

Manly-Warringah District Cricket Club

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95th ANNUAL REPORT *and* **BALANCE SHEET**



SEASON 1972-1973

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

NOTICE is hereby given that the **NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the **MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB** will be held in the **MANLY OVAL PAVILION** on **WEDNESDAY, 25th JULY, 1973, at 7.45 p.m.**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

BUSINESS:

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

— **ALEX ANDERSON**, Honorary Secretary.
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Please be kind enough to bring this report with you to the Annual Meeting. Only Financial Members will be eligible to vote.

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

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R. Beard; T. S. Felton; K. Fitzpatrick; R. Holmes; B. Kinsey;
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B. S. Adrian; C. B. Cochrane; G. M. Dunlop; L. W. Gwynne;
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R. Pitt; J. A. Randall.

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT — 1972-73

Gentlemen,

Your Management Committee has pleasure in presenting the 95th Annual Report and Balance Sheet, the most successful, considered generally, in the Club's long history. In all, the Club took part in three finals, reached the semi-final in Third Grade and finished third in the Club Championship. This last honour is one which has never come our way, but with the now proven strength of our lower grades, the success of our age teams, and the undoubted strength of our First XI, this long looked forward to achievement is surely within our reach.

For those who followed the Club's fortunes from outside the fence, no less than for those who actually played, the season was a fascinating one. With the exception of Second Grade, which did not really "fire" until the end of the season, all teams were hammering away at the top positions in their respective grades. Firsts, unfortunately, "came unstuck" in one or two vital games after Christmas, and dropped out of consideration as finalists. Thirds and Fourths, on the other hand, continued to prosper, and the Thirds semi-final against Cumberland, the eventual Premiers, was a cliff-hanger indeed — Cumberland won by 5 runs. This left Fourth Grade as our sole finalists among the Grade teams, and Dick Woodfield, and a very loyal and determined team achieved our very first Fourth Grade Premiership. Not because he was successful this year, but because it should be acknowledged, Dick has been an outstanding Captain. He has looked after Third and Fourth Grade sides for some years, and it is difficult to recall a season when his sides (almost always lacking experience and suffering unavoidable team changes) have not been well placed at the competitions end. Along the way he has earned a full measure of the respect and friendship of his young charges. This success by his team is a just reward for his efforts.

It is appropriate, too, that we should pay tribute to Ken Turner, the Third Grade Captain, and to Ken's name add that of his Vice-Captain, Brian Kinsey. While individual performances are dealt with in the Captains' team reports, mention should be made of Brian's 76 wickets for the season — tantalisingly close to F. Brand's 1922-23 record of 79 for Third Grade. Again it was a well deserved success.

The Poidevin-Gray side, led by Phil Allum, lost its final against Petersham-Marrickville in a game marred by the post Christmas weather. Even though, we may fairly say that we had the first and worst use of the wicket, we must acknowledge that our opponents handled the conditions better than our own players, and thoroughly deserved their success.

The Green Shield side also succumbed in the Final. Here, however, we are pleased to say that such a young and in-experienced side did so well. We had regarded the team as a future, rather than a present prospect, and they and their Captain, Greg Horton, are to be thoroughly commended on their performances, and their fighting spirit. Peter Davidson, their manager, should also take great satisfaction from their results.

Both these last teams, as runners-up, were invited to play at Wollongong under arrangement by the N.S.W.C.A. and the Illawarra Cricket Council. The match played was thoroughly enjoyed, and players and officials alike express their gratitude to the Illawarra Council for the game, and its very friendly hospitality.

Having won the Rothmans K.O. last year, we again started most promisingly, but were eliminated in the third round. This competition has gone from strength to strength, and when we consider the monetary contribution that Rothmans also makes to coaching and the cricket exhibition at the Royal Easter Show, it is evident that cricket has a friend indeed in this company.

In the "Sydney Morning Herald" Award, we finished handily in the team section, and congratulate Mick Pawley in finishing second to Bob Simpson in the individual section. These awards are always keenly sought after, and are closely followed by players and supporters alike.

A new and most important award this year, although outside the scope of the Grade Clubs, is the "Daily Telegraph" Award of a bat to the outstanding primary school cricketer of the week. A dinner tended at the end of the season to the boys, their fathers and the outstanding players who performed the presentations, was a wonderful success. All in all, a great encouragement to our future players.

The Cricketers Club of N.S.W. was again our friend and financed two of our young players for the season. Our award this year went to Eddie Meth and Ian Hendy, and on their behalf we thank the Club for its continued interest.

Before leaving the playing side of our activities, two things should be mentioned. One is the tremendous season enjoyed by Mick Pawley. Mick took 41 wickets at 11.4 to head the Association averages, and for his efforts was re-instated to the N.S.W. Shield side. We are not the only ones who feel that if he had had an earlier opportunity, he may well have toured the West Indies. As a slow bowler, however, Mick still has plenty of time to make good, and no one will be more pleased than his team and club mates when he does.

The other matter to mention is Club spirit — a feature of cricket that, rather like the tide, ebbs and flows. Club elders, quite rightly, call us to task when Club spirit fails to line up to the very high standards expected of those who represent us on the field. We are very pleased, then, to report that this very necessary ingredient to good and enjoyable cricket is very high indeed, and is not the least reason for the happy and successful season we enjoyed.

This year, with the generous support of Manly Council, we replaced the roller at Graham Reserve with a much heavier one. We also, with the equally generous practical assistance of Vice-Presidents Ray Beard and Max Howell, provided sight-screens at this ground. In setting and conditions, it is doubtful whether there is any Club in the State with better facilities than ours.

While we are always grateful for the assistance given us by our Vice-Presidents, it is fitting that we should especially acknowledge Messrs. Beard and Howell. Both are unstinting in their work for the Club, and their practical skills save us considerable sums of money. The sight-boards, for instance, would have been well outside our means but for them. We are also deeply indebted to Ray for managing Club practices.

As our centenary year approaches, Tom Spencer has undertaken the formidable task of compiling a Club history. As may be known, fire destroyed Club records prior to 1900, and even since then there are many gaps in our knowledge. We appeal, therefore, to any Club members or members of the community who have records of matters they may feel to be of historical interest, to get in touch with the Club. Naturally, very good care will be taken of any matter submitted.

Finally, if we have indeed had a happy season, it is reasonable to suppose that your Selectors and Committee contributed their part. This was indeed the case, and the Management Committee express its sincere thanks to the members of both Committees, and the various sub-committees who have worked so ably throughout the year.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Mick Pawley's re-instatement in the State side, although in many of our minds, somewhat belated, was a delight to us all, and we look forward to Mick having more opportunities to show his wares in higher company.

Five of our players represented the Association during the season, Frank Turner being selected in the Metropolitan Colts v. the Country, as well as versus C.H.S., G.P.S. and Combined City and Suburban. Paul Stephenson also made the Metropolitan side, and appeared for the Association versus the Combined Catholic Colleges and C.H.S. Robert Jeffrey played against the Associated Schools and the G.P.S., whilst Phil Allum also represented against the G.P.S. and the Combined City and Suburban teams. Graeme Beard had a very successful series for the Association, playing for Metropolitan 2nds v. Newcastle, the City 1sts v. The Country 1sts as well as the G.P.S. and C.H.S. All players performed well and we congratulate them.

Our Green Shield representatives were Greg Horton who played for City 1sts v. Country and young Rod McNeil who made the City 2nds also against the Country. These two lads were both in their initial season of Grade cricket and we look forward to their future successes.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT — FIRST GRADE

(TERRY LEE — CAPTAIN)

Anyone consistently viewing the first grade in action throughout the season would have reason to be dissatisfied with the often lethargic performance of a team which, man for man, has as much talent as any team in Sydney. The position of the team in the competition and now the detailed averages of the individuals only lend support to this observation. We should have been a semi-finalist and we should have easily won at least a further two matches — had we managed the latter, the Club would have won its first ever Club Championship. This is a necessarily gloomy commencement to the report on the First Grade activities for the 1972-73 season.

