

Middle Harbour District Cricket Club

OFFICE BEARERS 1917-1918.

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Hon. Secretary:

R. A. OXLADE.

Hon. Assistant Secretary:

E. P. WOOLCOTT.

Hon. Treasurer:

C. B-COCHRANE.

General Committee:

B. ANDERSON, F. TRACY, C. CAMPBELL, G. DUNLOP, T. RUSSELL, R. STRANGE, D. A. GEE, A. LITTLE, W. JOHNSTON.

Selection Committee:

A Team—R. A. OXLADE, F. B. ANDERSON, R. STRANGE.

B Team—G. DUNLOP, C. B-COCHRANE, F. TRACY.

C Team—J. FREEMAN, A. DRIVER, C. CAMPBELL.

Ground Committee:

R. A. OXLADE, E. P. WOOLCOTT, C. B-COCHRANE.

Hon. Auditors:

A. LEARMONTH, R. A. MUSGRAVE.

Delegates to N.S.W. Cricket Association:

R. A. OXLADE, C. B-COCHRANE.

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

To be submitted for adoption at the 14th Annual Meeting to be held
at Manly, on Thursday, 18th July, 1918, at 8 p.m.

To the Members of the Middle Harbour District Cricket Club:—
GENTLEMEN,—

The Committee have much pleasure in presenting for your consideration the Fourteenth Annual Report.

During last season no Competition Cricket was played, as the policy of the New South Wales Cricket Association was to do nothing which might hinder recruiting; the only cricket arranged by it, though divided into different grades, was that of a friendly nature, in which no premiership was involved. Your Club was only able to place two teams in the field because of the large number of its players being on active service and the difficulty in obtaining new members in the district through the same noble cause. The policy adopted by your Committee last season in confining the selection of its teams so far as possible to junior players under military age and married men was strictly adhered to throughout the season.

THE FIRST ELEVEN played twelve matches, winning three and losing nine. This record was distinctly disappointing, as the side was strengthened by the addition of Dr. R. B. Minnet, Arthur Mailey, Guy Hall, G. Lord and S. Lord, and on paper should have done better. The failure principally was in batting and fielding, and this undoubtedly was brought about by lack of attention to practice, without which a side cannot hope to achieve success.

The best batting averages were obtained by Messrs. Minnett, Gee, Dunn and G. Lord in that order. Each of these players were most consistent during the season, and they are to be congratulated upon their efforts. In bowling the honors were carried off by Messrs. Minnett, Mailey and Gee. Arthur Mailey obtained the greatest number of wickets in First Grade Cricket during the season, viz.:—78 at a cost of 18.05 runs apiece, and his brilliant performance is one of which the Club may well during the season, and kept wickets very ably.

F. B. Anderson again captained the side feel proud.

THE SECOND ELEVEN.—The players on this side again consisted of colts and veterans and, as in former years, they worthily upheld the high sporting traditions of your Club. Twelve matches were played, five of which were won, and seven lost. Of the five wins, three were outright, whilst only two of the losses were in this class.

The batting average was won, for the second season in succession, by C. Gilham, a colt of considerable promise. Others on the side who maintained their reputations for consistency were W. D. Johnston, A. Little, F. Ames, C. B-Cochrane, and D. Ogilvy.

W. D. Johnston was first in the bowling, and was ably supported by F. Ames, T. Russell, C. B-Cochrane, and J. Martin. Ames and Russell at times bowled brilliantly.

The fielding showed an improvement, but the same old story of missed chances was responsible for the seven defeats. The bright exception to the generally poor fielding was E. Payne, who made some beautiful catches, and whose ground work was safe and brilliant. Others who fielded well were C. Gilham, A. Little, and A. Driver.

R. Freeman, a colt, again kept wickets very soundly, and is improving every season.

Particular mention is made of J. Jagoe (a returned soldier), for his stubborn defence in very trying situations, and he more than once by his pluck turned the game in favor of his side.

As the season's cricket was non-competitive as regards the premiership, your Committee, following on the practice of the last two seasons, has decided not to publish any official averages. On Easter Saturday a side chosen principally from amongst the Second Grade players, under the Captaincy of Mr. Cochrane, defeated the Broeklehurst Team, from Dubbo, in an all-day match on the Manly Oval. During the day the visitors were entertained at luncheon and afternoon tea.

SCHOOL CRICKET.—As in former seasons, your Club placed its practice wickets and nets at the disposal of the local schoolboys free of charge, and this privilege was fully availed of by the boys.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Your Committee has pleasure in reporting that the following additional members have enlisted: E. Glasson, O. Crossman, B. Kortlang, F. Lascelles, E. Wood, A. Plant, and Dr. W. Broad. These with the members who have previously enlisted, the names of whom have already been published, make a total of 77 on active service.

Since the last report your Committee regrets to announce that R. Bull has been killed on active service, and it extends on your behalf its sincerest sympathy to his relatives.

We tender our heartiest congratulations to Captain N. Plomley, who has won the Military Cross with a bar to it, and to Captain S. H. Slater, who has won the D.S.O. Your Committee also have very great pleasure in welcoming back Captain J. P. Hill, M.C., and Private J. Randell (Jimmy), and sincerely trust that they will soon be restored to the best of health and strength again.

GENERAL REMARKS.—The Club is indebted to one of its oldest members in the person of Mr. W. Hunter Smith, for the gift of some valuable old photos, scoring books, and other records of your Club in the early eighties. Your Committee would be pleased if other old members would make similar gifts, as the earliest records of the Club were unfortunately destroyed by fire some 20 years ago.

