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O B I T U A R Y

The late Mr. R.W. May

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With the passing of Mr. May, the Club has lost a great friend and supporter.

He first became associated with the Club when his sons, Jack and Bob, became members and from that time forward played a distinguished part in guiding the Club's development through some of the most crucial periods of its existence.

He became President of the Club in 1929 and held that position for the two succeeding years. During that time he piloted the Club through the negotiations which led up to the leasing of the present Club Rooms and together with the Hon. H.V. Whiddon, M.L.C., and Mr. E.J. Siddeloy he accepted trusteeship in respect of the Club's occupation of the Rooms.

From 1936 to 1939 he was again President and in 1942/43, when the Club was struggling to preserve its existence during the darkest war years, he once more took over the reins of office.

In January 1943, he suffered a tragic loss when his son and our fellow-member, Jack, was killed in air operations with the R.A.F. Those of us who knew him well feel that he never fully recovered from this terrible blow.

Once it became apparent that the Club had not only survived the war years but was also well on the way back to its prewar status, Mr. May quietly retired into the background but was ready once more to give us the benefit of his advice when negotiations commenced with a view to purchasing the Club Room building.

On the occasion of the Club's Thirtieth Annual Meeting, the members took the opportunity to confer upon Mr. May and his fellow Trustees the highest honour they could conceive - that of Life Membership. This distinction has not been awarded to anyone else either before or since and this is the proof of the high regard in which the recipients were held.

Now that he is gone we shall miss not only his wise counsel but also that warmth of human understanding which was his outstanding characteristic, for which we shall ever remember him.

Vale!

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLUB

To the Members of The Briars Sporting Club Limited:

Gentlemen,

Your Directors and your Management Committee have much pleasure in presenting for your perusal and adoption the Thirty-Third Annual Report of the Club together with Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account, for the year ended 30th September, 1951.

From the administrative point of view the year has been one of improvement in some directions and of deterioration in others whilst in the field of sport we can report a very successful year indeed.

In our previous Report we detailed the action leading up to the formation of the Club as a Company and the negotiations for the purchase of the building in which our Club Rooms are situated.

The formal action required to complete the purchase was unfortunately held up by circumstances beyond our control and it was not until 16th August, 1951, that we actually became owners of the premises.

During the forthcoming year there will be many important matters which will require our urgent attention in our new capacity of property-owner and landlord.

The expenses directly and indirectly associated with the purchase imposed a severe strain on our financial resources but we are pleased to report that at the close of the year our position was much more favourable than was anticipated when we first commenced negotiations.

To a large extent, this position was due to the extraordinary results achieved from the Club Room trading and the conduct of social functions. These are dealt with in detail in the later paragraphs of this Report.

However, the Club also derived considerable financial benefit from the fact that such the greater proportion of the debentures were purchased by members on a non-interest bearing basis. This saves us over £100 per annum.

Another substantial contribution, in effect, arose from the action of Messrs. Alfred J. Morgan & Sons, Solicitors, who handled on our behalf the legal matters associated with the formation of the Company and the purchase of the building and then refrained from making a charge for their services. Most of the older members will be aware of the fact that a fellow-member, Mr. Charles Morgan, is a principal of the firm. We desire to place on record our very great appreciation of this kind gesture.

A disappointing feature of the financial side of our activities has been the failure of a large number of members to purchase debentures. We are not so much concerned with the question of building up the total amount of debentures from a monetary point of view as we

are with having as many members as possible holding a financial interest in their Club, even if it is only a £5 debenture.

Membership of a Club such as ours is not intended to be a transitory affair. One has only to look at the number of Associate Members to realise that. Members should be prepared to accept the Club as something which offers them not only facilities for playing their particular sports but also the opportunity to form friendships of an enduring nature which may be maintained within the Club long after their active participation in sport has ceased.

It is felt that it would be consistent with this character of the Club if every member seized the opportunity now available to him to acquire a vested interest in the Club. The smallness of the amount does not matter - it is the principle which counts.

It is pleasing to note the development during the year of a much greater participation by the younger members in the conduct of the various activities entrusted to the Club's subsidiary administration in the form of Sub-committees and so on. Reference has already been made to the work of the Stewards and the Social Sub-committee. The responsibility for the results achieved in these directions almost entirely rests with younger members. Another example of their work is to be found in the production of the Club newspaper, "Half Time", which at one stage seemed to be on the verge of failure but due to the assumption of control by a group of mostly young enthusiasts, has now developed into a popular and increasingly important feature of our Club life.

The basic objective of the Club is participation in amateur sport and consequently the most important section of the Club's membership is the active element, the bulk of which is naturally made up of the younger members. Your Executive is ever mindful of this fact and that the Club's policy should be primarily directed to the best interests of those members. However, the framing of such a policy demands an appreciation of the Club's needs which the younger members themselves are the proper persons to express and whilst the more mature and experienced outlook of the senior members is an essential component of the Club's governing machinery, it should, to achieve the best results, be blended with the fresher and more modern viewpoint of the younger element. The Executive accepts this proposition but it devolves upon the members themselves to give effect to it.

The following is a comparison of the membership figures as at 30th September, 1951, with those immediately prior to incorporation in August, 1950:-

		1950	1951
Full	.....	175	154
Junior	.....	27	18
Associate	....	66	55
Country	....	<u>37</u>	<u>25</u>
		<u>305</u>	<u>252</u>

It will be seen from these figures that the total number of members has decreased by 53 and that the number of active members has decreased by 30, i.e., from 202 to 172. Whilst the position may

appear on the surface to be rather serious, it is necessary to bear in mind that the membership roll prior to the formation of the Company included the names of many members (mainly associate and country) who had had practically no real association with the Club for many years and who to all intents and purposes had severed their connection with the Club. The review of membership which was made necessary by the incorporation as a Company resulted in the reduction of the total membership to a more realistic figure. The true test of the matter is to be found in the Club's sporting strength and although there was some decline in this respect, it was not as serious as the above figures might appear to indicate. We had one less football team than in the 1950 season but there again it must be remembered that we undoubtedly overstrained our resources.

At the same time, this is no reason why we should regard the position with equanimity and the onus is upon the footballing members in particular to see that during the forthcoming year we recover the ground lost.

Whilst the Club's record on the field of sport for 1949/50 was one of the most outstanding in its history that for the year under review was even better.

On this occasion, the major honours must go to the hockey players. Both teams were successful in their respective competitions and we can rightly claim that the standard of performance and sportsmanship established by their representatives in this sport has brought great credit upon the Club.

The cricketers again had a successful season, the First Eleven retaining the Premiership honours won so often in post-war years and the other teams performing quite well.

In football, the Club experienced fluctuating fortunes but in the closing stages of the season the Kentwell Cup team suddenly found form to finish as runners-up. For the fourth successive year, we won the Metropolitan Sub-district Rugby Union Club Championship.

By and large, our sporting achievements during 1950/51 more than maintained the standards set in previous years.

It is with great sorrow that we record the passing during the year of Mr. R.W. May to whose memory we dedicate the tribute contained in the frontispiece of this Report. We offer our sincere condolences to Mrs. May and to her son and our fellow-member, Bob May.

The death of Mr. Frank Herlby, Hon. Secretary of Western Suburbs Rugby Union Football Club and one of our Vice-Presidents, also occurred during the year and we extend our sympathy to his family in their sad loss.

Our playing areas in Burwood and Bothwell Parks were well maintained during the year and we desire to record our gratitude to the Burwood and Concord Councils for their assistance.

Burwood Council has taken steps towards providing dressing accommodation on Burwood Park but has been unable so far to obtain

the necessary labour. We know that the Council will keep the matter in mind and thank them for their efforts on our behalf.

Your representatives are in consultation with the Strathfield Council concerning the question of securing a playing area in that Municipality. We have found the members of the Council to be sympathetic towards our needs and we are confident that they will help us all they can to find a suitable ground. We appreciate the Council's interest.

Our relationship with the Western Suburbs Cricket Club which has the use of our Club Rooms on Thursday evenings, has continued on a most friendly basis and we are most grateful for that Club's practical assistance, first, in investing £200 in debentures and, secondly, in attending to the Club Room clearing arrangements.

Finally, we desire to thank the officials and members of the various sporting organisations with whom we are associated, and our supporters generally, for their co-operation and interest during the year. To them all, we extend best wishes for a continued enjoyment of the good fellowship and comradeship which stem from the pursuit of our common objectives - the practice and encouragement of amateur sport.

Cricket

(Sub-committee: H.W. Lennartz (Chairman), D.A. Walker, B. Adcock, A. Scholes and B. Trevenar).

The Club again fielded four teams, three competitive and one with the City and Suburban Cricket Association. The competitive teams took part in the "A" and "B" Grade competitions conducted for Municipal and Shire teams by the N.S.W. Cricket Association and in the "C" Grade Main Suburban competition conducted by the Western Suburbs Cricket Association, respectively.

