

Middle Harbour District Cricket Club.

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Hon. Secretary:

R. A. OXLADE.

Hon. Assistant Secretary:

E. P. WOOLCOTT.

Hon. Treasurer:

C. B-COCHRANE.

General Committee:

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

Selection Committee:

A Team—R. A. OXLADE, D. A. GEE, A. A. MAILEY.
B Team—C. B-COCHRANE, J. ROSS, W. D. JOHNSTON.
C Team—C. C. CAMPBELL, A. DRIVER, W. L. SMITH.

Hon. Auditors:

A. LEARMONTH, R. A. MUSGRAVE.

Delegates to N.S.W. Cricket Association:

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

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

To be submitted for adoption at the Sixteenth Annual Meeting to be held at Manly,
on Thursday, 15th July, 1920, 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 Sixteenth Annual Report.

After several years non-competitive cricket the N.S.W. Cricket Association resumed the various competitions in the three grades and your Club, owing to its ranks being reinforced by the return of a great number of its players from active service again placed three teams in the field. The cricket during the season was of a higher standard than that of the non-competitive matches played during previous four years and gave every indication of reaching in the near future the pre-war standard. The general public followed the matches very keenly and the attendance at the Manly Oval during first grade fixtures were very large. Taking it all round the cricket played by your Club's three teams was satisfactory, though none of the teams occupied a position at the top of any of the competitions. Your Committee extends to the Western Suburbs District Cricket Club its heartiest congratulations upon winning the First Grade Premiership and being the first Club to hold the "Percy Arnott Shield." Congratulations are also extended to the Randwick District Cricket Club and the Waverley District Cricket Club upon their success in winning the second and third Grade Premiership respectively.

THE FIRST ELEVEN, under the captaincy of D. A. Gee played 13 matches, winning four, drawing two, losing seven (two outright.) This record, though not good, is distinctly better than that attained by the Club's first team in competition cricket for several seasons prior to the war, and your Committee feels sure that it is within the power of this side to occupy a higher position next season. H. P. Woolcott, W. Driver, A. Cooper, J. Hogue, J. Randell, E. Bull, C. Neville, B. Kortlang, all back from the war played during the season with this side. The performances of D. A. Gee with the bat, stand out above everyone else. He played 16 innings, 1 N.O., H.S. 111, aggregate 660, average 44. Amongst the best batting efforts of the year in first grade cricket is this player's double against Glebe, viz., 89 in the first innings and 90 in the 2nd innings. Your Committee extends to Mr. Gee its congratulations upon his success and trusts that he may have many more such seasons with the Club. T. M. Waddy with a batting average of 29.00 is next in the averages, and his performances during the season were most consistent and are worthy of special mention. R. B. Minnett, A. Little and J. Hogue follow in the order named.

The bowling of the side taken all round was very good and only once during the season was it absolutely collared. The average was won by J. D. Scott with 31 wickets for 16 runs each. R. B. Minnett and H. P. Woolcott with 19 wickets for 17.63 runs and 18 wickets for 17.72 runs respectively were next in order; whilst A. A. Mailey, who captured the highest number of wickets, namely, 52 at a cost of 19.63 also had a very good season.

The fielding of the side taken throughout the year was not up to standard, being very good in some matches and patchy in others. Your Committee feels sure that if the team makes greater efforts to improve this department of the game it can attain a record in the competitions which a sporting community like Manly is worthy of.

The wicket-keeping during the season fell principally on F. B. Anderson who had as substitute at different times J. Hogue, K. Walton, and B. Kortlang.

Your Club was represented in interstate Cricket during the season by A. A. Mailey, who performed very ably and your Committee congratulates him upon his success.

THE SECOND ELEVEN under the captaincy of J. Ross, secured tenth place in the competition table with 18 teams in the field. This may be regarded as satisfactory, considering the fact that it was not always possible to put the strongest team in the field owing to various causes. The team played 12 matches, winning 3 outright, and 3 on the first innings; 3 matches were lost outright, and 1 on the first innings, 2 being drawn. The points obtained were, therefore, 26 out of a possible 48.

