

**MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT
CRICKET CLUB**

Founded 1878



Ninety-eighth
Annual Report
and
Balance Sheet



SEASON 1975-76

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

NOTICE is hereby given that the **NINETY - EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** and **ANNUAL DINNER** of the **MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB** will be held in the **Balgowlah Bowling Club, Bareena Drive, Balgowlah Heights, on THURSDAY, 15th JULY, 1976, at 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

BUSINESS

1. To receive the Ninety-Eighth 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 Constitution of the Club.

78 Woodland Street,
Balgowlah Heights

Alex Anderson,
Hon. Secretary

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

In view of the success of our last Annual General Meeting held at Manly it has been decided to make this one even better by engaging a first-class orchestra to provide dancing.

The business of the meeting will commence sharp at 7.00 p.m. and will, it is anticipated, be completed by 8.00 p.m. when an excellent smorgasbord will be served and music commence.

In the face of rising costs your committee has decided to subsidise the younger players of the club by charging half fare. The rates for the evening will be Adults \$6.00; Full-Time Students \$3.00.

It is hoped that all members will respond and make our 98th Meeting an outstanding success.

R.S.V.P.: 8-7-76 — 94-2409

**Please be kind enough to bring this report with you.
Only financial members will be eligible to vote.**

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB



OFFICE-BEARERS — 1975-76



Patrons:

The Mayor of Manly; The President of Warringah Shire

President: J. R. Hodgson

Senior Vice-Presidents:

R. Beard; M. Howell; S. G. Sismey; J. G. Stephenson; R. Woodfield

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. Felton; H. Frazer; Dr. J. Garner; K. C. Gulliver; C. Harris; R. Harvey; 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; E. Robinson; A. Rogers; D. S. Sainsbery; C. Searle; W. Simpson; N. Travers; P. A. Trim; A. W. Turner; J. R. Veitch; A. E. A. Viney, M.L.A.; W. Weight.

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Hon. Treasurer: R. H. Kinsey

Hon. Asst. Secretary: K. J. Turner

Hon. Publicity Officer: A. W. Turner

Hon. Auditor: I. F. Barnes, A.A.S.A.

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Delegates to M.W.S.U. I. Howell, G. Beard

Delegates to M.W.C.A. P. Thrush, B. Loudon

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

General Committee:

G. Beard G. Blades; R. Chapman (Res. 16-12-75); I. Howell; M. Pawley; T. Spencer; P. Stephenson; J. Stewart; P. Thrush (El. 16-12-75); F. Turner

Honorary Life Members:

T. F. Brooks; J. W. Burke; B. C. Cook; 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. K. Hayman; 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 — 1975-76

Gentlemen,

It's as well we are cricketers and not vigneron, for all we had to show for a season's work wouldn't have been worth picking, let alone bottling. We didn't slide, we fairly hurtled, from runners-up in the Club Championship and 1st Grade to second last in both. Only 2nd Grade improved their position. Everyone in the club knows the reason — we had much the same players, but a much different approach.

Having said that, what are we going to do about it? For the committee's part we accept the criticisms made by the various captains in this report, concerning our centre wickets and practise facilities. We have secured Council's permission to remodel Graham's Reserve practise complex, simplifying maintenance on the turf area, and widening the hard wicket on the road side. If it is available, we hope to cover both hard wickets with an indoor-outdoor carpet surface. We also intend to approach Council on the vexed question of the centre wickets, believing that our problem stems, not from lack of interest or expenditure, but because there are too few staff experienced in wicket making. We also intend to volunteer our help in ensuring that groundsmen have assistance, particularly in September when he must get his strips level sprigged and top-dressed.

With all this we will not redeem, nor will we deserve to redeem our position one iota if players are not prepared to practise and practise regularly. It is an appalling situation when the 1st Grade captain reports that only three players attended a centre wicket practise before a Rothmans Semi-Final. We believe that we must get back to practising as a club on at least one evening a week. Senior players should not only be there, but be prepared to help and advise junior and lower grade players — after all, we are a club and not just a group of numerically rated teams. Individual team practises are excellent in themselves, but should be additional to, and not instead of, general club practise. However this may be, the whole subject will assume even greater importance in the coming season, when it seems more than likely that one-day games will be out, and the opportunity to bat or bowl will only come, on average, every other week — with sometimes a break of at least three weeks.

If the foregoing has been somewhat gloomy, at least all of these grapes we mentioned earlier were not sour, and we would be churlish indeed, if we did not acknowledge what a great year Graeme Beard had — but for an excessively wet season, he may well have challenged Jim Burke's record aggregate of 899. Further, of course, Graeme got his opportunity in first-class cricket, albeit with a baptism that few would have had to endure before him — first wicket down against the West Indies pace attack in full flight. He later made amends for failures on this occasion with a fine innings against Victoria, and although out of the State side for the latter part of the season, he is sure to return. Not the least of Graeme's strengths is his ability to recognise and work on his own weaknesses. Ken Turner had a great season also. He began the season in 3rd Grade and finished it in 1sts with a well made 33. For some time we have thought that the responsibility Ken felt towards his team as captain and opening batsman inhibited his own personal performances. This year, simply as an opener, he has commenced to bat and score more in tune with his true ability. He should set his sights on nothing less than a permanent place in 1st Grade.

Socially the club was well supported on the functions we held, and although they were fewer than in previous years, it was gratifying to see younger members of the club attending. As a result of these activities, and of other "non cricketing income" we had a far better year financially than we had dared to hope. We gratefully acknowledge \$500 grant from NSWCA — the result of two great seasons internationally. Also there was a legacy from G. W. Lowe estate of \$200 and it is intended that a suitable board be placed in the Room at the Top for recording the names of the player of the year — surely the most suitable way possible to commemorate George's name.

Our Historian, Tom Spencer, during his many hours browsing through records at the Mitchell Library obtaining information for the history of the club in preparation for our centenary, found that for some time our 2nd Grade records have been incorrect. It will be noted that D. Gee displaces J. W. Burke in the batting aggregate and J. Randall easily eliminates W. Bassett. We are grateful to Tom for putting our records straight.

In spite of earlier criticisms of our wickets, we have never lacked courtesy or consideration from either the Manly or Warringah Councils, and we take the opportunity to thank the Manly Council for their generosity in keeping our oval rentals down to last year's figure, in spite of their own obviously increased maintenance costs. Our thanks also to Warringah Council for upgrading Weldon Park by providing a stand and an amenities room similar to the "Room at the Top."

At cricket headquarters, pressure of work has forced Alan Barnes to concentrate on Australian Cricket Board Work — although still, of course, part of the NSWCA set up. As a result, Bob Radford has been appointed secretary of the NSWCA and we congratulate him on his appointment — at the same time being confident that his enthusiasm, interest and drive will make him an outstanding success. To them both, and to Assist. Secretary, John Wood (to whose lot falls the administration of the Grade Competition), and all the staff, we express our sincere thanks for their unfailing help and sometimes let it be said, for their patience.

Finally to our Vice-Presidents, lady supporters, our Hon. Auditor, Ian Barnes, and to members of the retiring committee, we express our continuing appreciation.

— J. F. HODGSON, President

— ALEX ANDERSON, Hon. Secretary

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

ALEX ANDERSON — JOYCE ANDERSON

After thirty-odd years of cricket administration, Alex Anderson has decided to call it a day. Alex's association with the game in Australia began in the Blacktown district, where his enthusiasm led him, not only to form his own team, but to provide his own ground as well. On transferring to the Manly-Warringah area, he founded the present Foresters Club in the M.W.C.A. Competition. His administrative abilities were quickly recognised, and he became Hon. Secretary of the Association in 1954, a position which he held continuously until 1969-70, when he was elected President. During this time, if not solely due to his efforts, then at least largely because of them, the local Association progressed enormously, with such notable milestones as the formation of the Saturday morning Boys' Competition, and with the number of afternoon teams more than doubling. During this period, too, Alex in conjunction with Des Sainsbery, found the time to form the Manly-Warringah Sporting Union, an outstanding contribution to the harmonious relationship that now exists between the different sporting bodies in the district.