Once more we extend our heartiest congratulations to the First Eleven who retained the Premiership won the previous year. This is the sixth time this team has been successful in the last ten seasons - a wonderful record indeed.

The Seconds and Thirds finished second and fourth in their respective competitions and could quite easily have done better if their fielding had been up to scratch. Surprisingly enough, the poor fielding was mainly attributable to the younger players which is an indication that lack of interest and keenness on their part was responsible rather than lack of ability. Possibly the reason why the Firsts escape criticism in this respect is that the members are more mature and have a greater sense of responsibility. Certainly the time has arrived when keen and alert fielding should weigh heavier in the selectors' minds when assessing the merits of the players.

The City and Suburban team, which can safely claim for itself the honour of being the happiest team in the Club, had a most pleasant season. This was in spite of the fact that they were still without a home ground and had to travel near and far to meet their formidable rivals.

The Shire teams continued to have the use of Rothwell Park as their home ground. It is pleasing to note the gradual improvement of the ground and we believe we can look forward to even better conditions next year particularly so far as the outfield is concerned. For the attention given to the area we extend our thanks to the Concord Council and to the groundsman, Mr. W. Hollis.

The Thirds were again able to avail themselves of the pleasant surroundings of Burwood Park as their home ground.

The usual picnic matches were played at Birchgrove Park and from these much good practice and enjoyment was derived with some keen competition from opposing teams.

In addition, two country trips were organised during the year. The first was a Sunday trip to Moss Vale in which a strong local team was pulverised by our batsmen who rattled up 394 in 150 minutes in answer to Moss Vale's 142. The second trip was to Canberra at Easter. On this occasion we tackled a representative Canberra team and although beaten were by no means disgraced. A match was also played against Gungahbyan whom we defeated fairly comfortably. The trip was a most enjoyable one and we take this opportunity to convey our sincere thanks to Mr. Les Crawley, Doug Frowse's father-in-law, for the magnificent way in which he entertained the team.

We desire to convey our congratulations to Bankstown Cricket Club and North Strathfield Cricket Club for the Premiership wins recorded by them in the "B" Grade Municipal and Shire competition and the "C" Grade Main Suburban competition conducted by the Western Suburbs Cricket Association, respectively.

It is opportune that we should once again raise the question of proper care of the Club's cricket material as present costs have made replacement almost a financial impossibility. We therefore stress the importance of each and every member taking a personal interest in seeing that the material is well looked after and maintained in good condition. Whilst every effort will be made by the Club to keep the standard of equipment as high as possible, the prime responsibility will rest with the members themselves.

First Eleven

With all members of last year's Premiership team available, the Firsts commenced the 1950/51 season full of confidence. Although the team was very lucky to escape defeat on two or three occasions, the unexpected defeats of Bankstown and Epping towards the end of the season robbed the competition of its usually close finish. The fact that apart from the substitution of one or two younger players for older ones, the team has been substantially the same for a number of years, has meant the development of a team spirit which brings out the best in the players at the right time.

Once again we cannot report any outstanding individual efforts or records but we can claim to have maintained the Club's reputation for being formidable adversaries in all departments of the game.

The Captain's most difficult task was to decide the batting order; with ten competent batsmen including four openers and three

others whose performances would have been much better if allowed to open, the task was not an enviable one.

DOUG FROUSE was again appointed to toss the coin and apart from deciding the batting order found that the captaincy was made easy by the fact that the players worked together as a team. He tried himself out as an opening batsman and met with a certain measure of success although not as great as would have been expected had he gone in lower. He is not at his best against swing bowling but is capable of demoralising any other kind of attack. His fielding, as ever, was a match-winning factor and at silly point he must have very few superiors in Australian cricket today.

LES DAVIS proved very vulnerable in the first over of each innings and by his own standards had a lean season. His fighting knock against Banktown stopped a rout and enabled the team to snatch an unexpected victory.

DAVID WALKER did not produce last year's form as a batsman but with his array of shots he will worry a large variety of bowlers before long. His wicket-keeping was at times brilliant but lacked consistency.

TED WATT did not receive many opportunities with the bat but on six occasions was successful in remaining at the wickets undefeated. With the ball Ted indicated that he is improving with age and his 21 wickets for the season were obtained at an average of 10 apiece.

AUD LAND - the evergreen. Fortunately, Aud's batting was more consistent than the product of his employers. He obtained the only century for the season and headed the batting in both averages and aggregate. He did not receive the same support from his opening partner as in previous years and possibly this was the reason why his rate of scoring was much slower.

DON WAY was once again the mainstay of the attack and was unlucky to finish only four short of fifty wickets for the season. Don concentrates on the stumps and with a late swing and accurate length kept opposing batsmen on the qui vive at all times. Showed good form with the bat but received few opportunities. Has the ability to score runs freely as an opener.

KEN ASTRIDGE playing his first season in "A" Shire bowled exceptionally well and his bag of 43 wickets at 8.15 apiece heralds a very bright future. Most of Ken's victims were beaten by sheer pace but there is scope for improvement in his length and direction.

NEIL WALKER was responsible for several fighting innings and his ability to score quickly or hold up an end without taking risks made him an invaluable member of the batting line-up. A pen-sketch of Neil's cricket would be incomplete without reference to his team loyalty. He would cheerfully sacrifice his wicket in going for the runs or would remain at the wicket without attempting to score just as the circumstances of the game dictated. Averages meant nothing to him.

FRED RANDIE delights in playing against Roseville and can always be relied upon to provide fireworks against their attack. Unfortunately, Fred is overinclined to become depressed by failure and would be well advised to adopt a more philosophic approach to the game.

ALAN ROSE was again treated with the utmost respect by the opposing batsmen. His bowling "rose" to remarkable heights in a match against Canberra when his fighting innings not only almost equalled his total aggregate for the six postwar years, but also delayed for some time the official dinner.

BRIAN ADCOCK could be one of the most prolific wicket-takers in the team but first must recover his control of length and direction. A well-flighted long-hop or a full-toss carrying a vicious off-break or top spin cannot be relied upon to take more than an occasional wicket and is expensive in the meantime. Brian's batting showed a vast improvement. He has an attractive array of shots all around the wicket but needs to exercise more discretion in picking the ball to punish.

Our thanks once again go to Messrs. Siddaley, Watt and Walker for their regular attendance at the scorers' table and to the wives for providing afternoon tea at Rothwell Park.

Matches Played	<u>W.</u>	<u>U.1.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>L.1.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>T.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>¢</u>	Comp. Position
13	5	6	-	-	2	-	100	77	1
	<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wkts. For.</u>	<u>Avgs.</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wkts. Against</u>	<u>Avgs.</u>			
	2387	98	24.35	1830	170	10.8			

AVERAGES
(Batting)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings.</u>	<u>R.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
A. Land	12	1	104	444	30.4
E. Walker	13	3	45x	300	30.0
D. Way	11	2	44	234	26.0
D. Prowse	14	2	80x	301	25.1
E. Watt	13	6	39x	153	21.8
D. Walker	12	1	45x	224	20.4
F. Randie	12	-	95	238	19.8
L. Davis	11	-	42	212	19.3
B. Adcock	9	3	27	88	14.7
K. Astridge	7	2	20	57	11.4
A. Rose	6	4	7x	18	9.0

Also batted:- H. Milne 1 innings for 10 runs; D. North 1 for 1.

(Bowling)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wkts.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
K. Astridge	114	19	350	47	8.2
D. Way	127	25	424	46	9.2
A. Rose	91	18	256	27	9.5
E. Watt	62	7	218	21	10.4
E. Walker	19	-	119	6	19.9
B. Adcock	71	3	282	14	20.1

Also bowled: E. Ametts 3 wkts. for 30 runs; B. Trevanar 1 for 26.

Second Eleven

Enjoyable cricket, achieved by a light-hearted approach to the game without sacrificing keenness or the will to win, marked a most successful season.

The team finished second in the competition to Bankstown whom we again found just a little too good. Next season with Bankstown elevated to District status, we shall possibly find the road to Premiership honours somewhat easier but nevertheless there will be many other fine teams to contest the issue with us.

The team's batting was generally below standard and a little more concentration seemed to be necessary. Fine bowling, aided at times by some solid fielding (an improvement on previous years), compensated to some extent for the batting deficiency.

There were several close finishes in which the team just managed to gain the victory in the last few overs, but probably the best effort was the second round win against Bankstown. The team gained much satisfaction from its defeat of the ultimate Premiers in what was our last match against them.

JACK HOLLANDS captained the team capably until he was forced to withdraw on account of business commitments. This was a pity as Jack was in excellent form with the bat and his effort in scoring 60 not out against Roseville when runs were urgently needed was a highlight of the season. His aggressive batting was missed on many occasions later.

