

# Manly District Cricket Club

(FOUNDED 1878)



SEVENTY - SIXTH

## ANNUAL REPORT

AND

## Balance Sheet

1953 - 1954









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## Manly District Cricket Club

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NOTICE is hereby given that the SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MANLY DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB will be held in the MANLY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS on WEDNESDAY, 7th JULY, 1954, at 7.45 p.m.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

### BUSINESS:

- (1) To receive the Seventy-sixth Annual Report of the General Committee and the Honorary Treasurer's Balance Sheet.
- (2) To consider Notice of Motions as follow: (1) It is recommended by the General Committee that Rule 1, which reads, "The name of the Club shall be the Manly District Cricket Club," shall now be altered to, "The name of the Club shall be the Manly-Warringah District Cricket Club." Subject to approval by the N.S.W.C.A. (2) That a team be entered in the City and Suburban Cricket Association competition.
- (3) To elect Office-bearers and General Committee for the ensuing season.
- (4) To transact any other business that may be brought forward in conformity with the Rules and By-Laws of the Club.

GEORGE LOWE,  
Hon. Secretary.

73 North Steyne,  
Manly.  
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N.B.—You are specially requested to bring this Report with you to the Annual General Meeting. Only financial members will be allowed to vote.

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# Office - Bearers, 1953-54

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## Patron:

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## President:

R. A. OXLADE, ESQ., C.B.E.

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The Mayor and Aldermen of the  
Municipality of Manly.

The President and Councillors,  
Warringah Shire Council.

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## Hon. Secretary:

George Lowe.

## Assistant Hon. Secretary:

C. Max Hayman.

## Hon. Treasurer:

N. C. Sutherland.

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

R. A. Oxlade and George Lowe.

## Delegates to M. & W.J.C.A.:

C. Max Hayman and B. C. Cook.

## General Committee:

B. Adrian, B. C. Cook, J. Hodgson, T. Brooks, J. Dower, B. Taylor,  
A. Rogers, L. Soman, P. Philpott.

## Provisional Selectors:

N. Sutherland, E. Rothwell, L. W. Gwynne, E. Robinson, J. Hodgson.

## Permanent Selectors:

Grade Teams: Messrs. G. W. Lowe, L. W. Gwynne, T. F. Brooks,  
and Respective Captains.

## Hon. Auditors:

Messrs. J. L. Searle, F.C.A. (Aust.), and G. M. Dunlop.

## Honorary Life Members:

Messrs. W. S. Mitchell, R. A. Oxlade, G. W. Lowe, G. M. Dunlop, and  
L. W. Gwynne.



Gentlemen,

The Committee of Management has pleasure in presenting the Seventy-sixth Annual Report and Balance Sheet for consideration and adoption. As in the previous season, your Club entered four (4) teams in the New South Wales Association Grade Competitions, one (1) in the Manly and Warringah Junior Cricket Association, as well as participation in the Poidevin-Gray Shield and the A. W. Green Shield competitions. Our second and third grade teams held their positions, but the first grade dropped back somewhat, whilst the fourth grade still remains very low in its table. A special effort will be made as regards the latter to improve this position. Referring to the first team, being without two (2) international all-round players, Jim Burke and Alan Walker, was a blow very difficult to surmount, inasmuch the former, in his first season with Northern Districts, scored over 800 runs at an average of 80, besides proving his worth with the ball. We are also glad to report that Alan Walker is doing well with the Northern League in England. Our other outstanding international, Keith Miller, was only able to play occasionally, his time being mostly taken up in ably captaining the State side, which we are pleased to record successfully recovered the Sheffield Shield. All members extend their congratulations to him for doing such an excellent job. To add to our task, prominent slow bowler young Peter Philpott was out of action for half the season, having suffered an injury to his bowling hand whilst in Queensland with the N.S.W. Colts. But what is heartening to note, which should tend to strengthen the club in the near future, is the fine performances of the younger brigade. The A. W. Green boys won their competition for the second year in succession; whilst the lads taking part in the District Junior Competition were at the head of their table at the conclusion of the season. Notable accomplishments that merit special mention are seventeen-year-old Peter Proudfoot taking all ten (10) wickets with slow leg-break bowling in an innings against Waverley of the Poidevin-Gray series at Waverley Oval; Lin Cameron capturing four (4) wickets with four (4) successive balls in the fourth grade in opposition to St. George; John Gurd's score of 202, including 13 sixers and 18 fours, compiled in 90 minutes, in his re-appearance match for the club against Glebe-South Sydney at the Weigall Ground; fifteen-year-old Geoffrey Bragg establishing a new record batting aggregate of 512 runs for the season in the district competition, smashing Stan Coltman's 489 aggregate in the 1950-51 season.

It is also most pleasing to see polio victim young Bill Rome making such a splendid fighting recovery. He is about again, after over a year in hospital. Bill was one of our very promising young cricketers, and, knowing Bill's spirit, we believe nothing will stop him from making his presence felt once more in the near future. It certainly will not be for the want of endeavour.

We are glad to report Mr. C. K. Hayman, a vice-president and former treasurer of the club, is now well on the road to recovery from his recent illness.

Finally, we exhort all players to seek net practice early in the season so that the various teams can get off to a bright start in the competition matches.

## FIRST GRADE REVIEW

Under the circumstances previously noted, the team enjoyed a reasonable season. Fourteen (14) matches were played, of which six (6) were won (including an outright). One (1) game was drawn, and seven (7) were lost, to give 56 competition points.