More directly affecting our own particular club was his initiative, again with Des Sainsbery, in drawing the two cricketing bodies in the district closer together. As Delegate from the Manly-Warringah Association, he regularly attended our meetings, contributed to them, and because of that contribution, and because of his interest, was made a Vice-President — a recognition of his value, and not because of any position he may have held in a brother organisation. Finally, in 1967-68, Alex became our Hon. Secretary, and Delegate to the N.S.W.C.A., while at the same time fully maintaining his association and position with Manly-Warringah Cricket Association. He has now decided to relinquish both offices with us, and his Presidency of the Manly-Warringah Cricket Association.

During all these years, Alex has had not only the full support, but the active assistance of his wife, Joyce, who in her own right, and again because of her value as an administrator, is a Life Member of the Manly-Warringah Cricket Association. Indeed, in ringing the Anderson household for information on any cricketing matter, it is immaterial whether Joyce or Alex answers the phone, for both of them either have the answer at their fingertips, or at least can very quickly lay their hands on it.

All in all, it has been a phenomenal partnership, and there would surely be few districts, anywhere in Australia where cricket has been so well served, or where two administrators will be more sorely missed. We join the Manly-Warringah Cricket Association in expressing our appreciation of truly outstanding service, and wish them both every happiness in their retirement.

— J. F. HODGSON, President

CLUB AWARDS

The Player of the Year contest based on a similar points system to previous years, again resulted in a neck-and-neck finish, with club stalwart Brian Kinsey just edging out Graeme Beard. Graeme was probably a little unlucky as he missed a number of games when playing for the State, but none will deny that Brian's win was a just reward for many season's hard work.

No points were kept in respect of the Fielding Award, but the captains agreed that Mark Stedman had been outstanding, closely followed by Tom Purcell and last year's winner, Greg Simpson.

Final points were as follows:

Player of the Year — B. Kinsey 99; G. Beard 96; K. Turner 73.

Fielding Award — M. Stedman; T. Purcell; G. Simpson.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

The club extends its heartiest congratulations to Graeme Beard on his selection to represent the State against West Indies and Victoria. Graeme's innings of 75 in the latter game should mark the start of a successful career in first-class cricket as more chances must certainly come his way next season if he continues to score heavily — only Bobby Simpson scored more runs in grade cricket this season.

Frank Turner and Greg Simpson are also to be congratulated. Both these players performed well in matches for Metropolitan I v. Country and the C.H.S. 1st XI respectively.

FIRST GRADE REPORT

(By MICK PAWLEY, Captain)

Whatever happened to Manly the local cried. From first to second to second last in three seasons with a waterlogged second half depriving us of consolidating our plunge to the wooden spoon.

The writing was on the wall when a combined M.W.C.A. side beat us at Weldon in a pre-season social fixture that was marked by a devil may care attitude that most players carried through the season with them. One hundred and fifty was passed against UNSW in the first round (a first innings total amassed only five more times thereafter), Frank Turner bludgedning 70 in his return innings with the club. Victory was by the narrowest of margins and even though few were fit or prepared to practice the talk was optimistic as though our place in the Final four was a mere formality.

The next few rounds brought a sharp jolt of reality back to the camp. A dozen chances turfed against Northern Districts butchered what should have been a certain win, then Saints, Gordon and Nepean applied the mincer as the "Collapso Kids" crashed for less than 120 on each occasion. Marshall Rosen's staggering 5-18 off 21 balls was matched by Geoff Davies 7-23 for Nepean, crippled back and all.

We did recover to take our only other first innings points as Graeme Beard, after making a pair in his initial first-class match and being dropped at nought, went on to play a lone hand against Randwick. His 187 erased from the record books the late Les Gwynnes 175 n.o. scored in the 1926-27 season.

Then we reached the bottom of the pit. Balmain fired us back into the pavilion before lunch for 29 and for Christmas, lowly rated Sydney took a bite of the cake. Frank Turner made one of his five ducks against Balmain and Mike Pawley a pair as the "Daily" carried headlines of record membership to the now legendary "Duck" Club. By the season's end 35 had joined out of 170 wickets lost with Turner, Pawley, Elliot and McPherson granted Life Membership. History records the Balmain game as an outright victory to Manly but there was little morality in the win. Tom Purcell had donned the gloves in the second innings and in his sole keeping role was brilliant in assisting with four dismissals. Mal Elliot bagged only nine for the year and even though this was probably his worst season the bowlers were rarely able to get the ball past the bat.

Jeff McPherson and Paul Stephenson both lost considerable pace from previous seasons and with Pawley not penetrating batsmen were more than comfortable against a pedestrian attack that lacked variety.

The fielding had been good up until Christmas yet the bowlers dismissed the opposition only twice in the first nine rounds and had an overall striking rate of one wicket for seven overs compared with a wicket lost every four overs. Also two sundries were conceded for every wicket taken against one sundry per wicket lost.

After Christmas the fielding was deplorable, for every catch held two were dropped; whatever heart the bowlers had was relentlessly drained.

The one match when the old devil was to the fore was the Rothmans K.O. against last seasons conquerors, Petersham. On a faster Manly Oval and spearheaded by the quicks the premiers were routed in less than 20 overs for 70. The fire died as quickly as it had flared and when only three first graders could make a centre wicket practice in preparation for the Semi against Newcastle the curtain was finally drawn on the season's aspirations.

One remembers the outstanding fielding of Tom Purcell in the Petersham match, the excellence of which was maintained throughout the year. Unfortunately Tom was unable to repeat the previous season's dose with the bat but his turn will come.

Greg Hill, promoted to Firsts early on, scored a beautiful 96 in his second game against North Sydney. Unfortunately for him, others found fault with his technique and he was showered with much "well-meaning" advice, even in the centre, all to the detriment of his own game. Still, the experience will stand by him, and with his fielding improving out of sight, he even took a point in the "Herald" award for a non-stop effort against Wests. Greg can look forward optimistically to his future in First Grade cricket.

Of the senior players, Ian Howell, Paul Stabback and Alan Frazer found it difficult to practice and with other things taking prior importance their performances fell away disastrously by the New Year. Frank Turner made 421 runs and set a "Hammer Throw" record at Pratten Park but was too inconsistent to handle the responsibility of a top of the order batsman.

Terry Lee and Rod McNeill were missing from last year's finalists whilst Ross Chapman, Peter Sullivan, Paul Stephenson, Alan Fraser and Paul Stabback in turn became unavailable as the summer progressed making it possible for 22 to represent First Grade.

Such is the story of the 1975-76 season. Few accolades and plenty of razzods for a side that rarely found time or opportunity to practice and strolled through the season with a mental inertness more appropriate to a Saturday mornings boys' team. Sure, the nets are a disgrace and hardly befitting or inspiring to a First Grade club. Even so, centre wicket practices, generously prepared by Merv Paynter, were poorly attended.

Significantly the "I'm all right Jack" syndrome that pervaded the top grades left Manly floundering at the bottom of the Club Championship and absolute last in the "Herald" Team of the Year Contest.

Without a greater commitment of individuals to the affairs of the Club and more dedication to fitness and practice the limbo of the season gone will accompany us into our centenary year.

One final observation: How important it is to be in top gear at the start of the season and get points on the board before Christmas.

In the words of "5.0" Brady, one whose dedication to the precision of his task leaves statistics that few will take heart from perusing: "If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind."