BILL MAGRATH took over the captaincy from Jack and, possibly inspired by the responsibility, struck batting form which amply justified the opinion of those who had classed him as potentially one of the best batsmen in the Club. He was not only most consistent but also scored his runs quickly with delightful shots all around the wicket. His knock against Bankstown could be classed as the most brilliant of the season.

RON THOMAS was the team's regular opening batsman and after a poor start, scored consistently and well. Ron is a stylist with a very solid defence and is gradually developing the power in his shots which will establish him as a force to be reckoned with in the Club's array of batting talent. His most glaring weakness is his running between wickets and as this can be easily cured it is hoped that he will give it the required attention. At present, it is a costly fault both in wickets and runs. Ron is a very good fielder and a useful 'keeper.

BRUCE TREVENAR captured the most wickets for the team and fully deserved his success. He was always accurate and consistent and rarely did his spells at the crease fail to produce wickets. Fielded very well. Has a secret yearning for promotion in the batting list but his captains have so far been unsympathetic.

JOHN WALKER was also called upon to do a lot of bowling. He was always accurate and economical and batsmen always treated him with respect. Fielded brilliantly at short gully and at times his aggressive batting rescued the team from difficulties.

RON EADIE kept wickets for the greater part of the season and gave a stylish display, although his efficiency was marred at times by over-enthusiasm. His batting started disastrously (totalling 4 runs in 7 attempts) and he did not regain confidence until the latter half of the season when, however, he gave some stylish displays which stamped him as a batsman with a future.

ERIC ANNETTS who had been one of the team's stalwarts over a long period of years, did not seem to be able to settle down and as a result had a very disappointing season. Domestic commitments caused him to miss a number of matches and this militated against his chances of striking form. However, Eric is too good a cricketer for his lapse to be anything but temporary.

RON TROMSON was resurrected from the Thirds and for the first half of the season his batting was a fine example of what can be achieved by aggressive, attacking play. Apparently, however, the effort was too great and with neither youth nor good fortune on his side he faded somewhat during the last few games.

HAMMY LEHWARTZ was the team's secret weapon. An allrounder with tons of natural ability, he was capable of great things on his day. He did not have a particularly good season with the bat but he often obtained wickets when others failed whilst his fielding was consistently brilliant. (The records show that no wickets were bowled during the season - a fact which may silence some of Hammy's critics).

PETER COOPER came into the team after the first few rounds and soon made his presence felt with the ball. His bowling improved as the season progressed and in the last few games he was most impressive. The one big obstacle to higher honours coming his way is his weakness in the field. This seems to be due to lack of concentration and anticipation rather than to any physical defect and for the sake of his team if not himself, Peter would do well to improve his fielding.

NEV MILNE, a most useful batsman and a fine stroke-maker, played his best innings when runs were most needed. His effectiveness in such circumstances was due largely to his excellent powers of concentration. He has tons of cricket in him and was worth his weight in gold as a fieldman in any position.

LES ROBINSON was forced out early in the season owing to an injury and did not rejoin the team until the last few matches when he soon showed, by his consistent scoring, that his services would have been invaluable if he had been available the whole season.

SPENCER NIPWELL was another who gained promotion from the Thirds after scoring prolifically in that team. Unfortunately, he did not reproduce his form with the bat but his knowledge in the field made him a valuable asset to the side.

Matches										Comp.	
Played	W.	W.1	L.	L.1	D.	T.	Pls.	%	Position		
13	3	5	-	2	2	-	68	67.7	2nd.		
Runs For	Wkts. For		Avege.		Runs Against		Wkts. Against		Avege.		
2288	158		14.48		1855		163		11.98		

AVERAGES
(BATTING)

Name	Innings	R.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
J. Hollands	7	3	88x	480	68.6
W. Magrath	17	3	61	387	22.6
L. Robinson	9	3	40	136	22.7
H. Thomas	18	2	38x	258	16.1
R. Thomson	15	1	42	221	15.0
H. Milne	15	-	51	207	13.8
J. Walker	13	2	33x	118	10.8
H. Lennart	12	1	25	114	10.4
R. Eddie	17	5	28x	119	9.9
P. Cooper	10	2	28	79	9.9
E. Annetts	10	-	42	82	8.2
S. Hipwell	6	1	16x	39	7.8
B. Trevenar	13	5	12x	49	6.1

x - Not out

Also batted: W. Elder, 2 innings for 61 runs; R. Clark, 2 (In.o.) for 17; K. Wilkinson, 1 for 15; A. Leadbeater, 2 for 12; D. North, 5 (In.o.) for 20; J. Atwill, 3 (In.o.) for 8; R. Peasley, 4 for 15; A. Scholes, 1 for 3; A. Rose, 1 for 2; A. Taaffe, 5 for 9.

(BOWLING)

Name	Overs	Mins.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
P. Cooper	57.3	11	175	21	8.3
B. Trevenar	116.1	24	357	40	8.9
J. Walker	79.1	13	265	28	9.5
E. Annetts	48.6	7	141	13	10.8
H. Lennart	55	2	263	18	14.6

Also bowled: K. Wilkinson, 11 wickets for 59 runs; J. Atwill, 10 for 90; A. Rose, 4 for 34; W. Magrath, 6 for 60; R. Thomson, 2 for 44; R. Peasley, 1 for 22; D. Fernon, 1 for 30; J. Hollands, 3 for 110; R. Clark, 0 for 19.

Third Eleven

As had been the custom in the past the team started the season well, winning the first few matches so comfortably as to give rise to hopes that the team would finish the competition undefeated. However, once the Municipal and Shires competition commenced, the team's batting became considerably weakened by the loss of Ron Thomson and Spencer Hipwell, both of whom were scoring prolifically. Despite the loss of these two players it was expected that other batsmen who had shown promise would rise to the occasion, but such was not the case and against the stronger teams our batting fell away to such an extent that the hard-working bowlers, with very poor support in the field, were set well nigh impossible tasks.

The greatest disappointment of the season was the very poor standard of the fielding and it was galling to see so many matches lost through the team's lack of ability in this regard. It can truthfully be said that the defeats inflicted on the team were directly due to dropped catches (as many as ten in one innings) and lackadaisical ground work. How great an influence fielding has on the result of a match was very pointedly demonstrated when we played

North Strathfield on both occasions, the difference in the two teams being the outstanding superiority of the North Strathfield players in the field - in comparison with whom our players were flat-footed, anything but alert and entirely lacking in anticipation.

Some good individual batting performances were recorded, the outstanding ones being a fine century by Jack Lang, 99 n.o. by Ron Thomson and 90 n.o. by Spencer Hipwell.

The captaincy was shared by Ron Thomson (until his promotion to the Shires), Peter Maulman and Alan Searle.

PETER MAULMAN did not have a good season, the reason being no doubt the constant trouble he had with pulled leg muscles. However, he was responsible for some good performances particularly with the ball and the benefit of his long experience was a distinct asset to the team.

ALAN SEARLE was promoted from the tail to fill the breach as an opener on a number of occasions. He showed sound defence and held an end up often when wickets were tumbling at the other end. He bore the brunt of the bowling and showed great improvement in his control of length and direction as well as much greater hostility than previously. All told, Alan did a magnificent job under great difficulties and it is a pity that his team-mates could not have followed the example set by him in the field.

RUSS PEISLEY filled the role of opening batsman with credit. He showed much more purpose in his batting and as a result had quite a good season. A useful change bowler and reliable in the field. The team owes him a debt of thanks for the efficient manner in which he carried out his duties as Team Secretary.

BOB HARRIS opened the innings on many occasions and at times batted well but had too many failures sandwiched in between his good scores. Has a tendency to concentrate on leg shots to the exclusion of all else, this bringing about his downfall far too often. Like the majority of the team he was indifferent in the field.

JACK LANG was the most consistent batsman in the team and improved match after match, finally notching a well-merited century. Each of his innings was a mixture of dour defence and judicious use of the long handle. Kept wickets capably.

ALAN SCHOLDS did not repeat his success of the previous season and was disappointing for one with his capabilities with the bat. At times he gave glimpses of what he could do but on the whole he was out of touch - even his fielding deteriorating.

JACK CLINEAN had a poor season. Formerly one of the team's most consistent batsmen and a brilliant fielder, he lost all form in both departments of the game.

DICK ATWILL played some attractive innings in the few matches in which he appeared. Has the keenness to be a good fielder but spoils everything by being too impetuous.

BOB POTTER did not gain touch with the bat until his last game but was always on his toes in the field.

DAVID FERNON, the baby of the team, had an excellent season with the ball particularly when it is borne in mind that as a slow bowler he must depend a lot on his fieldsmen to get the best result. He secured the "hat-trick" on one occasion and went close to it on others. Will do better still when he adds flight to his stock-in-trade. He also batted well at times and was always alert on the field.

ALAN STEED bowled better than his figures indicate but was inclined to be somewhat erratic. Came to the rescue with the bat in a few matches with his breezy hitting.