Manly totalled 3399 runs for the loss of 155 wickets, at an average of 21.92 per wicket, whilst its opponents scored 3368 runs for the loss of 153 wickets, at an average of 22.01, the difference being very slight. Keith



Miller, the captain of the side, again topped the batting and bowling honors. With the bat he had an average of 40.2, only going to the wickets six (6) times. With the ball he took nineteen (19) wickets at an average of 11.42 per wicket. One (1) magnificent bowling effort was the taking of seven (7) wickets for 19 runs against University. Peter Philpott was in second position in both departments, registering 463 runs at an average of 35.61 with the bat, and took the most wickets—37, for 18.43 per wicket. He was only able to bowl for practically half the season. The next player for all-round performances was Eddie Robinson, acting captain, who put together the splendid total of 619 runs in his usual bright and entertaining manner, at an average of 30.95. He also secured 28 wickets at an average of 25.17. Vic Brown and Cliff Papayanni batted well, the former scoring 409 runs, averaging 29.21, whilst the latter made 375 runs at an average of 28.84.

On the bowling side, Tom Brooks trundled well in taking 32 wickets at an average of 24.00. George Wearne, having his first season with the club, gave good support, securing 18 wickets at an average of 25.66. Young John Dower was not called on much to bowl, but when he was, generally rose to the occasion. He dismissed eight batsmen for 19.87 per wicket.

Scorers of 50 or more were: E. Robinson, 86 (v. Glebe-South Sydney), 80 (v. Northern Districts), 64 and 52 (v. Bankstown-Canterbury), 53 (v. Gordon); Peter Philpott, 77 (v. Bankstown-Canterbury), 66 (v. Waverley), 61 (v. St. George); C. Papayanni, 74 (v. Gordon), 68 (v. North Sydney); K. Miller, 55 not out (v. Canterbury-Bankstown) and 50 (v. Gordon); V. Brown, 79 (v. Petersham-Marrickville); P. Trim, 72 not out (v. Bankstown-Canterbury).

Takers of five wickets or over in an innings were: P. Philpott, 6 for 76 (v. Balmain), 5 for 17 (v. North Sydney), 5 for 37 (v. University), and 5 for 115 runs (v. Petersham-Marrickville); K. Miller, 7 for 19 (v. University); and E. Robinson, 5 for 75 (v. Waverley).

Several of the younger batsmen—Brian Taylor, John Dower, Murray Mingay, and Stuart Toolin—with consistent practice, could be a tower of strength in the coming season.

Generally, the work on the field of play was fair, with Peter Philpott and Eddie Robinson excelling in positions close to stumps. Cliff Papayanni kept wickets in an able manner.

Finally, both the captain and acting-captain were leaders in the true sense of the word.

## SECOND GRADE REVIEW

Of the fourteen matches played, six were won, two drawn, and six were lost. The team occupied seventh position in the competition table. Manly scored 3723 runs, at an average of 23.26 per wicket; our opponents, 3276 runs at an average 24.81 per wicket.

On two occasions the team scored over 300 runs to win, due, not only to some brilliant individual efforts, to good all-round batting support. Special mention is made of J. Dower's 108 n.o. in our total of 321, to pass Gordon's score, and to P. Trim's 156 in the team's score of 429 runs against Randwick.

During the season K. Watkins (328) scored the most runs and proved a reliable batsman throughout. Others whose batting was valuable were N. Verity (322), J. Nelson (301), P. Trim (300, also the best average of 75), B. Cook (294), and N. Sutherland (252).

The brunt of the bowling fell on to B. Cook, R. Watkins, N. Sutherland, J. Dower, D. Brooker, and G. Hooker. B. Cook captured the most wickets (30), and secured the best average (18). His bowling was, at all times, skilful and sustained.



Best performances during the season were:—

B. Cook: v. Waverley, 5-36; v. Northern Districts, 6-97; v. University, 4-57.

R. Watkins: v. Randwick, 4-40; v. St. George, 4-79.

N. Sutherland: v. Waverley, 5-78; v. North Sydney, 5-37.

J. Dower: v. Balmain, 4-58.

D. Brooker: v. Gordon, 4-39.

P. Proudfoot: v. Bankstown, 5-65.

M. Davis: v. North Sydney, 5-47.

Our fielding was somewhat patchy, but a distinct improvement on earlier seasons. A. Sharpe took the most catches, and those held in slips were brilliant. His efforts in this direction undoubtedly assisted in games won during the season.

The wicketkeepers during the season were J. Nelson and W. Davey, and both kept in an able manner.

The team was capably captained throughout by N. Sutherland.

### THIRD GRADE REVIEW

This team won eight matches, including one (1) outright; lost five, two (2) of these being outright; and one (1) game was drawn; finishing in eighth (8th) place on the competition table. In securing 2268 runs, 144 wickets were lost, at an average 15.75 per wicket; whilst opponents totalled 3236 runs for the loss of 193 wickets, averaging 16.56 per wicket. This team contained a number of very young boys, and it is expected that, with a little more experience, seem destined to play higher cricket in the near future. The batting average went to young Stuart Toolin, at 32.62. Two (2) innings of 106 and 82, both not outs, were compiled in excellent fashion. Eighteen-year-old opening batsman Bill Cook was very consistent, and in second position. His main scores were 50 (v. Petersham-Marrickville), 53 not out (v. Northern Districts), and 73 (v. Northern Districts). Other prominent scores were Ian Barnes, 70 not out v. Petersham-Marrickville; John Milne, 53 (v. Gordon), and Ellis Rothwell, 57 (v. North Sydney). The latter compiled his runs in fifteen (15) minutes in seeking an outright.

As regards the bowling, two (2) trundlers, in sixteen-year-old Ian Barnes and slow off-spinner Col Matha bore the brunt of the attack. The former, with 41 wickets, at 10.34, shows great promise as an opening bowler into the wind, and, with the help of some useful batting, should develop into a fine all-rounder. Col Matha was very consistent and deserved better figures than he obtained. Others to assist with the ball were Ron Watkins, 13 wickets at 13.61; Peter Proudfoot, 11 at 19.36; Barry Rothwell, 9 at 19.13; Ellis Rothwell, 12 at 21.75; and Len Soman, 16 wickets at 23.82. Outstanding individual performances were Ian Barnes, 5 for 27 runs (v. St. George), 5 for 9 (v. Northern Districts), and 6 for 9 (v. Cumberland); C. Matha, 5 for 53 (v. Glebe-St. Sydney), 5 for 24 (v. University); Peter Proudfoot, 5 for 50 (v. Northern Districts), 5 for 111 (v. Cumberland); Graham Tate, 5 for 4 (v. Randwick); Len Soman, 5 for 37 (v. Bankstown-Canterbury); Barry Rothwell, 5 for 54 (v. Northern Districts); and Ron Watkins, 5 wickets for 65 runs (v. Northern Districts).

