

**Manly-Warringah District
Cricket Club**

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Eighty-seventh

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

and Balance Sheet



SEASON 1964-1965

MANLY - WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB will be held in the MANLY OVAL RECREATION ROOM on WEDNESDAY, 14th JULY, 1965, at 7.45 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend.

BUSINESS:

1. To receive the Eighty-seventh Annual Report of the General Committee and the Honorary Treasurer's Balance Sheet.
2. Presentations.
3. To elect Office-bearers and General Committee for the ensuing year.
4. To transact any other business that may be brought forward in conformity with the Club's Constitution.

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You are requested to bring this report with you, and only financial members will be allowed to vote.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MANLY-WARRINGAH
DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

GENTLEMEN—

Your Management Committee has pleasure in submitting the 87th Annual Report and Balance Sheet for consideration and adoption.

You may recall that our 86th Annual Report lamented the fact that the indifferent performances of the Club on the field was mainly due to the heavy demands of representative cricket on our leading players, but sounded a note of optimism that for various reasons the season ahead would be a selectors' paradise.

Had these much-maligned gentlemen at that stage gazed into their crystal ball they could not have been blamed for "declining with thanks" for otherwise how could they have been expected to know for one thing that on occasions up to five players would be engulfed by S.C.G.1, either as players or broadcasters.

Such deep encroachment into our parochial affairs is a relatively new experience for this Club, although we have long admired St. George's resilience in continuing their winning way nevertheless. It is now with some reservations and cautious optimism that we forecast on the basis of results from the season under review that this Club shall in the near future also produce cricketers for the State and country without detriment to the local scene. Indeed, thanks to stalwarts like Eddie Robinson in each team, we are learning to live without the stars, so much so that the failure of first grade this season to fulfil the hopes of its paper promise can generally be traced back to the games when the team was at or near full strength.

The same theory prevails in the lower grades, which owed their greatly improved showing to the strength of the reserves, players who can perform well consistently in any grade, and are prepared to accept promotion and demotion in the common interest. We think of Arthur Springall, who appeared in all grades, and hope that the future will produce more like him.

Second grade had its best season in memory and finished in second place, being defeated by University in the final. At one stage on the first day victory was within our grasp, but we finally succumbed to a younger and fitter side.

Thirds also showed greatly improved form and could never be taken lightly. At one stage they were up with the leaders, but lost two vital matches against strong St. George and Cumberland sides to start them on a downward slide which continued to gain momentum.

Fourths were also up with the front runners, but lack of experience and poor fielding among the younger players caused a slump. There is, however, much promising talent to be developed for this team.

The Poidevin Gray side was the only team to disappoint with a lack lustre record, due not so much to ability as to absence of fighting spirit among the batsmen.

Although undefeated, the A. W. Green Shield side missed premiership caps by a hairsbreadth and revealed an array of varied talent to which the Club can look forward in the years ahead.

Our fifth graders, under Bill Rome, revelled in the excellent conditions at L. M. Graham Reserve, playing an experimental season in the

A2 M.-W. competition. This scheme bore early fruit, as at least nine boys from this side appeared in grade without the disadvantage of overcoming the transition from matting to turf.

The two "under 16" sides, controlled by Ray Harvey and Don McDonald, performed well on occasions and some solid individual performances were recorded. When it becomes generally realised that membership of these two teams is a stepping stone to grade cricket through the fifth grade side, there should be no lack of youthful aspirants to lift the playing standard.

The only discordant notes of the season and which permeated through most teams were: (i) The tendency of too many players to become unavailable for selection; for while it is realised that there are many cases where this is unavoidable, there is no doubt that the exercise of foresight and consideration by players who withdraw, particularly after teams have been selected, would result in a great saving of administrative time and cost. Our thanks are extended to the stalwarts who played in or were available for all games during the season.

(ii) The lack of attention to punctuality prior to the commencement of a match was deplorable. This appears to be a tradition as far as first grade it concerned and is confirmed by their results, but it was most disturbing to see fourth graders developing these habits, and was, in fact, taken into consideration by the selectors.

It is significant that the "seconds" who were required to be in attendance at least half an hour before start of play were the most successful team and obviously benefited from a loosen up, the attention of the odd latecomer being drawn in no uncertain terms to this requirement.

On the representative front, the cricketing public showed their tangible appreciation of a domestic season which at the last moment, and through no fault of our administrators, who had no other alternative, was interrupted by a visit from a Pakistan XI. It is significant that this was one of the few fixtures at Sydney to record a financial loss, the public indicating that they are still interested in Sheffield Shield cricket if the best of our cricketers are available and the game is played in the right spirit.

This spirit quickly caught on in grade circles and illuminated the much-misunderstood term "bright cricket", resulting in many memorable matches, due more to periods of mounting tension than orgies of run-getting. We like to think that our spectators at Manly appreciated the Club's view that bright cricket is not the act of a batsman swinging his club around in village green fashion but in keeping the game alive with keen attacking cricket and sensible as opposed to irresponsible declarations which can bring victory only to one side. It must be borne in mind that we still like to win, and nothing succeeds like success. Can we honestly expect a batsman who may have waited at least two weeks for a "dig" and unless instructed by his captain, to charge in like a Bengal Lancer and sacrifice himself and his team on the altar of "Brighter Cricket" for the benefit of one man and his dog who much have their Roman holiday?

There were 13 centuries scored in all grades, and whereas the Club's strength over the past decade has been with its fast and medium bowlers with batting the weakness, the wheel has now turned a full cycle, as we were unable in any grade to achieve regular success with the new ball. Our results, particularly in first grade, bear out the axiom that "bowlers win matches", but, reverting to Tom Hart's great success against Balmain, when he had to aim at the stumps, we may also add the vital word "catches".

Among the many new players we welcomed to the Club, nothing gave greater satisfaction than the return of Jim Burke, whose career from his early days in our coaching class to his premature retirement from first class cricket is a part of our history. By common agreement, he quickly established himself as a peer to most batsmen who still retain their Australian cap, scoring his runs effortlessly when the going was the hardest. His frequent appearances at the Saturday morning practices have already been of great value, and we sincerely hope that Jim Burke is back to stay.

It was a matter for regret that the Saturday morning games for the little boys did not get under way this year, due mainly to the absence of a co-ordinator. This is a position which cannot be undertaken by players and requires transport to move the gear. The Club would be pleased to hear from any gentlemen with or without cricket knowledge who have the time and the means to look after this important aspect of our activities.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Without one dissenting voice, Peter Philpott made the Australian side at last and ironically after announcing his retirement. Following a promising start to the grade season, he made himself available for selection, captained N.S.W., took wickets and catches, scored runs as an opening batsman, and only lack of opportunity to show his ability as a new ball bowler could have been the one reason for leaving him at home again. This requirement was waived, and at the age of 30 years one of the game's most experienced exponents assumed the place he should undoubtedly have occupied on the last English tour. At the time of going to press his bowling and fielding on tour has shone as one of the lonely beacons in a sombre background, and his position as No. 1 spinner, laboriously achieved, should be in no doubt when the M.C.C. arrive at the end of the year.