FIRST GRADE STATISTICS

75/76

	BATTING					BOWLING					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Runs	Wts.	Ave.	Cts.
G. Beard	14	2	187	684	57.00	113.4	29	291	13	22.38	7
B. Tapp	5	1	60*	122	30.50	—	—	—	—	—	1
F. Turner	19	1	79	421	23.39	2.0	—	11	—	—	6
R. Chapman	5	—	39	101	20.20	2.0	—	6	—	—	1
A. Frazer	16	—	51	235	14.69	—	—	—	—	—	4
P. Stabback	16	—	46	220	13.75	91.0	11	429	8	53.62	10
I. Howell	17	—	49	232	13.65	5.0	—	35	2	17.50	4
P. Stephenson	13	1	35	122	10.17	147.4	16	590	24	24.58	2
G. Hill	14	1	31	126	9.69	—	—	—	—	—	4
T. Purcell	12	1	26*	101	9.18	—	—	—	—	—	5-1
G. Simpson	5	—	28	43	8.60	14.0	—	96	1	96.00	2
J. MacPherson	14	5	23*	75	8.33	181.0	19	747	22	33.95	3
M. Pawley	15	2	29	106	8.15	165.7	33	513	28	18.32	4
M. Elliot	13	8	8*	16	3.20	—	—	—	—	—	9-0

ALSO BATTED: S. Mesite 1-39 (1 ct.); K. Turner 1-33; P. Sullivan 2-54 (3 ct.); J. Weight 4(2 n.o.)-35; T. Spencer 2-31 (1 ct.); G. Flowers 3-38; K. Nichol 1-10; J. Stewart 2-14.

ALSO BOWLED: T. Spencer 5-53; K. Nichol 0-31; P. Sullivan 0-1.

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES: G. Beard 187, 96*, 91, 70, 67; F. Turner 79, 71, 60, 57; B. Tapp 60*; A. Frazer 51.

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES: M. Pawley 8-73, 6-14; P. Stephenson 6-68.

SECOND GRADE REPORT

(By GARETH BLADES, Captain)

It is most probable that many captain's reports for the 1975-1976 season will contain mention of misfortunes due to rain and our own results must certainly be evaluated in this light to get a true perspective of the team's performances overall. Certainly other sides suffered in this regard, but when looking through the score book, it can be seen that on at least three occasions after Christmas we won the toss, made presumably the right decision (i.e., to bowl) but on each occasion were rained out with less than 100 runs to get and either nine or ten wickets

in hand, we surely were worse treated than most. In fact, it was unanimously agreed upon by team members, that Bruce Tapp, who is never lost for a word, must have said something to upset the "powers" for in the later half of the season, each time he donned the pads the rain fell. He only got to the crease after Christmas on three occasions and this was also the case with many of the other middle-order batsmen.

Perhaps the most unfortunate aspect of the whole season was the premature decision by our governing body to cancel an entire January long weekend of cricket (two rounds) due to rain which fell prior to the Saturday. This was very disappointing as we were down to meet competition leader Cumberland, which was our chance to prove our worth and peg back the leaders and open our chances of reaching the Semis.

Nevertheless, our results were reasonably satisfactory and provided a tremendous amount of self satisfaction to team members. Our overall results were: seven first innings wins (one subsequently lost outright); two outright defeats (one after a first innings win); three first innings defeats; two draws; five rain-affected draws.

The season, being my first as captain of a Manly side, was very rewarding, and we had a great team spirit coupled with the will-to-win, and a very satisfying fellowship amongst team members. The boys moulded into a most formidable unit not to be underrated by any opposing team, also enjoying such team spirit on a harmonious social basis.

The season belongs to Ken Turner, a most consistent scorer throughout, rising from Thirds after four games, and amassing a total of 479 runs in ten completed innings. The way he worked at his game, fielding included, should be a true example to all younger members of the club. His century against Mosman was a delight to watch, containing all the necessary facets to build an innings and then showing mastery to completely dominate a more than useful attack.

At the beginning of the season Peter Sullivan made a welcome return to the club but only to be forced to depart the scene, because of personal reasons, when he looked like being the success of the season. His departure was a real blow to the club because his application and results carved him First Grade honours where successes continued. Similarly the team suffered with the elevation of Greg Hill, who performed consistently well for the team in early matches.

The batting was generally steady, no stars, except Ken, and honours shared throughout. The winning matches were made so by the tremendous fighting qualities of all batsmen. Particular mention must be given to Bruce Tapp who could talk bowlers off a length; Mark Byers who took much delight in tearing the attack apart from the first ball, crisis or not; Greg Simpson who has the ability to do anything to win a match and with the determination which could make him a player of bigger things to come. Jim Stewart's guile and tenacity remains to make him a highly regarded player and his innings against the star-studded St. George was a gem — perhaps the innings of the season. John Weight started well, finished well, and was completely bamboozled by the middle season slump. But the little "Woodrow" was always great value to the team with his agility in the field. Possibly the most improved batsman was Sam Mesite who suddenly realised that he is a good batsman and all bowlers could be treated on their merits. Greg Hill, with us in the early period, and who perhaps should have stayed longer, is going to develop and we can be sure of seeing greater things from him in the very near future. Peter "Fingers" Harvey returned from Hong Kong and showed his class in one dazzling innings and also held a catch!

In the bowling department the "Purple Heart" must go to Brian Kinsey. One cannot give him enough praise. For my own part I can only say "thanks to him" for his lion-hearted efforts, and for teaching me that every team needs a B.K. — not for batting. In fact, his tag, B.K., now goes hand in glove with "Jaws" which has something to do with his catching style. The veteran (27 years old) Ken Nichol, showed some "old" venom and bowled well throughout the season and I am sure he was spurred on by B.K. in the contest to achieve most wickets. Unfortunately, Steve Byers "broke down" this season and we hope that he is fit next year for he is developing into a good mover of the ball — an attribute lacking by many quickies these days.

May I, at this juncture, pass on my thanks to all team members for the way they reacted to my decisions — right or wrong — and the way they assisted in making my job easier and enjoyable. I sincerely hope all got as much satisfaction out of this season as I. The older members advised and this assistance was invaluable. Not to escape mention is Tom Spencer who worked well all year, instilling confidence, enthusiasm and showing the fighting qualities to get us through many games. His assistance, as my vice-captain, was an inspiration to all, and his performances praiseworthy. Tom is a good bowler who worked consistently all year and was greatly responsible for the excellent practice attendances we had during the year. Thanks to Tom and his wife, Lynne, for the hospitality extended by them to a film evening for the team during the season, showing many of our players in full flight, highlighting many idiosyncracies such as B.K.'s unique batting style.

A special thanks also to all team members' wives and mothers for excellent afternoon teas. To Rolfe Kinsey (who still thinks Brian could have been a good batsman!?) our thanks for a job well done with the score book.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alex Anderson we, the team, express our sincere appreciation for everything done in 1975-76. Joyce and Alex became part of our team and, in fact, could be classed among our chief supporters.

I also thank the Club, Mick Pawley and co-selectors for supporting us during the season and extending the time of promotable players in our endeavour to gain a Semi-Final berth.

SECOND GRADE STATISTICS

	BATTING					BOWLING					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Runs	Wts.	Ave.	Cts.
K. Turner	14	4	100	479	47.90	—	—	—	—	—	—
G. Hill	6	—	59	188	31.33	—	—	—	—	—	—
P. Sullivan	6	—	158	187	31.16	13.0	3	46	3	15.33	1
T. Purcell	5	2	31	90	30.00	2.0	—	9	—	—	5
B. Tapp	12	2	45	262	26.20	—	—	—	—	—	4
S. Mesite	8	1	40*	163	23.28	—	—	—	—	—	4
M. Byers	14	4	37*	230	23.00	—	—	—	—	—	16-6
J. Stewart	16	3	75*	293	22.54	3.0	—	23	—	—	3
J. Weight	15	2	52	214	16.46	1.0	—	9	—	—	6
G. Simpson	16	3	41*	211	16.23	51.2	4	255	12	21.25	12
M. Stedman	6	2	25	63	15.75	10.0	2	28	3	9.33	2
K. Nichol	6	3	25*	37	12.33	201.7	33	778	41	18.98	3
G. Blades	10	1	17	79	8.77	148.0	26	590	19	31.05	3
T. Spencer	7	2	24*	40	8.00	152.3	26	524	30	17.46	7
B. Kinsey	4	2	4	4	2.00	207.2	44	564	45	12.54	3

ALSO BATTED: I. Howell 2-18 (1 ct.); G. Flowers 1-6; P. Harvey 3-64 (1 ct.); G. Wilkes 1-21; S. Byers 2 (1 n.o.)-3 (1 ct.).

