



# MIDDLE HARBOUR CRICKET CLUB

---

## OFFICE-BEARERS, 1908-9

### Patron

DUGALD THOMSON, Esq., M.H.R.

### President

Dr. D. THOMAS

### Vice-Presidents

Dr. RICHARD ARTHUR, M.L.A., Dr. ROLAND POPE, J. J. CALVERT, Esq., I.S.O., W. H. FLETCHER, Esq.,  
G. G. HOLE, Esq., J. T. WEDDERBURN, Esq., E. H. MILLETT, Esq., F. TRENCHARD SMITH, Esq.,  
C. F. W. LLOYD, Esq., E. RIDGE, Esq., J. B. MEYER, Esq., G. BADMINGTON, Esq., Dr. BENNETTS,  
F. J. PLOMLEY, Esq., J. GEOFFREY SMITH, Esq., A. LEARMONTH, Esq., W. HUNTER  
SMITH, Esq., F. GAHAN, Esq.

### Honorary Life Members

C. H. HAYES, Esq., R. PITT, Esq., C. A. LAWRENCE, Esq.,

### Life Members

Dr. D. THOMAS, Dr. L. WATSON HARVEY, Dr. G. R. P. HALL, F. W. WEBB, Esq., C.M.G., GEO. MILLER, Esq.,  
I.S.O., J. STEDMAN, Esq., G. H. GORDON, Esq., W. H. HOLT, Esq., C. J. CARROLL, Esq., JOHN POPE, Esq.,  
F. P. MORRIS, Esq., P. H. O'BRIEN, Esq., A. SMIDMORE, Esq., T. J. UNDERWOOD, Esq., E. E. HASSALL, Esq.,  
D. I. WATT, Esq., J. BONNER, Esq., S. R. WALFORD, Esq., W. H. HANNAM, Esq.,  
J. P. WRIGHT, Jun., Esq., G. A. MOORE, Esq., R. J. WILD, Esq.

### Honorary Secretary

W. S. MITCHELL

### Honorary Treasurer

J. A. STEVENS

### Honorary Secretaries B. and C. Teams

THE CAPTAINS

### Honorary Secretary, Wednesday Team

H. D. L. WOODS

### General Committee

E. P. WOOLCOTT, M. JOHNSON, J. A. STEVENS, J. HODGKINSON, C. BROUGHTON, E. H. MACK,  
C. B. COCHRANE, R. A. OXLADE, FRANK RIDGE.

### Ground Committee

C. B. COCHRANE, W. S. MITCHELL, J. A. STEVENS

### Selection Committee

F. L. ROW, E. P. WOOLCOTT, F. RIDGE, and CAPTAINS of 2nd and 3rd ELEVENS

### Auditors

A. LEARMONTH, J. T. WEDDERBURN

### Delegates to N.S.W. Cricket Association

F. L. ROW, W. S. MITCHELL

0  
3



# ANNUAL REPORT

To be submitted for adoption at the Annual Meeting to be held at the Pier Hotel  
on Friday, 23rd July, 1909

To the Members of the Middle Harbour District Cricket Club.

Gentlemen,

In presenting the Fifth Annual Report and Balance-sheet your Committee have pleasure in recording a successful season for the First Grade Team. The Second and Third Grade Teams, however, did not perform up to past standard, but it must be remembered that these teams were vitally affected by the severance of Mosman from their territory, and in consequence at least two-thirds of the previous season's players were unavailable. Next season it is hoped the results will be better, as those players who last season were new to Grade Cricket will be more accustomed to the conditions.

The First Grade Team played 10 matches with the following results:—4 wins, 1 tie, 1 drawn game, 4 losses, North Sydney and Burwood being amongst the clubs defeated. The highest aggregate hitherto scored by the Club was also compiled, viz., 3211 runs for 125 wickets, average 25.14, as against 2759 runs for 119 wickets, average 23.16, scored by opponents.

Towards this result the efforts of F. S. Middleton and C. Brownlow (who are respectively first and second in the batting averages) were of much assistance, the former being especially brilliant, and his great hitting efforts against Sydney (131 not out) and Gordon (174) will long be remembered. The batting of the side as a whole was consistent, no fewer than eight of the team securing averages of 20 runs per innings and over.

The bowling was good throughout. J. Randell heading the list with 30 wickets at an average of 20.30, closely followed by D. Gee and H. Whiddon. The former was not available for the earlier matches, but later displayed excellent all-round form. The fielding of the side was uniformly good, and J. Hodgkinson, who captained the team, set his men an excellent example.

