

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

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Annual Report AND BALANCE SHEET

SEASON 1968-69

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB will be held in the ASSEMBLY ROOM, MANLY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS on WEDNESDAY, 9th JULY, 1969, at 7.45 p.m.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

Business:

1. To receive the Ninety-first Annual Report of the General Committee, and the Hon. Treasurer's Balance Sheet.
2. Presentations.
3. Recommendations from the General Committee that Messrs. J. F. Hodgson, W. S. Hoy and L. A. Soman be elected Honorary Life Members.
4. To consider motion by A. Anderson, seconded by R. Kinsey that Rule 38 be altered as set out in accompanying notice.
5. To consider motion by J. Burke, seconded by M. Howell that Rule 34 be altered as set out in accompanying notice.
6. To elect Office Bearers and General Committee for the ensuing season.
7. To transact any other business that may be brought forward in conformity with the Rules and By-Laws of the Club.

ALEX ANDERSON, Hon. Secretary.

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You are requested to bring this report with you to the Annual Meeting. Only financial members will be eligible to vote.

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

OFFICE-BEARERS, 1968-69

Patrons:

The Mayor of Manly, President of Warringah Shire Council,
Mr. G. W. Lowe.

President:

J. F. Hodgson

Senior Vice-Presidents:

B. Cook, M. Howell, M. Hayman, S. Sismey, S. Soman

Vice-Presidents:

The Aldermen of Manly Municipal Council, Councillors of Warringah Shire Council; and Messrs. B. S. Adrian, D. Allum, A. Anderson, The Hon. R. W. Askin, M.L.A., L. Barnes, R. Beard, J. Blades, H. Boyle, T. Brooks, L. A. Cameron, L. Carter, A. B. Corrigan, B. H. Couston, E. D. Darby, M.L.A., D. Dessaix, H. Fraser, J. Garner, C. Harris, R. Harvey, C. K. Hayman, H. F. Hayman, R. O. Healey, M.L.A., W. Hoy, R. Kinsey, A. Lee, A. Little, D. Macdonald, E. G. MacMillan, B. Miles, N. E. Morton, F. Over, C. R. Philpott, D. Piper, E. Robinson, A. Rogers, D. S. Sainsbery, C. Searle, J. Stephenson, G. Taylor, A. W. Turner, J. Vallance, J. R. Veitch, W. Weight.

Hon. Secretary:

Alex Anderson

Hon. Assistant Secretary:

T. S. Felton

Hon. Treasurer:

R. Maxwell (resigned 15/10/68) — R. Kinsey (elected 15/10/68)

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

J. F. Hodgson and Alex Anderson

Delegates to City and Suburban Association:

W. Hoy and H. Frazer

Delegates to M.W.C.A.:

R. Harvey and M. Howell

Delegates to M.W.S.U.

J. F. Hodgson and D. Macdonald

General Committee:

G. Blades, J. Burke, K. Fitzpatrick, I. Howell, B. Kinsey, M. McEachern,
P. Philpott, A. Springall, K. Turner.

Hon. Auditor:

J. G. W. Vallance

Hon. Life Members:

B. S. Adrian, B. Cook, C. K. Hayman, C. M. Hayman, G. W. Lowe,
C. Searle.

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

Gentlemen,

Your management committee has pleasure in submitting for your approval and adoption the 91st Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

In all those 91 years there could hardly have been a season so full of interest and excitement. We contested three finals — winning one of them — but perhaps the most rewarding feature of the year was a magnificent Club effort which found us hotly contesting the elusive Club Championship up to the very last game. We finished third to Petersham-Marrickville and St. George.

At the beginning of the year our first XI looked sadly depleted, but if we had to rebuild, we apparently had the right materials and in Jim Burke, the right architect. It would be idle to say that our success was not substantially due to the more experienced players of what was, overall, a very young first grade team. Jim Burke, Mike Pawley who has returned to us after some years with University, Terry Lee and Peter Philpott make a pretty solid backbone for any team, but good as they are, they would have got nowhere without the support and dedication of the side as a whole. The younger players if not always consistent, rose to the occasion in many matches where a good score or bowling performance was badly needed. The confidence they gained in themselves this year should help to iron out minor technical faults and lapses in concentration which did occur from time to time.

To the captain, Jim Burke, the season must have been a most rewarding one, even for a player who has made his name in Test Cricket history. He led his team to near victory, established in it a warm spirit of comradeship, and in the course of so doing, personally broke a Club record which has stood since 1923-24. In many ways we regret seeing the name of the late Les Gwynne, previous holder of the Club aggregate record, toppled from a place of honour which it has held for so long. However, records are for ever being broken and Les would have been the first, when the time came for him to relinquish his own record, to acknowledge a new and worthy successor. Jim scored 899 runs and put them together in a way which was an object lesson in batting technique and a constant pleasure to watch. We should add that this was also the highest aggregate scored in first grade this year. A wonderful performance.

At the beginning of the season, Second grade did not altogether fulfil the hopes which we had for them — they had looked a far stronger side than for some years. However, later in the season, and particularly when the Club Championship seemed to be within our capabilities they began to play both purposefully and with success. If we are indeed right in thinking that it was sheer Club spirit that needed them on, then perhaps this team will gain its reward next season with a new-found faith in itself.

We can't help feeling that Third grade were a little unlucky in their competition — without, of course, detracting from the performances of the winners Petersham-Marrickville. Displaced as minor premiers only just prior to the finals, they were in a reasonably favourable position in that game only to suffer the disappointment of a drawn game due to weather conditions. Tom Felton, the captain, had a very young side indeed, but moulded them into a very efficient and dedicated team. Playing against more experienced teams they provided ample proof of the great potential in the Club, and there is scarcely a player who is not laying claims to promotion. At this stage we should congratulate one of their number Paul Stephenson on his selection in the Australian Schoolboys Club Team which is touring the West Indies in the coming season.

Fourth grade, also a very young and inexperienced team were a premiership consideration until quite late in the year, but they faltered a little when their more consistent players were required in higher teams. The two Shire XI's also performed creditably, but the incoming committee may well consider whether or not we are making the most of this vital reservoir of talented young players. Should we, for instance, instead of appointing a captain only, appoint a coach-captain with powers to arrange and supervise special practices? This is no reflection on the present captains who may or may not have time for such activities — and which would, of course, supplement the work of the Club Coach. Whatever we do, these teams are the Club's schoolroom, and it is from them that our future grade players will for the main part be drawn.

The Green Shield team was extremely young and should improve this year and both the City and Suburban team and the M.W.C.A. team had an enjoyable season, although the remarks applicable to the Shire teams might also be used in respect of the M.W.C.A. side.

The strength of the Club is indicated by the performances of the Poidevin-Gray side — runners-up last year and Premiers this. We would be very ungracious if we did not pay tribute to our very sporting co-finalist Waverley. In much the same position as our Third grade side, they were in a very sound position when the game was abandoned because of rain. In the replay we managed to turn the tables and ran out a fairly comfortable winner. The Waverley Club played the game and accepted a big disappointment in the best possible spirit and in fact both teams were a credit to their parents, their Club and to themselves. We had two captains this year, Ken Turner and Peter Harvey, and if Peter had the honour of leading the team into the final match, then it was under Ken's leadership that we were brought to the point of contesting it. Again we saw the value of team spirit — we had no Terry Lees or Peter Philpotts to dominate the team, but a very sound all-round one that performed consistently. With much the same team available next year, we should again do well, although a fast bowling replacement for Ken Nichol will have to be found. We are very confident the Club will be able to do so.

Earlier in this review mention was made of a Club Coach, an appointment that was made possible by the generosity of various Club members and others. Obviously we did not need to go outside the bounds of our own Club, to find one and we were fortunate indeed that Jim Burke made himself available for the position. There would be very few young players, therefore who have not benefitted this year for the time they have spent at the nets. Even so, we would like a more determined effort by players to practise regularly — there is no other path to success in cricket.

