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Annual Report and Financial Statement

To be submitted for adoption at the Annual Meeting to be held at Manly, on
Thursday, 16th July, 1925, at 8 p.m.

GENTLEMEN,—

Your Committee presents for your adoption the 47th Annual Report and Financial Statement.

The season under review was not quite so successful as the previous one, but in a measure this was due to the visit of the English Team, which deprived the Club to an extent of the services of J. M. Gregory, and further the breaks in the competition games rather detracted from the usual club interest. It is, however, hoped that the next season will, by reason of a few breaks, be more interesting to members, who will be able to pay attention to the Club Competition without having the distraction of the Test matches.

The First Team played 11 matches, winning 5, drawing 4, and losing 2. It occupied the fifth position in the Grade Competition, which is one place lower than last year. The runs scored by the Team were 2554, at an average of 21.1 as against 2759, average 19.7 by the opponents. The batting average was won by J. M. Gregory, who played in six matches. His figures were 6 innings, 241 runs, average 48.2. He was followed by L. Gwynne with an average of 35.2. Other notable performers were R. Freeman, 32.3; R. B. Minnett, 31.6; and E. W. Newman, 26. L. Gwynne, who scored 352 runs during the season, was the only player on the side to secure a century—viz., 147 n.o. against St. George. In this match R. Freeman scored 94 n.o., and with L. Gwynne put on 186 for the 8th wicket.

The bowling average was carried off by L. Gwynne, with 5 wickets at a cost of 13.4. J. Gregory was next with 16 wickets at an average of 15.99. The greatest number of wickets taken goes to J. Randell, who secured 40 at an average of 17.6.

A notable performance by the First Team was in the match against University, when, after being dismissed for 33 runs in the first innings as against the 'Varsity 191, they made 255 in the second knock and then dismissed 'Varsity for 97, thus making a tie of one of the most exciting contests in which your club has been engaged. The dismissal of 'Varsity in the second innings was due to the excellent bowling of R. A. Bubb, who secured 6 for 42.

R. B. Minnett, the Captain, did the hat trick against Western Suburbs, taking 4 for 30. R. Freeman, the wicket keeper, dismissed 20 batsmen, stumping 11 and catching 9. B. Andrews took 8 catches, and 6 each were made by J. Randell, R. Bubb, R. B. Minnett, E. W. Newman, and N. Gwynne.

THE SECOND ELEVEN played 11 matches, losing 9 and winning 2. The side was 13th on the competition table, which is much lower than last year. The poor showing of his side is difficult to explain, as it was mainly composed of players who did so well in the same side in the previous season. The runs scored for were 2709 at an average of 15.1, as against 2959 at an average of 19.8.

The batting average was won by N. Plomley, whose figures were 7 innings for 183, average 26.14. He was followed by V. Cohen 24.36, and A. Driver 21.09. N. Cohen, who scored 297, won the aggregate.

The bowling average goes to B. Rush, who took 34 wickets at a cost of 12.88, followed by G. Dunlop with 15 wickets at 14.26.

THE THIRD ELEVEN played 11 matches, winning 4 and losing 7, occupying 13th position in the Competition Table. The runs scored were 2383 at an average of 12.8, as against 2277 at an average of 13.8.

The batting average goes to R. Farnell with 12 innings at an average of 31.16. This player also obtained the aggregate for the Club, making 448 runs for the season.

The bowling honours went to R. Farnell, who took 29 wickets at a cost of 11.0. Next to him came N. Plomley with 16 wickets at 11.37, followed by G. Austin with 23 wickets at 11.91.

This side, though occupying rather a low position in the table, played some remarkably close games, being beaten by only 1 run in one match, 3 runs in another game, and 4 in another, whilst other games were lost by under 20 runs.

The Club congratulate Sydney on winning the First Grade Premiership, Petersham the Second Grade, and Gordon the Third Grade, and also the Petersham Club on winning the Club Championship. Your own Club occupied the 13th position in this Championship.