BILL ZEALL played in only three matches at the end of the season and proved a useful bowler. Was undefeated in each of his five innings.

Matches Played	W.	W.1	L.	L.1	T.	D.	Points	Comp. Position
14	4	4	-	5	-	1	39	4th
Runs for	Wkts. for		Avg.		Runs Against		Wkts. Against Avg.	
2692	149		18.0		2394		164 14.5	

AVERAGES
(BATTING)

Name	Innings	F.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
J. Lang	17	1	126	487	30.4
R. Harris	16	2	75	262	18.7
R. Peisley	14	1	50	232	17.8
L. Meulman	11	3	40x	136	17.0
R. Atwill	8	-	35	117	14.6
A. Scholms	18	3	89	198	13.2
A. Searle	17	-	32	180	10.5
A. Steed	13	3	45	103	10.3
J. Clingan	12	2	36	98	9.8
D. Fernon	15	4	25	91	8.2

x - Not out

Also batted: W. Zeall, 5 innings (5 n.o.) for 9 runs; R. Thomson, 4 (2 n.o.) for 142; S. Hipwell, 5 (2 n.o.) for 170; L. Routley, 2 (1 n.o.) for 29; M. Patrick, 5 (2 n.o.) for 80; G. Donnan, 2 (1 n.o.) for 14; R. Eadie, 2 for 27; R. Potter, 5 for 64; R. Lang, 1 for 10; I. Templeman, 2 for 9; R. Clark, 2 for 5; A. Thomson, 1 for 2; D.A. Walker, 1 for 1.

(BOWLING)

Name	Overs	Mins.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
L. Meulman	54	9	208	24	8.7
R. Peisley	40	2	206	17	12.1
D. Fernon	102	8	524	41	12.7
A. Searle	98	11	419	31	13.5
A. Steed	96	11	393	16	24.5

Also bowled: I. Templeman, 3 wickets for 13 runs; R. Clark, 5 for 43; R. Atwill, 2 for 18; G. Donnan, 4 for 41; R. Thomson, 2 for 29; W. Zeall, 5 for 86; M. Patrick, 4 for 101; S. Hipwell, 1 for 0; A. Scholms, 0 for 5; R. Harris 0 for 18; R. Lang 0 for 45; R. Potter 0 for 41.

City and Suburban

The City and Suburban teams had another successful season. The wins and losses were evenly divided but each game was closely and keenly contested and above all the team spirit which has been growing each year in this team, was further improved. This feature, in this type of cricket, is much more important than the actual number of wins recorded and we look forward to a further development of this spirit in future seasons. This can only be achieved by each member giving his best not only on the field but by assisting in the organisation necessary during the season. In this latter regard most of the players have been somewhat remiss in the past and have been content to allow one or two of their team-mates to do all the work.

It was pleasing to see Bob Clark at last promoted to a permanent place in the team and his work with both bat and ball pulled the team out of a tight corner on more than one occasion. As usual, most of the work of organising the team fell on his shoulders which made things a lot easier for everyone concerned, more particularly the captain.

The captaincy was again entrusted to Gordon Lee and, as in previous years, Gordon did much towards building up the Club's good reputation with the various other Clubs participating in the matches conducted by the City and Suburban Cricket Association. He was a worthy ambassador as well as a popular and capable skipper.

The batting of the team was generally weak and unreliable but somebody usually rose to the occasion to bring the score up to a respectable total. Jack Rudd, Brian Williams, Alec Leadbeater, Gordon Lee and Chris Mitchell all managed to score runs occasionally if not consistently. Ken Murphy filled the position of opening batsman and although never scoring many runs, generally stayed long enough to take the shine off the ball.

Bill Rudd was the most successful bowler, his consistent length and straight breaks always seeming to worry the opposing batsman.

Others to do well with the ball were Doug Guest and Jim Atwill, the latter being particularly hostile at times.

Brian Williams' wicket-keeping improved until he was forced to give it up halfway through the season and then Bert Thomson successfully took over.

A report on the season would not be complete without mention of the team's player-writer, Chris Mitchell, whose breezy reports on the games for "Half Time" were looked forward to and read with interest by all. However, the query has been raised as to whether the team can afford to take the field week after week with ten players and a reporter.

To take this opportunity to thank those teams who entertained our players so enjoyably during the season and look forward to the time when we may be able to reciprocate.

Matches

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Tied
22	12	7	2	1

Runs For	Wts. For	Avg.	Runs Against	Wts. Against	Avg.
2500	201	12.5	2152	196	11.0

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B. Williams	16	2	57	277	19.8
H. Lemartz	8	2	32	117	19.5
A. Leinfelder	14	3	49	165	15.0
I. Templeman	7	-	38	97	13.8
G. Lee	18	-	49	232	12.8
J. Rudd	20	3	38	219	12.8
R. Atwill	7	-	41	86	12.2
R. Clark	16	6	34	121	12.1
J. Atwill	9	2	22	82	11.7
C. Mitchell	13	-	33	149	11.4
D. Gosat	13	2	16	91	8.2
W. Rudd	17	4	18	104	8.0
K. Murphy	16	2	11	75	5.3
A. Thomson	7	1	11	26	4.3

Also batted: D. North, 2 innings (in.o.) for 69 runs; L. Maulman 2 for 46; K. Milne, 2 for 42; W. Magrath, 2 for 39; A. Taaffe, 5 for 84; F. Randle, 1 for 15; D.A. Walker, 4 for 60; B. Gittos, 3 for 40; R. Peasley, 3 (in.o.) for 25; R.E. McLaughlin, 2 for 16; R. Ackermann, 1 for 5; J. Lang, 2 for 9; L. Robinson, 1 for 3; M. Patrick, 2 for 5; B. Ritchie, 4 (1 n.o.) for 7; R. Aiken, 2 (in.o.) for 2; B. Tasker, 2 for 4; A. Lamb, 1 for 0; R. Thomas, 1 for 0; W. Walker, 1 for 0; R. Potter, 2 (2 n.o.) for 43; B. Trevenar, 1 (in.o.) for 4.

(BOWLING)

Name	Overs	Wkts.	Runs	Wts.	Avg.
J. Atwill	44	6	124	19	6.3
W. Rudd	79	10	306	31	9.8
D. Gosat	49	3	270	26	10.3
R. Clark	90	8	305	28	10.8
K. Murphy	67	7	232	18	12.8
H. Lemartz	31	2	149	10	14.9

Also bowled: R. Peasley, 9 wickets for 31 runs; B. Gittos, 5 for 18; R. Ackermann, 2 for 10; P. Cooper, 4 for 26; D. North 3 for 20; M. Patrick, 2 for 18; L. Maulman, 3 for 31; B. Williams, 2 for 25; F. Randle, 1 for 14; R. Potter, 0 for 22; A. Taaffe, 2 for 29; B. Ritchie, 4 for 67; B. Trevenar, 2 for 37; R. Atwill, 1 for 23; I. Templeman, 2 for 49; W. Walker, 1 for 35; C. Mitchell, 1 for 50; R.E. McLaughlin, 0 for 9; W. Magrath, 0 for 15; R. Aiken, 0 for 19.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Cricket Memorial Trophy serves as a memorial to those of our members who lost their lives in the War. It is awarded each year to the cricketer who obtains the highest total of points allocated in accordance with the following scale:-

Value to team	25	points
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General knowess as a cricketer..			20	"
Value to the Club as a member	30	"
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unavailability for matches on the flimsiest of pretexts. It is a sad thing to have to make this comment in an Annual Report but we cannot blink the fact that the team, and the Club, were let down badly by a few players who apparently had no sense of the duty they owed to their fellow-members. The Club has a fine record to sustain and cannot afford to allow that record to be spoilt by the selfishness of a few. The one bright spot so far as this team was concerned was the way in which the remaining members stuck together and despite the handicaps imposed upon them, managed to see the season through.

The difficult task of coaching the young and inexperienced members of the Whiddon Cup team was undertaken by one of our old members, Sel Lamb, who came out of retirement for the occasion. With the assistance of Stan McGregor, Sel was successful in moulding the side into a reasonably solid combination. Possibly the greatest handicap of the Coach and Selectors was the large number of players who were available to play and frequently the team had half a dozen reserves all of whom had sufficient ability to warrant a game. Taking everything into consideration, the team did very well and was unlucky to just miss finding a place in the Semi-finals.

Except for the Kentwell Cup team, attendance at training was very poor and only one player can claim to have never missed a night. Admittedly, some players had good excuses but generally speaking, lack of keenness was the main reason for the poor attendance. The example set by a few who still turned up to training after Tech. classes even though they were not able to arrive until just before lights out, only served to show up in a still more unfavourable light those who did not have the excuse of study. It is quite obvious that in very few cases were there reasonable excuses for complete non-attendance at training and it is hoped that in future years the players as a whole will show a greater sense of responsibility to their respective teams and the Club itself by making more honest efforts to attend training.

