

Played -13, won outright -2, won first innings -3, drawn -3, lost first innings -4, lost outright after first innings lead-1. Points -40

It was the usual season - the constant loss of players, the games lost from handy positions, the games won from seemingly hopeless situations (outright vs UNSW "A" after scoring 54 on first innings, first innings win vs N.Dist "B" after being 9-143 chasing 206) and the inevitable watering of the pitch on the wrong Saturday mornings (vs Waverley).

The team were always a semi-final prospect until it became numerically impossible going into the last match of the season. Ill-luck played its part-washed out on second day having dismissed Gordon for 98, losses to Cumberland A and Sutherland each by one wicket.

Three players need special mention. Firstly Greg Swords whose 35 wickets this season in 5th grade took his tally to 100 wickets for the Club at an average of near 10. Suddenly the selectors saw not a leg-spinner with a twitchy manner, but a player whose genuine talent had too long been unnoticed. Greg went onto 3rds where he also performed well. Next Joe Goncalves whose hat-trick during the season was an appropriate reward for his effort and enthusiasm.... the final wicket in the hat-trick, incidentally, was a caught and bowled by Joe by way of a rebound from the fingers of Dave Delamarta. Finally Mark Connellan who is perhaps the most enthusiastic player in the Club practising as he does on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (and by Saturdays is wrecked!?), His efforts against Northern Districts and UNSW "A" were match winning.

Perhaps the most notable win was over North Sydney. Shifting them for 97 in their first innings, Peter Anderson and Geoff Keighran slashed off 126 in quick time. On the second day Norths stone-walled to the tune of 122 runs off 62 overs (Malicki taking his best ever of 8-52 and Gresham taking four good catches). With 10 overs to play and 78 runs to get, Geoff again plundered the attack and we won on the second last ball. This exciting win was not all that was remarkable in the match - we also saw our only official umpire for the season. At first we thought our friend had strayed from an advertisement for Kentucky Fried as he possessed a remarkable similarity to "the Colonel", but we found that, despite strange "wide" calls, this was not so and he performed admirably.

The game against our brother fifth grade side proved an anticlimatic end to the season and to the tradition of recent past encounters, as it was dominated by the pitch and the bowlers. After the "A"'s were dismissed for 48 (the highlight being a patient (very) 2 (sic) by Schwartz in 75 minutes) the "B"'s succumbed for 36. From a disastrous 6/8 in the second innings (Schwartz again featuring - run out off the first ball) we recovered to 50 but, led by a great stone-walling effort by Ganno (18 in 90 minutes) the "B"'s managed to win by three wickets.

So a very usual season!

Best batting: G.Keighran 90, R.Parker 79\*, D.Morgan 65, L.Schwartzkoff 54\*, D.Dellamarta 53, J.Goncalves 50, P.Palesy 50, J.Malicki 49, P.Anderson 47.

Best bowling: R.Darling 5-23, 6-16; G.Swords 4-14, 4-37, 7-31, 4-18, 4-26, 3-7; J.Goncalves 5-17, 3-6; M.Connellan 5-42; J.Malicki 8-52, 4-76; P.Armitage 5-48.

5A BATTING

	Inns	n.o.	H.S.	Agg	Ave	Cts	R.O.
P.Anderson	4	1	47	133	44.3	1	
L.Schwartzkoff	4	1	54*	69	23.0	2	
J.Malicki	10	1	49	166	18.4	7	
J.Goncalves	15	3	50	217	18.1	3	
M.Connellan	8	1	40	120	17.1	4	1/2
J.Holgate	4	-	42	65	16.3	2	
G.Swords	10	3	29*	113	16.1	5	1/2
D.Morgan	11	-	65	172	15.6	3	
D.Dellamarta	7	-	53	107	15.3	2	
P.Walker	5	1	21	60	15.0	3	
C.Williams	4	2	18*	30	15.0	2,3st	3x1/2
R.Luff	6	-	23	74	12.3	8	
P.Gresham	13	1	28	110	8.5	6	1
M.Lynch	8	-	14	60	7.5	2	
G.McNally	4	1	11*	17	5.7		
P.Hepburn	10	4	7	21	3.5	2	1/2

Also batted (Inns, n.o., H.S., Agg, cts)

D.Connolly (3,0,5,7,1); R.Parker (3,2,79\*,138,0); G.Keighran (2,1,90,135,1);  
 D.Dwyer (2,1,41,71,2); P.Palesy (2,0,50,55,2); A.Grattan-Smith (1,0,27,27,0);  
 J.Uebel (2,0,11,19,0); R.Darling (3,0,19,19,0); J.Wall (2,0,14,17,2); D.Ransom  
 (2,0,14,14,0); E.Lieversz (1,0,10,10,0); M.Sinclair (2,0,8,8,1); P.Armitage  
 (2,0,8,8,0); R.Thompson (1,0,7,7,1); W.Grave (2,1,5\*,6,0); R.Salmon (2,0,4,6,0);  
 G.Morgan (2,0,3,6,1); D.Allchin (2,1,3,3,0); R.Wilkinson (1,0,2,2,0);  
 M.Schwartz (3,0,2,3,1); D.Tudehope (1,0,1,1,1); W.Sears (2,1,0\*,0,1);  
 P.Stewart (1,0,0,0,0).

5A BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts	Ave
J.Malicki	43	6	168	20	8.4
G.Swords	92	14	350	35	10.0
J.Holgate	28	6	109	8	13.6
J.Goncalves	73	13	220	16	13.8
P.Armitage	36	3	143	10	14.3
P.Hepburn	119	23	332	20	16.1
M.Connellan	109	15	433	19	22.7

Also bowled (runs,wkts)

D.Ransom (48,3); R.Darling (45,12); R.Thompson (12,2); D.Allchin (46,1);  
 G.McNally (32,1); L.Schwartzkoff (3,0); G.Morgan (18,1); R.Salmon (9,1);  
 M.Schwartz (6,0); P.Gresham (17,0); D.Tudehope (20,0); P.Anderson (1,0).

Played-13, won outright-2, won outright after first innings loss-1, won first innings-3, lost outright after first innings lead-1, drawn-1, lost first innings-2, lost outright-3. Points -50. Position in competition - 5th.

This team, as the match results indicate, showed great inconsistency during the past season. This inconsistency was due in part to changing personnel and captains. During the season the side experienced three phases:

(i) early season- where the team was strong after initial gradings and the players performed well. At this time the side beat UNSW "A" and went close to beating Bankstown (both finalists).

(ii) mid-season - where captaincy changed and the Club underwent its usual seasonal player shortage. Here the team was badly organised and some players performed intolerably poorly. A "low" light was a 175 run outright loss to lowly Waverley.

(iii) end-of-season - where the side made an almost successful charge to the semi-finals, gaining 32 points in the last 4 games. Here each player performed to the utmost of his ability in a team that combined well and had an infectious spirit. This success was due in no small part to the quality and variety of our bowling attack (two orthodox medium-fast, one swing, one right arm spinner, one left arm spinner, one wrist spinner) which was able to exploit the vagaries of all pitch and weather conditions.

Other comments:

(a) batting: as the averages show, the batting appeared to be poor. In part this was so. However the problem was exacerbated by many poorly-prepared pitches (St.Pauls excepted). Often technique was useless, it being percentage cricket to "slog".

(b) player dedication: the success of the 4th Grade and relatively better performances of 5th grades (and 1st grade at the end of the season) to other teams can in part be reflected in practice attendances and, in some cases, to punctuality at games. It is no point talking about compulsory practices, they must be implemented.

(c) Club organisation: under the energetic control of Damon Ridley, the Club appeared about the best organised I have seen. the 5B's thank Mark Sewell for organisation of barbeques each match, the ladies for the afternoon teas, and the Sports Union for general assistance.

(d) "Between the Covers": it was disappointing that the Club's publication appeared only very infrequently. It is a valuable source of feedback for selectors, and players, as well as increasing player motivation (if only to see how badly Eardley Lieversz is going). (P.S. I think there is no truth in the rumour that Eardley's surname will be changed to REVERSING after displaying some incredible footwork against one T.Osborne in a 3rd Grade match).

(e) selections: there was a greater rationale in selections this season. A contributing factor was that under Colonel Phil Pike selection meetings were well co-ordinated.

(f) player comments: the following statistics reflect performance. I hope that many players have gained from their initial experinece in Grade cricket. Most players, with continuing application, should turn out to be very useful cricketers in the seasons to come.

5B BATTING

	Inn	n.o.	H.S.	Agg	Ave	Cts	R.O.
C.Rodger	15	2	61*	233	17.92	8	
P.Gibson	17	1	53	223	13.94	6	
G.McNally	12	3	29*	119	13.22	2	
P.Palesy	6	1	47*	62	12.40	3	
P.Gannon	16	-	37	183	11.44	5	
R.Wilkinson	19	1	25	196	10.89	7	
A.Grattan-Smith	7	-	20	65	9.29	3	
M.Cordato	7	3	17	37	9.25	2	
P.Riordan	10	1	24*	73	8.11	4	1/2
M.Schwartz	6	-	20	44	7.33	-	
N.Hughes	13	1	21	87	7.25	2	
C.Williams	14	1	15	87	6.69	10+4st.	1/2
R.Luff	6	1	12	31	6.20	11	1
G.Morgan	6	1	10	28	5.60	3	
D.Ransom	16	2	13	76	5.43	4	
J.Ford	10	1	11	30	3.33	4	
G.Manning	10	3	10*	22	3.14	4	

Also batted (Inns, n.o., H.S., Agg, cts)

P.Gresham (2,1,46\*,69,1); P.Mackay (2,1,27\*,44,2); M.Wilson (4,0,21,60,1);  
 D.Allchin (4,1,16\*,22,2); P.Acostopoulos (3,0,12,18,0); R.Thomson (4,1,9\*,18,0);  
 D.McDonald (2,0,8,8,0); N.Gamble (3,1,6\*,8,0); A.Merritt (2,1,4\*,4,2); W.Grave  
 (3,2,1\*,3,1); C.Still (2,0,2,2,0); J.Calder (2,1,1,1,0); S.Best (2,0,1,1,0);  
 M.Connellan (1,1,0\*,0,0); G.Gibson (1,0,0,0,0).

5B BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts	Ave
G.Manning	57.2	15	165	19	8.68
D.Allchin	35.2	6	102	10	10.20
D.Ransom	152.4	29	524	43	12.19
N.Hughes	61.1	10	184	15	12.27
R.Wilkinson	140.5	31	437	31	14.10

Also bowled (runs,wkts)

M.Wilson (44,8), J.Calder (59,7), P.Gresham (9,1), M.Cordato (83,8), P.Gibson  
 (11,1), G.McNally (29,2), M.Schwartz (17,1), G.Morgan (100,5), P.MacKay (33,1),  
 W.Grave (148,3), N.Gamble (54,1), P.Gannon (6,0), M.Connellan (9,0),  
 P.Acostopoulos (13,0).

Best Bowling: D.Ransom 6-16,6-52,6-64,5-42,5-64,4-12,4-77; M.Wilson 4-16,4-28;  
 G.Manning 6-46,4-21; J.Calder 6-36; R.Wilkinson 4-10,4-41,4-54;  
 N.Hughes 4-17; M.Cordato 4-30, D.Allchin 6-39, 4-31.

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

1st Wicket	40	P.Gannon & P.Gresham	vs N.Districts B
2nd Wicket	32	P.Gannon & M.Wilson	vs N.Districts B
3rd Wicket	56	P.Gibson & C.Rodger	vs St. George
4th Wicket	28	P.Gibson & P.Palesy	vs Bankstown
5th Wicket	32	P.Gannon & C.Rodger	vs Balmain
6th Wicket	66*	C.Rodger & R.Wilkinson	vs Balmain
7th Wicket	31	R.Wilkinson & D.Ransom	vs Balmain
8th Wicket	28	P.Riordan & G.Morgan	vs N.Districts A
9th Wicket	28*	G.McNally & G.Manning	vs UNSW A
10th Wicket	49	P.Palesy & J.Ford	vs St. George

## SUBDUED SEVENTHS STRIKE SILLY SEASON

First the obligatory.....

## CAPTAIN'S COMPLAINT

Come gather round sportsmen and hear the sad tale  
About a great team in decline,  
And you'll learn why all captains forever look pale,  
Why their faces seem rarely to shine.

It is said that some captains are born to be great,  
It is said that some captains are made,  
But more often than not with his head on a plate,  
It's an honour the skip can't evade.

At the start of the season he's merry and bright  
With a spirit that rides at full flush,  
But soon with the loss of his gladness and light  
Bad results cause his features to blush.

He wakes full of hope on the day of the game  
Expecting another great win.  
After four or five 'phone calls his side's not the same  
And his ranks grow a little bit thin.

He's first to arrive and the last one to leave,  
He always seems cheerful and bright.  
His players are sure as he rolls up his sleeve  
That his judgement had better be right.

When he loses the toss the fourth time in a row  
And the mutinous mumblings commence,  
When the spectators shout and the slow handclaps grow  
There is no one to aid his defence.

The side takes the field with a great deal of fuss,  
A mood of hope hangs in the air.  
But a six off the first ball and runs in a rush,  
And the boys soon give way to despair.

Long after the bowling's been pummelled and thumped,  
Long after the fielding has fallen,  
It's the captain who's last to admit that he's stumped,  
That his side has been given a maulin'.

And when at 4.30 parched palates complain  
And all minds are intent on the pub,  
And the captain fields on for an outright to gain  
Then the players play up - there's the rub.

At last when a spirit of mercy prevails  
The opponents declare with great relish.  
They soon apply pressure, like birds after snails,  
And their scorebook they further embellish.

The snicks go to hand and they break every stand,  
 And the hope of good fortune eludes him.  
 A hat-trick depletes his sad little band,  
 And once more victory seems to exclude him.

The fast bowler's on and his mood's a bit mean,  
 He's bending the ball left and right.  
 The light is not good and the track's slightly green,  
 The bumpers have vigour and bite.

And there's many a thought turns to tossing it in,  
 And there's many a coward's way out.  
 For a man's vital parts are not made of tin  
 And they ought not to be knocked about.

But the fate of the game is still there to be won  
 And a captain is left with his pride....  
 And besides when your team is nine wickets for none  
 Then there's no place in which one can hide.

With power omnipotent, with instinct divine  
 A captain must not ever fail.  
 And if he falls short he must surely resign -  
 No wonder most captains like ale!

When the stumps seem to smash and partnerships crash  
 He's expected to show us the way.  
 But when rival batsmen are starting to thrash  
 He must trap them with little delay.

He represents right and the good of the team,  
 His judgement should never seem to waver.  
 With insight supreme he'll be bang on the beam,  
 And his teammates will never need quaver.

So long as his victories are frequent and good  
 His players all share in the fun,  
 But when his decisions don't go as they should  
 It's the captain who faces the gun.

And how did he win it, this honour acclaimed,  
 This god-role esteemed near and far?  
 Was it by skill and pluck that he was so enfamed?  
 No - he happens to own phone and car.

So here's a quick word for the one oft forgot,  
 For the one man who constantly tries.  
 If you'll just understand this poor fellow's sad lot,  
 Then you'll know why the good captain cries.

And now down to business. It is not without relevance that captaincy should receive a degree of prominence in this report. For in the past season no less than three separate skippers took hold of the reins on different occasions while a supine Spence was attended to in hospital. Although none of them stayed in the saddle for any length of time, the efforts of Paul Gresham, John Malicki and David MacDonald under difficulty deserve my thanks.

It is said that time cures all ills, and in relation to cricket it is just as well that there is always next year to anticipate. Last year saw one of those seasons that defy explanation, full of the strange quirks and twists that make one dare to ask "Why do I do it?" Fortunately I have yet to find an answer to that very rhetorical question, and consequently I continue to play the game. Must be the optimist in me!

Last year was a season of great cricketing feats, in many ways a vintage year. Boycott's batting, the Centenary Test, Doug Walters' highest score, Lillee's bowling, N.S.W. winning at least one game, Thommos's shoulder, UNSW's premiership and our Fourths' victory....and the Seventhstalking their way into A Grade and coming distant last on the competition table.

Now is the time to exhort compassion for the underdog. Have pity on the hard lot of the Cricket chronicler. Oh, for the mastery of McGilvray, the acidulous edge of Arlott, the bravado of Benaud. Oh, for the glib facility of the commentator's muse to expatiate on the season's exploits. For in gleaning golden glimpses of past glorious moments one has driven hom the shocking impact of just how poor a season it was.

What can one say of a season in Sevenths devoid of the presence of Steve Hall bowling maidens over, where wins turned to draws and draws to losses, where council lawn-mowers arrived a week too early or a day too late, where the scorebook ran off with the left-hand keeper's glove, and where only two balls were lost in the Timbrell canal? The thought of such a season is horrendous. Our one meaningful statistic, the lost ball to overs bowled ratio, has been grossly devalued.

Too seldom did opportunity knock us up (pardon the expression) and too seldom did batsmen put it all together in the same game as bowlers. Too seldom did that lucky chance to hand come off. Too seldom did the sweet scent of victory waft in off the ungent, rolling waters of the Timbrell Park canal.

It is a phenomenon well-documented in Wisden's Glorious Annotated Gazeteer of the Lesser Antipodean Greens, Grounds and Playing Fields (or historical principles and with concordance) that games played on Timbrell Park in the Balmain District Cricket Competition enjoy the rare privilege of the highest proportion of balls lost to available blades of grass west of the Kurdu empire. It is an only slightly less well-recorded statistic of that particular competition that a certain Uni skipper is the only captain in the history of the game to score less runs in a career on Timbrell Park than Bradman did in his last Test innings.

More cricket balls meet an unnatural and often sticky end at Timbrell Park than on any other half-acre of similar disposition in the southern hemisphere. So uncertain is their life expectancy at this ground that the new balls themselves draw lots to determine which one will be the next one out of the carton.

According to coroners' reports at public house post-mortems, most cricket balls die from drowning when they plunge into the now famous canal which bisects and bespots the ground like the first dark stain on a new pair of creams. Whether this desperate dive into the deep (or shallow, depending upon the tide) is attributable to a selfless devotion to duty or more simply explained as suicide will not be known until a suitable pronouncement on the phenomenon issues from the Board of Control. Some balls suffer from exposure, some are the victims of assault and battery, others have occasioned cardiac arrests, and still others require numerous stitches.

It is the Bermuda Triangle of the spin-bowling world. The screams of terror which escape from scarlet flashes of flayed leather sent flying towards the grey grave of the canal at low tide is a horrifying sight that invariably unnerves the humanistic disposition of University sides which for some strange reason are the most frequent participants in search and rescue operations and which even more frequently lose both ball and match. Indeed the human-chain technique by the Uni for embankment operations has proved itself so well under duress that it was approved by Choice magazine and has been adopted by the Alice Springs Cricket Ground Trust for all wet-weather emergency operations. The success of Uni tactics and know-how does not end there. Witness one Mal Mildew who successfully saved several balls thought to be un-savoury (pun, pun) by judicious application of lips-to-ball resuscitation. To administer the kiss of life to a mouldy ball after lying in a muddy canal is not to be sneezed at, and the general consensus was that his State burial was well-earned. Last season the Timbrell Park canal claimed only two new balls and there was no loss of human life. In this sense it was a very successful season. In this sense and no other. There have been many mean seasons in Sevens, but last season was the meanest.

Not that we didn't have our moments. The season began well enough, with a tight tussle against the incumbent premiers Drummoyne Sports. This was a tall order for any side, and even though we had several veterans we had to be content with a first innings loss. But not before we had given the premiers a fright. And a fight, with some face-saving later order batting swinging the game their way. This match was atypical of the season in that our bowling failed to break through while our batting showed real potential. For the remainder of the season, it was the bowlers who provided our strength and the batsmen who proved the embarrassment.

Encouraged by what was generally regarded as a brave effort, we entered the second round against a more evenly matched opponent and our hopes were high. The decrepitude of the umpires seemed to be our biggest barrier. After we had compiled a reasonable total, we had them padded up by the end of the day and they were in a good deal of trouble. Even Spence strode to the stand at stumps with a psychological boost - 1 for 3 off 5 balls.

It is no doubt fortunate for someone's ego that the remaining three deliveries were never forthcoming. For by the second Saturday Spence was missing and in the power vacuum he left behind the side itself suffered something of a crisis. It so happened that the captain was finally cornered in a hospital bed suffering from nervous frustration at the thought of opening the bowling on the second week.

In my own defence, I feel that it is only fair to point out that the rumours spread were slightly misleading: Spence in fact did not have an "erotic disease", although Eardley Lieversz (recently labelled the "Black Ocker") can perhaps be pardoned for his confusion on the point. Nor was it a classic case of Timbrell Park encaphalitis but rather the complaint more closely resembled an exotic disease, known as sarcordosis. The horde of medical students in the Sevens are now world authorities on the subject. It is in many ways a pity that their control of cricket is not equally authoritative.

There is now a considerable gap in events as the captain was now hospital bound, but it has been established beyond reasonable doubt that at different times Peter Gray scored 136 not out, that Paul Gresham made some daring declarations, that the score book disappeared thus James Rodgers' invaluable statistics will really be flattered by the omission of some woeful figures, and that eventually the pressure told and Uni forfeited two vital games.

When Spence returned to the fray in February his side was in shambles. Much of it had vanished, those surviving lacked confidence and determination. Apparently

someone had been playing hot-potato with the captaincy which had passed from hand to hand like a time-bomb. Finally there was no one left willing to take on the responsibility, and with no guidance or direction from higher in the Club the team fell apart.

The rest of the season is the story of an epic struggle. By the time Spence was fit enough to don creams and resume duck-hunting, the side had been penalised as a result of forfeiting, and from being on +4 points at his departure the captain was staggered to learn that at one time the points had sunk to -16!

Like a Phoenix rising from the ashes (an apt cricket metaphor) the Sevens made a great, late run. From being -16, the side struggled back to be on the board with one bare point. It was quite an effort to score 17 competition points in A grade after the Christmas break and on this pyrrhic achievement the boys as a whole are to be congratulated. By the end of the season, from a failing and demoralised side, we had become a team capable of impressive performances particularly in the field. Responsibility for this grand revival must rest in the new wave of players who rose to the occasion. Peter Naughtin was a big influence with his prolonged spells of tight medium-paced off-cutters. Steve Williams showed lots of flair with bat and ball, and by application improved with every game. Michael Lynch was at times stylish with the bat and will improve in future seasons.

A couple of "golden oldies" deserve mention. David Mac Donald put in his usual wholehearted effort and finished as the top wicket-taker with 14 kills. Bob Darling's brief appearances showed that he is one of the best fast bowlers in the Club. This season he must have improved as he was timed as being slightly quicker than a University collapse - and we all know how fast that can be. Playing on matting, Bob proved too quick for A Grade batsmen even to manage a snick, and he was generally more respected and feared than any other bowler in the competition. When the lure of turf proved too much, his loss was sorely felt. In his place we saw the welcome return of Richard White who demonstrated hitherto unknown vigour and venom in his bowling and whose general fielding and catching was outstanding. In this latter regard he was outshone by another player. Todd Ritchie established himself as the most enthusiastic and co-operative member of the side and he turned in some miraculous catching performances. It was the spirit and attitude of players like Todd that enabled us to salvage something from an otherwise ruinous season.

And now for some serious comment. There is always something sad in the wanton waste of raw resources. One of the best resources that this Club has had over the years has been the teams playing in the Balmain District competition. More than half the players in the Club have at one time or other played in one of these teams. Had they not been found a place in these teams, many of the players would now be committed elsewhere. Further, it is from these teams that the ranks of the grade sides are kept full when the stars and prima donnas of the grade sides feel disinclined. Consequently both teams create special management problems which are never considered or appreciated by our short-sighted Committee.

I have often confronted the continuing criticism that the Sevens and Eights have no part in this Club, and the treatment received by these sides from the Club in the past season suggests that this philosophy is firmly entrenched. Having given the topic considerable thought, I have been forced to the conclusion that this Club not only does not want but further does not deserve a bottom team regardless of where it plays. For rather than treating that team with special care and attention, the attention needed to nurture a nursery of potential players

and rather than exercising extra care in relation to the teams that need it most, this Club treats its bottom team with ignore. Sheer disdainful neglect by our Committee killed the season for Sevens. And the Committee predictably denies all liability.

The shortcomings of the season in Sevens is not a reflection of the standard of the competition nor the keenness of the players. After all, we were playing in A Grade and the standard of that competition is not to be sneered at. Basically it was simple neglect and apathy on the part of the Club as a whole in failing to appreciate the peculiar problems which confronted us when we were left leaderless and short of players that made the end inevitable.

There is one point to be made. It has taken a lot of effort over a lot of years by more than one person to place Uni in the position where it could field a team in A grade. Having reached that level, we are now disgraced and embarrassed because one person who happened to be captain fell suddenly ill. The lesson to be learned is simple. No one should be indispensable. And no one should have to experience the guilt feelings because, for reasons beyond his control, the Club cannot fulfill its commitments. The team should be greater than the individual and the Club should be greater than the team. The Club should work as a Club. The Committee should be more caring and should not need to rely on the defence of ignorance.

Finally, might I take the opportunity to pay tribute to Peter Royle who deserves a hero's applause and instead passes unnoticed. Peter took over captaincy of the Eights under the worst possible circumstances and made an excellent fist of it. The Club, needless to say, has shown little interest in Peter and most committeemen would not even know who he is.

In passing, sincere thanks for all the good wishes received while I was in hospital and to those stalwarts who stuck with the side when they would have done well to desert it.

Well, it was one of those years, And aren't they all. All seasons full of promise and empty of result, all seasons we'd sooner forget. And yet we all keep coming back for more and more. We always have and we probably always will. Even though we keep scoring ducks, even though we have to keep wickets with two right-handed gloves, even though our best deliveries are mauled. What a maddening, magnificent game Cricket is!

Meanwhile back at the Fivedock Arms, as the sun sank slowly beneath the pink lemonade-and-bitters, through the snorted bubbles our skipper was heard to think: "Never again!" Well hardly ever.

John Spence.

John has highlighted the problems of administering a big Club. We are the biggest Club in the Sports Union and we play at a time when many are on holidays or working. We also play on many grounds and it is very hard to get even parts of the Club together at one time.

Our problems would be partly solved if we had more administrators. But past members and parents, the strength of other Clubs, are rarely seen in our ranks and we are the poorer for it. Hence the players have to be the administrators, and being players they cannot get around to see the teams. Nevertheless we would be a lot better off if more players put more back into the Club.

I found it extremely sad to type out John's report this year because it had lost most of its humour of previous years. Indeed I feel that many only knew about the Sevens from their compulsive reading of past reports. I am sorry that John has experienced the unwarranted knocks which administrators "higher-up" in the Club frequently receive. The message: more work on the administrative field is needed! Our thanks to John for highlighting it.

DDR

8TH GRADE REPORT

Played - 13, won - 5; lost - 6; drew - 1; tied - 1.

Like previous seasons in 8th grade, this season was greatly marred by a high turnover of players as a result of grade commitments, examinations and the Christmas holidays with the effect that 8th grade could not develop into a really integrated team. In spite of this however, 8th grade acquitted itself well and more importantly, all those players involved in playing in the 76-77 season thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Unfortunately last season saw the departure of that experienced tactician, Andrew MacDonald, due to the pressures of work. Andrew had the ability to obtain exceptional results from seemingly mediocre players, as shown by the fact that of the first 5 games, 3 were convincing wins and one that should have been won, was washed out.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the season was the three victories over the dreaded Merton Hotel whose tactics were at times, to put it mildly, unreasonable. Never have I seen a captain reverse the umpire's decision and get away with it (the scorers were of course wives of the members of the Merton Hotel team), nor have I seen a bowler deliberately start "chucking" just to bait an umpire. At one time, Merton's captain suggested to an 8th grade player who was umpiring that his head and body might part company next time he called a "no-ball"; it seemed to have the desired effect since the number of sundries conceded from then on, fell dramatically! Fortunately, Uni always produced their best cricket under these conditions of stress. At our first encounter, Uni appeared to be in a hopeless position at 7-66 when Tom Uebel and Steve Best came together and scored a century and half a century respectively to guide Uni to an easy win. Steve Clough and Dave Kenworthy, with scores of 66 and 80 respectively, helped Uni amass one of its biggest scores for a long time on the second time around, only to see the Merton collapse for a paltry 35 at the hands of new ball bowlers Ross Thompson and Steve Best. Steve and Ross also performed well in the third round to dismiss them for 70, and with Peter Phillips striking form with 38 not out, Uni managed to score the necessary runs (although with some difficulty).

One other notable game was that against Drummoyne Rovers which ended in a tie. Uni declared at 8-220 thinking this was a reasonably safe total (especially in the light of results of games recently concluded) only to see the Rovers 8-220 until Ken Liley took wickets with successive deliveries!

There were many notable performances. Ross Wilkinson played a large part in Uni's success of the first two rounds with scores of 109 and 77 (both times being run out), before he was lured up to grade. Mark Cordato bowled an interesting variety of full-toss to secure 7-23 and 4-10 in the first and third matches of the season. Ken Liley, when available, proved to be Uni's most penetrating bowler and in the batting department Mike Mulcahy, Ross Thompson, Steve Best, Steve Williams, and Dale Connolly all excelled. The best that can be said about Peter Tankard is that his ability with bat and ball did not match his achievements with cue and ball-as our number one snooker player!

Finally I would like to thank Ross Thompson, Steve Best, Jim Fleming, Nigel Bull, Gary Kemister and Peter Phillips who, towards the end of the season, formed the enthusiastic and keen nucleus of 8th grade.

P.Royle

8TH GRADE AVERAGES

36.

Note: these averages are incomplete owing to a mysterious disappearance of score book at the end of the season!

BATTING

	Inns	n.o.	H.S.	Runs	Ave
R. Wilkinson	2	0	109	186	93.0
M. Mulcahy	2	1	47*	57	57.0
S. Clough	2	0	66	83	41.5
D. Kenworthy	3	0	80	103	34.3
J. Uebel	5	1	102*	116	29.0
G. Gibson	4	0	56	90	22.5
S. Williams	3	0	45	57	19.0
M. Cordato	4	0	26	70	17.5
P. Apostolopoulos	4	0	32	65	16.3
S. Best	11	0	52	156	14.3
D. Connolly	11	3	19	105	13.1
P. Royle	14	2	32	118	9.8
P. Phillips	5	1	38*	38	9.5
R. Thompson	11	0	45	104	9.5
W. Sears	3	0	14	26	8.7
P. Tankard	9	3	15	52	8.7
K. Liley	3	1	7*	13	6.5
N. Bull	7	0	8	35	5.0

BOWLING

	Wkts	Runs	Ave
R. Thompson	20	164	8.2
S. Best	13	115	8.8
P. Apostolopoulos	8	73	9.1
M. Cordato	15	138	9.2
G. Kemister	11	123	11.2
G. Player	3	37	12.3
A. MacDonald	5	65	13.0
K. Liley	13	160	17.8
S. Williams	5	105	21.0

Also bowled: (wkts, runs)

Clark (1-0); Whittle (1-6); Connolly (1-4); Goswinkle (2-13) Still (3-50).

POIDEVIN-GRAY REPORT

This year saw a new arrangement to the Poidevin-Gray competition and it would be safe to say that this revised competition did not suit Sydney University although our fellow Uni (NSW) seemed to appreciate the change and are to be congratulated on their victory.

This short season of three games did not all go to waste due to lack of victories. Much talent was unearthed that in years to come will undoubtedly be beneficial to the Club.

The bowlers toiled hard on usually placid wickets and with rather limited support from the fieldsmen who tended to drop far too many catches. The best of the bowlers were Glenday, Armitage and Allchin who were called on to bowl in long spells and who never shirked their task. Steve Glenday's caught and bowled catches and attempts will be remembered by him for years to come! Dave Ransom leant able support to these bowlers and was unlucky not to get a few wickets - as was Nic Hughes. Mic O'Connell will also be remembered for his two tight overs during a rather crucial period against UNSW (2 overs, 23 runs!).

Unfortunately the batsmen did not perform up to expectation. If one or two clicked a healthy total could have been possible, but due to an mixture of unfortunate decisions and shots this was never to be. The best innings were supplied by Haymet, O'Connell and Baird, whilst L'Estrange contributed one redeeming second innings effort. The failure of the batsmen certainly put greater pressure on our bowlers and fieldsmen.

The fielding was not of good standard. Mention must be made, however, of Tony Grattan-Smith's enthusiasm in the field and he was justly rewarded with three good catches.

Despite the shortness of the season there were a variety of entertaining moments which make cricket such an enjoyable game. Perhaps one of the best of these is the Glenday LBW of O'Neill for 99 - after we had dropped him no less than 6 times! Two run outs must also be mentioned - the first by Mic O'Connell was when he hit the stumps while the batsman was changing the sight-board and the second by L'Estrange when he hit the stumps at the far end in darkness. Who could forget Haymet giving away the only sure thing he had to Hughes in slips or Hughes being awarded an LBW on a spectator's appeal? Who will forget Ransom advising the umpire on his duty, or Armitage's concerted attack on a Balmain bowler, or perhaps de Carvalho's absence on New Years Day?

If for no other reason the season will be remembered for the infamous Glenday delivery which came to rest at cover...the umpire advised the batsman to hit the ball to the disgust of the eleven University fieldsmen who all stood around, an incident which led Peter Baird to stage the first sit-down strike in cricket history!

Sincere thanks must go to Les Carrington our tireless scorer and supporter who had his hands filled just sitting next to some scorers; to the many mothers who helped with the afternoon teas, and finally to Colonel Phil Pike whose enthusiasm and constant attention to the game were appreciated by all.

So until next year....with better luck!

Jim L'Estrange

POLDEVIN-GRAY BATTING

	Inns	n.o.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave	Cts
M.O'Connell	4	1	35	68	22.67	(1 r.o.)
A. Haymet	5	-	38	88	17.60	
J.L'Estrange	5	1	38*	65	16.25	1 (lr.o.)
P. Baird	4	-	26	61	15.25	4
A. de Carvalho	4	1	13	39	13.00	
P. Armitage	3	1	11	11	5.50	
S. Glenday	4	-	15	21	5.25	3
D. Allchin	5	2	8*	12	4.00	1
N. Hughes	4	-	6	16	4.00	1
A. Grattan-Smith	4	-	5	12	3.00	3
D. Ransom	3	-	7	7	2.33	
J. Goncalves	1	-	0	0	-	
P. Hepburn	1	1	1	1	-	

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

1st Wicket	28	J.L'Estrange & A. Haymet	vs Balmain
2nd Wicket	73	A. Haymet & P. Baird	vs Balmain
3rd Wicket	23	J.L'Estrange & A. de Carvalho	vs Wests
4th Wicket	34*	J.L'Estrange & M.O'Connell	vs Wests
5th Wicket	26	A. de Carvalho & S. Glenday	vs UNSW
6th Wicket	11	N. Hughes & S. Glenday	vs UNSW
7th Wicket	6	N. Hughes & D. Allchin	vs Balmain
8th Wicket	6*	A. de Carvalho & D. Allchin	vs UNSW
9th Wicket	11	N. Hughes & D. Allchin	vs Wests
10th Wicket	13	P. Armitage & P. Hepburn	vs Balmain

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wkts	Runs	Ave
S. Glenday	22.3	1	6	94	15.67
P. Armitage	32	6	6	161	26.83
D. Allchin	39.6	5	5	163	32.60
N. Hughes	4	-	1	45	45.00
M.O'Connell	2	-	-	21	-
D. Ransom	15	2	-	64	-

## INTERVARSITY vs MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY at MELBOURNE 14-16 December, 1976

## SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

J.L'Estrange	c.Nicholls b.Tangas	59
P.Kell	LBW Happell	5
R.McGregor	LBW Tangas	9
T.Jenkins	c.Knight b.Harms	102
A.deCarvalho	c.Andrews b. Harms	17
P.Baird	c.Hince b.Tangas	0
G.Keighran	c.Nicholls b.Tangas	33
M.Wilson	LBW Harms	0
R.Johnston	not out	25
J.Baird	b.Tangas	0
A.Baigent	not out	0
Sundries		4
TOTAL		9 (dec)-254

## MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

T.Andrews	b.Johnston	77
K.Baddeley	c.Baigent b.J.Baird	5
P.Nicholls	c.Johnston b.J.Baird	15
T.Harms	c.P.Baird b.J.Baird	0
G.Fox	c.Wilson b.Keighran	22
M.Jensen	c.P.Baird b.J.Baird	10
P.Hannan	c.Keighran b.Johnston	0
D.Knight	c.McGregor b.Johnston	10
R.Hince	c.Keighran b.J.Baird	0
A.Happell	b.J.Baird	4
J.Tangas	not out	11
Sundries		1
TOTAL		155

F.of W. 9, 31, 114, 141, 142, 226, 228, 228, 229, F.of W. 19, 47, 47, 108, 124, 126, 134, 140, 142, 155.

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Knight	17	4	52	0	J.Baird	18.6	1	58	6
Happell	9	2	14	1	Baigent	9	3	21	0
Nicholls	3	0	15	0	Wilson	2	1	12	0
Tangas	26	4	84	5	Keighran	7	1	27	1
Hannan	6	3	13	0	Johnston	8	1	36	3
Jensen	8	1	26	0					
Harms	14	2	38	3					
Baddeley	1	0	8	0					

## SYDNEY WON BY 99 RUNS

After winning the toss, Tom Jenkins decided that Sydney should take first use of an excellent wicket. The dismissals of Phil Kell and Rohan McGregor left the score at 2-38. Jim L'Estrange and Tom Jenkins then steadily moved the score to 2-82 at lunch. L'Estrange was then out for 59 after an excellent display, while Jenkins continued to build a substantial Sydney total with help from deCarvalho (17) and Keighran (33). The long and profitable innings of the captain came to an end soon after the completion of his century, and this dismissal was followed by the rapid loss of two more wickets. A last wicket stand of 25 between Johnston and Baigent saw Sydney finish the day at 9-254. Although the scoring rate was relatively slow the early loss of wickets meant that the Melbourne bowlers were always able to maintain pressure on the batsmen.

Unfortunately there was no play on the second day of the game due to a storm overnight and drizzle during the day. The third day's play was also affected by the weather. Play resumed after lunch on a wicket that was very slow until the tea break after which it became more helpful to the bowlers. In the session between lunch and tea Sydney captured three wickets for 89 but the bowling generally had not been good and a draw seemed inevitable. Immediately after tea, however, Geoff Keighran obtained the wicket of Graeme Fox. Jock Baird in particular and Ray Johnston then began to pick up wickets at regular intervals. The final wicket fell about 20 minutes before stumps and Melbourne were dismissed for 155.

Although it was disappointing that there was such a loss of playing time, and therefore, no opportunity for an outright result the game was certainly enjoyable. The Sydney team was able to exploit the favourable conditions and there were some excellent individual performances. More importantly the team as a whole played well to achieve a most satisfying win.

INTERVARSITY vs MONASH UNIVERSITY (36 OVER MATCH)

13th December, 1976

This proved to be a most exciting match. Monash won the toss and sent Sydney into bat on a wicket affected by rain. The Monash opening bowlers were able to extract quite a deal of lift from the soft wicket and quickly dismissed our top order batsmen. As it was difficult to score runs quickly, Peter Baird and Drew de Carvalho batted patiently and prevented the loss of any further quick wickets. It was sensible batting as the loss of further wickets would have undoubtedly seen us dismissed for a low score.

After lunch when the wicket was much drier, our scoring rate quickened and although it still left the team with only 119 from the allotted overs it was a vast improvement on the lunch score.

Monash made a brisk start to their innings scoring 28 runs from only 8 overs before tea. Immediately after the resumption Jock Baird with a wicket in the first over and Geoff Keighran with two quick wickets meant Monash had then lost 3-28 and we were back in the game.

An economical spell from Baigent who claimed 2-16 from 8 overs meant that Monash had slipped behind the required scoring rate. Ray Johnston bowled his leg-spinners from the other end and caused quite a few problems for the Monash batsmen as he took 3-22 from his 8 overs.

It was an excellent effort to win as the team had the worst of the conditions but displayed great determination. The bowling was tight and received excellent support from the fieldsmen.

In summary the trip to Melbourne was a great success both from the cricketing and social aspects of the tour. Of the social highlights the following deserve repeating:

(i) Jim L'Estrange's effort to win the OPSM award for chatting up and winning his lovely friend...no names mentioned. This caused some dissention in the team as some argued that he really was "in love" while others argued that it was only her "lovely" body that kept him interested.

(ii) Jock Baird's ability to say a few words. This proved of great assistance to the captain in setting fields, making bowling changes and off-the-field speeches on behalf of the team.

(iii) Drew de Carvalho, the young colt, whose bright and breezy approach to his batting was similar to his "Joe Coal" approach to his fellow Bay City Roller fans during off-the-field activities.

(iv) Andrew Baigent's achievement in ploughing through the 1000 page bound volume of the "Thermodynamics of a Twin Overhead Camshaft". He was still suffering, apparently, a let down from the AOC tour.

(v) Geoff Keighran's failure to score. Although personally disappointing for him he was able to entertain the rest of the team by pizzling Melbourne Uni's Jim Tangas at the social functions.

It was in all a most enjoyable trip and the efforts made by the Melbourne University players to make it a success were much appreciated. It certainly has put the pressure on our Club to make sure the return visit by the Melbournians is given similar treatment.

Michael O'Sullivan

## INTERVARSITY vs UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA at SYDNEY

18-20 January, 1977

## SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

M. Thompson	LBW Massey	3					
G. Wilson (c)	b. Massey	0					
M. Perry	c. & b. Sugden	35			Bowling		
W. Levy	c. Jakkett b. Massey	6				O.	M.
S. Ward	c. Jakkett b. Massey	106					R.
T. Jenkins	b. Massey	12			Chalmers	11	0
B. Collins	c. Wootton b. Sugden	32			Massey	13.6	5
P. Baird	c. Jakkett b. Wootton	0			Sugden	14	1
R. Johnston	c. Bennett b. Chalmers	17			Bennett	5	1
J. Baird	not out	7			Wootton	21	3
J. Rodgers	did not bat				Jakkett	1	0
							W.
	Sundries	<u>17</u>			F. of W.	3, 11, 43, 75, 111, 161, 164,	
	TOTAL	9 (dec)-232				210, 232	

## UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA

G. Abbott	b. Perry	2			-c. Levy b. J. Baird	25
L. Bennett	c. J. Baird b. Perry	6			-c. Rodgers b. Perry	14
L. Wootton (c)	c. Rodgers b. Perry	7			-LBW Johnston	10
R. Jakkett	c. Ward b. J. Baird	1			-b. J. Baird	1
P. Richardson	LBW J. Baird	0			-b. J. Baird	0
R. Wilson	c. Jenkins b. Baird	14			-b. Rodgers	4
J. Dakin	b. Perry	0			-LBW Rodgers	0
D. Headlam	b. J. Baird	2			-c. J. Baird b. Rodgers	11
D. Massey	c. Collins b. Perry	12			-b. Johnston	0
C. Chalmers	c. Collins b. Perry	18			-c. Thompson b. Rodgers	25
M. Sugden	not out	10			-not out	8
	Sundries	<u>4</u>			Sundries	<u>1</u>
	TOTAL	76			TOTAL	99

## Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Perry	11.2	2	38	6	5	0	25	1
J. Baird	11	4	34	4	5	1	22	3
J. Rodgers					7.6	3	17	4
Johnston					8	2	34	2

40 Over Match at Sydney.

20th January, 1977

University of Tasmania 6 for 233 (L. Bennett 96, R. Jakkett 70, P. Baird 3/26, J. Baird 2/10) after 39.4 overs defeated Sydney University 5 (dec) 232 (M. Perry 76 n.o., W. Levy 56 n.o., P. Baird 41) after 40 overs.

### The Tassie Match

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Annihilated Taswegans on toast. No, not breakfast; the result of the intervarsity. It was written that a three-day match would take place, venue Uni No.1 on Jan 18, 19, 20. Twenty however was rendered redundant as a result of the union of good, and not so good, play. S.U.C.C. had too many guns for the apple islanders. Giants of the game - Roy Rodgers, Jerka, Bikes Baird and brother, Leviticus, Togo, Bruiser, Spezza, Willow, Mitch and the Nigger - all played and most did rather well.

Batting first, Sydney piled on the runs. If you'd seen the way the Nigger batted you'd realise how odd these runs were. Notable contributions to the tally were Spezza (35), Bruiser (32) and the Nigger with 106 big ones. Quite a liberal amount of runs for a social(ist) player.

To the grievance of all (and sundries), Jumping Jimminy Cricket, Roy Rocket Rodgers was cruelly robbed of a chance to show his batting bravado. Although I have not seen it myself, observers say that his cover drive has the speed of an egg bouncing off a brick wall. I have however seen Roy bowl his line and length and can see how it could be so messy.

The Tasmaniacals had no answer for our bowling barrage. Spezza grabbed six and the stable strapper four; to have them pavilion-bound for 76 in the first dig. In the second it was Roy who once more strode into the heroes role. R.Wilson, J.Dakin, D.Headlam and C.Chalmers were quickly bagged by Roy to wrap up the game, set and match. The University freshmen had no answer to Roy's one in twenty that assaulted the stumps.

The amber appeasements were welcomed at the end of each day and on the last night these same things were lined up for the "boatrace". Adjudicated on by the notoriously chook-mouthed "The Slug" Coolican, the starting orders were given: "row". Elbows, arms, beer here, beer there, beer in fact everywhere, it was going to be close as Wootton and Baird reached for their glasses.

"Tis a dead-heat, do it again"  
and the night went on and on and on.....

## INTERVARSITY - SYDNEY UNIVERSITY (2) vs MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

The abolition of the I.V. "Carnival" - an apt name for that former cricketing fantasy - will hopefully mean an upsurge in 3-day cricket. Our invitation to Macquarie was met enthusiastically but in reality they arrived with only 8 players. Hasty 'phone calls by our Secretary recalled "Wonderboy" Keighran from obscurity and Ulysees S. Grant from the surf, and these together with the Tassie 12th man made up the Macquarie XI. Our team, by design, contained mainly 5th Graders - players for whom the opportunity of an I.V. fixture is normally a "Between the Covers" dream.

Macquarie elected to bat and their score mounted - as did temperature and humidity. Two for 100 at lunch progressed to four for 199 at tea and during this time Macquarie's skipper Ager helped himself to 66 and "Wonderboy" to 85, the latter being dismissed after giving no less than five earlier chances. After tea Ian Grant, Mark Wilson and Mark Connellan picked up wickets and kept down runs leaving the Lighthouse lads 9-250 when the downpour washed out play at 5.30.

Conditions on the second day were far from ideal and play was delayed for 40 minutes whilst groundstaff did marvels to resurrect a wet wicket. Macquarie's strange decision to bat on resulted in the addition of 2 runs before Wilson sent stumps cartwheeling on the tenth ball of the morning.

Openers Gresham and Morgan each received uncontrollable popping deliveries and at 2 for 0 de Carvahlo joined skipper Ridley. The latter soon had the infield scurrying for cover and his 50, coming in a mere 33 deliveries, contributed significantly to the lunchtime position of 2-84. Following the break runs came steadily until Ridley's departure for 78. The partnership of 122 for the third wicket did much to restore Sydney's fortunes which were further enhanced by de Carvahlo's fine 63, Wilson's 25 and Connellan's 23 - the latter two being dismissed in the pursuit of quick runs prior to the declaration at 8 for 216 around 5pm. This bold decision was soon to pay off handsomely as fine catches by Gresham and Ransom had sent two back for 32 by stumps.

The third day wicket proved ideal for the seamers of Armitage and Connellan who combined to have Macquarie 9-123 at lunch. The match was nicely poised! Two balls later Connellan took his fifth wicket of the innings for a mere 6 runs and our target was 160 in all but four hours.

Injudicious remarks by inexperienced team-mates about "pairs" did not deter Gresham and Morgan who, although worried by the express speed of Stuart Grant, put on 47 for the first wicket. Morgan followed Gresham out with the total 2-58 whereupon Ridley and de Carvahlo combined to win the match with a partnership of 89. Ridley's dismissal to a submarine cutter came soon after his second 50 of the match, but de Carvahlo and Hoop comfortably saw through the remaining 13 runs for victory.

To end up victorious by 7 wickets after being 2-0 on a wet track in the first innings was a fine achievement. It was made possible by a grand team effort with Drew de Carvahlo and Mark Connellan outstanding. Drew, son of former Uni cricketer Sonny, must have been disappointed at not playing in the concurrent 1st XI match against Tasmania but his success and experience in playing in this match was invaluable to him. Each innings he played was chanceless and of the highest calibre. Mark had match figures of 7-39, scored 23 runs at a valuable time and fielded magnificently. In all the experience was well worth while and should be repeated.

