having Bexley 8-102, several missed opportunities saw them pass us 8 down. There were some solid individual performances in these games, despite the negative results. John Allen and Robin Nandi both batted well for 31 against Bexley, and a lethal spell of express bowling saw Bexley almost crumble at the hands of Jason Hughes (4-43).

Round 4 brought us up against Holroyd, in what was undoubtedly the highlight of the year. Bowling and fielding like a team possessed, we dismissed Holroyd (the eventual Premiers) for only 130. Again Abood was the chief destroyer, bagging 4-34. Reaching the total was never a problem, with Terry Aili smashing a quick-fire 40, and Gerard Abood and Frank Caristo steering us to an 8 wicket victory, with 32 and 33 not out respectively.

The post Christmas performances were a far cry from what we knew we were capable of. In a disappointing effort, we let Strathfield off the hook a number of times, allowing them to amass a total of 256. Despite some great batting by Frank Caristo (36) and John Allen (71), we were never really in the hunt, being dismissed for 191. And as for our match against Canterbury, the less said, the better. We came second in that game.

All said and done, the year, overall was a successful one. As it turned out, had the two early close games gone our way, we'd have made the semi-finals, an achievement that would have been met with no surprise from any of the players, as we knew we were capable of at least that.

I want to convey my thanks firstly to every player in the side for their commitment, particularly those who played in every game. Thanks also to Anthony Clarke and Wayne Scott, who managed the side with competence and enthusiasm, making my life as captain a hell of a lot easier.

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The season produced a number of positive aspects, mainly the introduction to the club of a few younger players, all of whom performed admirably, and the core of players that proved to be both talented and committed. The same commitment by all these players, coupled with an expected bolstering of the youth ranks in the club next season, augurs well for the U/24s in 1994-95.

David Abood

Rugby

The 1994 rugby season was always going to be a tough one having to play 19 clubs in a sudden death competition. We all knew how important the season would be to the Briars. If we were to stay in second division it would mean that we actually would be going up one level due to the closing of second division grade. Moving down to third division would put us at the same level.

The pre-season preparation started off with our fitness trainer Chris Howard departing for a working holiday around Australia. You never really understand what a person does for the club until they depart. We certainly missed Chris in both fitness and injury prevention. This however, does not take away the outstanding job Stu Brisbane undertook as his replacement. Our numbers during the pre-season were high with Briars being embarrassed at times with large numbers turning out to the trials. We had a large influx of players from Drummoyne and others from recruiting preformed throughout the off season. We registered 49 new players in total.

The new players registered sounds strong, however, we lost 50 players from last year and we must ask ourselves why such large numbers vanish. We have asked many of those who have left. Several have retired, and moved away from the area. The most common answer given is simple, they want to play rugby, however, do not want to have to continually work throughout their Saturday before playing.

This problem comes from the fact that Briars Rugby is missing a generation gap. Many players over the past ten years have finished playing and have not put back what they have been given throughout their years playing for Briars. All the clubs we play against have their retired players as managers, coaches, first aid, administration, or just helping out. Rugby's strength is within clubs. The talent we have within the Briars is not used.

It is disappointing to see the younger players within Briars missing out on the talent we have within the club. We lack the age with so many young players not learning from the elder generation which should be there. This does not mean you have to commit yourselves to every Saturday. It means coming along to training two or three times a year, pitching in a couple of Saturdays, showing your support and offering your knowledge. Briars Rugby will not move ahead until we obtain this type of support. We will continue to loose good young talent and produce players without the required skills and commitment.

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We had 3 players coaching this year which is just not on. We had a first grade manager who also played and one other manager for the other four grades. We can not continue this way in what has become a very competitive competition and which has lifted in professionalism at the administration level. Clubs are bringing players from overseas, hiring full time administrators, and increasing their support staff. We must lift or be left behind.

It has been very disappointing this season when many of the retired players I am pointing the finger at, complain and criticise those who are putting it in. Briars Rugby rests on your shoulders and until each of you start putting in from what you have taken out for many years, Briars Rugby will not maintain the level required to be competitive.

Club Results

The club championship results are listed below with Hunters Hill coming in on top. Hunters Hill once again produced many overseas players with only a couple of true Hunters Hill players in first grade. Several clubs this season purchased players which certainly made our task harder.

Briars finished 12th on the ladder with a protest outstanding against Matraville who played unregistered players protest throughout the season. This could mean Briars moving into 11th spot with Hunters going to first division and Briars staying in second division. This still depends on what happens to Drummoyne, Penrith, and Hornsby.

First Grade

The first grade side coached by Terry O'Kane and supported by Milton Howell 'the third', and manager Gary Pearce. It was tough season for this side with many injuries. Several weeks with a club total of 15 and over players out with illness or injury. Terry seldom had the opportunity to select a side for full strength. There were always several positions which could not be filled with the talent available. The side never stopped trying and missed out on a few games due to lady luck.

Terry in his final year must be congratulated on his success. Taking a side from well down the bottom of the ladder in 1993 to minor premiers is a fine achievement personally for Terry and for the team. Bad luck and injuries hurt us this year with a team that can hold their head up high.

Second Grade

This side certainly produced the results with untold disruption with many players being pulled into first grade due to injuries. The coaches Andy

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Craig and Malcolm Irvine, continually had their team disrupted and pulled further young talent from lower grades and moulded them into a very good side. The side just grew week by week with some memorable finishes.

The side made the semi-final coming in third position, however, lost both semi-finals. This experience will make the players a better team in 1995.

Third Grade

Coached by the statesman Peter Stewart and the new to coaching, Tom Rampoli. A great side for talent without the results. Many new players went through this side with a great deal of learning taking place. They upset several sides but could not keep on the rails for the whole season.

Fourth Grade

A side coached by Neil Coyte who dropped himself as third grade half back to coach fourth grade due to shortages. Neil came from the Drummoyne club and showed great Briars commitment throughout the season. The team was made up of a mixture of young and old who enjoyed their football. The young learned from the middle aged (saved you Ken) and will be a lot better for this experience next season.

Fifth Grade

This grade was the highlight of the season. Coached and Captained by Boxer (Tony Lane) they won the Haligan Cup in nothing but style. It was difficult for this team as they did not play with the rest of the club, but were always there after their game to support and back up for the other teams. Several players went on to higher grades. There were some old timers in this lot with several retired players pulling their boots back on. Well done guys, you made our Saturdays.

Presentations

Our presentation night this year was held at the Enfield RSL which was a huge success. 130 turning up to a night of good food and music. Winners on the night were as follows:

Outstanding Service to Rugby Award

This award was presented to Stu Brisbane who took over from Chris Howard as fitness trainer. Stu really worked hard and never stopped trying to help. The Stu Brisbanes of Briars are few and far between. Stu ran the water for the lower grades right up to where he needed to get changed

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for first grade. He was always there helping me out personally throughout the season and I can not thank him enough.

Rookie of the Year

Rookie of the year in 1994 went to Mat Cairns who was the second grade half back, and at times played first grade due to injury. An outstanding young talent who will grow into the first grade spot. Well done Mat you certainly put it in this year.

Most Improved Player

1994 saw two young players who had to share the award. John Britton who played third grade in 1993 and was named Rookie of the Year in 1993, played first grade throughout the year. Played strong rugby and was hard to stop with the ball.

The other individual, Simon 'ACE' Webster, played his first season for Briars and his first rugby season. Played in the mighty 5th grade side and promoted to third grade mid way into the season.

Best and Fairest

Best and Fairest First Grade	Scott Hyde
Best and Fairest Second Grade	Mat Cairns
Best and Fairest Third Grade	Rod Smith
Best and Fairest Fourth Grade	Alex Palmer
Best and Fairest Fifth Grade	Larry Downer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported Briars Rugby this year. From Geoff and Sue Moss, Steve and Chris 'Hansen' who again raised close to \$4,000.00 at the canteen. This foursome worked hard and put on some great food at the BBQ.

Scott Carey and Tony Lane who performed the groundsman role setting up and cleaning up every Saturday.

Paul Madirazza who took on the social side of rugby.

The coaches and staff who continued to support my position.

Ray Tuffin Rugby Chairman

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Dunlop Championship

2nd Division	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	C'Ship
Hunters Hill	36	28	28	23	922
Canterbury	32	15	34	28	792
St Ives	32	24	15	18	768
Barker Old Boys	28	26	25	18	764
Newport	20	24	18	22	608
Matrville	18	20	26	31	596
Old Ignations	22	15	22	27	592
Chatswood	21	17	18	26	575
Forest	15	23	24	22	549
Oatley	15	24	24	12	537
Kings Old Boys	16	22	6	28	496
Briars Sporting Club	14	26	8	14	478
Dundas Valley	17	16	18	9	473
Blue Mountains	13	14	24	17	437
St. Leos Old Boys	7	20	21	23	395
Killara - West Pymble	11	12	14	0	317
Hawkesbury Valley	12	3	4	11	242
Fairvale Old Boys	8	3	11	5	198
CBOB	5	10	2	8	179

Barraclough Cup

Played 18: Won 7 Lost 11

Win, loss results only tell part of the story for 1st Grade in 1994. The many factors that go with playing rugby were emphasised greatly throughout the season.

The side created more scoring opportunities than the previous year which was satisfying, the fact that we didn't take all these was a source of frustration for both myself and the team.

Injuries and unavailabilities affected the selection of the side during the year, but this is part of rugby no matter what standard one plays.

Playing the top 5 sides in the first 6 games was said by some to be a tough ask; that we could have won all these games showed the obvious talent that the side possesses.

There were times that the true character of the team and the players came through, particularly against St Ives, which although we lost, showed that the Briars have a spirit that is matched by few clubs.

Luck also played its part, in games like Canterbury; the eventual Premiers; and Barker the results could have been different if it had gone our way. Against Kings the bounce went our way at a vital time and from this we ended with one of our best performances of the year.

We scored some great team tries through the season. Stewie's try against Oatley and J.B's against St. Leos. These tries resulted from good running, passing and support by players keen to keep the ball alive.

The aim was to play rugby using all 15 players, this came together on occasions, which made the effort put in at training worthwhile.

Player Profiles:

Brandon Shepherd - Fullback: Has the vision to see opportunities that most players don't. Brandon not only created tries, his courage and technique in defense was inspirational to his teammates, while demoralising the opposition.

John Britton - Wing: From 3rd Grade in 1993 to 1st Grade in 1994. JB became a better player with each game. A pleasure to coach because playing 1st Grade was so important to him. Will get best and fairest points next year for sure.

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James Steele - Wing: First season with the Briars. Steely played with determination but lacked consistency at times. Patience was learned as the season went on. Enjoyed our Saturday night talks.

Chris Lamond - Wing/Fullback: Always gave his best when selected. Confidence is an area that Chris needs to work on. On the counter attack Lamondy was always dangerous.

Fai Tsang - Wing: Limited number of games but amongst the best on every occasion. It was disappointing when he had to go overseas. Size means nothing to Fai whether in attack or defense.

Phil Guest - Centre: Phil's maturity and skills added to the team's performance. Phil has the determination and selfless attitude that other players could learn off. With no exams will make a big contribution next year.

Steve Davis - Centre: Except for his holiday break Steve showed why he's the best back in the club. Watching Steve over the last 2 years has been enjoyable and one which I hope will continue next year.

Alan Conan - 1st Five: Season cut short by injury. But while involved helped in the improvement of a number of players which says alot about Al. The pass he made to set up the try against St. Leo's stands out.

Rob McQuade - 1st Five (Captain): Took over from Alan as captain and did a fine job. Had problems with injuries late in the year but showed his toughness to put these to one side and performed when lesser players would have stopped. Too young to give it away.

Reg Tiata - Halfback: Slow start to the year for Reg but finished stronger. Rightfully rewarded with selection for the Subbies rep side. Reggie still has the ability, like no one else, to create or lift a team in a split second. Respected by everyone.

Scott Hyde - No. 8: Best and Fairest for 1st Grade in 1994. The just reward for Scotty's season. The consistency, discipline and determination he showed in each game was an example for his teammates, coach and club. Didn't like losing but who does.

