
*Manly-Warringah District
Cricket Club*

Founded 1878



97th Annual Report
and
Balance Sheet



SEASON 1974-75

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

NOTICE is hereby given that the **NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**, and **ANNUAL DINNER** (see below) of the **MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB** will be held in the **MANLY RUGBY UNION CLUB**, cnr. Sydney Road and West Promenade, Manly (opposite Manly Oval), on **WEDNESDAY, 9th JULY, 1975**, at 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

BUSINESS:

1. To receive the Ninety-Seventh Annual Report of the General Committee and the Honorary Treasurer's Balance Sheet.
2. Notice of Motion to alter Rule 11 of the Club's Constitution.
3. To present Caps and Photographs to the players of the Third Grade Premiership Team, and Photographs to the First Grade Runners-up.
4. To elect Office-Bearers and General Committee for the ensuing year.
5. To transact any other business that may be brought forward in conformity with the Constitution of the Club.

78 Woodland St.,
Balgowlah 2093

Alex. Anderson,
Hon. Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE

In combining, for the first time, our Annual Meeting with a social function, the Club hopes that members will bring along their ladies and friends to further participate in its activities.

The dinner will be a smorgasbord, and refreshments will be available to order.

A charge of \$3.50 adult, and \$2.00 junior, will be made.

The formal business listed above will be kept as brief as possible and will be conducted at intervals during the evening.

The Club is anxious that this innovation proves successful, and appeals to all members to help make it so by their attendance.

R.S.V.P.: 2-7-75 — Phone: 94-2409

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



OFFICE-BEARERS — 1974-75



Patrons:

The Mayor of Manly; President of Warringah Shire

President: J. F. Hodgson

Senior Vice-Presidents:

R. Beard; L. P. Carter; M. Howell; S. G. Sismey; J. G. Stephenson

Vice-Presidents:

The Aldermen of Manly Municipal Council; Councillors of Warringah Shire Council; Sir Robert Askin; and Messrs. D. Allum; A. Anderson; L. Barnes; J. Blades; K. Brady; T. F. Brooks; L. A. Cameron; B. C. Cook; B. H. Couston; E. D. Darby, M.L.A.; D. Dessaix; T. S. Felton; H. Frazer; Dr. J. Garner; K. C. Gulliver; C. Harris; R. Harvey; C. K. Hayman; C. M. Hayman; H. F. Hayman; R. O. Healey, M.L.A.; W. Hoy; R. H. Kinsey; A. Lee; D. Macdonald; B. Miles; N. E. Morton; M. Murfin; J. Packer; L. Pawley; A. J. Peck; C. R. Philpott; D. Piper; E. Robinson; A. Rogers; D. S. Sainsbery; C. Searle; W. Simpson; N. Travers; P. A. Trim; A. W. Turner; J. Vallance; J. R. Veitch; A. E. A. Viney, M.L.A.; W. Weight; R. Woodfield.

Honorary Secretary: Alex Anderson

Honorary Treasurer: R. H. Kinsey

Hon. Assistant Secretary: K. J. Turner

Publicity Officer: A. W. Turner

Honorary Auditor: J. G. W. Vallance

Delegates to N.S.W.C.A. J. F. Hodgson, Alex Anderson

Delegates to M.W.S.U. K. Nichol, P. Stephenson

Delegates to M.W.C.A. R. Holmes, M. Pawley

Delegates to C. & S. Assoc. H. Frazer, N. Bouveng

General Committee:

K. Brady; K. Fitzpatrick; P. H. Harvey; R. Holmes (Res. 15-10-74);
G. Howlett; B. Kinsey; K. Nichol; M. Pawley; P. G. Stephenson;
P. Thrush (Elected 15-10-74)

Honorary Life Members:

T. F. Brooks; B. C. Cook; C. K. Hayman; C. M. Hayman; J. F. Hodgson;
W. Hoy; P. I. Philpott; C. Searle; L. A. Soman

Deceased Honorary Life Members:

B. S. Adrian; C. B. Cochrane; G. M. Dunlop; L. W. Gwynne; C. M.
Hayes; C. A. Lawrence; G. W. Lowe, M.B.E.; W. S. Mitchell;
R. A. Oxlade; R. Pitt; J. A. Randall.

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT — 1974-75

Gentlemen,

As will be seen by the notice convening it, our Annual General Meeting this year will be combined with a social function. In doing this we feel that the Committee can fulfill its obligation to account to members for its management, and at the same time involve the greatest possible cross-section of members, parents, wives and girl friends in our activities.

Our 97th year was again a successful one, both on and off the field. The various team reports tell their own story, and if the First Grade was unsuccessful in defending their Premiership, they were at least Runners-up. On the other hand, Third Grade, who were Runners-up last year, won the Mitchell Cup this year — last held by this Club in 1969-70. For both of these teams to contest the Final in consecutive years was a great performance, and a great tribute to the two Captains, Mike Pawley and Graham Howlett. It is apparent throughout the Club, however, that our batting is extremely brittle, with players who are primarily selected for their bowling, finishing the season with averages as good as, or even better than, players selected for batting alone. There must obviously be a more positive approach by these batsmen if we are ever to win the coveted Club Championship, and perhaps pre-season coaching sessions for the younger batsmen by experienced players might assist them to a better mental approach to the task of building an innings.

While, in the light of our results it is possible to look forward to the future with hope, the source of our future playing strength is worrying. Our present generation of senior cricketers both in Manly-Warringah and elsewhere in N.S.W. have had the benefit of cricket at high school level, and of coaching on Saturday morning. Due to changes in the education system on the one hand, and of a surfeit of all-day games on the other, this no longer holds true, and the effects are beginning to be felt in Grade cricket. Too many youngsters lack the basic fundamentals, and it would seem that unless we can find a way to overcome this problem, we will find it difficult even to maintain — let alone improve — our playing standards. This problem is recognised by the Association and the State Coach, Peter Spence, but it is one that we must also recognise and face for ourselves, as a Club.

Another matter affecting the future of cricket (although not so difficult to overcome) is the persistent reports of exchanges of bad language and personal epithets between players. We have had no complaints about our own Club, but it is timely to remind members of their obligation to the good name that cricket enjoys. Surely none of us will descend to the churlish standards of the ignorant few, who, being insensitive to it themselves, see no wrong in making a public parade of their own ignorance in front of others.

Although we had no representative players at first-class level this year, we did have Tom Brooks who was appointed for all Tests in the M.C.C. Series — a great tribute to Tom's efficiency as an umpire, and a great tribute to his concentration. With our felicitations to Tom, perhaps we could record our appreciation to the umpires generally — they are never less than a credit to the game.

It is premature to say that Terry Lee has played his last game with the Club, for although he will be overseas for a year or so, he hopes to make himself available again on his return. We certainly hope so, for in spite of a lean season with the bat, his slip fielding alone is an invaluable asset to any team in which he plays.

Alan Turner offered his services to us as publicity officer, and it was no fault of Alan's that much of his work was not apparent — because of the direct reporting of our games by the "Manly Daily." For this publicity we are most grateful to the "Daily," and to Paul Simon, their reporter. At the same time we should not overlook Alan, and express our thanks for making his very considerable ability available to us.

As always the Club is indebted to many people, other than Club Members, for its continued well being. Accordingly may we express our thanks:

To Members of both Manly and Warringah Councils and their staffs whose courtesy and consideration were — as usual — unflinching.