Macquarie University 252 (Keighran 85, Ager 66, Gold 29, I. Grant 4-47, Wilson 2-43, Connellan 2-33) and 123 (Wormell 26, S. Grant 20\*, Connellan 5-6, Armitage 2-29) lost to Sydney University (2) 8 (dec) 216 (Ridley 78, de Carvahlo 63, Wilson 25, Connellan 23, Ager 2-43) and 3-161 (Ridley 50, de Carvahlo 47\*, Morgan 29, Leary 2-37).

## THE VETERANS

Statistically the 1976-77 season was not bright. Only six games were won against sixteen losses and one tie (more of that in a moment). But one of those wins was an outright - against the Irregulars at Victoria Barracks.

The Vets don't play for the statistician though. On and off the field the season was as enjoyable as ever. Thirty-two players turned out, new friendships were made and old ones renewed. We welcomed a number of new players: Rick Lee, Dave Watson, Angus Mackie (as a full member!), Eric Stockdale, John Kleem, Philip Jenkyn, Brian Lazell and Steve Ruff. They all fitted into the teams extremely well and we look forward to seeing them on and off the field again next season.

On the social front the season opened with the usual Vets dinner, at the Imperial Services Club. This event was rather poorly attended but there was no lack of quality. At the end of the season Jon & Chris Erby turned on a superb bar-b-que which was very well attended by the Vets and their wives.

During the season your Secretary attended a Club dinner for those who played for the University before 1930. This was a very pleasant evening full of nostalgia. One of the more relevant reminiscences related to your Secretary concerned the regular after-match social activities of the Vets. The regular practice of the Vets around the 1920's was for the players to adjourn to the University Club in their creams. After a few drinks they would shower and change for dinner. After dinner bridge was played. Not a mention was made of wives and families. There's a rumour afoot that at the next Vets committee meeting a motion will be put for a referendum of members on a return to practices of the past!

Ted LeCouteur headed the batting averages with a highest score of 81. It was good to see his return to form after his dismal time the season before. The highest score of the season went to Dave Watson with 95 - he deserved the "ton". Even your Secretary had a reasonable season with the bat (top score of 70).

Bill Poole headed the bowling averages - he should be used more often than he has been, as should the runner-up Charles Hollebone. Those spin twins, Terry Naughton and Dave Fox, had very good performances and headed the list of the "regular bowlers". The leading wicket taker, Dick Townsend, possessing renewed enthusiasm, put in a sterling performance with 33 wickets off a massive 103 overs.

The best all-round performance was undoubtedly that turned in by Bob Brown - fifth in the batting averages (24.8) and sixth in the bowling averages (16 wickets off 42 overs). He won the senior double of 10 wickets and 100 runs. Others to win the double were Dave Fox, Alan Cash and Brian Nicholson. The junior double (10 runs and one wicket) was won by Bill Poole, Charles Hollebone, Terry Naughton, Ted LeCouteur, George Cole, Dick Townsend, David Armati, Keith Hollebone, John Kleem, Angus Mackie, Eric Stockdale, Bill Morgan, John Everett, Rick Lee, Greg Scahill, Tom Nevell, Mike Guinness, and Bryan Lazell.

Doug Timmins and Jeff Herron had by far their best seasons with the bat and we look forward to more of the same. Jon Erby, John Everett, Jim Mackie, Bert Kennings and Russ Bridge did not have as successful a season as in previous years but none lacked enthusiasm - Jim has not lost his "enthusiastic run-out" touch!

The beetroot knife was not won again. It only goes to players who head both the batting and bowling averages. Since the inception of this trophy it has been won only by Jim Mackie, Peter Lovell and Neil Thompson.

One of the highlights of the season was our first game against the Primary Club at Dooralong. Fittingly it ended in a tie. The Vets, depleted by sickness to a

couple of key players, played above them selves. Alan Cash turned in a great performance taking 4 for 14, including three wickets in an over, and then top scoring with 27. Dick Townsend chimed in with 3 for 13. No primaries were scored.

The scorebook reveals that during the season primaries were achieved by Alan Cash, Eric Stockdale, David Armati, and Jeff Herron. A donation of \$10 has been sent to the Primary Club on account of these.

We are all looking forward to the 1977-78 season. It will start as usual with the game against Shore on 17th September. The Annual Dinner will be held shortly thereafter.

Peter Lovell

BATTING AVERAGES

	Inns	n.o.	H.S.	Runs	Ave
E. LeCouteur	5	0	81	182	36.4
D. Watson	5	0	95	161	32.2
R. Lee	4	0	48	113	28.3
J. Everett	4	0	48	103	25.8
R. Brown	12	0	63	297	24.8
G. Cole	6	1	44*	118	23.6
K. Hollebone	6	1	58*	109	21.8
P. Lovell	10	1	70	186	20.7
D. Timmins	6	0	44	95	15.8
A. Mackie	2	1	9	14	14.0
R. Townsend	11	5	31*	83	13.8
J. Mackie	8	1	38	91	13.0
J. Erby	5	0	40	62	12.4
D. Fox	11	2	19	111	12.3
E. Stockdale	7	0	22	85	12.1
B. Nicholson	12	3	25	101	11.2
W. Poole	6	0	28	66	11.0
A. Cash	11	0	27	118	10.7
J. Kleem	8	3	13	53	10.6
M. Guinness	6	0	20	63	10.5
J. Herron	7	0	24	69	9.9
D. Armati	14	0	33	107	8.2
P. Jenkyn	5	0	26	41	8.2
G. Scahill	2	0	15	15	7.5
B. Lazell	7	0	13	47	6.7
A. Kennings	13	0	33	71	5.5
C. Hollebone	9	2	14*	37	5.3
T. Naughton	6	3	4*	13	4.3
W. Morgan	8	2	12*	24	4.0
T. Nevell	4	0	8	14	3.5
R. Bridge	4	0	4	9	2.3
S. Ruff	2	0	4	4	2.0

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Wkts	Runs	Ave
W. Poole	2	0	2	9	4.5
C. Hollebone	7	0	4	37	9.3
T. Naughton	17	1	10	104	10.4
D. Fox	34	3	16	173	10.8
E. LeCouteur	7	2	3	34	11.3
R. Brown	42	6	16	190	11.9
G. Cole	19	1	8	99	12.4
R. Townsend	103	9	33	441	13.4
D. Armati	3	0	2	27	13.5
K. Hollebone	16	0	7	103	14.7
J. Kieem	35	2	12	108	15.0
A. Mackie	2	0	1	16	16.0
S. Ruff	11	0	3	51	17.0
E. Stockdale	12	0	3	51	17.0
W. Morgan	55	5	13	253	18.7
A. Cash	55	3	14	275	19.6
J. Everett	19	1	4	79	19.8
R. Lee	26	3	5	106	21.2
G. Scahill	2	0	1	22	22.0
B. Nicholson	69	5	16	357	22.3
T. Nevell	7	0	2	53	26.5
M. Guinness	26	3	6	173	28.8
B. Lazeil	11	1	2	67	33.5
C. Hollebone	2	0	0	7	-
J. Erby	2	0	0	13	-

NOTES ON OTHER MATCHES PLAYED DURING THE SEASON

Sydney University 7 for 170 d. C.H.S. 6 (dec)-165

Cricket Club of India 3-164 d. Sydney University 160 (Jenkins 77)

The matches against Midlands Cricket Conference and the Captain Morris XI match were cancelled because of the weather.

The Annual matches against I Zingari and the Blues were not played this season.

TELEGRAPH SHIELD REPORT

Background: This was clearly to be the year of the Tiger (hua Kuo Feng notwithstanding). A mere eleven other teams stood in the way of the inevitable Balmain (i.e. Uni 7th's and 8th's combined) triumph. The Committee felt, nevertheless, that courtesy demanded our participation in the necessary formalities prior to accepting the victor's laurel. Consequently, after a "searching" series of trials, the selection panel (chaired by the canny C.K. Williams) decided on the following XI: Peter Gray (captain), Greg McNally, Joe Goncalves, Paul Gresham, Mark Swartz, Peter Apostolopolous (hereafter referred to as "P. Potter"), Andrew McDonald, Dave McDonald, Mark Connellan, Mark Cordato, Craig Williams. At least eight of the above were actually eligible for selection, so any whining accusations of our having stacked the team are obviously unfounded.

The games: 1. Georges River 263 vs Balmain 8/128. At 10a.m. on 27th December, three Balmain players in cricket attire but without a kit, watched the opposing opening batsmen stride purposefully to the crease. Things looked grim, but by eleven all had arrived and the equipment had also shown up. After introductions all round, we soon had G.R. reeling at 5-93, but judicious fielding errors and our lack of stamina allowed them to reach 263. Next came the most interesting delivery of the series. Greg McNally, having partnered the skipper to the centre, watched in puzzlement as the G.R. opening bowler marked out his 70 yard run, starting with a push off the sightboard. The general mild amusement felt by our side at these antics was rudely cut short when this red-haired demon thundered in and pole-axed the unfortunate McNally with a fiendish bumper. All the more credit, therefore, to Joe Goncalves, who faced the next ball with admirable coolness, in less than auspicious circumstances. After this set-back the Balmain XI began reasonably, one might even say cautiously, but soon opened out into full-fledged stonewalling, as it became clear our only hope was to live to fight another day. This we managed to do, due mainly to good batting from Goncalves (44) and Cordato (16), topped off by a patient, unconquered monument of an innings from the experienced (not to say over-age) veteran Williams.

If you are in doubt as to whether to continue with this cronicle, gentle reader, it might be mentioned that our finest hour - statistically speaking - has already been recorded).

2. Northern Districts 145 d. Balmain 115. Compared with the memorable 10th wicket stand of 76 between Dave MacDonald and Ross Thomson all else in this match including, mercifully, the result) pales into insignificance. Andrew MacDonald and "P. Potter" were replaced by Mike Lynch and Ross Thomson. The skipper was forced to relinquish his wicket-keeping duties as a result of a rather "tasteless" incident at Harry Bath's Canterbury Hotel following the Georges River game, and the versatile Williams took over. N.D. were dismissed shortly after lunch for 145, thanks to our best bowling and fielding effort of the series. Greg McNally took four wickets, and MacDonald, Gresham, and Connellan two each. Faced with this modest target, we responded well and were soon 9/39. However, despite this solid beginning, the 10th wicket pair could only manage a partnership of 76. Need more be said?

Well, yes! Undismayed, the "brains trust" of the team rocked earlier in the day by Mark Schwartz's allegation that they could not read the game as well as he could, retired for the evening to Chez Paulette in trendy Crows Nest, only to lose again on all fronts - save for a fighting innings from the inimitable and articulate Williams, who lucidly informed the restaurant manager just what he could do with his garlic prawns!

3. vs St. George. New Years Day. Imagine a hot day. A very, very hot day. New Year's Day. Then imagine the comatose captain winning the toss, surveying his sorry following of four players and concluding that there is no choice but to field.

The rest is silence.

4. Gordon 8 (dec)-250 d. Balmain 140.

Opposed to the competition leaders, Balmain started brilliantly to have them 3/20. However, we slacked off again, and with our bowling limited by injury and unavailability, we couldn't maintain the pressure necessary to dismiss Gordon cheaply. Mark Connellan in taking 7/88 bowled brilliantly. Picture a team with 9 wickets standing and two hours to bat. Now picture them in the pub just over an hour later. Such was the story of our batting.

5. Southern Districts 2 (dec)-246 d. Balmain 72.

Only two of our regular players were available for this match against possibly the best team we played. We were outclassed on another sweltering day, the two high points of which were (i) their declaration, and (ii) the apres-match ales at Cabramatta Leagues Club.

Credits: \* To Gordon on winning the Telegraph Shield, our congratulations.  
 \* To Craig, for "managing" the XI, our thanks,  
 \* To Chris, for scoring, our thanks.

Peter Gray, Dave MacDonald.

#### SOCIAL REPORT

This season was one of the most active, socially speaking, that the Club has seen for many years. The main reason for this was the availability of the groundsman's cottage (renamed "Skip's Place") at the south eastern corner of No. 2 Oval for social functions after the game. At the completion of virtually all matches a barbecue was held there, with well over 50 people attending on nearly all occasions. The following Club members deserve the appreciation of all who attended for their work in organising these events: Damon Ridley, Jock Baird, James Rodgers, Peter Gannon, James Holgate, Bruce Druery and Greg Swords. I would especially like to thank Damon and Jock for their tireless efforts throughout the season.

Another big function was the Annual Dinner which attracted just over 100 members and friends; all present are likely to remember that evening for a long time, not the least being guest speaker Bill O'Reilly! Other functions included the Selection Night Barbecue and the Christmas Party, the latter drawing together over 150 merry-makers. Social functions were also held for various special games including the 3-day I.V. matches against Tasmania and Macquarie in January, and the matches against the Midlands Cricket Conference and Cricket Club of India.

Mark Sewell

On 7th February, 1977 a special dinner was held in the Cricketers Club of NSW for players who played with the Club prior to 1930. The dinner was arranged by James Rodgers and Damon Ridley to assist in their researches towards the history of the Club.

Some current Club players thus had the unique opportunity of meeting personally those who had contributed so much to the Club in its "Golden Years" and who hitherto had been familiar merely as names in the records. In all fifteen former players attended including Colin Crichton-Smith, Dr. Jim Garner, Dr. Reg Gostelow, Sir Ronald Grieve, Sir George Halliday, Dr. Alex Johnson, Dr. Bristow Johnson, "Butts" Lamport, Alec Kirkpatrick, Jack Mould, Fergus Munro, Dr. "Juja" Rock, Dr. Alec Ross, Ben Salmon and Jim Sullivan. Others who played at that time and who were contacted, but who were unable to attend included R. Bardsley, I.M. Edwards, N.H. Bowen, C.H. Lawes, B.M. Riley, B.W. Riley, K.W. Asprey, S.H. Lovell, M.B. Hesslein, B. Bryant, T.R. Street, J.L.K. Williams, F.E. McEhane and E.L. Trennery.

Stories were abundant! There was Sir Ronald Grieve narrating in detail the magnificent catch which Jim Sullivan took to dismiss the last Waverley batsman in 1919 and so record their second tied match of the season; Colin Crichton-Smith recalled that day at Manly when Alec Ross scored 201 in an afternoon when nearly 600 runs were scored; "Juja" mentioned the antics of their touring teams, especially to Singleton when they used to have competitions for putting out the gas street lights in...most unorthodox...fashion; Jim Sullivan and Reg Gostelow relived the 'innings' of Jim Bogle who was dropped "after scoring the worst century in Sheffield Shield cricket" ....some of us would dearly love to have such a label!

Whilst there was some disagreement over the ability of some players, there was no disagreement over the enormous contribution that "Juja" made to University cricket. In successive seasons, when, incidentally, fewer matches were played than today, "Juja" scored 570, 533, 613, 713, 547, and 656 runs. In his final season in 1925-26 when he played only infrequently owing to final examinations he scored 267 runs totalling 3899 altogether at an average of 44.3. And all these runs to a man who suffered severe injuries to his legs in World War 1 and who because of the injuries was essentially restricted to scoring runs - at a furious pace - on the off-side! As mentioned elsewhere in this report "Juja" holds the highest average for any player in Sheffield Shield cricket, and amongst many others has the distinction of scoring the first run, the first century and the first double century on the current score-board at the SCG!

Opinions varied as to why University cricket does not feature so prominently in grade cricket now but a section of a letter written recently to me by "Mick" Bardsley merits repeating:

"Unless there is absolute keenness, studied practice, a competent cricketer will never arrive. Coaching will not make a player. It may help in some ways, but it is for the player himself to persevere, study the champion's fundamental methods and keep practicing with purpose."

It was an evening of nostalgia. Our thanks and best wishes go to those who attended and those who were unable to attend.

Damon Ridley

CLUB RECORDS

Since the first edition of these records in the 1974-75 Annual Report, many corrections and additions have been ascertained. Some of these appeared in last year's report and many more now appear. This has been made possible not only by uncovering further Reports from past years, but also by delving into the newspapers of past years.

Whilst these records are now believed to be accurate it is possible that errors still exist and readers who have information or material which could be of assistance are asked to contact the self-appointed historian, James Rodgers, at

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From l. to r. Dr. H.O.Rock, J.F.Rodgers and Dr.J.V.Garner at special dinner for past players of the Club held on 7th February, 1977



Dr.A.W.Ross (left) and Mr.W.A.South at special dinner for past players, 7.2.77

CAREER RECORDS OF CURRENT PLAYERS (Grade and Poidvein-Gray matches)

	Year Started	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave	Wkts	Runs	Ave
D.Allchin	1975	38	14	44	241	10.0	68	1094	16.1
P.Anderson	1966	106	7	88	1950	19.7	8	177	22.1
P.Apostolopoulos*	1976	7	0	32	83	11.9	8	86	10.8
P.Armitage	1975	16	8	11	47	5.9	67	1151	17.2
A.Baigent	1971	85	28	17	237	4.2	216	3444	15.9
J.Baird	1972	63	25	25*	365	9.6	223	3746	16.8
P.Baird	1975	61	5	55*	787	14.1	-	-	-
S.Best*	1976	13	0	52	157	12.1	13	115	8.9
L.Bott	1973	46	10	117*	1043	28.9	14	169	12.1
N.Bull*	1976	7	0	8	35	5.0	-	-	-
J.Calder*	1976	2	1	1	1	0.5	7	59	8.4
S.Clough*	1976	2	0	66	83	41.5	-	-	-
B.Collins	1967	183	9	113	3895	22.4	52	614	11.8
M.Connellan*	1975	21	4	40	184	10.8	41	765	18.7
D.Connolly*	1975	18	3	19	130	8.7	1	4	4.0
M.Cordato*	1976	11	3	26	107	13.4	23	221	9.6
A.Crompton	1961	257	23	156	4643	19.8	1	37	37.0
J.Darling	1976	7	1	37	138	23.0	-	38	-
R.Darling*	1973	27	3	25	172	7.2	74	813	10.9
A.deCarvalho	1976	18	2	29	152	8.9	2	23	11.5
D.Dellamarta*	1977	7	0	53	107	15.3	-	-	-
C.Dennis	1975	15	3	114	294	24.5	1	1	1.0
B.Druery	1967	139	27	80	1524	13.6	241	3073	12.8
D.Dwyer	1971	33	3	133	606	20.2	-	28	-
C.Elder	1975	30	5	67*	353	14.1	34	914	26.9
J.Emmett	1969	87	7	101*	1503	18.8	-	72	-
I.Fisher	1969	154	19	136	4403	32.6	15	493	32.9
N.Fisk*	1975	4	1	18	24	8.0	-	-	-
M.Forbes	1975	31	6	54	315	12.6	86	1063	12.4
J.Ford*	1976	10	1	11	30	3.3	-	-	-
N.Gamble	1975	20	8	10	45	3.8	29	634	21.9
P.Gannon	1969	175	11	60*	2355	14.4	3	139	46.3
G.Gibson*	1976	5	0	56	90	18.0	-	-	-
P.Gibson*	1975	23	1	53	347	15.8	3	36	12.0
S.Glenday	1976	21	7	56	195	13.9	56	680	12.1
J.Goncalves	1975	34	6	66*	480	17.1	62	747	12.1
I.Grant	1972	48	12	103*	291	8.1	125	2286	18.3
S.Grant	1970	54	11	24	225	5.2	159	2775	17.5
A.Grattan-Smith	1975	32	1	39	292	9.4	1	11	11.0
W.Grave	1975	17	6	31*	87	7.9	41	685	16.7
P.Gray	1973	22	2	136*	466	23.3	-	-	-
P.Gresham*	1972	60	3	51	771	13.5	28	365	13.1
A.Haymet	1976	20	0	43	244	12.2	-	-	-
P.Hepburn	1976	11	5	7	22	3.7	25	433	17.3
M.Hewett*	1968	123	33	25	797	8.9	-	16	-
J.Holgate	1972	81	4	79	866	11.2	183	2381	13.0
A.Hoop	1972	62	10	86	938	18.0	1	27	27.0
N.Hughes*	1976	17	1	21	103	6.4	16	229	14.3
R.Irvine	1976	8	1	79	126	18.0	-	-	-
P.James	1967	140	29	109*	2093	18.9	333	7277	21.9
T.Jenkins	1974	67	9	113*	1596	27.5	-	15	-
S.Judd	1975	23	2	105*	416	19.8	-	-	-

	Year	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave	Wkts	Runs	Ave	52.
G. Keighran	1975	57	11	90	954	20.7	118	1404	11.9	
P. Kell	1974	66	5	113	1248	20.5	13	265	20.4	
G. Kemister*	1976						11	123	11.2	
D. Kenworthy*	1976	3	0	80	103	34.7	-	-	-	
J. L'Estrange	1975	36	5	82	785	25.3	-	-	-	
W. Levy	1974	51	7	101*	912	20.7	1	16	16.0	
E. Lieversz	1974	41	4	92	784	21.2	1	15	15.0	
K. Liley*	1975	4	1	7*	13	4.3	14	170	12.1	
R. Luff	1974	40	4	104*	686	19.1	-	-	-	
M. Lynch*	1976	8	0	14	60	7.5	-	-	-	
A. MacDonald*	1973	22	4	41	235	13.2	9	136	15.1	
D. MacDonald*	1973	32	5	19	137	5.1	57	790	13.9	
D. McInnes	1968	60	2	70	1272	21.9	2	62	31.0	
A. McMinn	1975	19	7	36*	175	14.6	40	879	21.9	
G. McNally	1975	24	5	41	223	11.7	9	158	17.6	
C. McRae	1971	84	23	45*	624	10.2	231	3324	14.4	
P. MacKay	1971	50	6	100*	997	22.7	6	121	20.2	
G. Maddocks	1974	69	4	82	1155	17.8	1	18	18.0	
J. Malicki*	1969	110	11	83	1563	15.8	155	2434	15.7	
G. Manning	1976	12	4	10*	25	3.1	19	199	10.5	
A. Merritt	1976	3	1	4*	5	2.5	-	24	-	
D. Morgan	1975	35	1	65	490	14.4	-	-	-	
G. Morgan	1975	9	1	10	38	4.8	7	168	24.0	
M. Mulcahy	1976	2	1	47*	57	57.0	-	-	-	
M. O'Connell	1975	17	1	35	166	10.4	2	49	24.5	
J. O'Sullivan	1976	16	1	83	363	24.2	8	220	27.5	
M. O'Sullivan	1968	126	59	38	1000	14.9	350	6615	18.9	
P. Palesy*	1974	27	3	67	422	17.6	4	107	26.8	
G. Parker	1973	77	7	106*	1353	19.3	64	1450	22.7	
R. Parker	1975	26	3	79*	444	19.3	16	534	33.4	
M. Perry	1975	31	8	91*	537	23.3	64	1144	17.9	
P. Phillips*	1976	5	1	38*	38	9.5	-	-	-	
G. Pike	1969	113	29	65	794	9.5	273	5357	19.6	
D. Ransom	1974	43	5	51	393	10.3	70	989	11.3	
D. Ridley	1972	92	12	72	1269	15.9	2	14	7.0	
P. Riordan*	1971	37	7	68	385	12.8	4	27	6.8	
C. Rodger*	1974	45	5	61*	677	16.9	-	19	-	
J. Rodgers	1972	76	37	26*	228	5.8	157	2562	16.3	
P. Royle	1975	25	6	32	170	8.9	-	-	-	
R. Salmon	1977	2	0	4	6	3.0	1	9	9.0	
M. Schwartz*	1975	27	0	76	245	9.1	7	116	16.6	
L. Schwartzkoff	1970	96	18	76	1497	19.2	2	55	27.5	
W. Sears*	1975	8	1	17	44	6.3	-	-	-	
M. Sewell	1973	78	6	87	1067	14.8	5	79	15.8	
M. Sinclair	1975	19	2	57	327	19.2	-	4	-	
C. Smoker	1968	92	13	121*	1667	21.1	30	786	26.2	
J. Spence*	1970	59	9	44*	515	10.3	35	434	12.4	
P. Stewart	1976	4	0	12	18	4.5	-	-	-	
C. Still*	1976	2	0	2	2	1.0	3	50	16.8	
G. Swords	1971	68	20	49*	473	9.9	113	1214	10.7	
P. Tankard	1976	9	3	15	52	8.7	-	-	-	
R. Thomas	1966	165	15	132	2969	19.8	4	93	23.3	

	Year	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave	Wkts	Runs	Ave
M. Thompson	1971	119	18	86	2279	22.6	4	77	19.3
R. Thomson*	1976	16	1	45	129	8.6	22	176	8.0
D. Tudehope*	1973	8	0	64	121	15.1	5	138	27.6
J. Uebel*	1975	16	2	102*	271	19.4	-	-	-
P. Walker*	1976	5	1	21	60	15.0	-	-	-
J. Wall	1975	13	3	14	60	6.0	-	-	-
S. Ward	1974	62	8	82	1356	25.1	1	33	33.0
J. Watts	1968	75	11	108*	1679	26.2	64	1241	19.4
R. Wilkinson	1976	23	1	109	385	17.5	31	437	14.1
C. Williams	1973	37	6	45	387	12.5	-	-	-
S. Williams	1976	3	0	45	57	19.0	5	105	21.0
G. Wilson	1971	94	4	104	2030	22.6	2	92	46.0
M. Wilson	1975	25	1	73	519	21.6	50	747	14.9
R. Woodhouse	1970	120	7	79	1638	14.5	126	2582	20.5

LEADING PRESENT DAY PLAYERS

BATTING (min 1500 runs)

	Runs	Ave
A. Crompton	4643	19.8
I. Fisher	4403	32.6
B. Collins	3895	22.4
R. Thomas	2969	19.8
P. Gannon	2355	14.4
M. Thompson	2279	22.6
P. James	2093	18.9
G. Wilson	2030	22.6
P. Anderson	1950	19.7
J. Watts	1679	26.2
C. Smoker	1667	21.1
R. Woodhouse	1638	14.5
T. Jenkins	1596	27.5
J. Malicki	1563	15.8
B. Druery	1524	13.6
J. Emmett	1503	18.8

BOWLING (min 100 wkts)

	Wkts	Ave
M. O'Sullivan	350	18.9
P. James	333	21.9
G. Pike	273	19.6
B. Druery	241	12.8
C. McRae	231	14.4
J. Baird	223	16.8
A. Baigent	216	15.9
J. Holgate	183	13.0
S. Grant	159	17.5
J. Rodgers	157	16.3
J. Malicki	155	15.7
R. Woodhouse	126	20.5
I. Grant	125	18.3
G. Keighran	118	11.9
G. Swords	113	10.7

## 1. CLUB RECORDS

Club Championship: Runners-Up: 1962-63, 1963-64

Club Partnership Records:

1st Wicket:	212	E.F.Waddy & F.C.Rogers	(1st Grade vs Cumberland)	1904-05
2nd Wicket:	232	H.O.Rock & J.M.Taylor	(1st Grade vs Nth.Sydney)	1923-24
3rd Wicket:	291	J.M.Taylor & J.V.Garner	(1st Grade vs Waverley)	1923-24
4th Wicket:	229	J.V.Garner & O.E.Nothing	(1st Grade vs Manly)	1923-24
5th Wicket:	307	R.C.M.Boyce & L.C.Donovan	(1st Grade vs Cumberland)	1919-20
6th Wicket:	153*	J.Christie & I.Grant	(5th Grade vs Nth.Sydney)	1973-74
7th Wicket:	150*	B.W.Collins & R.Thomas	(2nd Grade vs Gordon)	1976-77
8th Wicket:	179	H.H.Massie & A.D.Watson	(1st Grade vs Petersham)	1909-10
9th Wicket:	153	S.Ruff & P.V.James	(2nd Grade vs Nth.Sydney)	1968-69
10th Wicket:	106	R.G.O.Harris & J.Jagelman	(1st Grade vs St. George)	1925-26

Note: In the 1898-99 season University 1sts (playing in the 2nd Grade competition) were 9-208 (A.I.Blue 39\*, W.D.Cargill 21\*) at the end of the first day. On the second day they were dismissed for 302 (Blue 71, Cargill 83\*). This almost certainly constitutes a record for the 10th wicket, but apart from the above no further information is available.

Most runs in a season: J.Bogle 1090 (ave 83.8) 1st Grade 1918-19

Highest Average: L.O.S.Poidevin 103.7 (311 runs) 1st Grade 1896-97

Most Wickets in a season: J.Baird 78 (ave 10.8) (14 in 1st Grade, 40 in 2nd Grade  
24 in Poidevin-Gray competition) 1975-76

Highest Individual Score: J.M.Taylor 253 vs Waverley 1st Grade 1923-24

Best Bowling: C.Alderdice 10-63 vs St. George 2nd Grade 1939-40

Double Centuries:

J.M.Taylor	253	vs Waverley	1st Grade	1923-24
A.D.Forbes	221	vs Randwick	3rd Grade	1909-10
C.J.Tozer	211	vs Redfern	2nd Grade	1910-11
J.V.Garner	209	vs Manly	1st Grade	1923-24
W.H.Gregson	207	vs Waverley	1st Grade	1900-01
R.Turner	201*	vs Marrickville	2nd Grade	1935-36
A.Low	201*	vs St. George	2nd Grade	1958-59
A.W.Ross	201	vs Manly	1st Grade	1926-27

Most Wickets in a Match:

C.I.M.McRae	14-45	vs Petersham	3rd Grade	1973-74
W.F.Matthews	14-75	vs Randwick	2nd Grade	1907-08
J.Farrar	14-106	vs Mosman	2nd Grade	1912-13
S.G.Webb	13-70	vs Glebe	2nd Grade	1922-23
R.J.A.Massie	13-80	vs Sydney	1st Grade	1913-14
N.W.Broughton	13-95	vs Paddington	2nd Grade	1913-14
R.J.A.Massie	13-96	vs Nth.Sydney	1st Grade	1913-14

Most Wickets in an Innings:

C.Alderdice	10-63	vs St. George	2nd Grade	1939=40
O.E.Nothing	9-15	vs Marrickville	1st Grade	1925-26
R.Hudson	9-22	vs Glebe	2nd Grade	1943-44
M.O'Sullivan	9-25	vs Randwick	2nd Grade	1971-72
S.Ruff	9-31	vs Randwick	3rd Grade	1968-69
S.Grant	9-41	vs UNSW	2nd Grade	1974-75
D.Carney	9-44	vs Manly	3rd Grade	1951-52
D.Hanlin	9-51	vs Petersham	1st Grade	1947-48
D.McDonald	9-55	vs D.Rovers	7th Grade	1975-76
H.C.Delohery	9-64	vs Nth.Sydney	1st Grade	1898-99
S.G.Webb	9-78	vs Waverley	2nd Grade	1922-23

## UNIVERSITY PLAYERS WHO HAVE PLAYED TEST CRICKET:

R.C.Allen	vs England	1887	R.B.Minnett	vs England	1911-12
T.W.Garrett	vs England	1876-1887		vs Sth.Africa	1912
S.P.Jones	vs England	1881-1887	O.E.Nothing	vs England	1928-29
H.H.Massie	vs England	1881-1884	R.J.Pope	vs England	1884
T.R.McKibbon	vs England	1894-97	J.M.Taylor	vs England	1920-26
				vs Sth.Africa	1921

## UNIVERSITY PLAYERS WHO HAVE PLAYED FIRST CLASS CRICKET:

R.C.Allen	T.W.Garrett	O.E.Nothing
E.P.Barbour	N.M.Gregg	T.G.Parsonage
R.Bardsley	D.Hanlin	M.Pawley*
J.Bogle	G.C.Hogg (12th man only)	A.P.Penman
R.C.M.Boyce (capt NSW)	J.E.P.Hogg (capt Qld)	L.O.S.Poidevin
T.Boyd*	S.P.Jones	R.J.Pope
C.R.Campling	J.B.Lane	H.O.Rock
G.R.C.Clarke	C.H.Lawes	B.Salmon*
B.A.Cooper	F.E.McElhone	W.J.Stack
J.Cope (12th man only)	H.H.Massie (snr)	J.M.Taylor
R.Cristofani*	R.J.A.Massie	C.J.Tozer
H.M.Faithfull	A.D.Mayes	E.Trennery
F.M.Farrar (snr)	T.R.McKibbon	E.F.Waddy
A.D.Fisher	R.B.Minnett	A.B.S.White*

\* Not while playing with University

## CLUB TROPHY WINNERS

## Captain John Morris Memorial Trophy:

1975-76	D.D.Ridley
1976-77	J.Baird

## Best and Fairest Competition:

1974-75	1st I.Wolfe	2nd	I.Fisher	3rd	M.O'Sullivan & S.Ward
1975-76	J.Goncalves		J.Watts		W.Grave
1976-77	B.Collins		M.Wilson		M.Perry

## Incentive Scheme

	1st	2nd	3rd
1969-70	A.Jakes	R.McLeod	R.Lee
1970-71	I.Fisher	A.Jakes	B.Druery
1971-72	A.Jakes	P.James	T.Buddin
1972-73	A.Richmond	C.McRae	R.Murrell & A.Crompton
1973-74	P.James	C.McRae	G.Keighran
1974-75	I.Wolfe	J.Holgate	J.White
1975-76	J.Watts	J.Goncalves	(not awarded)
1976-77	B.Collins	M.Wilson	" "

FIRST GRADE RECORDS

Premiers: 1898-99 (2nd Grade competition), 1900-01 (2nd Grade competition)  
1909-10, 1911-12, 1913-14.

Runners-up: 1912-13, 1923-24, 1924-25, 1929-30

Semi-finalists: 1956-57

Encouragement Award: 1971-72

Most runs in season:	J.Bogle	1090 (ave 83.8)	1918-19
Highest Average:	L.O.S.Poidevin	103.7 (311 runs)	1896-97
Most Wickets in season:	R.J.A.Massie	69 (ave 10.4)	1913-14
Best Average:	R.J.A.Massie	10.4 (69 wkts)	1913-14
Highest Individual Score:	J.M.Taylor	253 vs Waverley	1923-24
Best Bowling in an Innings:	O.E.Nothing	9-15 vs Marrickville	1925-26
Best Bowling in Match:	R.J.A.Massie	13-80 vs Sydney	1913-14
Best Allround Performance:	J.V.Garner	766 runs @ 54.7 41 wkts @ 19.8	1923-24

## HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS:

1st Wicket:	212	E.F.Waddy & F.C.Rogers	vs Cumberland	1904-05
2nd Wicket:	232	H.O.Rock & J.M.Taylor	vs Nth.Sydney	1923-24
3rd Wicket:	291	J.M.Taylor & J.V.Garner	vs Waverley	1923-24
4th Wicket:	229	J.V.Garner & O.E.Nothing	vs Manly	1923-24
5th Wicket:	307	R.C.M.Boyce & L.C.Donovan	vs Cumberland	1919-20
6th Wicket:	144	J.M.Taylor & R.Stanley	vs Glebe	1924-25
7th Wicket:	140	R.B.Minnett & C.J.Tozer	vs Paddington	1910-11
8th Wicket:	179	H.H.Massie & A.D.Watson	vs Petersham	1909-10
9th Wicket:	97	P.Molloy & J.Newman	vs N.District	1946-47
10th Wicket: #	106	R.G.O.Harris & J.Jagelman	vs St. George	1925-26

# See note above under Club partnership records.

## HIGHEST INTERVARSITY PARTNERSHIPS:

1st Wicket:	249	W.A.Shortland & H.C.M.Delohery	vs Melbourne	1898
3rd Wicket:	294	C.J.Tozer & F.M.Farrar	vs Melbourne	1913
4th Wicket:	239	E.F.Waddy & R.F.Harvey	vs Melbourne	1905
9th Wicket:	232	F.E.McElhone & C.V.Single	vs Melbourne	1910

## CENTURY ON DEBUT IN 1st GRADE

J.M.Taylor	141*	vs Randwick	1922-23
G.C.Hogg	125*	vs Cumberland	1926-27

## CENTURY OPENING PARTNERSHIP IN EACH INNINGS OF SAME MATCH

R.Bardsley & E.F.Rofe:	102 and 100	vs Middle Harbour	1915-16
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## 500 RUNS IN 1st GRADE IN ONE SEASON

1090	J.Bogle	1918-19	613	H.O.Rock	1921-22	537	I.E.Fisher	1974-75
961	J.M.Taylor	1923-24	606	J.Erby	1964-65	533	E.P.Barbour	1910-11
851	I.E.Fisher	1970-71	604	R.Bardsley	1920-21	533	H.O.Rock	1920-21
842	C.J.Tozer	1913-14	599	T.Parsonage	1930-31	528	O.E.Nothing	1923-24
800	J.Hellmrich	1930-31	596	B.Dwyer	1946-47	528	W.A.South	1938-39
778	E.P.Barbour	1912-13	595	A.B.S.White	1898-99*	527	R.Shand	1966-67
766	J.V.Garner	1923-24	577	N.G.Falk	1934-35	524	T.W.Garrett	1894-95
713	I.E.Fisher	1971-72	570	H.O.Rock	1919-20	523	F.Leventhal	1941-42
713	H.O.Rock	1922-23	566	C.J.Tozer	1910-11	514	J.M.Taylor	1922-23
694	W.H.Gregson	1900-01*	556	E.F.Waddy	1904-05	511	H.H.Massie	1909-10
673	J.E.P.Hogg	1929-30	555	E.P.Barbour	1914-15	510	J.Cope	1958-59
665	W.A.South	1941-42	555	A.W.Ross	1926-27	508	H.M.Stephen	1899-00*
656	H.O.Rock	1924-25	552	E.C.Heden	1901-02*	506	J.E.P.Hogg	1925-26
643	E.P.Barbour	1911-12	550	D.Scott-Orr	1956-57	504	J.M.Taylor	1924-25
638	J.E.P.Hogg	1926-27	548	E.P.Barbour	1913-14	503	L.Best	1915-16
631	A.Alderson	1951-52	548	J.E.P.Hogg	1927-28	502	E.Rofe	1923-24
625	A.Alderson	1952-53	547	R.Bardsley	1915-16			
624	R.C.M.Boyce	1919-20	547	H.O.Rock	1923-24			
620	T.W.Garrett	1888-89	539	I.E.Fisher	1975-76			

\* University 1st Grade playing in 2nd Grade competition.

## 50 WICKETS IN 1st GRADE IN ONE SEASON

69	R.J.A.Massie	1913-14	56	P.J.McSharry	1901-02*
65	P.V.James	1973-74	56	W.J.Stack	1912-13
64	S.Smith	1945-46	54	A.I.Blue	1900-01*
61	E.Trennery	1919-20	51	P.V.James	1971-72
60	S.Smith	1943-44	50	W.J.Stack	1911-12
59	S.Smith	1942-43	50	P.V.James	1969-70

\* University 1st Grade playing in 2nd Grade competition.

## HIGHEST TEAM TOTALS:

For:	512 (vs Gordon)	1914-15
Against:	3(dec) 585 (by Petersham)	1915-16; 7-571 (by Gordon) 1941-42

## LOWEST TEAM TOTALS:

For:	33 (vs St. George)	1898-99 (in 2nd Grade competition)
Against:	22 (by Cumberland)	1912-13

## MOST CENTURIES IN 1st GRADE

11 - E.P.Barbour 181 (vs Gordon, 1914-15); 153 (vs Sydney, 1910-11);  
143 (vs Redfern, 1912-13); 152 (vs Gordon, 1913-14);  
135\* (vs Burwood, 1912-13); 135 (vs Glebe, 1913-14);  
128\* (vs Petersham, 1910-11); 120 (vs Sydney, 1912-13);  
117 (vs Redfern, 1911-12); 109 (vs Glebe, 1911-12);  
103 (vs Nth.Sydney, 1914-15).

N.B. In successive innings in 1913 Eric Barbour scored 120, 31\*, 135\*, 143, 87,99

9 - H.O.Rock 161 (vs Glebe, 1922-23); 154 (vs Randwick, 1924-25);  
150 (vs Nth.Sydney, 1923-24); 144 (vs Petersham, 1924-25);  
133 (vs Balmain, 1925-26); 132 (vs Wests, 1924-25);  
126 (vs Nth.Sydney, 1919-20); 117 (vs Nth.Sydney, 1920-21);  
117 (vs Marrickville, 1921-22).

8 - I.E.Fisher 136 (vs Sutherland, 1976-77); 120 (vs St. George, 1972-73);  
119\* (vs Randwick, 1973-74);, 109 (vs Sydney, 1971-72);  
107 (vs Cumberland, 1970-71); 100\* (vs N.Districts, 1974-75);  
100 (vs Petersham, 1970-71); 100 (vs Cumberland, 1969-70).

7 - J.M.Taylor 253 (vs Waverley, 1923-24); 141\* (vs Randwick, 1922-23);  
123 (vs N.Districts, 1925-26); 118 (vs Nth.Sydney, 1923-24);  
115 (vs Glebe, 1924-25); 110 (vs Petersham, 1923-24);  
104 (vs Wests, 1923-24).

## FIRST GRADE CAREER RECORDS (1st Grade competition matches only).

(Accurate details of 19th Century players not available)

		Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave
I.E.Fisher	1969-77	154	19	136	4403	32.6
H.O.Rock	1919-26	95	7	161	3899	44.3
A.B.Crompton	1961-77	199	17	109	3335	18.3
E.P.Barbour	1909-15	59	7	181	3086	59.3
A.Alderson	1951-66	96	28	139	2991	43.9
J.Hellmrick	1930-37	113	11	124	2974	29.2
K.H.Sheffield	1949-61	146	22	121*	2919	23.5
J.E.P.Hogg	1924-30	77	7	150	2894	41.3
R.Bardsley	1914-22	85	10	112	2677	35.7
L.C.Best	1914-21	107	13	169*	2593	27.6
W.A.South	1937-43	115	13	106	2561	25.1
G.C.Hogg	1926-33	85	7	145	2539	32.6
B.Dwyer	1943-49	91	5	124	2452	28.5
J.Erby	1959-69	107	8	90	2440	24.7
J.B.Lane	1904-13	96	10	126	2298	26.7
R.B.Minnett	1906-15	80	10	123	2289	32.7
J.M.Taylor	1922-26	41	4	253	2231	60.3
D.Scott-Orr	1952-59	100	4	118	2210	23.0
C.J.Tozer	1909-14	51	11	166*	2092	52.3
F.E.McElhone	1905-13	89	9	148	2053	25.7
J.Bogle	1916-20	62	12	158*	1962	39.2
G.Wilson	1971-77	99	3	104	1881	19.6
P.V.James	1968-77	125	24	109*	1853	18.3

E.F. Rofe	1915-24	84	11	118	1823	24.9
J.W. Chapman	1933-40	80	12	112*	1754	25.8
B.J. Smith	1928-36	83	9	144	1729	23.4
N. Falk	1932-36	56	8	125*	1718	35.8
F. Leventhal ##	1939-44	88	1	101	1715	19.7
F.M. Farrar	1939-46	102	0	71	1692	16.6
A.W. Ross	1924-30	69	14	201	1680	30.6
O.E. Nothling	1921-26	50	8	132*	1654	39.4
J.V. Garner	1920-26	68	11	209	1638	28.7
P. Hall	1953-58	74	4	95	1527	21.8

## Bowling

		wkts	runs	ave
P.V. James	1968-77	293	6555	22.4
W.J. Stack	1905-15	269	5103	18.9
S. Smith	1941-46	241		
M. Pawley	1962-68	231	4358	18.9
M. O'Sullivan	1969-77	215	4369	20.3
R.B. Minnett	1906-15	200	3687	18.4
D. Hanlin	1947-52	197	3140	15.9
J.V. Garner	1920-26	186	3567	19.2
R.J. A. Massie	1910-14	166	2289	13.8
G.H. Pike	1971-77	161	3317	20.6
O.E. Nothling	1921-26	158	2399	15.2
W. Armstrong	1960-69	155		
D.G. Fox	1957-66	147	3547	24.1
J.A.H. Jeffrey	1938-43	135	2797	20.7
D. Walker	1953-58	131	3294	25.1
B.J. Smith	1928-36	118	3392	28.8
L.C. Best	1914-21	117	2904	24.8
F. Stening ***	1955-60	110	2186	19.9
J.W. Chapman	1933-40	108	2622	24.3
A.D. Fisher	1901-07	107	2352	21.9
E.L. Trennery	1917-20	106	2089	19.7
F. Ring	1942-45	103		
A.C. Yates	1916-22	103	2652	25.8
C.H. Lawes	1918-23	100	2341	23.4

## Fielding and wicketkeeping

Most dismissals in a season: A.B. Crompton 46 (39 catches, 7 stumpings) 1973-74  
 J. Madgwick 36 (21 catches, 15 stumpings) 1965-66  
 Most dismissals in career: A.B. Crompton 253 (215 catches, 38 stumpings) 1961-77

## J.H. Everett	1955-67	97	9	98	1715	19.5
*** I. Thew	1950-54	110			2230	20.3
T.G. Parsonage	1930-34	109			2217	20.3

SECOND GRADE RECORDS

Premiers: 1911-12, 1962-63, 1963-64, 1964-65.

Runners-up: 1907-08, 1909-10.

Semi-finalists: 1960-61, 1961-62, 1971-72.

Most runs in season:	R.H.Storey	679 (ave 45.3)	1968-69
Highest average:	O.E.Nothing	133.3 (400 runs)	1921-22
Most wickets in season:	I.Wolfe	69 (ave 14.0)	1974-75
Best Average:	O.E.Nothing	6.3	1920-21
Highest Individual Score:	C.J.Tozer	211 (vs Redfern)	1910-11
Best Bowling in an Innings:	C.Alderdice	10-63 (vs St. George)	1939-40
Best Bowling in a Match:	W.F.Matthews	14 for 75 (vs Randwick)	1907-08
Best All-round Performance:	J.H.Everett	650 runs @ 38.2 42 wkts @ 13.8	1965-66

HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS:

1st Wicket:	210	M.Ives & A.Low	vs Balmain	1959-60
2nd Wicket:	154	W.Caisley & R.Grant	vs Bankstown	1962-63
3rd Wicket:	152	D.Hill & M.Thompson	vs Bankstown	1974-75
4th Wicket:	193	R.Shand & A.Low	vs Bankstown (semi)	1963-64
5th Wicket:	148	R.H.Storey & R.J.Thomas	vs Petersham	1968-69
6th Wicket:	139	A.B.Crompton & I.McCristal	Mosman	1962-63
7th Wicket:	150*	B.W.Collins & R.J.Thomas	vs Gordon	1976-77
8th Wicket:	95	R.H.Storey & A.Betts	vs Mosman	1968-69
9th Wicket:	153	S.Ruff & P.V.James	vs Nth.Sydney	1968-69
10th Wicket:	90*	A.Low & R.Mulready	vs Nth.Sydney	1962-63

500 RUNS IN 2nd GRADE IN ONE SEASON

679	R.H.Storey	1968-69	650	J.Everett	1965-66	512	I.W.Foulsham	1973-74
672	R.C.M.Boyce	1912-13	630	R.C.M.Boyce	1910-11	503	R.Turner	1935-36
664	R.Shand	1963-64	554	J.H.Everett	1963-64	502	E.LeCouteur	1969-70

50 WICKETS IN 2nd GRADE IN ONE SEASON

69	I.Wolfe	1974-75	51	A.Betts	1968-69
51	N.W.Broughton	1911-12	50	J.P.Flattery	1919-20

MOST CENTURIES IN 2nd GRADE

5 - R.C.M.Boyce	145* (1912-13); 124 (1910-11); 124 (1912-13); 106 (1910-11); 102 (1910-11).
4 - J.Everett	147* (1963-64); 102 (1960-61); 101* (1954-55); 100 (1964-65).
4 - B.W.Collins	113 (1973-74); 104 (1968-69); 103 (1972-73); 101* (1976-77).
3 - A.Low	201* (1958-59); 184 (1963-64); 104 (1959-60).