As members of the Club you are probably interested to learn why we failed and whether we have any excuses to offer. The following are my impressions entirely and there is every chance that they will be at variance with other observers. It is easy to pin-

point our main failures — the perennial Club weakness of poor ground fielding coupled with often disastrous catching, and generally spiritless batting for most of the season. What are the excuses? There are none for the fielding, however, I am sure that the climatic conditions did affect our batting in what has been one of the wettest collection of Saturdays experienced for some time. On the few occasions that a reasonably true wicket was encountered our batsmen scored heavily and in a most entertaining manner. Furthermore, during the season we played only six of 19 games at Manly Oval and were thus constantly deprived of the excellent playing conditions existing on our home ground. Of these six games, three were two-afternoon games and each of these was reduced to a one-afternoon game by rain, and the remaining were all-day games of which one was abandoned and another curtailed by rain. I am sure that you will agree that these are legitimate excuses for part of our poor batting performances.

Now having given the excuses, how do we overcome the problems outlined and are there possibilities of improved performances next season? An improved fielding effort will only come through a changed attitude by most members of the team. It is important for them to realise that fielding constitutes at least 40 percent of the game. Our catching at times was almost pathetic to the everlasting despair of the bowlers concerned. The statistics of our catching (the ones caught) are enlightening — three players, Elliott (18), Spencer (12) and the author (18) held more catches (48) than the rest of the team (41) together and the bulk of these 48 catches were held close to the wicket. As you rightly conclude, the catching away from the wicket was terrible. Even allowing for the comparative poor batting during the season there is tremendous potential in the line up, the development of which would be aided by a reliable opening pair.

The Manly bowlers again this season had few difficulties in dismissing opposing batsmen with what was probably not as well balanced an attack as last season. Jeff Macpherson lost his touch of last year and played the latter half of the season in Second Grade; we hope that this is only a temporary lapse in form. Four bowlers took 127 of the 140 wickets to fall to bowlers, and of these Mike Pawley was undoubtedly the mainspring of the attack. Mike had a superb year, troubling all batsmen. He dismissed a high proportion of top-of-the-order players to finish with the imposing tally of 48 wickets, one behind the leading bowler in Sydney. He also clearly headed the Sydney bowling averages at 11.4 runs per wicket. His "arm" ball landed with unerring accuracy, while his orthodox spinners were skilfully flighted. Many knowledgeable people regard Mike as the finest bowler in Sydney and possibly the best of his type in Australia, a judgment which the State selectors obviously disagree with — his reward for his efforts was one belated game for N.S.W. While selectors often have an unenviable task, it has been difficult to establish the criteria used by State selectors to choose the N.S.W. teams of the past year.

Paul Stephenson had a further strong year, bowling with good line and direction and to his credit exhibited a newly developed inswinger. Paul probably suffered a little in comparison with last year in that he had little support from the other end with the new ball. His batting was more productive this year with some determined innings and on occasions hitting the ball quite hard. Paul's reliability in the field slipped a little this year.

The very nature of the year made life difficult for leg-spinning and Tom Spencer did well to pick up 24 wickets from the limited bowling opportunities that were afforded him. Tom, along with the batsmen, are hoping for some faster wickets next season. His batting, however, reached new heights with some well hit contributions and no one will forget his match-winning last wicket partnership of 44 with Jeff Macpherson against Gordon at Chatswood. Half way through the season, David Packer, not quite 17, was selected in First Grade following good efforts in Second Grade. David is big and strong and when he irons out a few problems with his run-up will be a decided asset to the team. He has genuine pace at such a young age.

Two young batsmen, Phil Allum and Frank Turner, emerged from the season on the credit side. Phil topped the batting averages and hit 438 runs, most of them compiled in a characteristic gritty manner following the regular failure of the opening partnership. His fielding, unfortunately, leaves a lot to be desired. Frank Turner, in his first full season in First Grade, scored the most runs, 470, which included a magnificent 105 against Wests compiled in 89 minutes. He is a great hitter of the ball and one predicts a bright future for him as he matures somewhat. Frank is enthusiastic in the field but has yet to develop safe hands.

Two young batsmen who disappointed greatly were Bob Jeffrey and Graeme Beard, who, on many occasions at the wicket seemed unaware that they were playing with ten other team members. This attitude carried over to their fielding and running between wickets where they were both slow and lacking in initiative. Both have much potential but need a much more positive approach to their game. For instance, Graeme restricted himself entirely to backfoot play this season and I think his performances reflect this unwise decision. I think it is an unwise decision for he is a strong driver off the front foot as he amply demonstrated in the final game; I would hope that he dusts off his drives for next year.

After an abortive attempt to break into Shield cricket in Queensland, Ian Howell returned to the fold at Christmas. He had little luck during the remainder of the season but did display a few glimpses of the style that he is capable of. I am sure that next year he will make some bowlers wish that he had stayed in Brisbane. Ian's opening partner of last year, Kevin Davidson, did not progress at all and probably the opening spot is not his correct position. He has a decided weakness outside the off stump. I am pleased to report that his fielding greatly improved during the year under review.

The wicket-keeping of Mal Elliott was again safe and efficient. Eighteen catches were accepted along with 5 stumpings. His legside stumpings were brilliantly executed and it appeared on several occasions that the umpires applied the "when in doubt" rule much too liberally in favour of the batsmen.

Despite our lowly position in the competition table the team at all times endeavoured to play attacking cricket, which is more than we can say for many of our opponents. We finished well up in the "Sydney Morning Herald's" Award with Mike Pawley finishing second to Bob Simpson in the individual award. Our great run in the Rothman's Competition was ended in the third round by Peter-sham in a hard fought match at Manly. We had beaten Bankstown and Wests in earlier rounds.

As a reward for not being a semi-finalist we were allowed to take part in the futile exercise of playing four one-afternoon games under the Rothman's Competition rules, except that the games terminated at 5.30 p.m. This type of cricket required dexterous use of a slide-rule and will not aid the development of young spin bowlers and batsmen. I was under the impression that the number of one-day games would be restricted this year, yet we finally played the same number as last year — so much for the N.S.W.C.A. heeding the comments of the captains during the winter break!

Our thanks and appreciation must be recorded for Keith Brady who wielded the scorer's pencil so proficiently throughout the season. Keith is from Brisbane and we hope that he will spend many seasons with the Club. Despite great demands on his time John Stephenson helped in the running of the team whenever possible. Lastly, all members of the First Grade add their congratulations to Dick Woodfield and his successful Fourth Grade side.

First Grade Batting 72/73

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
P. Allum	18	4	53*	438	31.2
T. Lee	16	2	79	423	30.2
F. Turner	19	2	105	470	27.6
I. Howell	10	1	76*	196	21.8
G. Beard	19	2	70	358	21.1
R. Jeffrey	12	—	84	208	17.3
K. Davidson	16	—	63	236	14.8
P. Stephenson	16	6	20*	134	13.4
T. Spencer	13	3	29	133	13.3
M. Pawley	19	2	33	181	10.7
M. Elliott	10	4	11	34	5.7
D. Packer	6	3	2	4	1.3

Also Batted: P. Harvey 1-57, J. Macpherson 3-21, A. Frazer 2-18.