Ellis Rothwell did his usual good job in captaining the team. Warwick Davey was excellent behind the stumps, and later in the season young Ray Bright did very well.

### FOURTH GRADE REVIEW

The fourth grade team had a disappointing season, winning only three (3) matches, one (1) of these being outright, and losing eleven (11), including four (4) outright, and finished in fifteenth (15th) place. Manly scored 2956 runs for the loss of 194 wickets, at an average of 15.23. Op-



ponents 2871 runs, losing 178 wickets, averaging 16.12. This team suffered many changes to its disadvantage. The coming season will see a special effort made to consolidate the side into a balanced combination. Brian Bradley won the batting with 151 runs at an average of 25.16. Other batsmen to follow were Peter Schwenson, 122 runs at 24.40; E. Drew, 255 at 23.18; Ray Dainton, 311 runs at 22.21. Individual scores were John Gurd, 202 runs in 90 minutes (v. Glebe-South Sydney); Ray Dainton, 51 (v. Petersham-Marrickville), 55 (v. Gordon), and 93 (v. Northern Districts); Ted Drew, 93 (v. University); Rodney Lloyd, 65 (v. Northern Districts) and 53 (v. St. George); Jack Blades, 65 (v. University); Brian Bradley, 60 not out (v. Waverley); and Max Hayman, 50 (v. Gordon).

As regards bowling, excellent figures were secured by youthful Barry Veitch, with 37 wickets at 10.27; Peter Proudfoot, 10 at 11.30; Bobby Lennon, 10 at 15.30; Lin Cameron, 27 at 15.55 (including four wickets with four successive deliveries); Harry Frazer, 25 wickets at 15.88; and Col Hoöker, 16 wickets at 17.63. Individual efforts were: Barry Veich, 6 wickets for 20 runs (v. Northern Districts), and 5 for 17 (v. University); Lin Cameron, 5 for 37 (v. St. George) and 6 for 30 (v. Paddington); Harry Frazer, 8 for 40 (v. Bankstown-Canterbury); and Peter Proudfoot, 6 wickets for 45 runs (v. Northern Districts).

The fielding on the whole was quite good, with Rod Lloyd performing very well as wicketkeeper. Lin Cameron, and in his absence Jack Blades, endeavoured at all times to extract the best out of their colleagues.

## MANLY DISTRICT JUNIOR REVIEW

As reported elsewhere, this team of boys under sixteen (16) years of age won its competition in an excellent manner. Twelve (12) matches, including six outright were won, and two matches (both outright) were lost. Runs scored 3136, wickets lost 173, average 18.12 per wicket; opponents obtained 2104 runs and lost 216 wickets, at an average of 9.74. A very wide margin.

This competition is a very good medium in giving our promising boys necessary match practice. To prove its worth, a large proportion of players of the two (2) previous seasons are now appearing in grade sides and doing very well in all departments of the game.

Wicketkeeper Bob Hockey headed the batting, scoring 380 runs at an average of 31.66, followed closely by Geoff Bragg, with 512 runs (a club record), averaging 30.13; then came Bill Bailey, 355 runs at 22.17, and Bruce Avis, 314 runs at 19.62. Individual performances were as follows: Geoff Bragg, 82 and 75; Bob Hockey, 53 and 61 not out; B. Avis, 54 and 71; Bill Bailey, 52, 50, 62 not out; Mike Rodger, 83; Walter Rothwell, 79; and 14-year-old Terry Lee, 51 not out.

In the bowling, Ray Over headed the list, obtaining 19 wickets at 8.36. Then came John Edwards, 26 at 8.94; Bill Bailey, 16 at 9.12; Geoff Hughes, 35 (the highest number) at 9.14; and Bruce Avis, 31 at 10.61. Individual efforts were: Bruce Avis, 6 wickets for 29 runs and 5 for 25; John Edwards, 5 for 18 and 5 for 44; Geoff Hughes, 8 for 29; Moncrieff Walker, 6 for 21; Ray Over, 5 for 15; Bill Bailey, 6 for 61; and Peter Proudfoot, 5 wickets for 51 runs.

Bob Hockey kept wickets well, and the out-cricket was very good.

Bruce Avis, for a lad of 16 years, was a very astute captain.

When one considers that their matches were played against seniors, it makes their performance all the more remarkable.

We thank Mr. Lee for attending the matches and looking after the lads, as well as taking charge of the gear.

## POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD

This competition was somewhat marred through the interference of rain with the matches. We were only able to win one (1) match; another



was drawn, and three (3) lost. The team scored 674 runs, losing 40 wickets at an average of 16.80, whilst its opponents recorded 818 runs for the loss of 37 wickets, averaging 22.10.

The performance of our boys was disappointing. Unfortunately, fine all-rounder Peter Philpott, who had been elected captain, was, through injury, unable to play until the last match, and even then could not bowl in his natural style. Still, we expected several of the team, who had done well in the grade matches, to have risen to the occasion in his absence. This hope did not eventuate. Only John Dower, who took over the leadership, showed good figures with the bat, being far ahead with an average of 37.50. John played a very fine innings of 105 against Northern Districts at Waitara. Next in order was Stuart Toolin, who lost his wicket four (4) times at an average of 19.50. The only other score of note was an innings of 61 by Murray Mingay at Waverley Oval.

