

Middle Harbour District Cricket Club.

OFFICE BEARERS 1918-1919.

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R. A. OXLADE.

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General Committee:

F. B. ANDERSON, F. L. TRACY, C. C. CAMPBELL, G. DUNLOP, T. RUSSELL, J. ROSS, D. A. GEE, A. LITTLE, W. D. JOHNSTON.

Selection Committee:

A Team—R. A. OXLADE, D. A. GEE, G. DUNLOP.

B Team—C. B-COCHRANE, J. ROSS, W. D. JOHNSTON.

Hon. Auditors:

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Delegates to N.S.W. Cricket Association:

To be submitted for adoption at the 15th Annual Meeting to be held at Manly,
on Thursday, 17th July, 1919, 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 15th Annual Report.

Owing to the Nation still being at war at the commencement of the cricket season the N.S.W. Cricket Association following their policy of the three previous seasons played no competition cricket, though a series of grade matches were played under its auspices by the different clubs for which no premiership was awarded. Your club was only able to place two teams in the field because of the large number of its players still being on active service. After the armistice was signed the N.S.W. Cricket Association took immediate steps to have Interstate Cricket revived and though it was too late to arrange to play South Australia, home and home matches were played against Victoria and the form shown by the various colts who played for both States were most gratifying. The innovations of commencing play at 11 a.m., and having 8 balls to the over, were in the opinion of your committee distinct improvements in the game and ones which appeared to be greatly appreciated by the general Public who displayed great interest in the matches. In fact, the support given by the public to all the grade games during the season, points to a revival in public interest, and your committee feels confident that when the next International eleven visits Australia the interest in their doings will be as keen as in former years. The N.S.W. Cricket Association has decided to revert to competition cricket during the forthcoming season, and your committee trusts that the members of the club will do their utmost to get into form so that the Club may not only take a prominent position in the competition, but also materially assist to raise the standard of cricket in the district.

THE FIRST ELEVEN played 13 matches, winning 7 (3 outright) and losing 6 (1 outright). This record is a very great improvement on that of the last few seasons, and might have been much better if the practice wickets had been available, which, owing to the shortage of water in the district, could not be used. The side was very much strengthened by the acquisition of A. J. Hopkins (from North Sydney), J. D. Scott (from Petersham), F. Hack T. M. Waddy (from South Australia). These players, with our old members in the persons of D. A. Gee, Dr. R. B. Minnett, F. B. Anderson, A. A. Mailey and G. Hall, made the backbone of a very fine side. The team was very ably captained by A. J. Hopkins.

The batting average and highest aggregate were again won by D. A. Gee. J. D. Scott, A. J. Hopkins and R. B. Minnett followed in the averages in that order. Centuries were made by D. A. Gee and A. A. Mailey.

The bowling average was won by A. G. Hancock. A. J. Hopkins, J. D. Scott and A. A. Mailey following in the order named. The number of wickets taken by Mr. Mailey, namely, 66 was not only the greatest number for the club, but also for First Grade Cricket during the season and is a performance which is one to be proud of. R. K. Walton at times bowled brilliantly.

The fielding of the side, taken as a whole, was only fair, though Messrs. G. Hall and A. A. Mailey were notable exceptions, both displaying excellent form throughout the season.

Your Committee urges the players to make every endeavour to increase the standard in this department, as good batting and bowling are greatly discounted by bad fielding.

Messrs. Mailey, Scott and Walton were selected to practice for the Interstate matches. The two former were selected for the team. A. A. Mailey playing both in Melbourne and in Sydney, and J. D. Scott in Sydney.

SECOND ELEVEN.—Your second team took part in 13 games, won 6, lost 7, and drew 1. The batting, with the exception of the performances of Messrs. Strange, Ross, Dunlop and Little was poor, and it is difficult indeed to account for the displays given by some of the usually sound batsmen on the side. R. Strange won the batting average with 34.33 for 9 innings. He compiled 2 centuries, viz., 112 in 40 minutes against Leichhardt, and 128 against Petersham. His 112 against Leichhardt was one of the best expositions of clean, hard hitting even seen on the Oval.