Encouragement to young players was again offered by the Cricketers Club of N.S.W., and the recipients of the two awards they made available were given to Greg Harper and to Frank Turner. A similar gesture by the Manly Rugby Union Football Club Limited was won by Don Felton. Both the boys concerned, and the Club, thank these bodies for this practical help in assisting promising cricketers.

The Club went through a very anxious period during the re-development of Brookvale Oval for League Football. This came at a most unsettled time in Council administration. However, the Council staff gave us all the co-operation in their power, and although there was considerable disruption and inconvenience in our season's activities, we are confident that our new ground Weldon Park will become a more than adequate substitute for Brookvale Oval.

During the year we lost the services of Terry Lee and of Bob Maxwell, our Treasurer. Terry has accepted a post at Davis University, Sacramento, California, and we are particularly glad to inform members that he has now crowned a distinguished academic career by gaining his Doctorate of Philosophy. Bob has left us to establish himself in a home following his marriage earlier in the year. We look forward to them both returning to the Club in the not too distant future.

Older cricketers and spectators alike will mourn the passing of Stan McCabe. Although at no time striving for effect, Stan was a supreme artist in a game which above all others, lends itself to artistic expression. Some of his innings will be remembered if only for statistical reasons or for the prevailing circumstances. All of them were a cricket lover's delight. He combined with his wonderful talent a kindly outlook on life and on cricketers in particular — an artist without artifice and an unpretentious gentleman.

The Sunday competition initiated last year by Jim Burke was run this year by the Association itself, and will be continued again in the coming season. There is no doubt that it is here to stay. The competition was won by St. George, our own Club being defeated by Mosman in the first round.

To us the most disappointing feature of cricket in New South Wales is the continuing policy of the Association in its reliance on the manipulation of Club boundaries as a means of equalizing the grossly uneven populations of the Grade Clubs. Without completely destroying our present District concept it is an irritating exercise in futility.

We again say that a competition incorporating more teams is the only method by which those Clubs with a small population can survive. This means that the larger Clubs — and this includes us — must be prepared to assist and encourage the formation of new Clubs within their areas. Surely this is to the ultimate good of cricket. The only alternative is the amalgamation of the smaller Clubs with the consequent effect of forming what might be called a "Super Grade." Both solutions have merit — there is none whatever in emulating Nero.

Last year we completely overlooked the honour bestowed on one of our Vice-Presidents Mr. Bruce Cook, who had recently been elected as a Trustee of the Sydney Cricket Ground. In sporting circles this is a very high distinction indeed, and it is very gratifying that a member of our Club should be so honoured. We record our congratulations to Mr. Cook with the observation that it is a very fitting tribute to his standing in the community as well as to his career in both cricket and football. Your sub-committees again gave willing service to the Club's interests, and we take this opportunity to thank those members who comprise the following committees: Grounds and gear, Messrs. M. Howell, R. Harvey, C. R. Philpott, M. McEachern, B. Kinsey; Social, Messrs. M. McEachern, B. Kinsey, G. Blades, K. Turner, R. Woodfield, P. Harvey; Coaching, Messrs. J. Burke, B. Cook, S. Sismey, M. Howell, J. Stephenson; Publicity, Mr. A. Turner.

The permanent selectors this year were Messrs. L. Carter (chairman), M. Howell and T. Felton. Never an easy task, and in all Clubs sitting ducks for criticism when things go wrong, we are delighted to be able to congratulate them on a very successful season, and to thank them for the many hours spent on a very conscientious approach to the welfare of the players and the Club.

No Club is more fortunate than we are in the support we receive from the parents, wives and girlfriends of the players and officials. There is a very real and apparent comradeship among them, and this helps immeasurably in the development of Club spirit. To the ladies in particular, we extend our sincere appreciation for the way in which they assist us socially — the afternoon tea break is always a welcome part of the game. All in all their efforts serve to bring the cricketing fraternity closer together and game is the more pleasant and better for it.

G. W. Lowe, M.B.E.

What can we say that hasn't already been said in praise of our co-Patron, Mr. George Lowe. We can only record with pleasure that, in the words of the citation, his "services to sport in New South Wales, particularly cricket" has now been honoured by the Queen. In the New Year's Honours List he was created a Member of the British Empire. In achieving this honour, we are very proud indeed that it is our Club principally that has been the medium through which Mr. Lowe's work on behalf of youth and sport has been done. There are many hundreds of people throughout Manly-Warringah and N.S.W. who would wish to associate themselves with the very sincere congratulations we offer to Mr. Lowe on this very welcome recognition of his selfless work on behalf of the community.

Representative Honours

Although neither were finally selected, Mick Pawley and Ken Nichol were chosen in the State Squad and State Colts Squad respectively.

Peter Harvey and Mal Elliott we congratulate on selection in the Metropolitan v. Combined Country match, and young Greg Harper who played in the A. W. Green Shield — North v. South Division.

Frank Turner had a very successful trip to Queensland with the Combined High School First XI, whilst Ian Felton, Greg Harper and Robert Andrew were selected in the 2nd XI, but withdrew to support the club at a very vital stage of the competition.

Paul Stephenson, our promising all-rounder, had a successful match with the Combined Catholic College Team which played the visiting Indian Schoolboys, and this no doubt influenced his selection in the Australian Schoolboy Cricket Club team which tours the West Indies at the end of the year. We will feel the loss of Paul, particularly in the Poidevin-Gray series, but this we accept and offer him our hearty congratulations and best wishes for a very happy and safe journey.

First Grade Report

The season under review proved to be one of our best, culminating in a well-earned place in the final only to be narrowly defeated by 49 runs at the hands of the all-powerful St. George team, and what a great effort by the young Manly side. When one considers that at the beginning of the season names like Philpott, Thomas, Rothwell and Hart were missing from our line-up, and then successive defeats by Wests and St. George in the first two games, the thought of our side even making the final seemed an impossibility.

I must compliment all members of the team throughout the season on a job well done. This was a TEAM in the true sense and every member of the side at some stage or another either won a game or saved a game with some excellent play. The real match winner for Manly was Terry Lee, and up until Christmas his performances were remarkable. In the New Year Terry was committed to a sojourn in the States to further his career and his absence was most certainly our loss and America's gain. Terry is probably now playing the best cricket of his career and we look forward to his return. Fortunately for us Terry's replacement turned out to be Peter Philpott who had just overcome a serious illness, and was able to fill the breach at a most opportune time. "Percy" won the game for us against Balmain which in effect was virtually a semi-final from what appeared a hopeless situation, and so allowed the team to contest the final.

His performance that day, in my opinion, must rank as his greatest grade bowling feat. "Percy" as Vice-Captain, was of tremendous assistance to me with his advice, and I feel sure the younger members of the side must have learnt a great deal from his enthusiasm and experience.

I would now like to mention each of the younger players in turn because it is these fellows who are going to form the nucleus of the sides for a number of years to come, and the way they practised and tried, particularly with their fielding, was a credit to the Manly Club.

I feel it was the bowling that really got us into the final, and in this department Mick Pawley dominated the scene. The club was extremely lucky to have the services of Mick from the University Club. His bowling throughout the season was top-class, and must ensure a place for him in the State side next season. He has tremendous natural ability, and it is my intention to give him greater batting responsibility next season. Thank's Mick, you are a great team man and match winner.

The opening attack of Ken Nichol and Mal McEachern was a good one. Ken with his pace and Mac his accuracy, both are a good foil for each other. Both bowlers suffered badly with the unsympathetic wickets which were produced this season right throughout the Metropolitan area. The great majority of them gave the pace bowlers no help at all but this did not deter either of them, they kept plugging away with all they had, and, in fact, Warren Saunders remarked that they were the best pair of opening bowlers he had faced during the season.

Tom Spencer lent extremely valuable support to Philpott and Pawley in the spin section. In Tom I know we have a bowler with a great deal of natural ability, and I feel he could go much further in the game. Tom is extremely unassuming and when he is able to convince himself that he is a good bowler there is no telling the success he will achieve. A brilliant fieldsman and handy batsman Manly will enjoy having Tom a member of its teams for years to come.

