

Middle Harbour District Cricket Club

OFFICE BEARERS 1914-1915.

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R. A. OXLADE.

Hon. Assistant Secretary:

E. P. WOOLCOTT.

Hon. Treasurer:

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General Committee:

G. LOWE, F. B. ANDERSON, E. BULL, F. TRACY, E. MITCHELL, A. COOPER, G. DUNLOP, K. WALTON, J. FREEMAN.

* A. D. MITCHELL (resigned 3/12/14).

Selection Committee:

A Team—G. LOWE, E. BULL, R. A. OXLADE.

B Team—G. DUNLOP, C. B-COCHRANE, F. TRACY.

C Team—A. LITTLE, S. BROS, J. FREEMAN.

Ground Committee:

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

Hon. Auditors:

A. LEARMONTH, J. T. WEDDERBURN.

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

To be submitted for adoption at the 11th Annual Meeting to be held at
Manly, on Thursday, 22nd July, 1915, at 8 p.m.

To the members of the Middle Harbour District Cricket Club:—
GENTLEMEN,—

The Committee has much pleasure in presenting for your consideration the Eleventh Annual Report.

Opportunity is taken to congratulate the Western Suburbs and Waverley Clubs upon their successes in the First, Second, and Third Grade Competitions respectively.

The play of your own members, whilst not quite up to the standard of a few seasons ago, is on the improve, and the lower grades contain young players of considerable promise.

Much has lately been written about the decline of the public interest in cricket, and many suggestions have been put forward for the improvement of the game. Your Committee is of the opinion that there is nothing amiss with the game itself, and believe that public interest will certainly be revived when the present European War has terminated, and another English XI. is in a position to visit Australia. A certain amount of the loss of interest is only temporary, and the game is strong enough to right itself, but it must not be overlooked that cricket has now three great counter attractions in swimming, tennis, and surf bathing, especially in the Middle Harbour District.

THE FIRST ELEVEN played eleven matches, of which one was won, nine were lost, and one drawn. The above record is very poor, but it must be remembered that many of the more experienced players, notably D. A. Gee (who has left the district) were not taking part in the matches, and, in consequence, the lower grades were drawn upon to fill up the team.

The batting average was again won by G. Lowe, average 28.20, for fifteen completed innings. He also scored the highest aggregate, viz., 423. E. Bull (who captained the side) was a close second, with an average of 28. G. Duffin and C. Neville, who respectively averaged 22.25 and 21.41 were the only other batsmen with an average of 20 runs or over.

The only century scored for the side was 119, by E. Bull, against Central Cumberland.

As usual, the brunt of the bowling was borne by J. Randell, who was easily the most successful bowler, with the brilliant record of 62 wickets at a cost of 18.72, including the hat trick v. Cumberland. E. Bull, with 24 wickets at 26.45, F. Tracy with 12 at 27.66, A. Rough, 19 at 31.21, were the only others to secure over 10 wickets.

The fielding was only fair, notable exceptions being G. Lowe, C. Neville, and K. Walton, who were excellent throughout the season. K. B. Anderson kept wickets in his usual capable manner.

J. Randell was selected to represent the State against South Australia and Victoria.

G. Lowe represented for New South Wales Colts v. Victorian Colts.

E. Bull was appointed captain of the Combined First Grade v. Combined Colts. Messrs. G. Lowe and K. B. Anderson also being selected.

E. Bull was selected for N.S.W. v. Victoria, and also against Queensland. Your Committee congratulate these players upon their success.

SECOND ELEVEN played ten games, of which nine were lost and one was won.

E. Mitchell was easily first in batting, with an average of 33.62 for 8 completed innings. G. Dunlop was next, with an average of 19.41 for 17 completed innings. He also secured the highest aggregate, viz., 330.

Messrs. A. Little, A. Baker, and F. Tracy were the most successful bowlers, with averages of 16.44, 17.66, and 18.06 respectively.

The fielding showed a slight improvement on the previous year. The thanks of the team are due to G. Dunlop for the efficient manner in which he carried out his duties as Team Secretary.