Greg Guest - Breakaway: Improved again this year. Guesty's impact it tight games was a particular feature of his play. His enjoyment and the spirit in which he plays says a lot about his character. Should aim to improve still further next year.

Stu Brisbane - Breakaway: Everyone agreed that Stewie found his position. His impact at breakaway was felt by every opposition team,

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although Sunday mornings were a little different. Will only get better next year. Fittest player in 1994.

Ian Beattie - Breakaway: Not a bad player for a five-eight. Ian reads a game well and cuts down on running extra yards. Kept Stewie and Greg very honest and his acceptance of the situation showed what a top bloke he is.

Paul Brooks - Lock: An eighty minute player. Brooksie may not be spectacular but was prepared to do the hard work week in week out. Popular with his teammates and I'm sure will make a bigger impact next year.

Graeme Baylis - Lock: Snouty had an up and down season due to injury and work commitments. With the ball in hand he scored a number of tries that simply would not have been scored by anyone else.

Cameron Slapp: Competed for every minute he was on the field. A pleasure to coach and to know. Head gear and an extra 10 kgs in weight for next year.

Tim Guest - Lock: Season ended prematurely because of business, but showed what an asset he would be for the team. Next year delegate Saturdays to someone else and work earlier on the fitness.

Ian Boyd - Loosehead Prop: Once Ian felt he was part of the team, contributed in the tough work and was an important member of the side by the end of the season. Boydie got a taste this year and liked it, go on with it next season.

Dooley Davis - Tighthead Prop: Lack of fitness meant that Dool's didn't have as good a season as last year, but I stuck with him because of experience and strength in the scrum. Next year have your naps at Ron Routley.

Sean Humfrey - Hooker: Always played for the team and never for himself. The opposition often underestimated his toughness. I'll miss his rucking technique and half-back jokes.

Paul Viglienzone - Hooker: With limited appearances Flash still showed that he's still up to 1st Grade standard. Improved his play around the field and always a solid scrummager. Will keep an eye on Sean in '95.

Gary Pearce - Manager: Percy maintained his high standards from last year, going as far as actually playing for part of one game. Thanks for your involvement over the last couple of years, you were a part of the team.

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Special thanks to Milton Howell and Ray Tuffin for their assistance and encouragement throughout the year.

My apologies to anyone not acknowledged in this report who played or supported myself and the team this year.

Over the last 2 years as coach I've tried to concentrate on the "basics" with the emphasis on people doing the job in their particular position. The team has shown that given an improvement in fitness, the necessary talent and attitude is there to go ahead with confidence for success in 1995.

Terry O'Kane

Stockdale Cup

Played 18 Won 13 Lost 5

2nd grade was the most successful team as we finished 3rd outright, only one win away from finishing equal 1st. We did find the semi-finals a different type of Rugby and realised experience is the only way to achieve results.

We must learn from the year to achieve a much stronger result next year. There were over 40 players used in 2nd grade which shows there is enough talent within Briars Rugby.

I must especially thank Malcolm Irvine for his work on and off the field.

Player Profiles:

Richard Vesper – Full back: Being over 40 years old makes no difference as he showed he was one of the best attacking players in the club.

Rob Hogan – Wing: His first year for Briars but he became an important part of the team. His goal kicking talents kept us in front in many games.

Fai Tsang – Wing: His commitment on the field was excellent and always made the right decisions.

Terry Cleary – Wing: Playing only his second year of rugby and being over 35 years of age has made no difference to the whole hearted contribution he made to the side.

Chris Lamond – Centre/Fullback: Played different positions throughout the year. He showed the experience from playing 1st grade, a very good attacking footballer.

Keith Joseph – Centre: Enjoyed tackling the opposition. Was playing only his first year for Briars and will only improve with the experience.

Mick De Santas – Five-eight: His year was hampered by injury. Gave the side direction and leadership.

Rob Marshall – Five-eight: Only played the second half of the year. Has a very good football brain.

Matt Cairns – Half -back: Matt was our 'Best and Fairest' and 'Rookie of the Year'. Turned in some very impressive performances and showed great potential.

Paul Andrezza – Lock: Plays the game hard on and off the field. Work commitments makes it hard to play every week.

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Brett Cash – Breakaway: Very quick player around the field. His commitment on the field is a fine example for all the players.

Ian Beattie – Breakaway: Was the Captain of the side. He showed leadership with his good attack and defence. Ian has much to offer Briars Rugby.

Mark Gavin – Second-Row: Was certainly Mark's best year at Briars. His solid work in lineouts and scrums was undoubtedly a major contribution behind the team results.

Les Cousins – Lock/Second Row: Played the second half of the year, and proved to be a very talented player. Plays hard and enjoys his rugby.

Gary Pearce – Second-Row: Has given alot to Rugby and would probably like to play a lower grade.

Malcolm Irvine – Second-Row: Very experienced footballer who also co-coached the team.

James Munro – Prop: Ran the ball very strongly. Has the ability to cement a place in 1st grade if he could improve his consistency.

Paul Madirazza – Hooker: Played the first half of the season and was one of the best forwards on the field.

Paul Viglienzone – Hooker: Joined mid way through the season due to study. He played his usual solid and reliable game.

Jason Rik – Hooker/Breakaway: Very enthusiastic player who made important contribution throughout the year. Would play any position to get a game.

Mark Kingston – Prop: Has now played over 100 games for Briars. A very strong man who has only to get fitter to make 1st grade.

Also thanks to other players: Shaun Humphreys, Camaron Slapp, Paul Brooks, Ian Boyd, Matt Waddington, Jason Bailey, Mark Guest, Mark Pulciani, Wayne Groneweg and especially Ray Tuffin.

Andrew Craig

Blunt Cup

The third grade side suffered throughout the year with injuries and key players moving up and down the grades due to the very high injury toll in all teams. Third grade had a different side each week making it a very tough season to coach. However, the two coaches in Peter Stewart and Tom Rampoldi certainly had a eye for young talent with many young fifth graders moulded into key positions for the thirds. The talent they selected did not last long as these new finds were taken up the grades.

Third grade finished well down the ladder in 1994 winning against the tough sides but loosing the important ones which should have been taken. There are however a great deal of new talent for our push in 1995 to regain our position in second division.

It is difficult to mention every player who took the field in 1994 as they would number a great deal. There are, however, several players which should be commented on.

Bob McGiuness - Bob always gave 110% and was one of the older members who supported the coaches and younger players. Bob also played several second grade games. His talent and commitment rubs off on the younger players who play around him.

Rod Smith - Rod is full of talent and played for seconds and first grade. He also is a leader who supports the younger members coming into Briars. Rod won best and fairest this year and proved that he really should be playing up the ladder in higher grades.

Phil Madirazza - Phil is a young member of Briars who played wherever he was put to support the team. He played hooker, break-away, centre and on the wing. He learned a great deal and will certainly play higher up the grades as his learning curve continues.

Elvis - Elvis played hard strong rugby throughout the season and played the same game when taken in and out of second grade. A great club man who is always willing to share a hand.

Simon Webster - Young Ace as he is well known was a great young find by the coaches. A great kicker of the ball and an eye for scoring tries. Simon will certainly play higher grade rugby over the coming years.

There are many more players to mention who played in and out of third grade. However, as mentioned above, there are not enough pages in this report to cover them all. On behalf of Tom, I thank each one of the players in 1994 and look forward to a brighter year in 1995.

Peter Stewart

Richardson Cup

The 4th grade had a mixed year with some games being lost on the death due to a mix of bad luck and bad management. When we were hot we were hot, sometimes scoring over 30 points in only 50 minutes of football.

The 4th grade side were able to blend youth with experience it is hoped that the younger players like Glen Ross and Dave Johnson learnt something from the older players and go on to play higher grades for the club next year.

The older players get a great deal of satisfaction in passing on a few tricks to the younger ones and like to think that this is the grade where we breed future first graders.

I would like to thank all of our players for putting in the effort all year. I think it is true to say we never had less than 12 players at training of a Thursday night and more often than not, a full 15, which makes training far more enjoyable. A special thanks to players such as Mark Guest who was responsible for a number of our wins earlier on in the year, Scott Carey who made my job as captain coach that much easier, Ken Williams for his fatherly intuition, Alex Palmer and Allan Waddington in trying to beat each other to the break-down, Frank McDermott for his willingness to play 5 different positions throughout the year, Wayne "lump head" Groneweg for his nonchalance in crunching people, Dom De Santis in making a great fist of his transition to the forwards, Ian Hull for his character assassinations of any one new to the team or who didn't play up to scratch and all the other players / officials such as Terry O'Kane and the fleet footed Ray "watch my step" Tuffin, who assisted when injuries and unavailability took their toll.

On behalf of the whole side I would like to thank Stuart Brisbane and Rob McQuade who were always there; their efforts cannot be spoken in high enough terms.

In summary the players had a most enjoyable year and will be striving all the more harder next year in trying to secure a place in the semi-finals.

Neil Coyte

Halligan Cup

Although it was a disappointing year club wise for Briars, being relegated to 3rd Division, I must admit it was for me personally, my most enjoyable. Taking over the coaching role after the 3rd Round was very unexpected. Following a couple of scrappy performances against St. Pat's and Roseville we found a few combinations and settled into a very good unit. We won our next seven games on the trot. With experienced personnel around me (Milton Howell, Len Hollis, Bob Bertie, Chris Murray and Terry O'Kane) the job of coaching was made very easy. What could I tell these blokes that they didn't already know? Even though we often played away from the other grades and at different times, I feel that it some how brought us closer as a team and more determined to win, as we seldom had any supporters.

Another pleasing aspect was to see a lot of the younger guys who started in 5th grade, go on and play in the higher grades; Keith Joseph, Simon Webster and Phil Madirazza in particular. The experienced guys are great but the club needs these younger guys to keep every player on their toes and not become complacent.

Looking forward to seeing you all back up in 1995 and looking forward to promotion in 1996.

Player Profiles

Bob Bertie - Prop: Bob retired 1992 and 1993, but when he heard we had a 5th grade couldn't wait to come back, Bob played several enlightening performances to give us the necessary thrust up front. His sweeping at lineout was first class ensuring we made important ground. Good combination with Len Hollis.

Milton Howell - Hooker: Another retiree who pulled the boots back out. Milton moved into the side after the 3rd round, became a vital member of our side, regarded himself as a back rower. Always wanting to run the ball, kick the ball and score tries (3 tries I think). Could this be a new chapter in Milton's career.

Len Hollis - Prop: That's right Mandy he's still playing. Lenny was the anchor of our scrum, his overwhelming strength was too much for his younger opponents. Gone was the clumsiness, lack of ball skills and inability to run more than ten metres. Lenny repeatedly made the break up the middle and his ball skills are second to none.

Paul Cos - Second Row: What a shame he started so late in the season, best young player I've seen since Scott Hyde. Ability to go all the way.

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Soccer's loss, our gain, extraordinary work rate, big hitter and good ball skills. Don't think he'll play 5th grade again.

Les Cousins - Breakaway: Also a late starter, but what a player. Les showed agility, enthusiasm of an eighteen year old in his first year, great talker on the field (if you understand Welsh). His enthusiasm rubbed off on the players and still has plenty to offer. Well done Les, went very close to Best and Fairest.

Nick Ferrara - Breakaway: Nick played in several positions through out the year; centre, second row and breakaway. As we had plenty of back rowers, Nick sometimes was on the bench but never complained, and was always keen to play wherever and whenever needed. Could not understand why he was not playing in the higher grades. He proved a very talented footballer.

Larry Downer - Breakaway/Wing: Well despite missing the last three vital games Larry picked up the Best and Fairest award in his debut year. Larry got better (and will get even better) with every game he played; very agro, hard runner and always backing up looking for a try. Although mostly on the wing I feel your true position is breakaway. So get fitter Lal and you won't have to play wing again.

Chris Murray - Lock: Chris had a slow start to the year, maybe playing second row early on had something to do with that. It stifled his ability to lurk to the backline. After almost being dropped, he rose to the challenge to prove he was up to the task, and went on to serve us admirably in the final games . Big effort Chris.