To the Returned Soldiers' Club is tendered your Club's congratulations on winning the Premiership of the Manly Junior Cricket Association.

JUNIOR AND SCHOOL CRICKET.—Your Club continues to encourage cricket in the district by placing at the service of the Junior Association and the Schools its wickets and practice nets, and it is noted with pleasure that the players avail themselves of the advantages provided.

The Colts at Sydney Cricket Ground included G. Spencer, G. Austin, J. Austen, and R. Statham, and all these juniors were regular in their attendance at the Ground, and received valuable instruction under Messrs. J. Searle and C. T. B. Turner. The tuition given them was excellent, and was reflected in their improved play, and your Club considers that the N.S.W. Cricket Association is to be congratulated in its endeavours to improve the play of the juniors.

REPRESENTATIVES.—Your Club was represented in the Test Matches by J. M. Gregory. L. Gwynne played for his State in the Howell Benefit Match, and in the matches against Victoria, South Australia, and Queensland. His performance of 138 against South Australia was excellent, for in doing this he gained the rare distinction of gaining a century in his first Sheffield Shield match. J. Randell once again had the honour of playing for the State, taking part in the New South Wales v. South Australia match at Adelaide. R. A. Bubb was selected against Queensland, and R. Freeman for New South Wales Team against Newcastle District.

The Club congratulates these players on the honour done them in securing places in the State's teams.

ANNUAL DANCE.—The Club's Annual Dance was a success from all points of view, and has now become one of the established social events in Manly.

HONORARY SECRETARY.—Owing to the pressure of private business, R. A. Bubb, who held the position for two years, was compelled to tender his resignation, and this was accepted with regret by your Committee, who placed on record its appreciation of his services.

G. M. Dunlop was appointed, and has carried out the duties with credit to himself and with advantage to the Club.

R. Freeman, as Assistant Honorary Secretary, has proved a very valuable official, and has been of great assistance to the Committee in particular, and the Club in general.

DELEGATES.—Your delegates to the N.S.W.C.A., Messrs. R. A. Oxlade and C. B. Cochrane, were regular in their attendances, and were again elected to the Executive and Grade Committees respectively.

FINANCE.—Owing to careful management, your Club has been able to meet all its obligations, and carry forward the sum of £28/7/10 to next season.

IMPROVEMENTS TO OVAL.—The improvements to Oval effected by the Manly Council are much appreciated by the players and the public, and the ground and wickets now compare favourably with any in the Metropolitan area.

OBITUARY.—One of your Vice-Presidents, O. G. H. Merrett, Esq., died during the year, and your Club, in common with all the sporting bodies in the State, regrets his early demise.

THANKS.—The thanks of your Club are due to the Manly Council for its sympathetic treatment; to "The Manly Daily" for press notices; the Honorary Auditors, the Caretaker, C. Basford, for his personal interest, the Scorers for all the teams, and to the ladies who kindly attended to the afternoon tea.

Special thanks of the Club are due to the Vice-Presidents, who so generously assisted the Club financially during the year.

R. A. OXLADE, Chairman.

G. M. DUNLOP, Hon. Secretary.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR SEASON 1924-25.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Amount from 1923-24	42	4	10	Material	57	16	9
Subscriptions	69	6	0	Repairs	4	3	3
Donations	23	12	6	Scorers, Etc. (Fees)	4	18	0
Percentage Gate Receipts	52	9	6	Printing, Etc.	21	16	3
Towards Cost Score Board	7	7	0	Furniture	5	14	6
Associate Members	23	1	6	Entertainments	8	15	6
Annual Dance	15	14	2	Bank Charges	0	15	0
Material	1	10	0	Caretaker's Bonus	13	0	0
Other Items	0	3	0	Postages	0	18	5
				Rent	1	0	0
				Members' Badges	11	5	0
				Prepay Loan, N.S.W.C.A.	60	0	0
				Practice Nets	15	8	0
				Refund Excess Sub.	0	9	0
				Wreath	1	1	0
				Balance	28	7	10
	£235	8	6		£235	8	6

We have audited the above with the Hon. Treasurer's books, relative receipts and vouchers, and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

C. B. COCHRANE, Honorary Treasurer.

R. A. MUSGRAVE, A.I.A.A.

ALEX. LEARMONTH Hon. Auditors.