Our batting at times was a little brittle, but I must offer an excuse here and say this was brought about by their lack of experience due to their youth. In some ways I was glad we were beaten in the final because these young batsmen, Ian Howell, Peter Harvey, Peter Moore and Paul Stabback will become far more ruthless players than they were. Ian Howell, potentially, is a Test player. All he needs is confidence in his own ability and I feel sure he too could go much further in the game. He has a lot of "guts" as he showed, not only in the final, but also on a nasty wicket at Mosman where he 'nailed the lid on the coffin' to give us 10 points. Also his brilliant 50 against Gordon when we were given an almost impossible task to take major points. Ian scored 501 runs for the season, the first time he has done so in First grade, and it won't be the last.

Peter Harvey, at times, was brilliant with the bat and his 135 against University when we were in real trouble was probably one of the best innings of the entire season. Peter likes to get on with the game, and as a result, coming in at number five in the batting order, he is a very valuable and important member of the side. At 19 years of age he has had quite a deal of experience in the top grade and his presence will be felt for a long time to come. His fielding at all times was excellent.

Peter Moore, from Melbourne, playing his first season with the club gave the team excellent batting support. I feel we have not yet seen the best of Peter, and with more opportunities next season he could push the 500 run mark quite easily. An enthusiastic member of the side he too fielded very well.

At various stages of the season we had Paul Spraggs and Alan Frazer in the side and both these young players showed good ability on occasions. Paul's 91 against Bankstown and Alan's 32 in his first First grade match on a bad wicket against Mosman stand out.

Due to injury at the start of the season Paul Stabback was not able to get back into the First grade side until the final where he performed creditably.

Mal Elliott proved to be very sound behind the stumps, he is certainly an acquisition to the club. A great team man, attended practises all the time, tried hard so much that this all culminated in him winning a place in the Metropolitan XI along with Peter Harvey to play against Combined Country. Mal could quite easily be knocking on the door of State selection with Brian Taber away next season.

So there you have it, a bright young team blended with a couple of "oldies" and we made the final. Thanks fellows for your support and fine efforts.

A special thanks also to Clive Philpott our scorer who always does such an excellent job and to the ladies at afternoon tea in the "Room at the Top." Look out St. George we're after you next season.

It is to be expected that this report written by the captain Jim Burke makes no mention of his own splendid performances, the enthusiasm with which he led his young team and the helpful advice and encouragement he gave to each and every player. Jim himself had a memorable season scoring 899 runs at an average of 69.15. This aggregate broke the long standing record of 843 runs held by the late Les W. Gwynne since 1923-24 season.

The Club is indeed fortunate to have such an experienced and dedicated cricketer to develop the talents of its younger brigade.

FIRST GRADE BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
J. Burke	20	7	153x	899	69.15
T. Lee	13	3	125	531	53.10
P. Harvey	15	3	135	465	38.75
I. Howell	22	5	112x	501	29.41
P. Philpott	7	0	42	137	19.57
P. Moore	16	2	51	269	19.21
M. Pawley	15	2	50x	229	17.61
P. Spraggs	12	0	91	174	14.50
A. Frazer	6	1	32	51	10.20
M. McEachern	8	5	11x	28	9.33
T. Spencer	13	5	19	70	8.75
K. Nichol	11	3	27x	64	8.00
M. Elliott	8	2	16	40	6.66
K. Fitzpatrick	5	1	12	24	6.00

Also batted: P. Stabback, 1 inn., 19 runs; J. Wright, 2 inns., 3 runs.

FIRST GRADE BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Ave
M. Pawley	254.2	68	57	774	13.57
P. Philpott	106.1	14	18	347	19.27
M. McEachern	135.1	17	26	547	21.03
T. Lee	133.0	37	20	426	21.30
T. Spencer	166.3	34	27	608	22.51
K. Nichol	120.4	11	17	553	32.52

Also Bowled: P. Stabback 2-50; J. Burke 0-6; P. Moore 0-6; I. Howell 0-11; and P. Spraggs 0-8.

Second Grade Report

The season commenced with a team full of potential, but this potential was not to be realised till midway through the season.

The team as in the previous year had a great emphasis on youth with sufficient experienced players to make it a well-balanced team. Unfortunately we did little to support the selectors' faith in the team due mainly to the batting lacking purpose, and the fielding being of a very ordinary standard.

As the season progressed, however, we continued to develop and were able to more than hold our own against the leading teams. The continued development of the players was most encouraging. Had the team played in the same manner throughout the season as it did towards the end, it would have finished a lot higher in the competition.

Although unavailable early in the season through injury Paul Stabback completed a very successful double winning both the batting and bowling averages. Paul always gave of his best and his experience was of great value to the team. Paul also contributed one of the three centuries scored throughout the season, 101 against Balmain, the others being scored by K. Fitzpatrick, 104 against Cumberland and Neil Coltman's 103 against Mosman.

Keith Fitzpatrick after a brilliant start to the season finished in the "horrors," but still managed to total 313 runs at an average of 24.00. Keith's fielding again was first-class and always set a fine example to younger players.

Neil Coltman's continued improvement was most notable and his 103 against Mosman highlighted a very good season. A lot can be expected from him in the future.

John Weight batted very consistently during his short stay with us. Alan Frazer had a disappointing season after a very promising start. His form was too bad to be true, and not a true indication of this player's ability.

Graham Beard, Frank Turner and Steve Allum all showed glimpses of their potential and with the keenness that was evident in their approach to the game a lot can be expected from them in the future.

Paul Spraggs only played a few games with us but still managed a brilliant 90 n.o. against North Sydney. Reg Hunt provided some excellent all-round performances capturing most wickets for the season (42) and also scoring 250 runs.

The wicket-keeping was shared by Ross Hendy for the first part of the season and the latter part by R. Andrews, both players doing a wonderful job. 'Fuzz' also excelled on several occasions with the bat.

The bowling was always adequate and many occasions gave batsmen under 200 runs to chase. The bulk of the bowling was carried out by Reg Hunt, 42 wickets at 20.8 runs a piece; Paul Stabback, 19 wickets at 17.1; Bob Honeyman, 22 at 17.6; Brian Kinsey, 32 at 20.1. The other supporting bowlers G. Beard, Frank Turner and S. Allum all bowled well with limited opportunities.

I would like to thank Rolf Kinsey our "Security" manager for his untiring enthusiasm as well as his 'scoring' capabilities, also the ladies for their untiring efforts in preparing those wonderful "goodies" partaken during the tea break — the "fellas" never had it so good. Finally, I would like to thank all players for their contribution towards a most enjoyable season, and look forward to the coming season with great expectations.

Club stalwart Bob Haysom took over the captaincy from Arthur Springall midway through the season, and we thank him for the above report on his team's effort. Bob is another experienced and dedicated cricketer to whom this club owes thanks for many years of keen service.

SECOND GRADE BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
P. Stabback	8	0	101	312	39.00
J. Weight	7	2	76	186	37.20
P. Spraggs	5	1	90x	119	29.70
N. Coltman	10	0	103	284	28.40
R. Haysom	15	1	57	369	26.30
K. Fitzpatrick	13	0	104	313	24.00
S. Allum	7	1	38	138	23.00
R. Honeyman	11	5	29x	129	21.50
A. Frazer	11	0	60	233	21.10
G. Beard	12	0	54	243	20.02
F. Turner	15	0	72	294	19.60
R. Andrews	7	2	34x	85	17.00
R. Hunt	17	0	48	250	14.70
A. Springall	9	1	28	107	13.30

Also Batted: P. Harvey 1-53; P. Philpott 1-29; G. Blades 1-17;
 K. Turner 8 (1 n.o.) 83; A. Horton 2-4; B. Kinsey 13 (6 n.o.) 43;
 R. Hendy 8 (4 n.o.) 46; P. Allum 1-2.