Gary Youich - Half Back: A new comer to the club Gary showed plenty of courage and skill around the scrum base, taking plenty of knocks, but always gets up. Got called up late in the season to 3rd's when he really started to find his feet. If he works on his passing game a bit more, he could be anything.

Andy Craig: Filled in at the end when we lost Gary. His experience, guile and plenty of talking made sure we still functioned smoothly. He's good at putting someone into a gap and telling them to run. Great club man.

John Downer - Five Eight: One of the 'Young Guns' who due to work commitments started early but had to miss a few games mid season. John got us into many match-winning positions with superb positional kicking, masterminded many backline try scoring opportunities and his usual immaculate goal kicking put us ahead many times. Needs to cool it a bit when things are not going to plan. Potential first grader

Tom Rampoli - Inside Centre: Twocan Tommy loves his rugby and loves winning. Our best attacking option, when nothing was on Tom would produce, even in our own 22 he'd have a go. Finished with eight tries,

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despite missing some games due to coaching and running 3rd grade. Some of his younger opponents are still having nightmares about marking him. Gook luck with your side next year Tom.

Tony Lane - Outside Centre: As I said before my most enjoyable season, received more clean ball in one season than I did in the last three, playing outside guys willing to run the ball from anywhere. Sometimes risky but enjoyable when it comes off (and when Chris Murray wasn't in the road). Played a few games at 5/8 but enjoyed centre more.

Ashley South - Wing: Ash was a very consistent player throughout the season, played all games and attended training regularly. Talented with the ball in hand, with a powerful left boot, which got us out of a lot of trouble, good defence and showed determination to be where the ball was at times an inspiration to us all. Get fit Ash!

Jeff Ciappara - Wing: Most improved player in the side, finished the season with a swag of tries, when he decided to pin the ears back, surprised everyone with his pace. Elusive and slippery could turn into a fine winger-fullback. Needs to work more on his kicking.

Matt Grey - Full Back: Matty showed he can play fullback, wing and centre without too much trouble, when switched on can cause a lot of damage running the ball back. Still too young and too good for 5th grade.

A special mention for other guys such as: Steve Hogden, the red-headed breakaway who broke his wrist with two games to go, often got us going forward when we weren't. An unsung hero.

Other players to help out were Gary Pearce, Paul Andrezza, Justin Beck, Anthony Clarke, Brad Clucas, Henry D'Amici, John Goulding, Scott Hyde, David Johnson, Steve Howel, Tony Wosniak and Terry O'Kane.

I would also like to thank Ray Tuffin for support, information on grounds and availability of players

Tony Lane
Captain Coach

Hockey

With the loss of seven members of last year's first grade premiership side and our club coach during the off-season, 1994 was shaping as a year in which the great progress made by hockey over the past two years could quickly and easily have been eroded, a feeling which was certainly reinforced in the minds of many after the opening round where the firsts' were thrashed 4-0 by a fairly inexperienced Baulkam Hills side.

However, when the dust had finally settled some twenty-odd weeks later hockey had enjoyed arguably its most successful season ever, the highlights of which included:

- winning the club championship for the first time in fifteen years.
- first grade retaining the premiership for the second year in succession, winning their last nineteen games on the trot.
- having all three of our top grades in the semi-finals.
- third grade winning the Yates Cup Final with first grade finishing as runners up.
- the recruitment of over fifteen new players to the club and the ability to field a fourth grade side for the first time.
- a profitable financial year for the first time in five seasons.
- the increased success of our social functions, together with much improved support for club activities and the club in general.

To achieve this level of success requires a great deal of hard work and support from all the players and each is to be congratulated on a fine effort throughout the year. Having said this, however, there are a few people worthy of special mention for their work during the year, without whose support hockey could not possibly have functioned or prospered.

First and foremost is our club coach Jonathon Head whose contribution to the club this season was absolutely astounding. In only his first year of senior coaching, Jonathon devoted an enormous amount of time and effort to ensuring that all sides performed to the best of their ability and helped to rapidly forge a sense of camaraderie amongst the players through his support of both hockey and club functions which was vital considering the massive upheaval experienced just weeks prior to the start of the season.

A large vote of thanks must also go to Brad Fussell who coordinated training for the lower grades very well and who gave a great amount of time to the juniors after taking over the position half-way during the

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season, both in conducting their training and in managing the side on Saturday mornings with little support from his senior colleagues.

Off the field a very successful year was also enjoyed with approximately thirty people attending a dinner at the Malaya restaurant in the city (a vast improvement on last years' Baked Dinner Night!) in July and an excellent crowd of eighty cramming the clubrooms for the Presentation Night in September.

Thanks must go to Alex Head for an excellent job in organising and initiating the dinner, to Lindsay Cooper for a monumental effort in single-handedly by catering for the Presentation Night, and to Gavin Bourke, Lachlan Boa and Danny Peacock for their help in setting up on the night. The efforts of these five people ensured not only that both nights were enjoyable and financially successful but also that continued and increased patronage should be guaranteed next year and beyond.

Particular mention must be made of the support given to these functions by the fourth grade side, a tremendous effort considering their level of isolation from the top three sides. In this regard Steven Short is to be congratulated for a tremendous job not only in the overall week-to-week co-ordination of the side but also in instilling a great amount of club spirit into the players, and he was a very worthy recipient of the A. J. Robinson Shield.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to offer my sincere thanks to both John Price and Robyn Graham for their support and assistance during the season in all facets of administration from sponsorship, to collection of fees, to generating attendance at social events and canteen revenue and many, many other activities.

These people will form the backbone of a very strong committee for next season and their continued hard work and support, together with our strong present playing strength, should see hockey continue to grow and prosper in 1995 and for many years ahead.

Brett Graham

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First Grade		Points
1.	Briars (Minor Premiers/Premiers)	34
2.	Western District Rangers	26
3.	Gordon	25
4.	Baulkham Hills	25
	Easts	22
	UTS	17
	Rooty Hill RSL	15
	Parramatta	11
	Manly Warringah	5

Second Grade		Points
1.	Macquarie University	29
2.	Baulkam Hills	29
3.	Rooty Hill RSL	25
4.	Briars	25
	Easts	22
	Gordon	17
	UTS	14
	Parramatta	11
	Western District Rangers	8

Third Grade		Points
1.	Briars (Minor Premiers)	30
2.	Baulkham Hills	29
3.	Western District Rangers	24
4.	Rooty Hill RSL	24
	Macquarie University	18
	Gordon	16
	Parramatta	15
	Easts	13
	UTS	9

Club Championships		Points
	Briars (Champions)	216
	Baulkham Hills	187
	Gordon	150
	Western District Rangers	148
	Easts	145
	Rooty Hill	134
	UTS	105
	Parramatta	83
	Macquarie University	76
	Manly	20

First Grade

The 1994 season began disastrously, just prior to the season commencing we learned that we would be without seven of the Grand Final winning side from 1993 - only four players remained. Six of the seven players had decided to try their luck with Premier division clubs whilst the other was unavailable because of work commitments. Pre-season training was ordinary and in our first game of the year we lost 4-0 to Baulkam Hills (it could've been more).

It is therefore my pleasure to report that 19 successive wins later, the Briars 1st grade side have successfully defended their title, and are the 1994 1st Grade, First Division Premiers.

The sudden turnaround can be attributed to a couple of things, the first being the acquisition and tireless work of coach Jonathan Head, the addition of his brothers Alex and Nathan Head and his father Chris, and the fact that the team has a lot of very talented players.

From Round 2 through to Round 18 the team dominated the competition doing just enough to win some games, whilst only excelling in a few others. Impressive wins over Manly 10-1, Western District Rangers 3-0 and a revenge seeking 5-2 win over Baulkam Hills in Round 9 were the highlights.

The team finished the regular season as minor premiers, 8 points clear of Western District Rangers. In our semi-final against the Rangers, we once again just did enough to win and progressed through to our 3rd successive Grand Final with a 3-2 victory. In the Grand Final we were opposed to Gordon, who provided our only lowlight of the year, being a 6-4 defeat in the Yates Cup Final (played between the two leading teams after Round 1). At half time in the Grand Final things were fairly tight at 1-1, however during the second half the mighty BRIARS totally dominated and ran out comfortable 4-1 victors.

Congratulations must go to the whole side on a super achievement and in particular Jonathan Head who did a tireless job as coach. Although I believe the side really didn't reach its full potential there is not much more you can do than win the competition;

Well done also to Brett Graham (Chairman) and the 2nd and 3rd Grades for reaching the finals and for ensuring that for the first time in 15 years we had become Club Champions. The players must realise however that if we are to enter and compete in the Premier Division (if we are promoted) or win premierships in the 2nd and 3rd Grade (in our current

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division) a lot more application and commitment is definitely required, both on and off the field.

Results

Matches	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Pts	Position
18	17	-	1	51	18	34	1st

Semi-final: W 3-2 vs West District Rangers

Grand Final W 4-1 vs Gordon

Leading Goalscorers: Chris Head, Alex Head (16 each)

Best and Fairest: Alex Head

Players Player: Jonathan Head

Player Profiles

Daniel Thiele - Goalkeeper: Without doubt the best goalkeeper in the competition. Saved the side on countless occasions. I wonder how good he'd be if he was mentally prepared for each game.

Russel Roberts - Fullback: After the disappointment of 1993, bounced back in 1994 and was very solid at the back. In combination with Peter Carapiet they probably make the most unfit pair in the comp.

Peter Carapiet - Fullback: The old fella is still the best fullback in the competition. Nothing gets past Peter and he's one of the main reasons we've won two competitions in a row.

Matt Yager - Left Wing: 'Mr Triathlon' would have to be the fittest player in the competition. Looks better when he unloads early and played well in the Grand Final.

Alex Head - Centre Half: Had an excellent season and was welcomed back to the club. Alex was equal leading goal scorer and won Best and Fairest. Temperament was good and was a class above his opposite numbers. Has a frightening hit.

Mike Girvan - Right Half: Switched from the forwards to right half and played well through the season. Has good skills and likes to run with the ball.

Chris Head - Left Wing: It's been twenty-nine years since his last premiership. Maybe the oldest player in the comp but puts his younger rivals to shame. Was the team and competition leading goal scorer, with Alex Head, scored hatricks in the semi and grand final and had a sensational season. Enjoyed playing with his three sons - I think?

Jonathon Head - Inside Left: 'Super Coach' did a super job - although was probably frustrated at times. Puts 200% effort into every match and is

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probably the best player in the competition. Won the players player award and was just what the doctor ordered after we'd lost Tom Persson.

Jindi Thind - Centre Forward: Was a welcomed acquisition early in the first round. Was unstoppable in the semi-final and provided the necessary fire upfront. Would be great to see him back next season.

Nathan Head - Inside Right: The toughest man in the competition. This man is scared of nothing. Played superbly as the season progressed and it was great to have him as part of the team.

Paul Price - Right Wing, (Captain): Had a solid season and enjoyed captaining a premiership winning side. Scored a few goals and was always keen to use short corner number "2a" (because that was the only one that involved him).

Thanks must go to Brett Graham, who played a number of games during the year and was very handy at right half, and Andre Declase, Andrew Poole, Mal Graham, Kevin Fernandez, Brad Fussell and Gerard Price for filling in on various occasions during the season.

Paul Price

First Grade Hockey Premiers - 1994



Back Row (left to right): Jindi Thind, Andre DeClase, Jonathon Head, Daniel Thiele, Alex Head, Matt Yager.

Front Row (left to right): Brett Graham, Michael Girvan, Russell Roberts, Paul Price (Captain), Chris Head, Nathan Head.

Absent: Peter Carpiet

Second Grade

As I have heard John Price utter so many times during the season, "if we score more goals than them I reckon we'll win", and perhaps no other comment can best typify 1994 for the second-grade side.

Certainly, as can be seen by our win-loss ratio, we achieved this feat on many more occasions than we failed to, however, at the same time we were unable to do this against top opposition and thus it came as little surprise that we finished the year in third place behind Macquarie University and Baulkam Hills who clearly dominated the competition all year.

Once again the lack of a quality striker in the forward line, together with poor execution of set piece plays as compared with the top sides, meant that we relied heavily upon defence, a facet of the game in which we are excellent but one which will not of itself win games. To beat quality opponents you must also be able to score and for the most part the side struggled to do that this year.