First Grade Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
M. Pawley	184.5	43	48	546	11.4
T. Lee	140.3	29	28	410	14.6
T. Spencer	118.2	19	24	501	20.9
P. Stephenson	160.4	23	27	572	21.2
D. Packer	56.0	3	4	338	84.5

Also Bowled: F. Turner 2-13, J. Macpherson 6-163, R. Jeffrey 1-60, G. Beard 0-5.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT — SECOND GRADE

(JIM BURKE — CAPTAIN)

Although season 1972-73 must go down as one of the most rain affected seasons in recent years it proved to be very enjoyable, particularly from my point of view. We finished 8th in the competition, which is exactly half-way, and whilst this was not very successful, I must admit that the side saw a great deal of talent which, I feel sure, will be of tremendous benefit to the Club in the very near future.

The side was not blessed with the best of luck, and if the captain took part in a two-up school his tossing skills would be such that he would quickly go broke. Many a toss, consequently the game, the side having been sent in on a rain-affected wicket.

Probably the greatest feat of the season was the remarkable number of dismissals accepted by our very popular 'keeper, Ron "Farook" Holmes. "Farook" participated in 38 dismissals, which I understand, equals the Club record. A very fine effort, indeed.

Ken Nichol must receive a special mention for his consistent pace bowling. Ken has a big heart, and at times he was very nasty, particularly with his fine effort of eight wickets against University which gave us outright points. Forty-six wickets last season and 38 this, must surely bring him into front-line contention for First Grade honours next season. Ken was ably supported by Dave Packer and Des Hartman in the early rounds, and in the latter half by Jeff Macpherson and Dick Pym. Dave Packer, as a result of some very fine performances, found himself in First Grade, and obviously this young fellow has a big future. All he needs now is the extra stamina required from a pace bowler, and a little more killer instinct which he will acquire with experience.

Des Hartman bowled very tidily in the early part of the season without much luck, and, of course, as first change bowler, finding himself on many occasions with the older ball.

Dick Pym came into the side towards the latter part of the season and Dick is a very good cricketer, indeed. Once again he suffered the fate of being "first change," as did Des, but he accepted his job willingly and came through with flying colours. At times Dick can be very lively, his fielding was brilliant, and his batting very handy. I doubt if Dick will ever play Fourth Grade again, which is where he started the season.

Jeff Macpherson, after being dropped from First Grade, quickly regained his form and finished up winning the bowling average. Jeff is a very accomplished pace bowler, and will no doubt regain his position in the higher grade very soon.

As a result of this fine pack of five pace bowlers, the spin bowling department suffered. Reg Hunt found himself bowling only 99 overs, and Eddie Meth 88 overs. This meant that they could not find early form, and with the advent of the one-day games, their position deteriorated even further. Eddie is a young off-spinner with a lot of talent, and with careful nursing could develop tremendously. He, too, had quite a lot of bad luck.

Whilst the bowling was more than adequate, the batting, apart from Alan Frazer and Peter Harvey, was not good. We were fortunate to witness some glorious stroke-play by these two players which resulted in their elevation to firsts. They also, along with Keith Fitzpatrick, were outstanding in the field. Keith need not score any runs at all, I feel sure he must be 20 not out before he goes into bat with the number of runs he saves in the field. He is an object lesson to all cricketers with his fitness and alertness.

Of the younger batsmen who were given opportunities to play Seconds with the Thirds and Fourths doing so well, young Rod McNeill stood out. He has an aggressive approach to his batting, and with experience could develop quite remarkably. His temperament is excellent. Greg Hill, Jeff Logan, Ross Smith and Greg Horton all came up from Fifts and showed ability which, with practice and perseverance, could see them as permanent fixtures in higher grades.

Bob Jeffrey played some good innings when he came down from Firsts. His technique is excellent, all he needs now is extra power and placement on the off-side, and he will score many more runs.

My thanks to Reg Hunt for his assistance and help as Vice-Captain, and to the "Afternoon Tea Ladies" who did such a good job at the "Room at the Top."

It is to be hoped that the N.S.W. Cricket Association abandons the encouragement award type of one-day limited over competition we had at the latter part of the season, and revert to two-day games with all points going to the Club Championship.

Second Grade Batting

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
J. Burke	14	4	73*	445	44.5
A. Frazer	12	1	89	308	28.0
P. Harvey	11	—	54	303	27.54
K. Fitzpatrick	14	1	59*	210	16.15
D. Felton	8	—	33	113	14.1
K. Nichol	14	1	29*	147	11.3
D. Hartman	10	1	30	94	10.4
R. Hunt	16	—	33	155	9.6
R. Holmes	14	3	35	101	9.1

Also Batted: J. Stewart 9-78, I. Macdonald 5-13, E. Meth 6-45, K. Davidson 3-59, J. Macpherson 5-52, R. Jeffrey 5-126, B. Brown 1-40, G. Horton 1-0, J. Logan 2-19, R. Pym 5-42, G. Hill 4-24, R. McNeill 5-90, R. Smith 2-13.

Second Grade Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
J. Macpherson	82	15	21	219	10.42
D. Packer	74	6	21	264	12.57
K. Nichol	183.7	28	38	609	16.02
R. Pym	51.3	10	11	187	17.0
R. Hunt	99.2	10	16	419	26.1
D. Hartman	97.6	7	14	371	26.5
E. Meth	88.4	19	9	279	31.0

Also Bowled: I. Macdonald 7-180, J. Burke 7-73, K. Fitzpatrick 0-14, P. Harvey 0-7, J. Stewart 1-2, G. Horton 2-29, R. McNeill 1 13, R. Jeffrey 0-0, K. Davidson 0-7.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT — THIRD GRADE

(KEN TURNER — CAPTAIN)

The side finished third in the competition, and was unlucky not to make the final. Cumberland, which defeated us by a mere five runs in the semi, recorded a convincing win over Sutherland in the final. Congratulations to Cumberland.

This was a vast improvement on last year's performance, when one considers the fact that we only lost three games during the season, and had another three washed out when we were in a favourable position.

The weather played havoc with the season from January on, and made it difficult for the batsmen to retain their form. While the batsmen struggled on rain-affected wickets, no one revelled in the conditions more than Brian Kinsey who, moving them both ways, turned in a tremendous effort in what must have been his best season with the Club. Brian only missed breaking the Club record (79 wickets)

by three, and this can be attributed to the amount of time lost through rain. No side reached 200 against our attack, which further compliments Brian's bowling. He was well supported by Steve Green, Dick Pym and Des Hartman, all of whom used the new ball to great effect. Eddie Meth, having his first season with the Club, showed sufficient promise to earn promotion after only six games, and he must be one of the best prospects the Club has had for many years.

Unfortunately, the circumstances did not allow Rod McNeill to be given the bowling a young leg-spinner requires, however, in his initial season of grade cricket Rod showed promise with the bat, and his fielding was first class.

Whilst speaking of fielding, this was another area where improvement was evident from the previous season. Phil Radnidge handled the slip catching admirably, while Mark Stedman pulled off some brilliant catches in the gully, and Don Felton gave nothing away in the covers. Ian Hendy proved to be a very capable 'keeper, and showed the hallmark of all great 'keepers "the ability to pick B.K.'s slower ball."

The batting showed signs of solidarity. This was largely attributed to Phil Radnidge, Greg Anderson, and later in the season Jim Stewart. Phil's innings of 93 against Northern Districts was a credit and just reward for his keenness. Greg Anderson is an extremely valuable gain to the Club, and his ability to get his head down and fight for each run was a lesson for the rest of the side. Jim Stewart, towards the end of the season, was showing the form and confidence that suggests he is in for a big season next year. Don Felton and Mark Stedman both played some enterprising innings, whilst Keith Fitzpatrick displayed good early season form and was soon promoted.

