100th

ANNUAL REPORT
and
BALANCE SHEET
of the

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLU



1977/78 SEA

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB will be held in the ASSEMBLY ROOM, MANLY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS on TUESDAY 18th JULY 1978 at 7.45 PM.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

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Description BUSINESS

- 1. To receive the One Hundredth Annual Report of the General Committee and the Honorary Treasurer's Balance Sheet.
- 2. To present Caps to the victorious Poidevin Gray team.
- 3. To elect Office-Bearers and General Committee for the ensuing year.
- 4. To transact any other business that may be brought forward in conformity with the constitution of the Club.

J.F.Hodgson Hon. Secretary 12/11a Oyama Avenue MANLY 2095

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PLEASE BE KIND ENOUGH TO BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. ONLY FINANCIAL MEMBERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

OFFICE-BEARERS - 1977/78

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The Mayor of Manly; The President of Warringah Shire

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Hon. Treasurer

Mr. R.H.Kinsey

Hon. Assistant Secretary

Mr A. Anderson

Hon Auditor

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General Committee

Messrs T.P.Spencer; J.Stewart; J.Macpherson; P.Stephenson; R.Holmes; G.Beard; P.Thrush; D.Macpherson; E.Greening.

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Messrs B.Adrian; C.B.Cochran; G.M.Dunlop; L.W.Gwynne; C.H.Hayes; C.K. Hayman; C.A.Lawrence; G.W.Lowe; W.S.Mitchell; R.A.Oxlade; R.M.Pitt; J.A.Randell.

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ANNUAL REPORT 1977/78

Gentlemen,

If unable to repeat last year's heady Club Championship honours, our Centenary Year was a reasonably satisfactory one nonetheless. Of the grade sides both thirds and fourths only narrowly missed the semifinals, our Poidevin-Gray Shield side were premiers, and our A.W.Green Shield side were denied a place in the finals only on averages - and by the barest margin at that.

While the performances of each team are covered in the captains' reports, there was one obvious and pleasing improvement in our play. Throughout the Club, and especially in the lower grades and age teams, our batting was better and more consistent than at any time within memory. Nowhere was this more clearly demonstrated than in the Poidevin Gray and Green Shield teams. Bill Athey (our Yorkshire "import") with 465 runs - a club record - headed the Poidevin Gray batting, but Greg Hill with 322 runs and Mark Byers with 315 also had outstanding seasons (over 1100 runs between the three).

In Green Shield Dean Abbey scored 267 runs at 66.65 average and Richard Trim 219 at 73.0 - outstanding performances at this age level. Nor were the performances of the younger players confined to the age competitions. Bill Athey (425 runs) Greg Hill (385) in first grade, Graham Wilks (422) in seconds, David Heath (392) in thirds, and Graham Dudley (330) and Richard Trim (277) in fourths, all had strong seasons.

By contrast our bowling, normally our strongest asset, was a little less effective than usual - dropped catches perhaps? Brian Kinsey, for many years an outstanding second and third grade bowler, thoroughly justified his place in first grade, and headed the wicket takers with 33. David Packer, after half a season in first grade, finished very strongly to take 23 in seconds, and Stephen Byers, who began in second grade, made a very strong challenge to be re-instated there with 33 wickets at 9.36 each in thirds. Graham Hicks, who did an excellent job as captain and mentor of the young fourth grade side, headed their bowling with 36 wickets, and in this grade young Nicholas Johnson took 35 wickets - a fine performance for a seventeen year old spinner.

We can again congratulate the Club on its attention to practice. Excellent attendances were reported at the nets throughout the entire season. In addition to normal practices, the practice captain David Macpherson also organised a squad of some 15 younger players for intensive coaching during the winter season. The earlier remarks indicate its success.

Inevitably David treads on a few toes from time to time - it would be impossible to accept the degree of responsibility that he undertakes and not do so. There is however, no doubting his value - our practices are better, more purposeful and more beneficial to the Club and to individual players than ever before.

A most important development in cricket in the Manly-Warringah area was the founding of a new Club - the Warringah Shire Club. Its formation, a joint undertaking between the Manly-Warringah Cricket Association and ourselves, gives the district a third cricketing organisation and a second club playing highly-competitive cricket on turf. We offer our sincere congratulations to Bruce Louden, the inaugural president on a most encouraging first year in the Municipal and Shire competition. We look forward to them joining the M.W.C.A. and us in fostering the game throughout the peninsular.

A further innovation this year was our first venture into sponsorship, and we are very grateful to Puma, the N.S.W. Sports Store and to Courage Brewery for their generosity. The costs of staging cricket are escalating rapidly, and the practical help given by these firms is deeply appreciated.

In a year in which special efforts were required because of our centenary and the costs associated with it, our social committee didn't fail us. Ian Howell, the chairman, worked tirelessly and he and his assistants can look back on the year with great satisfaction. One of the highlights of the year was the Past v. Present match, which attracted a fine crowd to Manly Oval, and also brought many World War II and later players down to the ground. A match such as this should become a regular feature of our cricketing calendar.

On social matters we have no greater supporters than the ladies - to whom we are yet again most thankful for their kindness. It would seem very short-sighted of the Club if we do not re-establish a ladies' committee such as we had a number of years ago. This would ensure that social occasions could be planned ahead and the many more ladies who are only too willing to help if asked could be drawn into the happy atmosphere we are fortunate enough to enjoy in our Club.

Although the final results of the Centenary celebrations have yet to be assessed, our financial position is satisfactory. There are however, very clear warning signals that Clubs must be prepared to accept a far greater degree of financial responsibility in the grade cricket area. As a result of heavy losses last year and even heavier projected losses for the season under review, the N.S.W.C.A. has been forced to discontinue the general grant which for years has helped to finance its various affiliates. These include not only the 18 grade clubs, but 12 Municipal and Shire Clubs and some 20 Country Associations. In our case this amounted to \$500 in 1975/6 and \$300 in 1976/77. Other direct assistance to us and other grade Clubs is payment of umpires and the Lower Grades Assistance Grant - both of which have fortunately been maintained for the time being

We thank the Association for their help and at the same time express our appreciation of the never-failing co-operation we receive from the Secretary Bob Radford and his staff.

The Club's grounds - Manly Oval and Graham Reserve were in excellent condition - by no means the least contributing factor to the improved

OUR CEMPENARY

batting performances mentioned earlier. It is appropriate that we express our appreciation to the Council and its officers. Weldon Park, the province of the Warringah Shire Council, is now used by the Shire Club. Notwithstanding this, we are glad to extend our thanks to the Shire Council for their continued interest in our district and in our particular part of it.

- J.G.STEPHENSON, President
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OUR CENTENARY

Preparations for our centenary year began quite a few years ago, when the committee of the day established a centenary fund so that the Club would have at least something in hand when the great day came. Unforseen inflation hopelessly undermined these excellent intentions, and we found ourselves at the start of the year with very little in the kitty to meet a most formidable programme.

Chief of our concerns was how to finance our Club history - to cost in excess of \$4000 - a very large sum to a club whose entire assets totalled a little more than half that. Such however was the enthusiasm and determination to go ahead with our full programme, that any shortfall in our funds was guaranteed by several generous committee members - no doubt a highly encouraging factor to the specially formed finance committee and to the finance committee. At the time of writing it is clear that we will not need to call on this generosity.

If the preparation for the Centenary itself began early, so then did work on the Club history. It was over five years ago that Tom and Lynne Spencer began sifting through the newspaper records and similar chronicles at the Government Library, and these hours of research enabled Tom to paint the very vivid picture he has of the Club during its formative years. He was able to take advantage too, of some of our historically minded predecessors, notably the late Les Gwynne - author of our 75th Anniversary Report, whose family were kind enough to make his personal records available.

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Apart from our own players and supporters, among the 302 people present were representatives from all other grade clubs, the Manly-Warringah Cricket Association, the Manly-Warringah Sporting Union and the Manly Rugby Union Club. Additionally we were proud to have among us many ex Australian players, including Mr Ken Archer, Mr Neil Harvey and Mr Frank Misson, plus our own internationals. Also present were our good supporters from the Parliament of New South Wales, Mr Doug Darby and Mr and Mrs Alan Viney, and their counterparts in the two Councils, Alderman Joan Thorburn and Councillor Paul Couvret. We were honoured by their attendance.

Not the least contributors to what we feel was a most fitting and satisfactory centenary celebration of our one hundredth year were our hosts the Dee Why R.S.L. Club. Their generosity, efficiency and co-operation made our task as organisers so much easier.

It is only fitting that we should express our gratitude to all those who so generously supported the function and to those who expressed so much goodwill although they were unable to attend. The occasion was a moment ous one for us, and it is a source of deep pride to the Club that it was recognised by so many respected figures in the public, business and cricket world.

THE FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL

To understand the opposition to privately sponsored World Series Cricket it is necessary to understand the effect that W.S.C. will have on Australian standards and the part that traditional cricket organizations play in developing them. It is particularly necessary that as a grade club we are aware of the dangers, for grade cricket is a vital link in the chain that leads to the Test arena.