The Second Team engaged in 11 matches, winning one, losing 9 and one being drawn. F. L. Row heads the batting averages with 36.8, G. Lowe 26.6 and C. B. Cochrane 23.3 also performing with success. H. Cropper secured the only century, viz., 104 against Gordon.

P. Tye secured the best bowling results with 19 wickets at 11.2. W. Lough also bowled meritoriously, capturing 22 wickets at an average of 25.

The Third Grade Team played 11 matches, of which three were won and eight lost. The principal performances were those of F. M'Mahon, average 64.5 for five innings, and L. Walters, average 30.7 for 16 innings. This player also scored a century (139) against Burwood. The brunt of the bowling was borne by Eric Woolcott, 42 wickets at an average of 13.4, C. Glassop, 19 wickets at 13, and J. Olliver, 23 wickets at 15.4. The latter player captained the team throughout and was a most enthusiastic worker.

The Wednesday Team had a most successful season, being only once defeated, and many enjoyable games were played. H. Wright in batting and T. J. Underwood in bowling were of very great assistance to the team.

The Club is in a good position in regard to having promising young players in its ranks. The performances of H. P. Woolcott with the first eleven are particularly meritorious, considering the fact that he was promoted from the third to the first team. G. Lowe, who, in his first season in second grade, scored 320 runs, is a player of considerable promise, and will no doubt be in the near future taking part in first grade fixtures.

The third eleven produced a fast bowler in C. Glassop, who no doubt will continue to improve. The all-round performances of Eric Woolcott with the third eleven are deserving of special mention, for he took 42 wickets and made 160 runs.

The Committee would like to draw attention to the fact that the last round of the Cricket Competition was abandoned to make way for football, and would point out that such procedure infringes seriously upon the cricket season, and if not protested against a bad precedent may be established.

Thanks to the interest of the Mayor (Ald. J. Bonner), Ald. A. Ogilvy, and the support of the Manly Council generally, the long-needed New Pavilion will shortly be an accomplished fact. The movement initiated by Mr. W. S. Mitchell (when Hon. Treasurer, season 1905-6) among the supporters of the Club with this object in view, and which resulted in his obtaining no less than £120, which with interest now amounts to £130, has been a great factor in this successful result of his energetic endeavors, and the Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the valuable work he has performed in this direction.

The Committee regret having to record that Mr. Stanley L. Ridge resigned as a member of the Club, he having been identified with cricket in the district for very many years.

The Committee are grateful to the Council for carrying out the scheme of enclosing the northern portion of the ground as foreshadowed in the last annual report.

The Committee again desire to place on record their appreciation of the services of Mrs. W. S. Mitchell in presiding at afternoon tea in the pavilion during last season, and regret having to record her departure from Manly on a visit to England.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the Vice-Presidents for the liberal manner in which they have supported the Club, also to the scorers of the various teams for their services during the past season, and to those gentlemen who voluntarily assisted as umpires in the second and third grade matches. The Committee regret to report the unsatisfactory attendances of the official umpires appointed for the second and third grade fixtures, and trust that a better state of affairs may obtain during the ensuing season.

The Committee held 11 meetings during the season, and the attendances of members were as follows:—W. S. Mitchell 11, F. L. Row 11, J. A. Stevens 11, A. Oxlade 11, E. P. Woolcott 8, C. B. Cochrane 8, E. H. Mack 6, H. D. L. Woods 5, F. L. Ridge 4, J. Hodgkinson 4, C. Broughton 2, M. Johnson 1.

The financial statement shows a satisfactory state of affairs considering that a large number of last season's players were not eligible, owing to Mosman having a separate district, also to the extraordinary expense the Club was put to in top-dressing and otherwise keeping the Oval up to the standard required for First Grade Cricket.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

W. S. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

Only paid up Members will be qualified to vote at the Meeting



By E. H. MACK :

That Rule 2, which reads as follows :—

"The officers of the Club shall consist of a Patron, President, not more than 20 Vice-Presidents (exclusive of the Councils of Manly and Mosman), Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, Treasurer, General Committee, and Selection Committees, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting ; or when a vacancy has arisen in the interim by resignation or otherwise, at the first meeting of the Committee thereafter."

Be altered to read :—

"The management of the Club shall be vested in the following officers, provided they be members as set out in Rule 7, viz., Patron, President, 20 Vice-Presidents (exclusive of the Municipal Councils of Manly and Mosman who shall be Vice-Presidents ex-officio), and an Executive Committee of 13 members. Said Executive Committee shall comprise Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Assistant Hon. Secretary, Hon. Secretary Wednesday Team, and 9 Members."