THIRD GRADE RECORDS

Minor Premiers: 1975-76  
 Runners-up: 1951-52, 1974-75  
 Semi-finalists: 1962-63, 1963-64  
 Encouragement Award: 1973-74

Most runs in a season:	V. Golden	528 (ave 48.0)	1939-40
Highest Average:	M. Tonkin	68.0 (272 runs)	1968-69
Most wickets in a season:	Dick Cotton	54 (ave 11.7)	1966-67
Best average:	G. Pike	7.3 (17 wkts)	1969-70
Highest Individual Score:	A. D. Forbes	221 (vs Randwick)	1909-10
Best Bowling in an Innings:	S. Ruff	9-31 (vs Randwick)	1968-69
Best Bowling in a Match:	C. McRae	14-45 (vs Petersham)	1973-74

## HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS (details available only since 1960)

1st Wicket:	150	D. Scanlan & A. McMahon	vs Glebe	1962-63
2nd Wicket:	115	D. Foley & E. Noble	vs -	1962-63
3rd Wicket:	121	D. Ridley & G. Parker	vs N. District	1975-76 (semi)
4th Wicket:	151	F. Wagner & D. Clarke	vs Glebe	1961-62
5th Wicket:	138	L. Bott & R. Woodhouse	vs St. George	1973-74
6th Wicket:	139	J. Davis & L. Williams	vs N. District	1965-66
7th Wicket:	121	A. Dietsch & R. Richards	vs Paddington	1963-64
8th Wicket:	88	L. Williams & P. Collins	vs Bankstown	1967-68
9th Wicket:	55	M. L' Estrange & J. Rodgers	vs Nth Sydney	1974-75
10th Wicket:	57	H. Anderson & G. Waugh	vs Gordon	1963-64

## MOST CENTURIES IN 3rd GRADE

3 - K. W. Asprey	117 (1923-24); 116 (1923-24); 131 (1924-25)
2 - A. D. Watson	169 (1908-09); 103 (1908-09).
2 - N. Corkhill	137* (1956-57); 109 (1957-58).
2 - A. McMahon	155* (1964-65); 100* (1962-63).
2 - I. W. Foulsham	117 (1965-66); 101* (1966-67).

## FOURTH GRADE RECORDS

62.

PREMIERS: 1976-77

SEMI-FINALISTS: 1963-64, 1971-72, 1974-75

Most runs in a season:	J.Watts	565	(ave 43.5)	1975-76
Highest Average:	R.Scamps	119.0	(238 runs)	1965-66
Most wickets in a season:	A.Jakes	76	(ave 9.8)	1969-70
Best Average:	A.Smythe	3.6	(16 wkts)	1950-51
Highest Individual Score:	K.Sheffield	134	n.o.	1948-49
Best Bowling:	A.Smythe	8-19	(vs Gordon)	1950-51

## HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS:

1st Wicket	167	R.Hunter & K.O'Connor	vs Nth. District	1974-75
2nd Wicket	191	R.Mangan & I.Tabrett	vs Mosman	1972-73
3rd Wicket	114	C.Smoker & M.Sewell	vs Nth.District	1975-76
4th Wicket	176	J.Mackie & L.Williams	vs Balmain	1965-66
5th Wicket	96	C.McLeod & G.Gee	vs Waverley	1972-73
6th Wicket	125	L.Schwartzkoff & J.Watts	vs Sutherland	1976-77
7th Wicket	102	L.Schwartzkoff & M.Wilson	vs Cumberland	1976-77
8th Wicket	99	P.Jeffrey & A.Clarke	vs Nth Sydney	1961-62
9th Wicket	108	R.Scamps & D.Cohen	vs Cumberland	1965-66
10th Wicket	55	J.Sullivan & G.J.Scahill	vs Paddington	1947-48

## Fourth Grade Centuries:

22 players have each scored one century in 4th Grade. The details of these centuries are in the 1975-76 Annual Report to which is added:

P.MacKay 100\* 1976-77

## FIFTH GRADE RECORDS

N.B. University's 5th Grade entered the NSWCA competition in 1969-70 and from 1974-75 have fielded two teams - 5A & 5B

SEMI-FINALISTS: 1974-75

Most runs in a season:	G.Smith	413	(ave 29.6)	1968-69
Highest Average:	G.Gulliver	213.0	(213 runs)	1969-70
Most wkts in a season:	J.Holgate	47	(ave 14.3)	1974-75
Best Average:	M.Forbes	3.8	(12 wkts)	1975-76
Highest Individual Score:	G.Hammer	153		1968-69
Best Bowling:	R.Scott	8-57	(vs Bankstown)	1969-70

## HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS:

1st Wicket	102	P.Gannon & A.Hoop	vs Mosman	1974-75
2nd Wicket	140	P.Kell & T.Clubb	vs Mosman	1974-75
3rd Wicket	76	J.Emmett & P.Havord	vs Sutherland	1973-74
4th Wicket	63	F.Williamson & R.Murrell	vs Mosman	1971-72
5th Wicket	127*	S.Judd & C.Hillman	vs St. George	1975-76
6th Wicket	153*	I.Grant & J.Christie	vs Nth.Sydney	1973-74
7th Wicket	102	M.Laing & D.Morrow	vs Manly B	1974-75
8th Wicket	75	R.White & J.Holgate	vs Syd Uni A	1974-75
9th Wicket	77	M.Connellan & J.Goncalves	Nth.Dist B	1976-77
10th Wicket	49	P.Palesy & J.Ford	vs St. George	1976-77

## Fifth Grade Centuries:

10 players have each scored one century in 5th Grade. They are listed in the 1975-76 Annual Report.

POIDEVIN-GRAY RECORDS

Runners-up: 1959-60

Most runs in a season:	D.Walkhom	361 (ave 72.2)	1938-39
Highest Average:	F.Farrar	88.7 (266 runs)	1939-40
Most wickets in a season:	J.Jeffrey	33 (ave 11.2)	1938-39
Best Average:	R.Lee	5.5 (12 wkts)	1969-70
Highest individual score:	D.Walkhom	175* (vs Nth.Syd)	1938-39
Best bowling:	G.Keighran	8-41 (vs Bankstown)	1973-74
Best all-round performance:	R.Lee	5-0-130-291-58.2 (ave) 12-66 - 5.5 (ave)	1969-70

HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS

1st Wicket:	178	W.Ward & D.Walkhom	vs Nth Sydney	1938-39
2nd Wicket:	94	R.Grant & F.Munro	vs Bankstown	1960-61
3rd Wicket:	116	P.Scanlan & R.Mesley	vs Sydney	1967-68
4th Wicket:	118	D.Clarke & P.Blazey	vs St. George	1962-63
5th Wicket:	124	T.Jenkins & M.Sinclair	vs Nth Sydney	1975-76
6th Wicket:	111*	G.Maddocks & A.McMinn	vs Sydney	1975-76
7th Wicket:	79	C.Rogers & M.Etheridge	vs Randwick	1964-65
8th Wicket:	43	T.Metherill & R.Cotton	vs Mosman	1965-66
9th Wicket:	91	S.Woodhouse & Ian McMinn	Nth District	1971-72
10th Wicket:	39	D.Low & G.Waugh	vs Waverley	1964-65

## Poidevin-Gray Centuries

D.Walkhom	175*	1938-39	D.Clarke	104	1962-63
D.Walkhom	132	1939-40	P.Scanlan	103	1964-65
F.Farrar	165	1939-40	R.Lee	130	1969-70
R.Clark	132	1939-40	R.Lee	116*	1970-71
C.Dezarnaulds	127	1952-53	E.Healey	103	1970-71
C.Pearson	101*	1954-55	C.Hood	108	1972-73
A.Cash	100	1957-58	T.Jenkins	100	1974-75
F.Munro	100*	1959-60	T.Jenkins	113*	1975-76

Errata:

Unfortunately there are the inevitable typing mistakes, but many are trivial and the real meaning is easily comprehended.

However the actual result in the Benson & Hedges competition (p.5) was University 5 frames to 2!

On p.7 second para. it is mentioned that Hugh Massie played for University. Some doubt now exists on this fact

P.8, 2nd last para. the 1st XI actually came 6th in 1934-35, but otherwise not in the first twelve for over a decade.



**Sydney University Cricket Club**



**ONE HUNDRED and THIRTEENTH  
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=====**Season 1977-78**=====

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th JUNE IN CHEMISTRY LECTURE THEATRE 2, CHEMISTRY SCHOOL, SYDNEY UNIVERSITY AT 7.30PM.

AGENDA:

- (i) Apologies
- (ii) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 22nd June, 1977
- (iii) Adoption of the Annual Report for the 1977-78 season
- (iv) Elections
  - (a) Patron
  - (b) President
  - (c) Vice Presidents
  - (d) Honorary Secretary
  - (e) Honorary Assistant Secretary
  - (f) Honorary Treasurer
  - (g) Two Delegates to NSWCA
  - (h) Two Delegates to SUSU
  - (i) One Delegate to City & Suburban CA
  - (j) One Delegate to Building and Grounds Committee
  - (k) Eight members of the General Committee at least 5 of whom shall be Undergraduates or Graduates proceeding to a higher degree.
- (v) Other business

M.F.Sewell  
Honorary Secretary.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Any Vice Presidents wishing to accompany the Official Party at a dinner at the University prior to the meeting are requested to contact Dr. Damon Ridley by Friday 23rd June. (Ph. Home 4988771).

## SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB

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Captains	1st Grade	G.R.Wilson
	2nd Grade	Dr.D.D.Ridley
	3rd Grade	B.Druery
	4th Grade	J.Holgate (to Dec, 1977), P.Gannon (from Dec, 1977)
	5th Grade A	J.Malicki
	5th Grade B	J.R.White
	7th Grade	J.Spence
	8th Grade	J.Fleming

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting this Annual Report for the 1977-78 season, a season which clearly has been a most successful one for the Club. The final position in the Club Championship was 5th, our highest for many years, while the 4ths and 5B's reached the semi-finals and the 2nds the final. It was unfortunate that after such a dry summer, rain at the end of the season should completely wash out all semi-finals, thereby eliminating our 4ths and 5B's, while the 2nds were sent in on a damp wicket in the final and suffered their first defeat for four months. Nevertheless, such setbacks cannot detract from the success of these sides, which were so ably led by Damon Ridley (2nds), Peter Gannon (4ths) and Julian White (5ths).

In looking at the reasons for our playing success this year, it is hard to overlook the part played by (i) the dedication shown to practice throughout the season, and (ii) the outstanding contribution of many young players. In this latter regard it is pleasing to note the performances of players such as Mark Burgess, Murray LeLievre, Phil Beale, Geoff Cooper and Michael Furlong - all of whom were playing their first season for the Club. So long as they (and others) maintain the approach to their cricket that they displayed during the past season, the future of the Club must be sound.

On the representative front this year, Geoff Pike appeared in the final of the State Cup and acquitted himself with distinction. Six undergraduates - Tom Jenkins, Jim L'Estrange, James Rodgers, Mark Wilson, Peter Baird and Chris McRae - gained selection for Zone B (combined Universities of Sydney, N.S.W., Wollongong and Macquarie) against Zone A (Newcastle, Queensland, James Cook, New England) in a three day match in Brisbane, whilst the first three also played in the Zones A/B vs C/D match at La Trobe. Tom Jenkins capped his outstanding undergraduate career with selection in the Australian Universities side that played against the touring New Zealand Universities in the Test in Newcastle. This followed his Blue for cricket in 1976-77.

The Club played intervarsity matches against the A.N.U., and Melbourne University during the season. Both were highly enjoyable three day games, ending in victory over the A.N.U. in Canberra but defeat by Melbourne in Sydney.

We were once again sponsored this year by Dunlop/Slazenger, whose interest in the Club is most welcome. Provision of items of cricket equipment from the Company along the lines of its initial sponsorship in 1976-77, is a gesture that we very much appreciate. I would particularly like to thank Ken Laffey, N.S.W. Promotions Manager, for arranging this sponsorship.

The Adams/Dwyer snooker tournament, conducted amongst the Grade clubs at the Cricketers Club of N.S.W. and sponsored by Benson and Hedges, was once again a great success this season. We were able to repeat our triumph of 1976-77 by defeating Balmain 5-2 in the final, after a series of tough preliminary matches. Congratulations to our team on its fine performance and our thanks to Les Carrington for managing the side.

Any review of the 1977-78 season would be incomplete without reference to the "Packer Circus." During the past year I have become increasingly aware of the fact that the S.U.C.C. is but one part of a vast, highly developed and integrated structure of cricket that extends from Test level right down to the most junior cricket. There are many activities involved - Tests, Sheffield Shield, Colts, U19 teams, weekly Club competitions, schoolboy and junior cricket, coaching, umpiring, administration etc. It is not only pertinent to point out that the "Packer Circus" contributes virtually nothing to this structure of cricket but also to consider the importance of all the outlined activities and the enormous amount of work required to conduct them. Consider, for example, the work involved from many different persons and organisations in staging even a Saturday afternoon Grade game. Moreover, it is only Tests, with their sponsorships, large attendances, advertising, television rights, that are really profitable, while even an activity such as Sydney Grade cricket has numerous and substantial costs. It is the profits from Test matches that go to subsidising the unprofitable but absolutely essential aspects of the game that must continue if it is to thrive and prosper. By "creaming off" some of the world's best cricketers, whose development has been a lengthy and costly process, the "Packer Circus" offers little, if anything, to the overall structure of cricket outlined above, while also threatening it to the extent that it competes directly with the game's major attraction - Test cricket.

Looking to the next season, the erection of synthetic practice wickets behind the H.K.Ward gymnasium offers the Club the opportunity to consider seriously the role of coaching and the optimum utilisation of practice time and facilities. This is an issue of major importance and one to which I hope the incoming committee gives its fullest attention.

This will be ever more important when a new structure of cricket emerges in Sydney next season - a structure that envisages the S.U.C.C. entering teams in not only Grades 1 to 5 as at present, but also two teams in a new sub-district competition that will replace the present Municipal and Shires Competition. This new structure provides the chance for the Club to further build up its strength, particularly by attracting more of the younger players who attend University but who do not play for us at present.

In conclusion, I thank two past secretaries of the Club, Damon Ridley and Alan Crompton for their advice and encouragement throughout the season; President Wal South and Treasurer Jock Baird; James Holgate, a most suitable and capable Social Secretary; James Rodgers for his work in many areas and the Committee and captains for their tireless efforts during the season. As well, I thank the staffs of the NSWCA and SUSU for their readiness to cooperate with the Club, despite heavy demands on their time from other areas.

Mark Sewell

Cricket, as we have previously known it in this country, has during the past year been torn asunder by the influx of World Series Cricket and the amendment by the N.S.W. Government of the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Act. Both of these have affected cricket at all levels, and it now seems impossible for any First Grade games to be played on the Sydney Cricket Ground as had been the practice in past years. This will have the effect of preventing a host of cricketers both present and future from fulfilling an ambition which must be sacred to most players in grade cricket - of playing on the hallowed turf of the historic Sydney Cricket Ground. It is sad to think that cricket in the season 1977-78 will be remembered more from the lengthy and costly litigation which has arisen than from the cricket which has been played.

The Sydney University Cricket Club has had quite a memorable year during which it achieved quite a modicum of success. Firstly the Club finished fifth in the Club Championship. This speaks well for the depth of players within the Club and augurs well for the future. The 1st Grade team finished 10th on 33 points which is quite a fair effort and, with a little bit of luck on a couple of occasions, could have finished a lot higher up. Most credit must go to the 2nd XI, captained and very ably led by Damon Ridley. This team participated in the final against the University of NSW. The weather for the final was not very kind to our lads and unfortunately, having lost the toss, we were sent in on a badly affected pitch with due results. However, you did your best fellas and congratulations to you all on a great team effort throughout the whole season. The 4ths and 5B's were also unlucky with the weather. Under the circumstances the 4ths were very reluctant to hand over to Randwick the Reid Cup which they had won in the previous year's competition. The 3rds finished well down and improvement is necessary and will be looked for in the new season. The 5A's, 7ths and 8ths had good seasons although they were disjointed at times owing to loss of players through examinations and vacations.

Congratulations to Mark Connellan, Tod Ritchie, John Emmett, Joe Goncalves, Leo Prendergast and Peter Havord for retaining the Adams/Dwyer trophy. The side is the pride and joy of that great scorer and stalwart Les Carrington who so ably trains and manages it. Our thanks also to the Benson & Hedges Company for their sponsorship of the event once again.

Congratulations are also extended to Jim L'Estrange, Tom Jenkins, James Rodgers, Mark Wilson, Peter Baird, Chris McRae and Geoff Pike who gained representative honours.

The 1st grade side was severely handicapped during the season by injury to Mark Perry. Mark had had a great season prior to this one and had been picked again in the State Colts team this year only to have had to withdraw through injury. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him playing once again this coming season.

Unfortunately the Club will lose the services of its 2nd XI captain Damon Ridley for at least all of next season. Damon's work in the field of Chemistry is taking him overseas for twelve months. We wish both he and his family all the best and hope that he will see fit to hurry back to his cricketing career as soon as possible. Damon is a former secretary of the Club and is presently a valued member of the Committee; we will certainly miss his enthusiasm and sound advice in the coming season.

The Committee has been quite a good one during the year and I would like to thank the various members for their help and guidance of the Club's affairs during the year. However, like a lot of committees, the main work seems to finish up being done by a minority of the members. This should not be and I would urge all members who are thinking of standing for the committee in the forthcoming year to consider carefully whether they are prepared to attend all meetings and to do their fair share of the numerous duties entailed in carrying out the operations of the Club for the whole year. If not, don't stand!

Our thanks go to the numerous Vice Presidents who, by their kind and generous donations, have contributed to the Club's finances during a very costly season. A special effort will have to be made this year regarding the finances of the Club particularly because there will be no grant from the NSWCA this year, in view of the huge loss suffered by the Association in fostering and supporting cricket in this State at all levels.

I would personally like to thank our Secretary Mark Sewell for the huge amount of work he has done and the great support he has given to me throughout the year. It has not been an easy task for him to take over the secretaryship, yet Mark has shown great ability, a keenness and great capacity for his duties and truly has the interests of the Club at heart. Congratulations also to him on winning the Captain Morris Memorial Trophy for performances within the Club both on and off the field.

Dunlop Slazengers has again favoured us with sponsorship and the Club is appreciative of the interest shown by this great sporting goods Company and we desire to express our thanks to not only the Company but also to Mr. Laffey, N.S.W. Promotions manager, who made it all possible. We look forward to their continuing support. We thank also Mr. Peter Mooney of Dana Publications and the many sponsors for the most attractive calendar which featured the Club.

Although several social events were held again this year, perhaps the outstanding one was the Annual Dinner which once again was held at the Cricketers Club. Our guest speaker was that well-known former Test player, radio and T.V. cricket commentator, great impersonator and boogie woogie pianist, Jim Burke. Jim was a great success and his attendance and efforts were very much appreciated by all those present. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Williams, and the Deputy Principal, Mr. McCredie, were also very welcome guests. Unfortunately the Chancellor, Sir Hermann Black was unable to attend because of a prior engagement and Alan Davidson and Bob Radford, President and Secretary of the NSWCA respectively, were unable to attend because of illness. We missed their presence and hope they can join us next year.

There is one aspect of Grade cricket that I feel I must refer to and that is to the dress of some of the players once they are off the field during the course of a match. This applies not only to our own Club but also to other Clubs. I do not feel that sitting around in the likes of football shorts and thongs

is appropriate and I hope that players will uphold the pride and dignity of every Club by dressing properly off the field during an afternoon.

I say thank you for the help given to the Club throughout the season to Colonel Phil Pike whose efforts have been numerous and untiring, to all members of the Ladies Auxiliary who have supplied the afternoon teas, to scorers Jack Smith and Les Carrington, to Alan Crompton my co-delegate to the NSWCA, to all captains, to the ground staff, to officials and office-bearers of the SUSU and the NSWCA and I hope that you will continue your interest for years to come.

Finally congratulations are forwarded to the following Clubs for their successes:

Club Championship, 1st and 4th Grade premierships	- Randwick D.C.C.
2nd Grade	- University NSW C.C.
3rd Grade	- Western Suburbs D.C.C.
5th Grade	- Balmain D.C.C.
Poidevin-Gray Shield	- Manly Warringah D.C.C.
A.W.Green Shield	- Northern District C.C.

Wal South, President

#### OBITUARIES (written by JFR)

DR IAN THEW (1926-76) The death occurred in December 1976 of Dr. Ian Thew but the obituary did not appear in the 1976-77 report. Ian Thew played for the Club from 1948 until 1954, while studying medicine. As a fast right-hander, with the ability to bowl "nasty, lifting deliveries" he took 110 wickets at 20.3 in 1st Grade and, in all, took 170 wickets in his 5 seasons with the Club. His brother, Eric, played 1st Grade from 1942 until 1950, capturing 107 wickets in 1st grade. Ian captained the Club Intervarsity team during his time in 1st grade. After further study in England, he then lived on the North Shore, specialising mainly in obstetrics. His death at the age of only 50 years was a tragic loss.

SIR LINCOLN C. HYNES (1912-77) Sir Lincoln ("Bob") Hynes, who died on 7th August 1977, played two seasons for University (1931-32 and 1932-33), with moderate success. But, as a left-arm fast bowler, he later represented N.S.W., while playing for Gordon. Probably his most memorable feat on the cricket field occurred in the Shield match against South Australia in 1936. The player who had taken only one wicket in 1st Grade for Uni, had Don Bradman caught at short fine leg for 0 - one of Bradman's 16 ducks in 1st class cricket. Sir Lincoln became General Manager of Station 4BC in 1951 and, in 1956, Chief Manager of the Commonwealth Broadcasting service. During the 1960's, he was director, then chairman, of Royal North Shore Hospital, and it was for his services to hospital administration and commerce that he was knighted in 1971.

DR JOHN THOMSON ANDERSON (1893-1977) Dr. J.T.Anderson died on 24th November, 1977. J.T.Anderson played 2nd Grade for the Club between 1910 and 1914, while studying medicine. As a slow bowler, he did not play 1st Grade probably due to the fact that University's 1st grade was at one of its strongest points ever. In 1913, eleven University players either represented NSW or NSW Colts! He graduated in August, 1914 along with two other famous University cricketers, Eric Barbour and Sir Norman Gregg. His interest in cricket continued until his death as he was honorary medical officer to the NSWCA for a number of years and a vice-president of the Mosman Cricket Club.

DR H.O.ROCK (1896-1978) Dr. Harry Owen ("Juja") Rock died on 9th March 1978, aged 81. Dr. Rock's death means that the Club has lost one of its strongest links with a period of strength in University cricket never since approached. His father, C.W.Rock, who had represented Cambridge University, sent H.O. to the Kings School in 1910. He was an outstanding schoolboy cricketer who included among his prolific run-scoring feats an innings of 209 against Shore. He played in the Kings School 1st XI for 5 years. As a member of the A.I.F. in France in World War I, he suffered severe injuries to both knees which later forced a modification of his batting style, but which in no way restricted his free scoring. He nearly always thereafter batted with a bandage protecting his knees.

He commenced Medicine at University in 1919 and played 1st Grade for the Club in the same year, under L.C. "Snapper" Best who had been his captain at Kings. His upright stance with left foot advanced, the bat raised and held at the top of the handle allowed him the full swing of the bat in playing his crashing off-drives. He scored many of his runs off the front foot with the now rarely seen square drive. Despite his consistent run-scoring (500 runs in each of the six full seasons he played 1st Grade), it was not until 1924, at the age of 28, that he actually played for the strong NSW team (he had been 12th man in Adelaide in 1920-21). Having scored 127 (in 140 mins) on his debut against South Australia, he followed this with a remarkable 235 against Victoria at the S.C.G. During this 387 minute innings, "Juja" had grown tired after batting for most of the first day. Sensing that he was about to throw away his innings, the NSW selector, Monty Noble, sent out the immortal message with the drink waiter: "This is not a game, it's war. Bat 'til stumps!"

His last season with University (1925-26) was curtailed by his final exams, but he played three matches for NSW and hit 151 against Western Australia in a non-shield match. He added 210 in only 110 minutes for the first wicket with Herbie Collins. His final Shield figures were: matches (4), inns (6), not out (1), highest score (235), runs (560), average (112.0) - still the highest average in Sheffield Shield history. When asked how he managed to have a higher average than even Bradman, he answered: "The Don had more chances to fail than I did!"

His University career ended as he moved to Newcastle to practice medicine, but he left behind him 3899 (ave 44.3) 1st grade runs - a record broken only a year ago by Ian Fisher. Dr. Rock retained his interest in cricket and above all his dry humour: "Of course I smoke. It kills the germs!"

The Club extends its sympathy to Mrs Rock, her family and friends at the passing of this great character.

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## THE ORIGINS OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB

The exact beginnings of any organisation are often difficult to determine with any accuracy and this applies with no less force to the mysteries which shroud the early years of the Sydney University Cricket Club. During 1964-65, the Club celebrated its centenary. But certainly the first match which "Sydney University" participated in, and most probably the formation of the Club, both occurred more than 100 years before 1964.

The University Act of Incorporation was assented to on 1st October 1850 and, in October 1852, the Inauguration ceremony took place. Among the University's first six students was David Scott Mitchell who later provided the library which bears his name and who was to open the batting for University in its first recorded match. According to some sources, the cricket club was founded in the same year as the inauguration of the University. However, the Jubilee Magazine of the University (1902) insists that the Club was formed in 1864-65 with financial assistance from Professor Pell, the Dean of Arts, who as Professor of Mathematics, had been one of the first three professors to arrive at the new University in 1852. The year 1864 may have been chosen because an Annual Report of the Club appears to have been issued for the first time in that season, but no copies have survived.

Whatever the outcome of this historical difference of opinion, it is certain that a team called "Sydney University" played its first match in April 1854. Although no detailed record survives of that first match, the Club's cricket history is known to have started with drama. Some would contend that it was most appropriate that Uni should commence its playing career on April Fool's Day - or, more correctly, should have commenced for this day's play was postponed due to the death of the unfortunate Captain Webster presumably one of the opposition - The Garrison. The two teams did eventually meet, without further mishap, "on the ground at the rear of the military barracks", on the following Saturday the 8th April. No details of this match were ever published and obviously all memories of the match have gone the way of Captain Webster - all memories except the result - University beat The Garrison. Thus begins the long history of University cricket teams - not always as successful as its first.

The same sides met again at the same venue some two weeks later (22nd April) and the full scoreboard of this match has survived. The Garrison, presumably still in mourning, batted first and made a lowly 49, although this was creditable enough considering the primitive playing conditions and the fact they only batted with ten men. The destroyer for the University was John Kinloch who took seven of the nine wickets, including six clean bowled. Those imagining an early version of Jeff Thomson bounding in to bowl may be surprised to look into the mists of the past and see Kinloch sending down straight under-armers. Indeed, he was, according to a contemporary "...a fine underhand bowler. Takes a short run and delivers the ball sharply with a rapid pace, very straight along the ground." He had first played for the Colony of New South Wales in an intercolonial match in 1847-48 at the age of 15 and was to captain the NSW XXII against the touring English side of 1862. No sportsman alone was young Kinloch though, for in 1853, he had received first class honours in mathematics and was to be among the second batch of graduates from the University in 1857. He later turned his academic ability to good use, for, as a master of mathematics, he conducted his own school. He was also probably the first secretary of the Club and, in that capacity reported in the annual cricket magazine, "Fairfax's Guide", of 1858-59 that "no analysis of batting and bowling has been kept. The match book has been lost." He thus set a precedent which regrettably still continues! Apart from this dereliction of duty, Kinloch was undoubtedly a keen cricket administrator and it was he who proposed the motion to form the New South Wales Cricket Association in May 1859. University thus became one of the earliest members of the Association.

Returning to the match, University led the soldiers by 19 on the 1st innings, mainly due to the batting of G. Curtis, later a NSW 2nd XI player, who made 26 and Ed Lee, another of the first graduates of the University in 1856, who made 10. David Scott Mitchell did not trouble those who counted up the notches although this failure must have been an exception as he still opened the batting during the 1860's.

The bowling of Kinloch and J.H. Coulson accounted for the military men in their second innings and had them out for only 39. Kinloch also hit up 12 not out in University's second innings as University cantered to a win by eight wickets.

The next University cricketing activity occurred on the following Saturday (29th April) when three men representing the Bank Club challenged three of the University to a match. The three of the Bank were all bowled by Ed Lee twice for a combined total of two runs (one in each innings)! University's Riddell made three and appears to have been the only University batsman sent to the crease. The University triumvirate thus won by an innings and one run!

Even from this early time, we are assured by Kinloch in "Fairfax's Guide", that all University sides "consisted only of matriculate students, who however, do not cease to be members on taking a degree or leaving University except on expulsion." It is presumed that none of the Uni cricketers ever suffered the latter fate.

The Club continued to play matches on this irregular basis at various venues. Indeed, the entire arrangement of matches appears to have been entirely casual although often pragmatic - the match against the Liverpool Australia Club in 1856 was not concluded, "as the University players had to be down by the last train." During 1860-61, Uni was able to share the Domain Ground for practice with the Surry and Albert Clubs. But this clearly was an unsatisfactory arrangement. The situation was alleviated by a grant from the Senate of the University which, together with subscriptions, enabled the Club to construct its own ground in 1867 - probably on the very site of the current University Oval. No doubt the early successes inspired further attempts to foster the game among the pioneer undergraduates and from this time, Uni was always a strength in the cricket history of the Colony.

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NSWCA COMPETITION TABLES      1977-78 SEASON

<u>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP</u>		<u>FIRST GRADE</u>		<u>SECOND GRADE</u>	
Randwick	1166	Randwick	64	University NSW	72
Mosman-Middle Harbour	905	Mosman-Middle Harbour	63	UNIVERSITY SYDNEY	61
Bankstown-Canterbury	878	University NSW	48	Randwick	54
University NSW	862	North Sydney	48	Gordon	48
UNIVERSITY SYDNEY	761	Gordon	46	Bankstown-Canterbury	46
Gordon	754	Sutherland	44	Mosman-Middle Harbour	43
Manly-Warringah	750	Bankstown-Canterbury	42	Western Suburbs-	43
Northern District	712	Northern District	42	St.George	41
Western Suburbs	701	Manly-Warringah	40	Central Cumberland	36
Sydney	690	UNIVERSITY SYDNEY	33	Sydney	36
North Sydney	674	Balmain	24	Sutherland	34
St.George	645	St.George	24	Manly-Warringah	30
Sutherland	608	Western Suburbs	24	North Sydney	30
Central Cumberland	604	Central Cumberland	18	Petersham-Marrickville	30
Petersham-Marrickville	474	Nepean	18	Waverley	30
Waverley	462	Petersham-Marrickville	18	Balmain	24
Nepean	390	Sydney	18	Northern Districts	18
Balmain	360	Waverley	18	Nepean	12

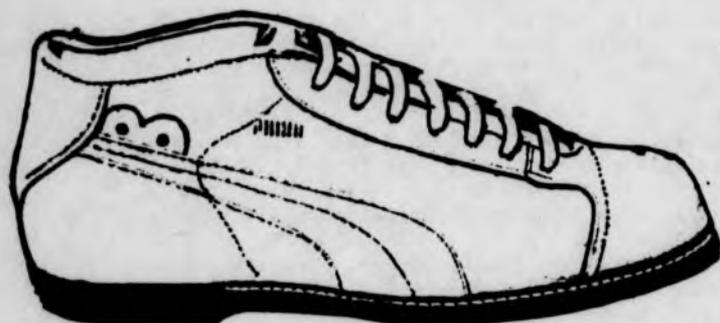
<u>THIRD GRADE</u>		<u>FOURTH GRADE</u>		<u>FIFTH GRADE</u>	
Western Suburbs	66	Randwick	80	Balmain B	76
Randwick	68	Sydney	78	University NSW B	63
Bankstown-Canterbury	60	Mosman-Middle Harbour	56	Bankstown-Canterbury	56
Northern District	58	UNIVERSITY SYDNEY	54	UNIVERSITY SYDNEY B	56
Manly-Warringah	54	Bankstown-Canterbury	52	Central Cumberland B	56
North Sydney	50	Manly-Warringah	48	Balmain A	52
Central Cumberland	46	Northern District	46	UNIVERSITY SYDNEY A	52
St.George	44	Central Cumberland	44	Gordon	46
Sydney	42	Petersham-Marrickville	40	Sutherland	40
Mosman-Middle Harbour	36	St.George	40	Central Cumberland A	34
University NSW	36	University NSW	40	Mosman-Middle Harbour	34
Gordon	34	Waverley	36	Northern District A	30
Nepean	30	Gordon	34	University NSW A	27
Sutherland	30	Nepean	34	Waverley	24
Balmain	24	Western Suburbs	34	North Sydney	6
Petersham-Marrickville	24	Sutherland	18	Northern District B	6
UNIVERSITY SYDNEY	24	North Sydney	12		
Waverley	24	Balmain	0		

<u>First Grade</u>	Belvidere Cup	Premiers:	Randwick D.C.C.
		Minor Premiers:	Randwick D.C.C.
<u>Second Grade</u>	Albert Cup	Premiers:	University NSW C.C.
		Minor Premiers:	University NSW C.C.
<u>Third Grade</u>	Mitchell Cup	Premiers:	Western Suburbs D.C.C.
		Minor Premiers:	Randwick D.C.C.
<u>Fourth Grade</u>	Reid Cup	Premiers:	Randwick D.C.C.
		Minor Premiers:	Randwick D.C.C.
<u>Fifth Grade</u>		Premiers:	Balmain B D.C.C.
		Minor Premiers:	Balmain B D.C.C.
<u>Poidevin-Gray Shield</u>		Premiers:	Manly Warringah D.C.C.
<u>A.W.Green Shield</u>		Premiers:	Northern District C.C.
<u>State Cup</u>		Joint Winners:	City Central and City West
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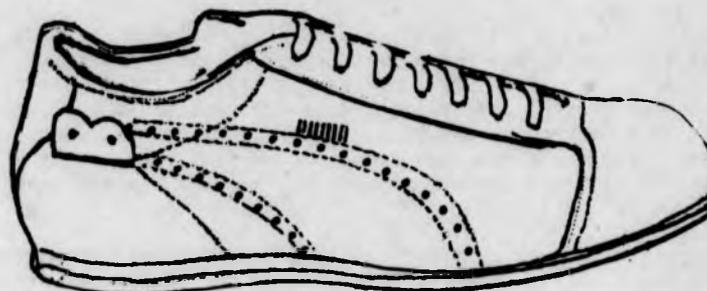


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### FIRST GRADE REPORT

For the first time for several seasons Ian Fisher's name did not appear in the pre-season team listings. His retirement brought an end to an era, and era where, by virtue of his personable nature, his cricket knowledge, his concern and ability to help the younger player, his sense of humour and general cricketing philosophy, he won many friends and brought great credit to the Club. Add to this his raw ability - 500 to 800 runs per season, brilliant cover fielding and inspired captaincy one can see his loss to the Club is immeasurable. The Club extends to Ian, certainly its finest cricketing member in the last decade its sincerest thanks for the way he projected the cricketing credibility of the Club.

In some way counterbalancing this loss was the arrival of a country boy with no ordinary talent. Mark Burgess in eight first grade innings compiled 297 runs at an average of 42.6. For a lad just out of school, this is a magnificent effort and the Club looks forward to enjoying his cricketing successes for a long time to come. Mark is a brilliant field, but unfortunately has no bowling talent whatever.

The team suffered two unfortunate losses during the year. Mark Perry, a State Colt of the previous year played only half a game due to a recurring back injury. I know Mark was bitterly disappointed with his inability to further the team's pursuits, and while sympathy is little consolation, the Club certainly offers it, and hopes that good health will allow Mark to further advance his claims for State Representation in 1978-79. Greg Harper played seven games before work commitments caused him to forfeit his place in the side. Greg is a great competitor and a good Clubman. Hopefully we will see him again next year.

In the season First Grade scored 33 points and finished in tenth position with wins over Waverley, Sutherland, Petersham, Sydney and Balmain and a first innings tie with Mosman. Until the last round the team was a chance of making the semi-finals. "Ladder-wise" then, we enjoyed our most successful year for some time. This can be attributed to either (a) luck, (b) bouyant practice attendances initiated by a semi-compulsory clause in players' contracts (c) more experience and depth, (d) greater application during the game, (e) self-confidence and a will to do well, (f) player influx or (g) allof the above. The team should look forward with vigour to next season. With an ounce more luck it can be a semi-final contender. Hopefully the present season has had cause to give the players the belief that they can win and that the will to win is more openly conveyed amongst the team members. Probably more indicative of the optimistic outlook that should prevail for the future is the fact that several members of the side had relatively disappointing seasons by their own standards. Wilson, Thompson, Jenkins, Ward and Baird should admit to this and should look forward to better performances next year.

The success story of the year undoubtedly goes to Mick O'Sullivan. Michael secured the highly prized "fifty wickets". It is the first time that Michael has taken fifty in a season and no bowler in grade more justly deserves this fine distinction which, incidentally the records of the Club show has been bettered in 1st Grade on only ten other occasions. It was remarkable that the wicket which gave Mick 50 for the season was also his 400th wicket for the Club. Given his present form as a guideline, we should see his 500th victim in the 1979-80 season!

Ironically though, within the Club these figures cause some concern. Supporters remember full well the way selectors by-passed Ian Fisher when his performances justified higher honours. They fear this is not a single sculls event. Michael with his ability to "tie-up, contain and dismiss the best bats in Sydney must lead to his selection in the State Squad next season. Selectors will once more demonstrate their ignorance if they do not do so.

Personally I would like to thank a number of people. Firstly to the team for their support, co-operation and punctuality at games and practice throughout the year. For any captain to maintain his vitality and sense of purpose this is a vital pre-requisite. Secondly, my gratitude goes to the hardworking and underpraised club officials for their support and help, particularly to Mark Sewell who did a magnificent job as Secretary. A well administered Club makes a captain's job easier. Thirdly to all those people who contributed towards afternoon teas particularly the efforts of Dr. and Mrs. L'E.trange who unfailingly rendered the job well done. To our scorer Jack Smith many thanks. His patriotic devotion to "the book" holds him very warmly respected and befriended by all team members. His keenness and loyalty is no less a contributor to team spirit than that of any team member.

No report would be complete if some passing reference were not made to the legendary Crommo. His physique may have lost a little to the years (although I myself don't think so) - his 'keeping, batting and approach to the game have not. He scored 282 runs at an average of 31.3, the true worth of these runs not being measured by quantity but rather by considering the game situation in which they were compiled. His 'keeping can be judged not so much by what he caught but more significantly by what he didn't drop. Alan conceded 32 byes throughout the season to opposition teams while other 'keepers donated 81 byes to our totals. His ability, statue within the team and uncompromising help as Vice Captain contributed greatly to any small success I may have enjoyed as Captain.

Pencil drawings:

Mitchell Thompson; ("Thommo" - after Geoff; same character, womanizer, beer drinker etc) Mitchell had a disappointing year. A fine start with a 70 and a 40 after that never really got into stride. A "pretty" batsman who times the ball sweetly. Likes to drive and cut. Has weakness on/outside the off-stump because he doesn't offer the full face of the bat. Must learn to hit the ball straighter. Magnificent field. James L'Estrange ("Hullo Jimmy" - said in a very high-pitched voice). Jim's first full season in the top grade. Made an excellent job of the difficult opening position. Tends to "lean" a little into the ball rather than making a positive directional movement to the ball. Best fielder in the side. Has no idea of the bowling art!

Tom Jenkins ("Jerka" - derivation unknown and should be kept that way). Consistently got a strat without going on with it. Has great ability - very strong through mid-wicket. Drives well and has a sound defence. Has great potential and should score 500+ next year. Atrocious wicket-keeper and casula field.

Mark Burgess ("Angus"). Magnificent hitter of the ball akin to the West Indian flair of playing any shot at any ball. Would need to tighten up defence for the big time and temper shot making ability. Best prospect in

years. Magnificent field, could not bowl a hoop down a hill. Greg Harper ("Harps" - extraction from surname). Limited season. Brutally tight defence, serves team well in this capacity, though from an individual point of view would be a better batsman if he was more attacking. Containing medium pace bowler who does a bit with the ball; excellent slips field. Steve Ward ("Swords" - take initial Christian name, put before and after full surname). A player lacking in confidence. Likes to drive, possesses a very damaging cut. Limited on leg side, particularly through mid-wicket. Though batting within these limitations has scored a lot of runs and should continue to do so. Alan Crompton ("Crommo" - taken from Oliver Cromwell, the genius orator of the 17th century who possessed an unswerving ability to compress a minimum of thought into a maximum of words). Great season with bat and gloves. Cherishes the game and a great example to the younger player on how the game should be enjoyed. Peter Wynn ("Winnie" - after Winney the Pooh - say no more). From Armidale, first season in Sydney Grade, acquitted himself very well. Left arm orthodox, has good change of pace and gets some nice drift. Could try to turn the ball a little more. Will get many 1st Grade wickets. Right-hand bat - can give ball a mighty thump. Christopher Elder ("Flynn" - likes to think he is Errol). Sharp wit, great comedian and comic. Plays cricket on Saturday. In fact, right-arm leggie with great ability. Needs a lot of bowling. First Grade potential not yet fully realised. Bowls very tight, interesting to note he topped average. Low team totals unfortunately had Chris adopting a defensive bowling pattern. However 7/34 against Sydney was a fine match-winning effort. Good variation with useful wrong 'un. Holds bat at wicket on right hand side, hits ball very hard or causes strong gust of wind in playing arena. Tall. Batchelor. Has flat. Holidays rent free. Michael O'Sullivan ("Moss"). Eulogized in body of essay. Bowls overs on Saturday afternoon, punts between them. Bowling action would improve if he took the transistor out of his right ear. By turning volume up, should be able to get his lead arm higher. Has a pleasant, friendly manner when catch dropped off his bowling. Geoff Pike ("Spike" - likes to spike things). Bowled well all year and deserved more than his 27 wickets. Does as much with the ball as any "quick" in Sydney, both off the wicket and in the air. On his day unplayable, has many fine bags to his credit. Lacks ability to bounce and intimidate batsmen. Extra yard of pace would be of enormous benefit. John Baird (far too complex a character to award any one alias. Affectionally known as Jock). Would admit to a fairly disappointing year. Possesses big in-swing with the new ball, though more a cutter and seamer. Works very hard and can often be heard admonishing his less than perfect balls. Can bowl economically in long spells. Must learn to accept conditions as they exist and overcome difficulties to produce the wicket taking ball. Bats No.11. Greg Wilson. ("Willow" - Ed). Captain and writer of above.

## FIRST GRADE BATTING

	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave	Cts
M.Burgess	8	1	88	297	42.6	3
A.Crompton	15	6	51	282	31.3	17(+7stp)
T.Jenkins	15	1	71*	376	26.9	6
G.Harper	8	1	64	171	24.4	4
J.L'Estrange	18	2	75	389	24.3	9
G.Wilson	18	2	58	336	21.0	5
S.Ward	9	0	46	151	16.8	4
C.Elder	8	2	27*	98	16.3	3
P.Wynn	8	2	27	97	16.2	4
M.Thompson	19	2	70	248	14.6	10
G.Pike	9	4	22*	67	13.4	4
M.O'Sullivan	10	4	25*	71	11.8	7
J.Baird	7	3	4	8	2.0	5

## FIRST GRADE BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	Ave
C.Elder	110.7	26	309	18	17.2
M.O'Sullivan	255.4	48	887	50	17.7
G.Pike	146.3	24	581	27	21.5
P.Wynn	86.5	15	338	15	22.5
G.Harper	37	10	113	5	22.6
J.Baird	167.4	23	672	21	32.0

Also batted (Inns, N.O., H.S., Runs,Cts): M.Perry (1,1,30\*,30,0); M.LeLievre (3,0,7,16,1); I.Fisher (1,0,3,3,0); C.McRae did not bat.

Also bowled (wkts, runs): C.McRae (0,9); S.Ward (0,15); M.Burgess (0,16).

Best bowling: M.O'Sullivan 7/36 (vs Waverley); 7/70 (vs Balmain); C.Elder 7/34 (vs Sydney); J.Baird 5/48 (vs Mosman); G.Pike 5/52 (vs Randwick).

## Best Partnerships:

1st wkt: 41	M.Thompson & S.Ward	vs Manly	6th wkt: 46	M.Burgess & A.Crompton	vs Nepean
2nd wkt: 50	J.L'Estrange & G.Wilson	vs Bankstown	7th wkt: 35	A.Crompton & C.Elder	vs Randwick
3rd wkt: 100	J.L'Estrange & T.Jenkins	vs Balmain	8th wkt: 59*	A.Crompton & M.O'Sullivan	vs Nepean
4th wkt: 51	J.L'Estrange & G.Wilson	vs UNSW	9th wkt: 60	A.Crompton & G.Pike	vs Randwick
5th wkt: 140	G.Harper & J.L'Estrange	vs Petersham	10th wkt: 22	C.Elder & J.Baird	vs N.District
122	M.Burgess & A.Crompton	vs Balmain			

S.U.C.C. vs Old Blues at Uni 1 11th February, 1978

S.U.C.C. 7 (dec) 209 (J.L'Estrange 45, C.Elder 37, P.Wynn 32\*, M.O'Sullivan 2-21) tied with Old Blues 8-209 (D.DeCarvalho 38, J.Everett 36, M.O'Sullivan 40\*, P.Wynn 2-16; J.Baird 2-29).

Won outright -1; won 1st innings -8; tied -1; drawn -2; lost 1st innings -2; lost outright -1. Points -61  
Position in competition: RUNNERS UP.

It was in the middle of July that a few seasoned campaigners met up with a few young colts for the pre-season fitness and fielding programme and so commenced a magnificent season for the Seconds which ended up in March with a defeat in the final by what was really a very narrow margin. Whilst there was great disappointment at having come so close to a Premiership and yet having not ultimately succeeded, there was a feeling of great accomplishment. To have come from second last in 1976-77 to runners up, a feat which the Club's records show was matched by the Seconds of 1907-08 and 1909-10, and only bettered by the Seconds of 1911-12, 1962-63, 1963-64, and 1964-65 was something of which to be truly proud. But the greatest achievement of the side was found in their camaraderie and superb team spirit - factors which will never be registered in the Club's records but yet which will never be forgotten by those in the side. Successful lower grade sides are often accused of being "stacked." But this was certainly not the case with the Seconds because right up to the end of the season the First Grade side was always selected first. Indeed the balance of the 2nd XI was even sacrificed for the sake of the 1st XI. Nor did the side have a surfeit of former First Grade players (as indeed was the case with many opposition teams) as of the 18 who played in the team this season only Steve Ward (who played the last 9 games) and Chris Elder (who played in Rounds 2,3,4 and 5) had prior First Grade experience (that is, if you discount the solitary appearance of Jos O'Sullivan in the 1st XI at the end of the 1975-76 season). Of the other players six had previously had limited experience in 2nd Grade, six had never played higher than 3rd Grade and four had never played Grade cricket at all (Peter Wynn and Jim Warren came from Armidale, and Mark Burgess and Murray LeLievre came straight from school - St. Joseph's College).

So, how did it come about? Well, the team had indomitable spirit. Every member showed extraordinary enthusiasm for the game, determination to win. All loved playing cricket and their exuberance had a positive effect on their own performances, and on those of their team mates. The team practised regularly together. Before the season the team embarked upon a rigorous fitness campaign which was followed up by extensive fielding routines. No one ever complained (!), everyone always joined in and enjoyed it! This attention to fitness and fielding before the season commenced contributed significantly to performances in the important early rounds. So much so that the side was leading the competition after Round 5 and thereafter never dropped below second place.

The team reached heights of fielding far superior to any other team in the competition. The magnificent support given to the bowlers both on the ground and in the air was inspirational. Of the 161 dismissals achieved in the season, 91 were from catches (many were brilliant) and 9 from runs out, whilst the scorebook recorded 20 catches missed - and most of these boarded on the impossible. A vital aspect of the fielding was the excellent wicketkeeping of Peter Baird who finished the season with 24 catches and 2 stumpings, whilst allowing only 36 byes (1.3 runs to every 100 scored). Peter's game improved dramatically throughout the season and after the second last game of the year veteran Northern Districts captain Neil Marks described him as the "best keeper he has seen in Second grade" - a most deserving comment from a very knowledgeable cricketer.