ALSO BOWLED: I. MacDonald 0-26; G. Flowers 0-5; P. Harvey 0-10; S. Byers 5-105.

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES: K. Turner 100, 75, 53, 41*, 44; J. Weight 52; P. Harvey 43; G. Simpson 41*, 41; S. Mesite 40*; J. Stewart 75*, 63; B. Tapp 45, 45, 40*; P. Sullivan 58, 54; G. Hill 59, 50.

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES: B. Kinsey 6-28, 5-35, 5-40, 4-19; K. Nichol 5-33, 5-32, 4-64; T. Spencer 6-33; G. Simpson 5-61.

THIRD GRADE REPORT

(By KEITH FITZPATRICK, Captain)

Compared with the Premiership winning side of the previous year, the team did not have a good season. Many new faces appeared in the team, several of whom performed well and showed real promise.

Generally, the standard of cricket played by the team was mediocre. However, I feel that this was mainly due to circumstances which made it hard for the players to develop their confidence and improve their technique.

Apart from the weather, one aspect outside the control of the players which certainly contributed to a large extent to the individuals and in turn to the team's poor performances, was the condition of Graham's Reserve, our home ground. The outfield was in poor condition throughout the season, and the wicket areas was the worst in the Sydney Grade Cricket Competition. This was the situation from the start of the season until the finish and I feel that it is not possible for young players to perform well under such conditions.

The team commenced the season with Brian Kinsey as captain. Brian's ability is such that he is much too good for Third Grade and after three matches he regretfully bowed to the inevitable call of Second Grade. There, he proceeded to confirm that he is also a good Second Grade bowler.

The team's strength was its bowling, the bulk of which was carried out by Rob Green and Ian McDonald. Rob always bowled tightly and at no stage were opposing batsmen able to get on top of him. He took most wickets and must be pushing for promotion next season. From the other end, Rob was complemented by "Macca," ever ready to tempt the batsman with his now famous "slower" or "hit me" ball. The character of the side, a great entertainer and team man, Ian is improving with age.

Grant Mairs showed promise as a leg spinner, although his opportunities were limited because of the high incidence of wet Saturdays. He showed that on a firm wicket with a bit of bounce, he had the ability to bowl accurately for long spells. He also showed ability with the bat, but lack of application caused his downfall on several occasions.

Two youngsters who came into the side at the end of the season and showed real ability were Greg Hayes and Ken Pitcher. Greg, a left-arm fast bowler, bowled extremely well with an old ball and took 6-14 off nine overs. Ken bowled medium-pace steadily and accurately to finish with 3-12 off eight overs. With practice and perseverance both these players should become permanent fixtures in higher grades. Barry Dummermuth also bowled well on occasions, with best performances of 4-14 and 3-42.

Whilst the bowling was adequate, the batting generally was not good. Ken Turner and Sam Mesite batted consistently well and quickly won promotion. Reg Ryan, a newcomer to the club, showed great application and his ability to get his head down and fight for runs was a lesson to the younger players. Reg headed the teams batting averages and aggregate. He was a keen and enthusiastic team member and he held some great catches behind the wicket.

The only all-rounder the team could boast was Mark Stedman. With the ball he turned in some fiery performances and bowled with real pace. His 5-30 off 12 overs against Sutherland was a real test of stamina and his 4-30 versus North Sydney was also a good effort. He was also a hard-hitting No. 4 batsman who turned the tide on several occasions and placed the team in a favourable position. His gully fielding was both brilliant and acrobatic.

Of the other batsmen, Jeff Logan, Mick Boyer and Graham Dudley all showed promise and played good innings, but without consistency. The overall fielding standard of the team was only fair. Fielding is an aspect of the game which most players ignore and, naturally, it is reflected in their performances.

Although the team did not enjoy a particularly successful season cricket wise, it was a happy season and all players proved to be good team men. The team won five matches, lost eight and drew three.

THIRD GRADE STATISTICS

	BATTING					BOWLING					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Runs	Wts.	Ave.	Cts.
R. Ryan	8	1	54	252	36.00	0.5	—	5	1	5.00	2
K. Turner	5	—	65	140	28.00	—	—	—	—	—	2
S. Mesite	8	—	73	189	23.63	—	—	—	—	—	3
M. Stedman	12	2	44	215	21.50	58.0	8	240	19	12.63	5
R. Quinn	7	2	65*	95	19.00	—	—	—	—	—	7-6
J. Logan	12	2	45	187	18.70	—	—	—	—	—	3
I. MacDonald	11	4	22	86	12.21	134.0	20	422	20	21.10	7
G. Flowers	14	—	32	151	10.71	8.0	—	35	2	17.50	2
M. Boyer	5	—	32	52	10.40	—	—	—	—	—	2
G. Robinson	11	—	28	110	10.00	45.0	6	168	6	28.00	—
K. Fitzpatrick	17	—	62	213	12.51	13.0	1	46	—	—	2
Ric de Silva	8	1	18	60	8.57	—	—	—	—	—	1
N. Hill	6	—	26	47	7.83	—	—	—	—	—	—
G. Mairs	11	—	25	84	7.64	41.0	4	144	6	24.00	—
R. Green	11	2	11	53	5.88	148.0	31	403	30	13.43	2

ALSO BATTED: P. Harvey 1-77; B. Dummermuth 1-17 (2 ct.); G. Dudley 3 (1 n.o.)-70 (2 ct.); J. Nichol 1-13; G. Wilkes 2-2; P. Thrush 2-22; I. Travers 1-1; K. Pitcher 1-0 (1 ct.); S. Jansson 1-0; M. Denhert 1-4; J. Vallance 2 (n.o.)-1; B. Kinsey 2 (n.o.)-0 (1 ct.); B. Henry 1 (n.o.)-0; S. Byers 2-0 (1 ct.); B. Neal 2 (1 n.o.)-7.

ALSO BOWLED: B. Dummermuth 10-193; B. Kinsey 11-112; J. Vallance 5-91; S. Byers 6-90; B. Neal 2-53; J. Nichol 3-57; M. Denhert 1-37; G. Hayes 6-14; K. Pitcher 3-12; P. Thrush 0-5; B. Henry 0-16.

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES: P. Harvey 77; S. Mesite 73, 43; R. Ryan 54, 52, 40; K. Turner 65, 51; K. Fitzpatrick 62, 40; M. Stedman 44, 42 n.o.; J. Logan 45, 45; R. Quinn 65 n.o.

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES: R. Green 5-62, 4-5, 4-28, 4-40; M. Stedman 5-30, 4-30; B. Kinsey 5-29, 4-24; I. MacDonald 5-42; J. Vallance 4-27; B. Dummermuth 4-14; G. Hayes 6-14.

FOURTH GRADE REPORT

(By GREG ANDERSON, Captain)

The Fourth Grade team had a relatively successful season, recording six wins, four losses and five draws. The high number of draws and the state of the Graham's centre wicket can be cited as major reasons why Fourth Grade did not perform as well as first anticipated.

Despite this, the Fourth Grade team tried hard throughout the season and some excellent performances were recorded. Bruce Henry bowled extremely well to finish the season with 14 wickets at an average of 9.5 a wicket. Other bowlers who performed well were Greg Hayes, John Vallance, Dave Peate and Richard Gregson. Special mention must be made of Richard Gregson, who was originally chosen as a batsman but ended up bowling 103 overs and taking 21 wickets.