Suffering little by comparison was the meteoric rise of Barry Rothwell to captain the State on the southern tour, thus creating what must be a club record—two captains of N.S.W. in the one season. Following his advent to Shield cricket the previous season, Barry continued from strength to strength, his saving of the team from collapse against Victoria and just failing to receive the accolade of a maiden century is, to date, the highest point of his career. In leading what was regarded as one of the most inexperienced sides to leave on a southern tour, he confounded the critics by recording resounding victories over South and Western Australia, thus amidst great rejoicing snatching the Sheffield Shield out of the Yarra. A fitting conclusion to a memorable season.

Although only missing one Shield game, Terry Lee had a frustrating season. Returning late from the Lancashire League, he missed early practice and appeared to be regarded more as a bowler than a batsman—a theory with which this Club does not agree. He batted far too low down the list when runs were plentiful and was either 12th man or out of the team when his batting ability could have influenced the course of the game. He was, however, a valuable member of the team on the southern tour and played his part as an all-rounder in those dramatic events.

With Jim Burke and Tom Brooks broadcasting, we feel that our Club was adequately represented in the higher echelons.

Col Elliott (while with us) and John Weight were selected in Colts matches for N.S.W., Ian MacDonald toured with the N.S.W. under 14's, and Ken Turner registered a century with the C.H.S. 1st XI.

FIRST GRADE REVIEW

We must look deeper than the absence of representative members to analyse the disappointing results of what was expected to be our best year.

When all players were available, the team's strength was its own undoing, and this was obvious from the first match of the season, when the opposition tacitly conceded our batting strength and concentrated on saving the game.

Generally, the team was unbalanced, the batting was such that too many batsmen were playing out of position and we never seemed able, after batting first, to have the opposition in for the last 45 minutes so as to achieve an early break through. Either due to missed catches or bowling which lacked penetration, the break through rarely came.

Throughout the season we always lacked the ability to win the tosses which really counted, and on three occasions at least we were struggling on sporty wickets.

The team took the field under 4 different captains, altogether 22 players passed through the ranks and here, we feel, is the key to our record of 3 wins, 2 draws and 8 losses.

There was a lack of consistency among the regular players, both with bat and ball, but one outstanding exception, apart from the last few matches, was Eddie Robinson. He continues to explode the theory that having reached the pinnacle the only direction is downward, and appears to have discovered a plateau on which he is established for just so long as he wishes to keep going. With his contemporaries in other clubs falling by the wayside, Eddie goes his merry way, and we hope that he will continue to do so.

John Barnes made a welcome return after Christmas and, apart from a certain lack of mobility, seemed to be settling down well at the end of the season.

John Weight began well but drifted into the doldrums when nothing would go right — he may find some comfort in the knowledge that not so long ago Barry Rothwell was treated much more harshly by the score-book.

Jim Burke as previously mentioned was a tower of strength although handicapped by a foot injury, broadcasting commitments and the responsibility of fighting the side out of trouble at the expense of a higher aggregate.

John Blaikie and Brian Taylor had a mixed season with the bat, both playing some matches in second grade. 'Cherchez' la femme' also intruded into their season as John became engaged and Brian entered into matrimony.

Roger Hooke beginning the season in thirds duly gained well deserved promotion and apart from infusing some life into the fielding, batted consistently and gained valuable experience. Arthur Springall was in a similar category and although not a regular member of the side he always looked capable of acquitting himself well.

Peter Philpott and Barry Rothwell at times played right up to expectations and their early form ensured their selection in the N.S.W. XI, the former having previously advised that his decision to retire at the end of the previous season was not irrevocable.

Terry Lee did not appear until late November and took part in only four games, during which, however, he recorded solid performances.

Tom Hart and Gordon Rorke shared the new ball but did not constitute the destructive force we had hoped. Both suffered from dropped catches on occasions and often found themselves pounding down on dead strips, for as previously mentioned we were usually batting when the wickets looked interesting.

As they missed only one match each there was little opportunity for John Dower whom we also welcomed back to the club, to prove his value as a bowler who can move the ball both ways, and we shall never know how we would have fared had he been given the new ball.

Reg Hunt, still somewhat in Peter Philpott's shadow proved a capable leg spinner and a fighting batsman, Eddie Robinson still has the ability to pick up the odd wicket and Jim Burke added variety and controversial interest.

Mal Chambers, called up from seconds when Col Elliott returned to the country proved a capable wicket keeper. He was in all respects a valuable acquisition to the club but alas after an all too brief stay is now residentially qualified to play with Toronto, Canada. So once again we now face the problem of finding another first grade keeper for next season.

Clive Philpott nursed the team along as usual and here too we experienced the side effects of Peter's representative cricket as Clive and Bess never miss one of his games at the Cricket Ground. On those occasions Stephen Yell deputised as scorer and safe deposit.

The club next season must take a long look at this team, analyse the reasons for its debacle, select with an eye to those who may be expected to be available for all games and fit the itinerant players when available into the order instead of vice versa as has been our policy. No team can perform well under 4 captains and we must therefore select a player to assume the role at least of vice captain for a full season. Notice could also be taken of some of the second grade slips fieldsmen who played such a big part in that team's success.

Best Batting: P. Philpott 121, 54, 83; B. Rothwell 104 n.o., 126; J. Burke 54, 89 n.o., 88; J. Weight 57; E. Robinson 61, 67, 69 n.o., 69, 49; R. Hunt 58 n.o., 58; T. Lee 100.

Best Bowling: T. Hart 7-34; G. Rorke 4-26, 4-51, 4-50; P. Philpott 4-45, 5-75; T. Lee 5-33.

SECOND GRADE REVIEW

With just a little more batting talent available than usual this was the club's best year in memory. In every respect it was a most enjoyable and successful season culminating in the thrill of playing in the final when for most of the first day it seemed that we would repeat our earlier win over University. The fickle fortunes of the game however decreed otherwise and although the end of the day found the fieldsmen weary and forlorn, their efforts particularly in the last hour, to stem the onslaught called for the highest praise. But it was no more than the bowlers deserved—they who had thrown everything into an attack which had carried the team to the brink of triumph and then in adversity to withstand a fierce counter attack. Two run outs in one over after lunch on the second day produced the anti-climax and despite some good individual batting, our hopes, like some of the old soldiers and sailors in the team, just faded away.

For a team which began the season self styled as "Manly Vets" it was no disgrace to succumb to University and it was axiomatic that they should once again be premiers as they were without doubt the best team in the competition. We also know from our experience that they can accept defeat or victory in the same philosophical spirit.

Our effort in winning 10 out of 13 matches was due to the fine spirit which prevailed during the season at the expense of individuals' personal averages, batsmen who sacrificed their innings and bowlers who accepted dismissal from the crease when they felt on top, when in the opinion of the captain such sacrifices were necessary. The same spirit was

there last year without apparent result but this year the end always seemed to justify the means.

As ever, a successful team has no shortage of personnel and despite odd performances which directly contributed to our winning streak we were forced later to omit players like Charlie Nash, John Branscombe and Derek Roberts for the sake of team balance and their contribution to the team's success is hereby acknowledged.