The opportunity is taken to express the Club's gratitude to the Coaches, Bill McLaughlin (Kentwell Cup), Doug Vanderfield (Burke Cup) and Sel Lamb (Whiddon Cup), for their efforts during the season. The same expression of appreciation is extended to the non-playing Selectors, Stan Jones, Peter Maulana and Stan McGregor who, in conjunction with the Coaches, spent many hours on the Monday nights throughout the season in selecting the teams.

The adoption of white shorts and hooped socks as part of the Club's football uniform was decided upon at the start of the season and the move met with general approbation.

Although several attempts were made to arrange a country trip during the year, nothing definite eventuated. It is hoped that more successful efforts will be made next year.

As a curtain-raiser to the First Test between Australia and New Zealand, the Union arranged a match between Combined Kentwell Cup and a Colts XV. Our Club was represented in the former team by Bill Marshall, Peter Hottan, David Johnson and David Bailey. We congratulate these players upon this distinction.

We also offer our congratulations to the Moore Park, Bank of N.S.W. and Hunter's Hill Clubs upon their Premiership successes in the Kentwell, Burke and Whidson Cup competitions respectively.

Kentwell Cup

Record:	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Pts. For</u>	<u>Pts. Against</u>	<u>Position</u>
	14	9	5	-	175	143	3

After a most enjoyable season, the team managed to contest the Final against Moore Park but unfortunately were no match for their brilliant opponents.

At the beginning of the season the backs seemed to be the strength of the team but injuries soon upset this idea and once again the ever faithful forwards came to the fore with displays that kept the side near the top of the competition.

The absence of a reliable goal-kicker for the major part of the season caused a lot of worry and quite a few losses until Don Vanderfield joined the team. It may be said that Don's goal-kicking was mainly instrumental in enabling the side to reach the Final.

The keenness shown by all players in training and play set an example that might well have been followed by the other teams and with the experience now gained in match play the players should be able to give a very good account of themselves during the 1952 season.

RON EADIE (full-back) played some very good games. Really at his best when running with the ball. Line kicking not particularly strong.

BILL MARSHALL (winger). Again the most determined back. A pity that he always has to try to make his own chances of scoring when the inside backs should be doing it for him. A tigerish defender.

NICK MORRIS (winger) started off in brilliant form scoring many tries by sheer pace and determination. Seemed to lose confidence towards the end of the season and developed the habit of propping every time the defence closed on him.

DAVID BAYLEY (centre). A versatile player, really plays his best football at outside centre as was revealed in the Final. Injury hampered his progress throughout the season.

PICK HERFORD (centre). Quick to move through an opening and knows when to let the ball out to his supports. Nippy and sound in defence. Injury kept him out of the later games when his services would have been of great value.

DON VANDERFIELD (centre). What he lacked in condition, he made up by his hard tackling and reliable goal kicking.

LEI YUIE (centre). Hard running centre who seemed to be working into top form when he was unfortunately put out of the game for the rest of the season by an injury sustained whilst on holidays.

PAUL HULLPHEYS (five eight) played sound football throughout the season. Seems to have lost a bit of speed when an opening presents itself.

DOUG GUEST (half back and Captain). Defence always good and his switching of play back to the forwards proved disconcerting to the opposition. At times his passing was a trifle astray but nevertheless he was always an inspiration to his team.

GEOFF TEELEDAIG (breakaway) played his best football, being always a menace to the opposition and never letting up.

PADDY FRIEND (breakaway) was playing sound football when he announced his retirement. His experience was missed.

DAVE JOHNSON (breakaway) started off as centre but was switched to the breakaway position. His devastating tackling was always a source of annoyance to the opposition.

TED HESBIAWHITE (lock) came into the team rather late in the season but soon made his presence felt by good tackling and constructive football.

BILL FAIRSWORTH (2nd row). At first a bit overweight but as the season progressed so did his form improve. His experience in lineouts and rucks was of great value to the team.

DON GUEST (2nd row). One of the most improved forwards. Quick to move to an opening and always on the ball. Could do with a little more tiger.

PETER HOTTEN (front row and Vice-Captain). The best allround forward in the team. In perfect condition and an inspiring leader of the forward line.

BOB GRESSER (hooker) was rarely beaten for the ball and was always up with the play. However, was a bad handler.

RAY CHELOWYH (prop). Honest hardworking forward always in good condition. Bigger things are expected of this player next season.

ANDY STEWART (prop). An experienced footballer unfortunately out of condition. Nevertheless, he gave some good displays of forward play; next season with condition should be one of our best.

Burke Cup

Record:	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Pts. for</u>	<u>Pts. agst.</u>	<u>Posn.</u>
	14	7	7	-	116	195	5

The season started well and it really looked as though this would be our year particularly as both Moore Park and Lindfield had gone to the Kentwell Cup. More than half way through the team still had a great chance despite the frequent changes in personnel due to injuries, illness, retirements and replacements for the Kentwell Cup team. At this stage, we had played 8 games for 5 wins and 3 fairly

close losses, the points being 91 for and 84 against.

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JOHN DUNBAR. An experienced forward who liked hard going. Could have been in better condition but nevertheless always made his presence felt.

GEOFF STEVENSON. A very robust and capable front-row forward who unfortunately found it hard to get into top condition.

DOUG HENDERSON. A good hacker and as keen as mustard - always on the ball and very fast.

HARVEY McDADE. A tireless worker who was worried by an injury for most of the season.

MAL PATTRICK. Another very good forward who was worried by injuries. When available frequently played out of position to help the team.

HUGH SEFTON. A sound forward who played some very good games. Earned his occasional appearance with the Kentwell Cup side.

PETER TANNER. A player new to Rugby who found the game difficult to master.

Whiddon Cup

Record:	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Pts. For</u>	<u>Pts. Agst.</u>	<u>Posn.</u>
	13	5	6	2	94	87	5

The Whiddon Cup team although one of the youngest and lightest in the competition, performed quite creditably, narrowly missing a place in the Semi-finals. An excellent team spirit was evident at all times and the team was never beaten until the final whistle blew, this being evident in games against such formidable opponents as Runters Hill and Pennant Hills. Once in particular, Pennant Hills, although a heavier, older and superior side, were held to a 3-all draw due to the tigerish tenacity of all players, the forwards being outstanding.

Although the competition result was disappointing, an enjoyable season was had by all and the experience derived should be of great benefit next season.

JEFF STINSON (full back) was always safe and at times brilliant. Sound tackler and good kick. Inclined to keep his kicks a bit low which was rather dangerous when he was under pressure.

BILL ATKINSON (winger) showed a nice turn of speed. Fairly sound in defence, ran well in possession but inclined to prop when covered by the defence.

BRIAN HART (winger and breakaway) played soundly in either position.

KEITH JONES (winger and half back) performed quite creditably being keen and a handy place kick.

JAMES ENGLISH (winger) played a solid and very heavy game. Used a centre kick to great advantage.

GORDON TASKER (centre and Captain) was an able and popular leader whose determined running was an inspiration to the team. Excellent in defence.

BOB AIKEN (centre) did not join the team until late in the second round. Actually a player of high grading whose services were a big help to the side.

STEWART JONHSON (five eight) handled rather poorly but when in possession ran with plenty of determination. Likes plenty of room in which to move.

BILL TURNER (five eight). An intelligent and rugged footballer who used the short kick to advantage.

MARSHALL HATCH (half back). A young player with a bright future. An ideal half whose service could hardly be faulted. Earned his promotion to Burke Cup.

LEN FOZZARD and VIC DOBBIE (wingers). Very keen wingers who always gave of their best.

BRIAN LAMB (centre). Sound positional player, inclined to kick too much on occasions.

ALAN BURFORD (lock). A rugged type of forward. Played very good football throughout the season. However, cover defence needs sharpening.

JIM HAWKINS (lock). A very keen player and tireless worker. Fair cover defender.

RON WILEY (breakaway). An opportunist who played a bit loose on occasions but whose quick thinking and speed enabled him to score quite a few tries.

LAURIE ROUTLEY (breakaway). A sound and keen footballer always on the ball. Defence could be improved.

BRUCE CORMACK (breakaway). A very good breakaway, sound in all departments.

REX CLARK (breakaway). A sturdy consistent player.

JOHN COMMERFORD (2nd row). Although new to Rugby, was one of the team's best players. Splendid in the lineouts and general all-round play could not be faulted. Should receive a much higher grading next season.

GEORGE MILLER (2nd row and Vice-Captain). Another who played consistently throughout the season. Hard rucker and retiring leader.

BARRY HARRISON (2nd row). Hard working forward. Fair lineout man.

LIONEL FOWLER (booker). A very neat booker whose keenness and gameness more than made up for his lack of weight.

ALAN WELCH, BRUCE TASKER and DICK MORRIS comprised the best front row in the competition. Perfectly balanced, they rucked well and won more than their share of the ball from set scrums. Alan was also prominent as a goal-kicker.