SECOND GRADE BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Ave
P. Stabback	95	19	19	325	17.10
R. Honeyman	123	33	22	388	17.60
B. Kinsey	183	31	32	645	20.10
R. Hunt	210.6	28	42	877	20.80
R. Haysom	71.2	11	10	246	24.60
G. Beard	71.6	8	9	272	30.20
F. Turner	20	1	3	95	31.60
S. Allum	35.6	4	4	132	33.00

Also Bowled: A. Horton 0-36; P. Philpott 1-38; P. Harvey 0-19;
G. Blades 0-17.

Third Grade Report

This side, which had lead the competition from January, was unfortunate enough to lose only its second match of the season in the last round before the final. As a result it entered the final with the distinct disadvantage of having to win to become premiers. It is now history that of the possible 14 hours in that match only 5 hours play eventuated owing to wet wickets, rain and bad light. The side had to be content with a draw when in a favourable position and so finished runners-up. Our congratulations go to premiers Petersham-Marrickville who were worthy opponents.

The team, which was without a doubt the youngest of the sixteen sides in the competition, gave notice from the very first match that it would be a real force. Throughout the season it played aggressive cricket and it was a rarity to see any out-cricket of a defensive nature, the fast bowlers rarely having a third man or deep fine leg and the spinners usually having only one outfield. This in itself engendered a fine spirit among the players and resulted in several outstanding victories against good sides after defeat appeared probable. There is no doubt that this wonderful team spirit, backed up by consistently accurate bowling and splendid fielding, was in the main responsible for the success enjoyed. These factors made the team an absolute pleasure to captain.

The bowling was perhaps the outstanding feature and the attack was particularly well balanced. In the first half of the season, the spinners predominated with the slow wickets but after Christmas as the grass thickened, the faster bowlers took up the running. The strength of the bowling is emphasised by the fact that in 15 completed innings opponents only three times exceeded 200 runs and eight times were dismissed for 131 or less.

Paul Stephenson took a few matches to find his feet but having done so he went from strength to strength. He at all times bowled aggressively and with great heart and stamina and willingly answered all calls made upon him. There is no doubt that he improved considerably during the season and he will certainly be a tower of strength to the Club in future seasons.

The opening attack was shared quite successfully by Phil Stabback, Geoff Pike and Sandy Horton, all of whom showed considerable ability. The "spin twins," Ian Felton and Ian MacDonald both had most successful seasons. Each demonstrated his ability to bowl accurately for long spells and to dismiss experienced batsmen. Whenever the pitch afforded any assistance, as was the case in the first half of the season, they bowled with real hostility. They should both have benefitted from their full seasons in Third Grade and be of great value to the Club in the future.

The fielding was at all times keen and quite often brilliant and this, as mentioned earlier, was a major factor in the fine results obtained. Some splendid catches were taken by Greg Harper, Steve and Phil Allum and Paul Stephenson and the ground fielding was exceptionally safe with Phil Allum and later Geoff Pike outstanding. Phil paid great attention to positioning and showed vast improvement in the field on the previous season. The 'keeping was mainly shared by Bob Andrew and Peter Luffman and they both effected some splendid dismissals and were a significant factor in the efficient out-cricket throughout the season.

The batting, when considered overall was a little disappointing, but was highlighted by some splendid performances. Greg Harper scored the most runs and this was a fine effort for a youngster as an opener in his first grade season. He showed good technique and fine temperament and has a real future with the Club. Phil and Steve Allum and Paul Stephenson all at times contributed useful efforts and one always had the feeling that they would go on to larger scores which did not eventuate. Undoubtedly, this will occur in future seasons. Three centuries were compiled during the season by Neil Coltman, John Weight and Peter Luffman and each of them was quite memorable.

It was very pleasing to see the success in Seconds of Neil Coltman, Graham Beard and Frank Turner who were promoted after consistent scores early in the season. Neil Boden played a most noteworthy innings in the final and staked his claim to a regular Third Grade place next season. John Branscombe, Ken Turner and Phil Stabback also played valuable innings from time to time.

The thanks of the team go to John Stephenson for his invaluable work as scorer and team secretary and to Mrs. Fay Felton and Mrs. Peter Harper for the provision of afternoon tea at home matches.

The success of this extremely young side was due in no small measure to the leadership of Tom Felton to whom we owe thanks for this report. Tom headed the bowling averages in this grade, but the Club's main asset is his devotion to the encouragement of youth, not only in the playing of the game, but in playing the game.

THIRD GRADE BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
N. Coltman	8	4	141x	296	74.00
G. Harper	18	0	71	451	25.06
J. Branscombe	10	3	38x	166	23.71
S. Allum	13	3	28x	224	22.40
P. Allum	19	3	58	342	21.38
P. Stephenson	20	2	45	318	17.67
K. Turner	9	0	31	134	14.89
R. Andrew	9	2	22	104	14.86
T. Felton	11	2	43	130	14.44
I. Macdonald	11	7	17	48	12.00
D. Headon	9	0	22	90	10.89
Ian Felton	9	2	7	30	4.29

Also Batted: F. Turner 2-162; G. Beard 5-233; J. Weight 3-140; P. Luffman 5 (1)-150; Phil Stabback 4 (2)-72; N. Boden 4-57; A. Horton 3 (1)-25; G. Pike 6 (1)-42; A. Howell 4-21; A. Springall 1-35; B. Barnsley 1-25; K. Little 1 (1)-16; J. Hunt 1-8; R. Hendy 1-7; Paul Stabback 1-6; Gar. Blades 1-5; B. Murray 1-5.

THIRD GRADE BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Ave
T. Felton	80.1	17	24	227	9.46
G. Beard	47.4	6	12	152	12.67
P. Stephenson	174.6	38	42	583	13.38
G. Pike	48	10	10	160	16.00
Ian Felton	178.1	25	35	585	16.71
A. Horton	44	5	11	196	17.82
I. MacDonald	152.6	18	27	498	18.44

Also Bowled: F. Turner 3-13; Phil Stabback 6-78; Gar. Blades 3-28; Paul Stabback 3-73; J. Hunt 2-42; J. Branscombe 1-44; G. Harper 0-3; N. Boden 0-8; K. Little 0-10; S. Allum 0-18; B. Barnsley 0-51.

Fourth Grade Report

Although the team finished quite well up the competition ladder, the result was a little disappointing. We started the season looking as though for the first time for many years we would usually have plenty of runs on the board, but then drop-outs for examinations and other reasons called much of the talent into higher grades and showed up a lack of depth in this department. However, the absence of recognised batsmen meant that responsibility was thrust on some others with extraordinary results, particularly in the case of John Hunt whose 100 before lunch as an opening batsman against Cumberland was an absolute gem. Bernie Barnsley and Graham Blades were also prominent in their willingness to accept difficult batting assignments.

Consistency was the keynote of Neil Boden's performance as the averages show and it was pleasing to see this rewarded in the Third Grade final. Alan Howell again demonstrated his real ability with a century under difficult conditions at Sutherland — let's hope he does is more often next season — and also took 10 catches, most of them up to the best test match standards. Kevin Davidson scored most runs for the team and is a very good prospect for the future, especially as his fielding eventually came into line with his other abilities.

There were some outstanding bowling performances particularly from Ken Little, John Hunt and Bernie Barnsley and all bowlers were consistently supported by fielding and catching well above Fourth Grade standard, and at times nothing short of brilliant. This high standard combined with a team spirit which never faltered was largely instrumental in producing that amazing New Year's Day result when Northern Districts were held to an exciting draw after being 0-174 with 7 overs to go chasing our 188 and finishing 7-187. Barney Murray's 18 dismissals behind the stumps contributed to some bowling successes and on several occasions the standard of his 'keeping surprised even Barney.

Team spirit, cricket ability and a very happy side made an enjoyable season for all concerned and should see us all looking forward to even better things next season.

Our thanks go to Sally Blades for her valued assistance as scorer for most of the season, and to Ann Woodfield who generously provided afternoon tea at each home game for both teams.