J. Ross, the Captain of the side, was wonderfully consistent, and to him goes the highest aggregate in addition to the greatest number of wickets, a double performance of considerable merit.

G. Dunlop and A. Little were the only other batsmen to obtain decent averages.

The bowling average was won by A. Little, with 22 wkts at a cost of 12.5. He was closely followed by C. B. Cochrane, with 32 wkts at 13.5. Both these slow bowlers performed the hat trick, and were presented with club caps for their performances.

W. D. Johnston and R. Strange bowled very accurately, and secured good averages.

PRACTICE.—Your Committee urges upon players taking part in competition fixtures the absolute necessity for regular practice as a means towards improvement, and during the coming season special efforts will be made to get the practice wickets in perfect order so that no excuse can be offered on this ground for non-attendances at practice.

SCHOOL CRICKET.—As in former seasons, your Club placed its practice wickets, so far as they were available—and also its nets—at the disposal of the local schoolboys free of charge.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Your Committee has pleasure in reporting that in addition to the 77 members on active service whose names have been published in prior reports, several more members enlisted, but, owing to the armistice, were not called upon to proceed to the

OBITUARY.—It is with great regret that the death of Mr. W. Hunter Smith is recorded. The late Mr. W. Hunter Smith at the time of his death, was one of your Club's vice-presidents and oldest members. Hunter Smith's associations with the Club dates back nearly 40 years to the foundation of the old Manly Club, which is now merged into the present Club, and during the whole of that period he assisted the Club as a player, committee man and office bearer. Hunter Smith was a very brilliant and finished batsman, and during his day was easily the best batsman in the district, and a reference to old records discloses the fact that most of the runs made by the side in those days came from the bat. He was a true sport in every sense of the word, a keen fighter and honorable opponent, and above all, a good loser. He was always amongst the first to assist and encourage a young player, and even after he had retired from active cricket, he still displayed a keen interest in the doings of the club. In his death not only does your Club sustain a great loss, but practically all the sporting bodies and charitable institutions in the district will miss him from amongst them.

To the relatives of the deceased, the Committee, on your behalf, extends its sincerest sympathy, and desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by him.

GENERAL REMARKS.—A further lease of the Manly Oval for three years has been granted to the Club upon the same terms and conditions as the old lease for which your Committee desires to express to the Manly Council its appreciation.

The Council has also been asked to get both the match and practice wickets properly top-dressed with Bulli soil for the forthcoming season, and has promised to do so.

The wickets on the oval during the season were not up to the standard of previous years, but this is probably explained owing to the handicap which the caretaker (T. Criddle) was under through the Water Board prohibiting the use of water for the preparation of the wickets.

AFTERNOON TEA.—Afternoon tea was dispensed as usual under the care of Mesdames Anderson, Oxlade, Cochrane, Minnett and Miss Cochrane, and was much appreciated. The thanks of the Committee are extended to those ladies for their kindness and attention.

Mrs. R. K. Walton supplied cake for several afternoon teas during the season and your committee extend to her its best thanks for her kind gift.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.—Owing to the cricket being non-competitive it was not necessary for the General Committee to meet so frequently as in former seasons, nevertheless at all the Committee Meetings there was a full attendance of Members.

DELEGATES.—Messrs. R. A. Oxlade and C. B. Cochrane, your Delegates to the New South Wales Cricket Association, were regular in their attendance. Mr. Oxlade was again elected to the Executive of the Association, as well as to the Board of Control, and Mr. Cochrane was re-elected to the Grade Committee.

FINANCE.—Taking into consideration the condition of affairs in the sporting world, and the high cost of material, your Committee considers that the Treasurer's statement is most satisfactory. There is a credit balance of £9/16/5, which is entirely due to the able manner in which the Hon. Treasurer has looked after the Club's material and funds.

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.

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 CRICKET CLUB.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR 1918-19.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance, 1917-18	20	11	2	Ground Expenses—			
Subscriptions and Donations	39	7	6	Rent, Etc.	5	5	0
Afternoon Tea	8	6		Insurance	0	4	10
Lockers	2	6		Sundries	1	14	9
Sundries	1	4	0	Material and Repairs	29	15	6
				Advertising and Room Rent	2	2	6
				Printing and Stationery	2	15	0
				Fees and Donations	3	13	6
				Ground and Umpires' Fees	1	1	6
				Postage and Telegrams	1	5	11
				Afternoon Tea	2	8	9
				Miscellaneous Items	17		6
				Bank Charges	12		6
				Total Expenditure	51	17	3
				Credit Balance	9	16	5
	£61	13	8		£61	13	8

We have audited the above with the Hon. Treasurer. Books and the relative receipts and

AVERAGES.