To Alan Barnes, Bob Radford, John Wood, Harry Suhan and the girls at N.S.W.C.A. who, in spite of a heavy International season, never failed the Grade Clubs.

To our Vice-Presidents and parents who were not only our loyal supporters, but always on hand to swell the coffers on money-making forays.

To the selectors, whose lot it is to suffer the slings and arrows of outraged members, but who, nonetheless, survived unscathed.

Most certainly to our wives, mothers and girl friends who double as providers of afternoon-teas and staunch supporters.

And finally to our Hon. Auditor, Mr. J. G. W. Vallance.

We regret that at the time of writing Mr. Vallance is in hospital and unable to render us the service he has performed so kindly for so many years. We trust and hope that he is well on his way to recovery by now.

In his absence, Mr. Ian Barnes, an ex-First Grade player of the Club, has very kindly offered to cast his critical eyes over our accounts.

For and on behalf of the General Committee,

J. F. Hodgson, President.

Alex Anderson, Hon. Secretary.

CLUB AWARDS

The Player of the Year, based on a points system involving batting, bowling and fielding, was keenly contested until Graeme Beard's run spree which carried him to a record 135 points to make his a meritorious victory.

Greg Simpson can take satisfaction from leading Terry Lee in the Fielding Award as Terry's slip fielding was supreme but he frequently shared points with notable performances from other first graders.

It is to be hoped that in future years an action shot of the Player of the Year will highlight the cover of our Annual Report.

Final points:

Player of the Year		Fielder of the Year	
G. BEARD	135	G. SIMPSON	23
T. PURCELL	100	T. LEE	21
M. PAWLEY	98	D. PACKER	20

FIRST GRADE REPORT

(By MICK PAWLEY, Captain)

The averages hardly indicate the Firsts could have made the Final but that is only one of the many contradictions the past season has been: Turner and Allum missing from the previous season's premier-ship side, Fraser and Harvey in Seconds by Christmas and most players finding it difficult to bring some semblance of consistency to their performances.

The team average was around one yet we lost only three games before the Final. Against Sutherland a disastrous first innings 73; 130 and easily beaten by a depleted Wests and incredibly 290 against Waverley passed with the opposition only seven down. In contrast meagre totals of 113 vs. Gordon and 130 vs. Mosman and North Sydney resulted in three wins.

Generally our play was indifferent against lowly placed sides with the fielding dropping back to rock bottom at the half-way stage. Against traditional rivals Gordon and Saints the outcricket was inspired. Lee held 20 catches at first slip whilst Howell and Chapman formed excellent close-in specialists.

Ross Chapman in his first season with the Club had a mixed season but he is an excellent Club man who always trained hard and was readily available to advise junior players. He is indeed an asset. Ross and Ian frequently contributed to promising starts but rarely went on with the job. Many collapses saw 1-50 become 5-70 with Terry Lee having one of those seasons you wouldn't wish on yourself.

Through the disappointments Graham Beard stamped himself as a first-class player of the future with three centuries and a near miss as he compiled the scores that one used to expect of Jim Burke. Graham is at his best on faster wickets and plays with great skill and power off the back foot, the essentials for success at higher levels. Very few of the other run-scoring machines of First Grade can boast these attributes. A natural in any fielding position, who can keep an end going with the ball, Graham has all the credentials the State selectors require to boost the Shield side.

Thirteen years after his initial first XI match Paul Stabback had his biggest season, reeling off 80, 60, 60 and 50 in succession, frequently averting batting disaster and chiming in with useful wickets on the

quicker tracks. Very speedy over 16 yards, the big quickie from Pendle Hill was troubled by blurred vision with catches in the deep, possibly a legacy from a spiteful Gordon bouncer that drew profuse quantities of blood from his skull and left him with a priceless family heirloom, his blood-splattered white hat.

Al Fraser slammed the team's other century in the second innings against Sutherland and must have wondered at the fickleness of the game when he was in Seconds several rounds later. A stirring 160 against St. George measured his determination and heralded his return for the final rounds. Rod McNeill was breezing along after 80 and 40 in his first two innings, then felt the pressure of First Grade cricket in later rounds, cracking a rib in the Gordon Semi. Both he and Tom Purcell will have benefitted greatly from this season's experiences.

The bowlers all made a fifty, the batsmen all took a wicket — it was that kind of season. McPherson's 47 against Bankstown after 9-70 can only be described as an act of God but this innings did put pressure on the number 10 spot, the one position not to produce a half century.

Mal Elliot was critical of his own keeping early in the season but he left no doubt he was at his best with outstanding displays in the Finals.

Jeff McPherson's 9 for 46 against North Sydney aside, neither he nor Paul Stephenson bagged five in an innings, but both were consistent enough to keep our heads above water. Jeff snared 46 and landed in Sydney's top six bowlers for the third season in a row — a just reward for his determination and perserverance. His incredible one-hander at fine leg off Ian Davis could only have been rehearsed in his early years on the ant-beds of Cowra.

Paul Stephenson had a slow start but recovered well to take 35 and bowled with great heart to save the Semi against Gordon with a marathon bowling stint which literally left us in the dark. The second new ball was taken by Uni of N.S.W. whilst Paul was at the wicket and he responded by clearing Sydney Road with three hefty drives to bring up his 50.

Mike Pawley's wickets all came before 1975 by which time the Memorial Club had banned him from operating from the northern end of Manly Oval. The final indignity came when one cleverly disguised arm-ball sailed through the first storey window and rolled under a door into the latrine. This was the signal for other would be "leggies" to press their claims for recognition.

The Final was a dismal affair for Manly the bareness of our score being matched only by the state of the wicket. Our score of 113 was easily passed by Petersham three down, their tail fading to be all out for 143. Petersham had gone through the season undefeated and were worthy premiers. Yet the Manly camp was disappointed at its humiliating defeat and finished the season quietly sipping Reschs and considering how events might have been if only . . .

It won't be the same without Terry Lee next season. That in itself is a measure of the enormous contribution he has made over the last 17 years to our Club's history. Still with few holding mortgages on their First Grade positions, next season promises to bring the best out of the old stayers and offers great opportunities to those youngsters who show they have the temperament to perform in Seconds.

Finally, mention must again be made of our popular scorer Keith "Five-O" Brady, who must go close to keeping the most comprehensive scorebook in Sydney and whose efforts during the season were appreciated by all.

FIRST GRADE STATISTICS 74/75

	BATTING						BOWLING				
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Wts.	Runs	Ave.	Cts.
G. Beard	23	3	138	798	39.90	125.7	26	19	358	18.84	9
P. Stabback	18	1	80	432	25.41	88.0	14	17	312	18.35	5
M. Pawley	18	4	59	326	23.29	209.6	29	36	613	17.03	9
R. McNeil	9	1	83	186	23.25	14.0	1	4	96	24.00	2
R. Chapman	21	3	77	409	22.72	3.0	—	1	27	27.00	5
A. Frazer	21	—	124	451	21.48	—	—	—	—	—	4
I. Howell	22	3	54	353	18.58	6.0	—	2	52	26.00	10
J. MacPherson	11	6	47	90	18.00	186.0	29	45	693	15.40	5
T. Lee	22	3	61*	319	16.79	55.0	10	7	161	23.00	20
P. Stephenson	16	5	59	169	15.36	191.0	24	34	724	21.29	6
P. Harvey	8	—	36	108	13.50	—	—	—	—	—	—
T. Purcell	5	1	25*	44	11.00	2.0	—	1	24	24.00	1
M. Elliot	15	6	12	54	6.00	—	—	—	—	—	36

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES: G. Beard 138, 132*, 117, 92; A. Frazer 124; R. McNeil 83; P. Stabback 80, 64, 50; R. Chapman 77; T. Lee 61*, 50; M. Pawley 59, 58; P. Stephenson 59; I. Howell 54.