The Australian Cricket Board, our supreme administrative body, is wholly owned and financed by the various State Associations. Its main duties are to promote international tours to and from Australia, to negotiate media (radio and television) contracts, and to arrange commercial sponsorship concerning these tours. It collects all revenue from these activities, pays the players and all expenses, and returns the balance to the State Associations. It retains no funds itself. However, as is well known, part of the revenue received from the current sponsors, Benson & Hedges, goes directly to the players by way of match payments and prize money. As a result, and as has previously been disclosed, an Australian Test player could expect to receive in excess of \$20,000 annually from the A.C.B. and sponsorship payments. This was well before W.S.C. was ever heard of.

The chief function of the New South Wales Cricket Association, apart from general management, is to maintain its Sheffield Shield and Colts sides, and to negotiate sponsorship at State level. All money (less any necessary expense) received from our sponsor, Tooheys Limited, goes to the players. Other functions, of course, are the running of the Crade and Municipal and Shire competitions, and through its Country Committee, the co-ordination of the Country Council and the Country Colts programmes. It maintains a costly but very necessary coaching programme in which it is assisted by the Rothman's Sports Foundation. And of course, it assists all other cricket financially - junior, City and Suburban, School and Umpires.

Apart from a small professional office staff, no cricket administrator receives financial benefit in any way.

Because we do not share in the profits of our overseas tours, but receive a guaranteed sum from which we must meet our own expenses, traditional cricket's return from overseas tours is small. It follows then, that its survival rests not only on Test cricket, but upon Test Cricket played in Australia.

It is in Australia that W.S.C. operates in opposition to traditional cricket. It has developed no players whatever of its own, and its Australian players have been developed through the opportunities given them through grade and Shield cricket. Further, in the absence of any announced plans to develop their own players, W.S.C. obviously needs to continue attracting top traditional cricketers in order to secure its own survival.

Thus, with cricket supporters divided into two camps, and with the prospect that some of them at least may cease to support the game altogether through a surfeit of cricket, it is not difficult to envisage the outcome. Traditional cricket, starved of funds, will be unable to maintain its

present level of activity. Cricket may well become a second-class sport for lack of development at the grass roots - as second-class in fact as the players who would then be available to W.S.C.

"Compromise" is a word that is presently being bandied about. The plain fact however, is that there is not sufficient revenue available from cricket to satisfy the requirements of all the parties now climbing on the cricket bandwaggon. We must beware also of the danger of cricket becoming a temporary fad - to be used and profitted from, and then discarded. The Box, Number 96 - you name it - all had great support for a time, but will they ever be heard of again?

Surely our interests as a Club, and the interests of cricket itself can only lie one way. On the one hand traditional cricket provides as handsomely as it can for players at the top level, helps those on the way up, and no one else benefits. On the other, players are again handsomely provided for, commercial interests take a second bite at the cherry, and if players on the ladder coming up are hindmosts, then we can guess pretty accurately what if any is left for them.

One last matter that worries many grade players is the question surrounding those W.S.C. players who want to have a foot in both camps. Well the plain fact is, they have made their choice - W.S.C. - and many feel they should stick to it. Surely if they worked for, say, David Jones they could not expect to use Myer's facilities to polish up their skills in order to then compete against Myer itself. If they cannot realize that for themselves perhaps it is up to us as grade players to tell them so when the opportunity arises?

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We again thank the Manly Daily, and in particular Ian Hanson, Paul Simon and Jim Burke for their continued support. It was most welcome and players looked forward to the match reports each week. It was particularly pleasing late in the season, to see that coverage was given to our lower grade and age teams as well as first grade.

We also thank the Sydney Morning Herald for their continued support of grade cricket in running the individual and team best and fairest awards. These are also keenly followed by players and supporters.

Finally, but by no means least, the Manly Cricketers Chronicle again appeared by courtesy of the untiring efforts of Paul Stephenson. This is a most important means of communication within the Club, and it is felt that a publication of this type is vital to develop a good club spirit. We are hoping to be able to produce at least six issues in the forthcoming season, and would welcome any thoughts current players may have as to the content of the Chronicle.

SOCIALLY

As usual the social side of the season was a flourishing one, with your social committee, headed by Ian Howell and Jeff Macpherson, organising a number of most enjoyable functions in addition to the hard but most necessary task of fund raising for our centenary year committments.

The Room-at-the-Top was the venue for three Club functions, including a Christmas get together, and of course it continued to thrive on Saturday nights after games. Jim and Wendy Stewart were the principal organisers of an excellent Chicken in the Basket night, and other highlights included the world's first barbeque without meat (cleverly changed to a Kentucky Fried Chicken night by the desperate organisers mid-way through the evening) and B.K's appearance as Father Christmas, which caused Peter Jesser to remark: "That's the best I've ever seen B.K. dressed!"

Two Past v Present games were organised at the Oval, and both the games and the festivities that followed were great successes. The second of these matches will probably best be remembered for Ken Nichol's memorable attempt to catch Frank Turner on the long-on boundary and for the number of injuries sustained by Past players endeavouring to show the current players how the game should be played.

On the fund-raising side a tremendous amount of work went into achieving the sort of return that was necessary to finance the Club's centenary committments. The efficient organisation of Jim Stewart and prizes donated by Ted Greening and John Stephenson helped to make an end-of-season raffle reasonably productive, while Dick Woodfield's "Terrace Vale Shiraz", after a slow start, has now been sold, leaving the Club with a nice profit. To Lynne Spencer, who was responsible personally for selling almost one half of the one hundred dozen, the Club owes considerable thanks.

Thanks are also due to Mr and Mrs Ken Thrush and to Phil Thrush for the superb gambling night they hosted. The night was a fantastic success and resulted in a profit of over \$400 for the Club. We also thank Fred and Mrs Byers for their hospitality in entertaining the victorious Poidevin Gray side.

This was a particularly arduous year for the social committee, but their response to the challenge was tremendous and it is largely due to their efforts that the Hon Treasurer's report which follows is so cheerful.

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

This year has been a satisfactory one from a financial viewpoint, as

the following figures show -

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"Loss on Cricket"	\$ 481	\$ 873
Amortization Graham's Net Alterations	\$ 530	\$ 531
Total Loss on "Cricket"	\$1011	\$1404
Profit on "Non Cricket" Activities	\$1408	\$ 927
OVERALL PROFIT	\$ 397	\$ 477 (Loss)

The Income and Expenditure Account details income and expenditure, but one item calls for special mention. This is the Printing, Stationery and Advertising Expenditure, where the revised format and printing of the Annual Report, aided by sponsorship, has meant that we were able to produce the Report at no cost to the Club, hence the considerable reduction for this item.

It will be noted from the Balance Sheet that the \$400 Club Centenary Bank Account and \$200 of the A.G.C. Debentures have been realised in order to meet the final cost of the Club Centenary History when this account is received.

Cash on hand at the Bank is abnormally high due to advance receipts for the Centenary Dinner and the Club History, as shown in the accounts. The final accounting for both these items will figure in the 1978/79 accounts.

(Signed) R.Kinsey

Hon. Treasurer.

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Warringah District Cricket Club are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the Club's Affairs as at 30th April 1978 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. (Signed I.F.Barnes, A.A.S.A., Hon. Auditor) I report that in my opinion the above balance sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Account of the Mably-

FIRST GRADE REPORT

(By IAN HOWELL, Captain)

In a grade season memorable for controversial declarations and contrived inishes, Manly celebrated its one hundredth year as a district cricket lub.

Forty competition points, only eight short of fourth place, left the irst XI bemoaning squandered opportunities and highly receptive to the introduction of a bonus points scoring system. In consecutive matches inst North Sydney and Sydney University we amassed 7/313 and 4/314 espectively, yet due to a little rain on both days, failed to gain a colitary point from either fixture.

modified version of the bonus points system now operating so successfully in the Sheffield Shield competition would remedy that situation.

The state would be encouraged to play attacking cricket, and by eliminating futility of a match being fought out over two days for no points by a soever, captains would be less inclined to risk conceding points by mudicious declarations.

molding the best traditions of the Manly club, our batting soared to micent heights of brilliance, and plummetted to the deepest depths despair. Yet in between we managed periods of consistency, and disarding two collapses attributable to attrocious wickets, it can be that the batting was, generally speaking, reliable. Those fortunate to witness the magnificent record-creating first wicket partner—of 278 between Graeme Beard and Bill Athey against Sydney University not readily forget it. Graeme's display was one of sheer dominance bowling and savage power, while Bill featured exquisite timing placement of the ball.