The batting for the main part was sound, considering the state of the wickets. Reg Ryan batted well while in Fourth Grade, and certainly earned his promotion. Noel Hill, although impatient at times, put in some good scores throughout the season. Others who performed well were Graham Wilks, Graham Hamilton, Ken Pitcher and Greg Hayes.

As with most games of cricket, the game is won or lost by how well the team performs on the field. Fielding was not good at the start of the season, but through some incentive it gradually improved as the season progressed.

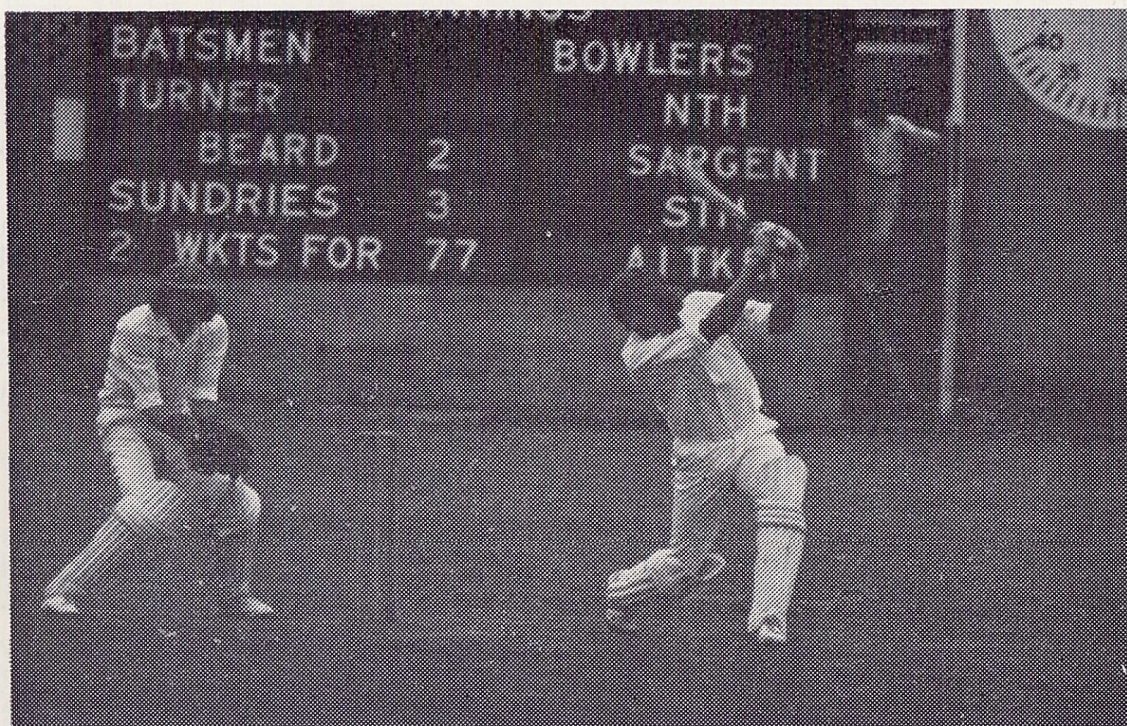
The highlights of the season for Fourth Grade would most certainly be their excellent wins over Gordon and Western Suburbs, where the team faced certain defeat, but due to some good batting at the lower end of the batting list the team was able to struggle through for two excellent wins.

Young players who showed they are capable of playing in higher grades in the future were Greg Hayes, Graham Wilks and Ken Pitcher. Each tried hard, and although finding it difficult to begin with, stuck with it and were putting in some fine performances towards the end of the season.

I would like to thank all those people who played Fourth Grade this year for their loyal support, and look forward to an equally enjoyable season next year.

FOURTH GRADE STATISTICS

	BATTING					BOWLING					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Runs	Wts.	Ave.	Cts.
K. Pitcher	8	4	60*	116	29.00	39.0	6	128	4	32.00	—
N. Hill	7	1	62	172	28.66	1.0	—	7	—	—	2
G. Anderson	13	2	58	244	22.21	1.0	—	12	—	—	6-1
R. Ryan	8	2	46	117	19.50	—	—	—	—	—	—
S. Jansson	7	2	34*	92	18.40	—	—	—	—	—	1
N. Rose	9	1	30	136	17.00	26.0	2	96	7	13.71	1
G. Wilkes	14	1	38	208	16.00	—	—	—	—	—	9
G. Hayes	8	2	29*	96	16.00	53.0	6	186	14	13.30	—
G. Hamilton	6	—	24	87	14.50	43.0	11	112	4	28.00	1
R. Gregson	13	—	34	144	11.08	103.0	16	338	21	16.12	2
J. Nichol	9	1	25*	81	10.13	67.0	4	277	11	25.21	4
I. Travers	6	1	10	33	5.50	—	—	—	—	—	—
D. Peate	5	—	8	15	3.00	76.0	16	267	12	22.33	—
B. Henry	5	1	2	5	1.25	49.0	7	133	14	9.50	2
J. Vallance	2	—	2	2	1.00	86.0	9	273	18	15.22	1



Graeme Beard — a great shot in another great year



“B.K.” Player of the Year — over 500 wickets for the Club



Ken Turner drives — one of his many fours



Mark Stedman — Fielder of the Year — had a good all-round season

ALSO BATTED: G. Dudley 2-98 (1 ct.); Ric de Silva 3-94; M. Boyer 2-51 (1 ct.); G. Mairs 3-67 (2 ct.); P. Harris 1-21; M. Denhert 1-18; B. Neal 1-13; G. Frost 1-13 (2 ct.); I. McKenzie 1-10; P. Thrush 1-9 (1 ct.); B. Dummermuth 2-14; D. Proffitt 1-5; R. Quinn 1-1 (3 ct.).

ALSO BOWLED: B. Dummermuth 3-20; M. Denhert 4-46; P. Thrush 3-11; B. Neal 1-49; R. de Silva 0-16; G. Mairs 2-74; D. McIntosh 0-8.

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES: K. Pitcher 60*; N. Hill 62, 45; G. Anderson 58, 54, 51, 41; R. Ryan 46; G. Dudley 60; R. de Silva 59.

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES: J. Vallance 5-33, 5-48; R. Gregson 4-22, 4-25; J. Nichol 4-20; B. Henry 4-36.

A3 GRADE REPORT

(By PHIL THRUSH, Captain)

To follow the rise and fall of the A3 side is nothing short of amazing, as in fact, was the whole of the year. After leading the competition with four out of five wins, the team did a "Billy Dunk" to win only one of the remaining games. Some have said "what a waste," but this is far from the truth. I believe that every one of the 38 players who participated in the A3 season learned much about his own game and appreciating cricket as a whole.

On the subject of numbers, it is yet unconfirmed, but the A3's may have set a record for the most players in a season. The side did notably in other areas. It scored more centuries than any other club team. In these two instances Nigel Rose (121*) and Graham Dudley (101) displayed every shot in the book (and a few that are not) and were justly awarded promotion. Half centuries flowed too numerous to mention, while on the bowling side other flowers sprung to full bloom. Our own "Jim Laker," B. A. I. Henry, dazzled the opposition, his returns including a 5-6 and 7-38 performances. Andrew Nock must also be commended for his workhorse performances.

Over the year our fielding let us down, though not for lack of trying, and I hope a conscientious effort will be made by all to improve early next season.

The season had its ups and downs. For many there was difficulty in adjusting to mats, and there were at times, problems in acquiring players. However, on the positive side, a number of promising young players emerged who have benefitted from a year on the mats and who will be looking forward to playing on turf next year.