Young Barry Veitch bowled well and led that department, taking seven (7) wickets at 14.71. The outstanding bowler was Peter Proudfoot, who dismissed seventeen (17) batsmen at an average of 14.82. Peter had the unique distinction of taking all ten (10) wickets of the one (1) innings of Waverley at Waverley Oval.

Rod Lloyd, who was the custodian, did his best to get results.

We are hoping for a vast improvement by our representatives in the next series.

## A. W. GREEN SHIELD

We are most pleased to report that our boys won this competition in no uncertain manner for the second year in succession. It was the first occasion that a full round of matches has ever been played in these series. The win was all the more satisfactory, as after losing the opening match narrowly, they fought back and never lost another game.

Eight (8) matches were played, seven (7) were won, two (2) being outright, and only one (1) lost. 2865 runs were scored for the loss of 53 wickets, at an average of 25.77; whilst the opposition lost 111 wickets for 1155 runs, at an average of 10.96.

In the final at the No. 2 S.C.G., against Paddington (winners of the Southern Division), Manly were sent in to bat on a rain-damaged wicket, and overcoming the difficulties, reached the reasonable total of 250 runs. Paddington replied with 115 runs. Young Barry Rothwell was the star player, as after compiling an excellent 68 runs, in which he surprised the spectators with his stroke-making power for one so young, he rose to the occasion and dismissed six (6) of the opposition for only 48 runs. A very fine performance. Both Ian Barnes and Mike Rodger, with 53 and 51, respectively, batted exceptionally well. Manly boys' work in the field was without blemish, each lad carrying out his job with success.

Over the series, wicketkeeper Mike Rodger took out the batting honours, scoring 239 runs at the high overage of 59.75; followed by Barry Rothwell with 236 runs at 47.2; Murray Mingay, the top aggregate of 272 runs with an average of 38.85; Geoff Bragg, 24.75; and Ian Barnes, 23.66. Barry Rothwell had scores of 68, 59 not out, and 59 not out; and Murray Mingay, 83 not out.

An unfinished partnership by Barry Rothwell and Murray Mingay of 138 runs against Gordon in under the hour was compiled in excellent fashion.

On the bowling side, fast improving, medium-pacer Bruce Avis had 121 runs scored off his attack in taking 17 wickets at 7.12. Then came Barry Rothwell, with slow leg-breaks, the most wickets, 29, at 9.58; Ian Barnes, 27 at 11.96; Murray Mingay, 23 at 13.43. Very good bowling right through.

Murray, also with captaincy and all-round play, was a very big factor in bringing victory to his side.



Mike Rodger, who does not keep wickets at school, went behind the stumps and held 18 catches and made three stumpings. An amazing effort, effected with the safest pair of hands one could wish for.

Finally, Peter Philpott counselled the lads throughout the series, and very much deserves our congratulations.

## REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

KEITH MILLER—We can only endorse what has been said in previous reports of the attributes of this popular cricketing personality. Keith showed in his captaincy of the State side that he was striving to bring back more action and life into the game in order to create the necessary interest that should appeal to the players and public alike. He was largely instrumental in recovering the Sheffield Shield for New South Wales, and also gave his services by appearing in the Lindsay Hassett testimonial match.

PETER PHILPOTT—This young player gained selection in the New South Wales Colts match against Queensland at Brisbane. Peter helped his team considerably in all departments of the game to achieve victory. All members of the club hoped that the selectors would have seen fit to give him a start early in the Sheffield Shield games. A damaged hand, however, later on precluded any possibility for consideration, but now that he is back to normal, and with added guile and experience gained in the meantime, the honour should come to him in the ensuing season.

## PRACTICE CAPTAINS

We take pleasure in again recognising the valued help of Jack Ryan and his assistant, Arthur Braddock, controlling our practices. This club owes a great debt to these popular fellows over the years, and we trust their honorary services will be available in the coming season.

## AFTERNOON TEAS AND LUNCHEONS

We desire to again thank the ladies who served afternoon tea at both Brookvale and Manly Ovals during the season. Particularly we would like to mention Mesdames Dower, Poignand, Cousins, Rothwell, Twentyman, P. R. Lowe, and G. W. Lowe. Also Misses Hurwood, Oxlade, Booth, and Julia and Virginia Dower. The first-mentioned lady also gave her services at the luncheons, socials, etc., often donating home-made goods which were much appreciated by the members. Special mention, also, is due to Mrs. E. Rothwell for her assistance at both grounds and at the annual meeting.

## COACHING CLASSES

Last season the coaching classes came of age, having been in operation for the past 21 years. The attendances were very good and the results obtained were pleasing to the coaches, Messrs. Les Gwynne, George Dunlop, and George Lowe.

Mr. George Dunlop kindly responded to an invitation to assist and has very capably filled the wide gap left by the passing of our esteemed colleague, the late Jim Randell.

We are hoping that good practice conditions will prevail during the coming season. This is most essential if satisfactory results are expected.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

A number of functions were arranged during the season. A cabaret dance was held at the R.S.L. Hall during November for the main purpose of welcoming back from abroad, Australian cricketer and Manly captain, Keith Miller, and honorary secretary, George Lowe, and his wife and also his sister-in-law, Miss Booth. All present had a most enjoyable evening, and the club benefited to the extent of over £30.



Mrs. Evelyn Dower, in conducting another function, was solely instrumental in bringing £17 into club funds. Our grateful thanks are extended to this lady, who works so energetically in our interests.

During the year two (2) "smokos" were held, one (1) at Christmas time and the other at the end of the season. Both evenings were enjoyed by the members.

In conclusion, opportunity is taken to thank the Social Committee, under the chairmanship of Alan Rogers, for arranging the activities which brought much-needed revenue to the funds of the club.

## MANLY AND WARRINGAH JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

We also thank the Manly and Warringah Junior Cricket Association for their help and co-operation, particularly by the president, Mr. E. Routh, and the hon. secretaries, Messrs. R. Baker and A. Anderson. We wish the Association much success in its efforts to further our mutual game.