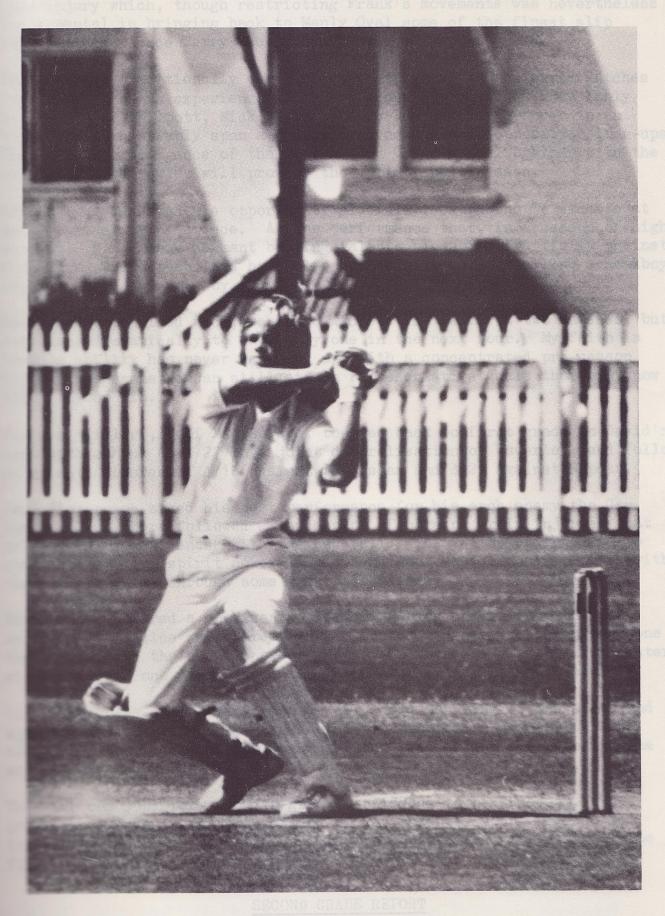
can be no greater praise given Graeme than that evidenced in the statics - a just testimony to a fine season. For his sake, and indeed sake of N.S.W. cricket, it is to be hoped that Graeme is given his opportunity to establish himself in top company next season.

inl's blazing unconquered 107 against Gordon was described by many innings of the year. Full of marvellous stroke-play, the innings alled to enable us to reach our victory target of 200 in 135 minutes.

In ings did however, succeed in establishing Greg as a rapidly emerging all Shield player of tremendous natural ability.

esite's initial first grade century gave me tremendous pleasure, as all the members of the Club. The way he batted in his last innings season against Nepean suggested that others may not be far away.

Brother Frank batted at his best before Christmas, clobbering as only he can. Thereafter he was hampered by a lingering



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knee injury which, though restricting Frank's movements was nevertheless instrumental in bringing back to Manly Oval some of the finest slip catching seen since Terry Lee at his best.

The bowling, traditionally our strength, struggled in the early matches for the want of an experienced spinner. Gone are the days when Manly boasted Peter Philpott, Mick Pawley, Terry Lee and Tom Spencer in an attack that invariably spun a web of destruction over opposition line-ups. Hopefully the emergence of the very gifted Chris Hynes together with the return of Mick Pawley will provide the variety next season.

Brian Kinsey grasped his opportunity gleefully, capturing 33 wickets at an economical 19.54 apiece. A fine performance that, in a season of high scoring. B.K's long dormant batting talents blossomed fruitfully against cumberland and Nepean, and had Rolfe enthusiastically recalling schoolboy exploits of years gone by.

Dave Packer promised much, taking 8 wickets in the first two matches, but fell away dramatically to take only one in the next four. My faith in David's ability has never wavered, and with a concentrated pre-season fitness programme he can still attain representative goals that many now think beyond him.

The old "Killer", Jeff MacPherson, bounced back to first grade in David's spot with a haul of 4/27 in a joint demoralisation of Waverley, and followed up with figures of 4/16 against Petersham and 4/21 against Nepean.

Paul Stephenson saved his best performance for his arch enemy the Gay Gordons, but there followed a succession of nagging groin injuries that dulled his effectiveness with the new ball. This withstanding, Paul's great competitive spirit never lagged, and some useful contributions with the bat helped us through some tight situations.

Mal Elliot suffered a confidence-shattering blow to the face in early season net practice when attempting to hook a vicious thunderbolt. Gone thereafter were the classic sweep shots, but there as always was a master wicketkeeper - one unsurpassed in my years of Sydney grade cricket.

Alan Waters was an innovation to us all. His handling of the aches and sprains of club players (past and present) heralded a new era for the club. My thanks to Alan, Rolfe Kinsey for his studied attention to the score-book, and to the ladies for the sumptuous afternoon teas.

The club can look forward with great confidence to next season. The progress through the grades of many of our talented young brigade to inter-mingle with our experienced players, augurs well for a formidable first XI in years to come.

SECOND GRADE REPORT

(By JIM STEWART, Captain)

The second grade were unable to maintain their high position of the last

grade ranks. This meant that a degree of rebuilding was inevitable in fact the season has seen the development of several very promising players.

hern Districts, three successive matches saw exciting finishes but noints to Manly! The first of these was a replay of the 1976/77 against North Sydney. This turned out to be a great match with the eventually forcing a halt when Manly needed only 6 runs to win two wickets in hand. Then followed close defeats to eventual semi lists Sydney University and Gordon. In the former game, three run undoubtedly made the difference. This was one of two games during the wickets was an unfortunate feature of our cricket all season.

mer poor aspect of our cricket was the catching, especially close to cket. There is no doubt that at this level (and at most others), ing is an all-important ingredient to team success, and should be at least as much emphasis at net practice as batting and bowling.

side showed promise of better things to come when at the end of the meson they played tight pressure cricket to knock the strong Bankstown out of the finals.

his game David Packer rammed home a point that he consistently demonted in the second half of the season, by bowling 21 superb overs for
David's bowling after Christmas was easily the best I have seen it.

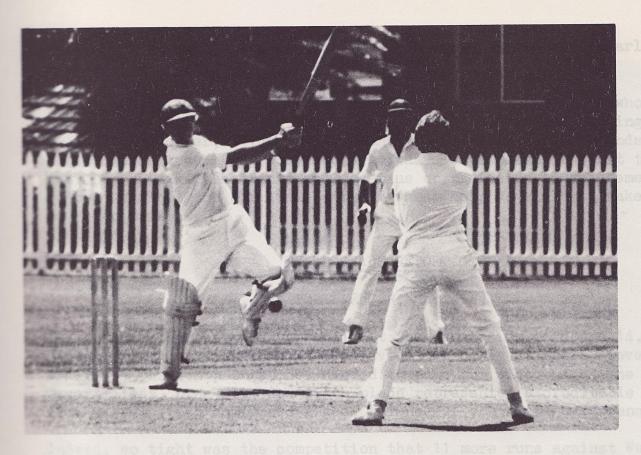
searly overs he concentrated on line and length and he is now able
sustain his pace for long periods. His 4/14 from a two-hour spell of
wers against Uni of N.S.W. (eventual premiers) was another fine examI am sure that in our next Report only our first grade skipper will
commenting on this player.

Steve Byers and then David MacPherson shared the new ball with and they, together with medium pacers Bob Rickey and Des Hartman ributed valuable performances at different stages of the season.

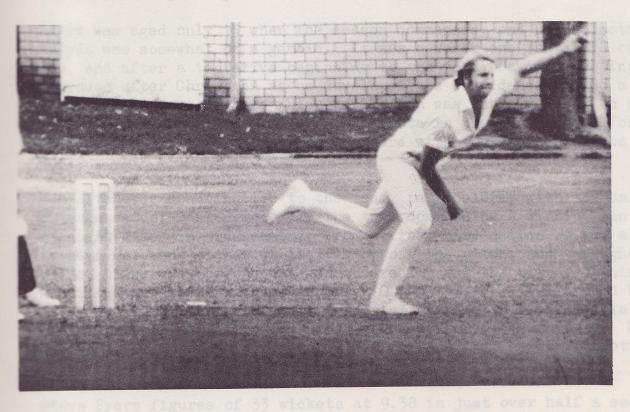
Macdonald and Chris Hynes formed a very sound spin attack. Chris is of the youngsters mentioned above who shows tremendous promise. He attacking off-spinner with nice flight and a good temperament, and a control improves with maturity he will become a real force.

christmas. Bob Rickey played aggressively and well and soon establed a place in first grade. Graham Wilks topped 400 runs in his first son in second grade and has such a sound technique that he is another ster with a big future. Newcomer Richard Benson also had a good son, and his determination helped us out of many tight situations.

wicket-keeping is sound, and his batting improved through the season



HIGHEST RUN SCORER IN SECONDS WAS GRAHAM WILKS, PICTURED ABOVE BATTING IN THE POIDEVIN GRAY FINAL AGAINST BANKSTOWN.



DAVID PACKER'S FIERY BOWLING IN SECONDS AFTER CHRISTMAS SUGGESTF THAT HIS RETURN TO FIRST GRADE MAY NOT BE TOO FAR OFF.

as he learned to contain himself early in an innings, particularly against the spinners.

In conclusion I would like to thank all the players for their whole-hearted support during the year. I know they join me in thanking Don Sellin, our scorer, Joyce Anderson and the wives and girl friends who provided the teas, Alex Anderson, who was always there to start the scoreboard, make the drinks and roast us or praise us as he deemed necessary, and all the officials without whose help we wouldn't make it onto the paddock.

THIRD GRADE REPORT

(By TOM SPENCER, Captain)

A seasons endeavour ended abruptly at the conclusion of Round 14, when an extraordinary outright result (achieved in roughly $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours) gave Northern Districts the ten points they needed to edge our side out of the finals. Nevertheless, nine wins and fifth place represented a creditable effort from a team which comprised a good balance of youth and experience.

