

Middle Harbour Cricket Club

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Selection Committee:

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Delegates to N.S.W. Cricket Association:

D. HOGAN, W. M. GORDON

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Steyne Hotel, Manly, on Friday, 17th August, 1906, at 7.30 p.m. sharp (not 8 p.m.). Intending Members and supporters of Cricket are invited to be present.

D. HOGAN, HON. SEC.

ANNUAL REPORT

To the Members of the Middle Harbour Cricket Club

Gentlemen,

Your Committee have the honour to submit for your consideration the first Annual Report of the Club, and at the same time to congratulate you on the success achieved during the season financially.

As you are aware, the Club was promoted to the First Grade Competition last year, with the Municipal boundaries, and the adjoining Municipality of Mosman as neutral territory. This action of the Association did not meet with favor from your Committee, who were of opinion that as that district was part of the Electorate of Middle Harbor it should have been included in the Club's boundaries, and players resident of Mosman compelled to play with the new Club. The result of this action was that very few players of Mosman threw in their lot with the Club. Your Committee, however, trust that next year the governing body will see its way to include Mosman in the Club's boundaries.

The A Team played 10 matches, of which 7 were lost, 2 won, and 1 drawn, the wins being against Balmain and Central Cumberland. The drawn match was against Paddington. A match was played against Newcastle District and was won by your Club by four runs. Mr. J. Hodgkinson secured pride of place in the batting, with an average of 32.45; C. Whiddon was second with 30.33; D. A. Gee followed with 28.31, and then in order came F. Ridge 21.15, H. Whiddon 19.11, and C. Brownlow 19. In the bowling department H. Whiddon was first, averaging 18.27 (a good performance); F. Row second, with an average of 22.44, and J. Randall third, average 37.66. Mr. C. Brownlow scored 103 against Paddington, and J. Hodgkinson 100 not out against Gordon.

The B Team played 13 matches, winning 2 and losing 11. The most successful performers were: With the bat—Messrs. W. Allerton (100 against Gordon II.), C. Whiddon, R. C. Plomley, K. Walton, C. Broughton and E. Glasson. With the ball—Messrs. S. L. Ridge, E. Glasson, R. Baker and R. O. Blackman.

Your Committee regret being unable to furnish full particulars in connection with the C Team on account of the irregular way in which the score books were kept. 11 matches were played, 3 being won and 8 lost. The best performers with the bat were: J. Stanley, A. Railton, A. McCubbin, C. Elrington, J. Milne and I. Isherwood. With the ball: R. O. Blackman, F. Gray, J. Stevens and J. White.

The Wednesday afternoon matches found favor with the Members who were unable to take part in Grade matches, and enjoyable games were played.

The Oval was in popular demand during the season by city players, and, as will be noticed in the Balance Sheet, the result is exceedingly satisfactory.

Your Committee are pleased to chronicle that the funds are in a very healthy state, the debts of the season previous having been paid out of the current season's revenue and a balance carried forward to next year. On the suggestion of the Hon. Treasurer it was decided to enroll Life Members, with the object of providing a fund for the erection of a new and up-to-date pavilion. It is pleasing to state that the result has far exceeded the sanguine anticipations of the Committee, as up to date £120 has been subscribed, and your Committee have every reason to believe that within a very short time, judging from the attitude of the Council in the matter, a handsome structure will be the result of the Committee's labors in this direction. The Council is also deserving of praise for their action in enclosing a portion of the Park and making a charge to raise revenue for effecting improvements and assisting the various local Clubs.

Your Committee were pleased in electing Messrs. C. H. Hayes, R. Pitt and C. A. Laurence as Honorary Life Members for their efforts in securing Manly Park, which received the endorsement of the local Council.

For the satisfactory state of affairs, your Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. S. Mitchell, is responsible, and your Committee take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the way he worked in the interest and welfare of the Club. His heart and soul were in the work, and for his labor he richly deserves the warmest thanks of the Club.

The roll of paid-up Members is 158, comprising Active Members, Life Members, and Honorary Members; which may be regarded as eminently satisfactory.