The Gordon Bevan Shield

This trophy, which perpetuates the memory of the late Gordon Bevan, a popular footballer member of the Club in prewar years, is awarded annually to the member who obtains the most points on the following basis:-

Attendance at training	...	...	20	points
Value to his team	...	...	20	"
Most improved player	...	...	20	"
General keenness as a footballer	...	...	15	"
Value to the Club as a member	...	...	15	"
Neatness of uniform	...	...	10	"
T o t a l	...	...	<u>100</u>	points

The winner of the Shield for 1951 is Ray Chagwyn. Ray is a comparative newcomer to the Club but during the period of his membership he has given evidence of a keenness which might well serve as an example to his fellow-members. Although he lives at Botany, he accepted office as a Steward and carried out his duties in a most conscientious manner. He fully merits this great honour which has been conferred upon him.

HOCKEY

(Sub-committee: B. Trowsar (Chairman), H. Lennartz, B.A. Walker, R. Peasley and B. Adecock).

The Club again fielded two teams, one in each Grade of the Minor Division competition conducted by the Metropolitan Hockey Association.

For the second year in succession the First Eleven won the Minor Premiership and followed up with success in the Final, beating Glebe by 4 goals to 1.

The Second Eleven finished second in the Minor Premiership rounds and then went on to beat Randwick in the Final and the Minor Premiers, Eastern Suburbs, in the Grand Final. The Final was actually played on three occasions, the first two being draws after 30 minutes extra time in each case and the third being a 2-1 win after 20 minutes extra time. The Grand Final, which we won by 2 goals to nil, was comparatively one-sided.

On no other occasion in the Club's history have two teams playing the same sport been successful in winning Premiership honours in the same season. The Club has every reason to be proud of the record established by its hockey teams and our heartiest congratulations are extended to the players.

It is pleasing to note that hockey in the area of Sydney for 1952 will be controlled by a single body to be known as the Sydney Hockey Association which will be the only one recognised by the N.S.W. Hockey Association. This move which will bring together the players previously affiliated with the Metropolitan and Northern Suburban Hockey Association, should result in a general improvement in the standard of hockey in the Sydney area.

The Barton-Briars Shield was played for during the season at Canberra and the match resulted in a 2-all draw after 20 minutes extra time. As the Barton Club failed to contest the Trophy in 1950, their representatives insisted that we were the rightful holders for 1950 and by virtue of the draw match, our Club retained the Shield for 1951. We are most grateful to the Barton Club for their hospitality to our players and appreciate their sporting gesture in connection with the Shield. We trust that we shall have the pleasure of acting as hosts next year.

Burwood Park was again the home ground and compared favourably with most other grounds played on. Although no proper dressing accommodation was available we are hopeful that the Burwood Council will be successful in securing the services of a builder to erect the dressing shed for which materials have been obtained. Thanks are due to the players who helped each Saturday in preparing the ground for play.

Facilities were provided at Concord Oval for training purposes but were availed of by only a few players and consequently systematic coaching was impossible. It would be fatal for the players to become complacent about their past records and it is hoped that such more attention will be given to training in future years.

First Eleven

Although 15 matches were played in the competition proper, the team lost only two, both to Mosman Yels. The goals scored for the season were 74 for, 10 against.

BRUCE FEVERAR captained the team again in a very capable fashion. His knowledge of the game and shrewd leadership were of incalculable value. He played as right-back and was responsible for some magnificent hockey in that position.

DOUG PROWSE played as centre-forward throughout the season and proved himself to be a sound Vice-Captain. Right from the start Doug's hockey was very solid and his attacking style of play was most disconcerting to the opposition.

TOM MORSE, playing as inside-right, did a fine job in defence and attack. On many occasions he scored goals from acute angles, one very fine effort being the bullet-like shot in the Final from about two yards inside the circle from the back line. Tom must not forget that he is only one of five forwards.

ALAN STEED as an inside-left made many openings for the other forwards although he could have been stronger in defence. His quick stick-work and anticipation in the circle enabled him to score valuable goals.

LES DAVIS as right wing showed only glimpses of his previous form. He appeared to have lost some of his dash when in attack but it is hoped that this will be only of a temporary nature and that he will shine again next season as in the past.

ROSS SWAIN played as left-half early in the season but later found his proper niche as left-winger where he made many excellent solo runs from the defensive, drawing the opposition defence and leaving our inside forwards unmarked in the circle. His hitting from penalty corners gave many scoring opportunities to his fellow-forwards.

RAY ACKERMANE, centre-half, played his usual style of good hockey being always on the ball. His backing-up in the circle finally enabled him to break the ice as a goal-scorer and showed that although a centre-half's job does not usually entail goal scoring, opportunities sometimes present themselves to an alert player. In defence, Ray was always on the spot.

NEIL WALKER was very forceful as a winger but as left-half, where he played for most of the season, he was a tower of strength. He was adept at intercepting passes from opposition halves to their forwards and thus converting defence into attack. He combined well with his own left-winger and inside-left.

DICK ATWILL was strong in defence as right-half and was always in position in attack. He scored a well-earned goal against Granville-Lidcombe thanks to his steady backing-up.

DAVID WALKER as left-back was always on the ball when the opposition were attacking. He is the type of player who never tires and would hold his own in any company. The tougher the game the more solid his own performance.

MAURIE HILL again filled the goals and his ability is shown by the statistics given above. It must be remembered that a goalie cannot afford to make mistakes and the fact that only 10 of the many shots fired at our goal managed to evade the ubiquitous Maurice speaks for itself. He combined well with his backs and gave nothing away.

BRIAN ADCOCK played a number of matches with the team as a substitute for regular players out with injuries and at no time disgraced himself. His outstanding game was against Granville-Lidcombe when he played as right-back. This match was the vital one of the season as defeat would have meant loss of the Minor Premiership.

Second Eleven

As is usual with a lower grade team, there were many changes in personnel throughout the season. However, due to the forbearance of the senior team's selectors, there was sufficient consistency in the team's composition to enable it to build up a combination which finally came through to Premiership honours.

BRUCE RITCHIE captained the side and had the full support of his players. He himself set an outstanding example in the field and the team's success was in no small measure due to his efforts.

JACK HOLLANDS played as centre-forward and was the main goal-scorer. He showed his experience and ability by holding the forward line together and by his tactical moves which resulted in many goals being scored.

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LEW HUGHES although new to his position as right-winger, put up an excellent performance throughout the season. When he obtained possession he never failed to put his team on the attack and on a few crucial occasions broke through to score himself.

HAINY LEHWARTZ, although a late starter due to illness, filled the position of centre-half with credit. He was a definite asset to the team and made many intelligent openings for his forwards.

MALCOLM SMITH played well as left-half and although inclined to swing wildly at times he generally bottled up the opposition moves.

JACK CASSIDY played a good solid defensive game as right-half. Despite the fact that he was not particularly speedy on his feet, he was usually on the spot when needed.

BOB VINCENT was unfortunate in that a surplus of players prevented him from gaining a permanent place in the team. However, his displays as left-half when he did play showed distinct promise.

REX BOOTH was responsible for some good defensive play in his position as right-back. He combined well with his fellow-back and saved the team many anxious moments.

JOHN KERR did not play the whole season but when he occupied his old position as right-back his tactics generally kept the opposition well away from our circle area.

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For 1949/50 we recorded a profit from Club Room trading and amenities of over £400 being approximately £160 better than anything ever previously achieved. For the year ended 30th September, 1951, the comparable figure exceeded £700 - a truly outstanding result.

In last year's Report, we paid a tribute to the Senior Steward, Roger Vanderfield, for his major contribution to the results obtained. Again, the main credit must go to him and we are sure that the members will join with us when we say that Roger's work on behalf of the Club will always be gratefully remembered. He is in his final year of Medicine and whilst we recognise that success in his examinations will deprive us of his services as Senior Steward we do sincerely hope that success will come his way. We may rest assured that the legacy of organisation which he will leave behind him will provide the basis upon which his successor may carry on the good work.

It would be wrong to infer from the above remarks that Roger worked single-handed. As will be seen from the list above, he had many assistants some of whom were quite outstanding in their contributions to the Club welfare. In particular, we must pay tribute to Alan Reid who, despite his onerous duties as Chairman of the Social Sub-committee, found the time to deputise for Roger on the occasions when the latter was pre-occupied with his studies.

It is a healthy sign when so many of the members are prepared to come forward to share in the work and we hope that the trend will continue in future years.

Very great assistance was rendered by Geoff Whiddon, Maurice Hill and Peter Eriton who saw that ample supplies of cigarettes, soft drinks, etc., were always available. To these members we express our heartfelt gratitude.

As previously recorded, Western Suburbs Cricket Club assumed the responsibility for Club Room cleaning and we are really grateful. However, there were many occasions throughout the year when there had to be some cleaning up after special functions and it was pleasing to note the number of volunteers who came forward.