Indeed, so tight was the competition that 11 more runs against Wests, 3 more against Petersham and 4 more against Nepean (in each case we batted second) would have resulted in our finishing as minor premiers.

The performances of several of the younger team members in particular, augurs well for the Club's future, David Heath, Ken Pitcher and Steve Byers being deserving of special mention.

David was aged only 15 when the season commenced, and his selection in thirds was somewhat of a gamble. It was however one that paid off handsomely, and after a tentative beginning to the year, David's batting really improved after Christmas as he developed the confidence to add a little more aggression to a game which until then was largely based on defence. David should continue to work on his shots in the off-season, for if he applies himself intelligently his future with the Club should be a bright one.

Ken Pitcher's contribution to the team, particularly with the ball, was to a large extent responsible for the team commencing a winning run of six straight games in mid-season. From a fine, easy action he was always able to gain movement either in the air or off the pitch, and throughout the season there was not one batsman who really got the better of him, as is testified by his 29 wickets at only 10 runs apiece. Ken should have scored many more runs, but after getting a start (and also with his fielding) often lost concentration and his figures suffered accordingly. Ken was at all times a fine team man, and it was fitting that he won promotion to seconds late in the season.

Steve Byers figures of 33 wickets at 9.38 in just over half a season speak for themselves. He was the side's main attacking weapon with his fast

medium deliveries, and really thrived on hard work. Steve always gave a one hundred percent effort whether bowling or fielding, and his effort against Petersham in taking thirteen wickets (4/27 and 9/60) in near century heat was truly magnificent. Steve is too good a bowler to remain in third grade for long, and he should enjoy more success next year.

Frant Mairs came down from seconds in mid-season and enjoyed mixed success. His innings under pressure against Wests and Nepean were among the best of the season and showed real maturity in the intelligent way he farmed the strike with fine running between the wickets. Grant's cover-fielding, when he was allowed to escape from his favourite short-leg position, was also excellent.

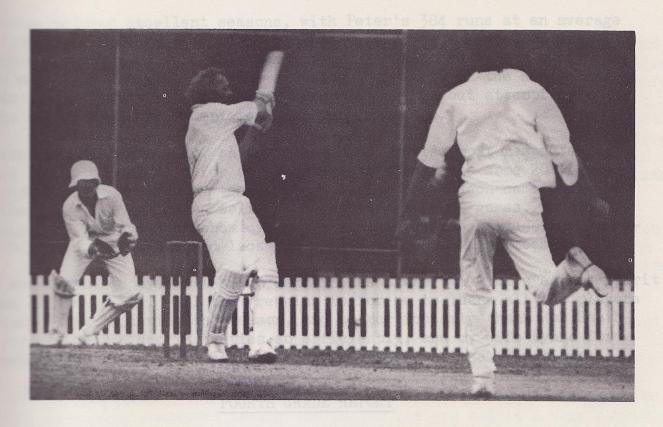
Infortunately lady luck did not smile too often on some of the other young players, however batsmen Dean Abbey, Greg Campbell, Mike Smith and Ric de Silva all showed ability and each played a major part in at least one of victories. The fielding of Mike Smith and the brilliant Ric de Silva worthy of special mention.

the other batsmen Graham Dudley, after a fine 60 against Gordon, could not get going again, although he always fought hard and had to be "dug out" the bowlers. His gully fielding was at times superb and helped make him a valuable team member, as was John Seyffer, who hit the ball really hard occasions, notably during his match-winning partnership with Graham against Gordon, and in the Nepean game. John unluckily was forced out through illness towards the end of the season just when he seemed to be reaching top form, however he is young enough to enjoy many successful seasons in the future.

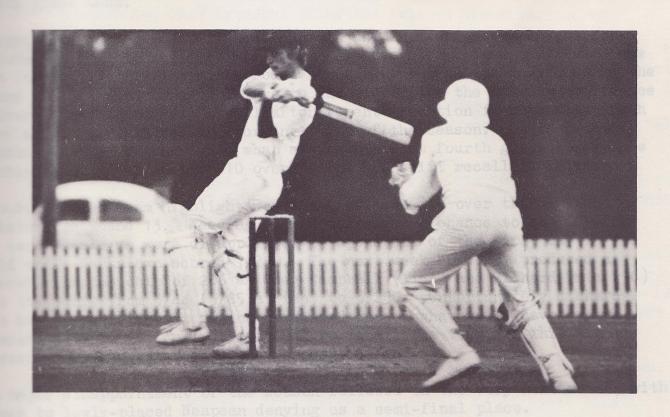
Looking at the bowlers, it was pleasing to see young quickie Greg Hayes and leg-spinner Mark Kroschel start the season in fine style. Greg bowled with pace and accuracy until he sustained a back injury which forced him to miss nost of the second half of the season. I hope September sees a return to the enthusiasm and hard work which brought Greg his early success last year. Mark bowled consistently well in his limited opportunities and is a much improved bowler from last season. However he must learn to concentrate for longer periods if continued success in higher grades is to come his way, as he on more than one occasion spoilt a good initial spell of four or five overs with one or two ragged overs. However Mark's slip-fielding was nothing short of brilliant and it was no coincidence that some of our pace bowlers' best results came when he was present in the slips.

Dave Macpherson bowled with considerable hostility early in the season, twice taking five wickets in an innings before winning promotion to seconds.

This leaves only three players for mention, Des Hartman, Peter Jesser and Ron Holmes - the team veterans. All three were of tremendous assistance to me on the numerous occasions I let games slip out of control and needed some expert advice to remedy the situation. Their suggestions were always most welcome and sensible, and they also helped greatly in the development of the younger players referred to above. David Heath and Ken Pitcher in particular owe a fair deal of their success to Peter and Des.



PETER JESSER (above) SCORED MORE RUNS (487) THAN ANY OTHER CLUB MEMBER LAST SEASON. THIS FINE HOOK SHOT BROUGHT FOUR OF THEM.



ANOTHER FINE HOOK SHOT, THIS TIME FROM YOUNG DAVID HEATH, WHO ENJOYED A SUCCESSFUL INITIAL SEASON IN GRADE RANKS.

three enjoyed excellent seasons, with Peter's 384 runs at an average 200 and Ron Holmes record 35 victims (including a number of most mined catches at square leg and point) key factors in our successes.

Teally held a young batting side together early in the season and a fine 96 against University before being run out attempting a he may well have completed some ten years ago.

no justice at all, for at a conservative estimate some 20 of the atches or so grassed by team members during the season came while he towling. Des bowled as well as Steve Byers in many games, an except 16/23 against Petersham did not reap the rewards he deserved. However always took his bad luck cheerfully and was a fine team man.

as a most enjoyable team to captain, as there was always a good spirit off the field. All that remains is for me to thank all the players heir efforts during the season, and to particularly thank Ron Heath performing the scoring duties so efficiently, and my wife Lynne for sperb job she did with the afternoon teas and at team functions.

FOURTH GRADE REPORT

(By GRAEME HICKS, Captain)

1977/78 season was one of triumph and disappointment for the young grade team.

to four losses from the first five games, and team confidence was low level. For the sixth round however, the team was bolstered by the of five experienced players to the club, plus the growing confidence campbell and Neil Howell after recent promotion from the Warringah side, and this was the turning point of the season. It is probably that Ken Pitcher made what may be his last fourth grade appearance is game, his 5/10 from 10 overs earning a swift recall to thirds.

town in Round 13. Needing to win to remain a chance to qualify for semi-finals we were disappointed to spend all of the first day in the while Bankstown scored 7/250. The next week however, produced a rable partnership of 206 as Greg Campbell (115*) and Richard Trim (96) the score from 3/44 (3/85 at tea) to 3/250. Unfortunately Richard only blemish at 96 and so missed out on what would have been a rable century. Full credit must go to all the team for this win for at no stage did they concede defeat.

major disappointment of the season followed in the very next round, with loss to lowly-placed Neapean denying us a semi-final place.

individual highlights of the season were undoubtedly Greg Campbell's century at any level of cricket, and the emergence of Richard Trim

as perhaps the Club's outstanding batting prospect. Greg showed in his later grade and Poidevin-Gray innings that he is gaining the application which will enable him to build some large scores in the future. Richard came into the team unheralded, and struggled in his early games to make his presence felt - so much so that he batted at number 11 against St George in one innings I'm sure neither he or his team-mates will forget. After a successful Green Shield campaign his confidence grew with each innings, and only rain prevented him playing his initial third grade game at the end of the season.

Graham Dudley was another major contributor to the side's efforts, with 330 runs at an average of 41.25. Graham is an excellent fielder and a tenacious fighter and it was disappointing that he could not consolidate a permanent position in third grade.

Mike Smith was one of the most consistent batsmen in the side, but must convert his scores of 20 or so into big scores. Mike is also an excellent fieldsman.

Behind the stumps Ross Wiblin had a good season, taking 20 catches. Ross is especially competent taking the faster bowlers and is a very determined player. Exposure to further good spin bowlers will improve Ross in this area and see him emerge as a top-class keeper. His batting is also a bonus.