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES: M. Pawley 7-26, 6-50, 5-23, 5-24; J. Macpherson 9-46, 4-25, 4-32, 4-39; P. Stephenson 5-42, 4-51; G. Beard 4-21; P. Stabback 4-40.

ALSO BATTED: J. Stewart 2-24; D. Packer 1-2; D. Felton 1-0. ALSO BOWLED: D. Packer 3-82; J. Stewart 0-9.

SECOND GRADE REPORT

(By KEN TURNER, Captain)

The final statistics for the season of five wins, eight losses and five draws is not an accurate picture of the team's performance.

At the January long weekend when the side had to win all matches from that point to reach the Semis, the two rain-affected draws when we were in positions of strength put an end to our Semi-Final hopes.

The batting generally showed an improvement on previous seasons, and half way through the season the batsmen were putting together useful scores of over the 200 mark. Tom Purcell showed great potential, and his innings of 93 against Mosman was the highlight of a very consistent effort from him before he was promoted to first grade.

Don Felton had a good season, and it was a shame he often seemed to be dismissed around the 30 mark when he looked as though he was about to tear the attack apart. Against Northern District he did literally take their attack by the scruff of the neck, but unfortunately a declaration prevented him reaching his century. Rod McNeill earned promotion to first grade with some consistent performances.

Jim Stewart and Tim Russell generally opened the innings, and whilst large opening stands never really eventuated, one or the other usually settled in for a sound innings. Tim was the find of the season with the bat, and his driving square of the wicket was a delight to watch. Once Tim overcomes the full-toss he should score many runs, and it is hoped he will return from the out-back in time for next season.

The new ball attack was shared between Dave Packer and Ken Nichol. Unfortunately, neither of them were able to consistently break through early. On numerous occasions, after an early wicket was taken, the second one didn't fall until the score was over the 50 mark, and both generally bowled more accurately in their second spell with the older ball. Brian Kinsey, unfortunately, had only a brief visit to seconds, and was one of the players who suffered through duty commitments with third grade, and after his tremendous effort against Bankstown, in near century temperature, to bowl 17 overs straight for 3 for 44 he was obviously the support bowler both Dave and Ken required, but duty called.

The loss of Tom Spencer to third grade reduced our spin attack to one with little variety, this is no reflection on the ability of Gareth Blades or Bevan White who tussled neck and neck throughout the season, but it did leave the side without a leg-spinner. Both Gareth and Bevan were able to contain nearly all batting sides, and only Cumberland and St. George ever really got the measure of them.

The fielding was of reasonable standard, even though the odd dropped catch cost us dearly — Dave Packer being the outstanding fieldsman. Bevan White was reliable in the slips, and Tom Purcell always safe behind the stumps.

SECOND GRADE STATISTICS

	BATTING					BOWLING					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Wts.	Runs	Ave.	Cts.
T. Purcell	15	4	93	485	44.09	1.0	—	—	12	—	18
G. Hill	8	3	41*	157	31.40	—	—	—	—	—	3
R. McNeill	10	2	91	227	28.37	—	—	—	—	—	2
D. Felton	16	2	84*	345	24.64	2.0	—	—	11	—	6
T. Russell	18	—	96	329	18.27	10.7	2	2	46	23.00	6
J. Stewart	15	1	54	239	17.07	2.0	—	—	6	—	5
P. Harvey	10	—	53	165	16.50	0.2	—	1	—	—	1
G. Blades	12	1	57	179	16.27	139.0	18	27	515	19.07	1
K. Turner	21	3	47*	265	14.72	1.0	—	—	12	—	3
K. Nichol	10	7	21	40	13.33	170.7	17	27	733	27.14	5
T. Spencer	4	2	10*	26	13.00	50.0	1	11	254	23.09	2
S. Mesite	8	—	28	99	12.37	—	—	—	—	—	3
D. Packer	13	1	36	111	9.25	130.0	13	32	603	18.84	7
B. White	11	2	29	73	8.11	137.0	16	26	524	20.15	10

ALSO BATTED: A. Frazer 3-184; J. Logan 1-50; K. Fitzpatrick 1-21; G. Anderson 3-39; M. Byers 2-17; S. Byers 3-13; B. Kinsey 1-0; P. Harris 1-4; R. de Silva 1-3; B. Neal 1-2; M. Curtis 1-6 J. Barratt 1-8; G. Flowers 2-8; G. Robinson 2-14; G. Wilkes 1-1; S. Jansson 1-0; J. Vallance 1-6.

ALSO BOWLED: B. Kinsey 6-80; J. Vallance 2-31; G. Robinson 5-32; S. Byers 3-64; J. Barratt 0-21; M. Curtis 0-4.

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES: T. Purcell 93, 66*, 65*, 62; A. Frazer 159; T. Russell 96, 58; R. McNeill 91; J. Stewart 54; P. Harvey 53; D. Felton 84*; G. Blades 57; J. Logan 50*.

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES: D. Packer 6-37; G. Blades 5-67; K. Nichol 4-52, 4-56; G. Robinson 4-23.

THIRD GRADE REPORT

(By GRAHAM HOWLETT, Captain)

The Club can look upon the successful 1974-5 season with some hope for the future. Seven of the eleven players in the Third Grade Final were under 21 years of age and during the season each of them was subjected to the type of pressure that could be expected in higher grades. To their credit, whether batting, bowling, or in the field, each of them at some stage contributed to at least one of the team's wins.

It seemed that the line "the game is never won until the last ball is bowled" was written especially for this side. Our matches probably provided ulcers for our supporters during the season as game after game swung delicately in the balance. That the majority of these games were won shows the fine spirit that existed in the team.

During the season two games were won outright, six on the first innings, two lost on the first innings, one lost outright, and six drawn. All home matches were won.

The old adage that good bowling and fielding win lower grade matches again rang true. The team was able to score more than 150 on only five occasions, and only two batsmen topped 300 runs. Collapses occurred regularly, the first early in the season when the score slumped from 1-91 to 9-124 against North Sydney, and the last in the Final when we slumped from 3-96 (chasing 117) to 8-111.

Youngster Greg Simpson scored the most runs (336) and took the most catches (14). His partnership of 55 with fellow schoolboy Mark Byers turned a disastrous 7-49 into a match-winning 116 against Gordon. Greg showed the concentration and determination that was missing from so many other batsmen in the Club.

Greg Hill was perhaps the steadiest of the younger brigade. He obtained the highest batting average and his innings of 92 (Nepean) and 42* (St. George) and 31 (Gordon) were all good innings under pressure.

Keith Fitzpatrick was the other batsman to top the 300 mark. He started poorly but fought back to score the only century of the season. Sam Mesite also found runs hard to come by early in the season, but his 32 and 28 in a low scoring Semi-Final contributed greatly to our win.