I would like to extend my appreciation to Rolf Kinsey for scoring, and keeping a watchful eye on the off-the-field activities, as well as displaying remarkable accuracy in giving "verbal" action replays of Brian's 76 wickets.

In retrospect a most enjoyable and satisfactory season, and the prospect of an even better one next year.

Third Grade Batting

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
G. Anderson	13	4	72*	280	31.11
K. Turner	17	3	68	415	29.64
E. Meth	6	4	38	55	27.50
J. Stewart	8	1	47	189	27.0
D. Felton	7	2	36	121	24.2
P. Radnidge	19	1	93	403	22.3
S. Green	5	—	35	93	18.6
D. Turner	8	1	39*	114	16.3
I. Macdonald	5	—	34	77	15.4
M. Stedman	5	—	38	71	14.2
P. Davidson	9	1	26	112	14.0
R. McNeill	9	2	32	96	13.7
G. Macpherson	8	—	29	83	10.4
I. Hendy	10	2	17	63	7.9
B. Kinsey	10	6	6	28	7.0

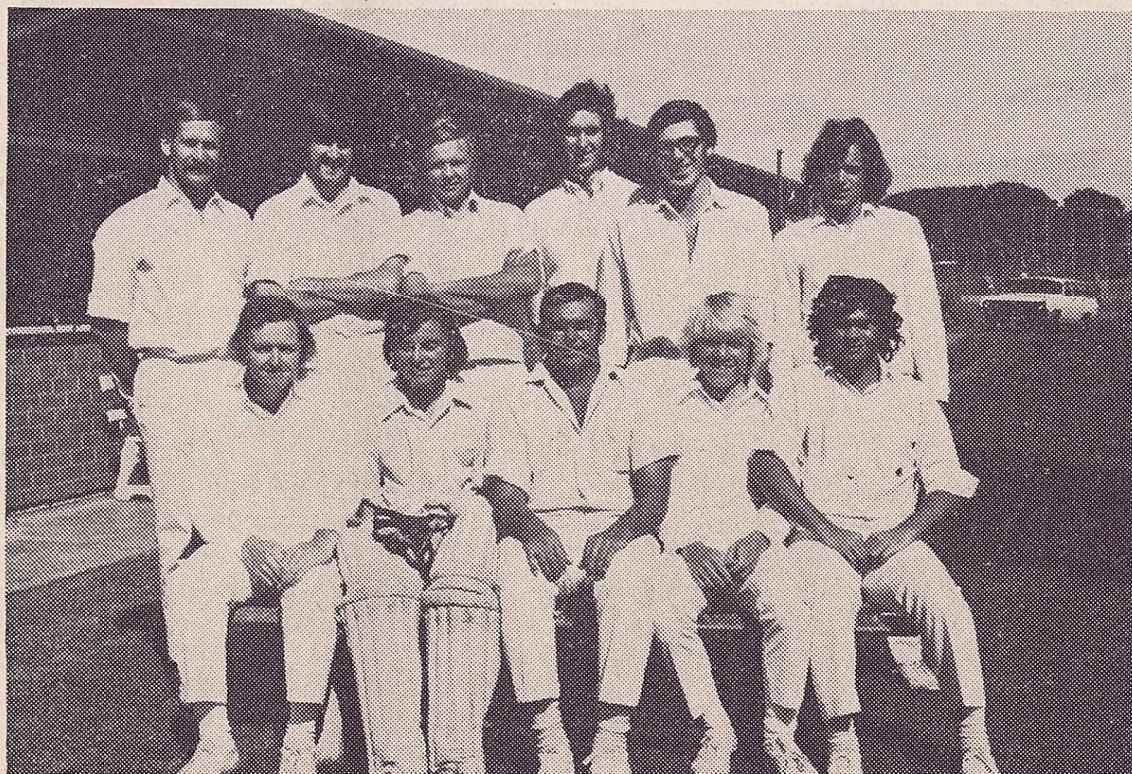
Also Batted: K. Fitzpatrick 3-132, S. Mesite 1-5, R. Pym 4-28, J. Tilbury 1-2, J. Toovey 2-22, D. Allum 1 (1*)-44, D. Hartman 3-10, B. Brown 4-38, G. Horton 2-11, G. Logan 1-13, R. Smith 1-0.

Third Grade Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
B. Kinsey	292	75	76	666	8.76
D. Hartman	91	10	21	267	12.71
I. Macdonald	70.2	13	14	200	14.28
E. Meth	68.7	15	13	186	14.3
R. McNeill	25	1	6	115	19.2
R. Pym	70	4	15	302	20.03
P. Davidson	34	6	6	131	21.8
S. Green	26	4	3	71	23.7
P. Radnidge	23	1	2	91	45.5
G. Horton	27	6	1	72	72.0

Also Bowled: D. Felton 0-23, G. Anderson 0-17, J. Stewart 2-41, B. Brown 1-2, J. Toovey 0-5, G. Macpherson 0-4, D. Turner 0-24, K. Turner 0-11.

FOURTH GRADE PREMIER TEAM



L. to R.: Jim Toovey, Neil Boden, Norm Macdonald, Steve Green, Jeff Barratt, Peter Davidson. Front Row: Tony Ward, Tom Purcell, Dick Woodfield (c), Greg Simpson, Sam Mesite.

FOURTH GRADE REPORT

In contrast to the previous season Fourth Grade this season was a real team; only 24 players were required and of those, two played every game, another two missed only one match, several more played every game after early season problems and Sam Mesite managed most despite the onslaughts of his team mates. You don't often win a competition, let alone create a first for a Club with such length of tradition as Manly-Warringah, especially when the grades above you are also doing very well. When you do, one tends to look for reasons in the hope that the same thing can be repeated, either by basically the same team in a higher grade next season and/or by a new group of players in the same grade. If you can find reasons and achieve a degree of success in the future, the real gain is to the game of cricket more than to any individual, although the individual comes to realise what proper, conscientious giving of his best for the benefit of others can do.

As captain of the side I can very easily and truthfully say that this was the best Fourth Grade team I could ever hope to see. From the point of view of sheer ability we had everything — on paper — yet the number of times we struggled to a very close victory would make the cricket purists doubt if we could bat our way out of a wet brown paper bag. Maybe the significant factor is that we never lost a close game, whether we had to win with a last wicket partnership or a brilliant bowling and fielding effort when we did not have enough runs to play with.

On only two occasions did the opposition score over 150 runs against us and on both of these we won; on eight occasions we had the opposition out for less than 100 and only once in this situation were we beaten. This must indicate a very strong attack and in this respect Jeff Barratt, Steve Green and, until his promotion, Dick Pym were responsible for some almost incredible feats of skill, sometimes combined with sheer speed which would have been envied by the Second Grade captain. In addition we had Tony Ward, who, apart from scoring the only century for the team during the season, took ten catches, mostly in slips, and gave the bowlers the confidence they needed to force batsmen into mistakes. He also bowls mean off-spinners, occasional leg spinners, keeps wickets in emergencies and backs racehorses with a degree of success. On the odd occasions when the opening attack failed there was always ample medium pace support from Jim Toovey, whose line with the ball was almost as good as it was in professional and other respects, Greg Horton, Norm MacDonald, Peter Davidson and others.

Greg Simpson, despite his youth, provided most of the spin and, although eased into the attack on many occasions, there were several situations when he accepted an almost desperate responsibility thrust on him and picked up vital wickets. Greg also featured in several last ditch partnerships which saved the day for us and he can expect to hold a higher spot in the batting order in most teams in which he plays in the future.