The bowling was well-balanced and consistent with Graeme Hicks, Rob Greening Nick Johnson and Mark Kroschel doing the bulk of the work.

Rob Greening had limited opportunities with the ball before Christmas, but when finally given his chance he grabbed it and did not look back. Having cemented a permanent grade position Rob should have greater confidence in his own ability in the next season, and become more aggressive in his approach to his bowling. Towards the end of the season Rob's batting also improved immeasurably.

Mark Kroschel would have been disappointed with his 10 wickets from 7 fourth grade appearances, but bowled much better than those figures would indicate. Mark, as always, was an inspiration to the side in the field.

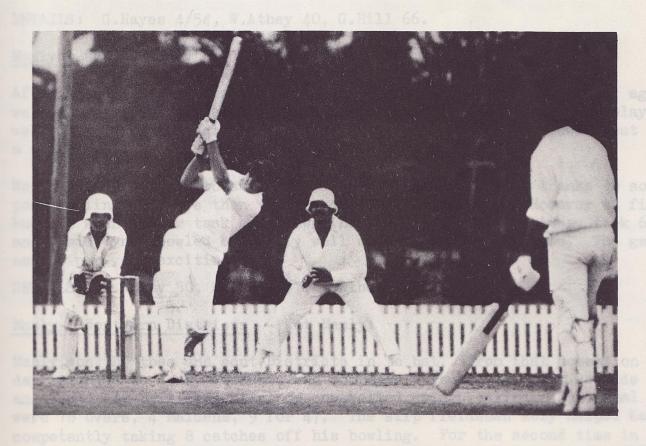
Our other spinner Nick Johnson bowled his left-handers consistently well to head the averages with 35 wickets at only 13.14 runs apiece - a fine effort. His control was greatly improved from last season and all he needs now is to concentrate on spinning his stock delivery just a little more for him to continue this success in higher grades.

Tony Pitcher and Chris Davies, two of the youngest players in the Club, both had exposure to grade cricket, Tony in some particularly tense games at the end of the season. This experience should be of great benefit to both players next season.

The season was not without its disappointments however. Dean Abbey failed to reproduce his excellent Green Shield form, and made only one substantial



GRAHAM DUDLEY, WITH 474 RUNS IN ALL, ENJOYED HIS BEST SEASON TO DATE WITH THE CLUB. HE IS PICTURED BATTING DURING HIS INNINGS OF 60 AGAINST GORDON IN THIRD GRADE.



GREG CAMPBELL, NOT GRADED INITIALLY, FOUGHT BACK TO SECURE A REGULAR GRADE SPOT, AND ENDED UP BREAKING A CLUB RECORD IN TOPPING THE FOURTH GRADE AVERAGES.

score. Alan Hawes never really came to grips with his batting but his accurate bowling at times was invaluable. Mike Johnston took 13 wickets in the early part of the season before injuring a back muscle, an injury which side-lined him for most of the season. Neil Howell transferred to Victoria after an excellent start to the season, and was greatly missed.

All in all, the season was a most productive and a most enjoyable one, and I would like to thank all the players and parents for their support throughout the year.

POIDEVIN-GRAY REPORT

(By BILL ATHEY, Captain)

Manly v Mosman - at Manly:

We started our challenge for the Shield with the game against Mosman, our close neighbours, so it would obviously be a "needle" match. Mosman won the toss and chose to bat. We didn't settle down too well and Mosman declared at 5 for 223. Only Greg Hayes bowled anything like well, finishing with the very creditable figures of 4/54 off 19 overs.

When we batted we got off to a good start - an opening stand of 87. We then lost 3 quick wickets until Greg Hill pulled us out of trouble with a superb 66. Grant Mairs and Kenny Pitcher were in at the death and both played invaluable innings to see us safely home.

DETAILS: G. Hayes 4/54, W. Athey 40, G. Hill 66.

Manly v North Sydney - at North Sydney No. 2:

After an hours delay due to rain North Sydney put us in to bat, and again we got away to a good start with a partnership of 57. Mark Byers played well for 37 but we sadly missed Greg Hill and were finally bowled out for a meagre 197.

North Sydney got off to a flyer and in no time passed 80, thanks to some poor bowling and more than their share of good fortune. However we finally buckled down to our task and slowly halted the run flow. Athey took 6/49 and Chris Hynes bowled extremely well under a lot of pressure. The game ended in a very exciting draw.

DETAILS: W.Athey 50, M.Byers 37, W.Athey 6/49.

Manly v Northern Districts - at Manly:

Manly won the toss and sent Districts in to bat. From that moment on the day belonged to Kenny Pitcher, who completely routed the batting side with an absolutely brilliant stint of controlled swing bowling. His final figur were 18 overs, 4 maidens, 9 for 47. The slip fieldsmen ably helped Ken, competently taking 8 catches off his bowling. For the second time in three games Mark Byers claimed three victims, and Districts were out for 153.

Once again our innings got off to a good start - 47 runs. Greg Hill again played well, making a good 62 before being run out. We ran out worthy winners by the large margin of 7 wickets.

DETAILS: K.Pitcher 9/47, G.Hill 62.

Manly v Gordon - at Chatswood:

Gordon won the toss and chose to field, and after taking an early wicket were made to struggle by Athey and Byers, who put on 144 for the second wicket. From there on we batted badly and slumped from 2/157 to 7/225, when we declared.

Greg Hayes and Greg Nelson soon made inroads into the Gordon batting line up and had them struggling at 3/21. Chris Hynes maintained his form and mopped up the rest of the side in another good performance.

DETAILS: W.Athey 133, M.Byers 40, C.Hynes 5/67.

Manly v Balmain - at Drummoyne:

Manly batted first on a dampish wicket and kept up their record of good starts, this time 77 runs for the first wicket. However the highlight of our innings was Mark Byers' first century in competitive cricket. On a turning wicket he "collared" Balmain's two first grade spinners Murfin and Mulherin, and hit 9 fours and three huge sixes. We declared at 5/289 as soon as Mark had reached his ton.

To cap his day Mark again took three victims as we bowled Balmain out for 189, Kenny Pitcher being the most successful of the bowlers with 3/24 off 10 overs. We had won our way through to the semis.

DETAILS: M.Byers 100*, W.Athey 81, G.Hill 48, K.Pitcher 3/24.

Manly v Randwick - (Semi Final) at S.C.G. No 2:

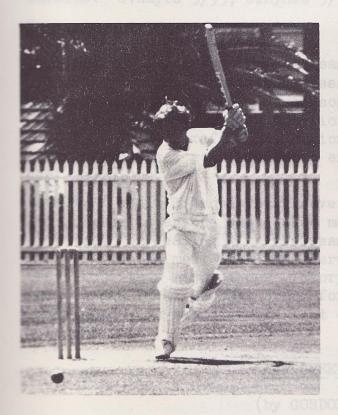
Randwick won the toss and elected to bat. After taking two quick wickets we were forced onto the defensive, and helped considerably by some bad shots, managed to dismiss Randwick for 235. Greg Nelson and Chris Hynes each took 3 wickets, and again Mark Byers had 3 victims.

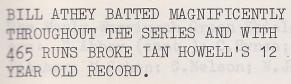
Almost inevitably we got off to a good start, a stand of 96, but even that was overshadowed by the superb display of batting that was to follow. Mark Byers made a hard-hit 83, and Grant Mairs at last showed his true ability in making 98, sadly missing out on his maiden ton. Greg Hill smashed and stroked his way to an immaculate 112. Greg Campbell made a solid 51 in his first match and Greg Nelson and Mark Kroschel showed that they are no mean performers with the bat, scoring 31 and 22 respectively. In crushing Randwick we had also created a new record in the Shield with an amazing total of 521 for 9.

DETAILS: G.Nelson 3/55, C.Hynes 3/66, G.Hill 112, G.Mairs 98, M.Byers 83, W.Athey 65, G.Campbell 51, G.Wilks 35.



THE VICTORIOUS POIDEVIN GRAY TEAM: (BACK ROW, Left to Right) C.HYNES; G.WILKS; D.HEATH; G.HAYES; A.WATERS (Masseur); G.MAIRS; M.KROSCHEL; D.MACPHERSON (Manager). (FRONT ROW, Left to Right) K.PITCHER; M.BYERS; W.ATHEY (Captain); R.GREENING; G.HILL; G.CAMPBELL.







KEN PITCHER CAPPED A FINE SEASON BY HEADING THE WICKET-TAKERS IN POIDEVIN GRAY. INCLUDED IN HIS TALLY WAS A RETURN OF 9/41 vs NORTHERN DISTRICTS.

Manly v Bankstown (Final) - at Waverley Oval:

Yet again Manly lost the toss but Bankstown did us a favour and chose to bat. In no time they had lost 3 wickets for 16, and Mark Kroschel had taken the catch of the competition, an amazing two handed diving catch in the gully. Although Bankstown made a moderate recovery they always struggled to score runs, due to extremely accurate bowling and ever alert fielders. However they dug in, and even Mark Byers shed his wicket-keeping gloves and bowled, adding variety to a depleted attack owing to Greg Nelson's absence and Chris Hynes' injury. After 6 hours play Bankstown finally folded for 180. Greg Hayes took 3/33 and Chris Hynes spun out 3/38.