The team was fortunate to have in its side at the beginning of the season two of the best Freshmen cricketers the Club has had for years - namely Mark Burgess and Murray LeLievre. The batting, fielding and sportsmanship of both were truly exceptional. Mark soon went to First Grade, but only after he had made an indelible impression on those of us in Second Grade who witnessed his quite extraordinary stroke-play. Murray is of equal potential as a batsman and he will surely become a run-machine in future seasons. Amongst many fine innings played for the side throughout the season his 54 against Manly under difficult conditions was probably the best. He is one of several in the side for whom the mere statistics of their performances belied their own potential and their contribution to the team. Later on in the season Phil Beale came into the side and he quickly demonstrated his outstanding ability with both bat and ball. He is undoubtedly the best all-rounder in the Club after Mark Perry, a player whom he resembles both in batting and bowling style. The team also had depth in batting and in bowling. There is no better way to illustrate this than to recall briefly some aspects of the various matches. There were, for example, great bowling recoveries: under ideal batting conditions Sutherland's promising 3-118 became 202; Manly's 4-128 became 202; UNSW's 5-125 became all out 154; Bankstown's 1-105 ended up 217. Then there were the "routs": Waverley all out 72; UNSW 66; Nepean 110; Mosman 81; North Sydney 110. There were solid batting performances from the top order - Uni 4-150 vs Sutherland, 3-170 vs St. George, 5-208 vs Balmain, 1-113 (dec) vs Nepean, 3-156 (dec) vs UNSW; and great recoveries: Uni's 3-36 became 8-205 chasing Manly's 202; 3-17 became 272 vs Randwick, and that memorable day when, sent in on a wet wicket we were 5-16 at lunch but the eventual 110 was enough to beat Mosman!

The team was dismissed on only 7 occasions, the completed innings being 65, 110, 154, 178, 199, 200, and 272. Behind these statistics lies a tale which, in the final analysis, proved the deciding factor in the premiership - the toss. Ten tosses out of fifteen were lost and the opposition elected to bat (6 times - all under ideal batting conditions) and bowl (4 times - each time under ideal bowling conditions when the wicket was decidedly wet; the first three totals listed above were Uni's attempts to bat on such wet tracks). Uni elected to bat first on three occasions (hence totals 199, 200, and 272) and bowl first twice (one day matches). Never once did the weather or the toss favour us; at least seven times it was against us and accounted for the three defeats. Never let it be said, therefore, that the team was lucky!

Apart from those players already mentioned above, all others made significant contributions to the team. Chris McRae and Geoff Keighran showed what great determination and application could achieve - they are fantastic team players and were thoroughly deserving of their consistent successes. Steve Glenday improved dramatically as the season progressed; Mark Wilson's contribution was far greater than measured by statistics - for example his 10 runs in 126 minutes was a major factor in that incredible victory against Mosman; similarly the contributions of John O'Sullivan, Steve Ward, and James Rodgers both on and off the field were an integral part of the team's success whilst Peter Wynn, Chris Elder, Jimmy Warren, Peter MacKay, Peter Armitage and Mark Sewell all performed well in their limited appearances. It is not appropriate to further mention individual efforts as the important factor was the team effort. Suffice it to say every player was

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB

13.

SECOND XI

RUNNERS-UP 1977-78



L.Carrington (scorer) M.LeLievre M.Wilson G.Keighran S.Ward

C.McRae P.Baird D.Ridley (capt) S.Glenday

P.Beale J.Rodgers (v.c.) J.O'Sullivan M.Sewell

a valued member and a significant contributor to a team whose overall performances truly merit its high place in the Club's roll of honour. And so....

In Round 1 it was Chris McRae's 5 for 16 which was mainly responsible for Waverley's meagre 72. After tea Burgess hammered 47 in 79 minutes so that at end of play Uni were 4-110 (a dream start!). Keighran (51) and LeLievre (38\*) further contributed to the total of 7-176 (dec), but Waverley's second innings reply was 2-185 at close of play. Round 2 (one day) started calmly enough as O'Sullivan (38), Keighran (63) and Burgess (40) put Uni in a sound position before the loss of quick wickets, in the pursuit of quick runs, saw the innings conclude at 199. So much for averages! In reply Saint George were 5-192 with one over left but Steve Glenday was equal to the task securing one wicket (LBW) and two runs out to leave Saints 8-199 at close of play...a rare moment of fortune? Round 3 (Sutherland 202; Glenday 4-33, Elder 4-50 lost to Uni 9-243; McRae 50\*, Ridley 42, Burgess 32) and Round 4 (Manly 202; brilliant runs out by Elder, Burgess, and LeLievre! lost to Uni 8-205; LeLievre 54, Baird 38, Wilson 37\*) saw two good six pointers. Then came the first clash with the UNSW - under ideal conditions for cricket on both days. McRae's 8th over saw UNSW collapse from 6-132 to 9-133 and but for a rare blemish in the field the innings could well have ended then and there. Their final total (154, McRae 5-39, Elder 3-39). Newly promoted MacKay helped fill the vacant opening spot admirably and the partnership with Ridley put on 61 in less than even time and at the close of play the score was 3-81. On the second day Keighran and LeLievre added the necessary runs without further loss before the declaration (3-156; Ridley 50, Keighran 37\*, LeLievre 36\*). In the 70 minutes left before tea McRae and Glenday had their second innings in ruins at 6 for 23 and their final total of 66 (McRae 5-21) left us 17 overs for 65 runs. Burgess (43\*) played memorable strokes!! as we passed them three wickets down. Who will ever forget, in particular, one straight drive and one square cut! Only Wilson (45), LeLievre (39) and Baird (28) offered any sort of resistance on a wet track in Round 6 when Petersham caused our dismissal for 154. Typically, the weather and wicket were ideal for batting the following week but Glenday (5-50) bowled superbly and made Petersham struggle (final scores Uni 154 and 1-39, Petersham 197). As mentioned earlier in this report, Bankstown got a great start (1-105) in Round 7 and their final total (217, Wynn 4-32) was reachable, but sadly under good conditions Keighran (70) and Wynn (35) received little support and we were all out for 178, and well beaten. In the one day matches over the Christmas period we gained another win (Nepean 110; Glenday 7-45 and 5-120 lost to Uni 1-113(dec); Ward 38\*, Keighran 36\*) and our first draw in a match further shortened by rain (Uni 8-154 (dec); Ward 45, O'Sullivan 35 drew with Sydney 8-113; Keighran 4-16). Round 10 saw ideal cricket weather for what proved to be a most important clash with Randwick. At 3-17 then 7-156 our position was always precarious until Phil Beale (63) and Mark Sewell (45) put on 92 for the 8th wicket (almost breaking the second grade record partnership for this wicket). In this final total of 272, Keighran (41) and Baird (49) added 68 for the 4th wicket. At 4-142 Randwick were well on their way but a brilliant catch by Baird off Rodgers, followed by two further very important wickets (again by Rodgers) saw their dismissal for 211. It is worth mentioning at this point that whilst James rarely takes a lot of wickets in an innings, he often takes very important ones. This was a prime example. Round 11 saw that truly remarkable victory against Mosman (Uni 110; Beale 34; McRae 21, Wilson 10! beat Mosman 81; Glenday 4-30, McRae 3-24, Beale 3-21) and so having beaten teams one place behind us in consecutive rounds we were back on top of the table. This win against Mosman was all the more remarkable as their side boasted eleven regular First graders, and yet in 23.5 overs with 9 balls to spare LeLievre took a great catch which finally turned what look like certain defeat earlier in the day to an inspired victory. The motto: keep at it, never despair. If you don't believe you can, and are going to win you might just as well not play. Superb batting by Balmain in Round 12 at University Oval saw their overnight declaration at 4-280 (we were offered four chances all day - and took them all). On the second day they opened with two slips, a fine-leg and a third-man so consequently they did not take enough wickets and we did not score enough runs. Keighran, bowled first ball off a "no ball" ! went onto make 77 (throwing away what could well have been his first century in the pursuit of quick runs late in the day) and Baird (56\*) batted superbly in our total of 5-208. With two rounds to go the table read Uni 49, UNSW 46, Bankstown 46 and with the last two drawn in the final round the minor premiership was a distinct possibility. Our excellent victory in Round 13 (Uni 200; Baird 37, O'Sullivan 33, Ridley 30 beat Northern Districts 165; Keighran 4-17, Glenday 3-52) was dampened somewhat by UNSW's outright victory against Petersham when the latter's first innings declaration some 140 runs in arrears was pointless. All chance we had of the minor premiership seemed lost when UNSW were able to play on the first day of the last round, yet rain prevented play in our match against North Sydney who fielded eight of their last year's premiership side. On the second Saturday a typically courageous bowling and fielding display routed the northerners in quick time and Jos O'Sullivan's aggressive innings ensured the points (North Sydney 110; Keighran 3-7, Glenday 3-26 lost to Uni 5-112; O'Sullivan 57) but UNSW's victory gave them the minor premiership by one point. The semi-final against the strong Randwick side was abandoned without a ball being bowled and so we were in the final. Heavy rain during the week and light rain early on Easter Saturday morning meant play did not start until 1.30 p.m. when we were sent in to bat. It was sad that we kept by far our worst batting display for this afternoon but off-spinner March bowled exceptionally well under conditions which were very favourable to him and we were always in trouble. Murray LeLievre, having displayed truly magnificent technique and determination for 84 minutes finally was out when a superbly hit cut was flukily caught at gully; his was a great innings and his dismissal somewhat epitomised our tale of woe. Their innings commenced at 4.26 p.m. in light conditions which were already dull and under circumstances where quick wickets were essential. In the sixth over with the score at 9 opener Smith (then 4) was clearly 'caught behind' (a fact which he acknowledged) but our appeals were turned down. It was a further fifteen minutes before the first wicket was claimed and when stumps were drawn early UNSW were 2-36 from 20 overs and Smith was not out 20. Full marks to their opener for having held out under difficult conditions but one will always wonder, if only..... Easter Monday saw blazing sunshine but overnight rain seeped under the covers and play did not start until 11.40 a.m. It is pointless to make any comment here about the delay in commencement of play which clearly was another point of disappointment, but at lunch the score had advanced to 2-57 and conditions were now good for batting. All the more credit then to Chris McRae who in 10.6 overs after lunch took 7-17 to make his innings figures 8-24. Truly magnificent! In a mad scramble for runs, we lost 6 for 93 in 91 minutes (16 overs) with only Steve Ward and Phil Beale managing to compile respectable scores (both brilliantly)

before the declaration which gave them 17 overs to score 54. When, with two balls remaining, the winning runs were scored with but four wickets fallen, we could do no more but offer hearty congratulations to the UNSW who, having scored 50 points in the last 7 rounds of the competition had just pipped us for the minor premiership and who now were worthy premiers.

Second Grade Final. Village Green, UNSW. March 25,27 1978 Toss won by UNSW

## UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

First innings		Second innings	
J.O'Sullivan	b Robinson 8	b Pym	5
S.Ward	c Deegan b March 17	b Pym	25
G.Keighran	c March b Pym 0		
M.Lelievre	c Robinson b March 17	b March	4
P.Baird	b March 0	lbw Pym	4
D.Ridley	c Deegan b Robinson 4	c Jansson b Robinson	7
M.Wilson	c Smith b Robinson 0	not out	3
P.Beale	c Buddin b March 5	c Pym b March	39
C.McRae	not out 12		
S.Glenday	c Jansson b March 2		
J.Rodgers	c Handley b March 0		
	Sundries 0	Sundries (b -1, lb -3, nb -2)	6
	Total 65	Total 6 dec	93
F.of W.	13,14,32,32,39,39,48,51,55,65	F. of W.	13,23,59,78,85,93

	O	M	W	R	Ave		O	M	W	R	Ave
R.Pym	6	1	1	17	17.00		8	1	3	34	11.33
G.Robinson	9	3	3	16	5.33		5	0	1	28	28.00
R.March	10.6	4	6	17	2.83		3.5	0	2	25	12.50
G.Kirkwood	6	0	0	15							

## UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

First innings		Second innings	
I.Smith	c Wilson b McRae 38	c Lelievre b Rodgers	4
R.Campbell	c O'Sullivan b Keighran 5	c Lelievre b McRae	1
N.Jansson	c Ward b McRae 3	c Lelievre b Rodgers	5
R.March	c Ridley b McRae 20		
P.Tout	c Keighran b Beale 6	not out	30
B.Handley	c Rodgers b McRae 0	not out	12
G.Kirkwood	c Ward b McRae 6		
T.Buddin	c Lelievre b McRae 6		
P.Deegan	b McRae 8	c Ridley b Rodgers	2
R.Pym	c Beale b McRae 0		
G.Robinson	not out 2		
	Sundries (b-6, lb -1, nb -4)	Sundries	0
	Total 105	Total	4 -54
F.of W.	12,25,65,76,76,76,85,97,97,105	F.of W.	1,6,31,39

	O	M	W	R	Ave		O	M	W	R	Ave
P.Beale	11	3	1	23	23.00		2	1	0	1	
S.Glenday	9	2	0	23			1	0	0	5	
G.Keighran	13	6	1	18	18.00		2	1	0	4	
C.McRae	13.6	4	8	24	3.00		6	4	1	7	7.00
J.Rodgers	3	0	0	6			6.6	0	3	37	12.33

'Tis said that cricket "makes a young man." It's a game that calls for courage, determination and discipline. It's a cruel game - spare a thought for Steve Ward (loser of three Grade finals), for Peter Gannon (9 years of striving to reach the semis and to finally do so with the 4ths this year only to 'lose' without a ball being bowled), or even for Ian Fisher (20 years of Grade cricket yet never even in a semi-final), for Chris McRae (losing finalist twice and yet took 8-24), for Geoff Keighran and James Rodgers (both losing finalists twice with the Club and on a third occasion the latter was in a minor premiership team which was beaten in the semis), for..... Yet it's a game that can bring rich rewards and these were most surely reaped by the 2nd XI this season. In my brief six years with the University Club I also have been in two losing semi-final and one losing final side and have enjoyed immensely each season. However this last season was something special. It was my privilege to be in the side; to be its captain was an honour of which I was scarcely deserving.

So thank you team. Thank you also Les Carrington, Mr. and Mrs. Baird, Jenny McRae. But above all thank you Anne, Lloyd, Andrew, Nicholas and Natasha for having made this season possible.

Next year, team, get out and win it!

DDR

## 2nd Grade Batting

	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave	Cts
P. Beale	6	1	63	173	34.6	4
M. Burgess	7	1	47	196	32.7	2
G. Keighran	16	2	77	448	32.0	6
M. LeLievre	14	3	54	256	23.3	6
P. Baird	14	1	56*	296	22.8	24 (+2stp)
J.O'Sullivan	14	1	57	279	21.5	4
S. Ward	11	1	45	191	19.1	4
M. Wilson	11	3	45	144	18.0	7
C. McRae	11	3	50*	137	17.1	4
P. MacKay	5	1	24	67	16.8	3
S. Glenday	8	3	20	72	14.4	5
D. Ridley	16	1	50	207	13.8	10
P. Wynn	4	0	35	48	12.0	1
J. Rodgers	8	4	10*	22	5.5	7

## 2nd Grade Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Ave
G. Keighran	58	18	132	13	10.1
C. McRae	168.7	37	542	42	12.9
P. Wynn	62.5	13	163	11	14.8
S. Glenday	158.5	34	554	33	16.8
P. Beale	61	8	189	10	18.9
C. Elder	75	13	210	11	19.1
J. Rodgers	131.6	22	360	18	20.0
M. Wilson	72	8	293	10	29.3

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Also batted: (Inns, n.o., H.S., runs, cts) M. Sewell (2,0,45,51,2); J. Warren (2,0,12,16,1); C. Elder (3,0,10,12,1); P. Armitage (1,1,5\*,5,0).

Also bowled: (wkts, runs) S. Ward (2,29); J. Warren (2,96); P. Armitage (1,47); J.O'Sullivan (0,9).

## Best Partnerships:

1st wkt: 61 D. Ridley & P. MacKay	vs UNSW	6th wkt: 51 M. LeLievre & P. Baird	vs Waverley
2nd wkt: 68* G. Keighran & S. Ward	vs Nepean	7th wkt: 48 M. Wilson & P. Beale	vs Mosman
3rd wkt: 76 G. Keighran & M. Burgess	vs St. George	8th wkt: 92 M. Sewell & P. Beale	vs Randwick
4th wkt: 116 G. Keighran & P. Baird	vs Balmain	9th wkt: 31 C. McRae & J. Warren	vs Sutherland
5th wkt: 66 M. LeLievre & P. Baird	vs Manly	10th wkt: 26* C. McRae & J. Rodgers	vs Sutherland

## THIRD GRADE REPORT

Won 1st innings -4; drawn -2; lost 1st innings -8; lost outright -1. Position equal 15th.

The third eleven doff their caps to the second, fourth and fifth grade B teams in salute to their fine efforts in reaching their respective semi-finals. It was a tragedy that the fours and 5B's were forced to bow out without so much as a ball bowled and the seconds to have their chance reduced to the luck of a toss on a besodden wicket. With the Club having such a fine season generally the thirds must be considered as the "black sheep." After a good start with three early wins, the thirds were only able to realise one further success during the rest of the season.

The team's lack of success was largely due to "frame of mind." Too often batsmen meekly surrendered their wicket because of poor concentration and in the field many a dropped catch could be attributed to the same thing. Had each player displayed a little more resolve thirds could also have been in the final four. The reality of this lament is more apparent when one realises that for four of the eight games during the season, if each batsman had scored (on average) one more run those losses could have been converted to satisfying wins. ONE RUN EACH! So next season let's "bite the bit," value our wicket and occupy the crease for those few extra match winning runs.

During the season many players developed some curious batting shots or characteristic mannerism, to wit: P. Kell - devastating off-side prod. P. MacKay - always "walks" (fool!). J. Emmett - separationist (...of one side of the ball from the other). G. Parker - the big golf swing on the middle stump. L. Schwartzkoff - cover drive extraordinaire. G. Cooper - always got runs. M. Sewell - "Sambo" - always the dark horse? S. Hetherington - used his head! A. Haymet - lethal running between the wickets (lethal to his partners!). P. Gray - "...130 runs in 10 overs is easy." B. Druery - pad play specialist. M. Forbes - the "rush of blood" for any ball even vaguely on the leg-side. G. Swords - French cut specialist. P. Armitage - onlooker... "Oh, no! I can't watch him bat."

On the more serious side, Geoff Cooper was the form batsman and he should look to playing in higher grades next season. Mark Sewell, Peter MacKay and Geoff Parker fired with a number of fine innings but unfortunately not quite often enough. Michael Forbes was indisputedly the king of the bowling department. Michael's unerring accuracy earned many wickets from, at times, marathon bowling efforts. Greg Swords commenced the season well, often "drawing first blood" when called upon to send down his leggies with the still new ball. However loss of confidence during the season coupled with wandering line and length met with little success later on. Peter Armitage put in some spirited performances and if there had been more batsmen good enough to find the edge he would have reaped a greater haul of wickets. Despite zero attendance at practice, Geoff Parker defied logic and bowled well to end up being the most economical bowler in thirds.

Now a few words about the achilles heel of so many teams - the fielding. The ground fielding was nothing to write home about but the catching was ghastly. It is so disheartening for a bowler to see comparatively easy catches consistently put down during tense moments in the game. Mick Forbes and Geoff Cooper were the shining lights whether close in or in the outfield. It is to their credit that they rarely, if ever, dropped a catch and figured in many run outs. Peter Gray, Steve Judd, and John Emmett always provided a high standard of 'keeping during the season.

Although the season was not successful, the team was high spirited (especially after 6.00p.m.) and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the cricket - which is the main objective all said and done. I would like to thank all the players who played in thirds for an enjoyable season's cricket.

On behalf of the third grade players, a special thanks is deserving to my wife, Vicki, who unfailingly provided cakes for afternoon tea during the entire season. Thanks also to Mrs. Kell who provided some lovely and exotic cream cakes.

Bruce Druery

**THIRD GRADE BATTING**

	Inn	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave	Cts
G.Cooper	10	1	69*	272	30.2	3
M.Sewell	11	2	60*	226	25.1	5
P.MacKay	11	0	64	227	20.6	1
P.Gray	10	0	53	187	18.7	12(+2stp)
G.Parker	13	2	71	195	17.7	4
B.Druery	14	4	29	147	14.7	4
P.Kell	16	1	26	175	11.7	3
L.Schwartzkoff	7	0	35	80	11.4	1
M.Forbes	16	1	38	168	11.2	7
P.Armitage	7	3	14*	28	7.0	1

Also batted (inns, n.o., H.S., runs): B.Elliot (6,1,17,62); J.Emmett (6,0,27,71); A.Haymet (4,0,40,108); S.Judd (4,0,15,26); M.Wilson (3,0,49,94); J.Holgate (1,1,23\*,23); R.Parker (4,1,31\*,71); M.Sinclair (3,0,13,21); S.Hetherington (3,0,46,50); J.Darling (1,0,18,18); A.Baigent (2,2,40\*,44); G.McNally (3,0,9,17); A.Grattan-Smith (3,1,18,35); D.McInnes (2,0,14,17); A.Hoop (3,0,17,34); P.Gibson (4,0,9,13); J.Warren (5,2,27\*,34); W.Levy (1,0,12,12); D.Ransom (2,1,8,15); J.O'Sullivan (2,0,10,10).

**Highest partnerships:**

1st wkt:	66	P.MacKay and A.Haymet	vs Randwick
2nd wkt:	43	P.MacKay and G.Cooper	vs Nth Sydney
3rd wkt:	75	G.Cooper and M.Sewell	vs Nth Sydney
4th wkt:	142*	G.Cooper and M.Sewell	vs Bankstown
5th wkt:	57	G.Parker and B.Elliot	vs Balmain
6th wkt:	50	M.Wilson and P.Gray	vs Waverley
7th wkt:	25	M.Wilson and P.Gray	vs Sutherland
8th wkt:	32	M.Forbes and D.Ransom	vs Nth Sydney
9th wkt:	55	B.Druery and A.Baigent	vs Waverley
10th wkt:	47	A.Baigent and G.Swords	vs Waverley

**THIRD GRADE BOWLING**

	O	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave
G.Parker	75	12	248	18	13.8
M.Forbes	218	25	856	49	17.5
G.Swords	113.6	18	520	26	20.0
B.Druery	80.1	14	270	12	22.5
P.Armitage	97.7	18	371	15	24.7

Also bowled (wkts, runs): M.Wilson (5,200); J.Warren (3,149); G.McNally (1,55); R.Parker (1,71); D.Ransom (0,15); A.Baigent (0,63).  
 Best bowling: M.Forbes 7/47, 6/43, 5/54, 5/64, 5/69  
 P.Armitage 6/52; G.Parker 5/26; G.Swords 5/34, 5/42.

**FOURTH GRADE REPORT**

Won 1st innings - 9; lost 1st innings - 5. Points - 54. Position - 4th.

This team had the best physical and psychological approach to the game of any team with which I have ever been associated. They wanted to do well and were unfortunate not to retain the Reid Cup won by the 4th XI of last season. Sure, the cynics will say that it is easy to be motivated if a goal or reward (semi-finals) is within reach; but the players were also motivated in another way. If the team lost (and we suffered a mid-season slump when we dropped down the ladder), to their great credit the players became even more determined than ever to succeed. This persistence meant we eventually finished fourth in the premiership only to see the semi-final being washed out. Needless to say it was extremely disappointing!

Enthusiasm and discipline on and off the field resulted in the players' improvement by the end of the season. Off-field enthusiasm was shown by 90% attendance at every practice where players really worked hard on their games. Onfield enthusiasm was particularly evident in fielding with all players fully concentrating on all fundamentals such as positional play and backing up returns. However, often the batting lacked discipline (exception "Hondo") whilst generally the bowlers were always on top using good variation, yet "keeping it tight". Individual performances are reflected in the statistics which follow, but I think the efforts of two players in particular, Tony Grattan-Smith and Ross Wilkinson, should be singled out. These two are far above 4th Grade ability and should be selected accordingly next season. Tony showed consistent batting but two efforts could hardly have been achieved by anyone else in the Club. His masterly 88 against Bankstown after the side was 6 for 38 with one further player in hospital gave us a chance of winning (which we eventually did). And his 100\* against Balmain again enabled us to win, after we were 4 for 16. Ross Wilkinson showed consistently superb all-round performances. If he can display as much competitiveness in his batting as he does bowling and fielding, with a determination never to get out, he will be capable of amassing huge scores. Three other players who did extremely well were spinner Peter Havord, 'keeper John Wall and batsman Michael Furlong.

With this team we had dedication, something that was more evident in this Club this season than I have ever witnessed before. If this enthusiasm is even greater next year we cannot but help give ourselves a chance of winning the Club Championship.

With the rain tumbling down during our scheduled semi-final, the captain was heard to say "I've waited nine years for this...nine years....." But despite the rain, it was worth the wait.

Peter Gannon

**FOURTH GRADE BATTING**

	Inn	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave	Cts
A.Grattan-Smith	12	3	100*	304	33.8	2
A.Haymet	5	0	83	162	32.4	1
M.Furlong	6	1	47*	132	26.4	4
R.Wilkinson	15	4	37	215	19.5	8
J.Holgate	10	3	57*	125	17.9	3
P.Mortimore	6	0	44	97	16.2	1
P.Gibson	11	1	31*	134	13.4	6
J.Wall	10	3	25	86	12.3	28
D.Morgan	8	0	42	90	11.3	3
P.Gannon	12	1	42	115	10.5	5
A.Baigent	8	3	11*	39	7.8	2
P.Havord	13-	4	13*	65	7.2	1

Also batted (inns, n.o., H.S., runs, cts): A.Hoop (5,0,11,18,1); S.Hetherington (5,0,24,66,3); G.Cooper (3,1,124\*,157,3); M.Sewell (3,0,111,112,1); C.Prell (4,0,46,107,0); L.Schwartzkoff (2,0,77,78,1); P.Beale (2,0,59,63,1); R.Parker (3,0,38,58,2); M.Sinclair (4,0,26,51,1); J.Goncalves (4,1,36\*,43,1); D.Ransom (3,0,18,34,2); J.Warren (3,0,11,19,1); C.Rodger (1,0,13,13,0); R.Howlett (2,1,7,12,5); P.Palesy (1,0,10,10,0); A.de Carvalho (3,0,7,7,1); D.Allchin (2,1,3,3,1); P.Armitage (3,1,1,1,1).

## 4th GRADE BOWLING

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	O	M	R	W	Ave
J. Warren	51.7	10	162	14	11.6
R. Wilkinson	142.7	28	419	33	12.7
P. Armitage	85	29	254	19	13.4
P. Havord	146.4	26	473	33	14.3
A. Baigent	121.7	32	405	22	18.4

Also bowled (wkts, runs): D. Allchin (10, 129); P. Beale (9, 72); R. Howlett (7, 105); R. Parker (3, 51); J. Holgate (2, 163); G. Cooper (1, 1); A. Grattan-Smith (1, 6); M. Sewell (1, 11); D. Ransom (1, 7).  
Best bowling: P. Havord 7/39; J. Warren 7/53; P. Armitage 6/77; R. Wilkinson 5/29; D. Allchin 5/39; P. Beale 5/47; A. Baigent 4/30.

## Best partnerships:

1st wkt: 77	M. Furlong & P. Mortimore	vs Nth. Sydney	6th wkt: 73	A. Grattan-Smith & R. Wilkinson	vs Balmain
2nd wkt: 41	M. Furlong & A. Grattan-Smith	vs Mosman	7th wkt: 47	A. Grattan-Smith & J. Wall	vs Bankstown
3rd wkt: 84	P. Mortimore & A. Grattan-Smith	vs N. District	8th wkt: 62	J. Holgate & J. Wall	vs St. George
4th wkt: 126	L. Schwartzkoff & G. Cooper	vs Sutherland	9th wkt: 46	A. Grattan-Smith & P. Havord	vs Bankstown
	123 M. Sewell & P. Beale	vs UNSW	10th wkt: 25*	A. Grattan-Smith & A. Baigent	vs Balmain
5th wkt: 35	S. Hetherington & R. Parker	vs St. George			

Best batting: A. Grattan-Smith 100\* (vs Balmain), 88 (vs Bankstown); G. Cooper 124\* (vs Sutherland); M. Sewell 111 (vs UNSW).

## INTERVARSITY vs MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

This year saw Sydney host Melbourne in a 3-day game. Melbourne arrived with a few of their famed personalities and it was obvious from the start that this tour and the game were to be played in a truly fine spirit. Things did not start well as the Sydney Uni skipper L'Estrange lost the toss and we were sent into the field on a hot day and with a dead wicket. More to our concern, however, a full compliment of players was still needed (thankfully this was quickly overcome owing to last minute pull-outs through injuries). The strong Melbourne team wilted under the initial onslaught of Steve Glenday, but a few dropped catches later in the innings allowed Melbourne to reach 192 - a target still well within our range. With 40 minutes left to bat we set out to bat normally and keep our wickets in tact - unfortunately we lost 1 quick wicket (sorry) and it was left to Furlong and Mortimore to guide us through to stumps - which they looked like doing until a wicket fell to the beloved Jim Tangas on the last ball of the day. The second day was again perfect for cricket however we lost quick wickets. It was left to Tony Grattan-Smith with a great pressure innings of 57 to add respectability to our total of 140. Melbourne amassed a huge total in their second innings and were 2 for 177 at the end of the day. They continued batting on the final day before finally declaring leaving us 280 runs to get in slightly less than even time. With a much better start between L'Estrange (45) and Goncalves (23) we were 50 without loss. However many players made a start but could not build on it and with 45 minutes to go we were finally dismissed for 244 after a hard hitting innings of 44 from Steve Glenday had put us within reach of our target. The Melbourne boys assured us that they had a great time, and would particularly like me to thank the caterers for the fine lunches! The last night concluded the tour with a BBQ at Skip's cottage which was excellently attended and where the very important part of I.V. - that is making friends - continued to the somewhat early hours of the following morning.

## REPRESENTATIVE FIXTURES ORGANISED BY A.U.S.A.

In Brisbane: Zone B 9 (dec) 258 (M. Watt 75, P. Baird 45, C. McRae 31\*, C. Chapman 25, G. Porter 4-67) and 6 (dec) 210 (J. Robson 84, T. Jenkins 61, P. Tout 25, G. Porter 3-41) bt Zone A 109 (J. Rodgers 4-14, C. McRae 2-12, J. Robson 2-20) and 205 (B. McIntyre 83, W. Schultz 35, J. Robson 6-42, J. Rodgers 4-60) by 154 runs.

at La Trobe Northern Universities 127 (C. Chapman 33, S. Campbell 18, J. L'Estrange 17, D. Knight 4-25) and 1-54 drew with Southern Universities 7 (dec) 319 (K. Braddley 85, P. Whitehead 64, C. Chapman 2-20).

at Sydney Combined Sydney Metropolitan Universities 9-194 (M. Watt 35, J. Robson 29) bt N.Z. Universities 135 by 59 runs in a 40 over match.

at Sydney N.Z. Universities 3-150 (Beale 2-46, Keighran 1-27). Match drawn when rain prevented play for the 2nd and 3rd day.

at Sydney NSW Universities 9-155 (P. Wynn 38, D. Ridley 33, M. Wilson 22, R. Wilkinson 15) bt N.Z. Universities 146 (R. Wilkinson 5-26, J. Rodgers 2-19, P. Beale 2-32) by 9 runs in a 30 over match.

## DOUBLE WICKET COMPETITION

The double wicket competition was held in January. Although there was some confusion early on with No. 1 Oval being double-booked, play eventually started about 11 a.m. on St. Pauls Oval. But before this could happen the highlight of the day's entertainment was the drawing of partners from a cup - the main interest was in seeing who would partner Schwartz (bad luck Jules). With 11 pairs participating a simple knockout competition was not possible and, though some got a rather easy run through to the second round, most of the competition was fierce if not of the highest calibre. Run outs appeared to be an extremely popular way of getting out - some enjoying it so much that they would do it twice in an over. But nevertheless it was cricket of the type Packer could be proud and the final between McWilkinraeson and Hondhow-Grattlett-Smith could not have been more exciting - it ended in a tie. To avoid any confusion with count-backs or extra time (it was already quite dark) the two pairs were called joint winners. The fielding award, if there had been one, must surely have gone to the Immortal Ganno for his spectacular returns from the outfield.

James Holgate

Won outright -4; won 1st innings -2; drawn -2; lost 1st innings -4; lost outright -1. Position: equal 6th.

A wine connoisseur liquified and bottled the SA side at the end of the 1977/78 pickings and presented this report for the "Cricketers Buying Guide." "Nose rather average but with strong varietal University Oval characteristics. This wine was made when the Eardley grape was unavailable and therefore shows acceptable colour. The most dominant feature seemed to be inconsistency. It did not seem to be all there all the time - or sometimes even on time! While the wine showed strong character on the palate ( a wine term meaning guts), it also displayed a weakness especially in the initial tasting and later midway through the sample. The wine is distinctly a University style. The balance is a little short at this stage but should develop given time. Put it in your cellar and open at some future banquet - a cricket dinner perhaps."

This wine is interesting to compare to its stable-mate "The Julian Estate Individual Paddock White B." This season this wine made the Showground taste-off but, unfortunately, rain at picking time soured the crop from being a winning one.

Three rounds before the end of the season - actually on the way out to the centre - a famous character (who mysteriously lost his protector at the Vets social match) predicted that the team would win no more matches that season. Up to that stage the team had 26 points (won before Christmas). We won that game outright, as we did the next and almost the last. It would be grand to say this run of success was warmly anticipated but alas as we faced Gordon in that 11th Round probably the opposite was true.

What was the reason behind this inconsistency? No doubt nothing more sinister (or even right-handed) than player availability, or should one say, the lack of the right players. The "team" had four outright wins - each one deservedly and decisively won - and two sound wins on the 1st innings. The rest of the season was a disappointing mixture of missed opportunities and inability: perhaps in only two matches (Rounds 1 & 2) were we unsuccessful when we had a team that should not have been. Predicting results became harder than getting Spence elected.

It was, nevertheless, an enjoyable season. In the batting department Greg McNally, Barry Elliot, John Malicki and Steve Judd played plenty of determined knocks though without being able to muster big scores. Steve Hetherington, playing his first season with the Club, proved a valuable opening bat and deservedly had a good season. Mark Cepak, Joe Goncalves and Tony Gratten-Smith crashed some big scores whilst Paul Gresham also made some useful contributions as opener. The batting treat of the season came in the match against Balmain B as we were hoping to play out time. Last man in Ken Liley was told to take his time which he did - running himself out first ball, without facing a ball!. Players far and wide agreed that it was one of the finest, most courageous, battling, dignified walks to the wicket they had ever experienced.

But the season belonged to Bob Howlett - his figures speak for themselves and a report cannot hope to convey the extent to which he contributed to our wins and to our morale when we lost. His best performances were magnificent. In fact he routed Gordon twice (7/37 and 7/47) to help give us outright points and cause Gordon's first outright loss in 5ths for years. He also secured 9/56 against Cumberland, and it may well have been 10 except for a Palesy return from the deep which run out their last man.

University's Mr Grainger, Phil Hepburn, eliminated most of his no-balling technique and had his best season with 32 wickets. Ken Liley gave solid support and promises to be a most useful bowler. To our other bowlers, thanks! Oh, yes...and to Tony Millward playing in his first match of the season in Round 12 and taking 6/16 and 1/10 and scoring 57\*..T.F.C.!

We were excellently served by our wicket-keepers Alf Hoop, Glen Gibson and Steve Judd all of whom kept consistently well. Mark Cordato did not let the team down in this role in the last round.

Trivia: on a wet wicket, we were told by a Mosman player before the game that we better not play because "I think I'll kill someone today" - Barry Elliot, however, 'killed' him with the blade!

on 50, Greg McNally's hands shook with excitement as he ordered the sight board moved. The result: he was out next ball.

on the wonder pitch at Mascot Tony Millward took three wickets in an over (6 in the innings) and Waverley were out for 49 (20 overs). Gresham scored 23 in 4 overs as we hit 7/181. During this a rather nasty piece said "Where do you keep your horse?" Us cowboys felt rather smug when Tony Millward then hit 5 consecutive boundaries off the loud mouth. Overnight Waverley were 4 out and we won within the hour the next week - fortunately, since as we came off Chris said he had a tennis engagement at 3, Greg had to return his Dad's car by 3, Paul had a golf date and so on. What wonderful confidence!

when Mark Cepak in his gentlemanly manner told a cover fielder, who had dropped an easy catch: "not to worry, you've stopped four!"

Anyhow a final word of thanks for all their hard work to: Roy Pearson (not just for the promised cigar, Roy!); Mark Sewell and the inevitable Ganno. But the final word belongs to John Spence who filled in for the B's in their match against us. He ended up 'keeping not only for them, but also for us when Glenn Gibson was injured early in the match. John must be the only 'keeper ever to have kept in all 4 innings of a match on the same day - and using one of the captain's spare socks as an impromptu inner!

SA Batting							SA Bowling			
	Inns	N.o.	H.S.	Runs	Ave	Cts	Wkts	Runs	Ave	
A.Grattan-Smith	5	1	83	127	31.8	1	R.Howlett	48	488	10.2
S.Hetherington	8	2	69	163	27.2	2	P.Hepburn	32	392	12.3
J.Goncalves	8	0	67	199	24.9	2	M.Cepak	14	237	16.9
B.Elliot	15	2	52	287	22.1	1	J.Malicki	19	336	17.2
S.Judd	9	1	62	175	21.9	13 (+1stp)	K.Liley	13	248	19.2
R.Howlett	6	4	21*	41	20.5	7	G.McNally	9	186	20.7
M.Cepak	11	2	66*	179	19.9	2				
C.Prell	7	1	40	115	19.2	2				
G.McNally	12	1	51	192	17.5	6				
M.Schwartz	12	2	39*	164	16.4	10				
G.Gibson	6	1	28*	77	15.4	7 (+1stp)				
J.Malicki	17	2	30	210	14.0	7				
P.Gresham	7	0	23	60	8.6	3				

Best bowling: R.Howlett 9/56 (vs Cumb A), 7/37 and 7/47 (vs Gordon), 5/70 (vs N.Dist A).  
P.Hepburn 6/12 (vs Nth.Syd), 6/29 (vs Wav).  
A.Millward 6/16 (vs Wav).  
K.Liley 6/40 (vs Bal B).  
M.Cepak 5/9 (vs Nth.Syd).

Also batted: (Inns, n.o., H.S., runs, cts) P.Palesy (5,0,20,50,1); D.Morgan (5,0,14,27,0); N.Hughes (7,0,11,32,7); P.Hepburn (8,4,6\*,15,2); A.Millward (3,1,73,130,1); A.Hoop (4,0,23,62,5); P.Beale (1,0,48,48,0); C.Rodger (2,1,31\*,38,1); S.Best (4,2,17\*,36,1); M.Connellan (4,2,12\*,29,0); D.Ransom (2,0,17,30,0); G.Gee (2,1,23\*,28,1); A.Sullivan (3,0,18,24,0); B.Jenkins (3,0,8,15,1); C.Bellemore (1,0,4,4,0); G.Coleman (1,0,2,2,0); P.Apostocopoulos (1,0,0,0,1); M.Cordato (3,0,0,0,3+1stp); K.Liley (3,2,0\*,0,0); E.Lieversz did not bat.

Also bowled: (wkts, runs) A.Millward (12,57); N.Hughes (5,73); P.Beale (3,20); M.Schwartz (1,15); G.Gee (0,2); P.Apostocopoulos (1,33); J.Goncalves (0,5); B.Elliott (0,12); S.Best (0,13); D.Ransom (0,44); M.Connellan (0,109).

#### BEST PARTNERSHIPS.

1st wkt: 40 P.Gresham (23) & S.Hetherington (11)	vs Wav	6th wkt: 42 M.Schwartz (36) & M.Cepak (23)	vs BalB
2nd wkt: 56 C.Prell (40) & B.Elliott (13)	vs Suth	7th wkt: 54 J.Goncalves (26) & G.McNally (51)	vs BalB
3rd wkt: 62 B.Elliott (47) & J.Malicki (23*)	vs UniB	8th wkt: 93*G.McNally (27*) & M.Cepak (66*)	vs Cumb
4th wkt: 76 J.Goncalves (67) & S.Judd (62)	vs N.D.A	9th wkt: 22 P.Gibson (26) & R.Howlett (17*)	vs Cumb
5th wkt: 52 J.Malicki (10) & C.Rodger (31*)	vs Gord	10th wkt: 26*R.Howlett(21*) & P.Hepburn(6*)	vs Suth

#### 5B REPORT

Won outright -2; won 1st innings -6; drawn -2; lost 1st innings -3; lost outright -0. Position: equal 3rd.

Overall the 1977-78 season was both a very enjoyable and successful one for the 5B's. Throughout, the side was on line for a semi-final spot and for much of the season led the competition. However losses in the last two vital matches saw the B's slip from 1st to 4th place in a very close competition. Having reached the semi-finals on quotient, we were denied the chance to prove how misleading our form of the last two rounds really was by the advent of torrential rain. Congratulations are to be extended to the Balmain B's, our would be opponents in the semi-final washout, who went on to win the competition. It was naturally very disappointing to have got to the semi-finals and then not being able to play, but this should not detract from the fact that overall it was a very enjoyable season with many outstanding performances and a number of incidents worthy of mention.

The most pleasing aspect was the excellent team spirit but the B's also showed good fighting spirit in a number of games e.g. against in particular Waverley and Cumberland A when likely losses were turned into fine victories. On the other hand the fielding of the team was disappointing for whilst the ground fielding was generally sound, far too many catches were put down, particularly in the slips.

Throughout the season luck didn't greatly favour us. Losing some very vital tosses and only winning four of the thirteen all told meant that we were often battling against unfavourable conditions. However, despite this and bad light early in the season which denied us the possibility of outright wins in a couple of games, we generally created our own opportunities.

The most distressing feature of the season occurred during the match against Northern Districts A at St. Pauls when the murder of a girl on the College grounds marred what could have been a great game. Play was delayed at the start of the second day which was played in a somewhat sombre atmosphere. On the first day of this match the B's put up their best batting performance when led by Peter Palesy (110), and Peter Gannon (81 - his highest score so far with the Club) the side totalled 9 for 332. On a greatly shortened second day Northern Districts were 7 for 132 when weather finally intervened.

Probably the B's major strength was its batting in a dry summer which saw one score over 300 and five more totals well over 200. This was due partially to strength in length of batting but also to a number of fine individual performances which included three excellent centuries: Dave Morgan (116 vs N.D.B), P.Palesy (110 vs N.D.A) and Michael Lynch (102 vs UNSW A). Among other innings of note were Phil Greenwood's 93 in a record partnership for the 6th wicket of 174 with Michael Lynch against UNSW A, Mark Sinclair's 86 against Gordon and 81 against Balmain B, Peter Gannon's 81 vs N.D.A, and Joe Goncalves' double of 76\* and 59 against Cumberland B.

After good performances in the early matches Ross Wilkinson, Mark Sinclair and Peter Gibson all gained promotion to higher grades where Ross in particular continued to have an excellent season. Dave Morgan's century also gained him a spot in 4th Grade, but left the B's without a regular opening batsman - a problem which was never really resolved. Mick Furlong played some stylish innings until his talent was spotted by 4th Grade scouts and Bob Howlett bowled as effectively for the B's in the matches he played as he did for both the A's and 4th Grade. Alf Hoop, who had a very disappointing season by his own usual standards, kept tidily and he scored a very valuable 62 in a partnership with Dave Morgan which guided us to victory against Districts B. Paul Gresham scored a good 30 against UNSWA and his fielding was always first class.

Michael Lynch after a slow start became the team's most consistent batsman and showed excellent temperament as an opening batsman, although he would probably have done better batting at No.3. Glenn Gibson came into the team for the last few matches and solved the team's major problem with excellent performances behind the stumps. Chris Rodger started the season in good form, being a model of consistency. However his form slumped somewhat in the latter half. A good slip fieldsman. Peter Palesy batted well throughout the season, his cover driving in particular revealed a batsman of great style. However after his fine century Peter didn't enjoy much luck. His fielding, especially in the covers, was consistently good. Joe Goncalves, after a couple of disappointing knocks early on, hit great form on the eve of the semi-final against Cumberland B.

Alan Sullivan had a mixed season. He hit a couple of 50's which rapidly changed games in our favour. However on a number of occasions he threw away promising innings with rash strokes. His energy and enthusiasm in the field were inspirational to other team members. Phil Greenwood lost confidence somewhat after scoring a chanceless 93 before being run out (by his runner!) and never really regained his early form. He proved to be a useful medium pace bowler and should develop into a very useful all-rounder. Mark Baigent developed as a very promising cricketer. A fast, aggressive bowler and potentially a very good bat who should further improve and move up the grades in the next few seasons. An excellent fieldsman. Dave Ransom bowled consistently well throughout and could always be relied upon to pick up a few wickets and slow the run rate down with his accurate medium pace. He will do even better if he controls his temperament.

Mark Connellan had a disappointing season with the ball but he was often out of luck and had many chances dropped off his bowling. However no one tries harder and some excellent gully fielding as well as some very useful innings in which he displayed excellent temperament contributed to his overall value to the team. Mark Cordato found few pitches to his liking, but was more successful after Christmas when he bowled a little quicker. Mark has the ability to spin the ball both ways sharply and will improve.

Congratulations and commiserations to the second and fourth grade teams on reaching respectively the final and the semi-final without ultimate success. Also a thought for the 5A's for their great finish which almost saw them to the semis. Finally I thank all players who played with the B's and who helped make 1977-78 so enjoyable and successful.

**SB BATTING**

	Inns	n.o.	H.S.	Runs	Ave	Cts
J.Goncalves	7	2	76*	216	43.2	1
D.Morgan	5	0	116	212	42.4	0
P.Gibson	5	1	69	164	41.0	3
M.Sinclair	5	0	86	186	37.2	5(+1stp)
P.Palesy	13	3	110	278	27.8	3
G.Gibson	5	2	45	69	23.0	6(+6spt)
M.Lynch	13	0	102	294	22.6	2
C.Rodger	10	3	33*	155	22.1	7
A.Sullivan	16	4	59	251	20.9	2
P.Greenwood	9	0	93	183	20.3	7
M.Baigent	15	2	50	210	16.1	6
D.Ransom	8	2	21*	87	14.5	4
J.White	14	4	39	136	13.6	2
M.Cordato	10	5	23*	61	12.2	11
M.Connellan	10	2	21	75	9.4	7

Also batted (inns, n.o., H.S., runs,cts):  
M.Furlong (4,2,42,133,3); P.Gannon (4,0,81,105,0); A.Hoop (4,0,62,105,5+2stp); P.Gresham (4,0,30,62,0); R.Wilkinson (2,0,18,32,3); C.Prell (2,0,20,29,1); A.de Carvalho (3,0,14,22,0); G.McNally (2,0,20,21,0); B.Jenkins (2,0,17,20,1); R.Howlett (2,0,10,10,0); K.Liley (1,1,3\*,3,0); G.Coleman (1,0,2,2,0); J.Spence (1ct, did not bat); S.Best (did not bat).

**SB BOWLING**

	O	M	R	W	Ave
R.Wilkinson	76.3	14	162	19	8.5
D.Ransom	119.7	22	352	26	13.6
J.White	138.4	29	494	31	15.9
M.Baigent	118.4	18	503	23	21.1
M.Cordato	88.6	5	387	15	25.8
M.Connellan	90	10	385	11	35.0

Also bowled (wkts, runs): R.Howlett (9,114); A.deCarvalho (3,37); P.Greenwood (2,87); K.Liley (1,8); G.McNally (1,11); P.Gannon (0,0); C.Rodger (0,4); S.Best (0,11).  
Best bowling: R.Wilkinson 9/37, J.White 6/31, 6/51; D.Ransom 6/46; M.Baigent 6/68

**Best partnerships:**

1st wkt:	98	M.Lynch and M.Baigent	vs Syd.Uni.A
2nd wkt:	83	M.Lynch and G.Gibson	vs Bankstown
3rd wkt:	75	D.Morgan and M.Furlong	vs Cumberland A
4th wkt:	118	D.Morgan and A.Hoop	vs N.Districts B
5th wkt:	54	P.Palesy and C.Rodger	vs Balmain A
6th wkt:	174	M.Lynch and P.Greenwood	vs UNSW A
7th wkt:	48	P.Palesy and D.Ransom	vs N.Districts A
8th wkt:	81	M.Baigent and J.White	vs Sutherland
9th wkt:	43	P.Greenwood and M.Connellan	vs Cumberland B
10th wkt:	28	J.Goncalves and R.Howlett	vs Cumberland B

**EIGHTH GRADE REPORT**

Sydney Uni's 8th Grade team had its most unsuccessful season, winning only two games out of a possible fifteen. However the team had its moments and was able to go close to winning on several other occasions. As usual there was a large turnover of players with the more successful players being promoted to Grade, and a few 'drop-outs' during the holidays.

The best match of the season from Uni's point of view was the second of the year, after losing number one to Taverners who eventually won the competition. This second match was normal in that Uni got off to a bad start and were shot out for 65 (Steve Best 23\*). Uni lost on the first innings and were 3/23 at stumps on day one. Next week was a completely different story with Steve Best and Mike Shineberg scoring 87 and 89\* in a partnership of 188. Uni declared at 5/203 and proceed to win the match outright by dismissing The Merton for 80. It was thirteen matches before Uni's next win in the last match of the season.