THE THIRD ELEVEN played twelve matches, winning five, and losing seven. Your Committee has great pleasure in being able to report a distinct improvement in the quality of the play of this team. The Team Secretary, J. Freeman, is to be congratulated on his captaincy and coaching of the side. The batting average was won by F. Cornell, with an average of 32.7 for 7 completed innings; A. Little, C. Mitchell, N. Moorhouse, all averaging 19.

F. Ames secured the aggregate, with 348 runs, J. Freeman coming a good second with an aggregate of 288.

The bowling honours were gained by W. Baker, with 31 wickets at an average of 13.3. F. Ames secured 44 wickets at a cost of 19.9, and A. Little, 27 wickets at 16.2.

PRACTICE.—In the earlier part of the season the practice was very well attended, but later on the members were not so keen, but the unforeseen circumstances of the times were, no doubt, responsible for this. Your Committee again urges upon those players taking part in competition fixtures the absolute necessity of regular practice as a means towards improvement. More attention should be paid to fielding.

The Club is again under an obligation to Mr. E. L. Fawcett for his great assistance in acting as timekeeper at practice during the whole season.

ROLL OF HONOUR.—The great war which has made calls on athletes particularly, has been answered by no fewer than 22 members of your Club, and your Committee suggests to the incoming Committee that a permanent record of the following members, together with other members who enlist, be placed in the pavilion at the oval, viz.:—Colonel Ryrie (Patron), Dr. Thomas (President), A. D. Mitchell, J. Mitchell, H. P. Woolcott, F. McMahon, W. K. Harris, Eric Bull, A. Cooper, N. Plomley, P. F. V. Turner, A. Ogilvy, H. A. Jones, W. Higgins, K. Warton, G. Scales, G. Copley, A. McCubbin, D. McCubbin, W. Hind, R. Bull, and P. Baker.

The Committee unanimously decided that the rights of membership will be preserved

OBITUARY.—It is indeed with great regret that the deaths of Mr. J. J. Calvert, I.S.O., and Mr. Alan D. Mitchell, are announced. The former was for many years one of your Senior Vice-Presidents, and, as such, was a very practical supporter of your Club. Alan D. Mitchell, who died fighting for his country, was a member of your first eleven, and also a very efficient Committee-man, and took a very active part in the management of the Club's affairs. His loss will be severely felt both on and off the cricket field.

To the relatives of these members the Committee, on your behalf, extends their sincere sympathy, and desires to place on record their high appreciation of the services of these two gentlemen to the game of cricket.

GENERAL REMARKS.—Owing to change of residence, the Club will in the coming season lose the active services of J. Walton, and of his son, K. Walton. Mr. Walton, senr., is one of your Vice-Presidents, and has been a very keen supporter of the Club, whilst his son is one of the best known members of your First Eleven and General Committee. The best thanks of the Club are extended to these gentlemen for their past services.

As in past years your Club provided practice for the schoolboys of Manly, and this was availed of to the fullest extent.

AFTERNOON TEA was dispensed as usual under the care of Mesdames E. P. Woolcott, Hurst, Cochrane, Rough, Freeman, Wilson, Dunlop, and Anderson, and the Misses Dunlop and Bull, and was much appreciated. The thanks of the Committee are extended to these ladies for their kindness in assisting the Club in this direction.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE held 10 meetings. The attendances were as follows: R. A. Oxlade 10, G. Lowe 10, F. L. Tracy 9, C. B-Cochrane 9, J. Freeman 9, E. Mitchell 8, G. Dunlop 8, E. P. Woolcott 6, F. B. Anderson 5, E. Bull 5, K. Walton 5, A. D. Mitchell (resigned 3/12/14) 2, A. Cooper (elected 3/12/14, vice A. D. Mitchell) 2.

DELEGATES.—Messrs. R. A. Oxlade and C. B-Cochrane, your Delegates to the New South Wales Cricket Association, were regular in their attendances. Mr. Oxlade was again elected to the Executive of the Association, whilst Mr. Cochrane was elected to the Country Committee.

FINANCE.—The expenditure for the season was £7 1s. 10d., more than the receipts, but by the exercise of strict economy, consistent with proper equipment, the Hon. Treasurer has been able to carry forward a credit balance. The Committee desires to thank J. Randeil for his valuable assistance in the custody and care of the Club's materials.