Ultimately the only way to redress such problems is through training and it was in this area that the side let itself down with poor attendances right throughout the season, highlighted by the fact that on the Thursday night before the preliminary final only half the side were at training. This made it almost impossible to develop the combination and set piece plays necessary to become a genuine premierships threat and it is almost certainly the reason for the side failing to reach greater heights.

Hockey is ultimately a team sport and the presence of individuals, no matter how talented, is not sufficient to attain success, a fact which first-grade have effectively demonstrated for the past three seasons. Hopefully 1995 will see a more committed second-grade line up with a greater desire to be number one as the talent is certainly there for them to be winners.

Results

Matches	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Pts	Position
18	12	1	5	25	20	25	3rd
Semi-final:	W 3-2 vs Rooty Hill						
Final:	L 1-2 vs Baulkam Hills						

Player Profiles

Malcolm Graham - Goalkeeper, (Captain): Although failing to reach the spectacular form of last season, the skipper enjoyed a very solid year

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conceding a mere twenty goals to play a vital role in the team's success. With a little further improvement Malcolm should be able to build on this year's efforts and press for a first-grade spot next season.

Carl Francis - Fullback: Carl once again played his usual solid and reliable game at the back, providing his goalkeeper with good support as part of a formidable defensive outfit. To continue playing at this, level, Carl needs to work on his free hits from the back and play the game at a greater tempo so that his contribution is more well-rounded.

Derek Sterry - Fullback: After earning promotion from the thirds Derek enjoyed an enormously successful season and was the rock of our defence. Consistent, reliable and bringing with him a wealth of experience, Derek's performances this year were of the highest quality and he was a very deserving and popular winner of the Player's Player award.

Ben Scully - Left Half: Ben's 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. Although just 19 years of age, Ben displayed great maturity and composure, particularly during the finals series, and he will be a key player to the sides chances next year.

Brett Graham - Centre Half: After spending the first half of the season in first-grade Brett found himself the odd man out and joined the team after round 10 in the totally unaccustomed role of centre-half. To the surprise of many (including himself) he proved a success in the new role, particularly in defence where he broke down a lot of mid-field play. A further improvement in his vision and distribution skills, together with a reduction in his Friday night activities, should see him press for the top grade again next season which hopefully will also be less painful and damaging to his head.

Brad Fussell - Right Half/Inside Left: Brad was the big improver from last season's side and was one of the major reasons for the team's success this year. Particularly during the early and middle rounds of the competition, Brad was a standout performer creating many opportunities for his forwards and controlling play very effectively, and he was a worthy winner of the Best and Fairest award. A little improvement in his defensive technique, together with an increased willingness to switch play would see Brad's game come on even further and should see him press strongly for first-grade in 1995.

Glen Williamson - Left Wing: Due to a serious knee injury Glen was moved from fullback to the wing and battled on manfully, making a solid contribution to the team during the year. Although a little slow, Glen's stick skills and ability to read play made him an effective link with the forwards and his rugged defensive style caused all opponents difficulty in

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escaping their own half. Hopefully next season will see him fitter and more effective.

Andre Declase - Inside Left/Centre Half: Andre's work rate was again at an amazing high level this year but it was perhaps only in the finals that his true value to the team became apparent. A player with a vast array of skills, Andre was a key figure in the side's attack and never failed to inspire his teammates with his drive and determination, particularly in the final where he played very much a lone hand.

Kevin Fernandez - Centre Forward: A young player with good pace and great stick skills, Kevin was our main offensive weapon throughout the year and the side struggled for the four games he missed while overseas. Unfortunately, however, he was sometimes easily neutralised by opposition defences through a lack of support from the rest of the forward line, but if this area can be addressed he has the potential to be a prolific goal scorer next season.

Jonathon Head - Inside Right: Jonathon joined the side late in the year as part of a bid to boost its strikepower and chances of winning the title. In this regard Jonathon was superb, scoring six goals in his handful of matches, and it was only as a result of his virtuoso three-goal effort in the semi-final that the side progressed to the final.

Michael Galluzzo - Right Wing: Michael was a newcomer to the side this year after many years with Glebe and although not blessed with great speed, impressed all with his skills and tenacity, particularly in frustrating opposition defenders from relieving pressure in their own territory. Like many of his fellow forwards however, Michael failed to find the net this season but with a little work on the radar he should enjoy an even more successful year in 1995.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank these players and others (too numerous to mention) for their support and fellowship during the season and would look forward to an even bigger and better year in 1995.

Brett Graham

Third Grade

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the 1994 3rd grade hockey report. This year was certainly our best chance of winning the title. In the end, we let a great opportunity go by however we did finish a credible third place. Our congratulations to Baulkham Hills who are the premiers.

The 3rd Grade team achievements included the defence of the Alan Yates Cup, the best attack and defence records (goals for: 39 and goals against: 10) and winning the minor premiership (Won 13; Lost 3; Bye 2; 30 points). Congratulations to all the team on these results.

Players Profiles:

Russell Gollege - Goal Keeper: Russell joined Briars after playing a few games with St. George in Premier Division. We were certainly glad he decided to play with us because his contribution was great. Russell had a fantastic year and was very safe as the last line of defence. As a goalie, he saved the shots that are expected but also saved some incredible ones (we only had an average 0.62 goals against/game). Keep up the good work and hopefully he will be in a higher grade next year. A worthy winner of the Player's Player award.

Eddie Cotter - Full-back: Eddie played the first game in 3rd grade before rejoining us at the start of round 2. Eddie was our "defensive" full-back and combined well with Lindsay and Russell. Eddie had a consistent season as he kept out many opposition attacking raids before they entered the 25 area. Next year I would like to see Eddie play a more attacking role in this position.

Lindsay Copper - Full-back: Lindsay joined Briars just at the end of round 1 from Brisbane. Not knowing any hockey clubs in Sydney, he rang the Association and was recommended to call Briars or Ryde (in the end, he saw the light!!!). Lindsay joined 3rd grade in round 2 and had a very good season, particularly his positional play and tackling. He will have a sound season again next year. Also known to be "fired up" before each game and a handy caterer.

Blair Paterson - Right-half: Blair had a very consistent season and although playing in the forwards last year, adjusted well to the position of right-half. He marked his opposition left-winger with good positional play and also attacked when opportunities arose. He had a good combination with John Price. A worthy winner of the "Most Improved Player" award in the hockey club.

Allen Chu - Centre-half, (Captain): Allen had a fairly good year particularly in positional play and blocking attacking raids through the

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centre (is this because opposition players couldn't get through him?). Also he was a good link man between the defence and attack particularly in counter-attack situations with accurate passes to our forwards. He must concentrate in distributing the ball more to the wingers (isn't that right John Price?) and practice not getting yellow cards!

Mike Sterry - Left-half: Mike joined us in the early part of round 2 - he was renovating an old house in Balmain. With Lindsay and Eddie having a good combination as full-backs, Mike played in the unaccustomed role of left-half. As usual, he was solid in defence and marked his winger well. I hope to see Mike play the whole season in 1995 and hopefully in his more accustomed full-back position (watch out Lindsay and Eddie!).

John Price - Right-wing: John had a great season with many raids up the right wing. He was one of our attacking weapons and had a good combination with Gerard Price. John set up many goals but then scored a few goals from penalty corners as well. His consistent saying at half-time was "if we score more goals than them, we'll win this one" (what a great motivator!!). John will be remembered for missing the stroke which could have turned the preliminary final - in the end we could only blame ourselves, we had so many missed chances in that game. I hope to see John, when appropriate, pass the ball to a player in a better position in the circle rather than he shoot wide of the posts.

Gavin Kimber - Inside-right: Gavin joined Briars from Parramatta this year and was one of our "work horses". In this position, a high work rate is essential both in attack and defence and Gavin was there, up and down the field. I don't know what Gavin eats for breakfast on Saturday but boy, we sure need the stuff. His strength was the ability to race back and defend if we were dispossessed in attack. I hope that Gavin can play more frequently next season as he had work commitments and to take-on the defence himself rather than pass to another forward.

Gerard Price - Centre-forward: Gerard had a great season and was one of the best strikers in this grade. He was the difference in winning the close games, i.e. having an accurate striker up front turned the opposition to defend more. Gerard led from example and was a worthy winner of the "Best and Fairest Player" award. He was also the highest goal scorer in 3rd grade and was a major contributor to our average of 2.4 goals for/game. I hope to see Gerard try some flicks at goal next year, especially when the goal-keeper is on the ground. A dangerous player to all defences. Congratulations on a superb year.

Anthony Sullivan - Inside-left: Anthony came to Briars after having a few seasons away from hockey. Like Gavin, he was another of our "work-horses" and having both Anthony and Gavin in the team, we had a balanced forward line. Anthony was a link between the half-line and the wingers and he combined well with the players around him. I hope that

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Anthony will also take-on the defence himself and use his skilful stickwork rather than pass to another forward.

Scott Colomb - Left-wing: Scott was our resident "sockey" player, i.e. played soccer before hockey throughout the year. He had a handy year and was an integral part of the team especially the attacking trio with Gerard and John Price. Scott played many 2nd grade games which is a credit to his ability and a good clubman. Scott showed great versatility where he played in the forwards and the half-line in both grades. I hope to see him score plenty more goals next year.

Gavin Bourke - Full-back/inside-left: Gavin started the year at full-back and had a awesome combination with Derek Sterry - nothing could get through these two. Gavin was our attacking full-back - he stopped many opposition raids with solid defence and then had the ability to beat a couple of players and pass to our forwards so that we quickly turned to attack. Unfortunately, Gavin injured his back at the start of round 2. In addition, work commitments took him overseas so he didn't play that many games. In the end, Gavin was our "super-sub". Gavin is certainly a Mr Versatility and whatever position he played, he wouldn't let you down. I hope to see Gavin injury-free next year because he certainly is a vital player for us to achieve our goals in 1995.

Marcus Thiele - Inside-right: Marcus had some real super games in the early part of the year. He was a good link between the defence and attack, tackled back when dispossessed and attacked with good stick work. he then missed a few games (played 4th grade) and seemed to lose the momentum of the early games. Marcus is a young player who definitely has the talent to play in a higher grade as long as he can focus on his game. Next year, I hope he can improve his options in attacking situations.

We thank the other players who helped us throughout the year including Derek Sterry, Carl Francis, Andre Declase, Mike Hodkins, Stephen Walker, Adam Palmer, Steven Short, Mal Graham and Glen Williamson. To my fellow selectors, Johathon Head and Brett Graham, many thanks for your positive comments throughout the year, and congratulations to the 1st Grade team for winning back-to-back premierships.

Finally, congratulations to all the 3rd grade teams for a very good season. Our 1994 achievements included winning the Alan Yates Cup and Minor Premiership and contributing to Briars winning the Club Championship. To 1995, with more fitness on our side (yes, that means coming to training), our goals will be to repeat the results of 1994 with the inclusion of being the 1995 Premiers. We have the talent to achieve these four goals.

Allen Chu

Squash

As you read on, you will note that 1993-1994 saw Briars squash again outperform all expectations.

Spring '93 reaped both the men's and the mixed club championships, 3 pennants from a record 17 teams entered, a record 14 through to the semis and our first women's team. Quite a haul.

Autumn '94 saw 15 teams entered, 7 into the semis and a record 5 pennant wins.

A total of no fewer than 8 pennants and 2 club championships, easily the most successful year ever. "Where to now?" you may ask. Well the club seems to have stabilised at this stage with 15 teams again entered in the Spring '94 competition. Current results show 10 teams currently in the top 4. No sign of a slowdown yet.

The end of this year also marked the end of an era in that Ken Klutch Kable hung up his chairman's hat. Tribute must be paid to the tremendous effort that KK put in over the last 7 or 8 years as Squash Chairman. Under his reign, the number of teams rose from a mere 4 in Spring '90 to peak at 17 in Spring '93, with the club now recognised as a stronghold of squash in the Western Districts. This was no freak accident. It stemmed from the time and energy (not to mention nous) put in by KK and although retired as chairman, he remains an integral part of the continued success of squash in his new role as assistant chairman.