BATTING AVERAGES.—SEASON 1918-19.

First Grade.					
Batsman.	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Aggte.	Avge.
D. A. Gee	17	1	144	454	28.37
J. D. Scott	11	0	72	299	27.18
A. J. Hopkins	14	1	58	307	23.61
R. B. Minnett	11	1	75*	216	21.60
G. Dunlop	4	1	35*	63	21.00
T. M. Waddy	16	4	57*	241	20.08
F. B. Anderson	19	0	57	378	19.89
G. Hall	19	1	62	357	19.32
A. A. Mailey	16	4	112*	226	18.83
F. T. Hack	17	1	56	292	18.25
H. M. Barker	16	1	45	185	12.33
G. Harvey	7	1	30*	67	11.16
R. K. Walton	17	5	32	121	10.08
A. G. Hancock	5	2	7*	19	6.33

*Not out.

Also Batted:—J. Ross, 2 innings for 7 runs; J. Randall, 2 innings for 12 runs.

BOWLING AVERAGE.

Bowler	Overs.	M.	Runs.	W.	Avge.
A. G. Hancock	24	2	133	9	14.77
A. J. Hopkins	72	7	368	23	16.00
J. D. Scott	94.3	6	421	23	18.30
A. A. Mailey	227.7	8	1263	66	19.13
R. K. Walton	70.1	2	373	16	23.31
R. B. Minnett	75	4	331	12	27.58
D. A. Gee	27	1	146	13	48.66

Also Bowled:—F. T. Hack, 9 wickets for 9; J. Ross, 0 wickets for 32; R. B. Strange, 0 wickets for 34.

BATTING.

Second Team.					
Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Aggte.	Avge.	
R. Strange	9	0	128	309	34.33
J. Ross	17	0	84	473	27.84
G. Dunlop	5	2	47*	83	27.66
A. Little	14	1	76	341	26.23
R. Woolcott	9	1	38	118	14.75
W. D. Johnston	16	0	59	235	14.7
F. Lowe	14	1	65	186	13.28
C. B. Cochrane	13	3	26*	90	9.00
A. Driver	14	2	18	103	8.58
W. Jagoe	13	3	19	70	7.00
D. Ogilvy	8	0	17	46	5.75
T. Smith	13	2	15	59	5.36
C. Mayne	7	0	11	31	4.57
R. Horniman	7	0	14	25	3.57

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avge.
A. Little	46.1	0	275	22	12.50
C. B. Cochrane	64.7	2	432	32	13.50
L. Smith	18.1	1	95	7	13.57
W. D. Johnston	103	2	462	28	16.50
J. Ross	111	1	748	41	18.24
R. Strange	83	7	383	20	19.10
D. Ogilvy	14	2	48	2	24.00
C. Mayne	16	1	81	2	40.5

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations have been received for the under-mentioned offices during Season 1919-1920:—

Hon. Secretary:

R. A. OXLADE.

Hon. Assistant Secretary:

E. P. WOOLCOTT and C. C. CAMPBELL.

Hon. Treasurer:

C. B-COCHRANE.

General Committee:

C. C. CAMPBELL, W. D. JOHNSTON, J. ROSS, A. LITTLE, F. B. ANDERSON, A. A. MAILEY, H. M. BARKER, A. DRIVER, E. H. STONEY, R. K. WALTON.

Selection Committee:

First Team—R. A. OXLADE, A. A. MAILEY and J. ROSS.

Second Team—C. B-COCHRANE, W. D. JOHNSTON and A. LITTLE.

Third Team—C. C. CAMPBELL, A. DRIVER and J. JAGOE.

Hon. Auditors:

A LEARMONTH, R. A. MUSGRAVE.

Delegates to N.S.W., C.A.:

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