AVERAGES

BATTING. FIRST GRADE.

	M.	Played	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.
1. J. M. Gregory	6	6	1	79	241	48.2	
2. L. W. Gwynne	10	12	2	147*	352	35.2	
3. R. Freeman	11	13	3	94*	323	32.3	
4. Dr. R. B. Minnett	7	8	0	69	253	31.62	
5. E. W. Newman	8	10	0	94	260	26.0	
6. N. Gwynne	8	10	1	84	173	19.22	
7. J. Randell	9	7	5	15*	35	17.50	
8. B. Andrews	11	11	1	52	155	15.5	
9. J. Searle	9	12	1	43	161	14.63	
10. H. Jones	7	7	2	37*	71	14.2	
11. H. Alder	5	7	1	46	76	12.66	
12. R. A. Bubb	11	12	1	39*	97	8.81	

*Not out.

ALSO BATTED.

N. Plomley	2	innings	for 55 runs
W. Rogers	2	innings (1 n.o.)	for 29 runs
D. Gee	1	innings	for 3 runs
C. Searle	2	innings (1 n.o.)	for 9 runs
H. Duff	3	innings	for 45 runs
B. Rush	3	innings	for 35 runs
F. McMahon	1	innings	for 6 runs
R. Farnell	2	innings	for 13 runs

BOWLING.

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Ave.
1. L. Gwynne	15	1	67	5	13.4
2. J. Gregory	63	4	255	16	15.90
3. E. W. Newman	17	0	136	8	17.00
4. J. Randell	127	4	705	40	17.6
5. R. A. Bubb	103	9	447	22	20.3
6. B. Andrews	98	12	444	15	29.6
7. Dr. R. B. Minnett	52	4	240	7	34.2
8. H. Jones	45	4	215	5	43.0

ALSO BOWLED.

	Overs	Runs	Wickets
J. Searle	4	35	2
B. Rush	9	33	0
F. McMahon	3	11	1
W. Rogers	11	43	3

BATTING. SECOND GRADE.

	M.	Played	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.
1. N. Plomley	4	7	0	79	183	26.14	
2. V. Cohen	8	14	3	86*	268	24.36	
3. A. Driver	8	15	4	79	232	21.09	
4. C. Searle	9	18	3	37	280	18.66	
5. N. Cohen	9	18	1	48	297	17.47	
6. G. Austin	4	6	0	38	90	15.00	
7. G. Dunlop	11	18	2	30	223	13.93	
8. S. Bros	8	14	1	43	168	12.92	
9. J. Ross	5	8	0	29	101	12.62	
10. A. Little	7	12	1	35	128	11.63	
11. B. Rush	6	10	2	26	88	11.00	
12. G. Rogers	10	17	3	24	124	8.85	
13. G. Spencer	5	8	2	30*	50	8.33	
14. H. Duff	3	5	0	15	34	6.80	
15. L. Green	5	7	2	7	19	3.80	
16. R. Statham	3	5	1	6*	13	3.25	

*Not out.

ALSO BATTED.

R. Farnell	2	innings	for 73
R. Tory	2	innings (1 n.o.)	for 23
C. B. Cochrane	2	innings (1 n.o.)	for 13
F. McMahon	2	innings	for 18
G. Pryor	4	innings	for 27
S. Exton	1	innings	for 7
N. Gwynne	2	innings (1 n.o.)	for 10
J. Austin	2	innings	for 9
F. Virgoe	2	innings	for 2
H. Alder	2	innings	for 6

BOWLING.