Captain Dick Woodfield, whose report you have just read obviously led a very happy and quite successful team. Dick performed well in the bowling department, and to him also the club extends its thanks for a job well done with a very young and promising team of lads.

FOURTH GRADE BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
J. Branscombe	6	1	62	222	44.40
D. Headon	11	1	93	271	27.10
N. Boden	14	1	95	352	27.08
B. Barnsley	16	4	84	272	22.67
A. Howell	17	1	110	296	18.50
Graham Blades	13	1	57	221	18.41
K. Davidson	22	0	52	394	17.90
J. Hunt	19	0	100	319	16.79
G. Wilson	15	3	44	198	16.50
J. Nichol	5	1	21	61	15.25
A. Dessaix	7	1	23	88	14.67
K. Little	10	4	18	63	10.50
Gareth Blades	10	1	14	68	9.55
R. Woodfield	16	5	19	99	9.00
B. Murray	17	2	26	108	7.20

Also Batted: G. Harper 2-146; D. McGuinness 3-13; A. Turner 1-7;
P. Stabback 4-4; D. Booth 4-22; J. Doyle 2-13; R. Culley 3-30;
A. Horton 1-9; G. Pike 2-30; D. Farrell 1-11; P. Luffman 1-15.

FOURTH GRADE BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Ave
K. Little	98.5	17	28	391	14.00
B. Barnsley	134	14	30	447	14.90
R. Woodfield	160	29	30	531	17.70
J. Hunt	159	24	35	631	18.00
Gareth Blades	70	12	13	237	18.20
K. Davidson	32.5	1	5	119	23.80
J. Nichol	28	2	4	97	24.25
Graham Blades	51	10	1	192	192.00

Also Bowled: P. Stabback 8-88; A. Horton 5-43; J. Branscombe 3-5;
R. Culley 3-69; G. Pike 3-70; G. Wilson 3-92; A. Dessaix 1-0;
D. Booth 1-13; J. Doyle 1-46; N. Boden 0-4.

"C1" Shires Report

This team finished fourth in its division with a total of 8 wins (3 outright), 3 drawn games and 2 losses (1 outright), including 7 consecutive wins. During the season many promising young cricketers passed through this team into higher grading and it augers well for the club in years to come.

Geoff Pike and Ken Little showed their ability as all-rounders, while Geoff Nichol was the most successful spin bowler with a hat-trick included in among his 43 wickets.

Don Farrell and Clive Russell both scored centuries and showed the necessary application to build the team's total despite lack of assistance by the other batsmen.

The fielding in the team left much to be desired, and rarely rose above sub-standard, an average of five catches being dropped every match. It is certain the club would profit if some organised fielding and throwing practice could be instigated prior to the commencement of the season.

Ross Hendy is a wicket-keeper of great ability and showed his class by figuring in six dismissals against Epping.

For this report we thank Ron Watkins who captained the side. The Shire teams are the nursery for the grade sides and consequently seldom field the same eleven, making it quite difficult to blend a side together.

C1 SHIRES BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
D. Farrell	4	1	103x	192	64.00
C. Russell	9	2	105	258	36.80
G. Wilson	5	0	62	166	33.20
G. Nichol	12	0	58	258	21.50
R. Watkins	16	2	66	251	17.90
N. Berryman	5	0	62	88	17.70
A. Druery	16	2	43	243	17.30
G. McLarn	8	0	30	108	13.50
J. Berry	14	1	43	161	12.30
M. Le Page	8	0	36	87	10.90
G. Bryant	8	1	26x	76	10.90
G. Poole	9	1	15	65	8.20
I. Savins	5	2	10x	20	6.68

Also Batted: I. McMinn, J. Murphy, J. Rayment, D. Rayment, L. McLatchie, G. Levett, K. Little, K. Ward, G. Pike, R. Honeyman, R. Hendy, D. Dessaix.

C1 SHIRES BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Ave
G. Pike	24	0	11	84	7.60
K. Little	38	0	13	120	9.20
G. Nichol	115	0	43	479	11.20
J. Berry	67	0	19	275	14.50
G. Poole	80	0	24	350	14.60
G. Bryant	99	0	19	367	19.00
R. Watkins	112	0	26	556	21.40

Also Bowled: R. Honeyman, M. Le Page, G. McLarn, J. Rayment, L. McLatchie, D. Rayment, D. Farrell, R. McDonald, G. Wilson.
Hat-trick: G. Nichol 5-38 v. Lindfield 7th October, 1968.

"C11" Shires Report

Although our team finished well down the ladder, there were occasions when the side turned in some very good performances. With the numerous changes made in the line-up during the season (we used 21 different players) it was pleasing to note a high team spirit and a conscientious approach to the game at all times.

Throughout the season the bowling was our strongest point, and very rarely did the opposition make a really large score. John Doyle whose consistent left-arm bowling netted 32 wickets at 12.46 runs per wicket including 8-43, 5-19 and 5-32, was a great asset to the side, as also was Peter Browett, 8-61 and 6-28, who captured 31 wickets at an average of 13.0. Ray Cully with 30 wickets to his credit had a very good season. Neil Howell, Ian McMinn, Don Felton and Graham McLarn also contributed useful performances, while all other bowlers used bowled with a will to win.

The batting was very disappointing with only three aggregates of 200 or more. However, there were some good efforts. Dave McGuinness with 218 runs batted well at No. 1 spot. Don Felton scored most runs for the team, 273, and looked solid and reliable on most occasions. I am sure he will be playing grade before long. Swashbuckling innings by Peter Browett and Dick Bathgate gave the captain hope on numerous occasions. Denis Booth who was promoted to Fourth Grade for several games was still able to score 245 runs during his nine games with us. Neil Howell had difficulty finding touch, but showed good style and can look forward to better scores next season. John Doyle, Ray Cully, Grahame McLarn, John Haysom and Ian McMinn made handy scores.

Dick Bathgate did a marvellous job behind the stumps throughout the season and with more reliable umpiring would have been credited with more wickets than recorded in the score-book. I thank him for a job well done.

Whilst our fielding was not good overall some good catches were held by R. Cully, D. Booth, J. Haysom and D. McGuinness. My thanks to Dave McGuinness who captained the side for the last four games during my absence. Special thanks also to Mr. Browett, Snr., who acted as official scorer during the season.

We are happy to report that Robin Voss has fully recovered from the operation which prevented him captaining the side for the last four matches, and is looking forward to next season. Thank you Robin for the above report.

C11 SHIRES BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
D. McGuinness	14	2	58	218	18.16
D. Booth	16	1	55x	245	16.33
P. Browett	19	6	58x	198	15.23
D. Felton	21	2	44	273	14.73
G. McLarn	7	1	41	74	12.30
J. Doyle	13	5	31x	98	12.25
I. McMinn	15	0	33	168	11.20
R. Cully	17	0	48	173	10.17
J. Haysom	21	0	29	182	9.00
N. Howell	21	1	26x	157	7.85
R. Voss	11	3	8	24	3.00

Also Batted: M. Le Page, G. Levett, N. Berryman, P. Stabback, G. Maxey, J. Harvey, H. Dick, D. Dessaix.

C11 SHIRES BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Ave
N. Howell	23	1	11	108	9.81
J. Doyle	123	12	32	399	12.46
P. Browett	123	12	31	403	13.00
G. McLarn	15	0	4	53	13.25
I. McMinn	64	3	15	228	15.00
R. Cully	140	4	30	617	20.56
R. Voss	70	10	13	315	24.23
D. Felton	49	0	6	218	36.33
D. Booth	36	0	3	156	52.00

Also Bowled: D. Rayment, J. Berryman, C. Russell, J. Haysom, P. Stabback.

Poidevin-Gray Shield Report

With much the same side which contested the final the previous season Manly this season saw lady luck turn in its direction to defeat Waverley in a replay of the final at Cranbrook College Oval.