Not only from this team but throughout the club the outstanding performer of the season was Nev Travers who despite the fact that he stagnated in first grade for two matches broke a club batting record which had stood for over half a century. On only five occasions did he fail to score over 35 runs and always except when caution was the watchword did he bat forcefully and attractively. He had no peer, again throughout the club, as a slips fieldsmen, in holding 12 catches.

Brian Taylor also was the rock on which bowlers foundered; patient, persevering and skilful, spent some games in first grade and was badly missed in the final due to a leg injury.

Another of the "vets", Tom Felton playing his first season after a lifetime of service to Mosman was another most useful all rounder. Originally selected as a bowler, his batting virtually saved the side on numerous occasions, when he revelled in the opportunity to carry the attack to a bowler who appeared to be demoralising all others. Not built for quick singles he preferred to hit fours and only failed when runs were in good supply. His bowling was steady and economical and he had the ability to terminate dangerous partnerships.

Allan Turner due to preoccupation with administrative problems and his anxiety to get the batting off to a good start became over-tentative and only on a couple of occasions was able to produce his best form.

Roger Hooke and John Blaikie both talented batsmen spent most of their time in first grade but their efforts did contribute largely towards the success which the team achieved. Their fielding was excellent and we particularly remember Roger's efforts in the final and John's fantastic gully catches against Gordon and St. George.

Paul Stabback was unable to find touch early with bat or ball but persevered and became a valuable member of the team. His batting average suffered due to the need at times for quick runs, but his bowling was always part of a well balanced attack, particularly when he kept the ball up and didn't strive for too much pace. Again and again it can be seen that many matches were won by slips fielding and Paul's contribution of 5 in one afternoon against St. George was outstanding.

Ray Yell once again was the leading wicket taker and his ability to bowl on a length combined with subtlety and change of pace commanded respect on all types of wickets. He was the keystone of the attack and a most dependable batsman in the lower order ("tail ender" in his case would be derogatory).

Two outstanding speed prospects were developed in Brian Kinsey and Malcolm McEachern, each turning in performances of high class. Both are young, eager for work, keen to learn and an ideal opening combination with the ability to come back with the old ball. They also formed the batting "tail" and provided comic relief for those who were fortunate and quick enough to watch them.

The key wicket keeping position was graced for the first half of the season by Mal Chambers who with his tidiness and skill made a great contribution to our early successes. There was alarm and despondency on his promotion to first grade and to our great club and team man Bob Maxwell fell the difficult task of maintaining such a high standard. That

the team continued to succeed was in no small measure due to Bob's determination to maintain the early standard and with all respect to his predecessor, the team's batting was greatly strengthened by several courageous and cavalier performances.

To the team generally, the disappointment of "bombing" the final was in depriving its captain Tom Brooks of a well earned reward in what may have been the finale to a memorable career.

A lifetime of banging his left leg down on sunbaked earth has taken its toll and although there were occasions right up to and including the final when he dominated the game it was done contrary to medical advice. How "Brooksie" will feel when the first green shoots appear is in the future, but our concern should he finally don the white jacket is where do we find a second grade captain to replace him?

Whom do we know of commensurate ability with bat and ball, who can drive a fast bowler to greater endeavour long after he thought he had bowled his last over, who can exploit a batsman's weakness and continually attack even when the situation calls for defence, who can discipline young players and at the same time command their respect, who can, in the opinion of the majority, commit a tactical error but still win the match, who can marshal a team through the gate together and on time, who can keep same properly dressed and out of thongs and grubby shorts when off the field, who can deliver stirring dressing room orations—who indeed?

In close finishes a tidy and accurate scorer with a cool head is a prerequisite of victory, this fact having been emphasised in one match when Stephen Yell was looking after first grade, and we gladly record our appreciation of his good work.

A tower of strength, bonhomie and constant encouragement was Rolfe Kinsey and we hope he enjoyed our company as much as we enjoyed his.

BEST BATTING: N. Travers 71, 45, 54, 35, 40, 40, 35, 103, 83, 41; B. Taylor 35, 87, 117; A. Turner 37, 57, 38; J. Branscombe 40; P. Stabback 51, 38; T. Felton 74, 40, 41, 71; T. Brooks 36; R. Hooke 72; C. Nash 37; R. Maxwell 54, 39, 35; J. Blaikie 46, 41, 44.

BEST BOWLING: N. Fenn 7-48; P. Stabback 4-52; T. Felton 4-41; 4-26; R. Yell 6-59, 6-49, 4-35; T. Brooks 4-35; B. Kinsey 4-17, 4-33, 4-51; M. McEachern 7-42.

THIRD GRADE REVIEW

The season began on a promising note, and the side was well balanced but ere long the legacy of first grade had taken its toll. Even so, there always appeared to be batsmen of considerable experience with the side but they lacked the ability to string consistent scores together. Chris Brookes and Gareth Blades in particular always looked capable of annihilating an attack but fortune was rarely with them.

By contrast, a young opening batsman promoted from fourths, Peter Sullivan was by far the most consistent and solid, demonstrating to his more experienced colleagues that runs will come to the batsman who gets his head down and over the ball. Derek Roberts was another notable exception, and his transfer to Brisbane for business reasons late in the season has cost us a good club man and a rare breed of a fighter. These two alone possessed the qualities essential for century making and attained this goal each on one occasion.

Both Brian Kinsey and Mal McEachern began the season with this team and their subsequent bowling performances in second grade was indicative of the great striking power we lost.

Nevertheless, although deprived of its main force the bowling was adequate and generally managed to contain the opposing batsmen—dropped catches notwithstanding. Ron Watkins, John Hunt and Gareth Blades bore the brunt of the bowling and were well supported by Bob Haysom, the two former sharing 65 wickets. Ron's policy of attacking the "dollies" is still paying off and John should now be making that little extra effort and sacrifice needed by a bowler of his type to succeed in higher grades. He is now so close to breaking through that it would be a pity if the effort was not forthcoming.

The wicket keeping spot was never stabilised after Bob Maxwell's promotion with Jack Blades, Derek Roberts and Gary Beutel all trying their hand.

Gary in addition showed glimpses of excellent batting form and justified his promotion from fourths.

Bob Haysom again led the team with energy and enthusiasm setting a good example with bat and ball. A captain of his ability deserves better of the team and we hope that he will again be available to recapture the spirit of an earlier side he took into the finals.

John Haysom made his debut as scorer and we also hope to have the benefit of his services next season.

BEST BATTING: D. Roberts 135 n.o., 56; P. Sullivan 112 n.o., 62; C. Brookes 58; G. Halcombe 60; G. Beutel 57; K. Turner 51; R. Haysom 69, 55.

BEST BOWLING: M. McEachern 5-33; B. Kinsey 6-33; R. Watkins 5-40, 6-59; J. Hunt 5-28, 5-24, 5-62.

FOURTH GRADE REVIEW

In studying the favourable financial report it may appear that somehow the total of catches dropped by this team had found their way into the Hon. Treasurer's income account.