A3 GRADE STATISTICS

	BATTING					BOWLING					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Runs	Wts.	Ave.	Cts.
I. Travers	7	2	72	158	31.60	17.0	2	101	5	20.20	
G. Dudley	8	—	101	215	26.37	—	—	—	—	—	
B. Neal	7	1	49	145	24.16	47.0	4	179	15	11.93	
B. Henry	7	1	40	144	24.00	48.1	3	209	24	8.71	
M. Banks	11	2	36*	110	12.22	—	—	—	—	—	
P. Harris	13	1	20	132	11.00	1.0	—	4	1	4.00	
P. Thrush	14	—	58	150	10.71	76.4	6	310	17	18.22	
Rog de Silva	8	2	15*	60	10.00	11.0	—	52	2	26.00	
A. Nock	7	4	6*	17	5.66	97.0	6	457	17	24.81	
V. Allen	6	—	5	12	2.00	2.0	—	13	—	—	

ALSO BATTED: N. Rose 2 (1 n.o.)-142; R. Gregson 1-64; D. Peate 2-15; R. Quinn 4 (4 n.o.)-44; S. Matthews 1 (n.o.)-29; K. Pitcher 3-48; S. Hutchinson 1-12; P. Jones 1-3; W. Davis 1-0; S. Jansson 3-80; B. Dummermuth 1-11; D. Quarford 3-1; R. Gordon 3-8; A. Howard 2-7; P. Graves 3-44; N. Johnson 3-4; B. Bucknell 2-2; R. Barker 2-6; G. Ravenscroft 2-17; G. Hill 1-45; I. McKenzie 3-1; N. Archer 1-2; B. Dyan (1 n.o.)-0; D. Westbury (1 n.o.)-7; R. Holder (1 n.o.)-13; P. Holder 1-9; G. Mairs 1-17.

ALSO BOWLED: D. Peate 5-37; S. Matthews 1-45; K. Pitcher 9-73; R. Dunning 2-22; W. Davis 4-37; S. Jansson 1-15; B. Dummermuth 3-45; R. Gordon 0-9; P. Graves 0-1; N. Johnson 3-14; I. McKenzie 0-0; N. Archer 0-2; D. Westbury 1-34.

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES: G. Dudley 101, 54, 42; N. Rose 121*; I. Travers 72; G. Hill 45; R. Gregson 64; P. Thrush 58; B. Henry 40; B. Neal 49; S. Jansson 50.

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES: B. Henry 7-38, 5-6, 5-37, 4-20; B. Neal 7-57; P. Thrush 4-41, 4-50; D. Peate 4-30; A. Nock 4-21; K. Pitcher 4-18.

GRADE B2 REPORT

(By BRUCE LOUDEN, Captain)

This young side performed creditably in the B2 Grade of the Manly-Warringah Junior District Cricket Association, finishing well up the ladder, and, in fact, would have worried the leaders, but for the extra loss of points, due to wet weather at Weldon Reserve, whilst the other teams continued play on the hard wickets. However, when the weather was fine, the wicket at Weldon generally was in poor condition, the ball popping up over the head, then the next ball hardly rising at all. Hardly good playing conditions to get these young lads accustomed to turf wickets. Either the wicket is improved next season or the competition is evened out, so that all clubs get an equal share of these playing conditions.

The team was suitably graded in B2, and after initial settling down of the team, at the start of the season a solid team combination developed, culminating in a moral win over the leaders in the second last match, when rain saved them from certain defeat by our boys.

BATTING

Some excellent batting performances were recorded although it is my belief that more concentration and application by these young players is needed before they are eligible for higher grades. Maybe these attributes develop with age.

Greg Hayes started off with an 86 and with his fast bowling looked a good all-rounder. It was not long before he was called to a higher grade.

Chris Harper did well as opener, and needs to develop a technique against the rising ball. His partner, Greg Frost, has plenty of talent, he needs to concentrate on avoiding to pull the ball constantly off the leg stump.

Roger de Silva shows plenty of dash and attack, and a bit more effort in defence, he could build consistently good scores.

Steve Hutchinson was more a defensive batsman, but his daring should develop as he becomes more experienced, and Mark Kroschel shows good all-round batting ability, mixing attack with defence in the right proportions. The most improved batsman was Jaaka Tarhala; he was down the list most of the season but in an experiment, he was elevated and met the task with some good scores.

The other batsmen whilst they all play down the line, more and more cricket should bring them out.

BOWLING

At the start of the season the attack lacked real penetration, particularly with the loss of Greg Hayes. Match by match our opening combination of Phil Webster, right arm, with left-armed Tim Tucker proved to be effective, these both picking up a good season's tally of wickets at low averages. Phil Webster's speed and accuracy improved to the extent, with plenty of bowling practice, he will be a very useful opening bowler. As the run up of Jim Tucker's is straightened out, his speed will be much, much faster and his natural curving inswinger is a ball he needs to concentrate on. Mark Kroschel is the leg spinner of the future, his action is good and with a bit more follow through, should be able to bowl a consistent length throughout a match. Steve Hutchinson with more concentration will be able to bowl excellent biting off-breaks. Lee McMaster took over the opening bowling in the absence of the regular bowlers; his action is good and with plenty of practice he will be worth watching for the future. Chris Harper bowled his medium pace with plenty of swing; more accuracy and a bit more pace will yield him some good figures.

FIELDING

Generally the fielding was excellent with some brilliant catches being taken. The slips fielding needs to smarten up and there was a noticeable lapse in fielding enthusiasm when the opening side tended to dig in. This human failing is a difficult one to overcome. Greg Frost did excellent work behind the wicket, and with more practice down the leg side will develop into a fine wicketkeeper. Greg Dunn as stand-in keeper sights the ball well off the fast bowling, and with the slow bowler he needs to stand up closer to the wicket to be effective for stumpings.

These boys at the average age of 17 to 18 years will stand Manly Club in good stead for the future provided they are not rushed into higher grades too quickly. That necessary maturity is not there yet; this showed itself time and time again playing against older sides, it is here where it is absolutely necessary to have an adult in the side to lead and to guide.

It has been my pleasure to help the boys in their game of cricket; they are all of good character. They all enjoy their cricket, and, after all, "that's what it's all about."

B2 GRADE STATISTICS

	BATTING					BOWLING				
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Runs	Wts.	Ave. Cts.
B. Louden	8	3	94*	230	46.00	—	—	—	—	—
Rog de Silva	9	2	60*	189	27.00	—	—	—	—	—
M. Kroschel	11	4	68	160	22.86	48.0	1	244	18	13.62
C. Harper	15	2	72	276	21.24	42.0	5	195	7	27.92
G. Frost	13	—	60	209	16.11	—	—	—	—	—
S. Hutchinson	12	—	47	172	14.30	37.0	2	149	16	9.32
J. Taharla	12	1	52*	124	11.28	2.0	—	9	3	3.00
J. Tucker	12	3	32	98	10.88	74.0	9	230	28	8.24
P. Webster	8	—	34	75	9.37	80.0	14	256	35	7.32
G. Dunn	12	2	34	93	9.30	—	—	—	—	—
S. Atkinson	7	—	39	60	8.43	—	—	—	—	—
L. McMaster	9	2	18	55	7.86	28.0	4	154	10	15.40

ALSO BATTED: S. Jansson 2 (1 n.o.)-53; G. Hayes 4-96; T. Pitcher 1-18; A. Raco 1-3; K. Pitcher 3-4.

ALSO BOWLED: G. Hayes 4-60; K. Pitcher 2-35; M. Bourke 0-18.

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES: B. Louden 94*, 56; C. Harper 72, 53*; M. Kroschel 68; G. Hayes 86; R. de Silva 60*; G. Frost 60; J. Taharla 52*.

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES: P. Webster, 8 wickets in an innings; S. Hutchinson, hat-trick.

POIDEVIN-GRAY REPORT

(By TOM PURCELL, Captain)

Due to the closeness of this year's competition, the final result of three wins, three losses and a draw was enough to keep our chances of winning the Northern Zone alive right to the last match. A washout against Balmain in the second last round with an easy victory in sight, coupled with a loss in the last game to Mosman, saw this chance slip beyond our grasp.

Our first two games provided wins against North Sydney and Gordon, these sides being dismissed cheaply for 131 and 99 respectively. This was a real morale booster for the side, especially for the captain who scored 76 in the first game, one of the few times he had passed double figures at that stage of the season. Bob Green was the outstanding bowler, taking 4-50 and 3-25 respectively, and Bob, as he did last year, continually did the main damage. His bowling was of fine quality at all times.