Commencing the competition with a good win over Mosman, Manly continued by beating University by only ten runs in a hard-fought match, and then holding Northern Districts to a draw. After the New Year a good win over Sydney, and an exciting draw with Gordon (Gordon 195, Manly 9 for 170), saw Manly win the Northern Division.

The first final against Waverley at Hurstville was washed out with Waverley totalling 210 after being 5 for 83, and Manly in reply 6 for 82. The replay resulted in a splendid victory for Manly.

With not many outstandingly brilliant efforts with either bat or ball the team concentrated on an all-round effort, proving there is no substitute for team spirit and application. The final was an example of this. Each batsman applied himself in order to build up a score of 260 runs, and the bowlers and fieldsmen then set about the task to dismiss Waverley for 198.

Throughout the season three players showed remarkable consistency, Graham Beard with a highest score of 78 and an average of 39.38 played several match-winning and match-saving innings, and Robert Honeyman and Ken Nichol picked up wickets regularly to keep the team attacking.

Few high scores were recorded, those better than 50 being Graham Beard's 78 in the final and 76 against Gordon, Paul Spraggs 61 n.o. against Sydney and Peter Harvey 61 against Northern Districts.

The best bowling figures were produced by Paul Stephenson 6 for 67 in the final, Robert Honeyman 5 for 34 against Mosman and Ian Felton 4 for 55 against Gordon. Ken Nichol took three wickets on five occasions.

Against Northern Districts Ken Turner played a real captain's innings of 40 n.o. to save the match. Unfortunately other commitments prevented Ken from completing the season.

Some sort of record must have been set by Robert "Fuzz" Andrews who took six catches behind the stumps in the first game, and totalled 16 for the seven games played — a tremendous effort.

The team extends its thanks to Dick Woodfield for his co-operation and assistance as manager, and to Don Felton who bore the brunt of the scoring.

The Club thanks Peter Harvey who took over as captain when Ken Turner withdrew, and who submitted the above report, for his efforts, and congratulates both he and Ken Turner on the success of their team.

To Waverley Club we say extremely bad luck, we agree you were sitting in the box seat at one stage, but our sincere congratulations on the manner in which your young team accepted the reversal of fortunes. Your players and indeed officials emerged as very fine sportsmen.

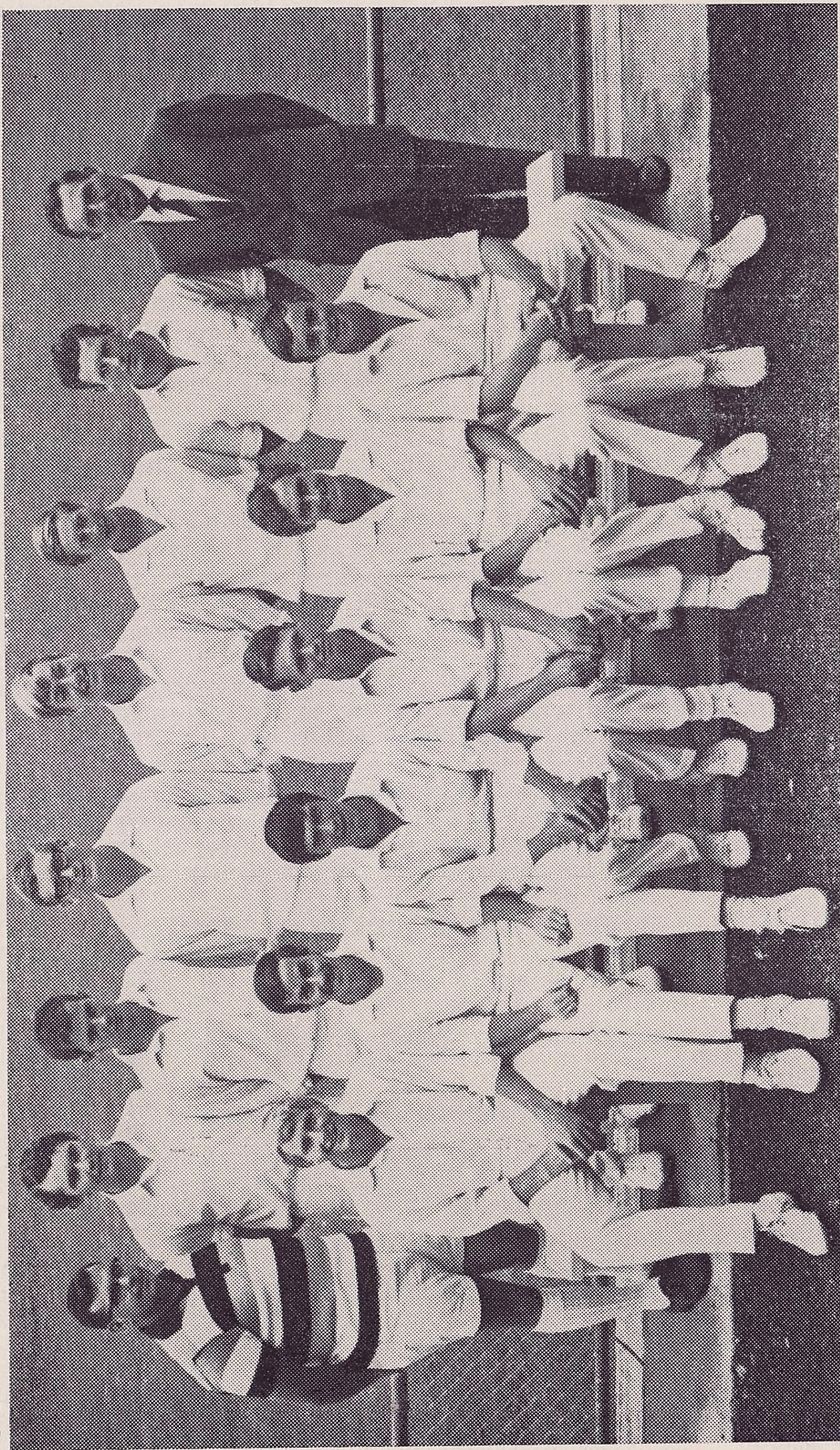
POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
G. Beard	8	0	78	315	39.38
P. Spraggs	9	2	66x	247	35.29
S. Allum	5	1	46	138	34.50
P. Stephenson	3	1	44	60	30.00
K. Turner	4	1	40x	89	29.66
P. Harvey	7	1	61	130	21.67
N. Coltman	4	0	38	63	15.75
K. Nichol	4	0	26	40	10.00
A. Frazer	5	1	24x	38	9.50
F. Turner	7	1	24	55	9.17
R. Honeyman	4	2	9	17	8.50
I. Felton	4	2	8x	14	7.00

POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Ave
P. Stephenson	48.3	1	15	211	14.07
R. Honeyman	92	22	19	275	14.47
K. Nichol	79.2	8	18	347	19.28
I. Felton	71.3	8	12	302	25.17
G. Beard	47.6	8	7	203	29.00
P. Harvey	9.6	1	1	50	50.00

Manly-Warringah District Cricket Club — N.S.W.C.A. Poidevin-Gray Shield Premiers, 1968-69



Back Row, left to right: R. Woodfield (Manager), P. Stephenson, K. Nichol, R. Honeyman, P. Spraggs, G. Beard, K. Turner, J. F. Hodgson (President). Seated: R. Andrew, N. Coltman, P. P. Harvey (C.), F. Turner, A. Frazer, I. Felton, S. Allum, absent

A. W. Green Shield Report

Don MacDonald managed this representative team and we thank him for his support in this and many other ways. Don reports as follows.

This side was built around one boy with grade and turf experience, Greg Harper, our captain, and how well did he perform his task, onerous though it was! The bulk of his team mates were selected from the malthoid pitches in the District Competitions, with little or no experience of playing on turf wickets, and very much over-awed by the occasion. How well they performed their task, too!