Norman Cohen is to be congratulated on having headed the batting averages and Jim Randell on winning the bowling average.

Centuries were made by N. Cohen and R. Woolcott, the former obtaining 115 against Waverley II and the latter 106 against North Sydney II.

J. Randell bowled with success, securing 30 wickets at an average of 15 runs apiece. It was very pleasing to see Jim strike some of his old form in spite of his injuries on active service. Your Committee trusts that his recovery is permanent, and that he will continue to notch wickets for many years to come.

R. Woolcott is to be congratulated on his elevation to first grade, where it is hoped he will fulfil the expectations of many good judges.

THE THIRD ELEVEN.—After an absence of 4 years (due to the war) a third eleven was entered for the Third Grade Competition matches and finished ninth in the competition, winning 5 matches and losing 6 and drawing 1. All the games were contested in an admirable spirit, and the season disclosed some young players of excellent merit who should soon find places in the higher grades. The batting average was headed by R. Baker, jnr., who

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-attendance 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.

OBITUARY.—It is with great regret that the deaths of Mr. G. C. Hole and Mr. C. R. Smith are recorded. Both these gentlemen were associated with the Club since its inception some forty years ago, and during the earlier years were its principal executive officers. The old scoring books of the Club show that they were both very good players and they worthily upheld the prestige of the Club, both on and off the field of play. Though both these gentlemen retired from active participation in the game many years ago they never ceased to have regard for the welfare of the Club and were always keen followers of the teams' doings. The Club was fortunate in having men of the character of the deceased as foundation stones and the reputation which they helped to build up as good sportsmen, keen fighters, and honorable opponents have always been and we trust always will be the ambition of your Club's teams to maintain. 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 them.

GENERAL REMARKS.—The match and practice wickets at the oval during the year were not up to standard even though the Council had them top dressed with Bulli soil, and in fact, at times were so bad as to call forth complaints from visiting teams. Representations had to be made to the Council about this matter and your Committee trusts that during the forthcoming season the faults will be remedied. If your Club's teams are to do well in the competitions it can only be brought about by having regular practice on properly prepared wickets and playing match cricket on wickets equal in standard to those to be found on other cricket grounds. Wickets like the Club had last season to practice on must necessarily tend to lower the standard of your teams' play, and cause them occupy a very low position in the competition. The wickets on the oval some years ago were equal to any suburban wickets, and your Committee is of opinion that by proper care and attention they can and should again be brought up to that standard as soon as possible. This matter will be brought under the notice of the Council before the new season.

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

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.—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 high cost of material, your Committee considers that the Treasurer's statement is most satisfactory. There is a credit balance of £9/18/11 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,

H. M. BARKER, 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 1919-20.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance, 1918-19	9	16 5	Ground Expenses—		
Subscriptions and Donations	76	2 6	Rent, etc.	6	0 0
Afternoon Tea	0	17 6	Insurance	0	4 10
Sundries	2	19 0	Sundries	1	14 6
			Affiliation and other fees	3	10 6
			Advertising, Printing, etc.	6	3 9
			Postages, etc.	1	19 8
			Bank Charges	0	12 6
			Afternoon Tea	5	7 8
			Material and Repairs	52	15 1
			Miscellaneous Items	1	8 0
			Total Expenditure	79	16 6
			Credit	9	18 11
	£89	15 5		£89	15 5

AVERAGES.

FIRST TEAM.

BATTING.

	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs.	Ave.
D. A. Gee	16	1	111	660	44.00
T. M. Waddy	14	0	90	406	29.00
R. B. Minnett	12	0	79	216	18.00
A. Little	18	1	49	303	17.82
J. Hogue	18	8	74	169	16.90
F. B. Anderson	16	0	68	242	15.12
J. D. Scott	14	1	56	172	13.20
A. A. Mailey	17	4	27	169	13.00
A. Cooper	11	2	47	116	12.88
W. Driver	17	1	35	188	11.75
F. T. Hack	11	0	69	113	10.27
H. P. Woolcott	11	2	24	67	7.44
R. K. Walton	7	0	21	47	6.71

ALSO BATTED.