Uni sported some good players throughout the season besides those mentioned above, but we were never able to put it all together. We were always capable of bowling other sides out, but rarely did we bat well. That we bowled other sides out speaks highly for the bowling, because the standard of fielding was often pathetic. Some great catches were taken, but many sitters were put down. Joe Nucifora deserves mention for consistently scoring runs as does relative newcomer John Loxton. Bob Middleton's 55 against Merton will long be remembered by those who saw it: he was dropped six times! Glenn Gibson's 'keeping was much improved on last year as evidenced by his elevation to SB's in mid-season. Charlie Gwynn's bowling improved steadily all season, and in the last few games he was a real spearhead with fast, accurate bowling. Peter McGrath and Gary Kemister provided some goo spin bowling, particularly in one spell against Callen Park where both bowled tightly for a long period. Rod Mitchell took 15 wickets, and bowled much better towards the end of the season. Alan Homing was always hard to remove from the crease.

For the next season, we can only hope for some more consistent batting and fielding and the number of wins should triple!

Jim Fleming.

**8th GRADE BOWLING (wkts, runs, ave):**

S.Best (9,85,9.4); D.Symes (11,148,13.5); R.Middleton (9,141,15.7); C.Gwynn (14,238,17.0); G.Kemister (17,297,17.5); R.Mitchell (15,406,27.1).

Also bowled: (wkts, runs) J.Whittle (8,75); P.McGrath (6,115); J.Nucifora (5,42); G.Stanton (4,44); J.Loxton (2,39); M.Kobetski (2,49); J.Blackman (1,42); P.Apostocopoulos (1,45); J.Berg (0,8); D.McDonald (0,10); J.Fleming (0,21); C.Bellemore (0,34); S.McQuilty (0,32).

## 8th GRADE BATTING

23.

	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave
S. Best	4	1	87	113	37.7
M. Shineberg	4	1	89*	101	33.7
J. Nucifora	11	1	59	210	21.0
J. Loxton	4	0	36	82	20.5
R. Middleton	10	2	55	152	19.0
G. Gibson	6	0	22	76	12.6
A. Homing	7	1	16	67	11.3
R. Mitchell	10	0	25	92	9.2
C. Bellemore	9	0	16	67	7.4
D. Symes	5	2	7	20	6.7
J. Fleming	17	2	16	74	4.9
G. Kemister	20	0	17	98	4.9
P. Royle	12	1	12	48	4.4
P. McGrath	10	1	15	31	3.4
C. Gwynn	9	1	6	11	1.4
S. McQuilty	10	4	2*	6	1.0

Also batted (inns, n.o., H.S., runs); J. Berg (4,0,9,14); J. Blackman (3,0,45,64); M. Mulcahy (1,0,42,42); G. Stanton (3,0,25,31); P. Donkin (1,1,21\*,21); M. Kobetski (3,1,11\*,18); J. Nappa (2,0,16,17); J. Whittle (3,0,9,16); P. Apostocopoulos (3,0,10,16); N. Bull (2,0,11,13); D. McDonald (1,1,5\*,5); J. Buckley (1,0,5,5); P. Cobcroft (2,0,5,5); C. Phillips (1,1,2\*,2); Kahane (2,0,2,2); J. Uebel (1,0,0,0); G. Moore (2,0,0,0); D. Stark (1,0,0,0); Beran (2,0,0,0); M. Cordato (1,0,0,0).

## THE VETERANS

This season was a considerable improvement over that of last year and the score book shows that during the year twenty eight matches were listed of which twenty three were played, eleven were won, ten lost and two drawn. A total of thirty five players donned their creams for the season and played a varying number of games from Dick Townsend's mammoth fifteen to Angus Mackey's sole appearance. New members were welcomed to the team namely Bruce Collins, Gerry Gerlach, Mal Ives, David Moss and Steven Ruff.

The Club's social calendar is following its usual course with a pre-season dinner at the Imperial Service Club and an end of season bar-b-que at the home of Jim and Helen Mackie. It appeared that the benefit obtained by the former Secretary attending a Club dinner for those who played for the University before 1930 did not materialise in that it is not recalled on any occasion that any member of the Club returned to the University Club in his creams for a game of bridge after, of course, a shower and dinner.

In the batting department the averages were clearly headed by David Moss with an average of eighty. He was followed by Ted LeCouteur who also gained the highest score of one hundred not out. This was the only century of the season and was a fine innings. Scores of over fifty were recorded by Mal Ives (62\*, 72), Bert Kennings (53\*), Jim Mackie (57,65) and Jon Erby (80,85). The other prominent figures to come from the batting side of the score book are Bob Brown's four no scores and Armati's two no scores. The season repeated itself at the beginning for Armati and Brown as they were the second and third men respectively on a hat-trick against Shore and indeed were each out on the first ball against the same side the previous year. Subsequently Brown and Armati reversed their roles in a game against the Cricketer's Club when Brown was the second man on a possible hat-trick which did not eventuate when Armati in playing his first ball was amazed at not been given out to an extremely loud appeal for a catch behind. As a result of these two incidents it is to be noted that Armati and Brown will not bat near each other in the batting order again.

In the bowling department, Bruce Collins and David Moss headed the averages whilst the best bowling performances were Bob Brown's four for sixteen against St. George, John Kleem 4/17 against Briars, Alan Cash 4/41 against the Cricketers Club and 4/48 against Scots Old Boys.

On the batting front the best batting partnerships were Rob Thomas and Bob Brown (83 against Radio Physics), George Cole and Jon Erby (76 against Scots Old Boys) and Bob Brown and David Armati (70 against Paddington). The highest total was 7/224 against Scots Old Boys, and the most dismal was 9/52 against A.M.P. in which the sterling innings lasted a total of 12.5 overs.

A new statistic has been added to the bowling averages this year, namely the number of occasions on which a player was called upon to occupy the bowling crease. Several players were not called upon at all which can only lead to the inference that they were not seen practising to batsmen before the game, or alternatively, of course that they were seen and the Captain of the day made a choice on such performance. It appears that by comparing the number of times a person bowled, with the number of times he did not bat, there is certain levelling out of participation in various matches. This unhappily does not apply to our elder statesman, Greg Scahill, who was invited to play on three occasions and did not bat on any of them but managed to be offered two overs on one occasion. On the other hand, Dick Townsend did not bat on four consecutive occasions, which would be the equivalent of five consecutive occasions if you ignore his 0 not out from one ball in the middle of the sequence. On the other hand of course, Dick has the opportunity to bowl a bit more than some others. The senior double was only obtained by Bob Brown (12 wickets and 124 runs); numerous other players obtained the Junior double of one wicket and ten runs, although unhappily some did not.

During the season, Peter Lovell was posted overseas and David Armati took over as acting secretary with the assistance of Bert Kennings and Brian Nicholson. In addition, I would like to point out how grateful I was for the assistance from all concerned in respect to taking over the reins.

A donation will be sent to the Primary Club of Australia in respect of the primaries scored by Brown (2), Armati, Grattan-Smith and R. Bell.

David Armati

## VETERANS BATTING

	Matches	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave		Matches	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave
D. Moss	4	3	2	38*	80	80.0	B. Collins	6	6	0	38	119	19.8
E. LeCouteur	5	5	2	100*	163	54.3	G. Cole	6	5	0	43	94	18.8
J. Everett	2	2	0	46	86	43.0	D. Fox	14	9	3	29	110	18.3
J. Erby	6	6	0	85	235	39.2	C. Hollebone	6	6	0	32	108	18.0
M. Ives	11	11	3	72*	289	36.1	R. Thomas	4	4	0	33	68	17.0
J. Mackie	10	8	2	65	175	29.1	D. Watson	5	5	0	29	82	16.4
K. Hollebone	4	4	1	41*	61	20.3	P. Lovell	8	7	1	25	87	14.5

## Veterans Report continued:

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Matches	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave	Matches	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave
D.Armati	10	10	0	47	137 13.7	J.Kleem	10	8	1	19	51 7.2
A.Kennings	13	12	1	53*	142 12.9	D.Timmins	7	7	0	14	48 6.9
R.Brown	13	11	1	38	124 12.4	R.Bridge	4	3	0	18	20 6.7
R.Townsend	15	8	3	17	56 11.2	A.Mackie	1	1	0	5	5 5.0
S.Ruff	5	5	1	20	56 11.2	C.Nicholson	2	2	0	3	6 3.0
W.Poole	2	2	0	20	22 11.0	M.Guinness	4	3	0	6	8 2.7
B.Nicholson	13	10	4	20	65 10.8	W.Morgan	7	1	1	16*	16 -
T.Nevell	9	8	3	26	54 10.8	G.Scahill	3	0	0	0	0 -
B.Lazell	5	5	1	20	53 10.6						
H.Poulos	3	2	0	12	21 10.5	D.Morgan	1	1	0	24	24 24.0
J.Herron	6	5	0	18	55 9.2	D.Grattan-Smith	1	1	0	0	0 0
G.Gerlach	9	5	3	10*	16 8.0	R.Bell	1	1	0	0	0 0
A.Cash	10	10	2	36	63 7.9	J.Simpson	1	1	1	7*	7 -

## BOWLING

BOWLING						BOWLING							
Times bowled	O	M	W	R	Ave	Times bowled	O	M	W	R	Ave		
B.Collins	4	11	1	6	30	5.0	P.Lovell	1	2	0	1	22	22.0
D.Moss	1	2	0	2	10	5.0	K.Hollebone	3	13	0	3	71	23.7
J.Erby	4	5	0	4	22	5.5	D.Fox	14	66	4	13	321	24.7
H.Poulos	1	1	0	1	8	8.0	G.Cole	5	15	1	4	101	25.3
M.Ives	2	2	0	1	13	13.0	C.Hollebone	3	7	1	2	59	29.5
A.Cash	9	42	2	19	251	13.2	J.Everett	3	17	3	2	61	30.5
D.Armati	2	2	1	1	15	15.0	W.Morgan	7	35	3	5	170	34.0
R.Townsend	15	111	14	30	460	15.3	E.LeCouteur	1	1	0	0	4	-
B.Nicholson	12	55	5	18	281	15.6	A.Mackie	1	1	0	0	4	-
R.Brown	12	49	2	12	187	15.6	A.Kennings	1	1	0	0	6	-
T.Nevell	2	3	0	1	17	17.0	W.Poole	1	1	0	0	11	-
J.Kleem	9	35	0	12	213	17.8	B.Lazell	1	2	0	0	13	-
M.Guinness	4	12	1	3	60	20.0	G.Scahill	1	2	0	0	24	-
G.Gerlach	10	57	11	10	212	21.2	J.Simpson	1	6	2	1	11	11.0
S.Ruff	5	23	1	6	129	21.5	D.Grattan-Smith	1	5	0	0	14	-

## POIDEVIN-GRAY REPORT

Won 1st innings - 2; lost 1st innings - 2; drawn - 1.

There was a change in format this year for the PG competition and this proved to the benefit of the Uni team. Fielding what I feel was the best balanced side for many years the team had every right to feel confident of its progress in the competition. Things, as so often happen in this great game of cricket did not go totally to plan and although the team won two games well, one against an extremely strong St. George team and one against Sutherland, and had a meritorious draw against last year's premiers UNSW, we lost to both Waverley and Randwick (the latter on the last ball of the match) - both losses being due, unfortunately, to our supposed strength - batting.

Indeed the strong point of the team proved to be our bowling attack. Here Peter Armitage and Phil Beale stood out for both did tremendous jobs on the many occasions they were called on. Especially memorable was their joint bowling efforts against St. George which ensured our well-deserved victory. These bowlers were excellently supported by Ross Wilkinson and Peter 'This is Your Life' Mortimore, the medium pacers who so often had to bowl tight and who both did so very well. Steve Glenday unfortunately was continually hampered by a leg injury but it did not prevent him from taking a few valuable wickets. The spin attack was limited and through the games we had to call on the prowess of the captain Jim L'Estrange and the vice-captain Peter Baird with the latter, due to so clever flighting of the ball, being slightly more successful!

What helped the bowling tremendously was the standard of fielding which was achieved by the team, which at all stages was comparable to any 1st Grade team. Very few catches were dropped and the ground fielding had opposing teams applauding as fieldsmen flung themselves in all directions. Mention must be made of Peter Baird's fine leg-side stumping against Randwick and Mark Sinclair's great return to form (as Peter bowled) behind the stumps against Sutherland. In all games the standard of our behind the wicket fielding was excellent.

Unfortunately the strength which we thought we had in our batting fell far short of its expected target. So often we had the chance to build a big score but were dismissed for a score well below our capabilities. The team suffered from not being able to have a stable opening pair which put our somewhat inexperienced middle order under pressure. So often it was left to individuals to get runs and in this regard there were some fine efforts: Ross Wilkinson 59 (out of 154); Jim L'Estrange (58 (out of 150) and 95 (out of 162); Peter Baird 48 (out of 170).

From the season all players benefited (hopefully) and the success we had can be attributed to a large degree to our lower grade players. It was the strength, ability and willingness of these players which helped mould the team and give it much needed stability. The Club also I feel benefited greatly from this PG season for it brought to the fore players who might have languished in lower grades for yet another year. All the players seemed to appreciate the nature of the competition and the standard that it called for and all gave their utmost. The end of the season was a sadder occasion than usual for the team which had built up fine spirit will lose many players next season (witness the spate of 21sts!).

Many thanks go not only from me to the team for a tremendously enjoyable season but from the team to our faithful band of supporters especially Dr. and Mrs. L'Estrange and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glenday and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mortimore and family ) and the regular supporters especially Mark 'You Beauty' Sewell and Peter Gannon. Our thanks also to our expert scorer and manager Les Carrington who as usual did a tremendous job. His endless supply of chewing gum, coaching hints and incisive comments will long be remembered.

Jim L'Estrange

POIDEVIN-GRAY STATISTICS

<u>BATTING</u>							<u>BOWLING</u>					
	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave	Cts	O	M	W	R	Ave	
J.L'Estrange	5	0	95	182	36.4	6	P.Baird	9.1	0	5	40	8.0
P.Baird	3	0	48	107	35.7	1(+1stp)	S.Glenday	16	4	4	46	11.5
R.Wilkinson	5	0	59	112	22.4	2	P.Beale	53.5	8	11	174	15.8
M.Burgess	5	0	30	82	16.4	3	P.Armitage	58	10	13	231	17.8
P.Mortimore	5	0	39	76	15.2	2	R.Wilkinson	37.6	5	6	174	29.0
A.Grattan-Smith	5	0	26	64	12.8	2	P.Mortimore	14.7	1	2	67	33.5
M.Furlong	5	1	23	49	12.3	0	J.L'Estrange	3	1	0	10	-
M.Sinclair	3	0	13	25	8.3	2(+2stp)	G.Cooper	4	1	0	19	-
P.Beale	5	0	21	37	7.4	2						
S.Glenday	4	1	8	14	4.7	2						
P.Armitage	4	3	3	3	3.0	0						
G.Cooper	2	0	18	18	9.0	0						
B.Jenkins	2	0	2	2	1.0	0						
G.McNally	1	0	0	0	-	0						

Best partnerships:

1st wkt:	11	J.L'Estrange & S.Glenday	vs Sutherland	6th wkt:	43	P.Baird & A.G/Smith	vs Sutherland
2nd wkt:	31	G.Cooper & J.L'Estrange	vs Waverley	7th wkt:	29	P.Beale & R.Wilkinson	vs St. George
3rd wkt:	64	P.Mortimore & M.Burgess	vs St.George	8th wkt:	34	M.Furlong & R.Wilkinson	Sutherland
4th wkt:	51	J.L'Estrange & P.Baird	vs UNSW	9th wkt:	29	S.Glenday & R.Wilkinson	St.George
5th wkt:	51	P.Mortimore & P.Baird	vs Randwick	10th wkt:	21	R.Wilkinson & P.Armitage	St.George

SEVENTH GRADE REPORT - TIMBRELL TRIVIA

OR What you always wanted to know about matting, but were afraid to ask!

Hope Springs Eternal in the Human Breast  
Or so the poet said.

So, fresh from winter's welcome rest  
We turn out with fresh tread.

Forgetting all last season's gloom,  
Forgetting past mistakes,  
We count as nought our sense of doom  
And call upon the Fates.

For Summer's call comes loud and clear,  
It is difficult to hide.

The lure of grass and cricket gear  
Just cannot be denied.

We may have had our run of outs,  
We may have met despair.  
But when next season's practice shouts  
You can bet that we'll be there!

There are many phenomenal features of the great game of Cricket (even on Timbrell), but the greatest of its redeeming qualities is that there is always next season! No matter how dismal and drear one performs, no matter how prolonged and painful the interval between moments of adulation, one instinctively knows that next season can only be better. Everyone looks forward to a fresh season. It is the new broom that sweeps away the old shortcomings and makes everything seem possible. Even though the illusion is all too briefly transitory, it is this belief which keeps cricketers going from year to year.

Certainly the theory carries some weight in relation to the Sevenths. A combination of the wide open spaces and a desperate wish to defeat despair enable even the simple soul leading the side to turn to moments of philosophical speculation. You who only know the pursuit of leather on satin-smooth surfaces, the cancellation of games at the first spit of moisture, the callous caprice of St. Pauls, the tea-urn and the all-day grinder, you players are oblivious to a different kind of cricket played within our Club..cricket on mats. The serene and faded shade of my University cap provides proof positive that I am the appropriate narrator of life on mats and, like the Ancient Mariner, I feel doomed to wander the precincts of No. 1 Oval relating incredible exploits of the Mat Men. Beneath the shadow of the celebrated Peak Freans factory clock, within a V-8's roar of Parramatta Road, the game of cricket is alive and well and conducted by the Balmain District Cricket Association. On mats..without tea..under all conditions..and it's fair-dinkum stuff. Beside the rolling waters of the strongly scented canal (whose odiferous charms have influenced many a late afternoon trend of play) one surveys the motley green-brown panorama of Timbrell Park with its seemingly endless number of pitches stretching away to the deceptive blue of the bay and the grey outlines of the Iron Cove and Harbour Bridges. Quite idyllic, except for the local peculiarities. Such as sonic booms from trans-Timbrell jets. Or the omnipresent breeze which blitzes out of the bay and renders "into the wind" a term of fiction whose only use is to sort out the newcomer from the weathered vet. Or the garish footbridge straddling the canal with the defiance of an unbreakable opening stand, the footbridge from which many a despairing captain has contemplated walking the plank and self-immolation in those perilously murky depths.

As with ordinary cricket, the object of Timbrell cricket is to win. However, the unjustified means by which this end is reached is a definite distinguishing factor. Tactics are crucial and full of novelty. The principal tactic in Timbrell cricket is to belt the new ball into the canal at the earliest opportunity in the hope that it may be recovered in a suitably detrimental condition or, at worst, that it may be lost forever. Tactics of the fielding side must be adjusted accordingly to allow for this unwritten condition. In the face of this sort of mentality one has the sense to vary quickly to meet local conditions or one simply does not survive. And one learns to adapt the right set of attitudes. Winning is quietly hoped for but never encouraged. Open comment by players such as "He is looking good" or "What a strong position we are in" are frowned upon as surefire portents of an ominous curse in the offing. Every batsman is groomed for the No.11 suicide spot (or "holding operation"). Swimming lessons are free. Supplications to the gods in quest of

sudden rains or quirks of nature are earnestly entreated. Clocks are set forward ten minutes. Seven-ball overs become a vital weapon. And it is not uncommon for the captain to be found locked in his car at the scheduled start of play.

Timbrell is the Mecca of Balmain cricket, the flame which traps the Uni moth in succeeding seasons. Timbrell also provides us with a storehouse of unbelievable tales and unrepeatable episodes, of fond memories and warm friendships. In other words it is not really much different from any other cricket ground.

Cricket has been somewhat facetiously defined as "organised loafing". Well, there was no loafing in Sevenths this year as the hard facts of life in A grade were forcibly brought to bear. The past season started out with the black memory of the previous year to be erased. In that season, having beguiled our way into A grade we ended ignominiously with a tally of one point (plus several forfeits). This season was a matter of honour, of proving that Uni could take on the A grade competition. And here are some of the highlights on instant replay.

Round 1 vs Ravens. Guest captain Mark Sewell and cameo roles by Mick Forbes, Dave Morgan, Joe Goncalves, Alf Hoop and Mark Connellan provided the interest in the season's first encounter against a side fresh from B grade. Dave Morgan asserted his claim to consistency by scoring the first Club duck for the second consecutive season. Otherwise the match ended in as boring a draw as a puff on a Benson and Hedges ciggie, and the elements were the only winners.

Round 2 vs Drummoyne Sailing. Cosmetic surgery took place between matches as the "new boys" were slotted in. The operation was proclaimed a success as a brave showing took place before the inevitable reversals resulted in our first defeat. Fortunately we had been to practice and were well-rehearsed for the loss. In the face of a highly experienced attack our battling batsmen attained respectability with a brisk 140, mainly through the experience of opener Schwartz and the physical dominance of Peter Donkin. The bowlers were less lucky. Only five rivals fell in eclipsing our score, and our second innings was inconclusive.

Round 3 vs Leichhardt R.S.L. The impact of night cricket must have spread to the suburbs because in this game our players were really in the dark. An inclement coin saw the skip forced to bat on a field reminiscent of the rear of Skip's cottage. Against the incumbent premiers the side expired for an uninspiring 89 saved from disgrace only by a concentrated opening from Mark Schwartz (20) and a solid knock by Richard White (29). Our bowlers toiled with gnashing teeth in the face of some lamentable fielding before the good graces of our opponents saw a sporting declaration at 3-113. In our second innings the crash of wickets was louder than Krakatoa as Uni rewarded good grace with bad batting and put it down to experience. On the credit side, the valuable Liley-Donkin bowling combination first fired in this match, and the opposition was a very good side.

Round 4 vs Drummoyne Sports. A memorable moment, this. Fluctuating fortunes flourished in this confrontation with a formidable foe. Admonitions between games paid off as the hitherto feeble fielding gave way to splendid sights. For the rest of the season, our fielding remained the proudest aspect of our game. On this occasion it had caused the downfall of a top side for a meagre 92 and we were ecstatic. Such is the stuff of dreams, for the willow wilted weakly as Uni failed to reach respectability in scraping together a mere 50 on an occasion when in fairness all batsmen were of equal merit. When bad light stopped play on the first day the weather was as cold as an opener's box, but things soon warmed up on week 2. The addition of 70 brisk runs bluffed our opponents into contemptuous assumptions and they sent us in. An early monumental partnership between Schwartz and Gresham put the clock in jeopardy, but as Bob Luff and Richard White led the middle-order charge to the dressing room the gloom descended. Luff took out the soothsayer's award for his repeated "We'll be right, Spencie" but it was left to that mighty mountain man Peter Donkin to prove him right. When Tonkin' Donkin hit the scene the dust really flew. Out of 27 runs only 3 were singles. It was like watching Peter Gannon in reverse. The greatest moment came when, amidst raucous hooting from the stands, Tonker planted a towering six onto the nearby Fivedock bowling green, much to the consternation and alarm of the jolly geriatrics practising their underarmers. The outright and the honours were ours.

Round 5. History was made in this match as it became the only game known to have been called off because of wind - and that is not a medical term. Uni had the opposition at 4-65 on a summer scorcher when the cool change hit. In the following hour not one wicket fell in any of the seven games then in progress at Timbrell, and the game was finally abandoned 90 runs later when the peak of fine leg's cap vanished under the drifting sands. Next week, chasing 133, Uni succumbed to spin for 130 in a thrilling bid for a draw.

A series of one-day 30-over knockout games then followed. For some strange reason we seemed to excel in the adrenaline situation. Our one show of batting strength for the season took place first up. Wiley Liley put in a mammoth unbroken 15-over stint which almost backfired when 25 runs were thrashed from his last seven balls. With 151 to their credit the opponents were calling for champers, but they had not reckoned on Paul Gresham and Michael Lynch who took up the attack and bludgeoned the bowlers. Not without its tight finish, Michael Martin and Ken Liley had to tidy up the tail. The second one-dayer gave a similar result. Tight bowling and sound fielding saw us chasing 121, and inspiring batting from Bob Luff (54\*) and Patrick George (35) put us on top. This match saw the season's first score from Spence, the batsman who has transformed scoring ducks into a form of art. Reversals and upset losses took hold in the remaining knockouts as Uni went down for the count. The premiers, Leichhardt, hammered us for 184 and we never recovered. Their best batsman was our Greg McNally who scored 0-31 off 3 overs despite at least six attempts to hold catches. Highlight of the match was the bravery of Roger Seabourne when, in pursuit of the ball, he almost became the first person to circumnavigate Timbrell Park on a willow raft. Against Drummoyne Sports the batting remained as thin as a protector's padding and our slim 68 was no answer to the swinging bats thrown at us. Luff at his loveliest (58\*) boosted us to 108 against Welcome and although our bowlers were on top early their middle order won through to deprive us of victory.

Round 11 vs Ravens. Back to the real thing. And as a special Christmas present the Sevenths were graced with the timely return from overseas of the madcap medicos - twins David and Andrew McDonald. Just like old times. By this stage player shortages were chronic and we were fortunate to find the able-bodied assistance of Tim Carruthers and David Simes. In this match our bowlers were mercilessly mangled for 243 ruthless runs. However exceptional batting by Seabourne (27), Carruthers (23) and Simes (35\*) and a gritty last-wicket stand by Weekes White staved off failure and gave us an honourable draw.

Round 12 vs Drummoyne Sailing. An unfortunate loss. After their captain opened the batting dangerously and scored as many runs (69) as he had lives, the opponents were dismissed for 111. Spence was for once spelled from his specialist spot of substitute keeper as his skipper finally gave him a bowl. To his discomfort he took 3-2 off 2 overs and was promptly returned to the gloves. Our batsmen made the match into a close contest but the sagging tail failed to pull in

the total and we went home weeping with only 91 in the book. Round 13 vs Leichhardt. While we might not be able to win a premiership we at least have the satisfaction of determining who does. What else is there to say? We lost outright (again) to a skilled and efficient team, premiers for the second consecutive season. However for a brief time, with Leichhardt 5-57, we definitely looked the part. Round 14 vs Drummoyne Sports. Violence, brutality and bloodshed reared several ugly heads in this unfortunate fixture. The vicious trend was started by Andrew McDonald, trying to become one of a dying breed by volunteering to handle the crisis at first drop. And he was the first to be dropped, by a beamer that massaged his mouth and left him light on red cells. Brother Dave did the honours of a rushed trip to hospital where sutures were sartorially supplied. Terrorism pays. Uni lay down their bats for 51 in a gesture of misguided sympathy. Drummoyne knocked over the necessities and sent us back for more target practice. Insult was heaped on injury. An in-form Richard White was needlessly mankaded. Moreover, not to be outdone by McDonald's sham theatrics, an incensed Spence played one of his rare hook shots cutting the ball just square of his nose. Dave did the honours of a rushed trip to hospital, and so on. For three days Spence was as one-eyed as a West Indies supporter. Our third outright loss. Round 15 Welcome. How appropriately the season came to a Welcome end. Uni put up an uncharacteristic and somewhat gratuitous batting performance as all the players found touch with Michael Martin (37) impressing. Our total of 176 seemed invincible. The innings was notable for the end of a long-lived legend. Bob Luff had spent much of the season bemoaning the rarity of his encounters with slow bowling. In this match his moment came as he faced up to spin. Luff looked longingly and, lunging lazily, lofted the looping leather to leg. Result? - Caught. Old legends die hard. This match did have a predictable ending. The second week was washed out. For once our great expectations went unreversed, and the boys headed back to the Fivedock Arms for the last ceremonial.

In all it was a satisfying season. The A grade is a demanding competition with many experienced cricketers, and Uni players gained much in maturity. We always gave the opposition a good run. As against our first season's meagre tally of 1 competition point, this season returned a bag of 35. But the season's most significant statistic was that no forfeits were recorded by either the Sevens or the Eights and that in itself is a mighty effort.

For their perseverance and pluck, all members of the team have earned their skipper's thanks. Particular mention must be made of Richard White who had an outstanding all-round season (27 wickets at 17.7 and 180 runs) and David Simes who represents great potential as an opening bowler. As well, a special debt is owed to the grand old men of the Sevens, the matured Michael Martin, the superb 'keeper Bob Luff and the optimists supreme David and Andrew McDonald. Thanks too to John Blackman, Peter Royle and Jim Fleming who captained the Eights at different times, and to Joe Goncalves and Mark Connellan for handling the Telegraph Shield side. And last but not least the enduring patience of team scorer Glennis was appreciated by all the team.

And what can be gained from the above account? Only this. Cricket is a funny game totally devoid of justice natural or otherwise. At times it can make the greatest player feel ludicrously feeble and yet it can turn mediocrity into match-winning genius. It can give pleasure sans pareil or it can drive you to distraction. It can be all sweetness and light or it can fill you with rage; it can quicken the blood and it can chill the heart. It is never constant, yet constantly changing as fortunes rise and fall.

And why do we play it? This maddening, menacing, marvellous contrivance? Why do we turn out season after season having sincerely pledged to burn our bat and bury our box at the end of yet another shattering season? For what do we endure the elements, extremes of physical discomfort and the ravages of malign fate? What is the charisma, the strange chemistry behind the game? If we knew the answers then maybe the fascination would cease. All we know and all we need to know is that it is cricket, and it is the greatest game, and we would play it anywhere and at any time and at a moment's notice, and we will go on playing it and watching it and talking about it long after the last ball is bowled and the stumps are finally drawn.

The lunatic effect of cricket on a mere mortal mentality emerged in the following anecdote. In the dying moments of the season with the grounds awash and the skies leaden, the last of the diehards emerged from the Fivedock Arms to find that the rain had temporarily ceased. One of the lads mockingly remarked that we still had time for a game amongst ourselves. I looked at Andrew McDonald and Andrew looked at me and for a brief second our minds were as one. No, we thought. It's too ridiculous. But then again, perhaps.....John Spence

#### SNOOKER REPORT

Once again we entered the competition run by the Cricketers Club as hot favourites (in my opinion). The first match against the Umpires Association was a roaring success, 6-1. The second against Manly was an even 4-3 but was sufficient to put us top qualifyer for the Quarter-finals. Having received a forfeit from Randwick (our reputation was clearly too great) we were in the semis against Cumberland whom we defeated 6-1. In the other semi the highly favoured Gordon (last year's runners-up) were surprisingly beaten by Balmain 4-3. Before the final some black and gold freak offered me 5-1 against Uni winning but soon withdrew the offer when informed he could name his own odds for Balmain winning! Losing only the second and seventh frames we cruised to a comfortable victory. Of those who played Leo Prendergast was in fine form but could not head off Todd Ritchie who played magnificently throughout and who won the coveted Player of the Series award.

Les Carrington

#### SOCIAL REPORT

On the field the Club had one of its better years but unfortunately this winning spirit was not always continued off the field. It is hoped that next year more active social organisation will help restore some of the Club Spirit that was lacking last season. But what of the events that did occur? Continuing the tradition established last year, BBQ's were held at Skip's cottage after each game and, though deterioration of the surroundings prevented more widespread attendance it was an opportunity to sink a few ales. Next season we shall be able to use the new Grandstand and this should provide a much more pleasant atmosphere. Many helped in running these functions and thanks go to all especially Mark Sewell and all the Riddleys. Other major events included the Christmas Party at the Coast Golf Club, a Bake-off at Crommo's which resulted in the appearance of a motley collection of 15 cakes which were brilliantly auctioned by Chris Elder and which raised \$100 for the Primary Club, and the Annual Dinner in March at the Cricketers Club which was attended by 90 (a slight drop from previous years). Those present were treated to extraordinary entertainment, the highlight being Jim Burke's impersonation of Elvis James Holgate

The bushfires we passed on the way were nothing compared to the manner in which we set Australia's capital alight during Uni's I.V. trip to Canberra in December. Having arrived by various means, the team, consisting of Tom 'Jerker' Jenkins (c), Jim 'M.D.' L'Estrange, Peter 'Animal' MacKay, Phil 'Warthog' Kell, Mark 'Bland' Wilson, Phil 'The Colt' Beale, Peter 'Irongloves' Gray, Peter 'Lyn' Wynn, Ross 'Blue Eyes' Wilkinson, Mark 'Coon' Connellan, James 'Veteran' Rodgers, and Mark 'Sambo' Sewell (Manager), assembled at the Gowrie Private Hotel. The only incident worth relating whilst going down involved a slight disagreement between our wicketkeeper and the Chinese spring roll served at the Goulburn, equivalent of the Cram Twat. It was noted that P.G. was confined to bed for much of the tour!

We were confronted at the Gowrie by the Gestapo manager of the Hotel who cheerily informed us that due to the murder last month, security had now been tightened! The Scotsman who ran the kiosk warned, "Ahh...You'll be coming back with your tails between your legs." The Coon: "That wont be what'll be between mine!" Despite Sambo's efforts to get a fridge we went to bed with no fridge, no ice, warm beer, little sleep...

Two problem tourists emerged very quickly. Peter Gray, still suffering from Spring Roll hallucinations, demolished the Christmas Tree in the foyer of the hotel. Peter MacKay immediately followed by putting in a claim for "Animal Act of the Tour" by stealing the paper belonging to the Public Servant sitting near us at breakfast, who is probably still filling in his report in triplicate.

The veterans who had played against Murray Stokes before were not surprised by his unorthodox decision to insert, so to speak. Ten dropped catches and seven hours later his decision was vindicated. We scored only 307! Warthog, who seems to reserve his most devastating and painstaking efforts for I.V. (ask the Taswegians) spent three hours at the crease, if I might use that word, and was 30 short of his target when run out. All but The Colt and the Veteran revelled in the ANU cafeteria bowling (help yourself). The Colt offered the previous seductions of L'Estrange as an excuse. The Veteran offered his previous I.V. average as his excuse. The Canberra boys would not believe that Peter Gray played only Third Grade but were more convinced when they saw his supposed forward defensive stroke on the front page of the Canberra Times next morning.

By the end of the second day, we had forced Stokes into a 'tactical' declaration and we were 1-43 in reply. Stokes' innings was a sight. He charged the opening bowlers, ran partners out at will and through all this, scored a ton and then went off to give Sandra some practice. Our bowling was dominated by the I.V. veteran who tirelessly sent down 19 overs for 4 valuable (!) wickets.

We were treated to (yet another) Chinese meal after the second day. The meal was uneventful, except for Gray's enforced absence and the appearance of the Hog's "friend". But what happened after will "go down" in the I.V. Annals.....

Well, there we were, having a few quiet ones and generally talking tactics, when a certain A.Smee caused even the previously unperturbable Bland Wilson to make one of his longer speeches of the tour: "Who is this guy?"

In an attempt to demonstrate Thommo's bowling action, Smee demolished everything in sight, including much of the Dixon Shopping Centre complex. The gathering was also treated to the sight of Sambo demonstrating Swords' chucking action - nothing compared with the performance he put up the next morning. The party was abruptly terminated by the intervention of what were suspected to be Malcolm Fraser's not-so-secret police force.

After an hours batting, which produced 103 runs, on the third morning, Jerker declared. The first 42 minutes of that hour were remarkable for the display put on by the Hog who, in that time, scored 52 himself. Stokes was incredulous! A.N.U. were never in it despite another incredible display by Stokes and a last wicket stand of 55 between Hunt and the aforementioned Smee. The others had little answer to the guile of spinners Wynn and Rodgers and the innocuous Wilkinson. Few had any trouble with Kell who only came into his own, if you'll pardon the expression, when the Colt produced his Mum For Men in the showers. It is suspected that as the result of this tour, the Colt has been emotionally scared for life.

The match ended, and with it an era, as Rodgers, playing his final I.V. game for the Club after six years, was carried from the field in triumph - truly an emotional experience!

JFR

Intervarsity vs A.N.U. Canberra 19,20,21 December, 1977

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

1st inns			2nd inns										
						O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
J.L'Estrange	b Trewartha	23	c Brew b Cullen	49	Smee	14	0	55	1	2.3	0	22	2
P.MacKay	b Cullen	43	c Bailey b Anderson	30	Brew	17.3	2	63	2	5	0	38	0
P.Kell	run out	39	b Smee	52	Trewartha	24	6	83	2				
T.Jenkins	LBW Anderson	33	c Hunt b Smee	10	Cullen	19	4	60	2	5	0	34	1
M.Wilson	LBW Trewartha	31	not out	0	Neal	1	0	4	0				
P.Beale	c Cullen b Smee	8			Anderson	5	0	30	1	2	0	24	1
P.Gray	c Bailey b Stokes	76			Stokes	1	0	2	1	2	0	23	0
P.Wynn	c Neal b Cullen	23											
R.Wilkinson	c Cullen b Brew	15											
M.Connellan	not out	2											
J.Rodgers	LBW Brew	0											
	Sundries	10	Sundries	5									
	TOTAL	307	TOTAL	4 (dec)	146								

F.of W. 50,78,131,166,184,186,251,304,306,307 2nd Inns 43,125,141,146

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

1st inns													
						O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
M.Stokes	c MacKay b Beale	101	c and b Wynn	48	Wilson	10	0	33	1	7	2	26	0
F.Trewartha	b Wilson	8	c L'Estrange b Beale	20	Beale	9	0	32	1	6	0	29	1
M.Heggen	b Rodgers	19	c Sewell(sub)b Wynn	4	Wynn	15	3	36	0	16	1	50	3
M.Cullen	b Rodgers	0	LBW Rodgers	32	Rodgers	19	2	63	4	12	4	30	3
J.Bailey	run out	5	b Rodgers	4	Wilkinson	2	1	6	1	9.1	2	21	3
P.Brew	run out	3	c Wilson b Wynn	0	Kell	1	0	2	0	2	0	16	0
D.Anderson	c sub b Rodgers	1	c Kell b Rodgers	8	Connellan					3	0	15	0
P.Creaser	c Rodgers b Wilk'on	2	b Wilkinson	3									
B.Hunt	b Rodgers	16	not out	37									
P.Neal	not out	11	b Wilkinson	15	F.of W.	25,80,86,101,123,138,160,165,184							
A.Smee	not out	6	c L'Estrange b Wilk'on	16	2nd inns	33,46,84,84,86,94,136,136,139,194							
	Sundries	24	TOTAL	9 (dec)	196	Sund	7	TOTAL	194				

## S.U.C.C. ACCOUNTS - as at 31.3.78

<u>Debit</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Credit</u>
\$2423-57	Social	\$1860-33
	100 Club	\$ 70-00
\$ 653-80	I.V. and other games	\$ 626-50
\$ 299-25	Caps, ties	\$ 176-00
\$ 102-41	Afternoon teas	\$ 209-60
\$ 213-00	Typing, printing, postage Annual Report	
	Trophies	
\$ 405-00	Additional equipment	
\$ 50-60	Donations	\$ 290-00
	Grants	NIL
	Bank Interest	\$ 70-13
\$ 193-03	Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 464-00</u>
<u>\$4340-66</u>		
	Income	\$3766-56
	Plus balance brought forward from 1.6.1977	\$1237-53
		<u>\$5004-09</u>
	Deduct expenditure	<u>\$4340-66</u>
	Balance as at 31.3.78	\$ 663-43

It can be seen that the expenditure is in excess of income to the extent of \$574-10 to this stage of the financial year. This situation is not likely to improve. The main cause of this decrease in the Club's assets is losses incurred in major social events intended as profit-raising functions. The Annual Dinner in 1977 resulted in a loss of \$73.93, the Christmas Party in December, 1977 in a loss of \$174-29 and the 1978 Annual Dinner (not yet recorded) will produce a loss of \$121-40. The Club's only sources of income are social events (particularly bar-b-ques), donations and grants. In other words, S.U.C.C. exists on charity and the hard work of a few dedicated organisers doing their best to overcome the apathy of the majority of Club members.

To summarise the 1977-78 year so far in point form:

1. The only way to gain an accurate idea of the revenue produced by BBQ's and sales of beer after matches is to group the 3 categories "social", "I.V.", and "afternoon teas" together. Experience has shown that the levy of \$5.00 per head just covers the cost of afternoon teas throughout the season. Approximately \$200 is still owing to the Club from those members who represented it at the A.U.S.A. I.V. games in Brisbane and Melbourne. As the committee has not yet finally determined the amount of subsidies to be paid to those players, this amount has not yet been recovered. Allowing for this and losses of approximately \$250 for the Annual Dinner and Christmas Party, one can see therefore that James Holgate and his aides are to be congratulated on producing a profit from bar-b-ques in the region of \$200 for the season, despite the theft in October of \$150 worth of beer from Skip's place.
2. I.V. again has been subsidised to the extent of approximately \$200. I feel it is the duty of the Club to cater for its Undergraduates and subsidise Intervarsities.
3. Many thanks are due to the Club's Vice Presidents and ex-players for their generous donations. This Club would not be maintained (without undertaking far more grandiose methods of fund-raising) were their largesse not so great. Wal South has been conspicuous by his attention to this side of the Club's finances.
4. Many thanks also to Damon Ridley for arranging the Club Calendar through Dana Publications - \$300 profit.
5. As this goes to press, the Club's Snooker team has again won the Adams/Dwyer trophy. After provision for trophies for the individual players this will mean another \$75 for the kitty.
6. The 100 Club unfortunately did not eventuate this year as not enough tickets were sold, so amounts will have to be refunded. Its revenue would have been useful!
7. Last year tankards were given to all players in the winning 4th XI and the S.U.C.C. had to subsidise the premiership caps awarded by the N.S.W.C.A. So premierships can be expensive, but I cannot think of a better way to spend our money!
8. The major expense of covers (purchased last year for \$450) has still not been recouped by the Club. No r has a way been found to cover the cost of the Annual Report (approximately \$200 each year, including postage - 40c per item).
9. Owing to the huge financial loss suffered by the N.S.W.C.A. this year (the advent of World Series Cricket being a greatly contributing factor), the Club did not receive any grant from the Association. In 1976-77 we received \$300, in 1975-76 \$500 and in 1974-75 \$500. So much for the contribution of W.S.C. to S.U.C.C. cricket.
10. The Club has in stock approximately \$200 worth of caps.
11. The perennial favourite: debtors. Debts owed to the Club from members still total over \$100, which creates headaches for the Treasurer and merry hell with the finances.

Finally, without the efforts of Mark Sewell, James Holgate, Damon Ridley and Greg Wilson this Club would not have survived the season financially. A more equitable distribution of the workload might result in brighter economic prospects for the future. Our thanks also go to Clive Lee for his honorary audit.

J. Baird

CLUB RECORDS (All Grades)

Club Championship: Runners-up: 1962-63, 1963-64.

Club Partnership Records.

1st wkt:	212	E.F.Waddy and F.C.Rogers	1st Grade vs Cumberland	1904-05
2nd wkt:	232	H.O.Rock and J.M.Taylor	1st Grade vs Nth.Sydney	1923-24
3rd wkt:	291	J.M.Taylor and J.V.Garner	1st Grade vs Waverley	1923-24
4th wkt:	229	J.V.Garner and O.E.Nothing	1st Grade vs Manly	1923-24
5th wkt:	307	R.C.M.Boyce and L.C.Donovan	1st Grade vs Cumberland	1919-20
6th wkt:	174	M.Lynch and P.Greenwood	5th Grade vs Uni NSW	1977-78
7th wkt:	150*	B.W.Collins and R.J.Thomas	2nd Grade vs Gordon	1976-77
8th wkt:	179	H.H.Massie and A.D.Watson	1st Grade vs Petersham	1909-10
9th wkt:	153	S.Ruff and P.V.James	2nd Grade vs Nth.Sydney	1968-69
10th wkt:	154	A.I.Blue and W.D.Cargill	1st Grade vs Cumberland#	1898-99
			# 2nd Grade competition	

Most runs in a season:	J.Bogle	1090 (ave 83.8)	1st Grade	1918-19
Highest average:	L.O.S.Poidevin	103.7 (311 runs)	1st Grade	1896-97
Most wkts in season:	J.Baird	78 (ave 10.8) (14 in 1st Grade, 40 in 2nd Grade, 24 in P.G.)		1975-76
Highest individual score:	J.M.Taylor	253 (vs Waverley)	1st Grade	1923-24
Best bowling:	C.Alderdice	10-63 (vs St. George)	2nd Grade	1939-40

Double centuries:

J.M.Taylor	253	vs Waverley	1st Grade	1923-24	W.H.Gregson	207	vs Waverley	1st Grade	1900-01
A.D.Forbes	221	vs Randwick	3rd Grade	1909-10	R.Turner	201*	vs Marrickville	2nd Grade	1935-36
C.J.Tozer	211	vs Redfern	2nd Grade	1910-11	A.Low	201*	vs St. George	2nd Grade	1958-59
J.V.Garner	209	vs Manly	1st Grade	1923-24	A.W.Ross	201	vs Manly	1st Grade	1926-27

Most wickets in a match:

C.McRae	14-45	vs Petersham	3rd Grade	1973-74	R.J.A.Massie	13-80	vs Sydney	1st Grade	1913-14
W.F.Matthews	14-75	vs Randwick	2nd Grade	1907-08	N.W.Broughton	13-95	vs Paddington	2nd Grade	1913-14
R.Howlett	14-84	vs Gordon	5th Grade	1977-78	R.J.A.Massie	13-96	vs Nth.Sydney	1st Grade	1913-14
J.Farrar	14-106	vs Mosman	2nd Grade	1912-13	T.W.Garrett	13-?	vs Canterbury	1st Grade	1893-94
S.G.Webb	13-70	vs Glebe	2nd Grade	1922-23					

Most wickets in an innings:

C.Alderdice	10-63	vs St.George	2nd Grade	1939-40	D.Carney	9-44	vs Manly	3rd Grade	1951-52
O.E.Nothing	9-15	vs Marrickville	1st Grade	1925-26	D.Hanlin	9-51	vs Petersham	1st Grade	1947-48
R.Hudson	9-22	vs Glebe	2nd Grade	1943-44	D.McDonald	9-55	vs D.Rowers	7th Grade	1975-76
M.O'Sullivan	9-25	vs Randwick	2nd Grade	1971-72	R.Howlett	9-56	vs Cumberland	5th Grade	1977-78
S.Ruff	9-31	vs Randwick	3rd Grade	1968-69	H.C.Delohery	9-64	vs Nth.Syd.	1st Grade	1898-99
R.Wilkinson	9-37	vs Gordon	5th Grade	1977-78	S.G.Webb	9-78	vs Waverley	2nd Grade	1922-23
S.Grant	9-41	vs UNSW	2nd Grade	1974-75					

University players who have played Test cricket:

R.C.Allen	vs England	1887	T.R.McKibbin	vs England	1894-1897	J.M.Taylor	vs England	1920-1926
T.W.Garrett	vs England	1876-1887	R.B.Minnett	vs England	1911-1912		vs Sth.Africa	1921
S.P.Jones	vs England	1881-1887		vs Sth.Africa	1912	O.E.Nothing	vs England	1928-1929
R.J.Pope	vs England	1884						

University players who have played First Class cricket in Australia:

R.C.Allen	B.A.Cooper	G.C.Hogg#	T.R.McKibbin	B.Salmon*
E.P.Barbour	J.Cope#	J.E.P.Hogg (capt Qld)	R.B.Minnett	W.J.Stack
R.Bardsley	D.R.Cristofani	L.C.Hynes*	O.E.Nothing	J.M.Taylor
M.H.Blaxland*	H.M.Faithfull	S.P.Jones	T.G.Parsonage	K.Thompson*
J.Bogle	F.M.Farrar, snr	J.Kinloch	M.Pawley*	C.J.Tozer
R.C.M.Boyce (capt NSW)	A.D.Fisher	J.B.Lane	A.P.Penman	E.Trennery
T.Boyd*	T.W.Garrett	C.H.Lawes	L.O.S.Poidevin	E.F.Waddy
C.R.Campling	G.H.Gordon	F.E.McElhone	R.J.Pope	A.B.S.White*
G.R.C.Clarke	N.M.Gregg	R.J.A.Massie	T.Powell	S.F.M.Yates* (Qld)
J.C.Coates	D.Hanlin	A.D.Mayes	H.O.Rock	

\* Not whilst playing with University # 12th man only

Club Trophy Winners:

Captain John Morris Memorial Trophy:

1975-76	D.D.Ridley	1976-77	J.Baird	1977-78	M.F.Sewell
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Best and Fairest Competition:

1974-75	1st	I.Wolfe	2nd	I.E.Fisher	3rd	M.O'Sullivan & S.Ward (eq)
1975-76		J.Goncalves		J.Watts		W.Grave
1976-77		B.Collins		M.Wilson		M.Perry
1977-78		R.Wilkinson		R.White		R.Howlett & M.Forbes (eq)
						5th P.Beale

Previous Incentive Scheme winners appear in last year's report. The competition was not conducted this season.