That Rule 3, which reads as follows :—

"The management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee, which shall consist of the Patron, President, Vice-Presidents (provided that these be members of the Club, as provided by Rule 7), Honorary Secretary, Secretary for B. Team, Secretary for the C. Team, Honorary Treasurer, and nine members, one of whom shall be member of the Ground Committee, as provided for by Rule 26. Any of the Executive Officers and any of the nine members last mentioned who shall be absent from three consecutive meetings without leave shall be deemed to have vacated his seat upon the Committee, and the Committee shall elect another member of the Club to the vacant seat."

Be altered to read :—

"The above-named officers shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting, but should a vacancy occur in the interim, through resignation, default or otherwise, the Executive Committee shall fill the place so vacated. Any member of Executive Committee, absent from three consecutive Committee Meetings without leave, shall be deemed to have vacated his seat, and his place shall be at once filled."

That Rule 26, which reads as follows :—

"Practice shall be under the control of a Committee of three, who shall be termed the Ground Committee, and which shall consist of the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and one member of the Club, who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting."

Be altered to read :—

"Practice and the immediate control of the ground, as directed by the Executive Committee, shall be in the hands of a Ground Committee of three (3), and shall consist of the Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and the Assistant Hon. Secretary."

That Rule 27, which reads as follows :—

"The Captains of the three Grade Teams shall be selected by ballot on the ground, prior to each match, by the members of the team ; and the Captains of the 2nd and 3rd Grade Teams so selected shall act as Secretary of their respective team for each match ; and shall be responsible for the posting of the teams on the board, apprising the players of their selection, and the looking after the material, score books, etc."

Be altered to read :—

"The Captains of the Grade Teams shall be selected by ballot on the ground, and prior to each match, by the members of the respective teams."

By C. B. COCHRANE :

That Rule 25, which reads as follows :—

"The team to represent the Club in the 1st Grade Competition, shall be selected by a Committee consisting of three members, to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The 2nd and 3rd Grade Teams to be selected by such Committee in conjunction with the respective Captains of the 2nd and 3rd Grade Teams. All other teams to be selected in such manner as shall be decided by the General Committee."

Be altered to read :—

"The teams to represent the Club in the Grade Competitions shall be selected by Committees (one for each Grade), each consisting of three members, to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. All other teams to be selected in such manner as the General Committee may direct."

## MIDDLE HARBOUR CRICKET CLUB.

### Statement of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Season, 1908-9

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE					
		£	s	d			£	s	d
By Balance (1907-8)	A. J. S. Bank	14	5	9	To Expenses on Manly Oval—				
"	Savings Bank	126	13	0	" Manly Council Rent	45	10	0	
					" Bulli Soil - - -	27	3	4	
" Subscriptions and Donations		64	2	6	" Black Soil (outfield)	2	0	6	
" " Hon. 5s. Members		10	0		" Grass Seed and Sulphate of				
					Ammonia	1	8	0	
" Ground Fees - - -					" Assistance, Top Dressing	2	10	0	
" Sale of Bulli Soil - - -					" Water Rates - - -	3	11	0	
" Sundries - - -					" Insurance on Pavilion - -	10	8		
" Interest on Savings Bank a/c									82 13 6
					" Material a/c - - -				37 2 0
					" Printing and Stationery -				7 16 3
					" N.S.W. Cricket Association,				
					Umpires' Fees				3 3 0
					" Advertising - - -				2 1 3
					" Scorers Expenses—taking bags				
					to matches off Oval, and				
					scoring in scoring box				3 18 9
					" Sundries — Petty Expenses,				
					Stamps, Afternoon Tea				
					on Oval - - -	10	2	3	
					" Bank Charges - - -	10	0		
									10 12 3
					" Balance—Cash in A.J.S. Bank	1	11	9	
					" " Savings Bank	130	9	1	
									132 0 10
									£279 7 10

Audited and found Correct



## BATTING AVERAGES

### 1st GRADE

Season 1908-9

Matches played, 10. Won 4, Lost 4, Drawn 1, Tie 1

Batsman	Innings	Not Out	Highest Scores	Runs	Average
F. S. Middleton	13	2	174	537	48.81
C. Brownlow	13	4	61*	380	42.20
J. Hodgkinson	13	0	67	352	27.70
D. Gee	8	0	52	221	25.50
E. Bull	14	0	75	350	25.00
E. P. Woolcott	7	2	42	122	24.40
H. Woolcott	8	1	53*	164	23.50
J. Randell	13	2	50	200	20.00
F. Ridge	8	0	59	155	19.30
J. Scott	9	0	47	159	17.66
E. Long	11	4	29	119	17.00
C. Broughton	12	0	43	192	16.00
H. Whiddon	8	1	30	71	10.14