## NEW SOUTH WALES UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION

We are again indebted to the members of this body for services rendered during the season. Our experience was that the standard was well maintained. All umpires appointed for matches in this district were regular and punctual.

## MANLY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

We desire to express our appreciation for the assistance extending over the years to the Mayor and Aldermen of the Manly Municipal Council. Particularly are we grateful for the successful rehabilitation of the centre wicket area of the Manly Oval, which took place last season. The improvement has already shown evidence of brightening the game and attaining more patronage.

The sporting clubs of this district are indeed fortunate that the Aldermen have always been eager to render help whenever possible to the various bodies, so that clean sport and entertainment can be provided for all concerned.

We also extend our thanks to the Chief Engineer, Mr. L. M. Graham; the ground supervisor, Mr. W. Druery, and all park officials, not forgetting our ever helpful curator, Mr. Bill Bunting. Bill was indeed happy to see the improved results achieved in the centre, and we feel confident that he will strive to maintain such state of affairs. Furthermore, he will not be satisfied until the practice areas are of the same high standard.

## WARRINGAH SHIRE COUNCIL

We also deeply appreciate the interest taken and the help given by the Councillors of Warringah Shire Council, under the able leadership of Mr. John Fisher.

The percentage of our players is considerably on the increase in this fast-growing district, and all look forward to playing under the best conditions that are possible.

Our thanks are also tendered to the officers of the Council concerned.

We take pleasure in offering congratulations to our vice-president and prominent life member, Mr. Leslie Gwynne, on his election as councillor. We feel certain that the fine services given cricket in many ways will now be coupled in the same manner for the benefit of the Shire in general.

## SUCCESSFUL CLUBS

The Committee offer heartiest congratulations to the following clubs in winning their respective competitions: Paddington (1st grade), Glebe-South Sydney (2nd and 3rd grades), St. George (4th Grade), Western



Suburbs (club championship), Auburn-Lidcombe (Municipal Shire "A" Division), Lindfield ("B" Division), Bankstown-Canterbury (Poidevin-Gray Shield).

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

We take pleasure in extending congratulations to the Manly District Rugby Union and the Manly-Warringah Rugby League, respectively, on their performances of the past year, and we wish them enjoyable games, and even greater successes, in the present season.

## DELEGATES

Your delegates regularly attended the meetings of the N.S.W.C.A. Mr. L. W. Gwynne acted as proxy for the honorary secretary during his absence abroad.

The president was re-elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association. He also represented this State on the Australian Board of Control for international cricket. Much valuable time has been given for many years to these two important positions.

Your honorary secretary was again appointed to supervise practice by the N.S.W. senior and junior practice squads. He was appointed for the seventh year to control the country boys housed at the Sydney Cricket Ground during January for the purpose of coaching. Also, at the request of the Southern Tablelands Cricket Council and the Temora District Association, a fortnight's visit to the various centres was undertaken for the purpose of cricket instruction.

## NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET ASSOCIATION

We take the opportunity to express our thanks to the above-named body for kindly considerations, both monetary and otherwise, received during the past season.

The Disablement Fund, under its control, was also helpful to several of our players.

We also wish to record our appreciation to the secretary, Mr. Alan Barnes, and to Mr. Ron McDonald and the other members of the staff, for the assistance and courtesy extended at all times to our members.

Attention is drawn to by-law 51, New South Wales Cricket Association:—

"Any bona-fide resident of a district shall be eligible to play with the district club for such district. Any member of a district club changing his place of residence to within the boundaries of another district club shall notify the secretary of the Association within seven days of so doing, together with his full address and date of taking up residence at that address; this information to be then communicated by the secretary of the Association to the hon. secretaries of the clubs concerned.

"A 'bona-fide resident' when used in reference to any district means a person whose last principal place of abode for a period of not less than six consecutive months has been in that district, provided that:

"(a) Any player visiting Sydney, or any player from beyond the State, or from beyond the boundaries of the district clubs as defined by these by-laws, may play with such club as the Association or Grade Committee may direct.

"(b) Any pupil attending any college (other than those colleges within the Sydney University) or school as a residential boarder for a period of not less than six months shall have the option of playing either with the district club for the district in which such college or school is situate, or for the district club in respect of which he holds a residential qualification, provided that this by-law shall not entitle any such player to play with more than one club for any one season.

"(c) Any player who has been a member of a district club for not less than twelve successive years, or fifteen years in all, during which period he retained his residential qualification for such club, may continue to play with such district club, notwithstanding that he has ceased to hold



the necessary residential qualification for such club, until such time as he shall play for any other district club for which he has a residential qualification; provided, however, that a player shall be deemed not to have lost his residential qualification for a club by having been absent from his residential district through war service during the 1939-45 war."

## CONDOLENCES

This club lost a valued stalwart when vice-president the late Harold Austin passed from our midst. This most popular gentleman, who controlled the affairs of our first grade in their matches for a number of years, could be truly described as one of the greatest sportsmen this district has produced. In his early days a player of various sports, and then, later on, a most prominent official of the Manly Rugby Union, Manly Amateur Swimming Club, and the Manly District Cricket Club. High offices of either president or secretary were voluntarily undertaken, and he gave his all in successfully carrying out the arduous duties of such office. He so loved sport that he requested that his cortege should pass the Manly Oval. We sadly miss his presence.

Regret is also expressed in having to report the death recently of another vice-president, the late Percy Leonard Nolan. For many years he was a staunch supporter of our game, and his valued help and counsel found appreciation in all members. He also added prestige to this municipality by serving as a Mayor and Alderman for twenty-five (25) years. Most worthwhile institutions also interested his attention in this district, and the loss will be greatly felt.

The late Warren Bardsley was also a resident of the district during his latter years, and took an interest in the doings of the club. Warren was one of Australia's outstanding internationals, and his Test performances during a long career resulted in bringing victory many times to his country.