FIRST GRADE RECORDS

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Premiers: 1898-99 (2nd Grade Competition), 1900-01 (2nd Grade Competition), 1909-10, 1911-12, 1913-14  
 Runners-up: 1912-13, 1923-24, 1924-25, 1929-30.  
 Semi-finalists: 1956-57 Encouragement Award: 1971-72

Most runs in a season: J.Bogle 1090 (ave 83.8) 1918-19  
 Highest average: L.O.S.Poidevin 103.7 (311 runs) 1896-97  
 Most wickets in a season: R.J.A.Massie 69 (ave 10.4) 1913-14  
 Best average: R.J.A.Massie 10.4 (69 wkts) 1913-14  
 Highest individual score: J.M.Taylor 253 (vs Waverley) 1923-24  
 Best bowling in an inns: O.E.Nothing 9-15 (vs Marrickville) 1925-26  
 Best bowling in a match: R.J.A.Massie 13-80 (vs Sydney) 1913-14  
 Best all-round performance: J.V.Garner 766 runs (ave 54.7); 41 wkts (ave 19.8) 1923-24

Highest partnerships:

1st wkt:	212	E.F.Waddy and F.C.Rogers	vs Cumberland	1904-05
2nd wkt:	232	H.O.Rock and J.M.Taylor	vs Nth.Sydney	1923-24
3rd wkt:	291	J.M.Taylor and J.V.Garner	vs Waverley	1923-24
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6th wkt:	144	J.M.Taylor and R.Stanley	vs Glebe	1924-25
7th wkt:	140	R.B.Minnett and C.J.Tozer	vs Paddington	1910-11
8th wkt:	179	H.H.Massie and A.D.Watson	vs Petersham	1909-10
9th wkt:	97	P.Mollov and J.Newman	vs N.District	1946-47
10th wkt:	154	A.I.Blue and W.D.Cargill	vs Cumberland	1898-99 (2nd Grade Comp)

Highest Interschool Partnerships:

1st wkt:	249	W.A.Shortland and H.C.M.Delohery	vs Melbourne	1898
3rd wkt:	294	C.J.Tozer and F.M.Farrar	vs Melbourne	1913
4th wkt:	239	E.F.Waddy and R.F.Harvey	vs Melbourne	1905
9th wkt:	232	F.E.McElhone and C.V.Single	vs Melbourne	1910

Three successive centuries:

H.M.Stephen 1899-1900: 149 (vs Redfern); 135 (vs Waverley); 123 (vs Nth.Sydney)  
 J.M.Taylor 1923-1924: 104 (vs Wests); 253 (vs Waverley); 110 (vs Petersham)

Century on debut in 1st Grade:

J.M.Taylor 141\* vs Randwick 1922-23 G.C.Hogg 125\* vs Cumberland 1926-27

Century opening partnership in each innings:

R.Bardsley and E.F.Rofe: 102 and 100 vs Middle Harbour 1915-16

500 Runs in a season:

1090	J.Bogle	1918-19	638	J.E.P.Hogg	1926-27	566	C.J.Tozer	1910-11	533	H.O.Rock	1920-21
961	J.M.Taylor	1923-24	631	A.Alderson	1951-52	556	E.F.Waddy	1904-05	528	O.E.Nothing	1923-24
851	I.E.Fisher	1970-71	625	A.Alderson	1952-53	555	E.P.Barbour	1914-15	528	W.A.South	1938-39
842	C.J.Tozer	1913-14	624	R.C.M.Boyce	1919-20	555	A.W.Ross	1926-27	527	R.Shand	1966-67
800	J.Hellmrich	1930-31	620	T.W.Garrett	1888-89	552	E.C.Heden	1901-02*	524	T.W.Garrett	1894-95
778	E.P.Barbour	1912-13	613	H.O.Rock	1921-22	550	D.Scott-Orr	1956-57	523	F.Leventhal	1941-42
766	J.V.Garner	1923-24	606	J.Erby	1964-65	548	E.P.Barbour	1913-14	514	J.M.Taylor	1922-23
713	I.E.Fisher	1971-72	604	R.Bardsley	1920-21	548	J.E.P.Hogg	1927-28	511	H.H.Massie	1909-10
713	H.O.Rock	1922-23	599	T.Parsonage	1930-31	547	R.Bardsley	1915-16	510	J.Cope	1958-59
694	W.H.Gregson	1900-01*	596	B.Dwyer	1946-47	547	H.O.Rock	1923-24	508	H.M.Stephen	1899-00*
673	J.E.P.Hogg	1929-30	595	A.B.S.White	1898-99*	539	I.E.Fisher	1975-76	506	J.E.P.Hogg	1925-26
665	W.A.South	1941-42	577	N.G.Falk	1934-35	537	I.E.Fisher	1974-75	504	J.M.Taylor	1924-25
656	H.O.Rock	1924-25	570	H.O.Rock	1919-20	533	E.P.Barbour	1910-11	503	L.Best	1915-16
643	E.P.Barbour	1911-12							502	E.Rofe	1923-24

\* University 1st Grade playing in 2nd Grade competition.

50 wkts in a season in 1st Grade:

69	R.J.A.Massie	1913-14	60	S.Smith	1943-44	54	A.I.Blue	1900-01*	50	M.O'Sullivan	1977-78
65	P.V.James	1973-74	59	S.Smith	1942-43	51	P.V.James	1971-72			
64	S.Smith	1945-46	56	P.J.McSharry	1901-02*	50	W.J.Stack	1911-12			
61	E.Trennery	1919-20	56	W.J.Stack	1912-13	50	P.V.James	1969-70			

\* University 1st Grade playing in 2nd Grade competition.

Highest team totals:

For: 512 (vs Gordon) 1914-15 Against: 3(dec)585 (Petersham) 1915-16; 7-571 (Gordon) 1941-42

Lowest team totals:

For: 22 (vs Balmain) 1946-47; 33 (vs Saints) 1898-99; 37 (vs Wests) 1942-43 Against: 22 (Cumberland) 1912-13

Most centuries in 1st Grade:

11 - E.P.Barbour 181 (vs Gordon, 1914-15); 153 (vs Sydney, 1910-11); 143 (vs Redfern, 1912-13); 152 (vs Gordon, 1913-14); 135\* (vs Burwood, 1912-13); 135 (vs Glebe, 1913-14); 128\* (vs Petersham, 1910-11); 120 (vs Sydney, 1912-13); 117 (vs Redfern, 1911-12); 109 (vs Glebe, 1911-12); 103 (vs Nth. Sydney, 1914-15).

Note: In successive innings in 1913, Eric Barbour scored 120, 31\*, 135\*, 143, 87, 99.

Details of centuries scored by H.O.Rock (9), I.E.Fisher (8), and J.M.Taylor (7) appear in 1976-77 Report

FIRST GRADE CAREER RECORDS

BATTING - minimum 1500 runs

	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave		Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave		
I.E.Fisher	1969-78	155	19	136	4406	32.4	D.Scott-Orr	1952-59	100	4	118	2210	23.0
H.O.Rock	1919-26	95	7	161	3899	44.3	C.J.Tozer	1909-14	51	11	166*	2092	52.3
A.B.Crompton	1961-78	214	23	109	3617	18.9	F.E.McElhone	1905-13	89	9	148	2053	25.7
E.P.Barbour	1909-15	59	7	181	3086	59.3	H.M.Stephen	1898-03	66	3	149	2023	32.6
A.Alderson	1951-66	96	28	139	2991	43.9	M.Ives	1959-71	88	7	115*	1972	24.3
J.Hellmrich	1930-37	113	11	124	2974	29.2	J.Bogle	1916-20	62	12	158*	1962	39.2
K.H.Sheffield	1949-61	146	22	121*	2919	23.5	P.V.James	1968-77	125	24	109*	1853	18.3
J.E.P.Hogg	1924-30	77	7	150	2894	41.3	E.F.Rofe	1915-24	84	11	118	1823	24.9
R.Bardsley	1914-22	85	10	112	2677	35.7	J.W.Chapman	1933-40	80	12	112*	1754	25.8
L.C.Best	1914-21	107	13	169*	2593	27.6	J.H.Everett	1955-67	101	9	98	1749	19.0
W.A.South	1937-43	115	13	106	2561	25.1	N.G.Falk	1932-36	56	8	125*	1718	35.8
G.C.Hogg	1926-33	85	7	145	2539	32.6	F.Leventhal	1939-44	88	1	101	1715	19.7
B.Dwyer	1943-49	91	5	124	2452	28.5	F.M.Farrar	1939-46	102	0	71	1692	16.6
J.Erby	1959-69	107	8	90	2440	24.7	A.W.Ross	1924-30	69	14	201	1680	30.6
J.B.Lane	1904-13	96	10	126	2298	26.7	O.E.Nothing	1921-26	50	8	132*	1654	39.4
R.B.Minnett	1906-15	80	10	123	2289	32.7	J.V.Garner	1920-26	68	11	209	1638	28.7
J.M.Taylor	1922-26	41	4	253	2231	60.3	B.J.Smith	1928-36	83	9	144	1529	20.7
G.R.Wilson	1971-78	107	5	104	2217	21.7	P.B.Hall	1953-58	74	4	95	1527	21.8

BOWLING - minimum 100 wkts

	Wkts	Runs	Ave		Wkts	Runs	Ave		
P.V.James	1968-77	293	6555	22.4	B.J.Smith	1928-36	118	3392	28.8
W.J.Stack	1905-15	269	5103	18.9	L.C.Best	1914-21	117	2904	24.8
M.O'Sullivan	1969-78	265	5256	19.8	F.Stening	1955-61	114	2283	20.0
S.Smith	1941-46	241	4386	18.2	I.Thew	1948-54	110	2230	20.3
M.Pawley	1962-68	231	4358	18.9	T.G.Parsonage	1930-34	109	2217	20.3
R.B.Minnett	1906-15	200	3687	18.4	J.W.Chapman	1933-40	108	2622	24.3
D.Hanlin	1946-52	197	3176	16.1	A.D.Fisher	1901-07	107	2352	21.9
G.H.Pike	1971-78	188	3898	20.7	E.Thew	1941-50	107	2607	24.4
J.V.Garner	1920-26	186	3567	19.2	E.L.Trennery	1917-20	106	2089	19.7
R.J.A.Massie	1910-14	166	2289	13.8	F.J.Ring	1941-45	103	2621	25.5
O.E.Nothing	1921-26	158	2399	15.2	A.C.Yates	1916-22	103	2652	25.8
W.Armstrong	1959-69	154	4021	26.1	D.R.Cristofani	1948-52	103	2228	21.6
D.G.Fox	1957-66	147	3547	24.1	C.H.Lawes	1918-23	100	2341	23.4
J.A.H.Jeffrey	1938-43	135	2797	20.7	T.W.Garrett*	1893-97	100	?	?
D.Walker	1953-58	131	3294	25.1					

\* wkts taken in electoral cricket only

FIELDING AND WICKETKEEPING

Most dismissals in a season: A.B.Crompton 46 (39cts, 7stps) 1973-74  
 J.Madgwick 36 (21cts, 15stps) 1965-66

Most dismissals in career: A.B.Crompton 277 (232cts, 45 stps) 1961-78

SECOND GRADE RECORDS

Premiers: 1911-12, 1962-63, 1963-64, 1964-65.  
 Runners-up: 1907-08, 1909-10, 1977-78.  
 Semi-finalists: 1960-61, 1961-62, 1971-72.

Most runs in a season: R.H.Storey 679 (ave 45.3) 1968-69  
 Highest average: O.E.Nothing 133.3 (400 runs) 1921-22  
 Most wickets in a season: I.Wolfe 69 (ave 14.0) 1974-75  
 Best average: O.E.Nothing 6.3 1920-21  
 Highest individual score: C.J.Tozer 211 (vs Redfern) 1910-11  
 Best bowling in an innings: C.Alderdice 10-63 (vs St. George) 1939-40  
 Best bowling in a match: W.F.Matthews 14-75 (vs Randwick) 1907-08  
 Best all round performance: J.H.Everett 650 runs (ave 38.2), 42 wkts(ave 13.8) 1965-66

Highest partnerships:

1st wkt:	210	M.Ives and A.Low	vs Balmain	1959-60
2nd wkt:	154	W.Caisley and R.Grant	vs Bankstown	1962-63
3rd wkt:	152	D.Hill and M.Thompson	vs Bankstown	1974-75
4th wkt:	193	R.Shand and A.Low	vs Bankstown(semi)	1963-64
5th wkt:	148	R.H.Storey and R.J.Thomas	vs Petersham	1968-69
6th wkt:	139	A.B.Crompton and I.McCristal	vs Mosman	1962-63
7th wkt:	150*	B.W.Collins and R.J.Thomas	vs Gordon	1976-77
8th wkt:	95	R.H.Storey and A.Betts	vs Mosman	1968-69
9th wkt:	153	S.Ruff and P.V.James	vs Nth.Sydney	1968-69
10th wkt:	90*	A.Low and R.Mulready	vs Nth.Sydney	1962-63

500 runs in a season:

679	R.H.Storey	1968-69	664	R.Shand	1963-64	630	R.C.M.Boyce	1910-11	512	I.W.Foulsham	1973-74
672	R.C.M.Boyce	1912-13	650	J.Everett	1965-66	554	J.H.Everett	1963-64	503	R.Turner	1935-36
									502	E.LeCouteur	1969-70

50 wkts in a season:

69 I.Wolfe 1974-75 51 N.W.Broughton 1911-12 51 A.Betts 1968-69 50 J.P.Flattery 1919-20

Most centuries in Second Grade:

5- R.C.M.Boyce 145\* (1912-13); 124 (1910-11); 124 (1912-13); 106 (1910-11); 102 (1910-11).

Details of centuries scored by J.Everett (4), B.W.Collins (4) and A.Low (3) appear in the 1976-77 Report.

THIRD GRADE RECORDS

Minor premiers: 1975-76 Runners-up: 1951-52, 1974-75  
Semi-finalists: 1962-63, 1963-64 Encouragement award: 1973-74

Most runs in a season:	V.Golden	528 (ave 48.0)	1939-40
Highest average:	M.Tonkin	68.0 (272 runs)	1968-69
Most wkts in a season:	Dick Cotton	54 (ave 11.7)	1966-67
Best average:	G.H.Pike	7.3 (17 wkts)	1969-70
Highest individual score:	A.D.Forbes	221 (vs Randwick)	1909-10
Best bowling in an innings:	S.Ruff	9-31 (vs Randwick)	1968-69
Best bowling in a match:	C.McRae	14-45 (vs Petersham)	1973-74

Highest partnerships (details available only since 1960):

1st wkt:	150	D.Scanlan and A.McMahon	vs Glebe	1962-63
2nd wkt:	115	D.Foley and E.Noble	vs ?	1962-63
3rd wkt:	121	D.Ridley and G.Parker	vs N.Districts (semi)	1975-76
4th wkt:	151	F.Wagner and D.Clarke	vs Glebe	1961-62
5th wkt:	138	L.Bott and R.Woodhouse	vs St. George	1973-74
6th wkt:	139	J.Davis and L.Williams	vs N.Districts	1965-66
7th wkt:	121	A.Dietsch and R.Richards	vs Paddington	1963-64
8th wkt:	88	L.Williams and P.Collins	vs Bankstown	1967-68
9th wkt:	55*	M.L'Estrange and J.F.Rodgers	vs Nth.Sydney	1974-75
	55	B.Druery and A.Baigent	vs Waverley	1977-78
10th wkt:	57	H.Anderson and G.Waugh	vs Gordon	1963-64

Most centuries in Third Grade:

3 - K.W.Asprey 117 (1923-24); 116 (1923-24); 131 (1924-25).

FOURTH GRADE RECORDS

Premiers: 1976-77 Semi-finalists: 1963-64, 1971-72, 1974-75, 1977-78

Most runs in a season:	J.Watts	565 (ave 43.5)	1975-76
Highest average:	R.Scamps	119.0 (238 runs)	1965-66
Most wkts in a season:	A.Jakes	76 (ave 9.8)	1969-70
Best average:	A.Smythe	3.6 (16 wkts)	1950-51
Highest individual score:	K.Sheffield	134*	1948-49
Best bowling:	A.Smythe	8-19 (vs Gordon)	1950-51

Highest partnerships:

1st wkt:	167	R.Hunter and K.O'Connor	vs N.Districts	1974-75
2nd wkt:	191	R.Mangan and I.Tabrett	vs Mosman	1972-73
3rd wkt:	114	C.Smoker and M.Sewell	vs N.Districts	1975-76
4th wkt:	176	J.Mackie and L.Williams	vs Balmain	1965-66
5th wkt:	96	C.McLeod and G.Gee	vs Waverley	1972-73
6th wkt:	125	L.Schwartzkoff and J.Watts	vs Sutherland	1976-77
7th wkt:	102	L.Schwartzkoff and M.Wilson	vs Cumberland	1976-77
8th wkt:	99	P.Jeffrey and A.Clarke	vs Nth.Sydney	1961-62
9th wkt:	108	R.Scamps and D.Cohen	vs Cumberland	1965-66
10th wkt:	55	J.Sullivan and G.J.Scahill	vs Paddington	1947-48

Most centuries in Fourth Grade:

2- R.Scamps 131 (1963-64), 126\* (1965-66)

FIFTH GRADE RECORDS

(University's Fifth Grade entered the NSWCA competition in 1969-70 and from 1974-75 have fielded 2 teams)

Semi-finalists: 1974-75, 1977-78

Most runs in a season:	G.Smith	413 (ave 29.6)	1968-69
Highest average:	G.Gulliver	213.0 (213 runs)	1969-70
Most wkts in a season:	R.Howlett	57 (ave 10.6)	1977-78
Best average:	M.Forbes	3.8 (12 wkts)	1975-76
Highest individual score:	G.Hammer	153	1968-69
Best bowling:	R.Wilkinson	9-37 (vs Gordon)	1977-78

Highest partnerships:

1st wkt:	102	P.Gannon and A.Hoop	vs Mosman	1974-75
2nd wkt:	140	P.Kell and T.Clubb	vs Mosman	1974-75
3rd wkt:	76	J.Emmett and P.Havord	vs Sutherland	1973-74
4th wkt:	118	D.Morgan and A.Hoop	vs N.Dist.B	1977-78
5th wkt:	127*	S.Judd and C.Hillman	vs St. George	1975-76
6th wkt:	174	M.Lynch and P.Greenwood	vs UNSW A	1977-78
7th wkt:	102	M.Laing and D.Morrow	vs Manly B	1974-75
8th wkt:	93*	G.McNally and M.Cepak	vs Cumberland	1977-78
9th wkt:	77	M.Connellan and J.Goncalves	vs N.Dist.B	1976-77
10th wkt:	49	P.Palesy and J.Ford	vs St. George	1976-77

Fifth Grade centuries: 10 players have each scored one century

102	A.Collins	1964-65	101*	J.Emmett	1973-74	105*	S.Judd	1975-76
153	G.Hammer	1968-69	103*	I.Grant	1973-74	116	D.Morgan	1977-78
123*	G.Gullivan	1969-70	113	P.Kell	1974-75	110	P.Palesy	1977-78
						102	M.Lynch	1977-78

POIDEVIN-GRAY RECORDS

Runners-up: 1959-60

Most runs in a season:	D.Walkhom	361 (ave 72.2)	1938-39
Highest average:	F.Farrar	88.7 (266 runs)	1939-40
Most wkts in a season:	J.Jeffrey	33 (ave 11.2)	1938-39
Best average:	R.Lee	5.5 (12 wkts)	1969-70
Highest individual score:	D.Walkhom	175* (vs Nth.Sydney)	1938-39
Best bowling:	G.Keighran	8-41 (vs Bankstown)	1973-74
Best all-round performance:	R.Lee	291 runs (ave 58.2); 12 wkts (ave 5.5)	1969-70

Highest partnerships:

1st wkt:	178	W.Ward and D.Walkhom	vs Nth.Sydney	1938-39
2nd wkt:	94	R.Grant and F.Munro	vs Bankstown	1960-61
3rd wkt:	116	Phil Scanlan and R.Mesley	vs Sydney	1967-68
4th wkt:	118	D.Clarke and Phil Blazey	vs St. George	1962-63
5th wkt:	124	T.Jenkins and M.Sinclair	vs Nth.Sydney	1975-76
6th wkt:	111*	G.Maddocks and A.McMinn	vs Sydney	1975-76
7th wkt:	105	T.Buddin and G.Pike	vs Sydney	1969-70
8th wkt:	43	T.Metherill and R.Cotton	vs Mosman	1965-66
9th wkt:	91	S.Woodhouse and I.McMinn	vs N.Districts	1971-72
10th wkt:	39	D.Low and G.Waugh	vs Waverley	1964-65

Poidevin-Gray centuries:

Three players have scored two centuries:

D.Walkhom	175* (1938-39), 132 (1939-40)	R.Lee	130 (1969-70), 116* (1970-71)
T.Jenkins	100 (1974-75), 113* (1975-76)		

LEADING PRESENT DAY PLAYERS

<u>BATTING</u> (min 1500 runs)			<u>BOWLING</u> (min 100 wkts)		
	Runs	Ave		Wkts	Ave
A.Crompton	5027	20.5	M.O'Sullivan	400	18.8
I.Fisher	4479	31.9	G.Pike	300	19.8
P.Gannon	2575	14.4	C.McRae	273	14.2
M.Thompson	2527	21.4	B.Druery	253	13.2
G.Wilson	2366	22.1	J.Baird	244	18.1
T.Jenkins	1972	27.4	A.Baigent	238	16.4
J.Malicki	1773	15.6	J.Holgate	185	13.8
S.Ward	1698	23.3	J.Rodgers	175	16.7
B.Druery	1671	13.7	J.Malicki	174	15.9
L.Schwartzkoff	1655	19.0	G.Swords	143	12.3
J.Emmett	1574	18.3	M.Forbes	135	14.3
G.Parker	1548	19.1	G.Keighran	131	11.7
			P.Armitage	115	17.9
			J.White	105	15.1

CAREER RECORDS OF CURRENT PLAYERS

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(Includes matches 1st to 8th Grade and Poidevin-Gray)

	Year started	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave	Wkts	Runs	Ave
D.Allchin	1975	40	15	44	244	9.8	78	1223	15.7
P.Apostocopoulos	1976	11	0	32	98	8.9	10	164	16.4
P.Armitage	1975	31	16	14*	84	5.6	115	2054	17.9
A.Baigent	1971	95	33	40*	320	5.2	238	3912	16.4
M.Baigent	1977	15	2	50	210	16.1	23	503	21.1
J.Baird	1972	70	28	25*	373	8.9	244	4418	18.1
P.Baird	1975	78	6	56*	1190	16.5	5	40	8.0
P.Beale	1977	14	1	63	321	24.7	33	455	13.8
C.Bellemore	1977	15	1	16	80	5.7	0	34	-
J.Berg	1977	4	0	9	14	3.5	0	8	-
S.Best	1976	25	4	87	357	17.0	27	383	14.2
J.Blackman	1970	48	5	45	367	8.5	27	620	22.9
J.Buckley	1977	1	0	5	5	5.0	-	-	-
N.Bull	1977	2	0	11	13	6.5	-	-	-
M.Burgess	1977	20	2	88	575	31.9	0	16	-
T.Carruthers	1977	7	0	28	116	16.6	0	19	-
M.Cepak	1977	15	2	66*	194	14.9	15	292	19.5
G.Coleman	1977	2	0	2	4	2.0	-	-	-
M.Connellan	1975	36	9	40	290	10.7	61	1355	22.2
G.Cooper	1977	15	2	124*	447	34.4	1	20	20.0
M.Cordato	1976	23	8	26	168	11.2	38	608	16.0
A.Crompton	1961	275	30	156	5027	20.5	1	37	37.0
J.Darling	1975	8	1	37	156	22.3	0	38	-
A.deCarvalho	1976	24	2	29	181	8.2	5	60	12.0
P.Donkin	1977	8	2	28	90	15.0	8	215	26.9
B.Druery	1967	153	31	80	1671	13.7	253	3343	13.2
C.Elder	1975	41	7	67*	463	13.6	63	1433	22.7
B.Elliott	1977	21	3	52	349	19.4	0	12	-
J.Emmett	1969	93	7	101*	1574	18.3	0	72	-
I.Fisher	1960	159	19	136	4479	31.9	15	493	32.9
J.Fleming	1976	17	2	16	74	4.9	0	21	-
M.Forbes	1975	47	7	54	483	12.1	135	1932	14.3
M.Furlong	1977	15	4	47*	314	28.5	-	-	-
P.Gannon	1969	191	12	81	2575	14.4	3	139	46.3
G.Gee	1971	76	10	68	1363	20.7	6	58	9.7
P.George	1977	6	1	35	98	19.6	-	-	-
G.Gibson	1976	22	3	56	312	16.4	-	-	-
P.Gibson	1975	43	3	69	658	16.5	3	36	12.0
S.Glenday	1976	33	11	56	279	12.7	93	1280	13.8
J.Goncalves	1975	54	9	76*	961	21.4	62	758	12.2
A.Grattan-Smith	1975	57	6	100*	822	16.1	2	17	8.5
P.Gray	1973	32	2	136*	653	21.8	-	-	-
P.Greenwood	1977	9	0	93	183	20.3	2	87	43.5
P.Gresham	1972	75	3	54	983	13.7	28	365	13.1
C.Gwynn	1977	9	1	6	11	1.4	14	238	17.0
G.Harper	1972	61	15	91	1153	25.1	43	951	22.1
P.Havord	1974	15	4	29	117	10.6	34	512	15.1
A.Haymet	1976	29	0	83	514	17.7	-	-	-
P.Hepburn	1976	19	9	7	37	3.7	57	825	14.5
S.Hetherington	1977	16	2	69	279	19.9	-	-	-
J.Holgate	1972	92	8	79	1004	11.9	185	2544	13.8
A.Homing	1977	7	1	16	67	11.3	-	-	-
A.Hoop	1972	81	11	86	1226	17.5	1	27	27.0
R.Howlett	1977	10	5	21*	63	12.6	64	707	11.1
N.Hughes	1976	32	2	32	240	8.0	21	302	14.4
B.Jenkins	1977	7	0	17	37	5.3	-	-	-
T.Jenkins	1974	82	10	113*	1972	27.4	0	15	-
S.Judd	1975	36	3	105*	617	18.7	-	-	-
G.Keighran	1973	73	13	90	1402	23.4	131	1536	11.7
P.Kell	1974	82	6	113	1423	18.7	13	265	20.4
G.Kemister	1976	20*	0	17	98	4.9	28	420	15.0
M.Kobetski	1977	3	1	11*	18	9.0	2	49	24.5
M.LeLievre	1977	17	3	54	272	19.4	-	-	-
J.L'Estrange	1975	59	7	95	1356	26.1	0	10	-
N.Levy	1974	52	7	101*	924	20.5	1	16	16.0
E.Lieversz	1974	41	4	92	784	21.2	1	15	15.0
K.Liley	1975	17	7	8*	33	3.3	38	483	12.7
J.Loxton	1977	4	0	36	82	20.5	2	39	19.5
R.Luff	1974	53	6	104*	882	18.8	-	-	-
M.Lynch	1976	26	0	102	421	16.2	-	-	-
A.McDonald	1973	28	7	41	244	11.6	9	136	15.1
D.McDonald	1973	40	9	19	171	5.5	57	800	14.0

Career Records (Current Players) continued:

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	Year Started	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave	Wkts	Runs	Ave
J. McGrath	1977	-	-	-	-	-	0	11	-
P. McGrath	1977	10	1	15	31	3.4	8	150	18.8
D. McInnes	1968	62	2	70	1289	21.5	2	62	31.0
G. McNally	1975	43	6	51	454	12.3	20	441	22.1
S. McQuilty	1977	10	4	2*	6	1.0	0	32	-
C. McRae	1971	95	26	50*	761	11.0	273	3866	14.2
P. MacKay	1971	66	7	100*	1291	21.9	6	121	20.2
J. Malicki	1969	127	13	83	1773	15.6	174	2770	15.9
M. Martin	1975	24	8	37	170	10.6	3	55	18.3
R. Middleton	1977	11	2	55	156	17.3	9	160	17.8
A. Millward	1973	9	2	73	247	35.5	12	105	8.8
R. Mitchell	1977	14	1	25	95	7.3	17	493	29.0
G. Moore	1977	3	1	5*	5	2.5	-	-	-
D. Morgan	1975	54	1	116	819	15.5	-	-	-
P. Mortimore	1977	11	0	44	173	15.7	2	67	33.5
M. Mulcahy	1976	3	1	47*	99	49.5	-	-	-
J. Nappa	1977	2	0	16	17	8.5	-	-	-
A. Neal	1977	3	0	10	22	7.3	-	-	-
J. Nucifora	1977	11	1	59	210	21.0	5	42	8.4
J. O'Sullivan	1976	32	2	83	652	21.7	8	220	27.5
M. O'Sullivan	1968	136	63	38	1071	14.7	400	7502	18.8
P. Palesy	1974	46	6	110	760	19.0	4	107	26.8
G. Parker	1973	90	9	106*	1548	19.1	82	1698	20.7
R. Parker	1975	33	4	79*	573	19.8	20	656	32.8
M. Perry	1975	32	9	91*	567	24.7	64	1144	17.9
G. Pike	1969	122	33	65	861	9.7	300	5938	19.8
R. Polak	1977	3	0	27	37	12.3	-	-	-
C. Prell	1977	13	1	46	251	20.9	-	-	-
L. Prendergast	1977	7	0	23	76	10.9	-	-	-
D. Ransom	1974	57	7	51	552	11.1	97	1470	15.2
D. Ridley	1972	108	13	72	1476	15.5	2	14	7.0
T. Ritchie	1976	6	0	18	44	7.3	2	34	17.0
C. Rodger	1974	58	9	61*	883	18.0	0	23	-
J. Rodgers	1972	84	41	26*	250	5.8	175	2922	16.7
P. Royle	1975	37	7	32	218	7.3	-	-	-
M. Schwartz	1975	49	3	76	603	13.1	15	258	17.2
L. Schwartzkoff	1970	105	18	77	1655	19.0	2	55	27.5
R. Seaborne	1977	5	0	27	57	11.4	-	-	-
W. Sears	1975	10	1	17	49	5.4	-	-	-
M. Sewell	1973	95	8	111	1457	16.7	6	90	15.0
M. Shineberg	1977	5	1	89*	105	26.3	-	-	-
M. Sinclair	1975	34	2	86	610	19.1	0	4	-
J. Spence	1970	75	10	44*	568	8.7	39	484	12.4
D. Stark	1977	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
G. Stanton	1977	3	0	25	31	10.3	4	44	11.0
A. Sullivan	1977	19	4	59	275	18.3	-	-	-
G. Swords	1971	84	22	49*	544	8.8	143	1760	12.3
D. Symes	1977	14	4	35*	107	10.7	21	385	18.3
M. Thompson	1971	138	20	86	2527	21.4	4	77	19.3
J. Uebel	1975	17	2	102*	271	18.1	-	-	-
J. Wall	1975	23	6	25	146	8.6	-	-	-
S. Ward	1974	82	9	92	1698	23.3	3	77	25.7
J. Warren	1977	10	2	27*	69	8.6	19	407	21.4
J. White	1974	48	15	39	458	13.9	105	1589	15.1
R. White	1973	44	2	63	438	10.4	44	754	17.1
W. White	1977	2	1	5*	5	5.0	-	-	-
J. Whittle	1977	3	0	9	16	5.3	8	75	9.4
R. Wilkinson	1976	45	5	109	744	18.6	89	1194	13.4
S. Williams	1976	5	0	45	63	12.6	5	161	32.2
G. Wilson	1971	113	6	104	2366	22.1	2	92	46.0
M. Wilson	1975	39	4	73	757	21.6	65	1240	19.1
P. Wynn	1977	12	2	35	145	14.5	26	501	19.3



**Sydney University Cricket Club**



**ONE HUNDRED and FOURTEENTH  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**and**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**



=====**Season 1978-79**=====

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH, 1979 IN THE BRUCE WILLIAMS PAVILION, UNIVERSITY NO. 1 OVAL, AT 7.30 P.M.

AGENDA

- (1) Apologies
- (2) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 28th June, 1978
- (3) Adoption of the Annual Report for the 1978-79 Season
- (4) Elections
  - a) Patron
  - b) President
  - c) Life Members
  - d) Vice Presidents
  - e) Honorary Secretary
  - f) Honorary Assistant Secretary
  - g) Honorary Treasurer
  - h) Two delegates to N.S.W.C.A.
  - i) Two delegates to S.U.S.U.
  - j) One delegate to City and Suburban C.A.
  - k) One delegate to Buildings and Grounds Committee
  - l) Eight members of the General Committee at least five of whom shall be Undergraduates or Graduates proceeding to a higher degree
- (5) Other Business

M. F. Sewell,  
Honorary Secretary.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Any Vice Presidents wishing to accompany the official party at the dinner at the University prior to the meeting are requested to contact Alan Crompton by Monday, July 2nd (Phone: 232-2088 (work); 41-7057 (home) )

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB

OFFICE BEARERS 1978-79

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PRESIDENT: A. B. Crompton

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HONORARY TREASURER: J. Baird

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P. Havord, M. Le Lievre, C. McRae, D. Morgan, J. White.

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J. Malicki, R. Mesley, J. H. Mould, F. F. Munro, D. Needham, F. Newman,  
Dr. R. Y. Norton, M. J. O'Sullivan, M. Pawley, R. Pearson, Professor J. R. Peden,  
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K. H. Sheffield, Dr. D. Scott-Orr, J. Smith, J. Spence, R. H. Storey, R. J. Thomas,  
J. D. Ward, Professor B. R. Williams, G. R. Wilson, I. Wolfe.

DELEGATES TO N.S.W.C.A.: A. B. Crompton, M. F. Sewell

DELEGATES TO S.U.S.U.: M. F. Sewell, S. Glenday

DELEGATE TO CITY & SUBURBAN C.A.: D. Armati

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MANAGERS POIDEVIN-GRAY: L. Carrington, P. Gannon

SOCIAL SECRETARY: C. I. McRae

<u>CAPTAINS:</u>	FIRST GRADE	M. J. O'Sullivan
	SECOND GRADE	P. Wynn
	THIRD GRADE	J. Emmett
	FOURTH GRADE	P. Gannon
	FIFTH GRADE A	J. Malicki
	FIFTH GRADE B	J. White
	SEVENTH GRADE	J. Spence
	EIGHTH GRADE	G. McNally
	POIDEVIN-GRAY	M. Burgess

Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I present the 114th Annual Report of the Sydney University Cricket Club. This past season has certainly been a season of innovation and development for the Club, being marked also by the usual excitement on the field of play, so characteristic of University cricket.

The opening of the Bruce Williams Pavilion, adjacent to No. 1 Oval, at the beginning of the season, was a landmark event in University sport and the Pavilion is sure to be of benefit not only to cricketers but to all University sportsmen in the years to come. As well, the erection of six synthetic practice wickets behind the H. K. Ward Gymnasium was another development of the utmost importance to the Club, which would most sincerely like to thank the Sports Union for its foresight and strength of purpose in carrying these projects through. With the addition of these two facilities to the already excellent facilities available at the University, then the attraction of the Club to the cricket playing undergraduate must be further enhanced.

Another innovation this year was the Country Tour, undertaken in January on the invitation of the cricket authorities in southern New South Wales. Four one-day matches were played against local sides in the area and by all accounts the Tour was extremely successful. The Club certainly hopes that the contact established during this past season can be maintained and developed in future years.

As has been the pattern for the past few seasons, the Club once again fielded 9 teams, which met with mixed success, as individual team reports indicate. Although for the first time in five seasons no Sydney University Cricket Club team managed to reach the semi-finals, the Seconds and Fourths must be regarded as unlucky not to have done so, as rain during the last round deprived these teams of playing time while other sides playing elsewhere in Sydney were able to play and secure crucial points. Although this was a great disappointment for those involved, I am sure that the Club can take great heart in the performances of these sides, particularly as they contained many young players of great talent, whose cricket, given the correct encouragement, is bound to flourish in the years ahead.

A number of the Club's leading players gained representative honours this season. Both Mick O'Sullivan and Jim L'Estrange were selected for the State Practice Squad, while Jim also opened the batting for the New South Wales Colts team at the Colts Carnival in Perth. He had the further distinction of captaining the Australian Universities against the touring England Under 19 team in Newcastle, where he was joined by Peter Armitage and Bruce Wilcock. Both Jim L'Estrange and Mark Burgess played for Metropolitan teams against Country towards the end of the season. To all these players, the Club offers its congratulations and looks forward to further achievement in future years.

Two three-day Inter-Varsity matches were again played this season - against Melbourne in Melbourne and the Australian National University in Sydney. Both

games were marked by wonderful fightbacks from the Sydney sides after being well behind on the first innings, to gain a draw with Melbourne and a convincing victory over the A.N.U. The Club also entered a team in the revived Inter-Varsity Carnival, organised by the University of New South Wales this year, but only one of the four scheduled games was played due to the wet weather in Sydney at the time. The Club has long stated its preference for three-day Inter-Varsity cricket, as opposed to the Carnival concept of one-day matches and continues to state this preference. The opportunity to play three-day cricket in this day and age is rare indeed and should be encouraged at every opportunity.

The Club received sponsorship this season from Puma, whose excellent range of sporting footwear and equipment is sold through the Student Sports Store. The Club would like to express its gratitude to Puma for its support and looks forward to a developing relationship in the coming seasons.

1978-79 also marked the end of an era, when the S.U.C.C. Snooker team suffered its first defeat since the Adams/Dwyer Snooker Tournament was re-started in 1976. Congratulations to Waverley on their victory over us in the semi-final and their ultimate success in this most entertaining competition.

I cannot close this report without drawing the attention of readers to the statement on Player Behaviour from the New South Wales Cricket Association, to be found in the pages of this Annual Report. While the record of the Club on this matter is a good one, I cannot stress too much the importance of playing the game in the true sporting spirit and I urge all players to ensure that they always maintain the best traditions of the game.

In conclusion, I would like to thank a number of people for their help during the season: Alan Crompton for his excellent advice and support as President; Jock Baird, who retires this year as Honorary Treasurer and leaves the Club's finances in a most satisfactory state; Mrs. Glenday, for making the lunches and afternoon teas during Inter-Varsity; the Captains and Committee for their leadership and administration; and the staffs of the N.S.W.C.A. and S.U.S.U. for assistance in many ways - especially Sharon Emery for typing this Report.

Mark Sewell,  
Honorary Secretary.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I do not believe that it is too self-indulgent of the Club to claim the 1978/79 season as one of mixed fortunes. Certainly the Club experienced some success, but it would be difficult to argue that this was not outweighed by some bitter disappointments after the season promised so much.

### THE JOYS AND THE WOES

The Club's congratulations go to the Second XI and the Fourth XI, so enthusiastically led by Peter Wynn and Peter Gannon respectively. Both entered the final round as members of the four, only to suffer the frustration of being washed out on the second day of the round when in winning positions and thereby forsaking their positions in the four to teams behind them on the table who played and won. This was a bitter pill to swallow, especially after the experiences of the previous season when the Fourth XI and Fifth XI were eliminated in washed out semi-finals and the Second XI after losing the toss was caught on a treacherous wicket in the Final. Such is the luck of cricket, and perhaps one day soon such luck will smile more kindly upon us.

Clearly the major disappointments were the drop from fifth to eleventh position in the Club Championships and the demise of the First XI from tenth to sixteenth in First Grade, the former of course due in large measure to the latter. The First XI performance was a great disappointment after a magnificent start when wins resulted from the first two rounds. The performance is better placed in perspective, however, when it is noted that the team played excellent cricket in rounds 4, 5, 6 and 7 against Manly, Sutherland, Mosman and Northern District without recording a win in what were generally tight finishes. Unfortunately, the team did not recover from these disappointments. The Third XI remained in contention entering the second last round but fell away badly at that stage, while the 5A XI and 5B XI rarely threatened to advance beyond their final positions in the middle of the table.

### SPIRIT AND ATTITUDE

Enthusiasm and keenness and a willingness to work hard at one's cricket were always apparent from many members of the Club. There was always the underlying feeling, however, that this was often rather superficial and that a great potential for improvement existed in these areas. This seemed apparent in all grades. Sydney grade cricket is a tough arena in which to succeed both as a Club and as an individual and this must be freely acknowledged if the degree of application and dedication that is required for success is to be recognised.

Grade cricket is not the place for the player who is prepared for anything less than performance to the maximum of ability. Success at grade level will not follow for such a player. So what seems to be required from us all is a greater will to win from within - a greater personal drive from within to obtain one's full potential. This seems to me to be lacking, and to be the reason why a Club with so much natural and technical ability is not converting these abilities into substantially better playing results.

Team spirit seems generally to be good, but too often we appear to have teams which are tremendously keen to win as teams but made up of players who as individuals consciously or unconsciously are only applying themselves to 80% or 90% of their capabilities.

Greater pride in performance is required. This in turn will produce greater enjoyment of the game when one knows that, whatever the result, one has performed to the maximum of one's physical and (more importantly) mental ability. I sense, however, a certain frustration among many of the Club's players as they realise week by week that they are not performing mentally and physically to their full capability and that the solution lies in their own hands. Enjoyment of the game must suffer under these circumstances.

A greater commitment and a greater sense of responsibility to the Club is required. In practical terms, there must be a greater awareness and anticipation of the administrative needs of the Club, a greater effort to assist and encourage fellow members in coaching and other activities, more productive and meaningful use of practice time (without relying entirely on the captains), a greater initiative must be taken in bringing forward ideas for improvements, and there must be a greater willingness to volunteer services rather than waiting to be asked - in other words each member must become a better Club man. The strong drive and the desire to see the Club do well must then follow.

I believe that some other Clubs have this drive from within each individual. I believe that the University of New South Wales Cricket Club have had it for some years and its achievements in recent years speak for themselves. I believe that John Benaud instilled this into the Penrith First XI this season. Much has been achieved by those two Clubs with many players who, at the time of the achievement, were not outstanding players but seem to me to be performing to the maximum of their ability. If they can do it, we can too!

The potential to 'do it' is certainly there - we have some of the best grounds in Sydney, we can reasonably expect that we will have excellent practice facilities with the completion of the synthetic practice wicket complex, and without doubt we have the best off-the-field facilities. So let's do it!

### COACHING

Enormous scope for improvement exists here, both from within the Club and from outside. Our own senior members have been too slow for too long to assist fellow Club members and must assume a greater responsibility in this area.

Peter Spence, the N.S.W. Cricket Association State Director of Coaching, provided invaluable assistance at the beginning of the season in organising our pre-season practice far more effectively and no doubt the Club's excellent start to the season was due in no small measure to this. To Peter we say thank you. The Club must maintain coaching momentum into the season, however, and a greater effort must be made to secure coaching on a regular basis, hopefully from members of the State Coaching Panel.

Approximately twenty Club members successfully completed the Rothman's National Coaching Plan Preliminary Course, and we thank State Coaching Panel members, Greg Hartshorne and Barry Davison for conducting this most enjoyable and informative course. A follow-up to higher levels of the Coaching Plan by Club members is essential.

### BEHAVIOUR

A most regrettable aspect of the season was the increase in the instances of bad behaviour on the field, resulting in a number of reprimands being administered and suspensions being imposed by the N.S.W. Cricket Association. Losses from the umpiring ranks is another sad but understandable consequence which we can ill afford. We can be proud of the fact that no Club player was involved, but it is essential that we keep it that way. The standard of behaviour unfortunately has deteriorated alarmingly in recent years and this trend must be arrested. This is a matter of great concern to your Committee, which insists that all Club members play the game entirely within the spirit and the rules of the game. Nothing here is inconsistent with playing the game competitively and to win, but bad behaviour will not be tolerated by your Committee, which will deal harshly with any instances which come to its attention. I emphasise, however, that we can be proud of our record to date.

The matter of behaviour is also of great concern to the New South Wales Cricket Association which has requested the Club to insert in this Annual Report the message regarding behaviour which appears elsewhere, and I commend it to us all as essential reading.

### WORLD SERIES CRICKET

So much has been said and written about this topic that it is not my intention to prolong this discussion here, save only to look to the future. As I write, an announcement is expected within days, which hopefully will bring an honourable end to the division which has existed in the game for over two years, and will permit all cricketers and cricket supporters to get on with the business of playing and enjoying cricket free of any atmosphere of tension or conflict. Any avoidable continuation of the division can only be harmful to the game, and it is the interest of the game which must stand above the interests of any individuals.

### THE WORKERS

The Club is deeply indebted to a number of people who spend many hours in the service of the Club. Much of this work goes unrecognised, and certainly without the acknowledgement it so richly deserves. The Club would not exist without them, and to all of these people we say a very sincere thank you. The following is a list of these people, no doubt incomplete, and I hope they will forgive me for not dwelling at greater length than I have on the contributions they have made:-

MARK SEWELL, our most efficient and highly respected Honorary Secretary who performs and gives of his time way beyond the call of duty. Too much is left to Mark, a fate which befalls all honorary secretaries,

and it is essential that he be given every assistance and support possible if we are to retain his valuable services and experience. Thank you Mark from us all.

JAMES RODGERS, whose magnificent contribution to the Club is best demonstrated by noting that he was the acting Honorary Secretary during Mark's three months absence overseas, the Assistant Honorary Secretary, the Club Historian, the Club Statistician, a Second XI player, the Vice Captain of the Second XI, the Inter-Varsity Carnival Convenor and the organiser and manager of the Country Tour. As such, James was a most worthy winner of the Captain John Morris Memorial Award for the most valuable contribution to the Club on and off the field.

SIR HERMANN BLACK, our Patron and Chancellor, and PROFESSOR BRUCE WILLIAMS, our Vice Chancellor for their keen support of the Club.

JOCK BAIRD, our hard working Honorary Treasurer.

ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, whose attendance at Committee Meetings was generally good.

THE CAPTAINS, Mick O'Sullivan, Peter Wynn, John Emmett, Peter Gannon, John Malicki, Julian White, John Spence and Greg McNally for their magnificent playing and administrative contributions.

CHRIS McRAE and his hard-working Social Committee

MY VICE PRESIDENTS for their interest and very generous financial support of the Club.

COLONEL PHIL PIKE and MRS. PIKE, DR. JIM L'ESTRANGE and MRS. L'ESTRANGE and the many other members of the (so called) Ladies Auxiliary, particularly for preparing the afternoon teas and MRS. GLENDAY for preparing the lunches during Inter-Varsity.

JACK SMITH, LES CARRINGTON and VIRGINIA MARTIN our scorers.

BOB RADFORD, JOHN WOOD and PETER SPENCE of the New South Wales Cricket Association for their constant support and assistance.

JOHN WARD, ROY PEARSON, JOHN VAN BEEST, SHARON AND ROBYN of the Sydney University Sports Union for their co-operation and helpfulness at all times.

DAVID WINNER, our curator, and RAY and REG for providing us with such excellent playing conditions throughout the season.

PUMA AUSTRALIA PTY. LIMITED for their continuing sponsorship support.

LES CARRINGTON and his Adams/Dwyer Snooker team who were tournament semi-finalists, and the tournament sponsor, Swire Travel.

MR. TED WYKES, a Vice President of the N.S.W.C.A. and President of the N.S.W.C.A. Umpires Association, who was our Guest Speaker at the Annual Dinner, and MARK SEWELL, DAVE MORGAN, and the SOCIAL COMMITTEE for their organisation of the Annual Dinner.

#### INTER-VARSITY

Inter-Varsity was again most enjoyable this season, with 3-day games played against Melbourne University and the Australian National University, while a team was entered in the Carnival organised by the University of New South Wales. Next season promises much with the tour of the Oxford-Cambridge team, on top of our normal programme.

#### REPRESENTATION

The Club conveys its hearty congratulations to the following Club members who attained representative honours:-

MICK O'SULLIVAN, selection in the State Squad, a long over-due and richly deserved honour.

JIM L'ESTRANGE, selection in the State Squad, the State Colts team for the Interstate Colts Carnival in Perth, Metropolitan v. Country Near North/South, Metropolitan v. Combined Country and Australian Universities (captain) v. Young England - a fine achievement and rich reward for this talented player.