R. Kortlang	3 times for	92
R. Woolcott	3	36
R. Newman	4	67
E. Bull	2	14
J. Randell	4	20
C. Neville	4	12
R. Bubb	2	7
N. Cohen	1	5
H. M. Barker	1	12

BOWLING.

	Overs.	M.	Runs.	W.	Ave.
J. D. Scott	99.3	6	496	31	16.00
R. B. Minnett	87	5	335	19	17.63
H. P. Woolcott	53.5	1	319	18	17.72
A. A. Mailey	170.6	6	1022	52	19.63
J. Randell	20	0	152	6	25.33
J. Hogue	30	0	244	9	27.11
D. A. Gee	42	2	220	6	36.66

ALSO BOWLED.

R. Bubb	3 wickets for	58 runs.
R. K. Walton	2	79
C. Neville	2	95
F. T. Hack	1	23
E. A. Bull	0	9
A. Little	0	39
W. Driver	0	31
R. Newman	0	30
A. Cooper	0	21

SECOND TEAM.

BATTING.

	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs.	Ave.
<i>E. Mitchell</i> 6 2 49 125 31.25					
N. Cohen	18	1	115	388	22.8 47
R. Woolcott	13	0	106	271	20.8 47
R. Bubb	7	2	40*	98	19.6 5
W. Johnston	16	3	58*	208	16 15
H. Barker	14	1	67	187	14.3
P. Lowe	13	0	36	185	14.2
J. Ross	19	2	45	240	14.1
D. Ogilvy	6	0	45	83	13.8
R. B. Strange	12	0	30	140	11.6
J. Randell	6	0	41	67	11.1
C. Neville	10	1	29*	99	11

BOWLING.

	Overs.	M.	Runs.	W.	Ave.
J. Randell	83	2	449	30	14.9
R. Strange	65	4	324	18	18.0
R. Bubb	54	4	267	14	19.0
C. Neville	56	4	260	13	20.0
J. Ross	96	3	551	26	21.2
W. Johnston	61	7	273	11	24.8

THIRD TEAM.

BATTING.

	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs.	Ave.
R. Baker, junr.	12	2	97	334	33.1
A. Freeman	7	1	85	160	26.4
C. Cochrane	14	2	58*	248	24
F. Ames	10	—	60	120	12
A. Driver	14	3	20	118	10.8
W. Bunting	13	3	45	106	10.6
L. Smith	13	—	22	117	9
R. Chambers	16	—	42	144	9
J. Pierpont	12	2	39*	83	8.3
F. Merry	6	—	20	50	8.2
C. Campbell	10	2	7	42	5.2
E. Wilkinson	15	2	18	65	5
J. Sutherland	8	3	5*	11	2.1

*Not out.

Also batted: F. McMahon, E. Baker, J. Flood, P. Lowe, W. Baker, R. Baker, senr., E. Mitchell, K. Little and G. Dunlop.

BOWLING.

L. Smith	42 wickets for	456, average	10.8
F. Ames	30	453	15.0
R. Baker, junr.	21	194 764	16.2 12.6
F. Merry	10	176	17.6
C. Cochrane	6	229	38.0

Also bowled: J. Randell, F. McMahon, W. Driver, R. Chambers, J. Pierpont, G. Dunlop, E. Mitchell, W. Baker and K. Little.

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations have been received for the under-mentioned offices during Season 1920-1921:—

Hon. Secretary:

C. C. CAMPBELL.

Hon. Assistant Secretary:

Hon. Treasurer:

C. B-COCHRANE.

General Committee:

R. A. OXLADE, A. MAILEY, W. D. JOHNSTON, N. COHEN, A. LITTLE, E. P. WOOLCOTT, H. M. BARKER, K. WALTON, E. MITCHELL.

Selection Committees:

First Team—A. MAILEY, G. LOWE, T. M. WADDY.

Second Team—H. BARKER, N. COHEN, W. D. JOHNSTON, J. ROSS.

Third Team—F. AMES, C. CAMPBELL, A. DRIVER.

Hon. Auditors:

A. LEARMONTH, R. A. MUSGRAVE.

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

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