It is very difficult to say anything constructive about the batting, except that someone — from No. 1 to No. 11 — seemed to manage to come good at the right time. Early in the season Mark Stedman batted beautifully and went on to prove his ability in Third Grade and Poidevin Gray. Peter Davidson and Neil Boden came into the team late in the season and performed very consistently. It was very comforting for the rest of the team to know that they were there for the semi-final and final. Jim Toovey did not really shine until the final when he demonstrated just how important guts are.

Sam Mesite produced several flashes of brilliance and must be regarded as a player of the future. What can you say about Norm MacDonald except that he scored two astonishing seventies, kept the team together with his rather unusual sense of humour and is the only player in the history of cricket to be out, in a final, stung by a bee. While talking about the batting one should not fail to mention again Jeff Barratt, the only one to score over 300 runs, and in particular his match-saving innings against North Sydney when he came in with the score at 7 for 35 and smashed a brilliant, chanceless 53, which put us right back into the game.

No team can be complete without a wicket-keeper and Tom Purcell is more than that; he is a dog lover, which nearly cost us a game. Nevertheless, he took 13 catches and four stumpings, coming into the side late because of studies. He will be a great wicket-keeper, is a great stirrer, and will always be an asset to a team. He also wields a mean bat and with the exercise of a little discretion could be a great batsman.

I would like to express my thanks to Jenny, our scorer; Ann, our tea-lady; and Les, our zealous groundsman; all of whom took such an active interest. I would also like to pay a tribute to those often forgotten people, the Administrators of the Club, whose support throughout and encouragement towards the end of the season was so much appreciated by captain and players alike.

Fourth Grade Batting

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
P. Davidson	9	1	37	178	22.25
M. Stedman	8	0	39	169	21.12
J. Barratt	18	1	53	340	20.00
R. Woodfield	17	10	29	135	19.28
A. Ward	14	—	103	258	18.43
J. Toovey	13	—	44	224	17.23
S. Mesite	17	1	50	275	17.19
T. Purcell	14	1	34	215	16.54
N. Boden	7	—	44	103	14.71
N. MacDonald	20	2	77	256	14.22
J. Tilbury	5	—	48	71	14.20
S. Green	11	3	38	112	14.00
R. Pym	4	—	27	55	13.75
G. Simpson	16	4	31	142	11.83
G. Horton	7	—	30	68	9.71

Also Batted: R. Smith 4-30, J. Rayment 4-16, D. Turner 3-72, G. Macpherson 2-20, P. Vernon 2-11, R. Green 1-3, J. Logan 1-3, B. Brown 1-0, G. Hamilton 1-0.

Fourth Grade Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
S. Green	115.7	29	33	279	8.46
J. Barratt	142.5	28	42	386	9.18
G. Simpson	83	9	30	332	11.06
R. Pym	38	6	12	133	11.08
J. Toovey	58	12	11	148	13.45
R. Woodfield	108.1	27	16	279	17.44

Also Bowled: N. MacDonald 2-35, G. Horton 4-109, A. Ward 3-83, J. Logan 2-7, D. Turner 1-0, R. Green 1-22, J. Rayment 1-31, S. Mesite 1-6, N. Boden 0-5, T. Purcell 0-14, P. Davidson 0-30.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT — FIFTH GRADE "A"

(BRUCE HENRY — CAPTAIN)

This was one of the most successful seasons for this grade in recent years, with seven wins, seven losses, and a draw. This was aided greatly by having a reasonably stable team, even though a total of 29 players participated during the season. The season was highlighted by a good win over Gordon who finished as Minor Premiers.

The bowling was the strength of the team with only a few teams scoring 150 runs against us. An outstanding performance was given by Robert Green, who captured 36 wickets at an average of 8.7. His accuracy and use of flight enabled his off-breaks to trouble many teams. Dave Perse also had a very good season with 24 wickets. He opened the bowling with determination, and moved the ball through the air and off the wicket. The bowlers were supported by good fielding, although there were occasional lapses in concentration.

Once again the batting was the weak point of the team but was more consistent than the previous year. Graham Hamilton scored 170 runs in 6 innings but, unfortunately, was transferred interstate on business. Opening batsman Ross Smith batted aggressively throughout and will improve when he gains more concentration. Greg Hill and Steve Marshall both batted consistently and showed they have great potential for future seasons.

On the whole it was a successful and enjoyable season with all players remaining enthusiastic throughout. Many players showed they have the potential to play in higher grades next season, although all batsmen will have to show greater concentration to improve their performances.

Fifth Grade "A" Batting

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
R. Smith	10	—	198	53	19.80
J. Rayment	9	1	108	32	13.50
S. Marshall	13	—	171	43	13.16
G. Flowers	9	2	84	46	12.00
P. Smith	16	1	170	87	11.33
G. Hill	14	2	135	27	11.25
B. Henry	21	1	217	48	10.85
R. Green	17	4	88	15*	6.77
D. Perse	14	4	53	11*	5.30
G. Ashton	10	1	42	10	4.66

Also Batted: G. Hamilton 6-170, N. Rose 5-89, M. Maguire 5-87, P. Vernon 5-84, J. Tilbury 5-64, A. Goddard 6-50, N. Boden 2-99, A. Ward 3-52, P. Harvey 1-11, G. Robson 3-16, B. Brown 1-5, R. Bharadwaja 4-12, P. Harris 3-9, R. Hough 4-8, A. Milne 2-4, B. Cook 2-1, R. Toolin 3-0, G. Horton 4-25, N. Edwards 1-1.

Fifth Grade "A" Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.	Best
R. Green	109.6	16	313	36	8.69	7-49
G. Horton	48.0	9	134	13	10.31	7-35
R. Hough	45.4	3	166	12	13.83	5-33
D. Perse	138.0	21	398	24	16.58	5-52
B. Henry	60.0	5	238	11	21.64	3-22
M. Maguire	37.0	6	132	3	44.00	1-6
G. Ashton	30.0	4	150	2	75.00	1-37

Also Bowled: J. Rayment 25.4-2-94-6, R. Smith 20.5-3-51-5, G. Hamilton 14-2-49-1, G. Flowers 16-0-74-1, A. Goddard 6-0-25-2, G. Robson 3-1-5-1, J. Tilbury 18.2-3-54-3, N. Edwards 6-0-24-0, R. Toolin 13.4-0-82-3, P. Harvey 6-0-12-2, N. Boden 1-0-3-1, G. Hill 12-0-75-4, P. Bharadwaja 17-3-43-2, P. Vernon 8.3-0-23-2.

Played 15: Won on First Innings 7; Lost Outright 1; Lost on First Innings 6, Drawn 1.

No. of Players Used: 29.

FIFTH GRADE "B" REPORT

While we may have been wooden-spooners of the competition, we were, at all times, a good mix. Fortunes varied considerably for everyone, but everything considered, the team served a useful purpose to the Club and all team members were pleased to make whatever contribution they could to this purpose.

Of the batsmen, Jeff Logan was definitely the leader. He was fearless in his attitude — sometimes to his downfall — but he displayed an alert eye, a tendency to want to hook too much, and some sharp fielding. With a little caution on his part, he could prove an entertaining and heavy scoring batsman next season.

Although of a different category, Peter Harris ranked strongly for his determination and enthusiasm. He endured many difficult opening overs and displayed, as an example, a high degree of tenacity, to the rest of the team. As the wicket-keeper and vice-captain, he was conscientious at all times, giving every bowler — particularly the erratic ones — every support.

A comparative newcomer, Bob Baker, of Lismore, played two excellent and most entertaining innings to average 31 out of three times at bat.

Honours also go to Graham McLarn and Nigel Rose for consistent results as batsmen, with a "visiting performance" of 55 from B. Brown, a 26 not out from Greg Horton and for sheer enthusiasm and support to the team, Kevin Sekulich and Ian MacDonald.

