

Middle Harbour District Cricket Club.

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G. LOWE, F. B. ANDERSON, E. BULL, D. OGILVY, F. L. TRACY, N. PLOMLEY, E. MITCHELL, O. G. OXLEY, G. DUNLOP.

Selection Committees :

A Team—R. A. OXLADE, E. BULL, E. P. WOOLCOTT.
B Team—C. B-COCHRANE, E. MITCHELL, R. BAKER.
C Team—C. OLLIVIER, F. L. TRACY, G. DUNLOP.

Ground Committee :

R. A. OXLADE, E. P. WOOLCOTT, C. B-COCHRANE.

Auditors :

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Delegates to N.S.W. Cricket Association :

R. A. OXLADE, C. B-COCHRANE.

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

To be submitted for adoption at the Ninth Annual Meeting to be held at the Pier Hotel, Manly, on Thursday, 3rd July, 1913, at 8 p.m.

To the Members of the Middle Harbour District Cricket Club—

Gentlemen,—

The Committee have much pleasure in presenting for your consideration the ninth Annual Report.

The First Eleven kept the same position in the competition as last year, their record being—matches played 11, won 3, lost 7, drawn 1 and a bye.

Several exciting games were played, notably that against Glebe, which was won outright by 14 runs. An enjoyable trip was made to Wollongong, under the auspices of the New South Wales Cricket Association, where the Club defeated the Combined Illawarra District Cricket Association.

A serious loss to the side was the absence of B. Kortlang, who was so successful last season. A number of young players were tried, and results point to access of strength for the coming season.

The batting average was won by G. Lowe, whose figures were excellent; he had an average of 37 for 12 completed innings. E. Bull, who was Captain during the greater part of the season, vice D. A. Gee, retired, was next with an average of 29.82, he also secured the highest aggregate, viz., 507 runs, and twice passed the century, namely, 125 against Paddington, and 107 against Petersham. D. A. Gee also scored two centuries, 114 against Waverley, and 120 not out against Gordon; his hitting being remarkably powerful. He finished with an aggregate of 314 for 11 completed innings.

H. P. Woolcott and F. B. Anderson, who showed much improved form as batsmen, were the only others to aggregate over 200 runs.

J. Randell was the mainstay in attack for the team in bowling, and finished the season with 51 wickets at an average of 16.35.

M. Tierney (a recruit from the Railway Audit team) was of great assistance, capturing 23 wickets at 23.3 runs a piece.

E. Bull also obtained 20 wickets at an average of 26.5 runs.

H. P. Woolcott was not so successful as in previous years, but met with an accident early in the season, which doubtless affected his bowling.

F. B. Anderson improved upon his previous season's form, and now must be considered amongst the first flight of wicket-keepers.

The fielding was above last year's standard, but there is still room for improvement.

E. Bull was selected to represent New South Wales against Tasmania, and also captained the Combined First Grade Team against Dr. O'Hara's Country Team.

The Second Eleven played eleven matches, winning one, drawing 1 and losing 9. The poor performances of the side were due, in the main, to the frequent changes in the Eleven, caused by the regular members not being available. Of the twenty-eight players taking part in the games, only seven played in more than half the matches.

The batting averages are headed by C. B. Cochrane, with 26.8, followed by H. Williams with 25.8, H. Cropper 24.0, and A. Friend 21.5.

C. Glassop, who secured the greatest number of wickets, viz., 14, at the low cost of 13.4, bowled very finely.

A. Little, who did the hat trick against Petersham, and S. Pierce, both promoted from the Third Eleven, performed very creditably, and should be of great assistance during the coming season.

The Third Eleven, under the captaincy of C. Ollivier, had a more successful season than last year. They played 13 matches, of which 4 were won, 7 lost, 1 drawn and a bye. This team was very much handicapped through the absence of a good wicket-keeper, and no less than 15 per cent. of the runs scored by their opponents were sundries.

The batting average was won by C. Ollivier, who, in sixteen-completed innings, scored 357 runs, at an average of 22.31.

F. Tracy, who made the highest score, and had the greatest aggregate, namely, 87 and 391 runs respectively, and H. Middleton also had averages of 20.