We also record with much regret the death of the late Eric A. Bull, an erstwhile member of this club when we were known as Middle Harbour. He was a fine all-round player, and gained selection in the first A.I.F. team, the unit that had the honour of producing a number of grand internationals. During his long cricketing career he also represented New South Wales.

Deep sympathy has already been expressed to the relatives of these fine gentlemen.

## PUBLICITY

To "The Manly Daily" and "The Manly and Warringah News" we give our deep thanks for the publicity given and the accurate recordings of all our matches. Without local press assistance, much sporting news would not reach the public. Our Publicity Officer, Peter Philpott, gave his services in this regard, and our appreciation is also expressed to him.

## THANKS AND APPRECIATION

To our Vice-Presidents for financial support during the season; to our Honorary Auditors, Messrs. G. M. Dunlop and J. M. Searle, for many years' service on our behalf; to our Honorary Treasurer, Nigel Sutherland, for stepping into the breach and capably taking care of our finances. Unfortunately, we are losing this good and most popular club man, as he is not now in the district. We wish him all success and comradeship in his new surroundings, and a promise of a glad welcome should he return to our midst. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grosvenor for once again disposing of our associate tickets; to all Associate Members for their assistance and regularity in attendance at the matches; to our honorary scorer, Mr. Tom Mulrey, of our first team, and to Adrian Poignand and the other scorers of our lower grades; and, finally, to Messrs. Wal Lees, W. Rome, and Paul Williams for their help at the grounds. To all these considerate persons we express our grateful thanks.

For and on behalf of the Committee.

R. A. OXLADE, President.

G. W. LOWE, Honorary Secretary.



# Averages for Season, 1953-54

## FIRST GRADE.

### BATTING

Names	No. of Innings	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total Runs	Avg.
K. Miller .....	6	1	55	201	40.20
P. Philpott .....	18	5	77	463	35.61
E. Robinson .....	21	1	86	619	30.95
V. Brown .....	15	1	79	409	29.21
C. Papayanni .....	16	3	74	375	28.84
T. Brooks .....	14	5	33	159	17.66
J. Hodgson .....	7	1	29 n.o.	100	16.66
J. Gurd .....	13	1	33	158	13.16
B. Taylor .....	10	2	48 n.o.	105	13.12
M. Mingay .....	14	—	47	147	10.50
J. Dower .....	6	—	44	60	10.00
G. Wearne .....	10	5	15	49	9.80
R. Horton .....	6	—	14	51	8.50
D. Frazer .....	10	—	34	33	8.30

Also Batted—P. Trim, 4 innings (2 n.o.) for 80 runs; A. Sharp, 4 innings (1 n.o.) for 44; S. Toolin, 4 for 49; N. Verity, 3 for 47; D. Brooker, 2 for 16; J. Nelson, 1 innings for 4 runs.

### BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wkts.	Runs	Avg.
K. Miller .....	66	10	19	217	11.42
P. Philpott .....	126	7	37	682	18.43
J. Dower .....	32	3	8	159	19.87
T. Brooks .....	167	11	32	768	24.00
E. Robinson .....	174	18	28	705	25.17
G. Wearne .....	115	11	18	462	25.66

Also Bowled—S. Toolin, 1wkt. for 14 runs; M. Mingay, 1 for 21; D. Brooker, 1 for 66; V. Brown, 1 for 87; J. Gurd, 0 for 6; G. Hooker, 0 for 21; P. Trim, 0 for 42 runs.

## SECOND GRADE.

### BATTING

Names	No. of Innings	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total Runs	Avg.
P. Trim .....	5	1	156 n.o.	300	75.00
J. Nelson .....	10	1	69	301	33.45
D. Frazer .....	8	1	79	226	32.30
N. Sutherland .....	15	7	40 n.o.	252	31.50
J. Dower .....	9	1	108 n.o.	214	26.75
A. Sharp .....	10	2	51	189	24.82
N. Verity .....	14	1	67	322	24.72
B. Cook .....	12	—	57	294	24.50
R. Horton .....	7	—	82	168	24.00
K. Watkins .....	16	—	50	328	20.50
J. Hodgson .....	5	—	27	95	19.00
D. Brooker .....	9	1	30	142	17.60
R. Watkins .....	12	3	50 n.o.	158	17.50
F. Collins .....	11	—	41	188	17.09
B. Taylor .....	7	—	38	85	17.00

Also Batted—J. Gurd, 2 for 28; W. Barry, 6 for 95; C. Matha, 3 for 23; G. Hooker, 9 for 17; W. Davey, 4 for 32; M. Rodger, 3 for 18; P. Proudfoot, 1 for 3; K. Waterhouse, 1 for 21; W. Cook, 1 for 15.



## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wkts.	Runs	Avge.
B. Cook .....	138	21	30	560	18.66
D. Brooker .....	66	6	15	366	24.40
N. Sutherland .....	111	8	19	489	25.73
R. Watkins .....	107	12	17	472	27.74
G. Hooker .....	64	2	10	313	31.30
J. Dower .....	97	9	17	575	33.82

Also Bowled—A. Sharp, 4 wickets for 135 runs; P. Trim, 2 for 59; J. Hodgson, 1 for 50; B. Taylor, 1 for 20; P. Proudfoot, 5 for 65; M. Davis, 8 for 99; C. Matha, 0 for 45; W. Barry, 0 for 53.