Allowing for this and as may be expected from the large turnover of players the result of 5 wins, 5 losses and 2 draws was the best we could expect. Another match was lost outright after leading on the first innings.

Of those who took part in the first match of the season only three were still there at the end—both of these games were victories and in the last game 8 of the team were schoolboys, 6 attending Balgowlah High.

Andy Graham scored 85 in his initial match and Doug Dessaix from sheer excitement missed his maiden century by 11 runs.

Peter Sullivan, Gary Beutel and Ken Turner of the younger players had earned promotion, as also had Chris Brookes, Arthur Springall, Ron Watkins and Col Hulme with Dick Woodfield who had been a reliable team man missing his only match.

Individual results were so spasmodic that it is advisable to refer to the averages for further enlightenment and concentrate on those who played the last game and whom we may reasonably expect to form the nucleus of the side at the beginning of next season.

Garry Collins: Solid opening bat and safe fieldsman as also is Andy Graham with variable medium pace bowling ability.

Neil Coltman and Peter Harvey: Similar types with attractive stroke play but will have to reduce back-lift on early season wickets. Both scored well on occasions and must improve.

Robert Honeyman: Came into grade late due to injury but probably our most promising prospect. Good medium pace bowler with high delivery sound bat and excellent fieldsman.

Neil Campbell: Promising wicket keeper came in late but has a good future in this club if he continues to improve.

All of the above, together with Robert McLean who showed promise in two games began the season with the A2 side and must also appear in the A. W. Green Shield report.

Tom Spencer another recruit from Shore spins the ball sharply with a well disguised wrong-un and fields well.

Lin McClachie from City and Suburban batted soundly in the last two games and he also has fielding ability.

During the season centuries were scored by Charlie Nash, Gary Beutel and Col Hulme. John Davis was the most consistently high scorer in the matches he played and Geoff Stevenson batted steadily although selected as a bowler.

Dick Woodfield bore the brunt of the bowling and with Ken Nichol suffered heavily from dropped catches. Doug Dessaix although missing some games also had a lot of bowling and Peter Harvey completed what appears to have been an attack based mainly on medium pace. The opportunity to vary the attack with a leg spinner as capable as Joe Pawley seems to have been overlooked as he bowled only 53 overs during the entire season and could barely have warmed up.

Although elected as captain for the first two rounds Keith Fitzpatrick continued to lead for the full season what is probably our most difficult side and his own batting ability seemed to suffer as a result.

BEST BATTING: P. Sullivan 68; K. Turner 79, 75; K. Fitzpatrick 55; D. Dessaix 89; J. Davis 74, 55, 69, 51.

BEST BOWLING: K. Nichol 4-50; P. Harvey 4-24; T. Spencer 4-30.

CITY AND SUBURBAN REVIEW

This was rather a broken season with several fixtures being cancelled by the opposition without detriment to the keenness of the regulars like Harry Frazer and Bill Hoy both of whom turned in consistent performances with bat and ball.

Barry Baillie bowled steadily just outside the border of grade selection and Lin McClachie recorded several good scores before finally getting the nod.

POIDEVIN GRAY SHIELD

Although never a contender for divisional honours the team was only roughly handled on one occasion and then by Glebe-South Sydney, the ultimate winners. On their showing at Manly Oval they could be classed as the most efficient Poidevin Gray machine seen for many years and were far too good for us.

Narrow and exciting losses were recorded against Mosman and Balmain, while we finally triumphed in another close finish with North Sydney, the shaky last wicket combination of Kinsey and McEachern guiding our fortunes. Another low-scoring game was lost to Paddington.

It was unfortunate that our only first grader and main batting hope, John Weight should have been carrying a wog around during most of the games and was unable to play the sheet anchor roll assigned to him following his earlier good performances in grade.

Peter Sullivan, his opening partner was perhaps the most consistent of the batsmen but usually departed when the spinners began to operate—a fault he now appears to have overcome.

Ken Turner, when he played, helped stabilise the middle batting and Gareth Blades played some aggressive knocks but there was always lacking the batsman who could stay there to bat with courage and determination necessary to build a big score. In short, there were too many "perhapers".

Running between wickets was generally poor and it is incomprehensible that cricketers of this age who should be the fittest and fastest should appear to be carrying a couple of pounds of lead in each boot. Failure to back up, to study the field placings, and in some cases we suspect, the desire to avoid uncongenial bowling all contributed to the poor showing in this department and definitely lost one match.

The bowling was adequate although lacking in penetration. Malcolm McEachern had some good spells but will be much more effective when he can smoothen his approach. Brian Kinsey deserved better figures than he recorded and it would help if he bowled more to his field despite the lack of encouragement therefrom, Paul Stabback was steady and looked the part when he kept the ball up to the batsmen. John Hunt starred with the ball, bowled well at times with little luck but often appeared lethargic which had a disastrous effect on his once reliable batting. Gareth Blades added variety to the attack but lacked variations of flight and the impeccable length so necessary for a bowler of his type.

The wicket keeper, Neil Campbell, showed promise of better things, periods of brilliance interspersed with loss of concentration, but with grade cricket experience this should be overcome.

With only Gareth Blades passing the age barrier next season and the assimilation of lessons learned in the season past, this team can, subject to a greater dedication and the subjugation of self for team give a better account of itself in this tough competition.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD

After completing the season undefeated and scoring more points than any other team we were deprived of yet another premiership by the calculating machine on averages.

This iniquitous system which strikes at the very heart of initiative and the desire to keep games alive has cost this club at least four premierships over the last few years, and will probably cost us more as we do not enjoy playing our cricket with an eye to averages.

The team's main strength was its batting and only once failed—that game being the first final in the face of a hostile attack on a lively wicket.

Garry Collins and Andy Graham were a most competent opening pair with a good understanding and if kept together could do well in grade. Neil Coltman was a prolific scorer and even before the finals, had broken two club records, the highest individual score and aggregate which had stood for 26 and 20 years respectively. He had a let down in the finals unfortunately, showing an inclination to pull away from fast bowling but in view of events in the Caribbean he wouldn't be Robinson Crusoe in that respect.

Peter Harvey was neat and stylish, playing several good innings but too often lost his wicket when well set. Bob Maclean, Joe Pawley, Grahame Blades and Paul Spraggs at times turned in match winning performances with the bat.

The failure of the new ball bowlers to penetrate was surprising and very rarely did they justify the expense of the ball. Joe Pawley and Grahame Blades began the season well, but they, too, seemed to lose penetration with their spin in the later matches. The most exciting find of the series was Chris Murray, who was mainly 12th man until the finals, but in those games completely mesmerised the strong Banks-town-Canterbury batting side with his accurate spin. He should be a great force in the next competition and later in grade.

Fielding and catching were generally good, one notable exception being Paul Spraggs, who must pay much more attention to this department if he is to fully capitalise on his natural ability with the bat. John

Lee, Andy Graham, Garry Collins and Grahame Blades were outstanding in the outfield and contributed to the fall of many wickets.