Jeff Barratt could not have scored runs with a bat two feet wide for most of the season, but he showed fighting qualities in both the Semi and the Final. He came to the wicket at 5-42 in the Semi and scored 63 before being dismissed at 8-149. In the Final he top-scored in both innings with 30 and 33.

Jeff Logan, who with Greg Simpson, Greg Hill, Sam Mesite and Mark Byers was at school when the season began, looked the best of the young batsmen on more than one occasion. He times the ball well and his 51 (Wests) and 47 (Waverley) were entertaining innings.

Gary Robinson started the season as if he were aiming for First Grade. Four of his first eight innings exceeded 35 but, unfortunately, his form fell away as the season progressed. Gary Flowers looked set on many occasions but then disappointed us all by throwing his innings away. Both these players have the ability to succeed in higher grades with more application.

Relegated to Third Grade after five rounds, Tom Spencer played a match-winning innings against Uni of N.S.W., but being in a side which often struggled to reach 100 runs — just what a leg spinner doesn't need — Tom consequently did not receive as much bowling

as he deserved. His best performances during the rounds were 6/25 (Uni of N.S.W.), 4/18 (Bankstown) and 3/25 (Cumberland) — all match-winning efforts. With the pressure on in the last three rounds, he lifted the younger players with two brilliant catches at leg gully. His bowling spell after lunch in the Final when he took 5/13 from seven overs must rank as one of his best performances with the Club.

Brian Kinsey once again bowled at the stumps and was rewarded with the most wickets (58). He was the pillar of the attack and included in his performances were a superb 7/48 on a batting paradise against Northern Districts at Asquith, 5/22 (Cumberland), 5/23 and 4/25 (Sutherland), 4/21 (Mosman), 4/23 (Nepean) and 4/24 (North Sydney). A fieldsman of doubtful repute, his elegant "swallow dive and clutch" in the deep field in the Semi-Final will be talked about for many years by those fortunate enough to have seen it.

Steve Byers must have been one of the most improved players in the Club. From a doubtful start in Fourth Grade, he progressed steadily, and it was he who routed Gordon in consecutive games at the end of the season. His figures of 4/20 from 12 overs, and 5/44 from 15 overs speak for themselves. He has a fine future with the Club.

Jeff Barratt appeared to have some difficulty in sighting the stumps on occasions, but his genuine pace forced hasty retreats by many opposing batsmen. Thirty wickets from Jeff completed a fine all-round season.

Ian MacDonald was the side's second spinner, before football commitments forced his withdrawal. He bowled extremely well on occasions, with 5/30 off 19 overs against Wests, being his best effort. Greg Simpson must have been disappointed at the lack of bowling opportunities he received, but he, too, performed well when called upon.

In the field the side never gave up. Keith Fitzpatrick stalked the cover area throughout the season, and Jeff Logan lacked nothing in comparison in the Final.

Mark Byers showed immense improvement towards the end of the season. His attendance at coaching classes during the season, together with his determination to succeed began to show through. Keeping to Tom Spencer is no picnic — ask Mal Elliot — yet in the Final Mark allowed only one bye in the two innings and accepted all chances.

This report would not be complete without reference to the last three games played by the side. Manly went into the last round against Gordon needing a win to make the Semi-Finals.

Batting on a grassy strip, Manly were soon in trouble. Greg Hill was the only Manly batsman to stand up to the attack and when he was out for 31 the score was 6-48. Another wicket fell immediately and schoolboys Greg Simpson and Mark Byers came together. They gradually took control to add 55 in 78 minutes, enabling us to struggle to a score of 116. Gordon fared no better against Byers and Kinsey, with Tom Spencer starting the rout with an almost impossible catch at leg gully. From 5-24 Gordon slowly recovered to 8-94 when a cloudburst sent players from the field at 5.00 p.m. With prospects of a wet ball and slippery approaches, the odds favoured Gordon, but two fine catches at first slip in the first over after resumption gave the team a place in the four.

Jeff Barratt was brought back into the side for the Semi-Final and what an expert selection that turned out to be. We won the toss and batted at Graham Reserve, and were soon in trouble at 5-42. Jeff Barratt then joined Sam Mesite who had been batting patiently, and

the pair added 68 invaluable runs. Mark Byers chimed in with another useful innings and we finished with 152. Once again the pace trio of Byers, Kinsey and Barratt combined to dismiss Gordon for 122, with B. K. delivering the final touch with "the catch" to give the skipper his luckiest ever wicket.

In the Final, Sydney University won the toss and batted on a dampish wicket. Byers and Kinsey bowled well but Uni looked dangerous at lunch when they were 4-91. An early breakthrough after lunch was essential and Spencer obliged. Bott attempted to drive and Barratt at close gully held a great catch to start the slump. Twenty-six runs later Uni were all out and Manly need 118 for victory. Opening for the first time, Mark Byers helped Manly to a 30-run opening partnership with Gary Flowers, and with Jeff Barratt and Greg Hill batting well we were on top of the world at 3-96. But with Barratt's dismissal Manly became defensive and before too long the score had slumped to 8-111 (with only B.K. to come). However, a combination of luck and determination from the rearguard of Howlett, Spencer and Kinsey saw us through to a total of 130, and although Uni closed its second innings, Manly won outright by four wickets to take the premiership.

Success is measured not only in the results of games played, but in the attitude and effort given by the players who make up a team. I would like to thank all of my players for their co-operation in helping to make the season as successful and enjoyable as it was.

I would also like to thank Mr. Kinsey for his pencilling, and on behalf of the players, apologise for the extra grey hairs we gave him.

Finally to my wife, Rhonda — thanks for all the assistance with afternoon tea chores, and to lending me to the Club for the season.

May the youngsters who helped Third Grade win this competition help First and Second Grade to success in coming seasons.

THIRD GRADE STATISTICS

	BATTING					BOWLING					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Wts.	Runs	Ave.	Cts.
G. Hill	12	3	92	261	29.00	—	—	—	—	—	3
K. Fitzpatrick	17	2	100*	324	21.60	—	—	—	—	—	5
G. Simpson	20	4	59	336	21.00	44.0	2	5	206	41.20	14
G. Howlett	17	6	45	209	19.00	56.0	13	13	132	10.15	11
G. Robinson	13	—	66	245	18.84	—	—	—	—	—	2
G. Anderson	9	2	46*	116	16.57	—	—	—	—	—	2
S. Mesite	12	1	39	158	14.36	—	—	—	—	—	3
J. Barratt	17	2	63	213	14.20	115.0	12	30	397	13.23	12
J. Logan	15	1	51	189	13.50	—	—	—	—	—	9
I. MacDonald	7	3	16*	45	11.25	86.0	24	16	242	15.12	4
G. Flowers	16	—	30	166	10.37	—	—	—	—	—	4
M. Byers	14	2	26*	151	12.58	—	—	—	—	—	10
T. Spencer	12	1	28*	97	8.82	120.0	19	36	407	11.30	10
S. Byers	9	5	7	22	7.33	89.0	20	22	250	11.36	2
B. Kinsey	8	2	16	44	7.28	236.0	59	58	591	10.18	2
M. Curtis	3	1	16*	24	12.00	64.0	13	12	174	14.50	3

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES: G. Hill 92, 45*; K. Fitzpatrick 100* 77; G. Simpson 59, 58, 45; G. Robinson 66; G. Anderson 46*; J. Barratt 63; J. Logan 51, 47; T. Russell 60.