MARK BURGESS, Metropolitan v. Country Near North/South and Metropolitan v. Combined Country - a player of great potential.

PETER ARMITAGE, Australian Universities v. Young England.

BRUCE WILCOCK, Australian Universities v. Young England.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

The Club conveys its congratulations to our member Roy Pearson on his recent appointment as Secretary of the Sports Union. Roy has always been actively involved with the Club in various capacities and we wish him a long and happy tenure of office.

The Club's congratulations are conveyed to the following trophy and award winners:-

Batting aggregate:	Max Blackler
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Bowling aggregate:	Terry Murphy
Bowling average:	Peter Wynn
Eric McElhone Fielding Award:	Bruce Wilcock
Best and Fairest Awards:	1st - Steve Quartermain 2nd - Peter Wynn 3rd - Peter Armitage

Captain J. C. Morris Memorial Award  
for Most Valuable Contribution to the  
Club on and off the Field: James Rodgers

Dr. J. L'Estrange Award for most  
Valuable Lower Grade Player: Steve Quartermain

Ian Fisher Award for Most Valuable  
First Grade Performance: Jim L'Estrange

Finally congratulations are extended to the following Clubs for their successes:-

First Grade Premiers	-	Penrith D.C.C.
Club Champions	-	University of N.S.W. C.C.
Second Grade Premiers	-	Randwick D.C.C.
Third Grade Premiers	-	Bankstown-Canterbury D.C.C.
Fourth Grade Premiers	-	Randwick D.C.C.
Fifth Grade Premiers	-	Sutherland D.C.C.
Poidevin-Gray Shield Premiers	-	Northern District C.C. and Western Suburbs D.C.C.
A. W. Green Shield Premiers	-	Northern District C.C.

Alan Crompton,  
President.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE  
NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The Association is alarmed at the growing incidence of bad behaviour by players in all levels of grade cricket.

IT HAS TO STOP

The game of cricket has long been known to epitomise the highest levels of conduct and sportsmanship. It is a competitive game to be played in an atmosphere of comradeship and enjoyed by players, umpires and spectators alike.

Bad behaviour by players is bringing the game into disrepute. It is alienating public support and making it almost impossible to recruit and hold umpires.

The following examples give rise for concern:-

- Fieldsmen making ridiculous appeals in the hope of intimidating umpires into giving a favourable decision
- Fieldsmen making disparaging remarks about umpires
- Fieldsmen swearing at a batsman in an attempt to break his concentration
- Fieldsmen directing a dismissed batsman to the pavilion with a torrent of abuse
- Batsmen disputing an umpire's decision by remaining at the crease and making remarks to the umpire
- Batsmen making offensive remarks to fieldsmen attempting to field a ball or take a catch
- Batsmen on the way back to the pavilion banging the bat on the ground, swearing and throwing the bat on reaching the dressing room

Players must be capable of exercising self discipline without the need for Club administrators or the Association itself enforcing codes of behaviour. Captains have a special responsibility to exercise control over their players in these matters.

Let it be quite clear - the Association will not hesitate to impose severe penalties on any player reported for bad behaviour in the future.

If you are a player reported by an umpire next season then be prepared to watch your team from the sidelines.

The New South Wales Cricket Association believes in the adage "the game is bigger than the player".

So, players, let's get the game back to where it should be.

## OBITUARY 1978-79

## DR. T. R. STREET (1897-1978)

The death occurred on 12th October, 1978 of former University First Grader, Dr. Tom Street. After being educated at Sydney Grammar, Tom Street played First Grade for University in 1916-17 as a wicket-keeper. He did not reappear until 1922-23 when he played in a very strong side which contained 6 first class players, including Test batsman, Johnny Taylor. Strangely, University finished 11th out of 16 in that season. Street again kept wickets but occasionally batted in the first 3 and made his highest score in First Grade (54 vs. Waverley) in this season. He played one more year and later moved to Cessnock where he was a G.P. for many years. Dr. Street was also a former A.J.C. Committeeman who retired in 1976 after 22 years service.

## HISTORICAL FEATURE

### A Period in Exile and a Match Against England

Cricketers taking the fields in Sydney on Saturday, 7th October, 1893 may well have sniffed the crisp spring air with a sense of cricket history. The New South Wales Cricket Association had decided to organise Cricket according to the electoral boundaries and players now represented their districts, instead of the famous old Clubs. Only one of those Clubs survived and still survives. The University Club has, but for a break of four years, participated in the 'Grade' competition for the last 85 seasons. During this time, the other electoral districts have changed as the boundaries of the city have changed. No more are the districts of Glebe, Redfern, East Sydney, South Sydney, Canterbury, Leichhardt or Paddington represented under these names. But it is this four year hiatus which is the subject of this article.

From the beginning of this reorganisation, the question of the qualifications of University players became a smouldering issue. For the first four seasons, University were permitted to play just about anyone who had any connection with the University. Thus, Tommy Garrett, who as an 18 year old, had participated in Australia's First Test in 1877, played until 1897. This veteran of 19 Tests and three tours of England had lost none of his former ability. He headed batting and bowling in 1893-94 and then was the leading run scorer among all the Clubs in 1894-95 with 524 runs.

But University, which had tied with Belvidere for the Premiership in 1892-93, found the new pace too hectic. Eighth place in 1894-95 became last in 1895-96 and ninth (out of 11) in 1896-97.

The soul-searching which followed these poor seasons started the resulting uproar. It was decided to approach Tom McKibbin, the Glebe and Australian off-spinner, to play for the Club. Apart from the fact that no less a critic than the editor of Wisden considered his action 'suspect' ("... there can be little doubt that he continually threw when putting on his off-break". - Wisden 1897, p.216)\*, he was never even a student at the University but only held some administrative post there. Whether it was this that influenced subsequent events or not, it is clear that by August 1897, the N.S.W.C.A. had proposed to restrict University to undergraduates or graduates of less than 3 years standing.

At a special meeting of the Club at the Oxford Hotel on 26th August, Monty Faithfull, the Club President, a former outstanding opening bowler and distinguished lawyer, forcefully stated the Club's position. It was a great piece of impertinence on the part of the Association to dictate to the University the constitution of its teams. McKibbin averred that he would follow the University whatever its fortunes.

\* McKibbin headed the Australian 1st class bowling averages on the 1896 tour with 101 wickets at 14.3

Tom Garrett, the avuncular veteran of the Club, eventually proposed this historic motion: "That in the event of the Cricket Association adhering to their previous resolution, the University Club will be reluctantly compelled to withdraw from the Association." The motion was carried without dissent and amidst cheering! (reported in Telegraph, 27/8/1897).

One doubts that the Association was possessed of any crusader-like intentions in attempting to impose such restrictions, but surely the Club must have been at fault in admitting men, such as McKibbin, who had only tenuous connections with the Uni. The Club's administrators seemed to have been overtaken by expediency.

It was because of this extraordinary set of circumstances that the Club played A. E. Stoddart's touring English team in 1897-98. Now forced to arrange its own matches, University endeavoured to play the Englishmen on Friday, 17th and Saturday, 18th December, 1897, at the University Oval. Since all Tests had to be played to a finish, the First Test was extended after the first three days were washed out! McKibbin played in this Test, thus becoming Uni.'s fifth Australian player.

After selecting a new squad which for some unexplained reason, contained Harry Moses and P. C. Charlton, both former Test players from I Zingari, and C. Miller and J. O'Hara from Melbourne University, Uni. had the misfortune to suffer the vagaries of a flexible tour itinerary and again had the match postponed. The N.S.W. v. England match, during which a record 1739 runs were scored had to be extended. Hasty arrangements were made to play England the day after this drawn-out encounter and at last the match started on Saturday, 12th February, 1898.

The match seemed fated never to be played. Stoddart won the toss from Garrett but only at the second attempt. The coin, the first time it was spun, rested upright between blades of grass!

England, with their Test batting line-up, played the younger bowlers without many mishaps and declared at 7 for 333 at stumps. It is interesting to note that 100 overs were bowled in the day - a few more than current sides care to get through. The great Prince Ranjitsinhji scored 60 but Uni. suffered for their lapses in the field - Storer (92), Hirst (56) and Druce (54 n.o.) were all dropped early. Ranji was greatly impressed by the bowling of Gother Clarke, a former schoolboy prodigy at Sydney Church of England Grammar School ('Shore'). He wrote: "...he possessed good length and kept good control over the ball and is able to break either way ... is able to field his own bowling remarkably well..." (K. S. Ranjitsinhji, 'With Stoddart's team in Australia', p227). The last comment was undoubtedly provoked by Clarke's 3 catches from his own bowling in this innings!

After the various false starts, it was perhaps predictable that the match would be ended early through rain on the Monday, when Uni. had reached 6-76 in 90 minutes. Although this first encounter with an international side ended in anti-climax, from this game sprang the tradition of a combined Universities side's fixture against touring teams.

Evidently, this season in limbo must have hastened a change of heart and the N.S.W.C.A. allowed the Club to play in the Second Grade Competition of 1898-99. But only undergrads were eligible and there was no representative on the Association. The Club was known as 'The Undergraduates'. Player movement rivalled the present-day Rugby League farces. Garrett, despite his avowed intentions never to turn out for another Club, played for Burwood which was becoming quite a haven for old 'Varsity players. S. P. Jones, W. A. Shortland and George Barbour were also there. McKibbin went back to Glebe and later moved to Adelaide. Poidevin went to Redfern and Clarke to North Sydney.

The Club's period in the purgatory of Second Grade lasted four seasons and brought forth an astounding list of achievements. Two Premierships were won (1898-99, for which the Club received Ten Guineas to provide souvenirs for the players, and 1901-02). Thirty games were won; only nine were lost. The Club's 10th wicket record partnership was set in 1898-99. After helping dismiss Cumberland for a mere 33, Archie Blue and W. D. Cargill made the humiliation even greater by adding 154 for the last wicket! Blue took 61 wickets in 1900-01, including 42 in 7 successive innings! Will Gregson, later killed in France in 1916, scored the Club's first double century with 207 in Uni.'s 9-488 against Waverley in 1900-01. Reason resumed her seat and the Association readmitted the Club to First Grade in 1902-03, restricting it to matriculated students. E. F. Waddy, the Secretary of the Club, was able to comment in the 1902-03 Annual Report "... it has had the effect of stimulating the cricket of the Uni. by giving greater hope to the younger men of getting into the 1st XI."

University Cricket achieved its greatness during the next 30 years and has continued until the present day to be an integral part of the Grade Competition in Sydney.

James Rodgers.

(A full score card of this match will appear in the forthcoming Club history, being currently written by James Rodgers. Readers with information or items of interest on the history of University Cricket are invited to contact him at 14 Ada Avenue, Wahroonga. 2076. Telephone: 48 3170).

NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET ASSOCIATION  
COMPETITIONS SEASON 1978/79

FIRST GRADE - "BELVIDERE" CUP

Premiers and	)	- Penrith D.C.C.
Minor Premiers	)	
Runners Up		- St. George D.C.C.
Third		- Sutherland D.C.C.
Fourth		- North Sydney D.C.C.

SECOND GRADE - "ALBERT" CUP

Premiers and	)	- Randwick D.C.C.
Minor Premiers	)	
Runners Up		- University of N.S.W. C.C.
Third		- Balmain D.C.C.
Fourth		- Northern District C.C.

THIRD GRADE - "MITCHELL" CUP

Premiers and	)	- Bankstown-Canterbury D.C.C.
Minor Premiers	)	
Runners Up		- University of N.S.W. C.C.
Third		- Randwick D.C.C.
Fourth		- Central Cumberland D.C.C.

FOURTH GRADE - "REID" CUP

Premiers		- Randwick D.C.C.
Runners Up and	)	
Minor Premiers	)	- Northern District C.C.
Third		- University of N.S.W. C.C.
Fourth		- Petersham-Marrickville D.C.C.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - "SYDNEY SMITH" CUP

Winners		- University of N.S.W. C.C.
Runners Up		- Randwick D.C.C.

FIFTH GRADE

Premiers		- Sutherland D.C.C.
Runners Up and	)	
Minor Premiers	)	- Bankstown-Canterbury D.C.C.
Third		- Balmain D.C.C. "A"
Fourth		- Randwick D.C.C.

POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD

Joint Winners		- Northern District C.C. and Western Suburbs D.C.C.
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A. W. GREEN SHIELD

Winners		- Northern District C.C.
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N.S.W.C.A. COMPETITION TABLES: 1978-79FIRST GRADE

Penrith	64
St. George	45
Sutherland	44
North Sydney	42
Central Cumberland	40
Northern District	39
Mosman-Middle Harbour	36
University of N.S.W.	36
Bankstown-Canterbury	36
Manly-Warringah	36
Sydney	30
Randwick	30
Waverley	30
Gordon	24
Balmain	22
University of Sydney	18
Western Suburbs	18
Petersham-Marrickville	6

SECOND GRADE

Randwick	64
University of N.S.W.	54
Balmain	48
Northern District	42
University of Sydney	44
Western Suburbs	42
Gordon	40
Bankstown-Canterbury	36
Sutherland	36
St. George	34
Manly-Warringah	33
Central Cumberland	32
Waverley	30
Penrith	30
Petersham-Marrickville	24
North Sydney	24
Sydney	18
Mosman-Middle Harbour	15

THIRD GRADE

Bankstown-Canterbury	68
University of N.S.W.	54
Randwick	58
Central Cumberland	52
Balmain	56
Mosman-Middle Harbour	40
Western Suburbs	38
Northern District	36
University of Sydney	36
St. George	30
Manly-Warringah	28
Sutherland	28
Gordon	28
Sydney	24
North Sydney	24
Penrith	18
Waverley	18
Petersham-Marrickville	14

FOURTH GRADE

Randwick	64
Northern District	66
University of N.S.W.	54
Petersham-Marrickville	50
Sydney	52
Bankstown-Canterbury	46
Western Suburbs	46
University of Sydney	45
Gordon	38
Balmain	36
Sutherland	32
Penrith	30
Mosman-Middle Harbour	30
St. George	27
North Sydney	18
Waverley	18
Central Cumberland	12
Manly-Warringah	12

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

University of N.S.W.	864
Randwick	852
Bankstown-Canterbury	806
Northern District	786
Balmain	704
Penrith	696
Sutherland	652
Central Cumberland	644
St. George	641
Western Suburbs	608
University of Sydney	607
Gordon	570
Mosman-Middle Harbour	549
Manly-Warringah	529
North Sydney	522
Sydney	522
Waverley	456
Petersham-Marrickville	362

FIFTH GRADE

Sutherland	72
Bankstown-Canterbury	66
Balmain "A"	62
Randwick	54
Gordon	52
Northern District "A"	46
Balmain "B"	46
University of N.S.W. "A"	42
University of Sydney "A"	36
University of N.S.W. "B"	36
University of Sydney "B"	32
Central Cumberland "A"	34
Waverley	30
Central Cumberland "B"	28
Northern District "B"	16
Southern District	16
Mosman-Middle Harbour	6
North Sydney	6

### FIRST GRADE REPORT

In a season which promised so much we delivered relatively little. General opinion of our First Grade team at the beginning of the season would have suggested that it was the best balanced side for some time.

The first two games would have indicated that this was an accurate assessment. Last seasons premiers Randwick, with Test players Turner and Dyson, were beaten comfortably and then to celebrate the opening of the new Grand Stand, Gordon were also well beaten after a fine innings by Tom Jenkins.

Our traditional rivals, the University of New South Wales proved to be a severe test with State opening bowlers Lawson and Watson. We bowled particularly well to dismiss them for 153 but we in turn were reeling at 4-15. A fine partnership between Mark Burgess and Murray Le Lievre saw us recover before a run out, as we were moving into a winning position, precipitated a collapse and our first loss.

In our next match Jim L'Estrange led a run spree against Manly with a great 111 and we finished with 3-303. This magnificent effort counted for nothing when rain washed out play the following Saturday.

Our next three matches proved critical as we missed good opportunities to win each of them. In each case the batting was solid but the fielding which for most of the season had been excellent failed. Against Sutherland, Mosman and Northern Districts, we dropped several catches at critical stages. This meant two losses and a draw from games we had ample opportunities to win and be with the competition leaders.

From that time we struggled. A poor effort against Penrith and the loss of Jenkins and Harper at that time resulted in a series of mediocre performances which saw us lose or draw games we may have expected to win. Even so, to have a draw against Wests after having only 60 to win in 15 overs with six wickets in hand is typical of those earlier performances where we faltered under pressure.

What is it that we lack in these situations where we have for a number of years always been "just beaten" instead of "just winning"? These games appear to be characterised by a failure under pressure at the critical stages. While we may be basically as talented as most other teams, I doubt that we work hard enough at practice - to develop our skills so that we can come through when the pressure is applied. Winning or the ability to win seems to be derived from the confidence a team has in themselves, and I feel that the success of the Second Grade in recent seasons is a reflection of such efforts.

Despite these comments, our competition points did not really reflect the general standard of our play. Some of the more encouraging aspects of the season were:

- 1) the selection of two players, Jim L'Estrange and Mick O'Sullivan in the N.S.W. State practice squad.
- 2) the selection of Jim L'Estrange in the N.S.W. Colts team which played in Perth (where he scored a half century)

- 3) The selection of Jim L'Estrange and Mark Burgess in Metropolitan Colts teams to play Country representative teams
- 4) The experience that a number of the younger players have gained which should stand them in good stead for next season.
- 5) The spirit in the side, particularly engendered by the Colts, which is a solid foundation for future success.

The following players contributed to the First Grade during the season:

Jim L'Estrange - An excellent season highlighted by successive scores of 111 v. Manly and 81 v. Sutherland. Later in the season he scored a number of 20's which for him should have realised more. Jim is a constant source of embarrassment as a practice bowler and has yet to be trusted with an over in First Grade; hates a chat in slips re the previous nights activities; tends to take the meaningfulness out of practice and has a bad habit of playing bouncers with his elbow and shoulder.

Bruce Wilcock - A disappointing season overall in terms of runs scored although before Christmas he assisted in a number of good opening partnerships. His innings of 59 against Manly showed his true ability. Bruce's fielding was always of a high standard and was rewarded with the Eric McElhone fielding award. Bruce was a phantom performer in the Hugh McCredie Club Rooms, with his body being in constant demand.

Greg Harper - Greg had been having a successful season until moving to Canberra in his employment. A good player under pressure who scored a 21x against Randwick to steer us to victory and a very good 82\* against Mosman. A fine slips fieldsman and useful medium pacer who was missed greatly in the second half of the season.

Tom Jenkins - Jerker! Where do you begin to discuss him. As with Greg Harper a great loss to the side in mid-season. A match winning 69\* against Gordon, 74\* against Manly and a 34 on a mine field at Waitara highlighted his ability. Jerker's only problem is that he should learn to relax and not worry so much. His "catch" off Ross Collins at mid-on was a season's highlight as was the bowler's response and his alertness in the bat-pad position is acknowledged by all.

Mark Burgess - A season for which statistics would indicate a successful year but for a player of Mark's potential was good but not all it could have been. Seven scores of over 30 with a top score of 75 indicates a season in which opportunities for big scores were not reached. His play lost a little authority but perhaps Mark suffers from the high expectations we have for him. "Angus" is a splendid team man, an excellent fieldsman but a very average bowler, whose net efforts were similar to those of Jim L'Estrange.

Murray Le Lievre - Murray did not perhaps get the opportunities his talents deserved by batting at number six for much of the season. His best innings were 28\* against Randwick and a fine 55 against Waverley after we were 4-12. Fielding was always of a high standard and with a little more self-confidence could expect to have a successful season in 1979-80.

Alan Crompton - Another season of vintage "Crommo". In snaring 20 catches and 6 stumpings, Alan again claimed some of those diving one hand catches which are his trade mark. The fluent square cuts and drives flowed at regular intervals and a Crommo innings is always good value. Despite his continued good performances, Crommo must learn to communicate with the lads. The difficulties in obtaining a word

from the President are almost insurmountable and if this minor fault can be rectified Crommo will undoubtedly be a force in the 1990's.

Chris Elder - The season saw another consistent effort from Chris. He bowled well and rarely failed to take wickets. A match winning effort as against Sydney last year would have been handy during our drought of wins but always toiled well. His batting performances were highlighted by a great 41 against Mosman in 30 minutes. Chris failed to impress the players higher in the order with his defensive techniques and was constantly implored by them to slog and provide their entertainment during the latter stages of the days play.

Geoff Pike - Our most successful bowler, Geoff had a very good year. Best performances were an excellent 5-44 against Northern Districts, 4-67 against University of New South Wales and 4-65 against North Sydney. Failed to recapture his A. W. Green Shield batting form and on those occasions when there was a glimpse of such form usually ran out of partners. Usually a good bookies risk with his catching, Geoff landed a big plunge at long odds against Bankstown with a superb catch at fine leg.

Peter Armitage - Promoted from third grade for the last five games and did particularly well. His performances were highlighted by a great 4-50 v. Bankstown and a similar effort to obtain 4-38 against Cumberland. With much work on his final delivery strides Peter could be expected to develop further and be a real force as a quick bowler. Fielding can be improved but is really a good prospect.

Geoff Keighran - Also promoted in mid-season, scored a useful 36 against North Sydney and 45\* against North Sydney in the final game. Geoff possesses excellent concentration and is the type of player around whom an innings can be built. Needs to work on his fielding but is a handy medium pacer who can be a very valuable team member. With Loraine, his wife, co-author of "The Art of Meaningful Conversation", Geoff hates a chat but has been known to bore the odd female with a discourse on Buddhism.

Murray Stokes - Came into the team mid-way through the season and his best scores were 34 against Balmain and a good 40 against North Sydney. Needs to play to his limitations a little more but is a forceful player with a good range of shots.

Phil Beale - Phil had a mixed season after his promotion. A player of undoubted potential, he must develop both his batting and bowling. Some fine slips catches underlined his ability and given the required development as a batsman in particular, could be the all-rounder the club desperately needs.

John Baird - Jock was rather unlucky during his stay in First Grade. Good performances against University of New South Wales (3-46) and Mosman (4-50) were recorded and games against Sutherland and Waverley saw an unbelievable number of times that the ball beat the bat without an edge. I am sure that these things even themselves out over time and Jock should be able to look forward to successful seasons in the future.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the following people:

- 1) Our faithful supporters Dr. and Mrs. L'Estrange, Sandy Pike, the Colonel and Mrs. Pike, whose attendance and help with the afternoon teas was much appreciated.
- 2) Our scorer, Jack Smith, to whom a special vote of thanks must be given. His efforts and support for the team has been tremendous and, should he retire as indicated, it will be a great loss to the team.
- 3) My wife, Judy, for the delayed meals, coping with the late nights in the Hugh McCredie Club Rooms etc.
- 4) All of the players for their whole-hearted efforts during the season.

Mick O'Sullivan.

FIRST GRADE STATISTICSBATTING

	INNS.	N.O.	H.S.	AGG.	AVE.	CTS.
G. Harper	8	3	82x	173	34.5	4
J. L'Estrange	17	2	111	475	31.7	5
T. Jenkins	9	2	74x	216	30.9	-
M. Burgess	17	1	75	426	26.6	6
M. Le Lievre	14	3	55	247	22.4	9
A. Crompton	13	2	47	243	22.1	20 & 6 stumpings
G. Keighran	6	1	45x	105	21.0	2
M. O'Sullivan	11	4	23x	120	17.1	12
M. Stokes	6	-	40	96	16.0	-
B. Wilcock	16	1	59	203	13.5	3
P. Beale	4	-	16	54	13.5	5
C. Elder	12	2	41	128	12.8	4
G. Pike	10	4	12x	38	6.3	2
J. Baird	6	3	6x	11	3.7	-
P. Armitage	3	1	3x	3	1.5	-

BOWLING

	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	AVE.
P. Armitage	61.4	12	230	13	17.7
C. Elder	156.1	39	540	28	19.3
G. Pike	164.4	20	628	31	20.3
J. Baird	104	18	354	15	23.6
M. O'Sullivan	220	52	670	24	27.8

ALSO BOWLED (Runs, Wickets)

P. Beale (96, 5); G. Keighran (49, 1); G. Harper (45, -); B. Wilcock (26, -); T. Jenkins (12, 1); M. Le Lievre (2, -).

BEST BOWLING

M. O'Sullivan 6/36 v. Randwick; G. Pike 5/41 v. Northern Districts; 4/65 v. North Sydney; 4/67 v. U.N.S.W.; C. Elder 4/15 v. Western Suburbs; P. Armitage 4/38 v. Cumberland; 4/50 v. Bankstown; J. Baird 4/50 v. Mosman.

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

1st Wkt.	143	J. L'Estrange and B. Wilcock	v. Manly
2nd Wkt.	71	J. L'Estrange and T. Jenkins	v. Manly
3rd Wkt.	73	J. L'Estrange and M. Burgess	v. Sutherland
4th Wkt.	105	G. Harper and M. Burgess	v. Mosman
6th Wkt.	78	G. Harper and A. Crompton	v. Sutherland
7th Wkt.	36	M. Le Lievre and C. Elder	v. Waverley
8th Wkt.	33	C. Elder and M. O'Sullivan	v. Waverley

SECOND GRADE REPORT

Won outright - 2; Won 1st Innings - 4; Drawn - 4; Lost 1st Innings - 5.

Following the successes of the previous 1977-78 season for the 2nd XI, it seemed that such a successful season was just a mere formality for 1978-79 as well. Wins were however not as easy to come by as expected by some and after the first two rounds, no competition points were recorded. Thus playing as the team to be beaten rather than the underdog proved not so easy for the 2nd XI.

The first round against Randwick proved this point. Only a fine eighth wicket stand of 114 by Phil Beale and Chris McRae turned a meagre 7/64 into a respectable 9/199 declared. A lack of application at bowling practice was apparent in the way the Randwick side were able to pass this seemingly respectable total. It was not till the third round against last year's Premiers from the University of New South Wales, that we realised our first win. Phil Beale's 7-54 and the opening stand of Steve Ward (36) and Murray Stokes (41) paved the way for victory.

Following an indifferent fielding performance against Manly, it was the memorable innings of 94 from the bat of Steve "the big unit" Glenday against Sutherland to nearly pull off victory when all seemed lost that at last fired the team spirit. From that time on, one felt that this "11 player unit" was not just another one of those Sydney University teams consisting of "nice blokes", good enough, but without the application and drive to become a winning force.

A well deserved win over Mosman followed, Geoff Keighran's innings of 81 being the highlight of the game. The first week of the Northern Districts game was played on a damp track and there was general relief when the captain won a toss and inserted the opposition. Following the early breakthrough provided by "Colt" Beale, the guile of Chris McRae (6/43), together with a fine innings of 77 from the bat of Murray Stokes (including the famed "Stokes charge") contributed to a well deserved victory.

The Penrith game proved to be the ultimate in humiliations for the opposition. On a day when the toss was won, not a catch was dropped, the bowling tight and batting responsible, 10 points were added to the team's tally. Mention must be made of Chris McRae's fine haul of 12 scalps, Steve Glenday's 6/12 in the second innings and of Mitch Thompson's sound 46 N.O. under very difficult conditions.

And so to the New Years break which proved to have an unsettling effect on the team's performance. Perhaps it was too much New Years cheer, perhaps the demise of the Australian XI rubbed off - who knows? Nevertheless 3 1st innings losses were to follow. The third of these defeats saw the Western Suburbs XI outplayed for all but the last 15 overs whereupon some injudicious stroke play saw the home side fall but 3 runs short of what was a "gettable" 125 runs. I am sure the Wests players were more surprised at their good fortune than we were disappointed at our loss.

However, it took a little time for the 2nd XI to reassert their authority and a comprehensive outright victory over Norths reaffirmed the undoubted ability of the team. A well compiled double of 37 and 35 by "new colt" Max Blackler spearheaded both innings, but equally as important was the fact that every batsman made a contribution, either in a supporting role or as the aggressor, that proved to be the match winner.

Following a washout against Bankstown it was to Cumberland that the team travelled to cement its position in the 4, which it so richly deserved. Fine innings by Blackler (45), Keighran (84) and Thompson (44) helped to build a team total of 274 on the first day. Rain interrupted play on the second day after some 40 minutes play and no effort was spared to convince the umpires and the opposition captain as to the fitness of the track for the next three hours. Yet play was not to recommence, stumps were drawn and the ultimate fate of the semi-final position of the team was to be learned at the local "drinking unit", whilst the sun shone brightly overhead, Northern Districts having played and secured enough points to grab our semi-final position. It is a constant source of amazement to me that a team will train all week, yet at the first sign of rain on a Saturday, they want to pack up and go drinking for the afternoon; unfortunately this was the desire of the opposition on that day.

Disappointing, certainly! However, the experience only served to show that the points must be on the board before the last two rounds of the competition. I feel it is unnecessary to single out every member of the team for comment. Each player realises where he may improve in the coming season merely by reflecting on the statistics printed herein and by listening to and evaluating constructive suggestions made by other club members so that he may be better able to contribute to the team effort, whichever team it may be, for the coming season.

Sincere thanks are due to Jenny, Laraine, Lyn and all other helpers on the afternoon teas, who sometimes had to cater for numbers up to 80 in an afternoon. The team farewelled scorer Les Carrington, who has taken up a teaching appointment at Tamworth, in late January. Les's services to the club and to the 2nd XI have been much appreciated over the years and we wish him well in his future career.

It would however be difficult to complete a second grade report without mentioning some of the lighter moments of the season. Certainly the "Big Unit" Glenday's ticker tape welcome of the bowling attack at Sutherland would rate highly. "I.Q." Wilson's amazing control and knowledge of the vast vocabulary of the English language used whilst keeping wickets was a constant amazement to all. The unforgettable recalling of the batsman who had walked and the stumping whilst the ball was at point will live in many memories for some time. The famed McRae "yours" call for catching was in vogue again, whilst the nonchalant wit without fear or favour of the "new colt" Max Blackler will no doubt be present in the Club for many seasons to come.

Having come so close, I am sure that, with a lot of hard work plus the positive attitude of not only knowing that we can win, but that we will win, the 1979-80 season will see not only the 2nd XI but all the Club teams in a higher place on the competition table than in 1978-79.

Peter Wynn.

### SECOND GRADE STATISTICS

#### BATTING

	INNS	N.O.	H.S.	RUNS	AVE	CTS
G. Keighran	9	0	84	301	33.4	4
M. Stokes	7	1	77	183	30.5	4
P. Beale	8	3	75	147	29.4	10
M. Blackler	5	0	45	130	26.0	1
M. Thompson	15	2	46*	317	24.4	5
I. Wilson	13	4	41	217	24.1	16 + 6 stps.
S. Glenday	7	2	94	118	23.6	11
P. Wynn	14	5	62*	203	22.6	6
S. Ward	5	0	43	109	21.8	2
M. Sewell	9	0	45	180	20.0	3
C. McRae	9	2	38	123	17.6	6
G. Cooper	5	1	19	51	12.8	1
B. Collins	9	1	26	100	12.5	4
M. Wilson	6	0	21	57	9.5	2
J. Rodgers	6	4	7	14	7.0	3
J. Baird	3	1	1*	2	1.0	1

#### ALSO BATTED (Inns., N.O., H.S., Runs)

P. Gray (2, 0, 29, 45); J. O'Sullivan (1, 0, 10, 10); A. Grattan-Smith (1, 0, 9, 9);  
P. Baird (1, 0, 7, 7); P. Armitage (1, 1, 1\*, 1).

#### BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	AVE.	Best Figures
P. Wynn	164.6	34	498	43	11.6	5/38, 5/44, 5/58, 5/62.
C. McRae	144.3	21	540	39	13.9	8/27, 6/43, 5/23
J. Rodgers	113.5	25	419	25	16.8	4/25, 4/50
S. Glenday	112.3	21	384	17	22.4	6/12
P. Beale	79.2	7	332	14	23.6	7/54
J. Baird	39.4	7	100	4	25.0	

#### ALSO BOWLED (Wkts., Runs)

P. Armitage (2-88); G. Keighran (1-58); M. Wilson (0-12); B. Collins (0-14).

## Second Grade Statistics Continued .....

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

1st Wicket	77	S. Ward and M. Stokes	v. U.N.S.W.
2nd Wicket	64	S. Ward and G. Keighran	v. Gordon
3rd Wicket	115	G. Keighran and P. Wynn	v. Mosman
4th Wicket	24	M. Sewell and M. Wilson	v. Bankstown
5th Wicket	85	G. Keighran and I. Wilson	v. Cumberland
6th Wicket	72	I. Wilson and P. Wynn	v. St. George
7th Wicket	41	M. Wilson and I. Wilson	v. Balmain
8th Wicket	114	P. Beale and C. McRae	v. Randwick (2nd Grad Record)
9th Wicket	64	S. Glenday and J. Rodgers	v. Sutherland
10th Wicket	5*	S. Glenday and J. Rodgers	v. Randwick

THIRD GRADE REPORT

Played - 15; Won 1st Innings - 6; Lost 1st Innings - 4; Drawn - 5.

After a good start to the season, winning matches against Randwick and Gordon, Thirds looked set for a semi-final berth and remained in the top 4 until after Round 11. The other matches we won during the season included comfortable wins over Sutherland and Waverley, in which we recorded our highest scores of the season, 266 and 7 declared for 230 respectively, and close encounters against Northern Districts and Balmain, both of which were highlighted by spirited batting performances by our lower order batsmen.

Of the matches we drew or lost, 3 were worthy of note. Our round 6 loss to Mosman was disappointing as we had bowled tightly and well to have them all out for 170 and after being 6 for 135 our normally reliable lower order batsmen only managed a further 8 runs. Our round 11 draw with Wests was a non-event as the Wests captain batted to 2.35 p.m. in a one day match leaving us a target of 229 in 115 minutes plus 15 overs with virtually no chance of winning the match. But probably our most disappointing match was our loss to North Sydney in the next round, which virtually ruined any chance we had of making the semi-finals.

Uni. won the toss and elected to bat on a good Uni. No. 2 batting wicket but after an innings full of all sorts of controversy we were all out for 132. The scene was set for a gripping encounter when Uni. took the field at 4.15 p.m. with all players extremely determined. By 6 p.m. that determination was rewarded with Thirds displaying their best session of bowling and fielding of the season and Norths reeling at 6 for 62. However, the following week we couldn't finish them off and Norths passed us and declared at 8 for 141. But Uni. wasn't finished yet and after 90 minutes of batting we declared at 4 for 158 leaving Norths 40 minutes plus 15 overs to score 150 to win outright. Again we took the field with grim determination and I felt sure we would have won outright had we held one of 2 consecutive sharp catching chances when Norths were 7 wickets down with 4 overs remaining, as we had them 8 for 85 at close of play.

Throughout the season Thirds performed creditably, always striving to win and I feel sure everyone thoroughly enjoyed his cricket. Probably the major failing of the side though, was its indifferent fielding performances, particularly the large number of dropped catches. This was partly due to lapses of concentration in the field, but more so to lack of confidence which can only be gained through team practice. Although there were no statistics kept on dropped catches, I feel sure that had there been Thirds would have been close to top scoring for the Club. I would suggest that in future statistics on dropped catches by teams should be kept to assist captains in stressing this important facet of cricket at team practice, as poor catching has a detrimental effect on team morale. There was however, one exception to this failing and that was the performance of wicket-keeper John Wall. John took 19 catches and 1 stumping in 12 matches in Thirds, was always safe and had only 32 byes recorded against him - a truly remarkable performance.

Other individual performances worthy of note included the fast bowling of Peter Armitage, particularly early in the season when he had 6 for 36 against Randwick and 4 for 57 against Gordon. Peter finished with 24 wickets from 7 matches in Thirds and his elevation to Firsts was well deserved. Mark Wilson, who shared the new ball with Peter early in the season, had the honour of having the best bowling performance of an innings in Thirds with his career best of 6 for 30 against Sutherland. Ross Wilkinson, who bowled accurately and for long spells, but with little luck, finished with 19 valuable wickets for the season. Peter Havord, whose best performance was 4 for 52 against Penrith, Jim (Cowboy) Warren, who gave us every chance with his 4 for 23 in the 2nd innings against Norths and Leigh Williams, who showed us he is a useful spin bowler as well as being a fine medium pace bowler, all had their moments. But perhaps the most encouraging performance for the Club was that of Steve (Quarterpace) Quartermain, who amassed 20 wickets from 7 matches including 5 for 42 against Balmain in his first match in Thirds. His fast, accurate and intelligent bowling constantly had batsmen in trouble and he is destined for higher grades next season.

The batting performances on the whole were a little disappointing as the top score by any one batsman during the season was only 67. The failure of several talented players to bat as well as they can was a disappointment. However, there were some good performances which included; Geoff Cooper's early season form - he is a fine batsman but he appears to lose concentration when his score approaches the 40's and invariably gets out when he shouldn't soon afterwards; Jim Watts' 67 against Waverley and his 54 against Cumberland; the 32 run partnership between Ross Wilkinson (23) and Steve Quartermain (21) to bring victory over Balmain - Ross's 54 against Sutherland and his reliable performances throughout the season both with bat and ball make him a candidate for higher grades next season; Leigh Williams' 28 against Waverley and his top score of 36 against Norths in the first innings; Max Blackler's 67 against Wests and Mark Wilson's 65 against Sutherland were all fine performances.

John M. Emmett.

THIRD GRADE 1978-79BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.	Catches
J. Watts	9	2	67	208	29.7	6
M. Blackler	4	0	67	108	27.0	4
G. Cooper	8	0	61	210	26.3	3
M. Wilson	8	2	65	138	23.0	1
R. Wilkinson	16	5	54	251	22.8	3
P. MacKay	12	1	59*	235	21.4	5
P. Gray	9	0	48	159	17.7	7
M. Sewell	6	1	40	88	17.6	-
A. Grattan-Smith	6	1	50*	84	16.8	-
J. O'Sullivan	15	0	43	240	16.0	1
S. Quartermain	7	3	21	55	13.8	2
L. Williams	6	1	36	66	13.2	1
J. Emmett	17	0	53	219	12.9	4
J. Wall	8	4	25*	48	12.0	20
J. Warren	5	1	17	42	10.5	2
P. Havord	9	3	18	62	10.3	5
P. Gibson	7	0	17	57	8.1	2
P. Armitage	3	0	5	5	1.7	1

ALSO BATTED (Inns., N.O., Runs)

M. Furlong (2, 0, 40); G. Parker (2, 0, 22); B. Collins (1, 0, 17);  
 J. Tarhala (1, 0, 17); J. Goncalves (1, 0, 10); D. Morgan (2, 0, 9);  
 G. Maddocks (1, 0, 6); P. Baird (1, 0, 0)

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.	Best Figures
S. Quartermain	80	11	327	20	16.4	5/42
P. Armitage	108.6	17	406	24	16.9	6/36, 4/57 4/66, 4/92
M. Wilson	112.4	21	377	19	19.8	6/30
J. Warren	53	6	226	11	20.6	4/23
L. Williams	62	11	189	9	21.0	
P. Havord	99.2	9	407	19	21.4	4/52
R. Wilkinson	146.1	22	480	20	24.0	

ALSO BOWLED: (Wkts., Runs)

P. MacKay (1, 2); J. O'Sullivan (0, 12); G. Parker (1, 19); M. Furlong (0, 18);  
 J. Emmett (1, 36); G. Cooper (0, 24); A. Grattan-Smith (0, 6).

BEST PARTNERSHIPS:

1st Wkt:	71	M. Blackler (35) and P. MacKay (35)	v. Waverley
2nd Wkt:	95	J. O'Sullivan (34) and G. Cooper (61)	v. Manly
3rd Wkt:	32	M. Sewell (21) and P. Havord (18)	v. Mosman
4th Wkt:	48	J. Emmett (23) and J. Watts (67)	v. Waverley
5th Wkt:	61*	P. MacKay (59*) and R. Wilkinson (31*)	v. North Sydney
6th Wkt:	61	A. Grattan-Smith (50*) and R. Wilkinson (19)	v. Gordon
7th Wkt:	71	R. Wilkinson (54) and M. Wilson (65)	v. Sutherland
8th Wkt:	45*	L. Williams (28*) and S. Quartermain (18*)	v. Waverley
9th Wkt:	32	M. Wilson (65) and J. Wall (25*)	v. Sutherland
10th Wkt:	21	J. Wall (25*) and J. Warren (6)	v. Sutherland

FOURTH GRADE REPORT

Won 1st Innings - 7; Tie on 1st Innings - 1; Drew - 5; Lost 1st Innings - 2; Points - 45; Position - 7th.

If you can't believe that a team that loses only two matches all season can only finish in the middle of the competition, then read on.

The above statistics indicate Fourth's consistency during the season 1978-79 but also show us missing the finals. Why?

Well, it was not because of negative cricket. Of the five drawn matches, three were rain-affected. The final match, against Cumberland, was particularly disappointing as it was here that we slipped from equal fourth when all other teams played; and after we were in a strong position to win outright after the first day. Of the other two rain-affected draws, the second day's play against Manly was lost, and only 90 minutes play against Bankstown was possible. In the two other drawn games (both one-day matches), Randwick (the eventual premiers) made no effort to chase our target; and against Balmain we finished one run short of their score, having batted for 38 overs compared to their 51.

Further, no one can say that any of our victories were lucky. No game was won as a result of us passing our opponents declared score. The side was only twice dismissed for less than 175 and yet ironically won both those matches after having by far the worst of the conditions. Against Penrith, being sent into bat on a treacherous rain-affected Cook Oval wicket, we were dismissed after lunch for 76. With the wicket rolled and now dry, Penrith were already counting the six competition points. By tea they were stunned, having been smashed into submission for 57 after the greatest fielding exhibition I have ever had the pleasure of being associated with. Equally satisfying was our win over Waverley. Being sent in on a rain-affected Trumper Park wicket we were dismissed for 144 but again great application enabled us to dismiss Waverley for 99.

It was this fighting spirit which also enabled us to record a close win over Mosman. Matches against U.N.S.W., Sutherland, Western Suburbs and North Sydney were won more comfortably.

In the two games that we lost, we played poorly; yet Gordon only passed our declared score in the second last over; and we were 40 runs short of Northern Districts 261.

So the enthusiasm and dedication of the players was not rewarded, despite their consistency. The players, however, can be proud of their performances despite our farcical position on the table.

Next, some individual comments (in order of appearance) of those who played in five or more games, or who were in "the team" at the season's conclusion.

David Morgan - Dave had an excellent season, a technically sound opener who so often held the batting together.

Chris Harper - a new player having transferred from Manly. After an initial 64, Chris suffered a hand injury which forced him to miss much of the season.

Michael Furlong - "Lucy" displayed some of his natural ability not only with the bat, but also was indispensable as our main spinner. A matchwinner who could turn a game our way in a short period of time.

Peter Gibson - excellent performances in fourths; statistics reflect his dominance over fourth grade bowlers.

Leigh Williams - a new player, previously with Cumberland, Leigh overcame early season disappointments to be performing very well with bat and ball before earning promotion to thirds.

Steve Quartermain - from St. George, another new player, "Quarterpace" overcame a bad injury at the start of the season to be bowling superbly before promotion to thirds. Thoroughly deserved "Best and Fairest" and "Most Valuable Lower Grade Player" awards.

Glenn Gibson - without any doubt the best wicket-keeper in fourth grade. During the season, took two of the greatest catches I have ever seen in any class of cricket. Glenn combines dedication, enthusiasm, competitiveness and a willingness to learn with rare natural ability.

Peter Mortimore - despite good innings against Waverley and Penrith (when runs were badly needed), Peter must otherwise be disappointed with his performances. Excellent close to the wicket fieldsman.

Mark Baigent - capably filled part of the gap left by Steve Quartermain, Leigh Williams and Rob Howlett midway through the season. Batting was not as good as he showed in Poidevin-Gray.

Mark Cepak - if "Lucy" was worth two players to us, Mark was worth three. In half a season, 182 runs, 18 wickets at best average, and 10 catches partially indicated his value to the team.

Tony Grattan-Smith - "Hondo" returned to fourths for the latter part of the season where he proved to be our most consistent batsman.

Jaako Tarhala - new player with no previous grade experience, Jaako has a lot of ability and will be one of our leading run scorers next season.

Geoff Maddocks - returned to the club in mid-season. With a full year next season should force his way back up the grades.

Terry Murphy - another new player, earned promotion to fourths after consistent wicket hauls in fifths which contributed to his club bowling aggregate.

Chris Rodger - called to fourths at seasons end; an experienced and able player, Chris did all that was asked of him.

Of the above players, half were playing in only their first or second season with the Club. Their performances suggest to me that our club will benefit from these young players for seasons to come. Hopefully they may be given opportunities to prove themselves in higher grades.

Finally thanks must go to the Sports Union for the provision of superb facilities, the envy of all other clubs; to our Club Committee and "tea" ladies for all the hard work; and lastly the players themselves for making the past season most enjoyable.

See everyone next season.

Peter Gannon.

FOURTH GRADE STATISTICSBATTING

	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.	C.
P. Gibson	6	2	89	225	56.1	2
A. Grattan-Smith	5	-	76	163	32.6	3
D. Morgan	15	1	49	346	24.7	1
J. Tarhala	5	2	31x	69	23.0	1
M. Cepak	8	-	68	182	22.8	10
M. Furlong	12	1	77	221	21.5	1
S. Quartermain	6	2	28x	74	18.5	2
L. Williams	9	2	40	124	17.7	1
P. Gannon	15	4	34x	178	16.2	1
C. Harper	8	1	64	113	16.1	1
G. Gibson	11	5	19x	92	15.3	16 + 4 stps.
P. Mortimore	10	-	49	132	13.2	7
M. Baigent	8	1	21	52	7.4	3

ALSO BATTED (Inns., N.O., H.S., Runs, Catches)

J. Watts (4, 1, 42, 106, 2); G. Maddocks (4, -, 26, 32, -); M. Lynch (4, -, 4, 6, 1); M. Blackler (3, -, 52, 78, 1); D. De Carvalho (3, -, 36, 53, 1); A. Millward (3, -, 14, 26, 1); R. Howlett (3, -, 8, 13, 1); P. MacKay (2, -, 66, 110, 2); C. Rodger (2, 1, 12, 21, 1); D. McInnes (2, -, 19, 28, -); A. Baigent (2, -, 14, 17, -); J. Warren (2, 1, 6x, 6, 1); T. Murphy (2, 1, 1x, 2, 1); G. McNally (2, -, 1, 1, -); J. Goncalves (1, -, 23, 23, -); T. Carruthers (1, -, 10, 10, -); J. Wall (1, 1, 7x, 7, 1); P. Pether (1, -, 4, 4, -); J. White (1, -, 1, 1, -); S. White (1, -, 0, 0, 1); G. Swords (did not bat); G. Parker (did not bat).

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

1st Wkt.	80	M. Blackler and C. Harper	v. Northern Districts
2nd Wkt.	114	D. Morgan and P. MacKay	v. Wests
3rd Wkt.	54	P. Mortimore and A. Grattan-Smith	v. Waverley
4th Wkt.	88	C. Harper and P. Gibson	v. Randwick
5th Wkt.	62	P. Gibson and P. Gannon	v. Cumberland
6th Wkt.	76	A. Grattan-Smith and M. Cepak	v. North Sydney
7th Wkt.	52	P. Gannon and L. Williams	v. Sutherland
8th Wkt.	82	M. Cepak and M. Baigent	v. St. George
9th Wkt.	29	L. Williams and J. Wall	v. Balmain
10th Wkt.	32	G. Gibson and A. Baigent	v. Northern Districts

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	AVE.	Best
M. Cepak	75	13	199	18	11.1	7/33
M. Furlong	70.4	13	269	20	13.5	-
R. Howlett	84.7	19	307	21	14.4	7/51
T. Murphy	29.4	2	136	9	16.2	7/76
M. Baigent	67.1	8	248	15	16.6	5/40
S. Quartermain	92.7	18	319	16	19.9	-
L. Williams	66.2	6	277	13	21.3	-
J. Warren	42.1	9	156	7	22.3	-

ALSO BOWLED (Runs, Wickets)

P. Gibson (28, 4); G. Parker (30, 3); G. McNally (2, 1); J. White (3, 1); G. Swords (51, 1); A. Baigent (152, 1); A. Millward (9, -); J. Watts (22, -); S. White (35, -).

5A REPORT

Played - 13; Won on 1st Innings - 6; Drawn - 3; Lost on 1st Innings - 3; Lost outright - 1; Position - 9th.

With a bit of effort this report could be turned into a hard luck story, a story no doubt sobbed in many grades in many clubs. However, the effort would be a waste. The 5A side had 6 good wins, but in the games that mattered, we usually failed to perform satisfactorily.