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Ave.
1. B. Rush	95	8	438	34	12.88
2. G. Dunlop	41	2	214	15	14.26
3. N. Plomley	18	1	107	7	15.28
4. J. Ross	49	0	238	13	18.30
5. C. B. Cochrane	28	1	148	8	18.50
6. G. Rogers	83	5	350	18	19.44
7. G. Austin	32	0	137	7	19.56
8. C. Searle	75	6	333	14	23.71
9. A. Little	36	0	181	7	25.85

ALSO BOWLED.

R. Farnell	2	wickets for 18 runs
J. Austin	2	wickets for 43 runs
H. Duff	2	wickets for 58 runs
F. McMahon	2	wickets for 98 runs
N. Cohen	1	wicket for 53 runs
G. Spencer	3	wickets for 207 runs
F. Virgoe	0	wickets for 23 runs
N. Gwynne	0	wickets for 49 runs

BATTING. THIRD GRADE.

	M.	Played	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.
1. R. Farnell	7	12	0	93	362	30.16	
2. F. Brand	11	19	1	53	322	17.88	
3. C. B. Cochrane	6	11	0	43	195	17.72	
4. S. Bros	3	5	0	43	73	14.6	
5. F. Virgoe	9	15	2	86	185	14.23	
6. J. Brown	5	9	1	80	113	14.12	
7. R. Statham	3	5	0	35	57	11.4	
8. G. Austin	7	12	5	17*	78	11.14	
9. C. Watson	5	9	1	26*	82	10.25	
10. H. Everitt	11	18	0	38	146	8.11	
11. R. Tory	6	10	0	38	79	7.9	
12. J. Austin	5	9	2	12	48	6.85	
13. A. Golding	4	7	1	12	34	5.66	
14. L. Brown	5	9	2	12*	37	5.28	
15. L. Green	6	11	0	22	55	5.00	
16. L. Cathie	6	11	0	21	43	3.91	

*Not out.

ALSO BATTED.

— Carey	2	innings (2 n.o.)	for 3 runs
C. Neville	2	innings (1 n.o.)	for 2 runs
G. Pryor	2	innings	for 23 runs
N. Plomley	4	innings	for 73 runs
B. Cathie	2	innings (2 n.o.)	for 4 runs
G. Thompson	3	innings	for 74 runs
G. Spencer	4	innings	for 68 runs
A. Driver	1	innings	for 20 runs
A. Little	1	innings	for 3 runs
E. Cupitt	1	innings	for 1 run
G. Nicolle	3	innings	for 28 runs
S. Wallace	2	innings	for 29 runs
W. White	2	innings	for 0 runs
— Evans	2	innings	for 7 runs
A. Johnson	2	innings	for 3 runs

BOWLING.

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Ave.
1. R. Farnell	64.6	6	319	29	11.0
2. N. Plomley	42.3	5	182	16	11.37
3. G. Austin	63.0	3	274	23	11.91
4. F. Brand	66.0	4	272	21	12.95
5. C. B. Cochrane	24.5	0	106	8	13.25
6. J. Austin	17.0	0	84	5	16.8
7. G. Spencer	30.3	0	159	9	17.66
8. L. Brown	33.0	6	132	4	22.0
9. H. Everitt	42.7	0	239	10	23.9
10. F. Virgoe	14.0	0	104	3	34.66
11. G. Pryor	15.0	0	89	2	44.5

ALSO BOWLED.

A. Johnson	11	wickets for 91 runs
L. Cathie	1	wicket for 26 runs
A. Little	4	wickets for 34 runs
L. Green	0	wickets for 13 runs
C. Watson	0	wickets for 8 runs
B. Cathie	0	wickets for 12 runs
A. Golding	1	wicket for 15 runs
J. Brown	3	wickets for 32 runs
W. White	0	wickets for 13 runs
— Evans	0	wickets for 7 runs
S. Wallace	0	wickets for 21 runs