No game was easy and there were a few close finishes, but the second final at Hurstville Oval was indicative of the tension surrounding these games. Sent in on a damp wicket, we gallantly mustered 174. Bankstown-Canterbury began well and looked set for an easy win as the wicket dried, but Chris Murray and Joe Pawley spread so much panic among the batsmen that with 20 minutes to go and 30 runs needed the last two hung on grimly to secure a draw and the premiership on averages. For the enthusiastic parents and relations who had suffered so much during the series, it was, although at the end disappointing, a blessed release. With some of the boys already in grade and others so close, we hope for the Club's sake that this parental interest will continue through their future careers.

Final victory would have been a fitting reward for the team's manager, Ken Turner, himself a veteran of last season's team, for nobody could have put greater effort and enthusiasm into this onerous task. The organisation of a Green Shield side is the Club's greatest headache, coming at a difficult time of the year, and we would be pleased to hear from any player or interested party who can guide the tremendous potential available for next season.

Peter Harvey captained the team capably and must have gained valuable experience for the future. Frank Turner and the itinerant array of boys and girls who helped on the scoreboard and in other ways all contributed to a memorable series.

Neil Coltman was selected in the combined A. W. Green Shield side, while Peter Harvey, Grahame Blades and Joe Pawley made the second XI.

MANLY-WARRINGAH CRICKET ASSOCIATION TEAMS

Having depended for so long on the Lee family to organise this aspect of our activities, we felt some misgiving when Alan Lee intimated that he could no longer carry on due to long absences in the country.

However, the hour produced the men and he formed a committee comprising himself, Ray Harvey, Clive Cruickshanks and Bill Rome which rendered valuable service, as may be seen from the following reports of the teams under its control.

It is most pleasing to record that these teams were self-supporting, even to the extent of covering their own ground rentals, and this is a tribute to the administration of the above gentlemen.

Great enterprise was demonstrated in organising a single wicket competition among all the teams, and in a day of delirious cricket Robert Honeyman emerged an undeniable victor.

During the season the Club was invited and pleased to join the Manly-Warringah Sporting Union, the creation of two of our Vice-presidents, Des Sainsbery and Alec Anderson. In the short time it has been operating, this body, with the co-operation of both Councils, has streamlined the allocation of playing fields for all affiliated bodies.

MANLY DISTRICT A2 GRADE

We mentioned earlier the beneficial effect of L. M. Graham Reserve on this senior of our junior sides and how it eased the transition of nine boys into 4th grade.

The team, led by Bill Rome and nursed by Clive Cruickshanks, entered the M.W.C.A. competition under the same disadvantage as its opponents, but by the second round and despite promotions to grade the boys had adapted themselves so well to turf conditions that they amassed 37 of their 50 competition points in this period.

Murray was the best of our bowlers (a hat trick against Avalon), and his worth was shown when he was promoted to A2 and showed even greater potential on the turf. Geoff Nichol then took over the spinner's role very capably and was assisted by Peter Brown, while Geoff Burns, Gordon O'Brien and Jack Dreghorn provided the pace.

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At two conferences between the council, this club, the Manly-Warringah R.L. Club and the Show Society, we intimated our willingness to vacate the oval if a suitable alternative ground could be provided. This matter was well reported by the Manly Daily, and we shall be watching future developments with great interest.

PERMANENT SELECTORS

In Messrs. Adrian, Carter and Hodgson the club was very well served, each of these gentlemen in their younger days having had considerable experience in leading their own teams.

They were always to be seen at the various matches, were able to form their own opinions, and as a result the selection meetings were interesting and lively, if at times heated.

The club over the years has experimented with various systems of selection, and we are quite convinced that so long as we can count on the benefit of the services of men such as these sitting in conference with the team captains, we have by far the most satisfactory arrangement.

Bruce Adrian chaired all meetings, and his benign influence and considerable experience were of great value. He also bore the brunt of late withdrawals, replacements and recalcitrant parents, all of which at times must have severely tested even his placid nature.

SOCIAL REPORT

The social activities commenced this year with a most successful function held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hooke. This was not only well attended but was also an outstanding financial success and formed the main ingredient of the £85 which was raised during the year. Mr. and Mrs. Hooke—and indeed the entire family—were kindly hosts, and we are very grateful for their generosity in making their home available.

~~who, through force of circumstances, are not regular attendants at the St. George game and this, too, was well attended.~~ The club was very happy to take the opportunity to meet once again those Vice-presidents who, through force of circumstances, are not regular attendants at the Oval. These days, of course, would not be possible without the help of the ladies, and on this, as on every other occasion we call on them. they willingly organised a very happy and successful afternoon.

However much pleasure the foregoing may have given us, the social function that gave us the greatest satisfaction was the dinner tendered Peter Philpott on his selection in the Australian team currently touring the West Indies. The Chairman of the Australian Board of Control, Mr. E. G. MacMillan (who is also one of our Vice-presidents), was an honoured guest, as was Peter's father, Mr. Clive Philpott. The Club President made a suitable presentation to Peter, and it is perhaps fitting to note here that Peter has managed to fulfil in all respects the happy predictions that were made by all speakers on the night.

Members will also recall that during the latter part of the season we were asked to assist in raising funds for the dependants of Peter Fingleton, Victor Jackson and Jim Webb, all of Waverley Club, and who so tragically lost their lives on Anniversary week-end. We record that we succeeded in raising £84 towards this most worthy of causes, due to the enthusiasm and co-operation of most members. Waverley Club has advised that the first prize was sold by Mosman and second and third by Petersham-Marrickville, and that the entire benefit raised £2100, to be divided between the three bereaved families.

During November we sent a team to play the Wanderers Club at Canberra. Details of the match have drifted into obscurity, but we easily

recall the hospitality of our hosts and the difficulty experienced by Roger Hooke in finding the ball in the blinding morning glare.

Annual fixtures in traditional style against our two Rugby brothers were played at Manly and Brookvale Ovals, and we trust that their enjoyment of the cricket equalled ours of the food and drink which they provided.

Just recently and again at "Chez Hookes", films taken at 1st and 2nd grade matches by Mal Chambers were shown, and the impromptu commentary by those in attendance showed scant respect for the law of libel.

For services rendered to the Social Committee throughout the season we are indebted to Messrs. Hodgson, Hooke and Carter, of the General Committee, and Bob Maxwell (Hon. Treasurer). Peter Philpott also served when circumstances permitted, and Doug Dessaix was often co-opted as a willing worker.

PUBLICITY

Once again that quirk of human nature which can produce countless eloquent Saturday night and mid-week captains is still unable to create one who can put his thoughts and theories to paper. Towards the end of the season Ken Turner helped with 3rd and 4th grade, but it is not intended that this should become a family affair. There was, however, no lack of co-operation from the Manly Daily and Manly-Warringah News. The Pacific Times provided its own coverage of 1st grade and its comments were most accurate and to the point.

Albert McKeon again rendered selfless service in the columns of the two Heralds. It is doubtful if he fully appreciates just how much the cricketers depend on his efforts. To Tom Goodman, of the Herald, and Phil Tressider and Norm Tasker, of the Telegraph, we also are indebted.