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES: B. Kinsey 7-48, 5-22, 5-23, 4-21, 4-23, 4-24, 4-25; G. Blades 6-22; T. Spencer 6-25, 5-20, 4-18; I. Macdonald 5-30; J. Barratt 5-15, 4-32; S. Byers 5-54, 4-12, 4-20, 4-34; M. Curtis 4-38, 4-48.

ALSO BATTED: T. Russell 3-82; B. Neal 1-26; G. Hamilton 1-23; I. Travers 1-2; G. Blades 1-1; R. Green 1-0.

ALSO BOWLED: G. Blades 9-75; G. Robinson 2-98; G. Hamilton 2-18; T. Russell 1-15; R. Green 0-11.

FOURTH GRADE REPORT

(By D. Macpherson, Captain)

The name is not new to the Club, the person was. I was very fortunate in my first and sadly interrupted season with Manly, to be named Captain of the Fourth Grade side. Up until my transfer to Melbourne the job had been both a rewarding and frustrating one.

The season started with a complete washout against University, a draw against Sydney and a win against Mosman. The side, a very young one, started to look good, enthusiasm was good and attendances at practice were reasonably good.

Then the inevitable happened, as is the way with Fourth Grade sides, the faces started changing with regular monotony, some going up with good performances, some going down with not so good performances, and sadly, some going out altogether for some reason or another.

Batting was not the side's strong point, apart from early form from Gary Flowers, 70, 50 in consecutive innings, a couple of good 40's from Jeff Logan, good, well put together innings were far too spasmodic. Some do come to mind, "Friar" Hamilton's 63 and 64, both not out, Brad Neal's 68 (Brad never did strike form again), Ritchie "Gary Sobers" De Silva showed tons of ability and some real class, his devastating 109 not out at Petersham after we were five for not very many, was magnificent, Ritchie's 70 not out against Cumberland was another memorable innings. Stewart Jansson showed in his first grade game against Petersham that guts and determination make up for a lack of technique and text-book copy. His 57 was a good foil for De Silva. Stewart backed this up with some good 30's and 20's as the season wore on. Stewart also turned into one of the best and agile fieldsmen in the side.

Ian Felton blazed the turf at Grahams with an 84 that was not poetry in motion, but power in motion (amazing); from that point, Ian found it difficult to raise 20.

The bowling attack was varied, as stated before; numbers through the side were many — some 36 players. I think Steve Byers and Jeff Barratt started the season with wickets and went on to greater things. Ian Felton, Rob Green, Mick Curtis turned in some particularly good performances. Greg Horton, so much potential, had a stop-go season. Maybe next season for Greg — good left-hand medium pacers are hard to come by. We were able to bowl out most sides for reasonable scores, but as mentioned earlier, poor batting let us down too often.

Fielding was generally good; in some particular games it was excellent. Ian Felton's four catches close to the wicket against University of N.S.W. had to be seen or not to be believed. Ask the Uni batsmen!

The wicket-keeping was shared between Mike Banks and Greg 'Frosty' Frost. Both these fellows acquitted themselves as custodians of the stumps well. Greg particularly has a good future. He is only 15 and shows a good pair of hands.

Summing up the season, not a good one for the fourths, but cricket is an unpredictable and fascinating game. Application and dedication were missing. Practice — there were just not enough of the boys attending mid-season and on through to the finish. The old saying 'Practice makes Perfect' has a lot of truth in it.

Finally, I am indebted to Manly, the Committee, my team mates and all the fellows of all grades for being part of the Manly Club, even though it was for a short period. I did enjoy the season immensely—I learnt more about the game being in the position I was in. I saw youngsters like Graham Wilks, Greg Campbell 'Frosty', Ian Travers, Stewart Jansson, Ritchie De Silva start to bloom. It was an honour to look after the Poidevin-Gray side, not a winning side, but a happy bunch of good cricketers enjoying the game of cricket. If I am lucky enough to be returned to Sydney in the near future with my job, I know where to come for a game. Thank you, Manly.

FOURTH GRADE STATISTICS

	BATTING					BOWLING					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Wts.	Runs	Ave.	Cts.
R. De Silva	15	2	109*	315	24.23	—	—	—	—	—	2
B. Neal	11	2	68	186	20.66	—	—	—	—	—	—
G. Wilkes	6	—	62	110	18.33	—	—	—	—	—	—
S. Jansson	8	—	57*	142	17.75	—	—	—	—	—	—
I. Felton	14	1	84	182	14.00	102.0	11	25	386	15.44	7
I. Travers	15	—	43	208	13.86	—	—	—	—	—	1
P. Harris	13	—	49	156	12.00	—	—	—	—	—	1
G. Campbell	9	1	29	89	11.12	36.0	2	7	162	23.14	3
D. Macpherson	12	—	35	113	9.41	144.0	27	32	527	16.46	3
J. Nichol	15	—	25	133	8.86	48.0	3	9	120	13.33	—
R. Green	12	3	14	60	6.66	73.0	9	20	266	13.30	—

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES: G. Flowers 70, 50; J. Logan 43, 41; I. Felton 84; K. Fitzpatrick 42; G. Hamilton 63*, 64*; B. Neal 68; R. De Silva 109* 74; S. Jansson 57. CATCHES: M. Banks 13; G. Frost 7.

ALSO BATTED: J. Logan 5-130; M. Banks 6-21; M. Curtis 4-48; P. Pile 2-8; J. Barratt 2-40; S. Byers 5-91; G. Frost 9-57; G. Flowers 3-131; G. Horton 9-61; G. Hamilton 2-127; G. Robinson 1-16; P. Thrush 3-54; G. Anderson 1-19; E. Meth 1-16; P. Kennington 2-7; I. Robson 1-1; G. Dudley 4-46; C. Harper 3-37; G. Mairs 5-22; G. Hayes 1-4; K. Pitcher 2-4; J. Vallance 4-7.

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES: S. Byers 7-35, 4-41; D. Macpherson 4-55, 4-44, 4-42, 3-19; I. Felton 4-38, 4-71, 3-3, 5-12; M. Curtis 4-25, 3-13; R. Green 4-10, 4-40; J. Vallance 4-17; N. Hollings 4-22.

ALSO BOWLED: G. Horton 7-243; G. Hamilton 3-40; J. Barratt 3-71; J. Vallance 5-76; N. Hollings 8-85; G. Mairs; 4-71 E. Meth 0-39; B. Neal 0-13.

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FIFTH GRADE "A" REPORT

(By BRUCE HENRY, Captain)

The 5A's started the season with four straight wins, but it was another seven games before another victory was achieved. Apart from the promotion of several of the early performers, poor fielding played a considerable part in many of our defeats. As most of the games were only lost by a small margin, sharper fielding and catching could have reversed the result. The final tally showed five wins, one tie, and six losses.

There were some good individual performances during the season. In the batting, Greg Campbell was consistent and developed his strokes well towards the end of the season. Dave Peate also produced some useful hard-hitting innings. Peter Harris and Graham Hamilton batted well at the start of the season, but inevitably progressed to higher grades.

N.S.W.C.A. FIRST GRADE RUNNERS-UP, 1974-75



Standing: J. F. Hodgson (President), T. Lee, G. Beard, P. Stabback, P. Stephenson, J. Macpherson, K. Brady (Scorer), Alex Anderson (Hon. Secretary), **Sitting:** R. McNeill, A. Frazer, I. Howell, M. Pawley (Captain), M. Elliot, R. Chapman.