An hours play was left and at the end of play we had lost no wickets for 24 runs, in spite of hostile bowling by Pitty and Spotswood, who seemed to revel in pitching the ball in their own half of the wicket.

The second day started slowly but surely; we lost our first wicket at 69. At 2/104 we looked to be coasting home, but encouraged by some awful shots Bankstown picked themselves up off the floor and fought back. We lost wickets regularly but finally scraped home by one wicket. Greg Campbell kept a cool head at the end and guided us home.

Although we had won we had played worse than at any other time in the competition, but winning, after all, is the name of the game, and no-one can argue with that.

DETAILS: G. Hayes 3/33, C. Hynes 3/38, W. Athey 67.

Summary:

Throughout the competition the team maintained a high morale and enthusiasm, boosted by our continuing successes. Our fielding (especially Mark Kroschel) was generally very tight - even some umpires commented on how good it was. I as captain hardly made a decision without conferring with Greg Hill and Mark Byers, so therefore the senior players led the team to victory. Even then the team was good enough to enable us not to have to make any "do or die" decisions.

Finally I would like to thank Dave Mac for managing us; he was as vital to our success as anyone was. Also many thanks to Mr Heath for scoring and to Al Waters for dealing with the team's injuries. Throughout our games I'm sure we had the most loyal and fervent supporters we could have wished for and I hope they enjoyed our victory as much as the players did. Lastly, many thanks to Mr and Mrs Byers for letting the celebrations take place at their home - it was a gamble, but everyone had a good time, so it was all worthwhile.

A.W.GREEN SHIELD REPORT

(by GORDON ABBEY, Manager)

The Manly-Warringah Green Shield squad was made up of the following players: D.Abbey (capt.); C.Hynes; C.Davies; D.Heath; R.Trim; R.Wiblin; A. Pitcher; M.Cohen; G.Nelson; N.Johnson; C.Dobbie; and S.Davis.

Once again the Green Shield programme was interrupted with rain - our last two games were washed out, just as we were poised to take out the Northern Districts team.

It was a great pity, because we were "firing" on all eight, having won 4 games on the trot, and with the morale as high as it was and the talent available in the squad I am convinced we would have had the chance to contest the Green Shield final. Unfortunately it was not to be, but I can assure all members of the Club that there was not a better Green Shield side playing on either side of the bridge this season.

The programme opened with Sydney at Manly Oval, and controversy from the start. A "doctored" ball (polished with so much grease it would have swung for a fortnight) was confiscated by the umpire when the Manly innings was only 8 overs old. It was in this period that we had lost both openers, and although we should not make this an excuse, we lost the game. The umpires reported the incident to the N.S.W.C.A. as indeed I did, and after three months of huffing and puffing the Association, much to my personal disgust, did absolutely nothing. Sydney got away scot free, and the culprits unpunished.

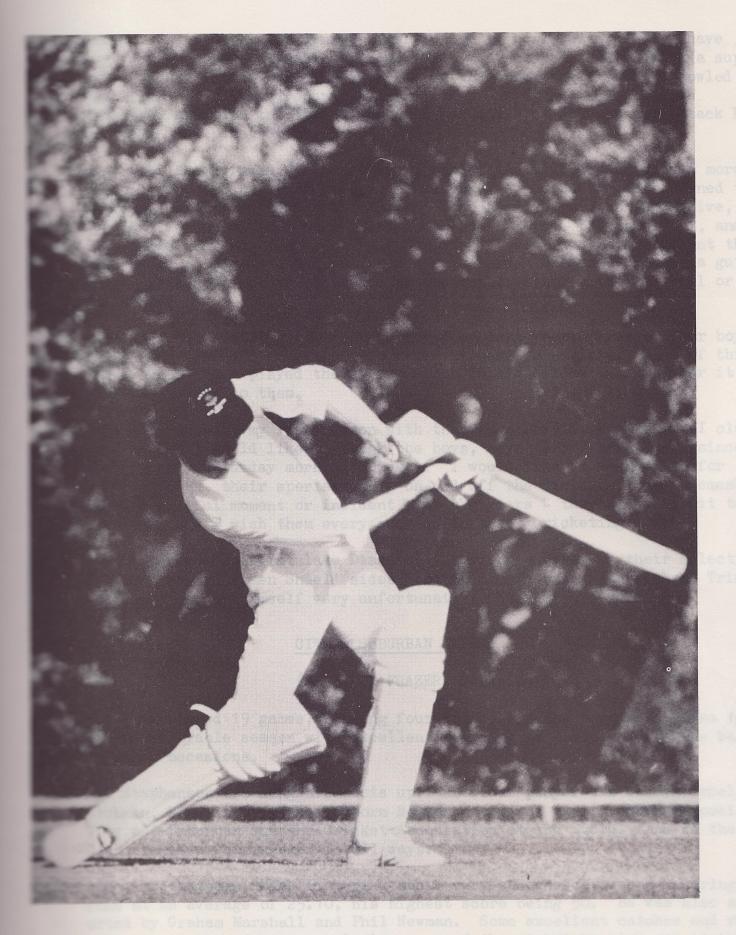
To their credit our boys picked themselves up and went out and played cricket with spirit, determination and dignity - a feature of this great game that appears to be missing with many senior players these days.

This season the N.S.W.C.A. decided that they would introduce an experimental ruling which restricted the team batting first to 50 overs - just the team batting first - not both teams. The intention was to stop the defensive teams in the competition batting on until approximately 3 p.m. before declaring, and leaving the team batting second little or no chance of winning, as there were too many drawn games in past years. In terms of results it certainly worked - we had five results from 5 games and there were few draws in the Northern Division.

We approached all our games on the basis that we were both playing limited overs cricket - a point that was not readily fully accepted by any team that me played. We introduced all the best features of limited over cricket and to my gratification the boys never stooped to the worst. We intended to bat second in every game, assuming we won the toss - in fact we lost most of the calls - but to our surprise the other teams batted first. In every game with the exception of the first we controlled play, and either had them out, or their overs finished, by 1.30 - 2.00 p.m., giving us plenty of time to score 230 runs, which was the target we expected.

We had plenty of depth in our batting, but due to the top form of Dean Abbey and Richard Trim (they totalled 485 runs between them) batting No. 3 and 4 respectively, our middle order was rarely called on to bat. To the boys who suffered, I would like to apologize, but it is very difficult to change winning formula. To their credit, when they were required to bat, as against Cumberland, the middle order did its job, and the tail wagged too.

Our bowlers did a fine job in containing some teams who came with big reput-



TOUNG DEAN ABBEY HAD A MIXED SEASON, HOWEVER HIS EFFORTS AS GREEN SHIELD CAPTAIN AND WITH THE BAT IN THAT TEAM (267 RUNS at 66.75) STAMP HIM AS ONE OF OUR BRIGHTEST PROSPECTS.

ations, Craig Dobbie returning after injury to bowl better than I have ever seen him bowl, breaking through with the new ball and bowling a superb line and length. Greg Nelson, a fine prospect for the Club, bowled with fire and had his reward. Tony Pitcher bowled his seamers with accuracy, and with the spin of Chris Hynes and Nick Johnson our attack had variation and penetration.

Ross Wiblin continued his improvement behind the stumps, and showed more purpose with the bat than before. Chris Davies and David Heath opened the batting. Both had their problems, and both need to be more aggressive, but usually one of them hung round long enough to see the shine off, and this helped our No. 3 and 4. Both Chris and David have potential but they must learn to pick the bad ball and hit it hard. Michael Cohen is a gutsy little cricketer who is never out of the game, either with bat, ball or in the field.

Generally the fielding was much improved on last year; three or four boys set a high standard that the rest found it hard to emulate. Most of this year's squad have played their last Green Shield cricket - next year it will be history to them.

This will also be my last season with the Green Shield, but before I close this report I would like to thank the boys, boys that I have known since their junior Saturday morning cricket. I would like to thank them for their efforts, their sportsmanship on and off the field. I can't remember one distasteful moment or incident over the years - they are a credit to the Club, and I wish them every success in their cricketing future.

I would like to congratulate Dean Abbey and Chris Hynes on their selection in the Combined Green Shield sides, and to commiserate with Richard Trim who can consider himself very unfortunate to have missed selection.

CITY & SUBURBAN REPORT

(By HARRY FRAZER, Captain)

The team played 19 games, winning four and losing the remainder. The team had an enjoyable season with excellent fielding at times and not the best on other occasions.

Bob Stephenson has hung his boots up. An older player who was an excellent clubman, he will be missed. Norm Bouveng stood as umpire against Combined City and Suburban and the Cricket Association at the S.C.G., and so the Club has been represented in all ways.

Among the batsmen, Mick Pickering had a very successful season, scoring 310 runs at an average of 25.10, his highest score being 50. He was also supported by Graham Marshall and Phil Newman. Some excellent catches and run outs were achieved by several players, and the wicket-keeping was in the capable hands of Graham Marshall and Peter Capriet.