Of other batsmen to be watched immediately in the future, there is Phil Clay, Greg Ashton and Garth Trengrove. There are other dark horses who will succeed with just a little more effort.

On the bowling side Mike Maguire was the most consistent performer taking 14 wickets at 17.9. At times he demonstrated plenty of fire and lift, but other times he lacked the impetus of which he is capable. With greater personal effort, he will be a consistent performer in higher grades.

Kevin Sekulich, towards the end of the season, showed his value as an off-spinner, bowling with a tantalising consistency.

We were unfortunate in not seeing enough of Alan Coggin whose seven wickets cost only 10.9 runs each.

Bowlers of promise are Steve Atkinson (off-breaker), Paul Chadwick and Greg Robson. Graham McLarn, Nigel Rose and Doug Dessaix turned in some good performances, and the honours for enthusiasm and improvement go to Peter Langley.

For the support of Steve Swan, Gary Flowers, R. Bharawadja, Derek Norquoy, Glen Lowe, Peter Warning, Alan Goddard, Peter Mack and others, we are exceedingly grateful.

All in all, it was a happy season with nothing to speak of in the way of outstanding results, but nevertheless there is keenness and strong spirit awaiting to show its calibre next summer.

Fifth Grade "B" Batting

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
J. Logan	18	2	53	273	17.0
N. Rose	11	1	37	133	13.3
M. McGuire	12	—	24	107	8.9
P. Harris	18	—	18	146	8.1
S. Swan	12	2	18*	78	7.8
D. Whetham	18	7	15*	81	7.4
I. MacDonald	18	—	16	111	6.2
P. Clay	11	—	23	65	5.9
K. Sekulich	21	1	19	112	5.6

Also Batted: B. Brown 1-55, R. Baker 3-72, G. McLarn 4-60, A. Coggin 4-34, R. Bharawadja 7-60, G. Flowers 7-69, G. Trengove 4-38, P. Chadwick 1-9, D. Hough 4-15, D. Dessaix 4-29, D. Norquay 7-36, P. Langley 4-9, G. Ashton 5-16, A. Goddard 2-6, P. Warning 3-6, P. Mack 2-3, S. Atkinson 4-4, G. Lowe 7-4, G. Robson 1-0, B. Cook 1-11, J. Rayment 1-10, G. Horton 1-26, L. Whetham 1-0, C. Shearer 1-0.

Fifth Grade "B" Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
A. Coggin	24	4	7	76	10.9
S. Atkinson	18	4	5	57	11.4
P. Trengove	22	3	5	82	16.4
M. McGuire	78	11	14	250	17.9
G. Horton	20	2	3	55	18.3
G. McLaren	32	—	8	148	18.5
K. Sekulich	61	—	12	251	20.9
G. Ashton	15	1	4	87	21.9
P. Clay	20	—	5	116	23.2
P. Chadwick	15	—	3	80	26.7
J. Logan	40	4	4	122	30.5

Also Bowled: D. Dessaix 3-16, P. Langley 3-18, R. Bharawadja 2-36, N. Rose 5-165, S. Mesite 1-36, G. Flowers 2-75, G. Robson 1-38, I. MacDonald 2-118.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT — POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD

(PHIL ALLUM — CAPTAIN)

The team's performance was one of the highlights of the Club's successes this season. A run of six wins saw us placed first in the Northern Division, but, however, playing in the final against Petersham-Marrickville at Waverley Oval, fortune ruled against us for the first time when we fell foul to a shocking wet wicket with the inevitable result, the side being tumbled out for only 73 runs.

The batting throughout the series was very sound, naturally enough, with four First Grade batsmen in the side. Frank Turner once again showed forcefulness with the bat, and his aggressive play provided useful support for the younger players. Kevin Davidson, Bob Jeffrey, Mark Stedman and myself provided the rest of the backbone in the batting, and all players turned in good efforts, especially when really needed.

The performances of the younger players, Sam Mesite, Tony Ward, Don Felton and Greg Horton, particularly under pressure, gave me great heart, and all looks well for the side next season.

David Packer's bowling was one of the reasons for the team's great success. He tallied 15 wickets at a cost of only 14 runs each, and this, for a fast bowler, speaks for itself. David was ably supported by Bob Jeffrey, Greg Horton and Stephen Green in the fast department, whilst Peter Davidson was a very useful player, always managing to break up long partnerships. Eddie Meth was relied upon to provide the spin attack. His bowling was always of a high standard, and his splendid effort of 4-46 against a strong Sydney line-up was typical of his penetration.

Rod McNeill was another young player who made the most of his limited opportunities. I feel Rod will benefit greatly from his experience this season.

The old saying "Hold Catches — Win Matches" rang true for this side. The fielding, combined with unlimited team spirit and will-to-win, was probably the best of any team I have ever played in. Time and time again we looked beaten, but a good catch for a run-out turned the tables our way. Ian Hendy did a fine job behind the stumps and fully appreciated the excellent fielding.

In conclusion I would like to thank the various players of the Club who willingly provided valuable assistance, and to Alan Goddard for his services as scorer.

Poidevin-Gray Shield Batting

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
P. Allum	8	—	68	259	32.3
F. Turner	8	—	75	254	31.7
M. Stedman	4	—	69	118	29.5
K. Davidson	7	—	62	170	24.2
R. Jeffrey	8	—	52	160	20.0
S. Mesite	3	—	36	55	18.3
D. Felton	7	—	35	98	14.0
D. Packer	4	—	32	55	13.7

Also Batted: I. Hendy 4-12, A. Ward 1-18, G. Horton 3-24, E. Meth 2-8,

S. Green 3-8, R. McNeill 1-36, P. Davidson 6-33.

Poidevin-Gray Shield Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
K. Davidson	16	1	6	57	9.5
D. Packer	58	11	15	214	14.2
R. McNeill	12	1	4	57	14.2
F. Davidson	28	5	4	78	19.5
S. Green	16	—	3	66	22.0
E. Meth	59	11	10	223	22.3
R. Jeffrey	29	4	4	133	33.25

Also Bowled: F. Turner 2-36, D. Felton 1-28, G. Horton 1-5, P. Allum 1-11, M. Stedman 0-4.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD REPORT

(PETER DAVIDSON — MANAGER)

The squad comprised thirteen players, with Greg Horton as captain, Greg Ashton, Ron Asser, Greg Bettridge, Peter Bloomfield, Mark Burke, Mark Byers, Greg Hill, Mike McGuire, Rod McNeill, Greg Simpson, Ross Smith and A. Weekes.

The team played eight matches for five wins, one tie and two losses. The side combined well to win the Northern Division, and qualify for the final in which it was beaten by a strong St. George team at Drummoyne Oval.

Although the team played well together, individual performances were the main reason for the team's success. Experience gained by players from previous Green Shield sides, and the Grade competition was evident in players performances such as Greg Horton, Greg Simpson, Mick McGuire, Greg Hill and Rod McNeill. These players provided the backbone of the team, and their enthusiasm soon spread to the other younger members of the side.

Outstanding batting performances for the team were Greg Hill's 104 not out, a patient and determined innings. Greg Horton's 99 was in a typical aggressive manner, whilst Greg Simpson's 75 not out in the final was particularly well earned.

Mick McGuire was called upon to provide the fire in the attack, and was ably supported by Greg Horton and Ross Smith. The spin attack was particularly strong with Rod McNeill, Greg Simpson and Greg Campbell providing plenty of discomfort for the opposition.

The wickets were efficiently kept by Mark Byers, who, for the competition, took 15 catches, six dismissals in the final, and featured in a number of run-outs.