N.S.W.C.A. THIRD GRADE PREMIERS, 1974-75



Standing: Alex Anderson (Hon. Sec.), S. Byers, J. Barratt, B. Kinsey, T. Spencer, J. Logan. **Sitting:** G. Flowers, G. Hill, M. Byers, G. Howlett (Captain), S. Mesite, G. Simpson.



A classic square-cut from "Player of the Year," Graeme Beard



Greg Simpson pulls one for four vs. Waverley



Terry Lee catches Marshall Rosen at first slip in Semi vs. Gordon



A great stumping to Mark Byers in the Third Grade Final vs. Uni.

There were several good bowling performances. Ian Robson bowled very tightly and moved the ball considerably. Dave Peate displayed great enthusiasm in his bowling but was unlucky on several occasions. Graham Hamilton also bowled successfully before moving to Fourth Grade. However, there was little support for these three medium pacers from the spin department.

Overall it was a successful season, with little between most of the teams we played, as can be seen from our good win over North Sydney, who finished the season as Premiers.

FIFTH GRADE "A" STATISTICS

	BATTING					BOWLING					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Wts.	Runs	Ave.	Cts.
G. Campbell	11	2	57*	209	23.22	42.0	3	9	213	23.66	
D. Peate	12	1	70*	202	18.36	117.0	19	26	439	16.88	
S. Jansson	11	1	29	146	14.60	—	—	—	—	—	
P. Thrush	19	2	25	217	12.76	41.0	3	5	182	36.40	
Roger de Silver	17	2	41	192	12.80	17.0	1	5	68	13.60	
P. Kennington	17	—	31	187	11.00	10.0	—	1	55	55.00	
B. Henry	17	—	41	174	10.23	42.0	4	13	185	14.23	
I. Robson	15	5	17*	94	9.40	101.0	21	28	322	11.50	
K. Duxbury	9	2	31	61	8.71	3.0	—	—	9	—	
P. Pile	14	—	32	108	7.71	1.0	—	—	3	—	

ALSO BATTED: P. Harris 5-146; G. Hamilton 6-134; M. Banks 8-98; C. Chapman 5-52; G. Horton 6-33; C. Harper 8-40; Ron de Silva 4-16; E. Meth 2-3; N. Hollings 2-8; S. Hollings 2-4; R. Hanley 1-11; B. Phillips 1-5; M. Hislop 1-1; G. Hill 2-42; M. Jolly 2-9; G. Mairs 1-2; J. McKenzie 1-1; S. Tahala 1-20; B. White 1-0; M. Kroschel 1-0; G. Fisher 1-0; A. Bateson 1-0; J. Tucker 3-2.

ALSO BOWLED: G. Horton 13-227; E. Meth 8-66; N. Hollings 2-16; C. Harper 0-29; J. Tucker 4-65; M. Jolly 5-31; M. Kroschel 3-41; B. Phillips 0-24; G. Hill 1-8; J. McKenzie 0-10; P. Harris 1-6; Roger de Silva 1-9; G. Mairs 0-8.

FIFTH GRADE "B" REPORT

This team was formed of young players of the 14 to 16 age group with the object of receiving management and coaching by an experienced player. Mr. Austin Punch kindly agreed to assume this role, but unfortunately was hospitalised prior to the start of the season.

Mr. Nev Travers, an ex-Manly player of great experience and ability (he has held the 2nd Grade Batting Aggregate record of 585 since 1964-65) volunteered to come out of retirement and fill the breach. We are indeed grateful to Nev for this gesture, and regret that he was again forced to retire half way through the season following two severe blows to the face from nasty balls off dicey wickets.

The team started extremely well, but were soon weakened by the elevation of players, in fact, nine of the originals were taken up during the season, one or two reaching Third Grade. Nevertheless, in view of this, the exercise was obviously a success, the lads benefiting from the mature experience imparted to them. It is hoped that a similar team can be formed in the coming season, and every effort made to keep it together for as long as possible.

The assistance given the Manly-Warringah Cricket Association in our attempt to keep this grade in the field is indeed appreciated.

FIFTH GRADE "B" STATISTICS

	BATTING					BOWLING					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Wts.	Runs	Ave.	Cts.
G. Frost	9	—	58	191	21.22	—	—	—	—	—	10
A. Clarke	6	3	22	63	21.00	9.0	1	1	37	37.00	—
G. Mairs	14	2	60	227	18.92	47.0	3	11	204	18.55	1
G. Wilkes	11	3	53*	151	18.88	2.0	—	—	8	—	2
J. Nichol	6	1	23	73	14.60	32.0	—	5	177	35.40	1
G. Hayes	14	1	61	182	14.00	49.0	3	11	187	17.00	8
N. Hollings	13	6	18	77	11.00	90.0	13	17	314	18.47	3
C. Chapman	10	2	29*	83	10.38	4.0	1	1	7	7.00	1
R. Asser	13	1	43	108	9.00	51.0	7	11	212	19.27	3
G. Trengrove	12	—	24	104	8.67	27.0	1	4	132	33.00	—
P. Webster	11	—	32	82	7.45	—	—	—	—	—	—
J. Vallance	10	1	21	59	6.56	122.0	17	37	381	10.30	2
C. Harper	6	1	11*	32	6.40	—	—	—	—	—	—

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES: G. Frost 58, 50; G. Hayes 61; G. Mairs 60; G. Wilkes 53*; B. Neal 62; N. Travers 49, 40; P. Pile 47; R. Asser 43.

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES: J. Vallance 6-46, 5-16, 5-38, 4-38; G. Mairs 5-35; G. Hayes 4-24, 4-40; R. Asser 3-12, 3-18; N. Hollings 3-22; K. Pitcher 3-3.

ALSO BATTED: N. Travers 3-106; B. Neal 3-76; P. Pile 4-91; J. Sparkes 3-15; I. Travers 3-44; K. Pitcher 2-14; K. Duxbury 3-40; G. Dudley 2-14; M. Bourke 2-13; G. Fisher 1-6; J. Tucker 2-11; J. Trobojevic 2-9; M. Kroschel 3-4; T. Purcell 1-0; M. Batson 1-0.

ALSO BOWLED: K. Pitcher 3-14; M. Jolly 2-17; J. Tucker 3-34; M. Bourke 4-68; K. Duxbury 2-34; M. Kroschel 1-17; J. Trobojevic 1-20; B. Neal 2-56.

THE POIDEVIN-GRAY REPORT

(By TOM PURCELL, Captain)

The final result after seven games of this competition was: two wins; two draws; three losses.

The nucleus of this year's Poidevin-Gray side was supplied from the Third Grade which was successful in taking out their competition. Blended with Second and Fourth Grade players the team was successful in creating an enthusiasm and spirit which made up for the lack of First Grade experience which most other sides enjoyed.

The end result of the seven games played does not indicate the true form or efforts displayed by this side. The first two defeats of the competition at the hands of Mosman and Sydney were both close tussles. A loss to Mosman by only one run and Sydney by needing only one wicket in the last over; coupled with a loss to Cumberland in our next game meant our side had suffered three straight losses.

Our two victories came in the fourth and fifth games over Balmain and Gordon respectively. Our best effort being the defeat of Gordon who, previously undefeated, went on to win the Poidevin-Gray Competition. Notable performances in these two games were a fine bowling spell by Steven Byers against Balmain when he took 5-52, this performance highlighting his consistent performances through the competition. A valuable 65 by Greg Hill also helped pave the way for Balmain's defeat.