Of the bowlers Harry Frazer took 30 wickets at 14.15, including the hat-

trick against Bank of New South Wales. He also twice took five or more wickets in an innings.

Mick Pickering also performed well, taking 20 wickets, and Alistair Dunn secured 22 wickets.

I wish to thank the Committee for their consideration during the season. We had a few new players this season, and I am looking forward to their getting among the runs and wickets next year.

SECOND GRADE STATISTICS

77/78 FIRST GRADE STATISTICS

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	Inn-NO-Runs-HS-100-50-Av	Ct	Overs-Mdn-Runs-Wkt-Av
G.Beard W.Athey G.Hill	11-3-433-151 -1-2-54.13 14-1-425-124 -1-2-32.69 16-4-385-107*-1-1-32.08	5 8 4	142.7-36-457-29-15.76 4.0- 0- 52- 0-
R.Rickey I.Howell	6-2-109- 39 -0-0-27.25 16-3-349-112*-1-1-26.84	5	14.0- 3- 76- 3-25.33
F. Turner K. Turner	18-1-413-109 -1-0-24.29 12-1-255- 78 -0-2-24.09 8-2-131- 47 -0-0-21.83	4 11 2	2 99-7-21
P.Stephenson D.Packer	13-2-165- 45 -0-0-15.00 6-3- 36- 14*-0-0-12.00	5	176.7-27-657-26-25.26 60.0-11-292- 9-32.44
M.Pawley J.Macpherson	4-1- 27- 18 -0-0- 9.00 6-1- 30- 12 -0-0- 6.00	1	62.2-13-207-10-20.70 83.0-16-313-20-15.65
B.Kinsey M.Elliot	8-3- 25- 13 -0-0- 5.00 9-3- 22- 14*-0-0-12.00	20/4	190.5-42-645-33-19.54
ALSO BATTED:	I.Macdonald 1-31 (1 ct); 0 3-1(n.o)-4 (1 ct); and M.E	yers 2	-4 (4 ct).
ALSO BOWLED:	C.Hynes 14.0/0/60/8; I.Ma 5.0/1/33/0.	icdonal	d 17.0/2/73/0; R.Benson

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	Batting	nson 1-	Bowling
	Inn-NO-Runs-HS-100-50-Av	Ct	Overs-Mdn-Runs-Wkt-Av
R.Rickey R.Benson P.Jesser G.Wilks M.Byers J.Stewart G.Mairs K.Turner D.Packer G.Flowers I.Macdonald D.Hartman J.Macpherson C.Hynes	9-1-259- 99 -0-1-32.37 14-1-364- 76 -0-2-28.00 4-0-103- 44 -0-0-25.75 17-0-422- 86 -0-2-24.82 15-2-274- 68*-0-1-21.08 15-0-283- 43 -0-0-18.86 9-2-125- 51*-0-1-17.86 10-0-163- 75 -0-1-17.13 8-2- 96- 28 -0-0-16.00 12-0-158- 39 -0-0-13.17 11-0-144- 50 -0-1-13.09 5-3- 23- 13*-0-0-11.50 4-0- 38 14 -0-0- 9.50 11-2- 54- 28 -0-0- 6.00 5-4- 6- 3 -0-0- 6.00	2 0 0 2/1 20/0 10 4 3 1 5 2 2 2 2	80.0-14-266- 9-29.55 12.0- 1- 59- 4-14.75 5.0- 0- 25- 0 2.0- 0- 14- 0 9.0- 1- 43- 2-21.50 99.0-20-355-23-15.44 90.0-21-295-14-21.07 70.0-12-277-10-27.70 62.4-11-225- 9-23.88 115.0-17-454-17-26.70 57.0-11-195- 8-24.37
S.Byers D.Macpherson	7-3- 12- 4*-0-0- 3.00	0	74.2-15-273- 9-30.33
ALSO BATTED:	R.de Silva 3-1(no)-37; K.	Pitcher	2-1(no)-55 (1 ct); G.

Hayes 2-1(no)-18; K.Fitzpatrick 1-18; P.Harvey 1-1 (2 ct); M.Johnston 1-1(no)-0.

ALSO BOWLED: K.Pitcher 15.0/3/48/3; G.Hayes 4.0/0/30/0; M.Johnston 10.0/1/38/0.

THIRD GRADE STATISTICS

	Batting		Bowling
	Inn-NO-Runs-HS-100-50-Av	Ct	Overs-Mdn-Runs-Wkt-Av
P.Jesser J.Seyffer G.Mairs D.Heath K.Pitcher G.Hayes G.Dudley M.Smith P.Harvey G.Campbell R.de Silva	14-2-384- 96 -0-4-32.00 10-2-202- 67 -0-1-25.25 8-2-124- 50 -0-1-20.66 20-1-392- 67 -0-2-20.63 11-2-121- 24 -0-0-13.44 10-2-107- 28 -0-0-13.37 11-0-144- 60 -0-1-13.09 5-0- 65- 42 -0-0-13.00 8-0- 93- 31 -0-0-11.63 5-0- 58- 20 -0-0-11.60 16-2-151- 32*-0-0-10.78	9 2 4 2 2 1 2 0 0 3	5.0- 0- 17- 0 12.0- 1- 69- 1-69.00 2.0- 0- 4- 0 110.4-26-306-29-10.55 90.7-21-251-14-17.93 - 3.4- 0- 18- 0 1.0- 0- 2- 0
M.Kroschel T.Spencer R.Holmes D.Macpherson D.Abbey S.Byers D.Hartman	8-2- 64- 21*-0-0-10.66 15-4-116- 23*-0-0-10.54 12-4- 84- 25*-0-0-10.50 8-1- 73- 32 -0-0-10.43 9-1- 69- 21 -0-0- 8.63 5-3- 17- 11 -0-0- 8.50 6-0- 32- 11 -0-0- 5.33	3 7 30/5 1 1 5	50.0- 7-182- 8-22.75 126.0-30-336-25-13.44 - 73.7-18-306-18-17.00 - 107.0-21-309-33- 9.38 107.1-18-333-19-17.52
ALSO BATTED:	G.Flowers 3-130 (h.s. 55,	1 ct);	N. Howell 1-5/; R. Wiblin

1-5; (2 ct); N. Johnson 1-1(no)-1; J. Hughes 1-0 (1 ct).

J. Hughes 10.0/3/40/3; N. Johnson 7.0/1/12/0. ALSO BOWLED:

FOURTH GRADE STATISTICS

	Batting		Bowling
	Inn-NO-Runs-HS-100-50-Av	Ct	Overs-Mdn-Runs-Wkt-Av
G.Campbell	7-3-238-115*-1-1-59.50 9-1-330- 79 -0-3-41.25	3	4.0- 0- 25- 1-25.00
G.Dudley R.Trim N.Howell	9-2-277- 96 -0-2-39.57 9-2-241- 61 -0-1-34.43	4 5	6.0- 0- 39- 3-13.00 5.0- 1- 11- 1-11.00
M.Smith J.Seyffer	11-0-247- 75 -0-1-22.45 5-0-103- 81 -0-1-20.60	8	47.0- 7-107- 0-0-7
D.Abbey R.Wiblin	11-1-165- 86 -0-1-16.50 12-4-125- 48 -0-0-15.63	20/0	12.0- 0- 55- 2-27.50
R.Greening G.Hicks	12-2-155- 53 -0-1-15.50 10-2-120- 40 -0-0-15.00	7 5	83.0- 9-294-20-14.70 175.3-24-647-36-17.97
A.Hawes C.Davies	15-0-173- 29 -0-0-11.53 8-0- 66- 24 -0-0- 8.25	4 3	61.4-12-233-13-17.92
M.Kroschel	7-1- 42- 17 -0-0- 7.00	5	68.0- 6-291-10-29.10