Our lack of fast bowling was accentuated when we lost Steve Byers through leg trouble. Steve was firing well and his 3-14 broke the backbone of the Gordon batting. His penetration was sadly missed in later matches.

The next venue was a visit to the Village Green to face a strong University of New South Wales side, and in an exciting match we were beaten by two wickets after almost 400 runs had been scored in the afternoon. "Centurion" Greg Simpson took three quick wickets with his tempting leg spinners to give our side a chance, but dropped catches eventually cost us the game.

It wasn't long before we returned to the winner's circle and on New Year's day we defeated Sydney University with two wickets in hand, only through a superb half-century eighth-wicket stand between Mark Byers 49 n.o. and Noel Hill 22 n.o., who under a great deal of pressure steered us through to a victory.

Well beaten by Northern Districts, we travelled to Balmain, a game which cost us the chance of taking the lead in the competition with only one game to play. Only nine runs short of victory and five wickets in hand, rain stopped play and robbed us of a certain victory. A loss in the last round against Mosman saw the competition slip from our hands.

The competition was close, exciting and most of all, enjoyable, this due to the fine team spirit that existed throughout. Most of the averages of the side were disappointing, but the results and the fact that we came so close to reaching the No. 1 position, speak highly of the fighting ability and determination of the players. Highlights of the seven games must be that Mark Byers has established himself as a batsman of high calibre as well as a sound keeper, and again the fact that Bob Green responded to the responsibility thrust on his shoulders to turn in some great bowling performances. Mention finally must be made of "Storky" Flowers who in the final game was successful in one of his many pleas for a bowl, and surprised us all with 3-59 off 17 overs. The effort must have told on him, however, as he missed some early rounds of the Rugby season with a damaged shoulder.

I would finally like to thank all the players for their support during the season and, of course, Joyce and Alex for the afternoon teas.

POIDEVIN-GRAY STATISTICS

	BATTING					BOWLING					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Runs	Wts.	Ave.	Cts.
T. Purcell	7	—	76	236	33.71	9.0	—	77	1	77.00	6
M. Byers	6	1	49*	132	26.40	—	—	—	—	—	6-2
G. Hill	7	—	50	150	21.43	3.0	1	11	—	—	3
N. Hill	3	1	22*	36	18.00	8.0	2	26	1	26.00	1
G. Flowers	7	—	26	111	15.86	19.0	5	71	3	23.66	—
G. Wilks	3	2	9*	16	16.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ric de Silva	2	—	29	31	15.50	—	—	—	—	—	1
S. Mesite	7	—	34	92	13.14	3.0	—	26	—	—	3
G. Simpson	6	—	18	69	11.50	69.0	10	281	11	25.54	3
M. Stedman	6	—	17	62	10.33	37.0	5	154	9	17.11	1
J. Logan	7	2	15*	50	10.00	1.0	—	1	—	—	4
P. Thrush	1	—	8	8	8.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
S. Byers	2	—	3	3	1.50	23.0	5	56	4	14.00	1
R. Green	3	1	1	1	0.50	102.0	33	217	19	11.42	2
J. Vallance	2	1	—*	—	0.00	30.0	5	108	4	27.00	—
K. Pitcher	1	1	—*	—	—	8.0	1	36	1	36.00	—
G. Hayes	—	—	—	—	—	3.0	1	11	—	—	—

A. W. GREEN SHIELD REPORT

(Managers JON VALLANCE and MARK BYERS)

Well, a mixed season on and off the field was experienced by the boys this year. I feel that they enjoyed their cricket immensely even though they only succeeded in winning two and drawing one of the games in the series. The team consisted of twelve keen and conscientious cricketers, with Graeme Wilks as captain, Chris Harper, Steve Hutchinson, Mark Perry, Kenny Pitcher, Ian Travers, Greg Hayes, Mark Kroschel, Greg Frost and Peter Fitzgerald.

The results of the seven games were as follows:

Manly-Warringah 94 (P. Fitzgerald 25) and 0-91 (K. Pitcher 50x, C. Harper 28x); Balmain 7 decl. 224 (G. Hayes 3-32, M. Kroschel 3-42). Lost on 1st innings.

Manly-Warringah 137 (K. Pitcher 27, M. Perry 19); Central Cumberland 6 decl. 144 (M. Perry 2-34, M. Kroschel 2-25). Lost on 1st innings.

Manly-Warringah 6 decl. 210 (K. Pitcher 64, G. Wilks 47x); Mosman 7-211 (S. Hutchinson 3-27). Lost on 1st innings.

Manly-Warringah 6 decl. 220 (G. Wilks 76x, M. Perry 41); Sydney 167 (M. Kroschel 5-47, S. Hutchinson 3-58, G. Hayes 2-17). Won on 1st innings.

Manly-Warringah 7-184 (K. Pitcher 93, C. Harper 39, G. Wilks 24); North Sydney 155 (S. Hutchinson 5-42, M. Kroschel 3-56). Won on 1st innings.

Manly-Warringah 93 (M. Perry 23) and 110 (P. Fitzgerald 24); Northern Districts 4-97 (G. Hayes 3-40) and 1-108. Lost outright.

Manly-Warringah 8-169 (G. Wilks 48x, M. Perry 40); Gordon 8-105 (G. Hayes 3-14, S. Hutchinson 3-22, M. Kroschel 2-39). Drawn game.

From the above results it can be seen that our batting, although quite strong, was not as consistent as need be. Without the nucleus performing well every innings we ended up in dire trouble, as seen in games against Balmain and Northern Districts. This situation was not aided by lack of depth in our speed bowling attack. Greg Hayes was the only regular quickie and he performed his job well. Several times the task of taking wickets was left up to our two spinners, Mark Kroschel and Steve Hutchinson.

The fielding was on a very high level and was remarked on often by the opposition spectators. Several good catches as well as two lightning stumpings, were taken by Peter Fitzgerald behind the wickets.

I would like to comment here on the thoughtful and skilful captaincy of Graeme Wilks. On several occasions strategic movements of players on the field, as well as timely declarations, helped the team to gain a decisive advantage over their opponents. Graeme was at all times backed up by his team-mates and this I'm sure was most appreciated by Graeme.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our faithful supporters for the encouragement they provided.

Another highlight of the 1975-76 season was the social match against the visiting New Zealand schoolboy team, Waikato. The match was played on Manly Oval and delicious buffet luncheon was provided for both teams. I would like to thank those ladies involved in the organisation of the luncheon, especially Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Hodgson. The game was lost by Manly but was played in good spirit and enjoyed by both teams. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those mums who made their homes available to the tourists by taking billets.

The scores were: Manly-Warringah 120 (P. Fitzgerald 32, G. Wilks 21); Waikato 6-122 (J. Vallance 2-25, S. Hutchinson 238).

A. W. GREEN SHIELD STATISTICS

	BATTING					BOWLING					
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.	Ovs.	Mds.	Runs	Wts.	Ave.	Cts.
G. Wilks	8	4	76	225	56.25	—	—	—	—	—	—
K. Pitcher	9	1	93	292	36.20	30.0	2	154	1	15.40	—
M. Perry	7	—	41	151	21.57	28.0	2	108	3	36.00	—
C. Harper	9	1	39	154	19.25	—	—	—	—	—	—
I. Travers	8	—	37	108	13.50	13.0	—	58	1	58.00	—
P. Fitzgerald	8	—	25	94	11.75	—	—	—	—	—	—
S. Hutchinson	6	2	19	40	10.00	71.0	4	264	16	16.50	—
G. Frost	8	1	24	59	8.43	—	—	—	—	—	—
G. Hayes	8	2	16	49	8.16	76.2	9	206	15	13.73	—
M. Kroschel	4	3	4*	8	8.00	65.0	8	294	15	19.40	—
E. Wiblin	2	—	7	7	3.50	—	—	—	—	—	—
S. Tarhala	2	1	—*	—	0.00	—	—	—	—	—	—

CITY and SUBURBAN REPORT

(By N. BOUVENG)

Our team had a very enjoyable season, giving a better performance than last season.