Against Gordon, David Packer bowled well for his 4-39, well supported by Greg Horton 2-26. Solid batting was the highlight of this win on a very unpredictable wicket with Gary Flowers 23, Rod McNeill 39 and Greg Hill 27, all performing well.

Sam Mesite was once again very sound in his batting, scoring a brilliant 87 against Northern Districts and 53 not out against Mosman. Rod McNeill, who proved a valuable First Grader before the season finished, scored a polished 68 against Sydney. Greg Hill who was our most consistent run scorer and always a hard worker in the field scored a magnificent 100 not out against North Sydney and a 65 against Balmain. Gary Flowers recorded his highest score of 42 against Balmain and Gary in his role as opener proved very solid and scored in the twenties consistently, but to his disappointment and that of his team mates Gary couldn't continue on as we know this stylish batsman can.

Greg Simpson also scored 67 against North Sydney which yielded well over a hundred-run partnership with Greg Hill.

In the bowling department one can't go past the very good bowling performances of Bob Green who was our leading wicket taker with 15 wickets, including a good performance of 4-47 against Northern Districts. Bob, who played the season in Fourth Grade, had a lot of responsibility put on him, and on many occasions dented the reputations of the opposing top batsmen, some of them First Graders. Bob is one of a number of players in the side who still have two years in this competition, and they should prove to be our top players of the future.

David Packer bowled well, his best triumph in the game against Gordon when he took 4 for 39. Greg Horton also bowled extremely well, but without luck, and his 3 for 31 against Mosman was a very good performance.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank our Manager, Dave Macpherson, who put his time and energy into the organisation and supervision of our side, to Dave we give our sincere thanks.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Club and players for their support, and we all look forward to a very successful competition in the coming season.

POIDEVIN-GRAY STATISTICS

	BATTING					BOWLING					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Wts.	Runs	Ave.	Cts.
S. Mesite	6	1	207	87	41.40	—	—	—	—	—	1
G. Simpson	3	1	77	67	38.50	23.0	2	4	107	26.75	2
G. Hill	8	1	239	100*	34.14	2.0	—	—	15	—	1
R. McNeill	6	—	177	68	29.50	8.0	—	1	37	37.00	2
G. Flowers	7	—	114	42	16.28	7.0	1	1	34	34.00	1
T. Purcell	8	1	156	58	22.28	5.0	—	1	36	36.00	9
M. Byers	5	1	34	14	8.50	—	—	—	—	—	7
P. Harris	3	—	23	11	7.66	—	—	—	—	—	1
J. Logan	8	—	67	21	8.37	—	—	—	—	—	2
D. Packer	6	—	29	16	4.83	65.0	8	12	211	17.58	3
G. Horton	6	3	19	8*	6.33	50.0	7	6	189	31.50	1
P. Thrush	1	—	7	7	7.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
S. Byers	6	2	16	4*	4.00	73.0	11	14	254	18.14	2
R. Green	4	3	10	5*	10.00	74.0	20	15	201	13.40	1

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES: G. Hill 100*, 65; R. McNeill 68; G. Simpson 67; S. Mesite 87, 53*; T. Purcell 58; G. Flowers 42.

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES: S. Byers 5-52, 3-38; D. Packer 4-39; R. Green 4-47, 3-27, 3-27; G. Simpson 3-79; G. Horton 3-33.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD REPORT

(By DON FROST, Manager)

The team, captained by Ian Travers, performed well throughout the series, and were a credit to the Club both on and off the field.

Of the seven matches set down to be played, two were won, two lost, and one drawn, the remainder being washed out.

There were a number of good individual performances, but unfortunately these were spread over the series, no two batsmen or two bowlers clicked in the one match, resulting in two or three lads being left to pull the team through.

I record my gratitude to the parents who helped in transporting the boys to the various grounds and for the moral support they gave the team.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD STATISTICS

	BATTING					BOWLING					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Wts.	Runs	Ave.	Cts.
B. Neal	5	2	162	52*	54.00	49.0	8	8	150	18.75	5
K. Pitcher	5	—	155	55	31.00	3.0	—	—	14	—	4
N. Hollings	3	2	27	24*	27.00	57.0	10	14	149	10.64	—
I. Travers	5	—	101	54	20.20	15.0	2	1	45	45.00	1
G. Frost	4	—	43	19	10.75	—	—	—	—	—	8
G. Wilks	5	2	29	15	9.66	—	—	—	—	—	—
S. Hutchinson	3	—	28	23	9.33	35.0	8	6	103	17.16	6
C. Harper	4	—	36	15	9.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
M. Kroschell	3	1	16	14	8.00	14.0	1	4	47	11.75	1
G. Hayes	3	—	20	9	6.66	40.0	5	12	155	12.91	—
M. Suttor	3	—	8	4	2.66	1.0	—	—	7	—	—
J. Tucker	1	1	13	13*	—	12.0	—	2	65	32.50	1

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES: B. Neal 52*, 52*; K. Pitcher 55; I. Travers 54.

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES: N. Hollings 5-34, 4-23, 3-38, 2-38; G. Hayes 6-34, 3-58, 2-25; B. Neal 2-17, 2-25, 2-58; M. Kroschell 3-9, 1-2; S. Hutchinson 5-27.

CITY AND SUBURBAN REPORT

(By N. BOUVENG)

The City and Suburban team had another enjoyable season, but although our batting improved on last season it still let us down. This together with the loss of our main bowlers in Bill Hoy and Peter Driver contributed to our lack of success.

The statistics below give the picture of our overall performances, and it is hoped that we will do a deal better in the coming season.

We were very happy to welcome a newcomer in R. Marshall who top scored for us and bowled very well to take 22 wickets at an average of 16.20.

I wish to thank the players and Club Committee for their support.

CITY AND SUBURBAN STATISTICS

	BATTING					BOWLING					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Wts.	Runs	Ave.	Cts.
D. Elbourne	7	2	169	53	33.80	—	—	—	—	—	5
R. Marshall	21	1	233	35	11.65	85.0	7	22	372	16.90	2
P. Newman	19	—	192	34	10.10	—	—	—	—	—	1
B. Wiley	17	5	106	22	8.80	136.0	2	27	516	19.11	—
B. Stevenson	12	—	104	30	8.66	—	—	—	—	—	—
N. Bouveng	11	—	90	19	8.18	—	—	—	—	—	—
S. Seymour	12	3	69	21	7.66	—	—	—	—	—	1
H. Frazer	13	3	75	19	7.50	116.0	6	22	362	16.45	—

ALSO BATTED: L. Cameron 9-65; D. Frost 6-43; E. Cameron 6-38; S. Hollings 5-31; G. Marshall 16-95; A. Dunn 2-11; T. Gursansky 9-40; A. Thorburn 2-7; L. Roche 13-32; G. Beard 1-58.

ALSO BOWLED: L. Cameron 6-190; E. Cameron 6-214; G. Beard 5-5; P. Hunter 5-54; T. Gursansky 4-89; A. Thorburn 3-13; S. Seymour 2-15; P. Newman 2-55.

"C2" GRADE REPORT

(By BILL COOK, Manager)

Once again the Club entered a team in the Manly-Warringah Cricket Association Competition, and although experiencing a poor season it provided the font from which the grade teams were filled.