PREMIERSHIP WINNERS

It was a pleasant change to see a new name on the first grade honour roll, and "e'en the ranks of Tuscany could scarce forbear to cheer" as Central Cumberland swept to victory despite the absence of Richie Benaud over the last few rounds.

University and Bankstown-Canterbury in the 2nd grade and A. W. Green Shield respectively proved worthy champions at the expense of this club, while Central Cumberland and St. George are to be congratulated on their decisive wins in 3rd and 4th grades respectively. Glebe-South Sydney, after completely dominating the northern division, were deprived by rain of the opportunity to demonstrate their prowess in the final, but although we are implacable opponents of "premierships by average" system we would have travelled a long way to see a team capable of beating them under normal conditions.

CONDOLENCES

Our enjoyment of the season was marred by the loss of so many of our fraternity, all of whom could have reasonably expected to be spared for many more years' service to the game and thus to the community.

CLEM SKELTON.—Even now we can do no better than quote from our letter to Mrs. Skelton, written at the time:

"The community service he rendered through the Manly-Warringah News and not the least to the cricketing fraternity will always be remembered with gratitude and, if as could well be his equal never materialises, with nostalgia."

VIC JACKSON, PETER FINGLETON, JIM WEBB.—Sydney cricket circles were stunned by the tragic death of these valued members of the Waverley Club while journeying to represent it in the country. So many of our members were associated with them on and off the field that they were mourned as our own. "Jacko", "Fingo" and "Webbie" lost their lives because they were good club men, and in circumstances where fate played many cards we must believe it was so ordained.

MRS. SYLVIA YELL.—The sudden mortal illness which struck the wife of Ray and mother of their four children cast a sombre shadow over the second grade side during the final. Although it was known then that she was fighting a losing battle, the end came peacefully only as this report was being completed.

ARTHUR EVANS.—It has now been learned that our esteemed vice-president and club member of long standing passed away suddenly while holidaying in England. Our profound sympathy is extended to all Arthur's family in this severe trial.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

At this stage there have been eight meetings and the attendances are as follows: G. Lowe 8, A. Turner 8, R. Maxwell 7, C. Cruickshanks 7, J. Hodgson 7, R. Hooke 7, G. Fullarton 5, W. Rome 5, P. Philpott 5, B. Taylor 4, L. Carter 4, J. Blades 3, T. Lee 3.

Life members Bruce Adrian, Max Hayman and Bruce Cooke rendered valuable counsel at most meetings, supported by Vice-presidents T. Brooks, L. Soman and W. Hoy. It was most pleasing to receive advice from another of our active Vice-presidents, Dr. Brian Corrigan, also honorary medical officer to the N.S.W.C.A., that he would like to attend meetings whenever possible.

Limited by the constitution to nine members from whom sub-committees are formed, and as such sub-committees control all off-the-field activities, it is imperative that those nominating members for the General Committee now to be elected should be satisfied that their nominee is prepared to be an active participant in at least one of the sub-committees administering the club's affairs.

DELEGATES

The President and Hon. Secretary began the season as delegates to the N.S.W.C.A., but, due to the latter's frequent absences, Messrs. Hodgson, Adrian, Burke, Maxwell and Cruickshanks acted as proxies on various occasions, the first two named rendering valuable service during the arduous and long-drawn-out sessions on club boundaries.

Mr. Lowe continued to render sterling service to the N.S.W.C.A., particularly in the sphere of country cricket.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Income and Expenditure Account discloses a surplus of £245/14/2, compared to £45/10/5 last year. The improved position is the result of both a decrease in expenditure and an increase in income, which is pleasing to report.

Social activities showed a surplus of £80/6/10, as against a loss of £37/12/5 last year. As can be seen from the Social Fund Account, the Social Committee were again most active and accumulations now stand at £386/6/1.

Early in the season we were hoping for good gate receipts from Manly Oval, as the 1st grade side was expected to do well in the competition. However, the selectors took heavy toll for the representative sides and a consequent fall away in gates towards the end of the season resulted. In spite of this, takings were well up on last year, and the increased rental payable to Manly Municipal Council was covered.

Liquidity of the club is now very good, with Net Tangible Assets standing at £1409. A note of warning should be sounded, however, as cost of materials and repairs will increase in future seasons. On the income side, the £100 grant from N.S.W.C.A. received for the past three years should not be considered certain to continue. Also, one or two wet seasons, with the resultant fall in ground takings, could strain our finances somewhat. With this in mind, every endeavour should be made to further consolidate next year.

We feel that the preparation of this report does great credit to the Hon. Treasurer, Bob Maxwell. He has proved a worthy custodian of our funds and his painstaking care and attention to detail contributes largely to our peace of mind.

WE THANK

Assistant Hon. Secretary Clive Cruickshanks for continuing the good work of the previous season, and now learn with regret that he has been transferred to Canberra. Apart from our own interests, the cause of junior cricket has lost a worthy worker and champion.

The Manly and Warringah Shire Councils for providing the where-withall throughout the peninsula for so many to enjoy the game.

The officers and staff of the N.S.W.C.A. and the officers and members of the N.S.W. Umpires' Association.

Our Honorary Auditor, Mr. Jim Searle.

The ladies who organised afternoon tea at the three grounds, Mrs. Lowe and Miss Booth for hospitality at committee meetings, and Mrs. Amos for services on social occasions.

Mr. Braddock, who watched over our interests on the gate at Manly Oval, and Robert Lumsdaine and Ian Smith, who quickly adapted themselves to the new scoreboard and maintained an accurate running record of the games.

Finally, and although his name appears earlier in the report, Bruce Adrian, for his attention to the numerous odd aspects of the club's activities in which he continues to interest himself. Would that we had more like him.

A. W. TURNER, Hon. Secretary.

G. W. LOWE, President.

FIRST GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

	No Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
P. Philpott	5	—	121	308	61.6
J. Burke	11	4	89x	370	52.8
B. Rothwell	7	1	126	312	52.0
E. Robinson	14	2	69	442	36.8
T. Lee	4	—	100	146	36.5
B. Taylor	4	1	72	93	31.0
T. Hart	8	4	36x	104	26.0
J. Weight	17	3	57	314	22.4
R. Hunt	13	1	58	252	21.0
R. Hooke	10	1	52	188	20.8
J. Blaikie	9	3	30	105	17.5
J. Dower	10	2	64x	122	15.2
G. Rorke	7	2	26	49	9.8
A. Springall	6	1	11	39	7.8
M. Chambers	7	2	7	18	3.6

ALSO BATTED: C. Elliott 3 (1 n.o.) 51, R. Earle 1-4, N. Travers 2 (1 n.o.) 10, M. McEachern 1-12, J. Barnes 3-62, P. Stabback 1-7.

FIRST GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
T. Lee	71	18	11	256	23.2
T. Hart	144.2	31	22	559	25.4
G. Rorke	118	19	18	468	26.0
P. Philpott	82.3	11	13	372	28.6
J. Burke	58.4	15	7	209	29.8
E. Robinson	93	18	9	333	37.0
R. Hunt	54.5	3	7	310	44.2
J. Barnes	22	1	3	148	49.3
J. Dower	71	8	5	290	58.0

ALSO BOWLED: N. Fenn 0-16, P. Stabback 0-6, M. McEachern 0-38, B. Rothwell 0-8.