In the Club Rooms as well as on the field of sport, the opportunity exists for members to display their clubmanship and the year under review provided ample evidence of an increasing appreciation of the fact particularly among the younger members.

The standard has been set and whilst it is maintained or even bettered then we can have no fears for the Club's future.

ADMINISTRATION

From the time of their election up to the close of the year, the Board of Directors and the Management Committee each held 10 meetings. The attendances were as follows:-

	<u>Name</u>		<u>No. of Meetings Attended</u>	
<u>Board:</u>	R. Clerk	...	10	
	H. Ford	...	8	
	L. Maulden	...	6	
	D. Frowse	...	9	

	<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Meetings Attended</u>
<u>Board contd.</u>	R. Thomson ..	7
	D.P. Walker ..	6
	E.F. Watt ..	8
	H.G. Whiddon ..	2
<u>Committee:</u>	R. Pay ..	7
	A. Land ..	10
	H. Lennartz ..	6
	A. Reid ..	8
	J. Rudd (apptd. April)	3
	B. Trevisan ..	6
	I.R. Vanderfield	10

The Stewards and members of the various Sub-committees generally attended to their duties in a satisfactory manner.

BILLIARDS

(Sub-committee: D.A. Walker (Chairman) and I.R. Vanderfield).

During the year there was a resurrection of snooker as a popular Club Room pastime. Possibly this was stimulated by the two snooker tournaments conducted during the year. Before any handicap event could be held the standard of play of the members had to be gauged. Thus an annual snooker championship was staged and the champion for 1950 was Aud Land. Later in the year a snooker handicap event was played, nearly all matches resulting in close finishes. The ultimate winner was Brian Adcock.

The remaining tournament conducted was a billiards handicap won by Peter Cooper.

The tables were maintained in good order by Messrs. Heiron and Smith and recently a new set of pockets was installed in one of the tables.

Results:

1950 Snooker Championship: A. Land (runner-up, G. Dorman)
 Billiards Handicap: P. Cooper (runner-up, B. Tasker)
 Snooker Handicap: B. Adcock (runner-up, L. Searle)

TABLE TENNIS

(Sub-committee: D.A. Walker (Chairman) and I.R. Vanderfield)

Throughout the past year, the popularity of table tennis has not waned. Rather has it increased, especially so during the football season with its inherent augmentation of Club Room attendances.

Five tournaments were conducted, the initial one being the 1950 Singles Championship. With regard to this event, it was decided during the year that the W.J. Coote Cup would be awarded annually to the Club Singles Champion, the awards being retrospective to 1946 when the event was inaugurated. The winners in the respective years were Bill Elder (1946 and 1947), Roger

Vanderfield (1948), Fred Handls (1949) and David Walker (1950). Towards the end of the period covered by this Report, the 1951 Championship was held and David Walker was again successful.

The 1951 Doubles Championship resulted in a win for Roger Vanderfield and Neil Walker who played right through the tournament for the loss of only one set - to David Walker and Ron Thomson in the Final.

A Doubles Handicap was won by Bob Potter and Len Fossard and a Singles Handicap by Ron Thomson.

Next year, providing sufficient players with the necessary time, ability and interest can be found, it is hoped to enter a team in one of the competitions conducted by the Metropolitan Table Tennis Association.

GOLF

(Sub-committee: C. Mitchell (Chairman) and K. Mitchell)

During the year, three tournaments were held, two at Laura and one at Kirkham Lane. The Sub-committee has had to face a rather serious problem as in the past we have been compelled to change courses after every couple of matches. After the Briars have played twice on any course there is no more top-soil left and as a rule the course is unfit for play for many years afterwards. We have therefore used up all the courses around the Metropolitan Area and have been forced to move farther and further out. There is no need for panic however as it appears that there are new golf courses springing up all over the country many of which have not even heard of us - yet! Consequently, the supply position looks good for some years to come. In addition to this, golf-course makers, at our request, are developing a special strain of Briars Resistant Golf Links - we have sent some of our best golf-course wreckers to test them and all reports seem to be to the effect that there is already in existence a course that we can play on four times running!

We would really like to see more of the old players turning up and we can guarantee a good day. Prizes are lavish. On one occasion the winner was awarded two balls and another winner actually received his. As can be seen, no stone is left unturned to ensure complete happiness.

Results were as follows:-

9/12/50 at Laura:

Par Handicap: N. Wales - 1st; D.A. Walker 2nd.
Stablesford: Don Guest - 1st; M. Blair - 2nd.

8/4/51 at Laura:

Aggregate Stablesford: R. Clark and D.A. Walker - 1st; L. Routley and R. Vincent - 2nd.
Par Handicap: I.R. Vanderfield - 1st; R. Vincent - 2nd.

24/6/51 at Kirkham Lane:

Aggregate Stablesford: N. Milne and V. Isall - 1st; E. Sefton and B. Trevenar - 2nd.
Par Handicap: R. Vincent - 1st; E. Sefton - 2nd.

SOCIAL

(Sub-committee: A.C. Reid (Chairman), S.W. Atkinson (until June 1951) R.G. Atrill (until August 1951), G.K. Hebblewhite (until June 1951), S.E. Hipwell, A. Searls, A.G. Stevenson, A.W. Taffs, G.R. Tasker, I.R. Vanderfield, B.U. Williams.)

Social activities for the Club for the past year started with a touch of brilliance, but towards the end faded away, owing to the ill health of the Chairman. Many different types of functions were held and "The Annual Briars' Ball" was revived for the first time post-war. The Sub-Committee comprising mostly the same personnel as last year, carried out a pattern similar to the previous year, but on some occasions on a grander scale, paying particular attention to detail, having learnt from experience.

The first social event was the Annual Christmas Party held in the Club Rooms on 17th December. This was hailed by many as the best function for years.

The next event was something new to the Club's Social Agenda. A Picnic and Barbecue was held at Garis Beach on 11th March. This provided a picnic for members with their families, with special entertainment for children. Later the younger folk were catered for with the Barbecue.

On 28th April another new style of night was held in the Club Rooms. This evening was termed a "Come in Bad Taste Dance". It was very well received by members and 108 people crowded into the premises in different assortments of dress in bad taste.

Another Games Night was held on 19th May to defray expenses of the forthcoming "Grand Ball". This former night was better attended than last year and resulted in an astounding nett profit.

"The Briars' First Post War Annual Ball" was held at The Grace Auditorium on the 19th June. The Ball was a Social success and more than paid for itself despite the fact that it was poorly attended by a general cross section of Club members. The Social Sub-Committee spent many hours working overtime to arrange such a tremendous function and were somewhat disappointed when only 303 tickets were sold for a Ballroom that can accommodate 500 people. However, we feel sure that if it is attempted next year it will be better attended.

An "End of Season Dance" was held in the Club Rooms on 25th August to mark the end of the Football and Hockey season. This was followed on 14th September by the "Annual Football-Hockey Smoke". The latter night was not up to the usual standard owing to a breakdown in cooling arrangements and rather poor musical entertainment.

Taking the year on the whole there is no doubt the social side of the Club's activities is again approaching pre-war standard. The Social Sub-Committee is to be congratulated on its untiring efforts and the time spent was not in vain. It is hoped that future Sub-committees can carry on along similar lines.

CLUB NEWSPAPER

(Editor: J.A. Rudd, Associate Editors: A.G. Stevenson, R.G. Tasker and I.R. Vanderfield. Feature Writers: B. Adcock, B. Ritchie, B. Trevenar, R.J. Thomson, D.A. Walker, A.W. Searle, and C. Mitchell. Printing: A.R.L. Scholas. Finance and Distribution: A.G. Stevenson)

In last year's Report we referred to the establishment of a new Club newspaper under the title of "Half Time".

During the early part of the year under review it appeared that the paper might suffer the fate of its predecessors and soon lapse into oblivion.

Happily, those master organisers, Bob Clark and Roger Vanderfield took an interest in the matter with the result that a proper organisation was eventually established and entrusted with the future management of the paper.

We are pleased to report that "Half Time" now stands on its own feet and shows every sign of becoming a permanent feature of our Club's amenities.

A large number of the Club's Associate Members who do not have the opportunity to visit the Club Rooms except on rare occasions have found themselves in a position to keep themselves up-to-date with Club activities per medium of "Half Time" and many of them have written to express their gratitude.

Apart from those already named, Jack Rudd, Geoff Stevenson, Gordon Tasker, Alan Searle and Alan Scholas are all worthy of special mention for the work they have carried out in the production of the paper.

We would be failing in our duty if we did not also convey our thanks to one of our most ardent football fans, Miss Jill Clark, who has devoted much of her time to the cutting of stencils for the paper. We are most grateful.