The team won only two games, but had problems which were very difficult to overcome. There was never a full side after the Christmas-New Year break, and two matches were forfeited due to lack of numbers, and from then on there were never more than nine players available. No player participated in every match due to frequent promotions to grade, and with the first day of grade games not coinciding with this competition, players available on the first day were frequently unavailable on the second.

This was a team of very young, inexperienced, and in most cases quite small lads which met several bowlers who bowled an excess of short deliveries, some of which struck the batsmen. Two of these bowlers were warned for these tactics.

Of the batsmen, Mark Kroschel was easily the most correct and should develop into a fine player. With Alan Clarke he participated in a splendid partnership of 138. Mark Hyslop, Chris Harper, Eric Meale, Brad Hill, Alan Clarke and Jim Tucker all played some fine innings, whilst Jim Tucker with 40 wickets, and Chris Harper bowled consistently well.

The fielding was always keen, and some good catches were taken. In most games Mark Kroschel and Jim Tucker shared the captaincy.

The team behaved well and always took set-backs and decisions in the right manner.

BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.
M. Kroschel	10	1	78	182	20.2
J. Tucker	15	1	30	221	15.4

BOWLING

	Overs	Mds.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
J. Tucker	114	15	40	461	11.52

Batting Performances: M. Kroschel 78, A. Clarke 86.

Bowling: J. Tucker 6-53, 5-37, 7-12, 5-86; C. Harper 5-23.

SUCCESSFUL CLUBS

You can't win them all, and no one knows better than us how nice it is to win even one, so may we thank the many clubs who extended their congratulations to us on our Third Grade win and at the same time extend our own to:

GORDON: Club Championship, Fourth Grade and Poidevin-Gray Shield.

PETERSHAM-MARRICKVILLE: First Grade.

BANKSTOWN-CANTERBURY: Second Grade.

NORTH SYDNEY: Fifth Grade.

ST. GEORGE: A. W. Green Shield.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Rothmans Knockout.

SOCIALLY

Once again the hospitality of the Stephenson family started the season off with a function at their house to announce initial selections. The Club is forever grateful to them for their contribution over recent seasons. Two teams from Orange were entertained by the Manly Club, the matches being a very successful prelude to the first round.

The stories of the previous season's trip to New Zealand were too much for Alex, and he "hit" the North Island with 15 Green Shield boys in early January. Two functions at his place, one for the families and tourists of this side, and another to celebrate the Third XI's Premiership were outstanding successes helped along by the tireless work of Mrs. Anderson. Funds for New Zealand were also raised at a Byers Barbecue which was well attended.

A Dinner given to all representative teams from Under 10 to Under 21 was chaired by the Club President and included special guests Dave Colley, Jim Burke, Brian Taber, Ian Davis and Marshall Rosen. One hundred and thirty were present at what has to become an annual affair.

Grace Bros. and Slazengers continued to donate 20 bats to successful performers in the Saturday Morning Competitions, these being presented by senior players from the Club. Messrs. Hodgson, Anderson, Stephenson and Howell conducted coaching classes for the better juniors in the area.

Operations at the Room at the Top were mostly three-round events with the main fixture at 7.30. As referee, Alex can be thanked for a handsome profit that resulted from those activities.

Rolfe Kinsey is looking for 47 red wine bottles reportedly missing. The person who consumed the contents should return the empties to the Treasurer who concedes a marginal profit on the sale of the red.

Once again the Lion's Club gave us financial assistance through our Association with their hotel raffles. With the Lions we had organised a game against the N.S.W. XI at Manly Oval, but this was unfortunately washed out.

The end of season Barbecue at Balgowlah Golf Club was a little late and the response to an otherwise successful evening was moderate. The venue promises to be suitable for future functions.

For the first time on record the Annual Meeting will take the form of a Mixed Dinner. It will be a great opportunity for the whole Club, players and supporters, to share the planning of a triumphant next season.

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to "non cricket" activities, a surplus of \$474 was achieved for the year — our loss on "cricket activities" as represented by players subscription compared with costs, being \$229. These results underline the necessity for players to support club functions if we are to keep subscriptions at a reasonable level.

A very welcome windfall was a grant of \$500 from the N.S.W.C.A. compared with \$200 last year — the result of a magnificent M.C.C. series. Also included under miscellaneous income was \$103 from the Petersham-Marrickville Club, representing a half share of the "final" gate. We are very grateful to both the Association and Petersham-Marrickville Club for their generosity.

As the bank position was satisfactory at the end of April, it was decided to invest \$1000 in equipment — primarily balls — to avoid inevitable increases in prices next year.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

The General Committee met on 11 occasions during the year, and again enjoyed the hospitality of the Manly Rugby Union Club Ltd., for this we express our thanks.

Attendances at meetings, reported in alphabetical order are:

A. Anderson 11, R. Beard 7, K. Brady 10, L. Carter 3, K. Fitzpatrick 6 (leave of absence whilst overseas), P. Harvey 8, J. Hodgson 10, R. Holmes 2 (Res. 15-10-74), M. Howell 5, G. Howlett 10, B. Kinsey 6, R. Kinsey 11, K. Nichol 5, M. Pawley 9, S. Sismey 7, J. Stephenson 7, P. Stephenson 5, P. Thrush 6 (Elect. 15-10-74), K. Turner 11.

H. Frazer, representing City and Suburban, and Frank Gray, the M.W.C.A. Secretary, both attended a number of meetings during the season.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1975

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(Signed) R. KINSEY, Hon. Treasurer.

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, 1975, 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 5th June, 1975.

IAN F. BARNES, A.A.S.A. — Hon. Auditor.

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MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1975

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
73-74		73-74	
1,659	Materials and Repairs	500	Awards
50	Club Centenary Fund	3	Knockout Competition
305	Printing, Stationery and Advertising	1,655	Subscriptions, Members and Associates
10	Insurance	421	Donations
201	Postage and Telephones	239	Interest Received
346	Donations and Presentations	30	Contributions — Cricketers Club
99	Miscellaneous Expenses	—	Miscellaneous Income
—	Knockout Competition	200	N.S.W.C.A. Grant
140	Ground Fees and Rentals	—	Ground Fees and Rentals
	Manly Oval		Surplus Expenditure over Income transferred
265	Gross Takings		to Accumulation Account
42	Less Wages		
350	Less Rentals		
127	Excess Expenditure over Income		
—	Net deficit on Sale of Caps		
	Surplus Income over Expenditure		
111	transferred to Accumulation Account		
\$3,048		\$3,048	\$3,319

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB
SOCIAL INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1975

73-74	Balance of Income over Expenditure trans-ferred to Social Fund Accumulation Account	73-74	Net Income from various activities	983
613		613	Less Amount under-provided for —	—
			Year 1973-74	280
				703

OBITUARY

While Mrs. Lowe, the widow of our late Patron, George Lowe, may well be unknown to present players, older and past members will remember her with admiration and affection. A happy, generous personality in her own right, she was also the prop that saw George through the long years of his disability, and enabled him to contribute so much to the game he loved. For many years she supervised afternoon teas at the Oval, and for many more supplied supper for committee meetings at her home.

No doubt all this was for the love of George rather than the love of cricket, but we like to think that her association with the club brought her many hours of happiness and friendship.

We extend our sincere sympathy to her sister, Miss Booth.

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

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 J. W. Burke, 624 (1973-74)
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)