In our first game against Gordon we were 1 for 106 when rain stopped play. Against Northern Districts, the ultimate winners, we made 148 and were beaten on the first innings after the drop of their seventh wicket. We enjoyed a glorious win over Mosman who sported three Third Graders, and also the captain of the Manly Watson Shield (Under 16) side. We fell from grace when Sydney declared at 0-267 but still could not force an outright against us. We then suffered a close first innings defeat against C.H.S.A.A.A. After scoring 8 for 228 against Balmain we were unlucky to run out of time when we had them 9 for 146. We had high hopes in our last game when we trundled a strong North Sydney side for only 115, but we just failed to reach their score.

Batting-wise, Greg Harper was our mainstay, only failing once and that in the last game. His best scores were 103 and 50. Other scorers of 50 or over were B. Poole and G. Dudley (58 n.o.). Both these batsmen usually performed well. Don Felton, John Burke and Steve Green also batted well on occasions.

Except for our lapse against Sydney our bowlers really impressed at times. Spinner John Burke (4 for 44 and 4 for 38) was most effective. Young Neil Howell assisted him in this department.

We unearthed two good "fasties," Steve Green (7 for 7 off 14 straight overs) and Steve Erichsen, a well developed athletic youth who can bowl effectively all day. Joe Murray was an effective 'keeper and on one or two occasions saved the day with his bat.

Many thanks to Mrs. Harper for her scoring and to Mrs. Howell and Mrs. Felton who were ready to help with transport. Thanks also to my wife who provided drinks, not only for our own lads, but usually the opposition, too.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
G. Harper	8	1	103	320	40.00
R. Poole	5	1	50	145	26.30
G. Dudley	8	1	58x	168	24.00
J. Burke	6	1	39	92	18.40
D. Felton	5	1	41	73	18.30
S. Green	6	1	37x	85	17.00
A. Ward	6	0	22	75	12.50
S. Erichsen	6	1	22x	61	21.10
J. Murray	5	0	25	51	10.20

Also Batted: N. Paton 1-7; J. Haysom 3-11; D. Rayment 2-2; D. Jack 1-0.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Ave
J. Burke	44	5	11	164	14.90
J. Haysom	29	4	5	97	19.60
S. Green	43	2	9	187	20.70
A. Howell	36	6	7	153	21.90
G. Harper	19	3	3	70	23.30
S. Erichsen	56	7	7	183	26.20

Also Bowled: N. Paton 3-97; D. Felton 0-41; R. Poole 0-53; A. Ward 0-6.

City and Suburban Report

Captain of this team, Harry Frazer, reports that they had a very enjoyable season, winning 9 matches and losing 17, although some of these losses were very close.

One of the highlights of the season was Ron McCredie's selection in all City and Suburban Representative matches, twice as captain. He topped a fine season with a century (103) against Lane Cove and taking out both the batting aggregate and average.

The team provided four players in the Combined Northern Suburbs Cricket Association match: R. McCredie, captain; Mike Hancock; wicket-keeper, T. Maton; and last-minute replacement, Harry Frazer himself. All performed creditably.

In the Teacher's match, R. McCredie again captain and T. Maton represented, and in the Combined Cricket Association game, R. McCredie.

Terry Maton batted and fielded very well until he hurt his back half-way through the season. He scored 392 runs and took 13 wickets prior to his injury which kept him out of the game for the remainder of the season.

Scores of over 50 were obtained by: R. McCredie 103, 56 n.o., 51; T. Maton 93, 69 n.o., 55 n.o.; M. Hancock 59, 53. The batting improved on last year with three players scoring over 300 runs. Ron McCredie scored 458 at an average of 32.7. The fielding did not reach the standard of previous years and dropped catches cost us quite a few matches.

The wicket-keepers were Cliff Watson and Mike Hancock. Both performed very well. The bowling honours of most wickets went to evergreen Bill Hoy with 54 wickets, followed by Harry Frazer 41, and Lin Cameron 28.

The most consistent fieldsman was Mike Hancock, closely followed by Len Roach. Harry wishes to thank the members of the team and the Club Committee for their support throughout the season.

CITY AND SUBURBAN BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
R. McCredie	19	4	103	458	32.71
T. Maton	17	3	93	392	28.00
M. Hancock	21	0	59	367	15.50
L. Cameron	16	2	36x	161	11.48
P. Newman	18	0	33	178	9.90
M. Murfin	26	1	44	237	9.80
H. Frazer	24	1	31	186	8.20
R. Stephenson	14	3	21	76	6.90
G. North	11	0	20	75	6.80
C. Watson	9	5	6	27	6.70
W. Hoy	19	7	14x	63	5.20

Also batted: D. Jolly 8-47; L. Roach 18 (5 n.o.) 45; S. Seymour 9 (2 n.o.) 46; R. Hammond 6 (1 n.o.) 28; B. Miles 3 (1 n.o.) 21; A. Frazer 2-28.

CITY AND SUBURBAN BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Ave
H. Frazer	156	22	41	639	15.59
W. Hoy	149	1	54	891	16.50
L. Cameron	106	8	28	559	19.99
T. Maton	57	3	13	330	25.16

Also Bowled: D. Jolley 12-191; P. Newman 5-201; B. Miles 5-103;
S. Seymour 1-26; M. Murfin 4-40.

Manly-Warringah District "D" Grade Report

Once again we fielded a team in this competition conducted by the Manly-Warringah Cricket Association and as in the past we were always ready to supply players to fill vacancies occurring in the Shire sides.

We had a carefree, enjoyable game every Saturday blessed by good weather in the main. Due to some relaxation in age limits were able to retain Phil Maundrill, Graham Griffin, Greg Levett and Co., but we were hard-pressed at times to have anything like a full team in most cases, but we won our share of matches.

The above young gentlemen bore the brunt of the batting, bowling and fielding, and this season they regularly relieved me with umpiring, thereby raising the standard in the middle. We lost young Le Page and John Rayment to Shires, but our younger fry stood in very well as the averages show.

Congratulations to Greg Levett on his undefeated century, and to Phil Maundrill on his two hat-tricks.

Don MacDonald, to whom we owe thanks for managing this side and making this report thanks his wife once again for supplying cold drinks throughout the season.

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT D GRADE BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
M. Le Page	4	0	54	131	32.80
G. Levett	15	3	100x	380	31.60
G. Griffin	18	0	46	263	14.60
P. Maundrill	19	2	37	245	14.40
D. Rayment	13	2	33x	115	10.50
C. Russell	4	0	25	33	8.30
I. Thompson	18	0	31	147	8.20

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT D GRADE BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Ave
P. Maundrill	137	10	57	517	9.70
G. Levett	55	3	22	233	10.60
A. O'Brian	33	0	11	155	14.10
D. Rayment	38	1	10	161	16.10
G. Griffin	45	1	12	197	16.40

Hat-tricks: P. Maundrill 7-38 v. C.B.C. on 21st Dec., 1968 and 8-35 v. Curl Curl Y.C. 11th Jan., 1969; L. Brown 3-3 v. St. Augustine's College 8th Feb., 1969.

Grounds

Manly Oval: Taking a little longer this season to recover the ravages of football the oval, under the tireless attention of Frank McEwan, became a pleasure to play on and our appreciation is extended to Frank and his superiors in Manly Council.

The practice wickets suffered from inattention due to the heavy booking of the centre towards the end of the season. This was unfortunate in view of the success of our teams and the approaching finals. Manly Council has been asked to consider the transfer of these to Grahams Reserve where space is available outside the playing area.

Grahams Reserve: This ground was soon brought to peak condition by Mr. Merv Paynter and he is to be congratulated on a job well done. Visiting teams expressed appreciation of this splendid area.

Brookvale Oval: In response to appeals from the Warringah Shire Council and the Manly-Warringah Rugby League Football Club, we vacated this ground much earlier than anticipated, and accepted in return Weldon Park which at the time was quite sub-standard. We were assured by Council officers that for the 1969-70 season all amenities would be provided, and the outfield brought to a high standard. We were happy to co-operate with both Council and football club, and trust that our confidence was not misplaced. Mr. Jonathon Hodgson gave Brookvale Oval every attention whilst in use and did his best to have Weldon Park reasonable each week. We thank him.