The actual writing of material for publication is a comparatively pleasant job in relation to the processes of editing, compilation, stencil-cutting, ranscing, stapling, addressing and despatch. These are monotonous jobs requiring many hours of work each month and generally entailing several sessions lasting well after midnight.

It is reasonable to expect, therefore, that members will give tangible proof of their appreciation by co-operating with the staff in every way possible, for example, by early payment of subscriptions and, if they have criticism to offer, by being constructive.

"Half Time" is another instance in which the younger brigade has effectively given expression to its capacity for making a worthwhile contribution to the Club's welfare.

THE J. H. STONE TROPHY

To those of our members who have studied the Club's history, the name of John H. Stone will be most familiar. John was one of the original members of the Club and had the distinction, despite his youth, of being its first President. Our very name, "The Briars", was adopted from the name of his home and the actual nameplate is now proudly exhibited in the Club Rooms.

A couple of years ago, John indicated his desire to donate a trophy for annual competition among the members. Having regard to John's own relationship to the Club, the Committee decided that the most appropriate title for the trophy was "The J. H. Stone Trophy" and that it should be awarded to the member, under 25 years of age, who made the greatest contribution to Club welfare during the year.

The Trophy was awarded for the first time at our last Annual Meeting and the recipient was Roger Vanderfield.

Despite the fact that during the year just completed there were many young members who made valuable contributions to the Club's welfare, there is no doubt whatever as to who was outstanding. We feel that no one can possibly cavil at the choice - Roger Vanderfield again.

Roger has done a wonderful job for the Club. The previous references in this Report to Roger's work should be sufficient to satisfy the members that he has fully merited the honour that has been conferred upon him. We take this opportunity on behalf of the members to say to Roger - congratulations and thanks!

ACCIDENT FUND

The Accident Fund was run on a similar contributing basis to the previous year, viz, footballers 10/- per player and cricketers 4/- per player, with the exception of those playing in the competition controlled by the Western Suburbs Cricket Association, who insured direct with the Association.

As has been done in past years the Municipal & Shires players were reinsured with the N.S.W. Cricket Association.

Receipts from contributions amounted to £27/1/0 and bank interest £3/1/10, making a total of £30/2/10.

Claims for the year were the lightest on record, amounting to only £8/10/0 from four players, and was partly due to the reduction in the number of teams entered in competition. Also it was decided that all X-rays must be taken at a hospital, unless special permission is granted by the Accident Fund Committee.

The Committee would like to thank Dr. Kennedy, Honorary Doctor to Numan Football Club, who treated one of our players without charge.

In addition to the claim paid £4/0/0, was paid to the F.S.W. C.A. Players Disablement Fund as re-insurance of the M. & S. teams, and a donation of £3/3/0 made to the St. John's Ambulance Brigade in appreciation of their services during the football season.

Financial Statement

Receipts			Payments		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance b/f	149	6 10	By Claims paid to date	8	10 0
Fees from Members	27	1 0	Re-insurance Shire		
Interest	3	1 10	Cricket teams	4	0 0
			Donation - St. John's Ambulance	3	3 0
			Refund of fees		10 0
			Balance carried fwd.	163	6 8
	<u>£179</u>	<u>9 8</u>		<u>£179</u>	<u>9 8</u>

FINANCE

The Club's Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30th September, 1951, together with a Balance Sheet as at that date with the Report of the Auditor thereon, are appended to this Report.

Net Profit for the year amounted to £163/15/1 after writing off Company Formation Expenses £129/17/1, £55/7/2 for Stamp duty and incidental expenses in connection with the purchase of the property and appropriating £250 to a Debenture Redemption Reserve Fund.

The Debenture Redemption Reserve Fund which will be gradually built up over the next twenty years has been created to replace at maturity the Loans made by members. Once the bank overdraft has been extinguished an amount equivalent to that appropriated each year will be invested outside the Club.

The Accumulated Funds of the Unincorporated Briars Sporting Club were acquired by the Company at the end of the last financial year and appear on the Balance Sheet under the heading "Accumulated Funds Reserve".

Due to legal difficulties in connection with the deceased estate of the vendor the property was not acquired until 16th August of this year and, as a result, the income from rentals was much lower than anticipated.

The following are extracts from our Auditor's report:-

Clubroom Trading Account. A gross profit of £133/5/2 is disclosed in this account, representing 17.5% gross profit on a turnover of £759/1/4.

Profit & Loss Account. Regarding the various sporting activities Cricket and Football disclose a surplus of Expenditure over Income amounting to £66/16/0 and £27/10/3 respectively, whilst Hockey and

Tennis show a surplus of Income over Expenditure of £2/8/5 and £2/0/3 respectively. As stated in previous Reports the loss incurred in sporting activities is to be expected.

It is pleasing to note that the deficit in respect to the magazine "Half Time" shows an amount of only £4/16/9, and in my opinion reflects great credit on the persons concerned in the publication.

Administrative and Clubroom expenses disclose an amount of £7/14/8 for Insurance, which appear to me to be low compared with the Assets the Company now hold, and apparently there are further charges to come in here.

Clubroom Amusements are the main source of Income, and it is pleasing to see this figure maintaining its level and thus offsetting the losses incurred in the various sports for which the Club is formed. The result of the Dance reflects great credit on the Social Committee.

CONGRATULATIONS

(Sub-committee: Cupid, Rymen and Mr. Stork)

It is a curious thing that despite every discouragement the Club can offer, some members still persist in committing themselves to the bonds of matrimony and its consequences.

During the year, certain of our members asked the fatal question and were surprisingly answered in the affirmative. The infatuated fellows were Kevin Hughes, Harry Lennartz, Alan Nicholas, George Wright, Alan Steed, Ron Radis and Gordon Donnan.

Members who took the next step and are now well and truly bound are John Rufus, Jack Lang, Jack Carson, Colin Killip and John Fraser.

The following Briers, being in a more mature stage of their marital lives, produced the results as indicated:- Norm Fisher (a son), Rny Heine (a son), George Scholtes (a son) and Laurie Knight (a daughter).

To these Briers and their fiancées or wives as the case may be, we offer our heartiest congratulations as we do to any whose names may not have been mentioned.

APPRECIATIONS

Again we desire to express the Club's keen appreciation of the attention given to our injured players by Messrs. Bjelke Petersen through the good offices of Mr. Bill Turner.

For and on behalf of the Board and the Management Committee,
 E. F. WATT, President
 R. B. CLARK, Hon. Secretary
 R. J. THOMSON, Hon. Asst. Secretary.

Addendum

I wish to place on record my appreciation of the work performed throughout the year by R.B. Clark (Hon. Secretary), W.R. Walker (Hon. Treasurer), R.J. Thomson (Hon. Asst. Secretary), B. Adcock (Hon. Asst. Treasurer), I.R. Vanderfield (Senior Steward), F.G. Wales (Hon. Auditor), also members of the Board, the General Committee and the various Sub-Committees and Stewards.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

CLIBROOK TRADING ACCOUNT

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1951

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1950						
Sept. 30 To Stock on Hand	99	10	1			
1951						
Sept. 30 " Purchases	626	0	11			
" Gross Profit transferred to Profit & Loss Account				725	11	0
				133	5	2
				<u>£858</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>
1951						
Sept. 30 By Sales				759	1	4
" Stock on Hand				99	14	10
				<u>£858</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1951

		<u>Liabilities</u>	£	s.	d.			<u>Assets</u>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Secured by Mortgage)			719	14	0	Land & Buildings (at cost) 30-34d George St., Burwood						4750	0	0	
<u>Debentures</u>						<u>Furniture & Fittings (at cost)</u>									
200 £5 5% Debentures 1970	1,000	0	0			Value at 30th September 1950	485	14	5			469	4	3	
436 £5 Debentures 1970	2,180	0	0	3,180	0	Additions during year	43	9	10						
W.C.T.C.A. - Special Grant			50	0	0	<u>Stock on Hand (at valuation)</u>									
Sundry Creditors			21	1	4	Cigarettes, Chocolates, etc.	99	14	10			8	0	0	
(Interest Accrued)						Badges						107	14	10	
Fees paid in advance			14	5	9	Commonwealth Savings Bank of Aust. (Current Account)							124	19	8
Deposit on Keys				19	0	Prepayments							35	12	2
Accumulation Fund Reserve	1,065	16	4												
Debenture Redemption Reserve			271	19	5										
Profit & Loss Appropriation Account			163	15	1										
			<u>£5,487</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>							<u>£5,487</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	

M. R. WILSON, Hon. Treasurer

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AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Briars Sporting Club Limited for the twelve months ended 30th September, 1951, and have obtained all the information and explanations required. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Company's affairs as at 30th September, 1951, according to the best of my information and explanations given me and as shown by the books of the Company. In my opinion the Register of Members and other records which the Company is required to keep under the Companies Act or by its Articles have been properly kept.

NORMAN G. WALES, F.A.P.A., A.I.C.S.

Public Accountant & Auditor.