Cordial thanks are due to the Mayor and Aldermen for their support, and also to the following gentlemen who have taken out Life Member's tickets: Drs. D. Thomas, L. W. Harvey, G. R. P. Hall, Hon. F. W. Webb, C.M.G., Messrs. J. Stedman, J. Pope, J. Bonner, G. Miller, I.S.O., W. H. Hannam, C. J. Carroll, W. H. Holt, G. H. Gordon, T. J. Underwood, A. Smidmore, J. W. Purves, F. P. Morris, P. H. O'Brien, E. E. Hassall, D. J. Watt, S. R. Walford, J. P. Wright, jun., G. A. Moore and R. J. Wild.

Eleven Committee Meetings were held during the year, the attendances at which were as follows: W. S. Mitchell 11, E. H. Mack 10, F. Row 9, H. D. L. Woods 8, A. Oxlade 8, D. Hogan 8, F. Ridge 7, J. Hodgkinson 7, D. Gee 6, W. Mulready 6, J. Stevens 5, E. W. Austin 4, E. W. Heymet 3.

A pleasing innovation during the season was the serving of afternoon tea to the different teams playing against your Club on the Oval. For this your Committee are deeply indebted to Mrs. Mitchell, wife of our worthy Hon. Treasurer, who took charge and, with the assistance of lady friends, meted out

hospitality to the visitors and members of the Club. The thanks of the Club are due to that good lady for the time and attention given the matter.

Your delegates, Messrs. Gordon and Hogan, attended regularly the New South Wales Cricket Association's Meetings, and were alive to the Club's interests.

In connection with the trouble between the representative players and the Association your Committee passed the following resolution:—"That the Middle Harbour Cricket Club heartily endorses the action of the New South Wales Cricket Association in its effort to keep the management of Cricket in constitutional hands and out of the hands of any proprietory Club or irresponsible body of players."

Your Committee desire to congratulate the Mosman Park Committee on the success that has attended their efforts in connection with their local Park. The Trustees, Messrs. W. M. Gordon, A. Thomson and T. G. Wilson, worked hard in the interest of the Park, and have secured a lease from the Mosman Council for a period of five years at a nominal rental, with a right of renewal for a further term of five years if the covenants are carried out. Mr. E. W. Heymet, a member of the Club's Committee, acted as Secretary for the various functions held to raise revenue, and he is to be complimented on the energy he put into his work, and for the success achieved.

The wickets prepared by the Caretaker during the season were first-class, and he is to be commended for same.

It is pleasing to state that the First Team will be materially strengthened next season, as Messrs. Meares (Burwood), E. P. Woollcott (Balmain) and P. J. Carew (Paddington) are now residents of Manly, and have signified their intention to play with the Club. To these gentlemen a cordial welcome is extended.

Your Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. Hogan, cannot see his way to carry out the duties pertaining to the position which he has filled for the past two years. The thanks of the Club are due to him, and also to the Auditors, Messrs. Learmonth and Wedderburn.

For the Committee,

D. HOGAN, Hon. Secretary.

STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for SEASON 1905=6

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NOTICES OF MOTION

By A. OGILVY:

1. That the Rule adopted at the last Annual General Meeting re one Selection Committee for the Club be eliminated from the Rules, and the following substituted:—"The Selection Committee for each eleven shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and shall consist of three members for each eleven."

By W. S. MITCHELL:

- 2. "That the Captains of the three Grade Teams be selected by ballot on the ground prior to each match by the members of the team, and that the Captains of the 2nd and 3rd Grade Teams so selected shall act as Secretary of their respective teams for each match, and shall be responsible for the posting of teams on the board, apprising the players of their selection, and the looking after the material, score books, etc.
- 3. That Rule 13 of the Club be rescinded and the following be substituted, viz.:—"That any person may be proposed and elected at a General or Committee Meeting of the Club, but that any member resident of Warringah so elected not sending notice of his resignation in writing to the Secretary shall still be considered a paying member, and arrears, if any, must be paid before he can re-enter and participate in the privileges of the Club, unless he has written for and obtained exemption on account of absence from the district."

By F. L. ROW:

4. That Rule 2 be amended to read as follows:—"The officers of the Club shall consist of a Patron, President, not more than 20 Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, Treasurer, General Committee and Selection Committees, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting; or when a vacancy has arisen in the interim by resignation or otherwise, at the first meeting of the Committee thereafter."

N.B.—Only paid-up Members will be qualified to vote at the Meeting.

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2nd GRADE

BOWLING AVERAGES

1st GRADE

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