The bowling of the team showed marked improvement, there being no less than seven of the regular bowlers with averages of under 20, as compared with 3 last year. The average was won by R. Fitzhardinge, with 8.56, closely followed by A. Holden, with 9.2.

The fielding taken all round was very fair, and marked with a keenness which in prior seasons was often absent.

Your Committee wishes to congratulate the winners of the different Grade Competitions.

Practice.—This was well attended, especially among the younger members, and it is hoped that a similar eagerness will be displayed during the coming season. The Committee would urge members to devote special attention to fielding and catching.

General Remarks.—It is with great regret that your Committee have to record the death of one of your life members, the late Mr. James Stedman, and we desire to express our deepest sympathy to the members of his family.

The Committee regret to report that next season the Club will lose the services of Mr. F. B. Anderson, who is leaving for Melbourne, and Messrs. B. Eddins, H. Cropper and O. G. Oxley, who have left the district. All of these gentlemen were identified with the Club as players and Committeemen, and your Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of their valuable services.

The Committee have pleasure in reporting, that they have renewed the lease of the Oval for a further period of three years from the 1st September next.

The New South Wales Cricket Association granted the Club the sum of £30 for improving the Oval conditionally upon the Council giving a similar amount. This was done, and certain improvements effected to the outfield. The Committee desires to place on record their thanks to the New South Wales Cricket Association, and also to the Council for the prompt manner in which they complied with the Association's conditions.

The New South Wales Cricket Association, in reporting on the ground states: "The outfield of this ground has been improved by relaying part of it. In parts there is a considerable amount of tussock grass which should be removed. The wicket is bare of grass, although it plays fairly." The Committee feel sure that the Council will endeavour to have these matters attended to before the ensuing season.

The Committee have much satisfaction in reporting that practice wickets and nets were provided by the Club, for the use of the school boys of Manly (both Public and Private), and this was much appreciated and availed of to the fullest extent. The Committee trust that this policy of catering for the school boys will be continued by the incoming Committee.

Your Committee wish to congratulate Messrs. E. P. Woolcott and R. Baker on their restoration to health after severe illness, and trust that their services may be available for the coming season.

Mesdames Woolcott, Hurst and Cochrane, and the Misses Hurst and Crane, were in charge of the afternoon tea, which was, as usual, much appreciated by the players and visitors. To these ladies the Committee desire to return their heartiest thanks.

Presentations were made by the members of the Club to the Hon. Treasurer, C. B. Cochrane and D. Vernon, on the occasion of their marriages.

The General Committee held eleven meetings. The attendances were as follows:—R. A. Oxlade 11, G. Lowe 11, C. B. Cochrane 10, F. B. Anderson 8, F. L. Tracy 8, G. Dunlop 7, E. P. Woolcott 7, E. Bull 6, E. Mitchell (elected 7/11/12, vice B. Kortlang) 6, D. Ogilvy 5, N. Plomley 5, O. G. Oxley (resigned February, 1913) 5.

Delegates.—R. A. Oxlade and C. B. Cochrane attended the meetings of the New South Wales Cricket Association regularly, and Mr. Oxlade was appointed to the Grade Committee of the Association.

The Thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. D. Hogan, Town Clerk of Manly, for the unvarying courtesy extended to the Club officials at all times, to the Vice-Presidents, Scorers and Officials of the Club for their support, to the Umpires who attended the various matches, to Mr. E. Lincoln, of the "Manly Daily," for his notices of the Club's doings during the season, and to J. Randell for his many valuable services.

The Finances, under the care of the Honorary Treasurer, C. B. Cochrane, are in a healthy condition.

Signed for and on behalf of the Committee,

R. A. OXLADE,

Honorary Secretary.