Publicity

Mr. Alan Turner volunteered to carry out this very demanding task, and did so with his well-known flair and dedication. Unfortunately Alan found his commitments with the Royal Australian Navy restricted him at times, but we are grateful indeed for his efforts in this important aspect of our organisation.

Financial Report

Rolf Kinsey, our Hon. Treasurer, reports that the season under review showed the following results:

General Activities	Loss	\$79.00
Social Activities	Profit	\$70.00
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	Overall Deficit	\$9.00

The General Account loss is after transferring \$50.00 to the Club's Centenary Fund, which now stands, after interest received, with a balance of \$104.00.

The cost of gear purchased rose from \$432.00 last year to \$914.00 this season. This big rise was foreseen in last season's report. Bearing this big increase in mind the Club's result for the year cannot be considered as otherwise than satisfactory.

This year no grant was received from the N.S.W.C.A. but this was offset by a payment from the N.S.W. Rugby League of \$200.00 in respect of the use of Brookvale for the 1967-68 pre-season League Competition. As we cannot look to these supplements next year the following season looks like being difficult financially.

Professional coaching commenced this year was made possible by generous donations, and it will be seen from the accounts that these exceeded expenses by \$170.00, which has been carried forward to next season.

Delegates

Your President John Hodgson and Secretary Alex Anderson were the delegates to the N.S.W.C.A. and both attended the majority of meetings. Brian Kinsey and Ray Harvey acted as proxy delegates on the few occasions the delegates were out of town.

Successful Clubs

Our sincere congratulations to Petersham-Marrickville Club on its well deserved Club Championship, and also its Third Grade Championship achieved at our expense. To St. George, winners of First Grade by our defeat at the S.C.G. and to Waverley and North Sydney Clubs for their success in Second and Fourth Grades respectively.

Poidevin-Gray was a Manly honour, and we commiserate with a very unlucky Waverley Club which came so close to victory. To Northern Districts Club we extend our congratulations on its success in the A. W. Green Shield competition which highlights the strength of its youthful potential.

Social Report

The various functions organised by the Social Committee were very well attended and proved highly successful socially, but unfortunately the financial results were disappointing.

In addition to the regular 'Room at the Top' gatherings of the grades, the committee organised a Prawn Night and conducted a sweep on the Melbourne Cup, and the excellent support of the members and friends is greatly appreciated.

The Annual Dinner held at the Manly Pacific Hotel, was this year held in the Smorgasbord style allowing free intermingling of guests and members and proved so successful that it has set the pattern for future years.

General Committee

At the time of going to press the General Committee has met on nine occasions, and the attendances have been as follows: J. F. Hodgson 8, A. Anderson 8, T. Felton 9, S. Sismey 7, B. Cook 5, L. Soman 7, I. Howell 8, M. Howell 6, K. Turner 6, B. Kinsey 5, K. Fitzpatrick 6, G. W. Lowe 6, J. Burke 6, A. Springall 6, C. M. Hayman 5, R. Maxwell (Resigned 15/10/68) 3, B. Kinsey (Elected 15/10/68) 6, M. McEachern 3, P. Philpott 5, G. Blades 6.

Our delegate to the Manly-Warringah Sporting Union, Don MacDonald attended on a number of occasions as did H. Frazer and W. Hoy representing the City and Suburban side, and Maurice Murray and Geoff Manton on behalf of the M.W.C.A. We were always happy to welcome these gentlemen.

We are grateful to the Manly Rugby Union Club for allowing us the use of its facilities which enabled us to hold our meeting in particularly comfortable surroundings.

Thanks and Appreciation

Manly Municipal Council and Warringah Shire Council: We thank the Aldermen of Manly and the Councillors of Warringah for their continued goodwill towards us, and assure them that the club feels itself privileged to be the representatives of the Manly-Warringah area on the cricket field.

N.S.W.C.A.: Once again our senior body has been unfailing in its consideration and co-operation, and the Secretary, Mr. Alan Barnes, his assistant, Mr. Ossie Pitkethley, and their staff as helpful and courteous as could be desired.

N.S.W. Umpires Association: Our matches this season have again been most pleasant, not the least reason being the demeanour of the umpires, and we extend our most cordial thanks for their share in promoting and developing the game in N.S.W.

M.W.C.A.: For their many courtesies throughout the year and their cheerful co-operation at all times we thank the "Juniors" and look forward to many years of harmony and mutual development.

Others: We thank our Vice-Presidents and Associate members for their financial support and attendance at our matches, and to our Honorary Auditor Mr. J. G. W. Vallance we extend our most grateful thanks.

J. F. HODGSON, President.

ALEX ANDERSON, Hon. Secretary.

Manly-Warringah District Cricket Club

Balance Sheet as at 30th April, 1969

1967-68		1967-68	
\$	\$	\$	\$
LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
418 Sundry Creditors	672	Equipment at Valuation	753
50 Club Centenary Fund	104	Sundry Debtors	108
ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		COMMONWEALTH BONDS	
Balance at 30th April, 1968	1,808	General Account	700
Less excess of expenditure		Social Account	500
over income	79	Ground Account	200
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1,808	1,729		1,400
SOCIAL FUND			1,400
ACCUMULATION A/C.		BANK OF N.S.W.	
Balance at 30th April, 1968	1,260	General Account	881
Add excess of income over		Social Account	809
expenditure	70	Ground Account	—
195		Centenary Fund Account	54
1,260	1,330		
PROFESSIONAL COACH FUND			1,744
Balance at 30th April, 1968	—		
Add excess income over			
expenditure	170		
—			
—	170		
\$3,536	\$4,005		
			\$4,005

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, 1969, and 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.

Dated 9th June, 1969.

R. KINSEY, Hon. Treasurer.
J. G. W. VALLANCE, F.C.A., Hon. Auditor.

Manly-Warringah District Cricket Club — Income & Expenditure Account — Year Ended 30-4-1969

1967-68	EXPENDITURE	1967-68	INCOME	
\$	Club Centenary Fund	\$	Knockout Competition	\$ 3
50	Annual Dinner Subsidy	50	Subscriptions—Members and Associates	440
100	Materials and Repairs	—	Donations	133
432	Printing Stationery and Advertising	914	N.S.W. Rugby League	200
322	Insurance	189	N.S.W. Cricket Association Grant	—
9	Postage and Telephone	4	Playing Fees, Less Ground Fees Rentals	533
93	Donations and Presentations	122	Interest Received	56
111	Miscellaneous expenses	117	Contributions — Cricketers' Club and	45
50	Manly Oval Takings—Gross	40	Manly Rugby Union Club	—
	Less Gatekeepers' Wages		Manly Oval Takings	
	Less Oval Rental		Less Ground Rental	
	300 360			
	—			
	Excess Expenditure over Income	53	Balance being excess of Expenditure	79
			over Income transferred to Accumula-	
			tion Account	
\$1,167		\$1,489	(6)	\$1,489
			\$1,167	

SOCIAL FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1969

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Balance of Income over Expenditure—transferred to Social Fund Accumulation Account	70	Nett Income from Competitions, etc.	22
	<u>\$70</u>	Interest Received	48
			<u>\$70</u>

PROFESSIONAL COACHING ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1969

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Payment	200	Donations	370
Excess income over expenditure — transferred to Balance Sheet	170		
	<u>\$370</u>		<u>\$370</u>

CLUB RECORDS

Competition Matches

First Grade

Highest Individual Score	L. W. Gwynne, 175 n.o. (1926-27)
Highest Aggregate	J. W. Burke, 899 (1968-69)
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)

Poidevin-Gray Shield

Highest Individual Score	T. Parsonage, 178 (1930-31)
Highest Aggregate	I. Howell, 396 (1965-66)
Highest Average	I. Howell, 198 (1965-66)
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, 395 (1964-65)
Highest Average	R. Bright, 141.00 (1951-52)
Most Wickets in Season	J. Barnes, 41 (1956-57)