I only hope that I, as the new squash chairman, can keep the ball rolling for squash.

A Christmas BBQ was held at Ken and Gaye's place in brilliant sunshine - many thanks to them both for this - it was a great day (and night so we hear) - most enjoyable for all the kids, big and small. I know my kids spent something like seven hours in the pool - only getting out for a bite to eat and a quick trip to the little room. Quiz time: Who was it that drank light beer at the start of the afternoon, pacing himself for a 6pm finish, only to end up very much under the weather at approx. 12.30am and the recipient of a forced dip in the pool? Moral of the story: Avoid light beer if at all possible.

Special thanks once again to all the committee, who always put considerable effort into making sure the club runs as smoothly as possible. I would also urge the newer members to take an interest in the administration of squash - many hands make light work.

Special mention must also go to all those present at the club after the annual dinner this year. We had 3 teams in Grand Finals that night, trying to add to the 2 pennants won earlier in the week. All 3 teams won and as they trickled back to the club some time after 12 midnight, the reception received from the "after dinner" crowd was fantastic and I feel epitomises what we at Briars are all about.

Spring 1993 - Statistics

Congratulations to the C2 #8, C4 #13 and D2 teams who came up with a pennant this comp. Keith Powell (C4 #10) took out the performance trophy with a perfect average of 6.0 - all 3-0 wins. This is an amazing feat and one which hasn't been done before - top one Keith. He didn't have it all his own way however, as Steve Arduin only dropped 1 or 2 games to run second for the second comp in a row. Other unbeaten players were Tony Pearce (B2), Jason Loong (D1), and Adam Selway (D3).

Results follow:

Women's C1: Kerry Turner (c); Cora Moore; Vicky Young; Linda Britar; Sue Russell; Jenn Mayfield: Briar's first women's team didn't have a happy time this comp, as could be deduced from the lack of filled in results. It was disappointing that the team did not venture towards the club for supper for the last few rounds - hopefully intimidation wasn't the reason. Excuses were put forth for each absence however, eg, we have an under-age girl in the opposition; we didn't know the address for the pizza; we have forgotten where the club is; etc. Cora Moore had the best record (5/6) after called into a team at a late stage. A pity she wasn't playing from the start of the comp as the team may have then made the Semis.

Men's Team:

A1: Michael Nobes (c); Dave Kirkpatrick; Andrew Mandelik; Paul Jones; Tony Porter: Michael (11/13) was as awesome as ever as he frustrated his opponents into submission and especially entertaining in the round 14 rugby match against Parramatta. Dave (9/13) wasn't slowed down any by his move to #2 and had a good comp. Andrew (1/9) had a comp he would rather forget while Paul and Tony both had 4 wins from 10 outings and identical averages. After finishing 4th in the rounds and winning the semi, Michael was the only winner (3-0) in the final.

A2: Christian Sylvester; Jon Kranitis; Atilla Tusak (c); Peter Kollar; Andrew High: Jon (9/14), Atilla (10/14) and Peter (10/12) all performed well to put them in second spot at the end of the rounds. Andrew (3/7) was plagued by injury problems and had an ordinary comp. The injection of Christian (won 3/4) made this team look very good for the semis - but

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they unfortunately ended up bridesmaids for the second comp in a row to a hot opposition side.

A4: Byron Brazier; Tim Spicer; Ken Kable (c); Geoff Walsh; Joe Elias: This team was plagued by injury problems early in the comp but fought back well - only to be denied 2nd spot by a dismal 14th round outing while KK was on holiday. Byron (3/12) didn't have a good comp however the strength of Tim (4/6), Ken (5/9), Geoff (6/8) and Joe (4/7) ensured the strong finish once a complete team could be fielded. They were narrowly beaten in the semis by the eventual comp winners however, to earn the unwanted tag of being the first Briars team out of the semis.

B1: Paul Byrne; Gary Pengally; Bucca (c); Al Cameron; Peter Anderson: The B1's just scraped into 4th place for the semis after a very ordinary start (a mere 24 points in the first 3 rounds). Paul (6/10) was in blistering form prior to the jaunt to Bangkok that kept him out for the last four rounds. Gary (6/11) started a bit of a roll of good form, Bucca (11/12) was surprisingly consistent, while Alan (5/12) and Peter (3/7) struggled somewhat. What could have been wasn't and a very hot night saw this team knocked out by the eventual comp winners in the semi-final.

B2: John Gee; Joe Caristo (c); Steve Clark; Dave Kable; Tony Pearce; Joe Karam: A team with such good form that Cappie Joe faced a bit of a dilemma in choosing the team for the semis. John (1/7) was plagued with injury but gallantly continued to take the heat off the rest of the team at #1. Joe (7/12), Steve (8/12) and Dave (8/13) all had similar averages while replacement Tony (5/5) looked untoppable in his return to squash after an absence of more years than he would care to remember. The competition within this team was so great that Steve, under the pressure of a serious practice game with Joe, broke his racquet, hired a wooden one and then complained he couldn't hit the centre. Joe swapped racquets with him and won the farm, after which Steve excused himself on the grounds of the 'flue, not had much sleep, pressure of work, period pain, etc. The B2's won their way into the final with wins by Joe (3-1), Steve (3-2) and Tony (3-1) but unfortunately couldn't progress from there.

B4: Steve Madz; Grant Heggarty (c); John DeGeorge; Jason O'Brien; Sylvester Frazer-Tan: The hardluck story for Briars this comp. Unfortunately not a lot to say apart from the fact that injuries did play a part in the demise of this team to the point whereby they were forced to default on at least one night. Steve (2/8), Grant (1/7) and Jason (1/9) all had comps they would rather forget. John (0/2) was injured after round 4 while Sylvester (6/10) was the only team member to post a good result. The team ran disappointing wooden-spooners.

C1: Ian Thompson; Con Tarantello; Reg Richardson; Chris Virgona (c); Dave Newton: Ian (8/11), Con (10/12) and Reg (8/12) all had very good

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comps to put them in second spot after the rounds. Cappie Chris (5/11) also had a reasonable result with Dave (0/7) the odd one out. Rumour has it that he actually put aside a chance to make amends just to go on some two bit cruise of the Carribean on the QE2 - half his luck. Injury struck at the wrong time of the comp, they went down to the eventual comp winners.

C2#8: Steve Arduin, Mark Arduin (c); Ralph Curnon; Cliff Priest; Sean Curtis; Vance Lowe: The list of teams with excellent results continued with this team although Cappie Mark lapsed with the scores a bit and only results to round 6 were recorded. The most likely pennant winners from the start of the comp did what was expected of them and beat arch rivals Burwood Independent in the Grant Final to win their 2nd pennant in a row for this club.

C2#9: Dominic Maggs; Wayne Rastall (c); Tony Forster; Roger Marcolin: Wayne (7/13), Tony (11/14) and Roger (12/14) all had excellent comps while Dominic (5/12) took the heat off the rest of the team at #1. The likely opposition to team #8 in the Grant Final came up against a fired up Burwood Independent side, in a match where age and experience overcame youthful exuberance.

C4#10: Alex Forbes; Bruce Jacobs; Keith Powell; Ed Moore (c); Michael Maggs: Fine performances from Alex (8/12), Bruce (7/9), Keith (8/8), Ed (6/7) and Michael (5/8) ensured this team secured the minor premiership even after a last round loss to Wenty Squash. A close loss in the semi forced them to the final before earning an appearance in the Grant Final. Played in hot conditions at Dural, Alex did well to get a game off the best #1 in the comp, which spurred everyone else on to score our second pennant for this comp.

C4#11: Greg McManus (c); Peter O'Donnell; Eric Gilfilin; Greg Anderson; Ray Gent; Darren Peisley: The second team in this grade didn't do quite as well as team 10 but they were trying for 4th spot at one stage although a 0-28 result in round 12 at the hands of team #10 put paid to that and they finished 5th - not very sporting was it? Ray (after disowning his team) assured me that had he played then Ed would have been walking funny for a week. Greg M (5/10) parred the comp along with Peter (3/6), though Peter missed the last four matches. Eric (1/8) and Darren (1/8) could both do with a bit of practice while Greg (4/9) and Ray (3/7) bogied this comp.

D1#12: Greg Kelly; Mick Jaroszewicz (c); Jason Loong; Stuart Santer; Alan Wilton: Greg (5/9), Jason (9/9), Stuart (6/10) and Alan (5/6) all had excellent comps while Mick (6/11) went to great lengths to explain that one of his losses was at the hands of a current Australian representative (for the navy) so it didn't count. Also mentioned that the guy recently

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played #1 1st grade and that his name was Dittmar or Martin or something (or was it that he forgot to change hands). This team did extremely well to blitz the comp and come in 1st with 303 points - a mighty effort. After making the Grand Final, they found Lady Luck wasn't smiling (but Mick Franco was) and they went down to team 13.

D1#13: Steve Timpson; Robert Russo; Ron Marshall; Robert Powell; Mick Franco (c): Steve (9/11), Robert R (5/9), Ron (5/10), Robert P (8/9) and Mick (5/6) all had good comps with Mick proving to KK that some people can go on holiday and still win the first match back (little did he know then though that he would soon be at the start of a new Briars record - 17 straight losses). After making the Grand Final, a mighty battle of attrition (in Mick's words) saw them victors over team 12 for our third pennant.

D2: Tony Cariola; Paul Bruner; Andrew Krnel (c); John Siounis; Stefan Krnel: A good all-round performance from this team saw them finish the comp in second place with daylight third. Tony (4/7), Paul (7/8), Andrew (4/6), John (5/7) and Stefan (4/7) all had a good comp. The D2's played well to beat the Minor Premiers in the Semi to put them straight into the Grand Final - only to lose to the same team a couple of weeks later.

D3#15: Bill Bouchahine; Troy Geri; Slav Marjanovic; Peter Cairns; Gavin Wareham; Duncan Bain (c): Troy (10/13) - the human computer who knows every capital city of the world but still thinks Sydney is the capital of Australia - did a great job at #1 for this team after the injury to Bill (0/1). Gavin (7/12) was unfortunately the only other team member to have an average above par. Slav (1/10), Peter (1/9) and Duncan (3/9) all had the comp you have when you're not having a comp.

D3#16: Ed Alcaino; Zelco Kalic; George Waird (c); George Managreve; Adam Selway: The D3's had excellent results from the team as a whole. Ed (10/13), George W (7/12) and George M (7/10) all had excellent comps while newcomer Adam was one of four or five unbeaten players at Briars this comp with a 6/6 record after joining the team for the second round. Unfortunately George went back to the Land of the Long White Cloud and Adam went interstate for the Grand Final. A gallant effort was put up by the rest of the team to just miss out on a pennant after being forced to default the fourth rubber. A pennant gone begging.

Autumn 1994 - Statistics

Pennants to A4, B2, B3, C1 and D1 gave us the most pennants ever won in one comp - well done one and all. 7 of the 15 teams were semi-finalists, 5 made the Grand Final and 5 brought home the bacon.

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I have vague recollection of doing a small amount of celebrating - which anyone at the club that night can probably attest to. A vivid recollection however, is of one Joe "Enforcer" Elias in full cry, making a bold statement about a \$100 fine for anyone caught without his mug, shortly before going home with Dave "Krusher" Kable's B2 one. Rumour has it that Joe hasn't paid up yet.

Congratulations to Steve Arduin - who finally knocked the trophy off with an average of 5.75 after being second for the last couple of comps. Steaming Steve has NEVER lost a comp match in his 3 comps with Briars (nor with his previous club) and at the time of writing he was still blitzing it in A-Grade.

In other notable results, Nobesy ran 2nd with an average of 5.55, while Mick DiMonte, average 5.38 and in his first comp, ran a creditable 3rd equal. I was the player equal with Mick (surprisingly enough) to make 4 unbeaten players in all. In a mirror image of that there were also 4 players who recorded the enviable "doughnut". Of these, Alex "Stud" Forbes was the most consistent, recording the club low of just 0.43. Those in the know blamed it on too much of a good thing.