Members are reminded that the early payment of subscriptions makes the duties of the Hon. Treasurer very light, and enables the Club to take advantage of the many savings gained by cash purchases.

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 Mr. E. Lincoln, of the Manly Daily, for his notices of the Club's doings during the season.

The Club is under a deep debt of gratitude to their Hon. Secretary for his untiring services in its interest. Though a very busy professional man, he devotes much of his leisure time to the Club's affairs, and your Committee has no hesitation in stating that the Club's present highly organised position is mainly due to the excellent work of their Hon. Secretary. The Hon. Treasurer, too, has, as usual, been a keen and able worker, and has husbanded and used the funds of the Club to the very best advantage.

Signed for and on behalf of the Committee,

F. LE ROY-TRACY, Chairman.
R. A. OXLADE, Hon. 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 1914-15.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance from 1913-14	11	2	1	Ground Expenses—			
Subscriptions and Donations	43	11	6	Rent	1	0	0
Hon. Members	1	0	0	Scoring Board	2	7	6
Locker Fees	1	0	0	Insurance		4	10
Ground Fees		13	6	Nets and Net Repairs	5	5	0
Material	2	4	0	Sundries		1	4
Afternoon Tea	1	16	6	Material and Repairs	28	15	9
				Printing and Stationery	6	12	6
				Afternoon Tea	3	7	3
				Ground Fees	2	15	3
				Patriotic Fund	1	1	0
				Postage and Telegrams	2	3	0
				Refunds Subscriptions	1	1	0
				Bank Charges		12	6
				Petty Expenses		13	5
				Lighting		3	8
				Total Expenditure	57	7	4
				Balance as per Pass Book	4	0	3
	£61	7	7		£61	7	7

FIRST TEAM.

Season 1914-15.

BATTING.

Batsmen.	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs.	Avg.
G. Lowe	16	1	78	423	28.20
E. Bull	13	0	119	364	28.00
G. Duffin	4	0	38	89	22.25
C. Neville	15	3	47*	257	21.41
W. Driver	16	2	60	228	16.28
G. Lord	15	0	37	169	11.26
J. Randall	13	0	32	142	10.92
A. Cooper	8	0	35	87	10.87
A. Rough	10	4	30*	57	9.50
K. Walton	9	2	18	61	8.72
J. H. Mackinlay	16	0	50	133	8.31
F. B. Anderson	16	2	22*	100	7.14
F. Tracy	10	1	10	31	3.44

Also Batted:—G. Prior, twice for 0; C. B. Cochrane, one for 3; A. D. Mitchell, once for 0; E. Mitchell, once for 0; G. Dunlop, once for 0.

BOWLING.

Bowler.	Overs.	M.	Runs.	W.	Avg.
J. Randall	282.5	23	1161	62	18.72
E. Bull	128	8	638	24	26.45
F. Tracy	77	3	332	12	27.66
A. Rough	129.1	6	593	19	31.21
K. Walton	61.3	5	278	8	34.75

Also Bowled:—G. Duffin, 4 wickets for 256 runs; C. Neville, 2 wickets for 120 runs; G. Lowe, 1 wicket for 67 runs; H. Whiddon, 0 wickets for 15 runs; F. B. Anderson, 0 wickets for 11 runs.

SECOND TEAM.

Season 1914-15.

BATTING.

Batsmen.	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs.	Avg.
Mitchell, E.	9	1	66	269	33.62
Dunlop, G. M.	18	1	90	330	19.41
Prior, G.	14	2	37	183	15.25
Tracy, F.	8	0	42	97	12.12
Riley, C.	10	0	35	118	11.80
Cochrane, C. B.	13	1	43*	135	11.25
Ollivier, C.	17	0	43	137	8.05
Whiddon, H.	13	1	24	89	7.41
Harris, W. K.	12	3	14*	63	7.00
Whiddon, C.	10	1	18	58	6.44
Campbell, C.	18	1	24	79	4.64
Miller, D.	5	0	13	23	4.60
Baker, R.	6	0	11	26	4.33