## THIRD GRADE.

### BATTING

Names	No. of Innings	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total Runs	Avge.
S. Toolin .....	10	2	106 n.o.	261	32.62
W. Cook .....	11	1	73	276	27.60
P. Proudfoot .....	6	3	27 n.o.	66	22.00
E. Rothwell .....	16	3	57	285	21.92
I. Barnes .....	16	3	70 n.o.	278	21.38
B. Rothwell .....	15	3	46 n.o.	186	15.50
J. Milne .....	13	—	53	172	13.23
R. Bright .....	14	—	33	155	11.07
B. Martin .....	6	—	15	40	6.66
R. Lenon .....	6	2	17	26	6.50
C. Matha .....	10	1	13	57	6.33
L. Soman .....	10	2	14	41	5.12
W. Davey .....	6	1	7	17	3.40

Also Batted—F. Collins, 5 innings for 38 runs; G. Tate, 3 (2 n.o.) for 44; C. M. Hayman, 3 for 51 R. Watkins, 3 for 19; R. Yell, 2 for 4; R. Dainton, 2 for 3; K. Watkins, 2 for 45; W. Barry, 1 for 17; P. Trim, 1 innings for 1 run.

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wkts.	Runs	Avge.
I. Barnes .....	131	20	41	424	10.34
R. Watkins .....	56	10	13	177	13.61
C. Matha .....	143	14	38	540	14.21
B. Rothwell .....	33	3	9	172	19.13
P. Proudfoot .....	29	1	11	213	19.36
E. Rothwell .....	62	6	12	261	21.75
L. Soman .....	73	3	16	381	23.82
S. Toolin .....	43	1	6	225	37.50

Also Bowled—G. Tate, 9 wickets for 33 runs; P. Trim, 5 for 61; R. Dainton, 3 for 14; R. Yell, 1 for 21; K. Watkins, 0 for 0; F. Collins, 0 for 29; R. Lenon, 0 for 78 runs.

## FOURTH GRADE.

### BATTING

Names	No. of Innings	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total Runs	Avge.
B. Bradley .....	7	1	60 n.o.	151	25.16
P. Schwenson .....	6	1	43	122	24.40
E. Drew .....	12	1	93	255	23.18
R. Dainton .....	15	1	93	311	22.21
R. Lenon .....	12	—	42	185	15.43
R. Lloyd .....	16	—	65	227	14.19
J. Blades .....	16	2	65 n.o.	188	13.53
H. Frazer .....	14	2	31	161	13.42
G. Tate .....	10	2	18	77	9.62



L. Cameron	18	5	31	122	9.55
B. Veitch	17	2	29	141	9.40
B. Martin	12	—	32	112	9.33
K. Waterhouse	9	1	31	70	8.75
C. Hooker	12	2	20	50	5.00

Also Batted—P. Hamilton, 5 innings for 95 runs; J. Barnes, 4 innings (2 n.o.) for 31; A. Treloar, 4 for 39; D. Hayman, 4 for 17; R. Arneman, 4 for 9; C. M. Hayman, 3 for 86; L. Soman, 3 for 20; P. Proudfoot, 3 for 7; J. Gurd, 2 for 203; A. Wood, 2 for 20; R. Yell, 2 for 18; A. Rogers, 2 for 13; I. Wilesmith, 2 for 8; R. Gray, 2 for 8; G. Eccles, 2 for 4; P. Trim, 1 for 45; S. Toolin, 1 for 10; L. Berthiet, 1 for 4; K. Magor, 1 for 3; D. Spiden, 1 innings for 0 runs.

#### BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wkts.	Runs	Avge.
B. Veitch	101	7	27	277	10.27
P. Proudfoot	21	—	10	113	11.30
R. Lenon	30	—	10	153	15.30
L. Cameron	109	1	27	420	15.55
H. Frazer	87	7	25	397	15.88
C. Hooker	66	1	16	281	17.63
G. Tate	56	3	10	249	24.90
K. Waterhouse	47.3	3	7	184	26.29

Also Bowled—A. Rogers, 2 wkts. for 2 runs S. Toolin, 2 for 28; A. Treloar, 2 for 33; J. Blades, 2 for 51; P. Schwenson, 2 for 62; K. Magor, 1 for 12; L. Soman, 1 for 30; R. Yell, 1 for 44; B. Martin, 0 for 0; C. M. Hayman, 0 for 7; L. Berthiet, 0 for 6; D. Spiden, 0 for 14; R. Dainton, 0 for 27; A. Wood, 0 for 32; R. Arneman, 0 wkts. for 44 runs.

#### MANLY DISTRICT JUNIOR TEAM.

#### BATTING

Names	No. of Innings	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total Runs	Avge.
R. Hockey	17	5	61 n.o.	380	31.66
G. Bragg	20	3	82	512	30.13
W. Bailey	19	3	62 n.o.	355	22.17
B. Avis	19	3	71	314	19.62
T. Lee	12	4	51	145	18.12
A. Louden	19	1	39	281	15.61
R. Over	11	2	38	109	12.11
D. Rose	15	1	20	117	8.35
G. Hughes	14	2	27	79	6.08
A. Coote	13	1	19	72	6.00
J. Edwards	11	4	9	25	3.57

Also Batted—P. Proudfoot, 4 innings for 83 runs; M. Walker, 4 for 11; P. Croxon, 3 for 19; M. Rodger, 1 for 83; W. Rothwell, 1 for 79; B. Jarman, 1 for 8; M. Fitzgerald, 1 for 7 runs.

#### BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wkts.	Runs	Avge.
R. Over	49	8	19	159	8.36
J. Edwards	56.1	7	26	230	8.94
W. Bailey	35.1	5	16	147	9.12
G. Hughes	107	14	35	320	9.14
B. Avis	102.1	10	31	329	10.61
P. Proudfoot	29	2	12	154	12.80
G. Bragg	42.4	1	15	210	14.00
A. Louden	28.1	—	12	180	15.00

Also Bowled—M. Walker, 8 wkts. for 88 runs; P. Croxon, 5 for 44; D. Rose, 4 for 56; W. Rothwell, 2 for 43; G. Coote, 1 for 0; R. Hockey, 0 wickets for 1 run.



# POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD.

## BATTING

Names	No. of Innings	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total Runs	Avge.
J. Dower .....	4	—	105	150	37.50
S. Toolin .....	4	—	29	78	19.50
R. Lenon .....	4	—	31	67	16.75
R. Lloyd .....	4	1	23 n.o.	49	16.30
M. Mingay .....	4	—	61	61	15.25
P. Proudfoot .....	4	1	20 n.o.	36	12.00
R. Bright .....	4	—	23	44	11.00
K. Jones .....	3	1	10 n.o.	18	9.00
B. Veitch .....	4	1	14	21	7.00
I. Barnes .....	4	—	13	27	6.75

Also Batted—P. Philpott, 1 innings for 78 runs; B. Rothwell, 2 for 17; W. Cook, 1 for 0; B. Martin, 1 innings for 0 runs.

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wkts.	Runs	Avge.
B. Veitch .....	24	2	7	103	14.71
P. Proudfoot .....	29.4	—	17	252	14.82
J. Dower .....	48.1	4	7	181	25.85

Also Bowled—R. Bright, 1 wkt. for 16 runs; M. Mingay, 1 for 21; P. Philpott, 1 for 36; S. Toolin, 1 for 73; B. Rothwell, 0 for 2; K. Jones, 0 for 1; R. Lenon, 0 for 11; I. Barnes, 0 for 91 runs.

# A. W. GREEN SHIELD.

## BATTING

Names	No. of Innings	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total Runs	Avge.
M. Rodger .....	8	4	51	239	59.75
B. Rothwell .....	8	3	68	236	47.20
M. Mingay .....	9	2	83 n.o.	272	38.85
G. Bragg .....	6	2	26 n.o.	99	24.75
I. Barnes .....	6	—	53	142	23.66
A. Louden .....	8	1	24 n.o.	111	15.87
B. Avis .....	5	1	17	58	14.50
W. Bailey .....	7	—	32	95	13.57
P. Croxon .....	5	2	15 n.o.	30	10.00

Also Batted—T. Lee, 3 innings for 2 runs; N. White, 2 for 21; G. Coote, 1 innings for 1 run.

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wkts.	Runs	Avge.
B. Avis .....	42.4	10	17	121	7.12
B. Rothwell .....	65.1	6	29	278	9.58
I. Barnes .....	106.3	16	27	323	11.96
M. Mingay .....	90.4	14	23	309	13.43
G. Bragg .....	26	2	5	75	15.00

Also Bowled—G. Hughes, 1 wkt. for 17 runs; W. Bailey, 0 for 10; P. Croxon, 0 for 13 runs.



# CLUB RECORDS

## COMPETITION MATCHES.

### FIRST GRADE.

Highest Individual Score .....	L. W. Gwynne	175 n.o.	(1926-27)
Highest Aggregate .....	L. W. Gwynne	843	(1923-24)
Highest Average .....	J. Burke	80.75	(1947-48)
Most Wickets in Season .....	J. Randell	78	(1909-10)

### SECOND GRADE.

Highest Individual Score .....	H. Williams	201 n.o.	(1913-14)
Highest Aggregate .....	E. P. Woolcott	524	(1910-11)
Highest Average .....	H. Williams	70.00	(1913-14)
Most Wickets in Season .....	W. Bassett	60	(1937-38)

### THIRD GRADE.

Highest Individual Score .....	G. W. Lowe	210 n.o.	(1930-31)
Highest Aggregate .....	G. W. Lowe	937	(1930-31)
Highest Average .....	R. Farnell	84.33	(1920-21)
Most Wickets in Season .....	F. Brand	79	(1922-23)

### FOURTH GRADE.

Highest Individual Score .....	W. C. Wallach	103 n.o.	(1935-36)
Highest Aggregate .....	L. Bevege	398	(1936-37)
Highest Average .....	J. Blades	36.00	(1948-49)
Most Wickets in Season .....	W. H. Bassett	97	(1936-37)

### DISTRICT JUNIOR TEAM.

Highest Individual Score .....	D. Ellis	165 n.o.	(1949-50)
Highest Aggregate .....	G. Bragg	512	(1953-54)
Highest Average .....	M. Mingay	60.22	(1951-52)
Most Wickets in Season .....	B. Bradley	48	(1950-51)

### POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD.

Highest Individual Score .....	T. Parsonage	178	(1930-31)
Highest Aggregate .....	T. Parsonage	378	(1930-31)
Highest Average .....	H. Leahy	82.25	(1937-38)
Most Wickets in Season .....	P. Philpott	38	(1950-51)

### A. W. GREEN SHIELD.

Highest Individual Score .....	J. McCabe	135 n.o.	(1938-39)
Highest Aggregate .....	B. Watson	341	(1944-45)
Highest Average .....	R. Bright	141.00	(1951-52)
Most Wickets in Season .....	P. Philpott	40	(1950-51)



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1954.

£299 17 3



# MANLY DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1954.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
£	s d	£	s d
Equipment Fund Account .....	3 12 10	Equipment—At Valuation .....	125 0 0
Manly Municipal Council, Percentage of Manly Oval Takings and Ground Fees .....	139 12 3	Bank of New South Wales .....	141 12 4
Sundry Creditors .....	10 6	Subscriptions in Arrears .....	3 0 0
Accumulation Account—		Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia—	
Balance, 31st May, 1953 .....	292 19 11	Equipment Account .....	6 18 8
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for Year now ended	9 8 0	Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia—	
	302 7 11	Ground Account .....	169 12 6
	<u>£446 3 6</u>		<u>£446 3 6</u>

We have examined the Books and Records of the MANLY DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB for the year ended 31st May, 1954, and certify that the foregoing Balance Sheet correctly records the financial position of the Club as at 31st May, 1954, according to the Books of the Club and the explanations received by us.

(Sgd.) N. C. SUTHERLAND, Hon. Treasurer,  
Manly, 7th June, 1954.

(Sgd.) G. M. DUNLOP }  
(Sgd.) J. L. SEARLE, F.C.A. (Aust.) } Hon. Auditors.