H. Frazer was once again our top bowler, taking 35 wickets for an average of 9.6. No doubt it would have been better had he played all games. M. Pickering was next with 33 wickets at 10.25, followed by R. Marshall with 20 at 13.10.

Newcomer M. Pickering took the batting average with 20.6 and R. Marshall was next with 16.9 per innings.

It was pleasing to note that M. Pickering was selected in the City & Suburban team to play the N.S.W. Cricketer Club at the S.C.G. and no doubt we will see Mike in grade very soon.

Len Roche, who played for the team for the past ten years, passed away during the season, and was sadly missed by all his mates.

I thank all team members and committee for their support and also Mrs. Pickering, who has become our official scorer.

"C2" GRADE REPORT

(TOM O'CONNELL, Manager)

This side was entered in the competition in an effort to keep the 1975 Moore Shield team together as a group.

The experiment proved a great success and although much younger than their opponents generally, they were defeated only once throughout the season.

Every batsman in the side scored runs and every bowler claimed wickets in one game or another and it can be honestly recorded that no one player failed to take full advantage of the opportunity to play in higher company afforded by the District Club.

The enthusiasm of the side was reflected in the fielding throughout the entire season and although severely tested at times by the undisciplined behaviour of many of the older boys in opposition teams, the individual sportsmanship of the team remained unblemished.

Leading batsman was Tony Pitcher with 282 runs for an average of 31.33, while opener Craig Dobbie took the bowling honours with 34 wickets at an average of 5.58.

The team was well led by Scott Matthews and very efficiently managed and coached by Mr. Roy Matthews. Unfortunately for the Club, Roy and his family left N.S.W. late in the season to make their home in W.A. The team expressed their appreciation of Roy's efforts by way of a small gift prior to his departure.

If there was any disappointment at all throughout the season it lay in the fact that, although the boys were kept together as the nucleus for future grade teams, they were completely ignored by the Club after selection.

Each week they hoped that one or other of the senior players would arrive at training to coach them or offer advice, but this never happened, and the fact is mentioned in this report as a suggestion for future seasons.

SUCCESSFUL CLUBS

As indicated in the foregoing, we did not have the best of seasons. The Seconds nearly made it, and we did contest the semi of the Rothmans K.O. with Newcastle, but all in all we would prefer to look forward to next season.

To the clubs listed below we offer our very sincere congratulations, and make no excuses for our efforts during the season to prevent them achieving their success.

1st Grade	Waverley D.C.C.
2nd Grade	Central Cumberland D.C.C.
3rd Grade	Sutherland D.C.C.
4th Grade	Mosman Middle Harbour D.C.C.
5th Grade	Gordon D.C.C.
Poidevin Gray Shield	St. George D.C.C.
A. W. Green Shield	Central Cumberland and Western Suburbs
Rothmans K.O.	Balmain D.C.C.

SOCIALLY

Socially the 1975/76 season was a relatively quiet one, with activities largely centred around our attempts to get maximum participation from members from all grade at Room-at-the-Top activities. In this we were more successful than in some previous years and the Social Committee is pleased to report that the Room-at-the-Top was responsible for the bulk of the \$587 excess income over expenditure which the Club had this year.

Despite this emphasis, two most enjoyable functions were staged — a theatre party at the Killara 680 Club (attended by over 60 members) and a dinner dance at the Wakehurst Golf Club, which attracted over 100 guests despite some terrible weather. It was good to see a sizeable percentage of the younger brigade in attendance at these functions — it has long been a problem to cater for the various age groups in the Club to the satisfaction of all.

The Social Committee launched a large-scale competition towards the end of the year, the primary aim being to raise some \$1000-\$1500 to improve coaching and practice facilities for young Club members and juniors. The prize is excellent, tickets are only \$1.00; so all Club members are reminded that an all-out effort to sell their tickets will be required in the near future if this aim is to be achieved.

Finally, your Social Committee unanimously decided to continue with last year's idea of combining the Annual General Meeting with a mixed dinner dance. Formalities will be attended to prior to the social part of the evening on this occasion, and we hope to see all Club members, and their wives, girlfriends and parents on what should be a great evening.

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

This year I am again happy to report a financial success, profit being \$587, represented by a loss on 'cricket' of \$586, and a surplus of \$1173 on 'non-cricket' activities.

The 'Room at the Top' showed a most satisfactory result of \$679 surplus, and we are indebted to the members who have made this possible.

The Income & Expenditure Account which supplements the Balance Sheet show where income was derived from and where this was spent.

Our subscription income has emanated from 39 Senior players, 40 Juniors, and two members who played part of the season only.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

To the time of going to press, 11 meetings of the committee and several sub-committee meetings were held.

The committee this season was a particularly well balanced one; a number of younger members offering their contribution to the Club's affairs.

Attendances at meetings held were reasonably good and are recorded here in alphabetical order:

A. Anderson 11, G. Beard 9, R. Beard 8, G. Glades 8, R. Chapman (res. 16-12-75) 3, I. Howell 5, M. Howell 5, J. Hodgson 10, R. Kinsey 11, M. Pawley 7, S. Sismey 4, T. Spencer 8, J. Stephenson 8, P. Stephenson (Leave of absence 18-11-75) 5, J. Stewart 11, F. Turner 10, K. Turner 9, P. Thrust (elected 16-12-75) 5, R. Woodfield 5.

OBITUARY

Contemporaries of C. K. 'Charlie' Hayman have long ceased any active playing part in the Club, but there are sufficient of them still connected with us, one way or another, who feel a personal sadness at his passing. Charlie was above all a cricket enthusiast and one who, in his own full enjoyment of playing, and with his cheerful warm-hearted personality, infected all who played with him.

Allied to this was a fine record as an administrator, and he served on the committee continuously from 1934 to 1953, the last thirteen years as Hon. Treasurer. His services were recognised when he was awarded Hon. Life Membership in 1957.

In offering our condolences to Mrs. Hayman, and to the other members of the family, we assure them that Charlie has earned an indelible place in the Club's history and a most affectionate one in the memories of all who played or worked for cricket with him.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1976

(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 the 30th April, 1976, 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 1-6-76.

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

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1976

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1974-75		1974-75	
1,756	Materials and Repairs	1,675	Subscriptions, Members and Associates
50	Club Centenary Fund	329	Donations
471	Printing, Stationery and Advertising	223	Interest Received
10	Insurance	30	Contributions — Cricketer's Club
282	Postage and Telephones	268	Miscellaneous Income
39	Donations and Presentations	500	N.S.W.C.A. Grant
350	Miscellaneous Expenses	65	Ground Fees and Rentals
15	Knockout Competition		Surplus on Sale of Caps
—	Ground Fees and Rentals		G. Lowe Bequest
	Manly Oval		Knockout Competition
146	Gross Takings		Surplus Expenditure over Income Transferred
96	Less Wages	229	to Accumulation Account
385	Less Rentals		
335	Excess Expenditure over Income		
11	Nett Deficit on Sale of Caps		
<u>\$3,319</u>		<u>\$3,319</u>	
			<u>\$3,716</u>

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

SOCIAL INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1976

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1974-75		1974-75	
703	Balance of Income over Expenditure Transferred to Social Fund Accumulation Account	703	Nett Income from various activities
<u>\$703</u>		<u>\$703</u>	
			<u>\$1,173</u>

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

CLUB RECORDS

COMPETITION MATCHES

First Grade

Highest Individual Score	G. Beard, 187 (1975-76)
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	D. Gee, 843 (1904-05)
Highest Average	H. Williams, 70.00 (1913-14)
Most Wickets in Season	J. Randall, 88 (1904-05)

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)