Your Committee note with pleasure that the Council, at the commencement of last season, had the outfield of the Oval thoroughly top-dressed, and the ground is now in a better condition than it has been for many years. In addition, the enclosure in front of the pavilion was re-terraced. T. Criddle, the caretaker of the Oval, again carried out his work in a satisfactory manner.

Your Committee is also very glad to record that its Chairman, Mr. F. L. Tracy, who was seriously ill during the season, is now better.

AFTERNOON TEA.—Afternoon tea was dispensed as usual under the care of Mesdames Anderson, Oxlade, Cochrane, and Miss Cochrane, and was much appreciated. The thanks of the Committee are extended to these ladies for their kindness and attention.

Mr. J. T. Easterbrook, one of the Club's Vice-presidents, supplied the cake for the afternoon tea during the whole of the season, and your Committee extend to this good sportsman their best thanks for his generous gift.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.—Owing to the cricket being non-competitive, it was not necessary for the General Committee to meet so frequently as in former seasons, nevertheless at all the Committee Meetings there was a full attendance of Members.

DELEGATES.—Messrs. R. A. Oxlade and C. B. Cochrane, your Delegates to the New South Wales Cricket Association, were regular in their attendance. Mr. Oxlade was again elected to the Executive of the Association, as well as to the Board of Control, and Mr. Cochrane was re-elected to the Grade Committee.

FINANCE.—Taking into consideration the condition of affairs in the sporting world, your Committee considers that the Treasurer's statement is most satisfactory. There is a credit balance of £20 11s. 2d., which is entirely due to the able manner in which the Hon. Treasurer has looked after the Club's material and funds.

The thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. D. Hogan, Town Clerk of Manly, for the unvarying courtesy extended to the Club officials at all times, to the Vice-Presidents, Scorers and Officials of the Club for their support, to Mr. E. Lincoln, of the "Manly Daily," for his notices of the Club's doings during the season.

Signed for and on behalf of the Committee,

F. LE ROY-TRACY, Chairman.
R. A. OXLADE, Hon. Secretary.

N.B.—Only Paid-up Members will be qualified to vote at the Meeting.

MIDDLE HARBOUR CRICKET CLUB.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1917-18

| RECEIPTS. | | | PAYMENTS. | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|------|------------------------------------|-----|------|
| | £ | s d | | £ | s d |
| Balance from 1916-17 | 13 | 7 3 | Ground Expenses— | | |
| Subs. and Donations | 37 | 5 6 | Rent | 1 | 0 0 |
| Arrears of Subs. | 4 | 14 6 | Scoring Board | 3 | 5 0 |
| Hon. Members | 0 | 10 0 | Insurance | 0 | 4 10 |
| Lockers | 0 | 2 6 | Sundries | 1 | 18 1 |
| Afternoon Tea | 1 | 15 3 | Materials and Repairs | 18 | 16 3 |
| | | | Printing and Stationery | 2 | 7 9 |
| | | | War Chest and other Funds | 2 | 2 0 |
| | | | Ground and Umpire's Fees | 1 | 15 9 |
| | | | Afternoon Tea | 2 | 4 5 |
| | | | Bank Charges | 0 | 12 6 |
| | | | Postage and Telegrams | 1 | 7 9 |
| | | | Advertising and Room Rent | 1 | 4 6 |
| | | | Porterage | 0 | 5 0 |
| | | | Credit Balance | 20 | 11 2 |
| | £57 | 15 0 | | £57 | 15 0 |

We have audited the above with the Treasurer's Books and the relative receipts and vouchers, and certify same to be in accordance therewith.

C. B. COCHRANE,
Hon. Treasurer.

ALEX. LEARMONTH,
R. A. MUSGRAVE,
Hon. Auditors.

27th June, 1918.

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Mr. J. T. Eastbrook, one of the Club's Vice-presidents, supported the cause for the afternoon tea during the whole of the season and your Committee extend to this good sportsman their best thanks for his generous gift.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.—Owing to the season being more competitive, it was not necessary for the General Committee to meet so frequently as in former seasons, nevertheless at all the Committee Meetings there was a full attendance of Members.

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations have been received for the under-mentioned offices during Season 1918-19:—

Hon. Secretary:

R. A. OXLADE.

Hon. Assistant Secretary:

E. P. WOOLCOTT.

Hon. Treasurer:

C. B-COCHRANE.

General Committee:

F. L. TRACY, C. C. CAMPBELL, W. D. JOHNSTON, G. DUNLOP, J. ROSS, D. A. GEE, A. LITTLE, F. B. ANDERSON, T. RUSSELL.

Selection Committees:

First Team—R. A. OXLADE, D. A. GEE and G. DUNLOP.

Second Team—C. B-COCHRANE, F. L. TRACY, W. D. JOHNSTON.

Hon. Auditors:

A. LEARMONTH, R. A. MUSGRAVE.

Delegates to N.S.W., W.C.A.:

R. A. OXLADE, C. B-COCHRANE.

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| RECEIPTS | | EXPENDITURE | |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Balance from 1917-18 | £ 10 10 0 | Balance carried forward | £ 10 10 0 |
| Subs and Donations | £ 10 10 0 | Subs and Donations | £ 10 10 0 |
| Afternoon Tea | £ 10 10 0 | Afternoon Tea | £ 10 10 0 |
| Bank Charges | £ 10 10 0 | Bank Charges | £ 10 10 0 |
| Portage | £ 10 10 0 | Portage | £ 10 10 0 |
| Council Balance | £ 10 10 0 | Council Balance | £ 10 10 0 |
| Total | £ 10 10 0 | Total | £ 10 10 0 |

W. D. Johnston, Treasurer.
R. A. Oxlade, Hon. Auditor.