M.Johnston N.Johnson	6-3- 19- 9*-0-0- 6.33	4 2	80.0- 7-336-13-25.84 140.5-21-460-35-13.14
ALSO BATTED:	P.Harvey 3-81 (H.s. 48); K.Pi C.Thompson 6-1(no)-26; P.Thru G.Brewer 2-6; K.Fitzpatrick	sh 2-7	J. Hughes 3-1(no)-4:
ALSO BOWLED:	K.Pitcher 13.7/6/26/5; J.Hugh 6.0/0/44/1; A.Pitcher 2.0/0/	es 28.0 15/0.	0/5/132/4; C.Thompson
A.Dumn D.Kenny	POIDEVIN GRAY STATI	STICS	
B.Stevenson F.Caripiet	Batting		Bowling
N.Bouveng N.Kenny	Inn-NO-Runs-HS-100-50-Av	Ct	Overs-Mdn-Runs-Wkt-Av
W.Athey G.Campbell M.Byers G.Hill G.Mairs G.Wilks G.Nelson K.Pitcher C.Hynes G.Hayes D.Abbey M.Kroschel D.Heath R.Greening	7-0-465-133 -1-4-66.43 2-1- 66- 51 -0-1-66.00 7-2-315-100*-1-1-63.00 6-0-322-112 -1-2-53.66 6-1-162- 98 -0-1-32.40 7-0-145- 39 -0-0-20.71 2-0- 37- 31 -0-0-18.50 6-1- 60- 22 -0-0-12.00 4-2- 24- 16 -0-0-12.00 2-1- 12- 10 -0-0-12.00 2-1- 10- 9*-0-0-10.00 3-0- 28- 22 -0-0- 9.33 3-0- 6- 3 -0-0- 2.00 2-2- 18- 18*-0-0-	5 0 15/0 4 1 2 1 1 4 0 0 3 2	46.0-11-129- 8-16.12 4.0- 1- 12- 0 3.0- 0- 19- 0 42.0-11-209- 6-34.83 75.0-13-275-17-16.18 70.0-14-294-11-26.73 52.0- 9-184-10-18.40 40.0- 8-173- 4-43.25
	GREEN SHIELD STAT	ISTICS	
	Batting		Bowling
	Inn-NO-Runs-HS-100-50-Av	Ct	Overs-Mdn-Runs-Wkt-Av
R.Trim R.Wiblin D.Abbey C.Hynes C.Davies D.Heath A.Pitcher G.Nelson M.Cohen	5-2-219-100*-1-1-73.00 4-3- 71- 34 -0-0-71.00 5-1-267-144 -1-1-66.75 4-1- 76- 30 -0-0-25.33 5-0- 99- 41 -0-0-19.80 5-0- 92- 45 -0-0-18.40 2-0- 34- 33 -0-0-17.00 1-0- 12- 12 -0-0-12.00 2-0- 17- 16 -0-0- 8.50	5 4/0 1 3 3 2 1 0 3	2.0- 0- 9- 0 27.0- 2-116- 1-116.0 62.4- 6-264-11-24.00 - 47.0- 7-167- 6-27.83 28.4- 6- 84- 7-12.00 14.0- 1- 62- 2-31.00
N. Johnson	2-1- 8- 6*-0-0- 8.00	2	40.2- 3-177- 4-44.25

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S.Davis

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B.Kinsey

Bowling

	Inn-NO-Runs-HS-100-50-Av	Overs-Mdn-Runs-Wkt-Av
M.Pickering M.Caripiet P.Newman	13-1-310- 50 -0-1-25.10 9-2- 72- 29 -0-0-10.28 10-0- 96- 24 -0-0- 9.60 17-1-133- 37 -0-0- 8.50	71.0- 4-299-20-14.19 9.0- 0- 73- 2-36.50 15.0- 1-103- 2-51.50
G.Marshall H.Frazer B.Window A.Dunn	12-1- 88- 26 -0-0- 8.00 11-1- 72- 23 -0-0- 7.20 16-1- 99- 30 -0-0- 6.90	91.0- 5-445-30-14.15 17.0- 0-144- 4-36.00 111.0- 3-549-22-24.21
D.Kenny B.Stevenson P.Caripiet	9-2- 43- 10 -0-0- 6.14 9-0- 49- 16 -0-0- 5.40 3-0- 12- 7 -0-0- 4.00	53.0- 6-243- 9-27.00
N.Bouveng N.Kenny H.Wolfe	5-2- 12- 9 -0-0- 4.00 10-1- 30- 15 -0-0- 3.33 13-2- 26- 12 -0-0- 2.44	5) 0 3 T- 71 0 0 1
P.Byrnes B.Wylie	15-4- 18- 7 -0-0- 1.71	9.0- 1- 51- 2-25.50

CAREER RECORDS OF CURRENT PLAYERS

(Includes all 1977/8 Season)

BATTING

C.Thompson	Inn	NO	Runs	H.S.	100	50	Average
I.Howell G.Beard K.Turner K.Fitzpatrick F.Turner P.Harvey S.Mesite J.Stewart M.Pawley G.Hill P.Stephenson I.Macdonald G.Flowers G.Dudley T.Spencer G.Wilks N.Howell R.de Silva M.Byers P.Jesser J.Macpherson D.Packer W.Athey G.Mairs R.Rickey M.Elliot B.Kinsey D.Hartman J.Seyffer R.Holmes D.Abbey A.Hawes D.Heath G.Campbell R.Benson G.Hayes M.Smith K.Pitcher M.Kroschel R.Trim R.Greening D.Macpherson G.Hicks S.Byers R.Wiblin P.Thrush C.Hynes	224 203 250 251 165 165 168 169 169 169 169 169 169 169 169 169 169	20 0 2 1 6 1 1 1 1 2 2 3 3 1 3 0 9 6 7 5 2 6 6 2 7 5 6 9 3 3 9 3 1 1 4 2 8 0 7 7 2 2 7 5 5 4 1 4	5030 4992 4525 4353 3682 2457 1888 1762 1245 1245 1245 1245 1245 1245 1245 124	114 187 100 124 105 109 109 109 109 109 109 109 109 109 109	47131120010000000001000000000000000000000	24 21 20 12 17 8 7 8 4 9 3 2 6 5 0 0 1 4 3 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	24.66 28.85 20.38 18.52 23.30 18.94 21.31 13.78 24.84 13.98 14.30 24.80 13.78 14.30 24.84 17.94 14.30 24.80 17.31 16.23 17.94 17

CAREER RECORDS (continued)

	Inn '	NO	Runs	H.S	100	Avera,
C.Davies N.Johnson C.Thompson A.Pitcher	8 12 6 3	0 3 1 0	66 44 26 21	24 17* 11 20	0 0 0 0	8.25 4.88 5.20 7.00
M.Johnston J.Hughes G.Brewer	7 5 2	1 0	19	9* 3	0	6.33 1.75
g.plemel	2.0	. 0	0 6	4		3200

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wets	Emerade
B.Kinsey	2983.1	680	8870	630	14.08
M. Pawley	1950.6	376	6040	412	14.66
T.Spencer	2057.7	322	7715	382	20,19
J. Macpherson	1603.6	275	5640	342	16.49
P.Stephenson	1806.0	277	6687	333	20,08
I.Macdonald	1545.4	249	5017	264	118, 93
D.Hartman	1167.7	193	3805	241	15.78
D.Packer	990.0	138	3943	230	17.14
G.Beard	1092.3	205	3682	186	19-79
S.Byers	541.0	116	1705	136	112.53
D.Macpherson	454.2	79	1633	95	17.18
G.Hicks	332.4	51	1145	61	18.77
N. Howell	259.0	28	1104	59	108.71
R.Rickey	223.0	32	772	42	118,38
K.Pitcher	172.4	36	494	39	12.66
N.Johnson	147.5	22	472	35	15.48
C.Hynes	173.1	25	620	34	118,23
G.Hayes	174.7	32	571	34	16.79
M.Kroschel	191.0	15	784	30	26.13
G.Mairs	160.7	21	617	27	22,85
R.Greening	111.0	17	361	23	15.69
A.Hawes	91.4	17	339	18	78,85
P.Harvey	109.4	. 8	468	18	25.00
M. Johnston	90.7	8	374	13	20.70
F.Turner	48.0	4	246	11	22,36
K.Fitzpatrick	42.0	4	158	7	17.55
J. Hughes	53.0	8 2	248	0	31.00 26.37
G.Campbell	44.0			6	22.16
I.Howell R.Benson	19.0 17.0	0 2	133		23.00
J.Stewart	31.0	1	152	1	38,00
R.Trim	6.0	0	39	-	13.00
P.Thrush	14.0	1	57	3	19.00
D.Abbey	17.0	0	79	3 3 3	26.33
P. Jesser	14.0	2	50	2	25.00
G.Flowers	16.0	1	56	2	28.00
K.Turner	10.0	0	58	2	29.00
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	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts
S.Mesite	3.0	0	11	1
M.Elliot	2.0	0	28	1
C.Thompson	6.0	. 0	44	1
G.Dudley	12.0	0	64	. 1
W.Athey	17.0	1	112	1
A.Pitcher	2.0	0.	15	0
R.de Silva	2.0	0.	18	0
D.Heath	2.0	0	4	0
G.Hill	3.0	0	18	0

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MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

CLUB RECORDS

COMPETITION MATCHES

First Grade						
Highest Individual Score	G.Beard J.W.Burke J.W.Burke 80. J.Randell					
Second Grade						
Highest Individual Score Highest Aggregate Highest Average Most Wickets in Season	F.Ridge 252 D.Gee 843 H.Williams 70.0 J.Randell 88					
Third Grade						
Highest Individual Score Highest Aggregate Highest Average Most Wickets in Season	G.Lowe 210* G.Lowe 937 R.Farnell 84.33 F.Brand 79					
Fourth Grade						
Highest Individual Score Highest Aggregate Highest Average Most Wickets in Season	J.Gurd 202 T.Lee 470 G.Campbell 59.5 W.Bassett 97					
Poidevin-Gray Shield						
Highest Individual Score Highest Aggregate Highest Average Most Wickets in Season	T.Parsonage 178 W.Athey 465 I.Howell 198.0 P.Philpott 38					
A.W.Green Shield						
Highest Individual Score Highest Aggregate Highest Average Most Wickets in Season	N.Coltman 147 N.Coltman 395 R.Bright 141.0 J.Barnes 41					