Also Batted:—W. Driver, 1 innings for 71 runs; A. D. Mitchell, 2 innings for 30 runs; R. L. Baker, 4 innings, 3 not out, for 19 runs; A. Little, 4 innings, 1 not out, for 37 runs; S. Bros. 4 innings for 2 runs; S. Pearce, 4 innings, 2 not out, for 25 runs; W. Shirt, 1 innings for 1 run; H. Callender, 2 innings, 2 not out, for 6 runs; W. Bunting, 1 innings for 0 runs; R. Farnell, 3 innings, 3 not out, for 65 runs; R. K. Walton, 4 innings for 54 runs.

SECOND TEAM.

BOWLING.

Bowler.	Overs.	M.	Runs.	W.	Avg.
Little, A.	38	3	148	9	16.44
Baker, A.	26.2	4	106	6	17.66
Tracy, F.	69.5	6	271	15	18.06
Pearce, S.	45.2	3	189	8	23.62
Cochrane, C. B.	73.3	0	393	14	28.07
Miller, D.	25.3	1	148	5	29.60
Walton, R. K.	50	4	184	6	30.66
Prior, G.	52	4	245	7	35.00
Whiddon, H.	68	0	437	12	36.41

Also Bowled:—Riley, C., 3 wickets for 114 runs; Mitchell, E., 3 wickets for 209 runs; Dunlop, G., 4 wickets for 111 runs; Ollivier, C., 1 wicket for 17 runs; Driver, W., 0 wickets for 25 runs; Campbell, C., 0 wickets for 19 runs.

THIRD TEAM.

Season 1914-15.

BATTING.

Batsmen.	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs.	Avg.
F. Cornell	7	0	73	229	32.7
A. Little	13	1	67	232	19.6
C. Mitchell	5	0	52	97	19.4
N. Moorhouse	10	1	34	173	19.2
W. Baker	13	1	64	227	18.9
F. Ames	21	1	44	348	17.4
J. Freeman	20	2	60	288	16.
J. Zellar	7	0	22	99	14.1
E. Woods	9	0	22	73	8.1
R. Freeman	15	9	18*	46	7.6
W. Bunting	18	0	60	136	7.5
S. Herbert	5	0	20	33	5.6
S. Bros.	10	0	23	64	6.4
B. Neilly	14	2	47	70	5.8

BOWLING.

Bowler.	Overs.	M.	Runs.	W.	Avg.
W. Bunting	10	1	44	5	8.8
McCarthy	27	0	110	9	12.2
W. Baker	126	9	404	31	13.3
A. Little	115	8	438	27	16.2
F. Ames	198	7	877	44	19.9
J. Freeman	136	6	521	21	24.8

Also Bowled:—N. Moorhouse, 3 wickets for 25 runs; G. Baker, 4 wickets for 47 runs; Doran, 2 wickets for 21 runs; E. Woods, 1 wicket for 41 runs; S. Bros. 2 wickets for 117 runs; S. Spiloby, 0 wickets for 1 run; F. Flowers, 0 wickets for 20 runs; J. Oldman, 0 wickets for 33 runs; J. Doust, 0 wickets for 24 runs; E. Neilly, 0 wickets for 52 runs.

NOMINATIONS.

The following Nominations have been received for the undermentioned Offices during Season 1915-1916.

HON. SECRETARY:

R. A. Oxlade

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

E. P. Woolcott.

HON. TREASURER:

C. B. Cochrane

GENERAL COMMITTEE:

G. Lowe, F. B. Anderson, F. Tracy, E. Mitchell, G. Dunlop, C. Campbell, J. Freeman, W. Driver, G. Prior.

HON. AUDITORS:

J. T. Wedderburn, and A. Learmonth

DELEGATES C. ASSOCIATION:

R. A. Oxlade and C. B. Cochrane

SELECTION COMMITTEES:

1st XI - G. Lowe, F. B. Anderson, and R. A. Oxlade

2nd XI - F. Tracy, G. Dunlop, and C. B. Cochrane

3rd XI - J. Freeman, A. Little, and W. Bunting