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

MIDDLE HARBOUR DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR SEASON 1912-13.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance brought forward		17	13 6	Ground Expenses:			
Subscriptions and Donations		63	0 0	Rent of Oval	1	0 0	
Honorary Members		2	10 0	Exes. at Score Board	2	10 0	
Locker Fees		1	17 6	Improvements	30	0 0	
Ground Fees		2	15 0	Insurance	0	4 9	
Sale of Material		1	1 6	Reps. Nets	0	12 6	
Oval Improvements		30	0 0	Sundries	1	1 2	
						35	8 5
				Material (including repairs)		39	2 9
				Printing and Stationery		6	17 0
				Hospital Sports' Cot		2	2 0
				Medical Attendance		1	1 0
				Refunds Subscriptions		1	1 0
				Postage and Telegrams		2	0 11
				Afternoon Tea		3	6 11
				Ground Fees		3	17 0
				Scorer's Travelling Exes.		4	0 0
				Bank Charges		0	10 0
				Sundry Petty Expenses		0	11 0
				To Credit Balance		18	19 6
						118	17 6
		£118	17 6			£118	17 6

We certify that this statement of Receipts and Expenditure is correct.

C. B. COCHRANE, Hon. Treasurer.

AVERAGES.

AVERAGES FIRST TEAM.

Season 1912-13.

BATTING.

	In.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs.	Ave.
G. Lowe	15	3	73	444	37.00
E. Bull	17	0	128	507	29.82
D. A. Gee	12	1	120*	314	28.54
H. P. Woolcott ..	17	1	46*	248	15.20
F. B. Anderson ..	17	1	72	237	14.81
J. Randell	16	1	45	181	12.06
F. Humphries .. .	16	1	92	176	11.73
C. Hogue	6	1	32	52	10.40
M. Tierney	15	2	32	132	10.15
K. Walton	15	4	17	90	8.18
H. Cropper	7	1	19	44	7.33
E. P. Woolcott ..	6	0	13	34	5.66
H. Williams	8	2	11	26	4.33

Also Batted:—C. B. Cochrane, 4 innings for 25; A. D. Mitchell, 3 innings for 43; E. Mitchell, 2 innings for 27; J. Buzolich, 2 innings for 14; W. H. Pratt, 2 innings for 4; Eric Woolcott, 1 innings for 1.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.
J. Randell	201.5	20	834	51	16.35
M. Tierney	109	14	486	23	21.13
H. Williams	26	3	127	5	25.40
E. Bull	121	14	530	20	26.50
K. Walton	53	5	223	8	27.87
H. P. Woolcott ..	72.1	9	302	9	33.55

Also Bowled:—D. A. Gee, 4 wickets for 142; C. Hogue, 1 wicket for 15; H. Cropper, 1 wicket for 24; G. Lowe, 0 wickets for 0.

SECOND GRADE AVERAGES.

Season 1912-13.

BATTING.

	In.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs.	Ave.
Cochrane, C. B. ..	7	2	33	132	26.4
Williams, H. .. .	7	0	52	181	25.8
Cropper, H. C. ..	7	1	34	144	24.0
Friend, A.	6	0	76	129	21.5
Pratt, W. H. .. .	12	0	84	175	19.4
Mitchell, E. .. .	14	1	40	200	15.3
Evans, S.	5	0	32	72	14.4
Oxley, O. G. .. .	11	1	42	134	13.4
Plomley, N. .. .	12	0	44	160	13.3
Mitchell, A. D. ..	12	0	62	158	13.1
Dunlop, G.	7	2	15	64	12.8
Woolcott, Eric ..	11	0	36	134	12.1
Richardson, H. ..	16	1	37*	175	11.6
Hogue, C. R. .. .	9	0	25	87	9.6
Manning, H. .. .	7	1	10	26	4.3
Glassop, C.	9	3	10*	14	2.3

Also Batted:—Oatley, 1 for 48; Higgins, 3 for 41; Clutton, 3 for 5; Slater, 3 for 55; Kennedy, 2 for 1; Hawken, 2 for 7; Tracey, 2 for 3; Middleton, 2 for 2; Lascelles, 2 for 7; Lord, 3 for 58; Little, 3 for 9; Pierce, 2 for 0.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	W.	R.	Ave.
Glassop, C.	89	6	14	190	13.4
Little, A.	9	0	4	54	13.5
Pierce, S.	16	5	7	118	16.8
Oxley, O. G. .. .	15	3	5	88	17.6
Richardson, H. ..	17	2	6	110	18.3
Woolcott, Eric ..	36	3	11	212	19.2
Cropper, H.	31	2	6	154	25.6
Williams, H. .. .	37	7	8	212	26.5
Hogue, C. R. .. .	39	2	6	229	38.2