Results follow:

A1: Michael Nobes (c); Dave Kirkpatrick; Jon Kranitis; Rob Howard; Attila Tusak: The A1's threatened to come good early in the second round but the wheels fell off near the end and they finished with the speed of a pregnant tortoise with a broken leg to come in around 6th or 7th. The only player who broke even, apart from Nobesy (11/11 - dropping just 6 games), was Jon (6/12), Dave (4/11), Rob (0/10) and Attila (1/10) all had comps they would rather forget.

A2: Peter Kolar; Tony Porter; Paul Jones; Andrew Mandelik; Byron Brazier; Gary Pengally (c): The A2 team had the wooden spoon tied up for most of the comp. The best performer was Byron (6/12), but the rest of the team were diabolical. If Peter (0/2) didn't have his leg amputated after being paralysed for half the comp, or Tony (2/11) hadn't spent half the comp on his honeymoon, or Gary (3/12) hadn't spent half the comp holding Tony's hand, or Paul (1/8) hadn't taken the plane to Minto, or Andrew (0/4) hadn't been addicted to McDonalds, then this comp may have been different for this team - but it wasn't.

A4: Tim Spicer; Paul Byrne; Jim Farrell; Joe Elias; Joe Caristo (c): Solid performances by the whole team during the rounds saw the A4's minor premiers by about 48 points. The stats for Tim (10/11), Paul (9/11), Bucca (13/3), Joe E (6/8) and Joe C (6/12) explain this. A shock loss in the major semi forced a finals appearance, which was won without too much heartache. The Grand Final saw a reversal of the bad luck in the semi, with

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the close games being won for a change, despite Joe E trying to amputate his little finger with a brick earlier in the week - another pennant win.

B2: Ken Kable (c); Steve Clark; Dave Kable; John Gee; Alan Cameron: Ken (10/11), Steve (5/10), Dave (11/12) and John (5/7) all had excellent comps while Alan (3/11) struggled somewhat. A win in the major semi saw them straight through to the Grand Final after coming in minor premiers. Dave produced a trademark 3-0 win but was rather bemused at the bagging he copped after coming off the court. Seems some people (especially fathers) are hard to please. Only 3 rubbers were needed to win the Grand Final - much to the disgust of Alan, who was looking forward to a chance to redeem himself after Steve called in sick. Yet another pennant for the squashes.

B3: Steve Arduin; Peter Anderson; Joe Karman; Mark Arduin; Jason O'Brien (c); Dominic Caristo: Team problems early in the comp saw the B3 team struggle for a while until Dominic was recruited and Jason sorted out his differences with the checker. Steve (8/8 and performance trophy winner), Joe (9/12) and Mark (2/6) were the strength of this team, while Peter (4/11), Jason (2/6) and Dominic (1/3) made up the numbers. A costly mistake in the major semi saw trump card Steve left sitting on the bench and the team sent to bat in the final. They got into the Grand Final - only needing 3 rubbers, but then the fun started. A 1-3 loss by Joe, 3-1 win by Mark, 0-3 loss by Peter and a 3-0 win by Steve meant the games were even. Lo and behold so were the points - a draw. But there was more... the same team had a draw last comp. But there was still more... it was played on the same court!! Eerie music please Maestro! A win is a win so they say, and this one still is.

B4: Ian Thompson; Grant Heggarty; Con Tarantello; Reg Richardson (c); Chris Virgona: Reg (10/12) had a great comp but was the only player in this team to break even. Ian (6/13), Grant (4/10) and Con (3/8) weren't far off the pace while Chris (1/10) had trouble remembering what pace was. Better luck next comp.

C1: Sean Curtis; Tony Forster (c); Dominic Maggs; Roger Marcolin; Vance Lowe: Good comps by Tony (6/10), Roger (6/9) and Vance (6/9) and just below par comps for Sean (4/10) and Dominic (5/11) saw the gritty C1s just scrape into 4th spot. They then showed nerves of steel by dropping #1 Sean for the sudden death minor semi final. It turned out to be a master stroke as they only needed 3 rubbers to win. The Grand Final saw them up against the old foe in the form of the Burwood Independent burglars. This was won in fine style with only 3 rubbers needed again. With performances like this you have to ask "What happened in the rounds, guys?". A well deserved pennant for a team of in-form players.

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C2-8: Keith Powell; Bruce Jacobs; Alex Forbes (c); Ed Moore; Wayne Rastall: Just Bruce (5/8) and Ed (6/12) with good comps, although much to Ed's disgust, the checker hasn't recorded one of Ed's wins. Keith (4/12) found the jump in grades a bit much and Wayne (3/11) played without kneecaps. Alex (0/7) didn't have as much success on the court as he did with the punchboard and recorded an average of 0.43 - the club low.

C2-9: John DeGeorge; Geoff Williamson; Jason Loong; Robert Russo; Steve Timpson (c): Geoff (5/8), Jason (6/9) and Robert (7/10) all had good comps while John (4/11) and Steve (4/9) struggled a bit. The team came third and therefore played in the sudden death minor semi-final for the chance at glory and riches beyond belief (well, how much is a silver plated beer mug worth anyway). Robert, who has been a steady as a rock for a few comps now, did his bit with a 3-0 win but no-one else managed a game, which sadly put them out of contention this comp.

C3-10: Greg Kelly; Mick Jaroszewicz; Dave Newton; Ron Marshall (c); Stuart Santer: The downfall of this team was probably the registering of Mick in the other C3 team. With Greg (7/12), Mick (8/12), and Ron (6/12) all having good comps it is hard to see how they missed out on the four. Dave (3/11) and Stuart (2/9) had forgettable comps and the team missed out on 4th spot by a mere 5 points. They can consider themselves very unlucky.

C3-11: Greg McManus (c); Peter O'Donnell; Michael DiMonte; Alan Wilton; Greg Anderson: Greg M (3/13) and Greg A (5/11) struggled somewhat but a master stroke saw this team register Mick "Dead-Eye" DiMonte early in the comp. Mick (8/8) was awesome in his first comp and was ably assisted by Peter (5/8) and Alan (10/11). The wheels came unstuck in the semis when Mick selfishly got married and went on honeymoon to England - he could have commuted. Losses in the semi and final put them out for the count.

C4-12: Robert Powell; Mick Franco (c); John Bowers; Darren Peisley; Barney Rudd: Not the best comp ever recorded in this grade saw Robert (9/14) the only performer. Mick (0/10), John (4/10), Darren (0/5) and Barney (2/10) all recorded disaster comps, although the word from Mick was that the team was young and we could expect greater things from them in the comps to come.

C4-13: Paul Bruner; Tony Cariola; Andrew Krnel (c); Stefan Krnel; John Siounis: Stefan (4/7) was the only one to record more than 50% while Paul (1/8), Tony (2/11), Andrew (4/9) and John (3/11) all had forgettable comps. The two C4 teams tied up 7th and 8th place between them.

D1: Ed Alcaino (c); Zelco Kalic; George Waird; John Calacoci; Robert Lecce; Nigel Robinson: The D1's were minor premiers with over 300 points in the rounds and daylight was 2nd, hence thoroughly deserved the

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tag of our most likely pennant winners this comp. They did it in fine style and will most likely be playing C3 next comp with a new #1. Ed (5/8), Zelco (8/9), George (7/8), John (3/6), Robert (6/8) and Nigel (8/9), the list seems endless all contributed the total of over 300 points. Only 3 rubbers were played in the semi and another 3 in the Grand Final, to give us our first pennant of the (it was played on the Tuesday night) year.

D2: Rod Dempsey; Slav Marjanovic; Duncan Bain (c); Steve Kodela; Shane Creamer: The D2 team took the bull by the horns after losing their #1 before the first round started. Rod (5/10) performed well at #1 in the second round considering he was virtually thrown into the lion's den from #3. Steve (4/8) was the only other player to break even in this team. Slav (4/10), Duncan (3/11) and Shane (1/8) will be better next comp for the experience.

Jim Farrell
Chairman

Personnel

As has been the case over the last 5 years, 1994 once again saw the continuation of large numbers of new members joining the Briars.

By the time you are actually reading this report approximately 90-100 new members would have joined the Briars Sporting ranks during 1994. This makes a total of 450 over the past 5 years.

Over the past year the club has won Club Championships in Cricket, Hockey and Squash, hence, we must both, continue to encourage new talent to join our club, and further encourage our existing talent to remain.

Paul Price
Personnel Chairman

House

This year has seen many changes for the club with the development of the retail space below the club. Bently Bowls have expanded into two of the shops and with a Florists in the third shop.

There has also been many changes within the club with the installation of air conditioning as well as the male toilets relocated upstairs. Also the change room has been renovated making more room downstairs, with this extra room we have been able to install as cool room which has made things a lot easier for the bar steward.

I would like to thank the many people that have put in a lot of time to the club over the past year whilst the building works have been going on: Chris Lamond, Matt Waddington, Brett Howle, Ray Tuffin, Craig Hickey. Thanks to all these people and many more that have made my job that little bit easier.

Anthony Clarke
House Chairman

Senior Steward

Members will be well aware of the changes at the club during the past year. The building contractors have completed their work downstairs, resulting in dramatically increased rental income for the club from the shops.

Inside the club itself, an enormous amount of work was carried out by a select few volunteers. Anthony Clarke, Chris Lamond and Matt Waddington were major contributors, and have ensured the surroundings are much more pleasant for enjoying your Friday night beers.

During the refurbishment, we all had to do without draught beer whilst the cold room was installed, and the beer lines were re-directed. This period showed a marked decrease in bar sales, but the end result was well worth waiting for.

Draught beer, in particular has shown a vast improvement since the cold room was installed.

I would like to thank the members of the bar committee for their support throughout the year. Notably Clarkie and Lomondie (again), together with Paul Madirazza and James Spring. During the year we expanded the committee to include a representative from the major sports who use the bar on a regular basis. Thanks also to Jim Farrell and Brett Howle for their help.

With the completion of the refurbishment work, the installation of air-conditioning, and the quality of draught beer after the installation of the cold room, what better time to get a group of friends together for a yarn and a cold one! I hope to see you at the club in the near future.

Garry O'Brien
Senior Steward

Social Golf

The Briars Annual Open Golf tournament was held at picturesque Kiama Golf Club on Sunday 30th October, 1994. Despite minor obstacles in the preliminary organisation (such as fellow organiser John Threlfo not turning up due to "work commitments" on a Sunday?, lack of ice in the refreshment receptacle on the bus trip down and a minor difficulty with the bus getting stuck under a railway bridge 500 metres from the Kiama Club house), the day proved to be an outstanding success.

A total of 52 of the nation's most talented sportsmen competed for the vast array of prizes and of this outstanding field 30 'real men' took advantage of the sponsor's generously provided transport facilities (meaning 22 whoosers drove down).

Outstanding performances over the 18 gruelling holes included:

- Nearest the pins Andrew Craig and Geoff Armstrong
- Drive and pitch Peter Wallace
- Longest drive Chris Lamond
(countback from Geoff Strong Arm)
- Best 'Scratch' score Byron Brazier
- Sir Donald Bradman Award
for persistence above and
beyond the call of sanity Stuart Santer

The Calloway section for 'non-tour qualifiers' was won by Gary Stewart on a countback from Alan Conen with net 71.

The Briars Open champion for 1994 was Brian Howle on countback from Ian Blair with net 58. Third place went to Howle junior with net 60. Commiserations go to Ian Blair who now replaces Kim Piefke as the only golfer to shoot 12 under par and NEVER win a Briars tournament.

Many thanks to Marty Watts for his help with the organisation, Ray Pontifex for his very generous prize donation and Mr Threlfo for making the day more enjoyable by not turning up.

Chang, the Inscrutable Handicapper

Junior Development

The year of 1994/95 was an eventful one for Briars junior development. David Abood and Mal Graham resigned their respective positions on the management committee and their places were taken by Gerard Abood and Jason Hughes.

Although we are still in the phase of learning what these positions require, we are very optimistic that we will be able to develop a junior sport program that will ensure that Briars sport remains a force for many years to come. It has been no secret that there are certain weaknesses in the structure of Briars sport which has seen the number of junior sportsmen forcing their way into our ranks rapidly decreasing. We intend to turn this around and have set a goal to have a Junior sports program at Briars fully operational by the respective sports 1996 seasons.