SECOND GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

	No Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
B. Taylor	9	2	117	315	45.0
N. Travers	15	—	103	585	39.0
T. Felton	13	3	74	344	34.4
R. Hooke	5	—	72	144	28.8
R. Maxwell	8	—	54	184	22.75
J. Blaikie	8	—	51	180	22.5
J. Branscombe	8	—	40	149	18.62
A. Turner	17	—	57	301	17.7
R. Yell	13	5	27	141	17.62
P. Stabback	14	1	51	199	15.3
T. Brooks	11	1	36	143	14.3
B. Kinsey	10	4	17	23	3.83
M. McEachern	7	4	5x	9	3.0

ALSO BATTED: N. Fenn 1-0, M. Chambers 3-19 (3 n.o.), G. Halcombe 4-16, C. Nash 3-52, A. Springall 2-32, J. Barnes 1-3, D. Roberts 5-50, R. Earle 7 (1 n.o.) 60.

SECOND GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
M. McEachern	79.6	14	19	322	16.94
B. Kinsey	147	24	30	518	17.26
R. Yell	169	25	37	723	19.54
T. Felton	130.4	26	20	409	20.45
T. Brooks	90.5	15	17	355	20.88
P. Stabback	116.2	17	10	393	39.3

ALSO BOWLED: N. Fenn 7-63, N. Travers 0-11, J. Barnes 1-7.

THIRD GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

	No Inns.	Not Highest Outs	Score	Total	Ave.
P. Sullivan	8	1	112x	330	47.1
D. Roberts	8	1	135x	275	39.2
G. Halcombe	11	1	60	232	23.2
C. Brookes	9	—	58	201	22.3
R. Haysom	14	1	69	289	22.2
R. Maxwell	7	1	35	131	21.8
C. Hulme	12	1	30	203	18.4
J. Hunt	14	3	43	167	15.1
R. Watkins	10	4	34	87	14.5
G. Beutel	11	1	57	131	13.1
G. Blades	12	1	28	139	12.6
C. Nash	6	—	30	55	9.1
J. Branscombe	8	2	22	55	9.1
M. McEachern	7	5	7	15	7.5

ALSO BATTED: R. Hooke 3-106, J. Davis 3-49; A. Springall 4-109, B. Kinsey 2-1, R. Woodfield 1-8, M. Mingay 5-47, R. Earle 3 (1 n.o.) 67, K. Turner 4 (1 n.o.) 93, K. Nichol 4 (1 n.o.) 26, D. Dessaix 1-1, J. Blades 3-7, J. Barnes 2-26, J. Pawley 2-0 (2 n.o.), C. Cruickshanks 1-3.

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	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
R. Watkins	123	12	32	449	14.0
M. McEachern	69	9	16	240	15.0
J. Barnes	32	2	5	91	18.2
J. Hunt	139	12	33	621	18.8
G. Blades	111	11	18	425	23.6
T. Spencer	22	—	5	133	26.6
R. Haysom	85	11	10	317	31.7
K. Nichol	54	8	5	231	46.2

ALSO BOWLED: C. Nash 0-12, G. Halcombe 1-9, C. Cruickshanks 5-11, B. Kinsey 7-75, P. Sullivan 2-49, J. Branscombe 1-38, R. Woodfield 1-48.

FOURTH GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

	No Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
G. Beutel	5	2	111	243	80.0
J. Davis	7	—	74	315	45.0
D. Dessaix	11	3	89	201	25.1
P. Sullivan	8	1	68	152	21.7
C. Brookes	10	—	47	206	20.6
K. Turner	18	1	79	286	16.8
P. Harvey	13	2	44	162	14.7
K. Fitzpatrick	20	1	55	272	14.3
G. Stevenson	12	—	26	153	12.7
R. Woodfield	12	4	28	98	12.2
N. Coltman	12	2	34	116	11.6
K. Nichol	9	—	31	85	9.4
J. Pawley	13	1	25	97	8.0
C. Helmrich	13	3	16	46	4.6

ALSO BATTED: A. Spingall 3-86, R. Watkins 5 (3 n.o.) 36, C. Hulme 4 (2 n.o.) 155, D. Cameron 2-11, K. Levy 4-17, P. Browne 5-72, C. Russell 2-1, R. McLean 3-18, G. Collins 4-32, R. Honeyman 4 (1 n.o.) 45, N. Campbell 2 (1 n.o.) 6, C. Nash 3-148, T. Spencer 1 (n.o.) 10, L. McClachie 3-96, A. Graham 1-85.

FOURTH GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
P. Sullivan	29	3	9	85	9.4
R. Watkins	41	—	12	152	12.6
J. Pawley	53	5	13	253	19.4
D. Dessaix	89	8	17	410	24.1
G. Stevenson	59	6	11	311	28.2
P. Harvey	44	2	7	205	29.3
K. Nichol	87	5	11	330	30.0
R. Woodfield	111	13	10	391	39.1

ALSO BOWLED: S. Marshall 1-25, K. Levy 1-34, R. McLean 4-99, N. Coltman 1-33, K. Fitzpatrick 4-58, T. Spencer 5-70, R. Honeyman 4-88, A. Graham 1-25.

POIDEVIN GRAY SHIELD BATTING AVERAGES

	No Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
B. Kinsey	5	4	19	24	24.0
P. Stabback	4	—	51	83	20.75
G. Blades	6	1	32	92	18.4
K. Turner	4	1	24	52	17.3
J. Davis	6	—	50	101	16.8
P. Sullivan	7	—	34	111	15.9
J. Branscombe	7	—	48	110	15.7
J. Weight	7	1	35	92	15.3
G. Beutel	4	—	16	23	5.75
M. Eachern	5	—	10	22	4.4
N. Campbell	5	1	9	16	4.0

ALSO BATTED: J. Pawley 1-9, T. Spencer 1-3, J. Hunt 4-0.

POIDEVIN GRAY BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
J. Hunt	43.5	4	14	176	12.6
P. Stabback	19	2	5	63	12.6
M. McEachern	43	6	9	152	16.9
B. Kinsey	48	7	8	203	25.4
P. Sullivan	7.4	0	2	53	26.5
G. Blades	24.2	0	3	172	57.3

ALSO BOWLED: J. Pawley 1-51, J. Branscombe 0-11, J. Davis 2-7, T. Spencer 2-29.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD BATTING AVERAGES

	No Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
N. Coltman	9	1	147	395	49.4
G. Collins	9	1	116	294	36.75
J. Pawley	7	3	38	137	34.25
P. Stabback	3	2	20	28	28.0
P. Spragg	7	1	50	163	27.2
P. Harvey	9	—	57	221	24.6
G. Blades	6	2	28	80	20.0
R. McLean	7	1	45	119	19.8
A. Graham	9	—	67	132	14.7
J. Lee	6	—	23	59	9.8

ALSO BATTED: B. Murray 2-8, C. Murray 2 (1 n.o.) 8.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
C. Murray	42	8	15	138	9.2
P. Stabback	87.2	14	13	225	17.3
G. Blades	108.4	22	20	365	18.4
J. Pawley	120.2	13	22	451	20.5
R. McLean	42.1	2	7	170	24.4
P. Harvey	9	2	1	36	36.0
A. Graham	47	6	5	195	39.0

ALSO BOWLED: G. Collins 0-5, N. Coltman 0-5.