Good sportsmanship was always displayed by the players resulting in a most enjoyable competition. The team was fortunate to have the services of Mrs. McNeill and other mothers to provide the afternoon teas and drinks, etc.

A. W. Green Shield Batting

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
G. Simpson	7	1	75*	208	34.7
G. Horton	8	1	99	222	31.7
G. Hill	9	1	104*	240	30.0
M. McGuire	9	2	46	158	22.5
G. Ashton	6	2	64	86	21.5

Also Batted: M. Byers 8-142, R. Smith 8-116, R. McNeill 9-110, P. Bloomfield 9-75, G. Campbell 5-20, M. Bourke 6-31, R. Asser 6-24.

A. W. Green Shield Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
M. McGuire	105	19	21	322	15.3
G. Horton	91	20	17	271	15.9
R. Smith	76	10	16	263	16.4
R. McNeill	100	12	19	398	20.9
G. Campbell	16	—	6	142	23.7

Also Bowled: G. Hill 1-5, G. Simpson 1-100, G. Ashton 0-18, R. Asser 0-5.

THE CITY AND SUBURBAN TEAM REPORT

(By N. BOUVENG)

The team had an enjoyable season after some early set-backs; old father time is creeping on in the bowling department.

Evergreen Bill Hoy finished with the most wickets, Phil Newman the most runs and the wicket-keeping was in the capable hands of Graham Marshall, who finished with eight catches and four stumpings, Andy Thorburn also took eight catches.

Towards the end of the season, there was some very tight bowling by H. Frazer and P. Driver.

One of our top batsman was missed this year when M. Handcock moved to Hong Kong.

City and Suburban Batting

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
D. Newman	17	—	60	343	20.3
D. Elbourn	17	3	25	183	13.1
H. Frazer	13	2	26	138	10.8
B. Stevenson	15	2	23	106	8.1
N. Bouveng	22	—	23	197	8.0
McPherson	9	—	39	72	8.0
L. Cameron	8	—	22	60	7.4
P. Driver	15	3	29	84	7.0
D. Hunter	9	—	15	52	5.7
A. Thorburn	15	—	18	85	5.6
B. Wylie	22	3	21	91	4.7

Also Batted: M. Hardman 3-85; T. Gursansky 12-45; L. Loche 11-42; W. Hoy 11-28; C. Watson 5-26; Dempsey 1-2; G. Trent 1-1; A. Cameron 1-3; B. Watson 1-7; P. Davidson 1-14; A. Frazer 2-114; M. Handcock 1-0.

City and Suburban Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
P. Hunter	58	3	16	232	14.3
P. Driver	86	7	21	334	15.9
P. Newman	33	—	11	184	16.7
W. Hoy	87	—	27	507	18.7
A. Thorburn	57	7	14	270	19.2
H. Frazer	68	7	13	260	20.0

Also Bowled: B. Stevenson 8-38, G. Trent 6-84, B. Wylie 5-250, A. Cameron 3-113, N. Bouveng 2-9, L. Cameron 1-77, G. Marshall 1-16, McPherson 1-29, K. Davidson 1-13, T. Gursansky 0-15, P. Davidson 0-34.

“C2” GRADE REPORT

(REPORTED BY DOUG DESSAIX — PLAYER-MANAGER)

This team represented the Club in the M.W.C.A.'s hard wicket competition, and was comprised of players not selected in the grade teams at the commencement of the season. The idea of keeping these young players together in this way proved very successful, so much so, in fact, that as well as being the source from which vacancies were filled during the season in the 5th Grade sides, the team as a whole withdrew from the competition late in the season, joined the 5th “B” boys and so kept that team in the field when great difficulty was being experienced.

The team played with plenty of enthusiasm, and met with some success, winning six of the nine matches played. Its fielding, both on the ground and in the air was excellent, and was no doubt instrumental in its successes.

Players to improve as the season advanced were Garth Trengove, Steve Atkinson, Peter Warning, Peter Mack, Ray Parsons and Bob Baker. Nigel Rose batted only twice before being promoted to 5th Grade, scoring a well put together 97 against Terrey Hills.

As Manager I enjoyed looking after the lads whose behaviour throughout the season was a credit to the Club.

"C2" Batting

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
D. Dessaix	11	4	61	239	34.14
R. Baker	9	3	50*	119	19.83
P. Mack	12	3	26*	119	13.22
G. Trengove	11	—	28	115	10.45
R. Parsons	12	2	14	74	7.4
G. Bettridge	8	1	8	22	3.14
S. Atkinson	8	—	13	25	3.12

Also Batted: N. Rose 2-117, T. Collyer 1-23, P. Chadwick 4-60, A. Milne 6-74, D. Hough 1-11, R. Taylor 4-28, P. Warning 2-10, S. Waterer 5-6.

"C2" Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
R. Baker	48	—	18	116	6.66
R. Parsons	77	—	33	315	9.54
G. Trengove	36	—	14	138	9.85

Also Bowled: S. Atkinson 8-32, P. Chadwick 6-86, D. Dessaix 4-56, N. Rose 3-44.

SUCCESSFUL CLUBS

Our very hearty congratulations to the Balmain Club, which, whilst not gaining a Premiership, retained the coveted Club Championship it won the previous season.

To the following Premiership Clubs we also extend our sincere congratulations:

First Grade	WESTERN SUBURBS
Second Grade	ST. GEORGE
Third Grade	SUTHERLAND
Fifth Grade	GORDON
Poidevin-Gray Shield	PETERSHAM-MARRICKVILLE
A. W. Green Shield	ST. GEORGE

We thank our fellow clubs for their congratulations on our Fourth Grade success, and extend our "well dones" to the encouragement award winners, Northern Districts, Gordon, Balmain, Central-Cumberland and Sutherland.

SOCIAL REPORT

The year's social activities commenced in superb style with a barbecue held in the lovely waterside home of Dr. and Mrs. Spencer, Tom's mother and father, at Clareville on Sunday, 8th October. The venue and the day itself was a beautiful one, the food was superb and the liquid refreshment, more than adequate. In total, a most successful function both socially and financially. The Club offers its sincere thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Spencer for the use of their home and to Tom for the part he played in the organisation of the day.

Another very pleasant occasion was that of a social cricket match played at Manly Oval on Sunday, 18th March, between a team comprising of various members of our grade teams and the N.S.W. Ladies' Cricket Association representative team. The cricket itself was very enjoyable and the ladies did credit to themselves in the standard of their performance. A very enjoyable barbecue and social evening followed at the Room at the Top and all present voted it a very happy occasion. An amount of \$150 was raised and donated towards the expenses of those members of the N.S.W. Ladies' team about to tour overseas with the Australian representative team.

The Annual Dinner Dance held at Long Reef Golf Club on 27th April was again a wonderful night, there being 120 present and although it was not intended as a fund-raising function, the income more than covered the expenditure. Sincere thanks are offered to Alex Anderson, the Secretary, for his organisation and to the Treasurer, Peter Harvey, for the excellent work he did in collecting the "tab."

As in past years, the Room at the Top served as an excellent venue for Club members and visiting teams to fraternise after the game whilst it again was a source of worthwhile revenue to the Club. Sincere thanks are offered to all those who assisted in this regard and to the wives and mothers who not only supplied and served afternoon tea each Saturday but who also played a very big part in the success of the barbecue on the occasion of the ladies' match.

All in all it was another successful year socially and the income derived from the year's activities was \$594.