In the early stages of our term in office, we have already made steps to improvement. We were invited to the inaugural meeting of the Inner West Cricket Council and were subsequently invited to sit on the committee. This Council has brought together members of Petersham-Marrickville C.C., Western Suburbs C.C., Sydney University, Burwood, Strathfield, Canterbury-Wests Association, Homebush Boys High School, Homebush Public School, Marrickville Ladies C.C., Churches Cricket Association and N.S.W. Cricket Association. The council is still in its early phase but the signs are there that it could prove to assist us in the development of Briars junior cricket.

With both Gerard and myself based in cricket, we will be looking to set up a subcommittee to get some assistance in the development of the other sports. This will become important with the success of Brett Graham's Minky program, and Rod McQuade's enthusiasm to support our proposal to run a School Rugby Sevens along similar lines to the one run by cricket for a number of years now. All four sports (Cricket, Rugby, Squash and Hockey) have acknowledged the desire and need to establish and develop junior teams, which in all cases are virtually non-existence at this time.

We would like to thank all members of the management committee for enthusiastically welcoming us on board, and to John Price for his advice and support in the early stages of our appointment.

Gerard Abood and Jason Hughes

Focus

Another year, another six editions of your club's newsletter. The current format seems well received by members. What do you think? We won't know unless you tell us. Consideration is being given to publication every other month to give more up to date information on cricket, rugby and hockey finals series.

Our thanks to all contributors. I feel the quality of sporting reports has remained high. Any contributions on pertinent club matters are always most welcome.

To our regular advertisers, thank you for your support. We ask all members to support these people who are supporting your club. To our publisher Kevin McDonald thank you for your continued high quality service and a final thank you to the Heggarty family for getting Focus to the letter box.

Milton Howell,
Editor

Social

The year following a special anniversary is always hard to emulate, however 1994 proved to be another successful year socially at Briars.

The renovations to the club meant that the Old Members' Night was to be held later in the year. Our first Social for 1994 was the Annual Dinner Dance. After the popularity of the 1993 Annual Dinner at Concord Function Centre it was decided to hold the Dinner Dance there as well. This had the effect of increasing our numbers on recent years. Once again there was an excellent response from Squash, however all sports and all ages were represented.

The Annual Dinner was attended by in excess of 200 people which was an excellent response notwithstanding the fact that Squash numbers were reduced by a number of teams in Grand Finals on the night. Our guest speaker was Michael Whitney who was well received. We were also fortunate to have the mayor of Concord Mr Peter Woods in attendance. It was heartening to see many who had attended the 75th anniversary dinner make the effort to come back again.

The Old Members' night was held after the club's refurbishment was complete. While many old familiar faces were missing it was clear the ring around organised by Rod Smith resulted in the return of some long lost faces. It is clear this informal gathering remains very popular with our less active members.

This report represents my final involvement as Social Chairman and I most happily hand the role over to Michael Jaroszewicz. I also thank all those who have assisted and supported me in this job.

Paul Mattick

Golden Oldies

During the year the Briars Golden Oldie Rugbyites or officially "The Wilted Briars" have witnessed the retirement, in official capacity only, of Ted Callaghan and John Staniforth from the Wilted Briars Committee.

All members offer their heart felt thanks for a job well done.

The major goal for 1995 is our participation in the International Golden Oldies Rugby Festival to be held in Christchurch, New Zealand September 24 - October 1 1995.

The criteria is being over 35 at the commencement of the tournament and a love of Rugby and the friendships associated.

To ensure a successful tour is undertaken as a lead up to September some fundraising and a selection of "warm up" matches are planned.

We have reserved 26 tourists to travel, of which some vacancies are still available.

The strength of any organisation within the Briars is only as strong as its members - your support is critical to our success.

Any suggestions to ensure a fruitful 1995 are more than welcome.

As the New Year awakens think positive, think of the Wilted Briars. Be part of the Briars Golden Oldie movement.

Rod Smith

Administration

The Board of Directors met on 13 occasions and the Management Committee on 12 occasions during the period 1 October, 1993 to 30 September, 1994. Attendance by members was as follows:

Board

C. Hickey	13 (re-elected AGM Feb 1994)
I. Richard	12
J. Staniforth	9 (re-elected AGM Feb 1994)
J. Price	13
J. Crockart	9
P. Richardson	13
W. Hooker	10
R. Tregeagle	12 (elected AGM Feb 1994)

Management

C. Hickey	10
J. Threlfo	9
B. Howle	12
P. Price	11
M. Howell	8
G. O'Brien	11
A. Clarke	11
G. Price	12
P. Mattick	11
K. Kable	10 (resigned Squash July 1994)
J. Farrell	2 (appointed Squash August 1994)
R. Tuffin	7 (resigned Rugby August 1994)
R. McQuade	1 (appointed Rugby September 1994)
E. Moore	4 (B'Ball suspended June 1994)
M. Graham	1 (resigned Schools Liaison March 1994)
G. Abood	5 (appointed Schools Liaison April 1994)
J. Hughes	4 (appointed Schools Liaison April 1994)
W. Hooker	10
B. Graham	8

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.

Anthony Clarke has been a hard-working House Chairman for a number of years now and has put a great deal of personal time and effort into fixing what needs to be fixed and doing whatever a good House Chairman does. This year, Anthony's contribution has been particularly outstanding and his expertise in building matters was extremely valuable when the club was undergoing major renovations. Anthony organised the volunteers who painted the clubrooms and was heavily involved as part of the painting team.

Anthony has represented the club in the sports of rugby and cricket, being a kicker of some renown and, if you ask him, an excellent batsman and bowler. It is pleasing to recognise Anthony's contribution to the club, both administratively and sportwise, by the awarding of this trophy.

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
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	100 points

The winner of this trophy is Anthony Clarke. Over the years, cricket administration has been fortunate to have some very willing workers. Clarke is no exception. He was involved in every social function; managed the U-24 team; assisted at the Schools 7-a-side day; arranged transport of the fridge to Rothwell Park; transported covers and scoreboards to be repaired; and assisted whenever asked.

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He was regular member of the B Grade team which won the competition and played vital roles in the semi-final and final to help secure victory.

Well done Anthony.

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
	<u>100 points</u>

The Shield is awarded to Stuart Brisbane, a standout selection, as his contribution throughout the season was outstanding.

"Stuey" took on the role of conditioner, attended every training session of the year and ran them as well on occasions even when suffering from injury. He was always amongst the first people at the ground; ran the water and sand for the lower grades every week; and when on the field himself, made transition from wing to breakaway in a dynamic fashion.

His efforts this year cannot be over-estimated and everyone associated with rugby would acknowledge Stuart is a worthy recipient of this prestigious award. His distinct standard of dress can even be put down as "individual".

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

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Value to the Club other than Hockey	-	20 points
Conduct on field of play	-	15 points
Neatness of dress	-	10 points
		<u>100 points</u>

This year's winner is Steven Short who, in his role as 4th grade captain, provided tremendous leadership and exemplified true club spirit during a difficult year.

Although capable of playing in higher grades, Steven volunteered to co-ordinate 4th grade and did extremely well for one so young. He was particularly successful in encouraging his side of youngsters and newcomers to actively participate in all facets of club activity, a difficult task taking into account the team's isolation from the top three grades.

Steven's on-field performances were of a high standard, being rewarded with the Best & Fairest trophy. He also gave outstanding service to the club in assisting with juniors on a weekly basis.

Overall, Steven is a very worthy winner of this award.

Doug Vanderfield Trophy

The Trophy was donated by the late R. D. Vanderfield who was 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 a team member	-	20 points
Value as a member of the Club	-	20 points
Keeness as a player	-	20 points
Improvement as a player	-	15 points
Conduct on the Squash Court	-	15 points
Neatness of dress	-	10 points
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner this year is Ken Kable. Ken's commitment to the club on and off the court has been second to none. During his 7-8 years as Squash Chairman, until stepping down in late 1994, he was instrumental in

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building the sport within the club to the point where Briars is one of the major forces in the Western Districts competition.

His keenness as a player has never diminished and he remains a formidable and tenacious opponent in A Grade years after many of his peers have slipped down the grades. A richly deserved award.

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 Keenness	-	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.

For the 2nd year in succession, Nick Pervushin has been awarded this trophy in recognition of his strong on-field performances; enthusiasm for training; exemplary behaviour; and active support of seniors in both a playing and non-playing role. 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 Ian Beattie. Ian can aptly be described as a quiet achiever, someone who went about his business with the minimum of fuss and always achieved beyond what was expected of him, on and off the field.

Ian played in all grades at one stage or another through the season and led the second grade team in their semi-final charge. His level of excellence can be measured by the fact that he missed out on winning the best and fairest awards in both first and second grades by a single point in each grade. Ian's commitment, dedication and integrity will be a valuable asset to the club for many years to come.

ROBERT BRUCE CLARK - OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is funded by a donation from the estate of ex-Patron and foundation member of the club, Bob Clark. It 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 Chris Lamond. Chris has been active behind the scenes supporting the Rugby chairman in the administration and social organisation of the sport. Chris is a member of the Bar Committee and acted as the Senior Steward whilst the incumbent was on an extended overseas holiday. Chris also freely gave of his own time to assist in the painting of the clubrooms following the recent renovations. He is a free running back who enjoys his rugby with the club.

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I would like to acknowledge the contribution of the club's office bearers to what, I think, has been a very successful year, both organisationally and on the playing fields. President, Craig Hickey, led from the front and did not ask anybody to do something that he would not do himself. Board and Management did not resile from making some hard decisions on member's suspensions in an effort to maintain and build on the club's fine traditions.

After much discussion and "number crunching", approval was given for major renovations to the club premises. The completion of the work on time and positive feedback from you, the members, is testimony to the forward thinking of the executive. Whilst there was a temporary effect on cashflow, this will be more than compensated for in future years by a significant increase in shop rental.

A number of members should be acknowledged for their contribution during the renovations. Michael Jaroszewicz performed the duties of supervising engineer in a conscientious manner whilst Craig Hickey, Ian Richard, John Staniforth and Richard Tregeagle as members of the Building Committee, met on numerous occasions to monitor the building work and make "out of Board" decisions. The Finance Committee of Bill Hooker, John Crockart and Peter Richardson ensured the finances of the club could stand the strain and the fact that all work was internally funded with prudent reserves still in place is testimony to their fiscal management. Members from various sports participated in the painting of the clubrooms and their contribution is appreciated by the executive. However, the special effort by Anthony Clarke, Mat Waddington, Chris Lamond, Ray Tuffin, Brett Howle and Craig Hickey should be acknowledged in this forum.

Sports are now more accountable in administrative and budgetary terms. Bill Hooker is a very hardworking and diligent. Treasurer and has implemented procedures to monitor budget performance. Board have adopted a "mentor" system to sports/functions and Directors have been active in carrying out their role. It is pleasing to report that most sports have responded to the challenge in a positive and constructive manner. Unfortunately, Basketball could not meet these standards and has been suspended as a major sport.

Garry O'Brien, Senior Steward, and his merry band of helpers have experienced a most difficult year, mainly due to the building renovations. Their commitment to ensuring the club's facilities are available for all to enjoy is appreciated by the executive.

Richard Tregeagle, Mal Weber and Peter Bowyer, as members of the Future Directions Committee, have again been active and prepared a number of discussion papers on such matters as sponsorship and club administration.

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The executive's appreciation goes to the organisers of club activities and functions for their time and efforts. The Annual Dinner featured Michael Whitney who was very entertaining whilst many favourable comments were made by senior members at the Old Members Night about the renovations to the clubrooms.

The executive would again like to acknowledge the behind the scenes work put in by Stuart Lind, Martin Watts and Ted Stockdale who carry out such duties as checking the till, receipting monies and club banking on a weekly basis. Marty has also accepted the responsibility of monthly stocktakes to assist in the fiscal management of the club.

The recent death of the club's foundation member and Patron, Bob Clark, was a great loss to the club. As well as being a benefactor to the club, he epitomised and espoused what the club was and is about and his death is a timely reminder that, whilst we must look forward, we should be proud of our past. The only living foundation member is Fred Lucas and we hope the future years will be kind to him. The executive offer their sympathies to the families of members who passed away during the year.