Also Batted—F. Row 3 innings for 8 runs  
C. Calvert 1 " " 4 "

Runs Scored—3,211 for 125 wickets, average 25.14, as against  
2,759 for 119 wickets, average 23.16, by  
opponents.

### 2nd GRADE

F. L. Row	11	3	70	295	36.8
G. Lowe	14	2	66*	320	26.6
C. B. Cochrane	14	5	52*	210	23.3
H. Cropper	16	1	104	307	20.4
C. Calvert	12	0	72	201	16.7
L. M. Triggs	16	1	53	237	15.8
K. Walton	14	1	41	194	14.9
N. Plomley	5	1	19*	52	14.0
W. Lough	16	3	37	156	12.0
R. Baker	7	2	16	50	10.0
P. Tye	5	2	19*	25	8.3
H. Wilkin	4	0	15	31	7.7
F. M'Mahon	6	0	14	34	5.6
D. Ogilvy	8	0	18	40	5.0

Also Batted—H. Woolcott 2 innings for 30 runs  
C. Elrington 2 " " 24 "  
L. Walters 2 " " 18 "  
M. Johnson 3 " " 19 "  
W. Allerton 3 " " 17 "  
V. Woolcott 1 " " 2 "  
B. Edkins 2 " " 3 "

### 3rd GRADE

F. M'Mahon	5	3	84*	129	64.5
L. Walters	16	0	139	492	30.7
C. Olliver	5	1	34	64	16.0
M. Johnson	15	0	42	238	15.8
B. Edkins	16	1	62	206	12.8
E. Keary	8	0	42	100	12.5
E. Woolcott	16	1	34	160	10.0
J. Olliver	13	3	21	100	10.0
McCubbin	14	0	41	129	9.2
Mitchell	7	0	23	68	9.7
Glassop	13	3	32	76	7.6
Wilkins	5	1	23	28	7.0
Nirke	6	0	27	34	5.6
Plomley	10	1	25	46	5.1

Also Batted—E. P. Woolcott 2 innings for 115 runs  
McKenzie 2 " " 45 "  
R. Baker 4 " " 53 "  
Dunlop 2 " " 17 "  
Tye 4 " " 3 "  
Elrington 4 " " 60 " (3 not out)  
E. M'Mahon 3 " " 21 " (2 " )  
G. Lowe 1 " " 13 "  
Wright 2 " " 3 "

\*Not out

## BOWLING AVERAGES

### 1st GRADE

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. Randell	150.2	15	609	30	20.30
H. Whiddon	101	12	428	20	21.40
D. Gee	104	15	428	20	21.40
F. S. Middleton	141.4	23	461	19	24.21
E. Bull	47	3	252	8	31.50
H. Woolcott	40	2	177	5	35.40

### Also Bowled—

F. Ridge	4	0	18	2	9.00
J. Scott	18.4	3	75	5	15.00
F. Row	14	3	38	2	19.00
E. P. Woolcott	5	0	36	0	

### 2nd GRADE

P. Tye	69	2	213	19	11.2
H. Woolcott	11	2	46	3	15.3
F. M'Mahon	77	7	330	15	22.0
W. Lough	110	12	552	22	25.0
K. Walton	72	10	271	9	30.0
F. Row	96	11	390	12	32.5
C. B. Cochrane	29	8	102	3	34.0
H. Cropper	121	6	565	15	37.6

Also Bowled—M. Johnson 3 for 117  
V. Woolcott 1 " 10  
L. Triggs 0 " 20  
W. Allerton 0 " 60  
H. Wilkin 3 " 46  
B. Edkins 1 " 18  
C. Elrington 0 " 27  
R. Baker 0 " 105

### 3rd GRADE

Glassop	65	10	247	19	13.0
Woolcott	140	7	568	42	13.4
J. Olliver	110	24	355	23	15.4

Also Bowled—Tye 8 for 130  
Baker 10 " 80  
C. Oliver 1 " 8  
Johnson 2 " 40  
Walters 4 " 112  
Keary 1 " 17  
Wilkins 4 " 199