Also Bowled:—Oatley, 1 for 1; Tracey, 0 for 8; Slater, 2 for 41; Clutton, 1 for 23; Lascelles, 2 for 74; Pratt, 2 for 90; Cochrane, 3 for 70; E. Mitchell, 3 for 76; Manning, 4 for 86.

AVERAGES THIRD GRADE.

Season 1912-13.

BATTING.

	In.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs.	Ave.
C. Ollivier	18	2	74*	357	22.31
H. Middleton .. .	12	0	84	247	20.58
F. Tracy	19	0	87	391	20.57
G. Dunlop	6	1	37	99	19.80
A. Little	12	2	44	154	15.40
A. Holden	7	2	37	87	17.40
H. Baum	13	2	74	146	13.27
O. Clutton	14	0	33	163	11.64
D. Vernon	16	3	29	134	10.30
B. Bowden	16	2	50	144	10.23
S. Pierce	13	3	25	95	9.50
F. Lascelles .. .	11	1	19	75	7.50
R. Fitzhardinge ..	6	0	11	45	7.50
C. Jones	6	1	15	27	5.40
A. Darling	5	2	10	15	5.00
J. Oldman	11	4	8	24	3.42

Also Batted:—W. H. Pratt, 2 innings for 62 runs; A. Kennedy, 3 innings for 10 runs; W. Lindsay, 4 innings for 13 runs; H. Monckton, 1 innings for 4 runs; B. Edkins, 2 innings for 1 run; M. J. Lowe, 1 innings for 9 runs; L. Hind, 4 innings for 3 runs; W. Stevens, 2 innings for 15 runs; D. Ogilvy, 2 innings for 31 runs; H. Williams, 2 innings for 15 runs; W. Bunting, 3 innings for 19 runs; A. Friend, 1 innings for 20 runs; K. Little, 1 innings for 1 run.

AVERAGES THIRD TEAM.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.
R. Fitzhardinge ..	56	10	197	23	8.56
A. Holden	44	4	184	20	9.2
D. Vernon	58	4	260	21	12.38
F. Lascelles .. .	69	12	187	14	13.35
S. Pierce	108	27	257	19	15.52
B. Bowden	67	7	303	17	17.82
F. Tracy	119	6	467	24	19.45
O. Clutton	39	8	169	7	24.14

Also Bowled:—D. Ogilvy, 6 wickets for 27; W. Stevens, 7 wickets for 86; W. H. Pratt, 3 wickets for 29; G. Dunlop, 2 wickets for 93; A. Little, 4 wickets for 93; H. Middleton, 1 wicket for 36; A. Friend, 1 wicket for 5; B. Edkins, 0 wickets for 36; A. Kennedy, 0 wickets for 11; H. Monckton, 0 wickets for 2; J. Oldman, 0 wickets for 9; A. Lord, 0 wickets for 15; C. Ollivier, 0 wickets for 12; S. Lindsay, 0 wickets for 7.

NOMINATIONS.

THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE UNDER-MENTIONED OFFICES DURING SEASON 1913-1914.

HON. SECRETARY:

R. A. Oxlade.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

E. P. Woolcott.

HON. TREASURER:

C. B. Cochrane.

GENERAL COMMITTEE:

E. R. Mitchell, G. Lowe, E. Bull, F. L. Tracy, A. D. Mitchell, C. Ollivier, H. Richardson, C. R. Hogue, K. Walton.

SELECTION COMMITTEES:

First Team:—G. Lowe, E. Bull, E. P. Woolcott.
Second Team:—C. B. Cochrane, G. Dunlop, E. R. Mitchell.
Third Team:—C. Ollivier, F. L. Tracy, A. Little.

HON. AUDITORS:

J. T. Wedderburn, A. Learmonth.