MANLY DISTRICT A2 GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

	No Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
N. MacDonald	8	2	89	210	35.0
R. McLean	14	2	80	312	26.0
P. Harvey	6	—	55	154	25.67
R. Honeyman	7	—	44	170	24.28
N. Coltman	7	1	70x	145	24.17
A. Graham	14	2	61	286	23.83
G. Blades	16	1	51	295	19.67
C. Cruickshanks	7	2	41	87	17.4
D. Cameron	14	1	33	159	12.23
W. Rome	13	1	33	141	11.75
G. Collins	10	1	33	101	11.22
R. Donaldson	11	1	41	103	10.3
M. Sainsbery	9	2	30x	61	8.71
P. Thomson	12	4	24	63	7.75
N. Campbell	8	—	22	47	5.87
C. Dessaix	9	3	7	31	5.17

ALSO BATTED: G. Beutel 1-13, C. Murray 4 (2 n.o.) 8, L. Robb 2-1.

MANLY DISTRICT A2 GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
C. Murray	41	1	18	154	8.55
W. Rome	26	2	11	119	10.82
C. Cruickshanks	32	1	16	177	11.06
C. Dessaix	33	2	11	124	11.27
R. McLean	72	1	24	272	11.33
R. Honeyman	54	9	14	178	12.71
R. Donaldson	51	8	12	229	19.08
G. Blades	40	1	12	244	20.33
A. Graham	130	21	20	459	22.95

ALSO BOWLED: D. Cameron 1-3, P. Thomson 2-44, G. Collins 2-44,
N. MacDonald 1-50, M. Sainsbery 0-19, N. Coltman 0-37, P. Harvey 7-76.

M.W.C.A. "D GRADE" (UNDER 16) "M" BATTING AVERAGES

	No Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
N. MacDonald	7	—	110	355	50.7
S. Healy	17	—	88	380	22.3
A. Fraser	20	—	79	381	19.1
L. Robb	15	2	60	225	17.3
I. MacDonald	15	6	42x	153	17.0
A. Howell	8	—	33	91	11.4

M.W.C.A. "D" GRADE (UNDER 16) "M" BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
I. MacDonald	77	14	25	264	10.6
N. MacDonald	54	16	11	123	11.1
L. Robb	137	13	46	625	13.6
A. Fraser	68	4	16	227	14.2
A. Pye	87	6	18	337	18.6

M.W.C.A. "D" GRADE (UNDER 16) "H" BATTING AVERAGES

	No Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
J. Nichol	19	—	89	509	26.7
G. Jack	13	1	104	297	24.7
M. Sainsbery	7	1	58	119	19.8
C. Murray	12	1	51	167	15.2
P. Brown	18	7	26x	153	13.9
G. Burns	17	1	34	212	13.4
F. Turner	17	—	32	221	13.0
C. Graham	8	4	27	38	9.5
G. O'Brien	16	2	15	109	7.7
D. Proffit	17	2	29	97	6.5
I. Felton	11	3	11x	26	3.25
J. Dreghorn	12	2	5	26	2.6

ALSO BATTED: C. Cannon 3-39, J. Ritchie 4-32, I. Mackenzie 6-18.

M.W.C.A. "D" GRADE (UNDER 16) "H" BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
J. Ritchie	48	20	10	97	9.7
J. Nichol	96	8	30	351	11.7
C. Murray	87	12	30	355	11.8
J. Dreghorn	50	8	11	194	17.5
G. Burns	103	7	18	365	20.3
P. Brown	30	2	8	210	26.25
G. O'Brien	87	12	10	274	27.4

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1965

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1963-64	£ s. d.	1963-64	£ s. d.
270 Materials and Repairs	264 8 2	227 Subscriptions—Members and Associates ..	258 15 0
95 Printing, Stationery and Advertising	93 12 11	54 Donations	70 14 5
6 Insurance	5 11 1	100 N.S.W. Cricket Association—Grant	100 0 0
51 Postages and Telephone	60 2 10	82 Manly Oval Ground Takings .. 162 10 3	12 10 3
15 Donations and Presentations	38 3 0	62 Less Rental to Manly Council 150 0 0	
25 Typewriter	—		
75 Miscellaneous Expenses	23 5 10		
BALANCE being Excess of Income over		20 Playing Fees less Ground Fees and Rentals	12 10 3
Expenditure transferred to		164 Television Fees	239 3 3
Accumulation Account	245 14 2	18 Interest Received	20 0 0
46			29 14 7
£583	£730 18 0		£730 18 0

SOCIAL FUND ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1965

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Social Evenings—Losses	17 13 3	Competitions	17 18 0
BALANCE being Excess of Income over		Games Night	67 13 10
Expenditure transferred to Social		Interest Received	12 8 3
Fund Accumulation Account	80 6 10		
	£98 0 1		£98 0 1

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1965

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
1964		£	s. d.	1964		£	s. d.
181	Sundry Creditors		24 0 0	159	Equipment at valuation		150 0 0
732	Accumulation Account—			70	Sundry Debtors		96 16 2
	Balance at 30th April, 1964	777	10 7		Commonwealth Bonds—		
46	Add Excess of Income over			350	General Account	350	0 0
	Expenditure for the year	245	14 2	250	Social Account	250	0 0
				100	Ground Account	100	0 0
778		1023	4 9				
	Social Fund Accumulation			700	Bank of New South Wales—		700 0 0
	Account—				General Account	316	8 11
343	Balance at 30th April, 1964	305	19 3	56	Social Account	136	6 1
(37)	Add Excess of Income over			127	Ground Account	33	19 8
	Expenditure for the year	80	6 10				
306		386	6 1	336			486 14 8
£1265		£1433	10 10				
				£1265		£1433	10 10

R. H. MAXWELL, A.C.A., Hon. Treasurer.

I report that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Account of Manly-Warringah District Cricket Club are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs as at 30th April, 1965, and of the results of the Club for the year ended that date. The accounting and other records examined by me have, in my opinion, been properly kept.

J. L. SEARLE, F.C.A., Hon. Auditor.

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	N. Travers	585	(1964-65)
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	J. Gurd	202	(1953-54)
Highest Aggregate	T. Lee	470	(1956-57)
Highest Average	T. Lee	36.15	(1956-57)
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	P. Proudfoot	1230	(1956-57)
Highest Average	P. Proudfoot	87.85	(1956-57)
Most Wickets in Season	P. Proudfoot	76	(1956-57)

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	N. Coltman	147	(1964-65)
Highest Aggregate	N. Coltman	355	(1964-65)
Highest Average	R. Bright	141.00	(1951-52)
Most Wickets in Season	J. Barnes	41	(1956-57)