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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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS - 30 SEPTEMBER 1994

Your directors present their report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 September 1994. The following persons hold office as directors at the date of this report:

HICKEY	Craig R	Business Proprietor
RICHARD	Robert I G	Company Director
RICHARDSON	Peter D	Chartered Accountant
STANIFORTH	John W	Solicitor
CROCKART	John F	Accountant
HOOKER	William F	Accountant
TREGEAGLE	Richard	Engineer
PRICE	John K	Business Proprietor

Activities:

The principal activity of the Club during the year was that of the promotion and playing of amateur sport. The Club is a licensed club under the provisions of the Registered Club's Act 1976 as amended. There has been no change in the company's activities since the last report.

Results:

The net result of operations for the year was a Profit of \$21,704 (1993 - \$26,218). Income tax was not applicable as per Note 1(c) of the Notes Accompanying the Financial Statements.

The directors have reviewed the operations of the Company over the past 12 months and believe that, in a difficult year where a major refurbishment of the Clubrooms and Shops was undertaken, the financial results are most satisfactory. The refurbishment of the shops necessitated the vacancy of one shop and a significantly reduced rental on the occupied premises during the duration of the project. Bar trading was also restricted for several months while a new Cool Room and chiller system were installed.

The base has now been established to ensure that the future financial strength of the Club will be achieved with quality rental premises at considerably higher rental yields. A modernised Club with facilities to attract patronage by the members and their friends should help to ensure a lift in bar trading.

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Directors' Benefits:

Since the end of the previous financial year no director of the company has received or become entitled to receive any benefits.

C. R. Hickey
Director

W. F. Hooker
Director

Signed in accordance with a Resolution of the Directors
at Burwood this 16th day of January 1995.

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, 1994, 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, 1994, 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 Corporations Law to be dealt with in the financial statements;
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Corporations Law; and
- (c) in accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

C. G. JONES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Signed at Sydney
this 18th of January 1995.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1994

CURRENT ASSETS	NOTE	1994 \$	1993 \$
Cash	4	143,643	238,083
Receivable	5	1,884	4,435
Inventories	6	18,824	26,990
Other	7	7,408	16,689
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		171,759	286,197
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments	8	3,848	64,851
Property, Plant and Equipment	9	302,027	49,462
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		305,875	114,313
TOTAL ASSETS		477,634	400,510
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Borrowings	10	98,972	15,516
Provisions	11	14,000	42,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		112,972	57,516
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Borrowings	12	3,848	3,884
TOTAL LIABILITIES		116,820	61,400
NET ASSETS		360,814	339,110
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained Profits		360,814	339,110

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1994**

	NOTE	1994 \$	1993 \$
Operating profit / (loss)	3	21,704	29,609
Abnormal item		-	(3,391)
Income tax expense		-	-
Profit after income tax		<u>21,704</u>	<u>26,218</u>
Retained Profits at the beginning of the Financial Year		339,110	312,892
Total available for appropriation		360,814	339,110
Retained Profits at the end of the Financial Year		<u><u>360,814</u></u>	<u><u>339,110</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1994

	NOTE	1994 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Subscription fees received		8,339
Interest received		20,031
Rent received		25,290
Bar Sales		71,065
Sports playing fees		29,922
Golf tournament contracts		15,296
Sponsorships		14,818
Focus newsletter (net)		(11,418)
Social functions		(3,240)
Payments to suppliers for bar purchases		(42,067)
Outlays for sports running costs and general administration (net)		(19,800)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	14	108,236
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
<i>Payment for -</i>		
Refurbishment of building		(235,785)
Plant and equipment purchases		(25,835)
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities		(261,620)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds upon maturity of debentures and deposits		60,967
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities		60,967
(Decrease) in cash held		(92,417)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		236,060
Cash at the end of the financial year	13	143,643

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1994

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting standards and the Corporations Law, including the disclosure requirements of Schedule 5 of the Corporations Regulations. The financial statements have also 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, unless otherwise stated.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the Accounts:

(a) Depreciation

Non-current assets, at cost or valuation are depreciated at rates based upon their expected useful economic lives, using the prime cost or diminishing value as applicable.

(b) Inventories

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

(c) Income Tax

The club considers its operations to be exempt from income tax under section 23(g) of the Income Tax Assessment Act in that the Club is established for the encouragement and promotion of amateur sport.

(e) Subscription In Advance

Subscriptions in Advance represent membership receipts beyond the current financial period. Such income is brought to account in the period to which the subscription relates.

Note 2 - Operating Revenue

Included in the operating results of the company are the following items of gross revenue:

	1994	1993
	\$	\$
Bar sales	73,718	102,714
Subscriptions	6,890	9,070
Interest	14,340	24,208
Golf tournaments general revenue	5,266	2,393
Rent from shops	25,290	28,571
Donations and gratuities	431	1,500
Proceeds on disposal of non-current assets	600	-
Sundry income	247	81
Total Revenue	126,782	168,537

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	NOTE	1994 \$	1993 \$
Note 3 – Operating Profit			
The operating profit before income tax is arrived at after crediting and charging the following specific items:			
(i) Crediting as Income:			
Interest – bank		1,840	4,012
Interest – other		12,500	20,196
Write back of deferred maintenance provision		9,127	–
(ii) Charging as Expenses:			
Amortisation of building		372	372
Depreciation of plant and equipment		8,683	6,670
Interest paid – bank		82	76
Write down of clothing inventory values		4,150	–
Write back of Junior development provision		–	407
Note 4 – Current Assets Cash			
Cash in Hand		400	400
Cash at Call		94,298	161,970
Cash on Term Deposit		48,945	75,713
Total Cash		143,643	238,083
Note 5 – Current Assets Receivables			
Sundry Debtors		1,214	952
Interest Receivable		670	3,483
Total Receivables		1,884	4,435
Note 6 – Current Assets Inventories			
Bar stock		6,182	8,152
Clothing and sports equipment		12,642	18,838
Total Inventories		18,824	26,990
Note 7 – Current Assets Other			
Prepayments		7,408	16,689

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	NOTE	1994 \$	1993 \$
Note 8 - Non-Current Assets Investments			
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies -at cost		-	60,967
Trust Funds:			
R. J. Thompson Memorial Trust Fund			
Secured Debenture in Listed Company		700	700
Cash in Bank		1,308	1,334
		<u>2,008</u>	<u>2,034</u>
J. Sheehan Sporting Scholarship			
Unsecured Note in Listed Company		1,153	1,153
Cash at Bank		687	697
		<u>1,840</u>	<u>1,850</u>
Total Investments		<u>3,848</u>	<u>64,851</u>
Note 9 - Non-Current Assets Property Plant and Equipment			
Land & Buildings			
Freehold Land & Building at cost		272,032	36,247
Less: Accumulated Amortisation		9,085	8,713
		<u>262,947</u>	<u>27,534</u>
Furniture, Fittings, Plant & Equipment			
Furniture, Fittings, Plant & Equipment at cost		105,168	79,503
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		66,088	57,575
		<u>39,080</u>	<u>21,928</u>
Total Property & Equipment		<u>302,027</u>	<u>49,462</u>
Note 10 - Current Liabilities Creditors and Borrowings			
Trade Creditors and Accruals		83,945	5,526
Subscriptions in Advance		3,991	2,544
Unearned Income from Sports		11,036	7,446
Total Creditors & Borrowings		<u>98,972</u>	<u>15,516</u>

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	NOTE	1994 \$	1993 \$
Note 11 - Current Liabilities Provisions			
Provisions for Deferred Maintenance		10,000	37,000
Provisions for Junior Development		<u>4,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Provisions		<u>14,000</u>	<u>42,000</u>
Note 12 - Non-Current Liabilities Creditors and Borrowings			
Trust Funds			
R.J. Thompson Memorial Trust Fund		2,008	2,034
J. Sheehan Sporting Scholarship		<u>1,840</u>	<u>1,850</u>
Total Creditors & Borrowings		<u>3,848</u>	<u>3,884</u>
Note 13 - Cash Flow Reconciliation of Cash			
Cash in Hand		400	400
Cash at Call		94,298	161,970
Cash on Short Term Deposit		48,945	75,713
Overdrawn Cashbook classified in Creditors		-	<u>(2,023)</u>
		<u>143,643</u>	<u>236,060</u>

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Note 14 – Cash Flow Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by operating activities to operating profit after income tax

Operating Profit after Income Tax	21,704
Depreciation and Amortisation	9,055
Write back of Provision for Deferred Maintenance	(9,127)
Write down of Inventories	4,150
Change in Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease in Receivables	2,551
Decrease in Inventories	4,016
Decrease in Other Current Assets	9,281
Decrease in Non-Current Investments	36
Increase in Trade Creditors and Accruals	85,479
(Decrease) in Provisions	(18,873)
(Decrease) in Non-Current Creditors and Borrowings	(36)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>108,236</u>

Note 15 – Company Limited by Guarantee

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.

Note 16 – Segment Reporting

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

Note 17 – Auditors Remuneration

The audit of the accounts is undertaken on an honorary basis.

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(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 SEPTEMBER 1994

Note 18 - Related Parties

The names of persons who were directors of the company at any time during the financial year are as follows:

C R Hickey	R I Richard
P D Richardson	J W Staniforth
J F Crockett	W F Hooker
R Tregeagle	J K Price

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director has received or become entitled to receive any remuneration.

Directors' Statement

- In the opinion of the Directors:
 - The accompanying Profit and Loss Account gives a true and fair view of the Profit of the Company for the year ended 30 September 1994.
 - The accompanying Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of that financial year; and
 - At the date of this Statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- The financial accounts have been made out in accordance with applicable Australian accounting standards.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors
at Burwood this 16th day of January 1995.

C. R. Hickey
Director

W. F. Hooker
Director

Annual Report

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BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1994

	1994 \$	1993 \$
BAR TRADING		
Sales	73,718	102,714
Less: Cost of Sales	35,930	52,860
Gross Bar Profit	37,788	49,854
LESS: BAR OPERATING EXPENSES		
Liquor Licence	5,192	4,497
Bar Expenses and Maintenance	1,784	6,340
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	2,480	1,306
	9,456	12,143
BAR TRADING PROFIT	28,332	37,711
ADD: INCOME FROM		
Property Rents	25,290	28,571
Members Subscriptions	6,890	9,070
Interest Received	14,340	24,208
Golf Tournaments	5,266	2,393
Donations	431	1,500
Surplus/ (Loss) Sale of Clothing (Refer Note 3)	(3,903)	81
Surplus/ (Loss) on Rugby	(492)	(4,852)
Surplus/ (Loss) on Cricket	323	(265)
Surplus/ (Loss) on Hockey	3,818	(582)
Surplus/ (Loss) on Squash	92	(901)
Surplus/ (Loss) on Basketball	-	(231)
Surplus/ (Loss) on Social Activities	(959)	(2,944)
	79,428	93,759
LESS: OPERATING EXPENSES		
House Expenses	9,034	8,162
Annual Reports and Accounting Costs	5,565	5,289
Depreciation (excluding Bar Equipment)	6,575	5,364
Rates and Utilities	10,550	9,276
Focus Newsletter (net)	11,533	8,291
Bank Charges, State Duty, etc	1,899	2,033
Insurance	1,790	4,748
Postage	1,894	1,130
General Maintenance and Minor Purchases (Refer Note 3)	(8,627)	1,023

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BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1994 - continued

	\$	\$
75th Anniversary Costs	440	4,728
Sports Subsidies	8,572	11,658
Junior Development Costs	6,017	407
Sundry Administration Costs	2,482	2,041
	<u>57,724</u>	<u>64,150</u>
	<u>21,704</u>	<u>29,609</u>
OPERATING PROFIT		
Less Abnormal Item		
Cricket Surplus overstated Fiscal 1992	-	(3,391)
	<u>21,704</u>	<u>26,218</u>
SURPLUS FOR YEAR		
	<u>21,704</u>	<u>26,218</u>

The accompany notes form part of these financial statements.