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

With a view to improving the playing conditions and facilities for our younger players, your committee embarked on a quite heavy spending campaign. The expenditure of some \$880.00 made up from \$400.00 to Manly Council as a contribution towards a heavier roller at Graham Reserve, and \$440.00 for sight screens at the same ground, will of course, reduce the income of the Club in future years by virtue of less interest from accumulated funds. Nevertheless, the improvements in general at Grahams is an asset to the Club in its fostering of the youthful talent it has. This will, of course, explain the large increase in expenditure on Materials and Repairs over the previous year, hence the large deficit in general activities.

It will be noticed from the Balance Sheet that the Bank Savings account and the Bank Club Centenary Fund account have been closed, and a Savings Investment Account opened. This was done with a view to consolidating all accounts so that a greater rate of interest could be earned from current funds. An overdraft of \$35.00 is also shown in the Balance Sheet, which, at the time of writing, has been cleared.

Although the Centenary Fund Account has been closed, strict record is being kept of its value, which, at present is \$325.00.

Each year it seems Financial Reports emphasise the difficulty the responsible officers have in collecting annual subscriptions and weekly batting fees, and it is currently being considered that a flat rate, subscription and fees, be levied on each player according to age, at the start of each season. The amount levied to be paid either in full, or by an installment system to be determined.

Finally, whilst the Club had a fairly successful year, the heavy expenditure on major items mentioned above will reduce the income of the Club in future years, and one must be watchful.

PUBLICITY

The excellent publicity normally enjoyed by the Club may well have been interrupted this season but for the timely holidays taken by son of Maurice, Barney Murray, a journalist with the "Australian" in Canberra. Maurice underwent a serious operation early in the season and this, followed by convalescence, found him out of circulation. Barney, a wicket-keeper of no mean ability, promptly took leave and stepped into the breach. That few realised the happening was a tribute to both father and son.

We, together with most sports in the district, receive tremendous publicity by the pen of Maurice Murray, and this together with the splendid action shots by the "Daily" sharp-shooters, Dave Fullagar and Bob Martin, make their paper probably the most interesting of all local publications.

We are happy to report that Maurice is now fully recovered from his set-back, but has been well advised to take things easy. We express our grateful thanks to him and son Barney for keeping our flag flying.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

To the time of going to press your Committee had met on 11 occasions. Attendances generally were excellent and much fruitful discussion held. Individual attendances in alphabetical order were as follows:—

A. Anderson 10, R. Beard 10, L. Carter 5 (leave of absence whilst overseas), B. C. Cook 1, T. S. Felton 7, K. Fitzpatrick 8, P. H. Harvey 9, J. F. Hodgson 9, R. Holmes 8, M. Howell 6, B. Kinsey 7, R. Kinsey 9, K. Nichol 9, J. Packer 8, S. Sismey 5, L. Soman 1, T. Spencer 6, J. G. Stephenson 6, F. Turner 9.

All meetings were held at the Manly Rugby Union Club, and we express our thanks to its Committee for the hospitality extended to us.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

New South Wales Cricket Association — Once again it has been a pleasure to work in co-operation with Mr. Alan Barnes, and his two capable and genial assistants, Bob Radford and John Clough. They are never failing in courtesy and helpfulness, and it is gratifying to have the opportunity of recording our appreciation to them and the office staff which also reflects the general well-being of the Association.

New South Wales Umpires Association — What can one say of this dedicated band of cricket supporters? That our game would be so much less enjoyable without them is unquestionable. That perhaps some players would do well to remember that their ability as cricketers falls short of these gentlemen's ability as umpires. There should be, and there is in most cases, no limit to the respect and appreciation shown to them.

The coaching and examinations of the younger players in the Laws of Cricket, followed by the presentation of certificates of success is a splendid example of the love of the game these fellows have, and we commend the Umpires Association for the drive exhibited to improve the knowledge of cricket in the youth within the game.

Manly Municipal Council and Warringah Shire Council — Our Club is indeed fortunate to have two Councils with the appreciation of the needs of the district in regard to sport. Their co-operation and assistance remains constant over the years and we trust that our efforts to provide entertainment for the lovers of our game is some reward for the support the Councillors and Aldermen extend to us. Here we must also express our appreciation of the splendid attention given our facilities by the groundsmen in charge, and to all concerned we say a sincere thank you.

There are so many supporters who deserve our appreciation, our Hon. Auditor, Mr. J. G. W. Vallance, who has looked after us for so many years, but who only the Treasurer meets. Our Vice-Presidents and Associate Members who continue to help us in varied ways, and last, but not in any way least, the Ladies, bless them for their patience and generously given services at our social functions, barbecues, and particularly the afternoon teas so regularly and delightfully presented.

For and on behalf of the Management Committee.

J. F. HODGSON, President.

ALEX ANDERSON, Honorary Secretary.

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 - Annual grants to Metropolitan juniors — \$600.
 - Annual awards and coaching classes for A. W. Green Shield Juniors — \$200.
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The Committee also makes a point of entertaining visiting international and interstate cricketers, in fact, the latter invariably make a bee line for the Club as soon as they arrive in Sydney

So if you are interested to join, please write or telephone for all details of membership to:—

The Secretary,
Cricketers Club of New South Wales,
254 George Street,
SYDNEY. Telephone: 27-6893.

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

The Manly Club has pleasure in making this space available to the Cricketers Club and any member wishing a nomination form should contact the Hon.-Secretary, Alex Anderson.

Manly-Warringah District Cricket Club — Balance Sheet as at 30th April, 1973

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
71-72		71-72	
Creditors			
—	Bank of N.S.W. 35	527	Equipment, Caps, Badges at Cost 349
269	Club Centenary Fund 325	2,700	Australian Guarantee Corporation 2,700
139	Professional Coaching Fund 139		Debentures (at cost)
—	Sundry 177		Bank of N.S.W.:
		856	General Account —
		123	Savings Account —
408		269	Club Centenary Fund Account —
		—	Savings Investment Account 1,255
			1,255
1,343	ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT:		
32	Balance 30th April, 1972 1,311	1,248	Petty Cash on Hand 6
	Less Excess Expenditure over In-	19	Prepayments —
1,311	come 905	212	Sundry Debtors 363
	Accumulation Account		
	Social Fund:		
2,253	Balance 30th April, 1972 2,997		
744	Add Excess Income over Expen-		
	diture 594		
2,997			
4,716		4,716	4,673

B. HARVEY, Honorary Treasurer (B.Comm.)

I report that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Account of the 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, 1973, 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.

J. G. W. VALLANCE, Honorary Auditor

Dated 7th June, 1973.

Manly-Warringah District Cricket Club — Income and Expenditure Account Year Ended 30th April, 1973

EXPENDITURE		INCOME		
71-72		71-72		
1,085	Materials and Repairs	376	Knockout Competition	117
50	Club Centenary Fund	523	Subscriptions, Members and Associates	468
266	Printing, Stationery, Advertising	169	Donations	261
19	Insurance	785	Playing Fees less Ground Rental	940
200	Postage and Telephone	71	Interest Received	273
80	Donations and Presentations	45	Contributions — Cricketers Club and Manly Rugby Union Club	30
295	Miscellaneous Expenses	2	Miscellaneous Income	1
	MANLY OVAL:	200	N.S.W.C.A. Grant	200
241	Gross Takings	8	Net Surplus on Sale of Caps	(5)
84	Less Wages	—	Net Surplus on Sale of Badges, etc.	—
350	Less Rentals	32	Surplus Expenditure of Income transferred to Accumulation A/c	905
193	Excess Expendit. over Income			
23	Life Members Badges			
2,211		2,211		3,190

Manly-Warringah District Cricket Club — Social Statement for the Year Ended 30th April, 1973

71-72		71-72	
66	Cost of bus for Golf Day	656	Net Income from various activities
	Balance of Income over Expenditure transferred to Social Fund:	154	Interest Received
744	Accumulation Account		
810		810	

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)

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