The Fifth Grade competition was the most even for many seasons and reputations usually meant little. Under these circumstances the side had the opportunities. Where did it fail?

The batting this season was of a most satisfactory nature. Six times we topped 200 and 3 times centuries were scored: a flawless Geoff Parker 102; a powerful 102 by Jaako Tarhala and a memorably magnificent 165 by Max Blackler. Each innings was a fine effort and a pleasure to watch. Max's score was particularly meritorious (the only thing most players would like to remember about that match): not only is it the highest score in University Fifth Grade, it was scored against ultimate premiers - Sutherland.

There were other good innings. Alf Hoop's 43 and 60; Tony Millward's 62, Mark Cepak's 50x, Phil Greenwood's 51 and Phil Logan's 90. Mick Lynch and Peter Nobel also played good innings.

Needless to say, we managed on occasion to produce an absolutely horrid innings: 78 against Northern Districts B and 88 against Cumberland B!! By and large these were rare occasions.

The problem therefore becomes one of fielding and bowling. In the first hour's play of the second day against Mosman 5 catches were put down, 4 off Andy Baigent. Is it any wonder that A.B. ended his season in 5A's with 5/179? Where the strong superiority of our bats was not present, our bowling and fielding let us down just too often. We lacked effective pacemen - Dave Ransom did have a good season however - not only did he score 128 at an average of 18.3, he captured 32 wickets at 14.6. But after Dave only 3 bowlers captured more than 10 wickets: Ian Mulholland (15); John Malicki (13); and Bob Darling (11). Even here, these were taken at an unsatisfactory rate - averages of 25.1, 26.4 and 17.8. Not even Greg McNally's 4 wickets in 11 balls or Peter Nobel's best ever of 1 wicket off 1 ball, did much to offset a quite poor season.

Our most impressive win was against Gordon - after an indifferent bowling display we were left to chase 236. By tea Millward's 62, Tarhala's 29 (about 10 balls) and Malicki's 21 had helped us to 6/160. Then the partnership that got us there - Tim Carruthers (39) and Mark Cepak (50x). Both would agree they used a bit of luck, but, what a gutsy display. Tim should have been run out for 0 but an ex-keeper from this club (the 2nd best and a noted editor, according to himself), decided to give him eighteen yards start.

After this, Tim carved the attack as did Cepak. But oh! how many times did he swing and miss while our hearts kept falling and rising? The first over after tea would have made Packer pleased: three fours and two near chances (one through open hands for four).

Not all games ended excitingly but there were just a few others: we were all pretty excited when Cumberland finally let us come in out of the rain; Alf Hoop and Peter Mortimore just failed to take us past Northern Districts A score on the first day - Alf confidently predicting (and being right for once) rain all the next week. Against Balmain 'A's 8/239 declared, John Spence, Greg McNally and Dave Ransom batted out over two hours to take us from 5/66 to a draw of 6 for 130, a loss outright to Northern Districts B off the second last ball, finally, in the game against Balmain 'B' certain defeat was turned into near victory - after being 8/79 at lunch, a last wicket stand of 37 between Peter Nobel and Ian Mulholland took us to 124 (Ian clearly must have remembered his incoming welcome of "you won't be long here mate"). With rain intervening we set Balmain 12 overs to score the runs - they played poorly and were 9/75 when rain, darkness, dogs and the end of the 12th saw a general retreat to El Rancho.

There was one disappointing feature to the season and this was the lack of communication. Next season we must have better attendance by players at practice and more information to all captains. Communication also includes players taking much more responsibility in letting captains know what they're doing and arriving at matches in plenty of time.

At the end of any report there is a group of essential people to be thanked. Strangely enough, at the end of 10 years of writing reports, these people remain the same - the Club Secretary, Roy Pearson and captains higher and lower. I would like to single out Peter Gannon and John Spence for their outstanding and essential work. Their task in running the sides and even of keeping them together, is quite time consuming and even frustrating. They have always been co-operative and listened almost patiently to complaints and suggestions.

John Malicki.

FIFTH GRADE A STATISTICS

<u>BATTING</u>	INNS.	N.O.	H.S.	RUNS	AVE.	CTS.
G. Parker	4	1	102	182	60.7	-
M. Blackler	4	0	165	229	57.3	3
P. Logan	9	0	90	202	22.4	2
M. Lynch	7	0	38	145	20.7	3
P. Nobel	6	1	40	101	20.2	1
A. Millward	8	0	62	160	20.0	3
A. Hoop	11	0	60	214	19.5	10
D. Ransom	11	4	27*	128	18.3	5
T. Carruthers	6	1	39	87	17.4	3
R. Darling	4	2	11*	33	16.5	3
P. Greenwood	6	0	51	87	14.5	4
S. Hetherington	7	0	24	76	10.9	4
P. Pile	9	0	37	93	10.3	4
J. Malicki	10	1	26	100	11.1	10
I. Mulholland	5	3	9*	16	8.0	2

ALSO BATTED (Inns., N.O., H.S., Runs)

P. Mortimore (3, 1, 81, 15); J. Tarhala (3, 0, 102, 137); M. Cepak (3, 1, 50\*, 90); P. Gray (3, 1, 24\*, 37); G. McNally (1, 1, 33\*, 33); C. Harper (2, 1, 17\*, 32); A. Frost (3, 1, 22\*, 28); A. Baigent (3, 1, 14, 21); J. Goncalves (1, 0, 20, 20); B. Druery (3, 1, 11\*, 20); J. Warren (2, 0, 16, 16); J. Watts (1, 0, 13, 13); D. McDonald (1, 1, 7\*, 7); R. Leonard (2, 0, 5, 5); J. Spence (1, 0, 3, 3); J. Loxton (1, 0, 2, 2); M. Dickens (1, 0, 0, 0); R. Howlett (did not bat); G. Gibson (did not bat).

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	AVE.	Best Figures
G. Parker	44	12	103	9	11.4	5/41
D. Ransom	131	25	468	32	14.6	6/57; 5/72
R. Darling	56	10	195	11	17.7	6/52
B. Druery	34	5	100	4	25.0	-
I. Mulholland	91	10	377	15	25.4	-
A. Millward	54	6	204	8	25.5	-
J. Malicki	65	2	343	13	26.4	5/51
M. Cepak	36	3	138	5	27.6	
A. Baigent	53	9	179	5	35.8	

ALSO BOWLED (Wickets, Runs)

R. Howlett (5-32); G. McNally (4-51); J. Warren (4-53); J. Watts (3-45); P. Greenwood (3-73); J. Spence (2-32); P. Nobel (1-0); P. Logan (1-13); M. Lynch (0-5); P. Pile (0-7); T. Carruthers (0-13); D. McDonald (0-17).

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

3rd Wkt.	105	M. Blackler and A. Millward
5th Wkt.	102	G. Parker and A. Millward
4th Wkt.	99	M. Blackler and P. Mortimore
1st Wkt.	90	A. Hoop and P. Mortimore
7th Wkt.	59	T. Carruthers and M. Cepak
5th Wkt.	55	M. Blackler and J. Malicki
3rd Wkt.	51	J. Tarhala and A. Millward
4th Wkt.	50	J. Malicki and A. Millward

5B REPORT

Played - 13; Won outright - 1; Won 1st Innings - 1; Drawn - 3;  
Lost 1st Innings - 4; Lost outright - 1; Tied outright after 1st Innings Win - 1;  
Lost outright after 1st Innings Win - 2.

After the successes and achievements of the previous season, the inconsistent form displayed by the 5B's was a disappointment, and the final position of 11th was not in keeping with the ability of the side. However, despite the disappointments on the playing field the team spirit was high throughout the year and the cricket was enjoyed by those who played.

The season started badly when a look through the fixture list revealed that arch rivals and previously generous opponents, the 5A's had not been drawn against us. This was news from which we failed to recover until the fourth round (our third match) of the competition when we faced the might of North Sydney at Tunks. Here we went close to winning outright on the first day of the two day game, before rain prevented us from collecting the extra four points in the second week.

The next two games against Southern Districts, whom we defeated outright in a very tight finish and Randwick with whom we tied outright in a heart-stopping finish, after winning well on first innings, produced our best cricket of the season and saw us high up the table.

Unfortunately, the loss of a number of players, for various reasons, after these games resulted in a drop in standard and the consequent slip.

The major weakness of the side proved to be inconsistent and sometimes poor batting, particularly towards the end of the season when many scores of under 100 were registered, although admittedly in difficult batting conditions. Another factor, which cost the team points was a tendency to let games slip in the second innings. This was particularly the case in the games against Cumberland A and Balmain A which were both lost outright after extremely creditable wins on first innings, which had revealed the other side of the B's character for 1978-79.

In the game against Cumberland after amassing 67 runs in our first innings, on a "shocker" at Andrews, the opposition were dismissed even more cheaply for 57, a score which was a tribute to fine steady bowling, backed up by excellent fielding. Similarly against Balmain when our total was 92, the then competition leaders were dismissed for 85. Unfortunately, in both these games, particularly the latter, the efforts were not sustained in the second innings.

Of the batsmen, the most successful performer was undoubtedly Michael Lynch, who was in fine touch early in the season before gaining promotion to Fourth Grade. It is not insignificant that Lynch's promotion coincided with our drop down the table. Joe Goncalves, Alan Sullivan and Chris Rodger also batted well on occasions but all had disappointing seasons in comparison with previous efforts. Mark Connellan developed as a useful batsman although his form fell away towards the end of the season and Peter Pether showed himself to be an opening batsman of considerable ability, which unfortunately was not

indicated in his scores. However, he should have far more prosperous days in future seasons, as should John Quoye whose batting improved as the season progressed. The batting highlight was provided however by Phil Logan, whose 115 against the eventual premiers, Sutherland was a combination of excellent stroke play and tight defence.

The B's were lucky to have the services, for most of the season, of a fine opening attack. Steve Quinn and Terry Murphy were a combination surpassed by none and matched by few of the teams we faced during the year. Terry well deserved his promotion to Fourth Grade and was rewarded at the end of the season with the highest bowling aggregate for the club. He bowled steadily throughout and always took advantage of the conditions. Steve's figures at the end of the season were not a true indication of his ability as he constantly beat batsmen all ends up without gaining the wicket. It is unfortunate that Steve will be unavailable next season, yet his generosity was well demonstrated at the end of the season, when his cricket gear was dispersed amongst fellow team members in an auction that will long be remembered by those present.

This pair along with Julian White performed the bulk of the bowling duties. Of the spinners, Greg Swords had an unfortunate season. After a forgettable start his bowling improved considerably before a shoulder injury prevented his bowling for the latter half of the season. The services of Greg McNally, both as a bowler and a batsman, were much appreciated on the occasions he could be persuaded away from his own team.

Peter Glenton's work behind the stumps improved throughout the season and he developed into a very neat keeper as well as an excellent team man. Mention should also be made of Steve Hetherington whose courage in the face of adversity is an inspiration to all. He is prepared to get behind the ball and "cop it" not only when batting or fielding but also as an umpire. His bruises after each day in the field bear testimony to this approach to the game, or maybe he's just accident prone.

In the fielding department Chris Rodger, Joe Goncalves and Alan Sullivan set a very high standard throughout the year and each picked up a number of excellent and sometimes brilliant catches.

Towards the end of the season, the Club gained the services of a couple of very promising players - Steven White, a useful leg spinner and Michael McCormick, a talented high order batsman. Both should prove to be valuable acquisitions in future seasons.

Finally, I would like to thank every player for his efforts throughout the year and in particular Alan Sullivan for his help and co-operation in running the team.

Julian White.

FIFTH GRADE B STATISTICSBATTING

	INNS.	N.O.	H.S.	RNS.	AVE.	CTS.
M. Lynch	8	2	94	279	46.5	3
J. Goncalves	15	3	77*	210	17.5	6
A. Sullivan	17	2	35	235	15.7	8
M. Connellan	10	1	43	136	15.1	5
S. Quinn	10	3	27*	91	13.0	3
J. Quoyle	10	1	45*	114	12.7	6
P. Pether	6	0	16	74	12.3	1
C. Rodger	9	0	23	99	11.0	9
T. Murphy	5	1	25	44	11.0	3
S. Hetherington	6	1	22*	53	10.6	2
P. Glenton	12	3	15	68	7.6	9 + 4 stumpings
G. Swords	8	2	16*	42	7.0	4
J. White	13	1	17	47	3.9	3
T. Carruthers	4	1	5	7	2.3	1
D. Nevell	6	0	6	10	1.7	-
J. McCaskill	4	1	0*	0	-	-

ALSO BATTED (Inns., N.O., H.S., Runs)

P. Logan (2, 0, 115, 124); A. de Carvalho (3, 0, 77, 105); P. Gray (2, 1, 66, 99);  
 A. Frost (1, 1, 47\*, 47); M. McCormick (3, 1, 15\*, 36); G. McNally (3, 0, 23, 33);  
 M. Baigent (3, 0, 19, 24); G. Maddocks (1, 0, 23, 23); S. White (2, 0, 16, 17);  
 M. Cordato (2, 0, 9, 11); K. Liley (1, 0, 9, 9); M. Dickens (2, 0, 3, 5);  
 P. Greenwood (3, 0, 4, 5); A. Baigent (2, 0, 2, 2); S. Best (1, 0, 0, 0);  
 D. Ransom (2, 1, 7\*, 8).

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	AVE.	BEST FIGURES
T. Murphy	108.2	16	407	34	11.9	7/19, 6/21, 5/40, 5/29
J. White	134.3	15	533	37	14.4	8/42, 5/23
S. Quinn	130.5	27	459	28	16.4	5/15
G. Swords	41.3	1	214	9	23.8	
M. Baigent	33	7	137	5	27.4	
G. McNally	39	4	164	5	32.8	

ALSO BOWLED (Wickets, Runs)

S. White (6-36); P. Greenwood (4-36); K. Liley (3-29); J. McCaskill (2-26);  
 D. Ransom (2-61); M. Connellan (1-19); A. de Carvalho (1-21); S. Hetherington (0-1);  
 C. Rodger (0-5); M. McCormick (0-8); G. Maddocks (0-9); P. Pether (0-10);  
 A. Sullivan (0-11); A. Baigent (0-55).

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

1st Wkt	107*	M. Lynch (60*) and J. Goncalves (37*)	v. North Sydney
2nd Wkt	72	P. Logan (115) and C. Rodger (23)	v. Sutherland
3rd Wkt	44	C. Rodger (23) and J. Goncalves (30)	v. Sutherland
4th Wkt	79	A. de Carvalho (77) and A. Sullivan (23)	v. Uni. N.S.W.
5th Wkt	44	P. Gray (66) and T. Carruthers (5)	v. Randwick
6th Wkt	21	G. McNally (23) and J. Quoyle (45*)	v. Gordon
7th Wkt	38*	S. Quinn (20*) and G. Swords (16*)	v. Mosman
8th Wkt	28	J. Quoyle (45*) and J. White (5)	v. Gordon
9th Wkt	51	J. Goncalves (77*) and G. Swords (9)	v. Sth. Districts
10th Wkt	40	G. Swords (12*) and T. Murphy (25)	v. Randwick

SEVENTH GRADETHE SOLITARY SKIPPER

(with apologies to William Wordsworth)

Behold him, single in the field,  
 Yon solitary cricket captain!  
 Leaping and sighing by himself;  
 Stop here, and judge his action.  
 Alone he stands and reads the game,  
 And sings a melancholy strain;  
 O listen! for the Park profound  
 Is overflowing with the sound.

Will no-one tell me what he sings? -  
 Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow  
 For old, unhappy, far-off things,  
 And battles long ago:  
 Or is it some more humble lay,  
 Familiar matter of to-day?  
 Some natural sorrow, loss, or pain,  
 That has been, and may be again?

Whate'er the theme, the captain sang  
 As if his song could have no ending;  
 I saw him singing at his work  
 And o'er the scorebook bending; -  
 I listened, motionless and staid;  
 And, as I mounted up a grade,  
 The memory in my mind I bore,  
 Long after it was played no more.

- by Player G. Wrist.

Waking up late one Saturday morning and seeing that it was not raining, the withered captain of the indomitable Sevenths put two and two together (a boundary before breakfast) and concluded with that authoritative air of certainty born of past privations that by virtue of this singular combination the cricket season was indeed immutably and irreversibly over. Answering the call of instincts ingrained and primeval he reached not for his trusty bedside companion but for his pen and his scorebook, gripped by the obsessive obligation to render a proper account of the past season's glories before the ravages of fleeting time closed in upon him. Another summer had passed, and now in the winter of his discontent did deeds need to be made glorious by this son of Sport. Yes, it was time for an Annual Report.

It is remarkable the manner in which at this time of year a game as great as Cricket is reducible to no more than a string of statistics interrupted by accounts of recollections at times more imagined than real. All those hours of sunshine and serendipity, all that combination of elation, frustration, misery and joy, all the comradeship and carryings on of an entire season cannot

conceivably be compressed into one short account. Yet each year the capabilities of the captain are tested to the full as he performs his hardest selection role - picking the batting order for those memorable moments to be immortalised and marvelled at by untold future generations of incredulous cricketers.

The game's the thing, and it is necessary to move on to an account of the action. Trivia time. Certain less-informed members of the Club who from the sheltered recluse of a spot above thirds have been led to believe that the Sevens and Eighths are some sort of sports club for the physically disabled will be no doubt amazed to find that cricket is actually the reason for these sides. And the proof is in the playing.

### Round 1

The season's first view of Timbrell Park lives vividly in the memory. Strangely, first games usually do. Dave Morgan, contender for the Waltons award and a blond who has more fun, strode purposefully to the wicket in the opening encounter against Taverners with the burden of responsibility weighing heavily on his shoulders. For the past two seasons Dave had won the dubious honour of snatching the Club's first duck of the season. Now the hat-trick was near - the third consecutive gonger - and the boys were giving him heaps. The thought of Organ mounting a duck (so to speak) was too much for chorus-leader Mark Sewell who was laying it on as thick as the blade of a Chunky bat.

And it was surely one of those quirks of history that saw Sambo sally forth with the score at 1-1 and the first fizzer already bagged. But this time Morgan was the successful survivor (though with the virginal blush of zero still modestly on his scoreline) and Joe Goncalves assumed the magic mantle of the Club's first Big O. Two balls later the most amazed expression ever recorded in the history of cricket was seen transfixed to the disbelieving face of the Slasher Sewell as he was, after the style of John Arlott, comprehensively caught by a fine dive at second slip to score the runner-up award. The dourest display of duckmanship since Donald took to drinking. Dave Morgan had nothing to say, but answered his now-silent critics in the proper manner by laughing his way to a fine 34.

The rest of the game by comparison paled into insignificance. Needless to say, the usual star-studded array assembled for the first round had to struggle for a draw against an opponent having its first game in A Grade, and it was only the fighting tail that salvaged the game through the efforts of Peter Havord (a top 63 n.o.) and David McDonald (11 n.o.) a veteran draw specialist and sometime medico. Earlier an incredible fielding performance saw more chances dropped than were hit. As the catches went down the balloon went up and a chagrined James Rodgers (who later showed the elegance of his front-foot driving in being stumped for a duck) was much-maligned in returning figures of 4-68 out of a total of 216. In reply promising starts by Morgan, Gray (28) and Malicki (14) were not enough and it was left to Havord's cool display to pull the scalded Uni. cat out of both frying pan and fire.

### Round 2

Our first encounter with last year's premiers goes down as a near-miss. Despite the new faces in the side it was strong and well-balanced. We were blessed with

an oval on which the local council had spent \$40,000 in cosmetic surgery and, needless to say, it looked like the victim of an Ag. Faculty field day or the Hill after a pommie victory. Despite the mud, the holes and the rising damp, Uni. battled well to dismiss the top side for 209. Terry Murphy previewed what was to come with a hard-earned 3-34 and Skipper Spence, driven dangerous by desperation, foxed his way to 2-29. The turning point in the game in fact came very early when the opposing skipper (the local star) was well-caught at second slip by Damien Tudehope in the opening over but was given not out by his aspiring vice captain. He went on to score 83.

The Uni. batting, after a settled start, developed structural fatigue and slumped from 3-99 to all out 144. The new opening combination of Mark Dickens (33) and David Nevell clicked with a partnership of 24, and Tim Carruthers carried on from the previous season with a powerful 58. The middle order failed to reach double figures and it was left to the established combination of Spence and Connellan to block out time. Mark showed the dividends of greater determination in the batting department as he remained indomitable and irresolute. Four runs were scored in almost as many hours, and the opposition tried everything. But the Big Fella kept them at bay, biffing bean balls with his shoulder blades, straight-batting the odd good one, padding the wide. Spence's premature though predictable departure added to the burden and the tenacious tail was twisted with mere minutes remaining.

### Round 3

Against Welcome Hotel, a tricky tactical trap took its tragic toll at Terrible Taplin. Located outside Drummoyne Oval, Taplin Park was once the prettiest of places. However, a revamped layout has effectively reduced the cricket playing area to a size smaller than a tax refund cheque (another "thanks but no thanks" award to the local council). At one end the water is perilously close, as deep and blue as the mood of the bowlers who so frequently find themselves tanked there. At the other end, a late cut would see the batsman's blade cross the boundary.

The opposition managed to arrange a wet first week and then kidded us into playing equal time on day two. Spectator excitement was rampant as we lost by two runs in the last over after a fine opening partnership of 50 (Dickens 26, Nevell 23) and runs by Cordato (27) and Carruthers (26) had helped us to 153 in two hours. Highlight of the match was a strong six into the soup off Cepak - and off the first ball he bowled.

### Round 4

Apprehension against Balmain Australian Rules was understandable, and a bit of biff could be expected. However, their one-man batting lineup was dismissed for a mere 81, and through the elegant efforts of Mark Cordato (74) and Steve Quinn (36 n.o.), Uni. declared at 3-123. A wet second week slightly altered the balance as the cocky students were unable to prevent the footballers from fighting back by scoring 191 and preventing the outright. Highlights were the face of Cepak after another soaring six (this time the second delivery), his complimentary term of endearment to the bemused batsman (a loudly whispered "Cowboy!") and the full-frontal confrontation that followed. Bowling honours

were shared by Spence (3-19 and a terror in the wet) and Paul Cuskelly (3-34). Once again defeat was snatched from the jaws of victory. Still, our first win was a high mark (pun) of the season.

#### Round 5

Form side Drummoyne Sports, boasting the legendary Norm McCoy and a fearsome opening spearhead, posed quite a problem particularly in the November nones when dreaded dropouts cause selections to operate on the lean burn principle. With a five-figure tail, our batting seemed bent on fragile failure and the Uni. first-innings total of 48(7 ducks) suggested a sudden end. Only the Marks II, Cordato (20) and Connellan (10) scored in the face of a torrid attack, and our chances of pulling this one off were as dubious a proposition as Chris McRae's raffle.

What a rude shock for entrenched egos when Ian Mulholland in a magnificent spell of fast leg-side bowling handed out a serve bigger than Newcombe's in taking 6-28; including a hat-trick in his third over. The opposition were dismissed for 102, their lowest score to date. Given a go to avoid disgrace, Uni. began badly and at 5-41 looked likely losers. But the old guard in the rearguard took over and Connellan (17 n.o.) and Spence (10 n.o.) calmly lingered until stumps when the score was 5-69. Hell hath no fury like a fast bowler frustrated - unless it's two fast bowlers frustrated. Bloodied and unbowed, Uni. fought the good fight.

#### Round 6

Bye. What bliss! Another loss deferred.

#### Round 7

Our traditional "friendly" enemies are Drummoyne Sailing Club where a running rivalry (or is it ribaldry?) between captains Spence and McDonald always provides a close and enjoyable encounter. This time it was their turn, by a hair. The opposing skipper, a genial giant looking like a player on loan from W.S.C. with his Packer cap pulled tight, achieved a life-long ambition by scoring a double-century (one hundred runs and one hundred chances) in a team total of 229. Our skipper placed his stamp on the game by taking 5-77 (including a crowd-scattering 1-26 off his last over) when the legitimate bowlers had apparently forgotten how. In the batting department, Uni. piled on its best opening stand with 60 runs added by the skill of Phil Logan (39), the style of Rolf Polak and the grace of God. Mark Dickens (37) and Michael Martin (15) hurried things along but when the final wicket broke we had only 181 notches on the tally-stick. No points to the nameless specialist batsman who failed to appear on the second week when he was most needed.

#### Round 8

Taverners again. Hopes of an easy victory were dashed by the second opening century in as many weeks as the opposition crashed its way to a huge score of 234. Our reply? A modest though drawn-out 106 (Nevell 24) and not much more to add. It was, however, great to see the return from South Africa of

Bob Darling as a respectable married man. Also noted was the spectacle of Pat George as apprentice 'keeper, looking as comfortable as a belly dancer in a nun's habit.

#### Round 9

The return bout with Leichhardt R.S.L. saw a promising combination conquered by experienced expertise. From the second ball when opener Polack was poleaxed the boys were in big trouble. Only mercurial Morgan (22) managed to make double figures while Phil Logan (9) was caught out trying to cut a fly (of the flying kind) in scrambling to a total of 87. Once in the field the bowlers battled in vain. The Swords arm injury failed to come good and even the mighty Murphy could not break through. Expatriate pacers Darling and Simes were a handy combination, and it was Darling who gained the only glory by snaring two wickets in a score of 4 for 90. Once again struggling to stave off the opponents, Uni. made the most of its familiar feeling and stalled for time so well that even the grass stopped growing. When stumps were disassembled Polak had completed his pair, Logan's Run of bad luck continued with a run-out (for 33) and we were 2-77 with Connellan the hero. The bionic batsman in starring for the cameras went in as urgency opener and remained unembarrassed at stumps (35 n.o.). He was helped to the line by a restrained Morgan, literally asleep on his feet after a rushed return from the celebrated country tour.

#### Round 10

The welcome clash with Welcome produced one of those rare unforgettable games that seem sadly tragic at the time but live long after. A bad start was had in the pre-match scramble when the ruthless ravages of rapacious grade selections left the team belatedly short-handed with 8 men (and their dogs) and likely to be worse on the second week. By a stroke of herculean juggling, the skip was able to arrange that 11 men would bat but only 8 men would field each week. Despite a severe case of telephone fatigue the captain dragged himself to Five Dock Park, a ground whose dimensions were planned on the peculiar formula that the width should equal one-third of the length. Obviously designed by a batsman with a great hook and no drive. The Magnificent Seven arrived shortly after, only to find that a clash of fixtures had resulted in a conflict with two B Grade sides. Taking pity on the paucity of our conditions, the B Graders selflessly left us to it. Our opponents failed to do the sporting thing and turned up with a side as full as a cricketer at an 18 gallon keg. To add to the problems, the new automatic watering system proved its utility by functioning automatically with the result that at starting time the approaches were submerged. Uni. threw in the towel (and the sponge, the bucket and the spade) and the game duly went on. Oh well, at least the ground has a grandstand.

The day was hot and we were forced to field, three short, on a ground denuded of even the hardiest herbiferous matter. With less grass than a Griffith greengrocer, the ground had lumps that would do Raquel Welch proud but unlike the fabulous thespian it was joyless to field on. The inevitable followed (it inevitably does). The openers put on 100, and their followers thrashed and pounded the bowling to produce 207 runs in about two hours. Only David

Simes, who has been passed as pitchworthy by the Peter Wherrett fast bowler test, was able to break through and his 11 overs spell in the heat was manfully done. New face Tony Hawkins showed what was to come with a fine display behind the stumps.

A fatigued force crawled into the cool of the shady stand, certain that their chance for revenge would come with the bat. The one-way procession of batsmen changed all that, and our hopes sank with the sun. Michael Martin (20) and Phil Pile (24) set the standard which the tail could not emulate and we were felled for 110. Once again defending our honour with resolute jaw, the second innings saw Uni. save face with an improved performance. Hawkins (37) and Swords (31 n.o.) used the blade for its intended purpose and the outright was averted.

### Round 11

The return bout with Aussie Rules saw action aplenty. Played at the legendary Timbrell Park No. 1, within sniffing distance of its famous landmark the canal, the game shaped as a rare spectacle. On this auspicious occasion the canal had what wine buffs would describe as a good nose, which is a fancy way of stating that the tide was out. As if one omen were not enough, Spence called into the wind and lost the toss. Uni.'s batting by now ranking with such well-known disasters as the sinking of the Titanic, we were of course sent in. We proceeded to justify our hard-earned reputation by succumbing for a meagre 86 with only David Nevell (23) looking the part. Despite the cries of "Up there, Uni." from our loyal supporter, the Uni. bowlers took a pounding and it was only the secret weapon of Mark Cordato's wrong-un (4-23) that forced an early declaration at 7-109. One towering six in particular plummeted into the canal on the full. With the tide out, the ball rebounded off the concrete like a reverse replay and after climbing to a great height politely rested on the opposite bank. A spectacular, if unamusing, sight. In the second innings, Uni. chanced its arm and threw the bat (but not the game). The finest duck of the season went to Jaako Tarhala with a mighty but misplaced bash to deep mid-wicket. Mark Cordato (19), felled by a Saturday Night Special, returned to conquer the opening attack with the aid of David Nevell in full cry (42). "Croucher" Dickens (21) looked set when the stumps capsized in mysterious circumstances and he was ruled out hit wicket. With a quick lead of 90, Uni. went on the attack and had the opponents by the throat at 5-50 when the final siren sounded.

### Round 12

Our darkest hour. The mighty Drummoyne Sports Mean Machine gave us a bigger whipping than a thick shake in a blending machine and we incurred our only outright loss of the season. Not even the inspirational appearance of Roy "Jimmy Thorpe" Pearson in a rare cameo role could prevent the inevitable. The Uni. batting again failed to reach the ton although the openers Simes (13) and Polak (12) put on 31 against a hostile combination. Other batsmen made starts but could not carry it through and despite a lesson from our Sports Union Secretary (11 n.o.) in the tail, we managed a mere 97. In reply, Drummoyne's big guns Norm McCoy and Barry Whitehead (resplendent in a scarlet skull cap that would have done the Pope proud) knocked up the necessaries and

declared at 7-189. Much to our annoyance we succumbed to the antics of Whitehead and despite a great opening knock of 30 by David Simes and a magnificent stand-off by baseballer Phill Emery in the tail (20, including 4 fours) we were again rolled for 97. What with the bone dome and the antics of Whitehead, Roy's back was up and he was given the first spell. Even though only 11 runs were needed, Roy made them think and took 1-6 off his first two overs. But the early end to the day was not quite what we had in mind.

### Round 13

A bye. Even Uni. is entitled to two blissful moments in a season.

### Round 14

The return match against Drummoyne Sailing marked not only the end of the season but also sweet revenge as Uni. narrowly missed an outright win. The day started smilingly when the rival captain, on being sent in, succumbed for a meagre 2. With the exception of one over where Spence was mightily mauled, the team followed his example and our opponents were back in the shade for a meagre 71.

The students fielded superbly and that elusive combination finally clicked with some great catching. Looking as surprised as the fly that swallowed the lady, David Nevell took the first slips catch in many a long afternoon and then followed it up with two more of equal worth. Our batting followed the example and the stylish Nevell (28 n.o.) led the charge with John Loxton (28) and Steve Best (17) ably assisting. Our declaration of 5-95 was, in the circumstances, perhaps too sporting as the Sailors managed 105 in their second session (Simes 3-17, Dickens 3-20). When the gloom of winter descended on the ground we were 5-56 in reply, just 30 runs short of outright. Even the end-of-season Snooker clash with the Eighths at the celebrated Five Dock Arms could not ease the pain.

All in all, it was an enjoyable and profitable season in which many younger players gained valuable experience. The A Grade competition is a hard testing-ground, and results did not often come our way. But the lessons learned on matting by our improving players will help to benefit individuals and to strengthen the University Club in coming seasons.

Like the best of blue movies, the Sevenths was not without its share of raw talent. New faces such as Terry Murphy, Phil Logan, Steve Quinn and Ian Mulholland have made their mark in higher grades. Particular mention must be made of the improvement in the maturity and application of the new-boy batting combination of David Nevell and Mark Dickens, both of whom must advance to bigger things within the Club. David Simes, who only played half a season, has great potential as an opening bowler who can also bat and he too will be a valuable grade player. The ever-enthusiastic Rod Leonarder continues to improve, and ball-bender Paul Cuskelly has incredible ways with a six-stitcher in the wet. More familiar faces also played an important part throughout the season. Mark Cordato was the team's player of the year and his experience and application saved us on several occasions.

Michael Martin is an institution in Sevenths where he has remained by choice even when other opportunities opened.

My appreciation goes to all the players for the pleasure of their company. In addition I am indebted to Greg McNally (the other half of the Greenacre Gang of Two) who was able to inject a willing spirit and an able flesh into the Uni. Eighths. My fellow captains and the often nameless officials who keep the Club rolling must also be thanked.

Well, the time has come to starch the whites, scrape the mud from the boots, put away the bandages and Dencorub, lock up the splints and crutches, and mothball the skipper's motorised wheelchair for another year. And next year we'll face up to it all over again. Me t'ink it 'mazing.

P.S. Should the veracity of this account be in doubt documentary evidence exists in the form of a savoury roll of underground film which is well worth the watching.

John Spence.

#### SEVENTH GRADE STATISTICS

##### BATTING

	INNS.	N.O.	H.S.	RUNS	AVE.	CTS.
Connellan	7	4	35*	95	31.7	-
Cordato	8	-	74	169	21.1	6
Nevell	11	2	42	172	19.1	5
Hawkins	7	-	37	108	15.4	2
Dickens	12	1	37	160	14.6	6
Martin	12	2	29	118	11.8	4
Simes	9	-	30	103	11.4	1
Tudehope	6	-	21	52	8.7	-
Spence	13	2	15	75	6.8	2
Polak	11	1	18	66	6.6	2
Leonarder	7	3	5	13	3.3	3
Cuskelly	8	1	10	18	2.6	2

##### ALSO BATTED (Inns., N.O., H.S., Runs, Cts.)

Quinn (2, 1, 36\*, 41, 3); Morgan (3, 1, 34, 60, 2); Carruthers (3, -, 58, 86, 2); Logan (3, -, 39, 81, -); Pile (1, -, 24, 24, -); Morrison (1, -, 21, 21, -); Loxton (2, -, 28, 35, -); D. McDonald (3, 2, 11\*, 15, 1); Gray (2, -, 28, 30, 2); Swords (4, 1, 31, 43, 1); Malicki (1, -, 14, 14, -); Gresham (1, -, 14, 14, -); George (1, -, 13, 13, -); Pearson (2, 2, 13\*, 15, -); Emery (2, -, 20, 22, 2); A. McDonald (1, -, 8, 8, -); Darling (2, 1, 7\*, 7, -); Murphy (2, -, 9, 13, -); Cepak (2, -, 2, 2, -); Havord (1, 1, 63\*, 63, -); Best (1, -, 17, 17, -); Sewell (1, -, 0, 0, 0); Goncalves (1, -, 0, 0, -); White (1, -, 3, 3, -); Bellemore (1, -, 0, 0, -).

## Seventh Grade Statistics Continued ...

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	AVE.
Simes	61	8	223	17	13.1
Murphy	34	-	119	9	13.2
Leonarder	28	3	136	7	19.4
Martin	28	2	162	9	18.0
Spence	36	-	303	15	20.2
Cuskelly	34	-	195	9	21.7
Cepak	26	2	165	5	33.0

ALSO BOWLED (Overs, Maidens, Runs, Wickets)

Mulholland (8, 1, 28, 6); Cordato (15, 2, 63, 11); Dickens (13, 3, 35, 6);  
 Pearson (2, -, 6, 1); Quinn (13, 3, 50, 3); Rodgers (12, -, 68, 4);  
 Gresham (6, 1, 18, 1); D. McDonald (16, 1, 79, 3); Darling (15, 3, 65, 3);  
 White (10, -, 36, 1); Connellan (34, -, 175, 1).

EIGHTH GRADE REPORT

The eights can proudly boast that they were the most successful team in the Club this year, having come a creditable third in the Balmain Drummoyne B Grade competition, losing only two competition matches all season. Had there been semi-finals, there was a strong chance Uni. would have had a premiership winning team after all.

For the record, the eights won 5 matches (one outright), drew 4, lost 2 on the 1st innings and won another by forfeit. With a little luck, three of the four draws could have been turned into victories.

The competition was played on the legendary Timbrell and infamous Callen Park. Both these grounds are bounded by the spinners curse, water, and more than one Kookaburra took to the wild waters of Timbrell and Callen Park - never to be found again. Thank God we didn't use Platypuses!

All was not gloom however, for Callen Park is a very picturesque cricket oval, set in the landscaped grounds of Callen Park Mental Hospital. Here is perhaps the only place where any Uni. side gets a 'captive' audience, really involved in the game. The crowd shows its interest by moaning and screaming at every opportunity, and by sometimes running onto the field. Indeed some of the schizophrenics seemed to be twice as involved in the game as the other spectators.

Much of this season's success is attributable to sound batting displays by the team throughout the season. Terry George was outstanding in the four matches he played, showing a great deal of potential and fielding brilliantly in the covers.

Phil Pile, an experienced cricketer, got the side off to a good start early in the season with his solid consistency. The powerful John Loxton who had 3 scores over 50 in only 6 innings was a great asset to the side, scoring his runs quickly in fine style. Eights stalwart, Gary Kemister had his finest season yet for the club, and although absent for a good part of the season, still managed to score almost 200 runs. Jaako Tarhala was another talented and explosive batsman who made valuable contributions every time he was in the side. John Fernon and Gary Colman also showed fine form with the bat towards the end of the season.

Two centuries were scored during the season, both not out by Greg McNally and Terry George, while players who had scores of over 50 were .... John Loxton (3), Terry George (2), Phil Pile, Gary Kemister, Greg McNally, Ian Cuskelly and Gary Colman.

The bowling attack was adequate without being outstanding, being let down by fielding which was, at times poor. Charlie Gwynn bowled his accurate medium pacers extremely well during the season. He is an unlucky bowler, often beating the bat without the desired effect. Greg McNally took the highest number of wickets, while Rod Mitchell topped the bowling averages. Unfortunately, for the team, Rod was absent for a great deal of the season, but while he played he was always quick and aggressive, using his height to great advantage.

Leg spinner John Fernon has the ability to turn the ball and has a nice loop to his bowling. With more practice he could go a long way (as one or two of his deliveries did this season). The 'find' of the season in the bowling department was Jim Fleming who finished up with the amazing end of season figures of 3 wickets for 2 runs. John Blades bowled well given limited opportunity as did Steve Best and Gary Kemister. Peter Apostocopolous provided the fire when it was needed, and also when it wasn't, and was always ready to help with a word - or two, of advice - perhaps a legacy of his Irish heritage.

Steve McQuilty's performances this season are perhaps best conveyed by the fact that he will be better remembered for his efforts off the field at the Christmas Party. There McQuilty was seen to "chat up" the only three ladies present and then make a quiet exit with all three of them, grinning smugly. Several First Graders were heard to remark that if McQuilty kept up this form, he'd be hard to keep out ..... of first grade that is. This was, however, one of the few times "Stud" wasn't caught short, being run out in over half of his innings during the season. Being a very dedicated trainer, it's only a matter of time before Steve finally makes a big score.

Other players to grace the eights with their presence during the season were Mark Cordato, Charles Bellemore, Andrew McDonald, S. Brown, Peter Royle, Mike Cooper, Brendan Gibson, Justin Gleeson, Fabian Gleeson, Mick Kobetsky, Pat O'Carrigan, Peter McGrath, John McNally, Ian Mulholland and Rod Leonarder. To all these players, thanks for playing and hopefully you'll all turn out for the club again next year.

Paul Cuskelly deserves reward for services to eights above and beyond the call of duty by helping out with player shortages over the Christmas Vacation. In one match, Uni. fielded a side consisting of four Cuskellys. Who needs the Ella brothers!

Jim Fleming and Steve Best were of great assistance during the season, leading the team admirably during my absence.

Special thanks also to John Spence who helped make this season so enjoyable. John does a great deal for the 7s and 8s, not the least of which was his filming of us in action at Callen Park, and presentation of trophies at a great end of season function.

Now that summer has ended, our thoughts turn to other sports, but after the snow thaws and the cherry blossoms begin to bloom, our thoughts will once again turn to cricket and to Charlie Bellemore, as we wonder what great adventures his grandmother will be up to next season.

Greg McNally.

EIGHTH GRADE STATISTICS

<u>BATTING</u>	<u>INNS.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>AVE.</u>	<u>CTS.</u>
T. George	4	1	103*	230	76.7	5
G. McNally	7	3	111*	203	50.7	3
P. Pile	5	1	57	189	47.2	-
J. Tarhala	4	1	64	126	42.0	-
G. Kemister	8	2	62*	192	32.0	-
J. Loxton	6	2	52	159	31.8	-
G. Colman	5	1	64	118	29.5	3
J. Fernon	5	0	28	59	11.8	1
J. Fleming	8	4	11	39	9.8	1
J. Blades	4	1	15	24	8.0	-
S. Best	5	0	21	39	7.8	2
P. Apostocopolous	4	0	14	29	7.2	-
P. Rickard	7	0	14	33	4.1	1 Stp.
S. McQuilty	5	0	6	20	4.0	1

ALSO BATTED (Inns., N.O., Runs)

I. Cuskelly (1, 0, 71); M. Cordato (2, 0, 30); J. McNally (1, 0, 27);  
 D. Riches (1, 0, 25); D. Duffy (2, 0, 21); R. Polak (2, 0, 12); C. Bellemore (2, 0, 10);  
 A. McDonald (1, 1, 8); R. Mitchell (2, 1, 6); M. Cuskelly (2, 0, 5); S. Brown (1, 0, 5);  
 P. Cuskelly (1, 0, 4); P. Royle (1, 0, 4); C. Gwynn (2, 2, 4); M. Cooper (1, 0, 2);  
 B. Gibson (1, 0, 2); M. Kobetski (1, 0, 0); P. O'Carrigan (1, 0, 0); A. Cuskelly  
 (1, 0, 0); F. Gleeson (1, 0, 0); I. Mulholland (did not bat); P. McGrath (did not bat);  
 R. Leonarder (did not bat).

BOWLING

	<u>WKTS.</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>AVE.</u>
R. Mitchell	10	99	9.9
G. McNally	14	166	11.8
G. Kemister	6	87	14.5
S. Best	5	78	15.6
C. Gwynn	11	202	18.4

ALSO BOWLED (Wickets, Runs)

J. McNally (4, 29); M. Cordato (4, 86); J. Fernon (4, 88); J. Fleming (3, 2);  
 P. Apostocolopous (3, 84); C. Bellemore (2, 9); J. Tarhala (2, 16); D. Riches (2, 20);  
 M. Cuskelly (2, 23); I. Mulholland (2, 38); T. George (1, 3); P. Pile (1, 20);  
 P. Cuskelly (1, 37); J. Blades (1, 44); S. McQuilty (0, 7); P. McGrath (0, 14);  
 M. Kobetski (0, 14); R. Leonarder (0, 17); G. Colman (0, 19).

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

1st Wkt	72	J. Loxton and T. George
2nd Wkt	131	T. George and G. Colman
3rd Wkt	109	J. Tarhala and P. Pile
4th Wkt	67	G. McNally and P. Pile
5th Wkt	32	J. Loxton and G. Kemister
6th Wkt	22	R. Polak and C. Bellemore
7th Wkt	38	I. Cuskelly and J. Fleming
8th Wkt	56	G. McNally and J. Fleming
9th Wkt	42	G. Kemister and J. Fleming
10th Wkt	19	J. Blades and J. Fleming

1978-79 POIDEVIN-GRAY REPORT

Won 1st Innings - 1; Lost 1st Innings - 4.

As far as results go, this team did not have a very successful season, winning only one game from five played. A contributing factor may have been that some players did not perform as some expected them to. However, the team did have a fighting spirit. It almost drew matches against Waverley and University of New South Wales and almost reversed the result against St. George.

The last over against St. George is probably worth relating: St. George 6-189 in reply to Uni's 8 (decl) 190 with Leigh Williams to bowl the final over:-

Ball one batsman Hamwood is caught at mid-on by Mark Burgess - St. George 7-189  
 Ball two new batsman. Patman plays defensively  
 Ball three Patman straight drives - ball deflects off bowler onto stumps;  
           non-striker Hayes is run out - St. George 8-189  
 Ball four Patman caught behind by Ian Wilson - St. George 9-189  
 Ball five last batsman defends  
 Ball six defended again  
 Ball seven sharp single - scores tied - St. George 9-190  
 Last ball somehow misses stumps. Wicket-keeper with arms raised for appeal allows  
           four byes. St. George 9-194 passes Uni's 8 (dec.) 190.

That over symbolised our fortunes over the season - fighting hard but not quite winning, or at worst, drawing.

As mentioned before, some players possibly did not perform as some expected them to. One exception was Leigh Williams who was our most consistent all-round performer. He was well supported with the ball by Steve Quartermain, Mark Baigent and Michael Furlong. Of the batsmen, Murray Le Lievre was the most consistent. Mark Burgess found form in the last two games with two good innings - the 38 against University of New South Wales (i.e. Geoff Lawson at full pace) was superb. Of the others, Michael Furlong, Peter Pether and Drew de Carvalho contributed some handy scores. Max Blackler was disappointing by his own standards, getting himself out on more occasions than not, particularly against Randwick and Sutherland when he was in full control. The wicket-keeping was shared between Ian Wilson and Glenn Gibson who both turned in solid performances. The overall standard of fielding was good, with Mark Baigent and Phil Beale being outstanding.

In summary, the players have gained valuable experience in a standard of competition that they may not have previously been used to.

Thanks must go to Mark Burgess for capably leading the side and to Les Carrington for ably managing and scoring. Finally, on a lesser note, let's hope for better support for this team from the Club as a whole next season.

Peter Gannon.

POIDEVIN-GRAY RESULTS

- Round 1      Waverley 7 (dec) 177 (L. Williams 2-34, S. Quartermain 2-46) beat University 107 (M. Baigent 34x, L. Williams 19).
- Round 2      Randwick 7-192 (M. Furlong 4-38) beat University 148 (M. Blackler 40, M. Le Lievre 19).
- Round 3      University 8 (dec) 173 (M. Le Lievre 37, P. Pether 27, M. Blackler 23, M. Furlong 23) beat Sutherland 7 (dec) 82 (M. Furlong 3-8, S. Quartermain 2-22, P. Beale 2-24) and 2-76 .
- Round 4      St. George 9-194 (L. Williams 4-37, M. Baigent 2-33) beat University 8 (dec) 190 (M. Burgess 56, M. Le Lievre 35, D. de Carvalho 27, P. Beale 24x).
- Round 5      University of New South Wales 195 (L. Williams 5-30, M. Burgess 2-35) beat University 124 (M. Burgess 38, M. Furlong 28).

BATTING

	INNS.	N.O.	H.S.	TOTAL	AVE.
L. Williams	4	3	19	44	44.0
M. Burgess	5	-	56	120	24.0
M. Le Lievre	4	-	37	93	23.25
I. Wilson	3	1	17	42	21.0
M. Baigent	5	2	34*	62	20.67
M. Furlong	5	-	28	80	16.0
M. Blackler	5	-	40	87	15.6
A. De Carvalho	4	-	27	44	11.0
M. Cepak	1	-	11	11	11.0
P. Pether	5	-	27	31	6.2
C. Harper	2	-	10	12	6.0
P. Beale	5	1	24*	27	6.75
G. Gibson	2	-	7	7	3.5
S. Quartermain	2	-	5	5	2.5

BOWLING

	OVERS	MDNS	WKTS	RUNS	AVE
L. Williams	50	8	11	172	15.63
M. Le Lievre	2	-	1	16	16.0
M. Burgess	13.7	3	2	37	18.5
M. Furlong	43.4	9	9	183	20.3
M. Baigent	23	6	3	82	27.3
S. Quartermain	31.5	3	5	139	27.8
P. Beale	44	7	5	195	39.0
P. Pether	2	1	0	5	-
A. De Carvalho	2	-	0	11	-
M. Cepak	3	-	0	16	-

VETS REPORT

Unhappily, the statistics tell a story of the strength of the opposition, or alternatively the weakness of our side this season. Of the 24 games played, 7 were won, 15 were lost and 2 were drawn. Five were cancelled. Thirty six players turned out this season and we welcome new members Jana, John King, Barry Ruskin, Geoff Schwartzkoff and Phillip Worrell.

The batting averages were headed by Jim Mackie and the bowling by Craig Nicholson. The Beetroot Knife is thus not to be awarded for the year. The highest score of the season was Jack Everett's 108 followed by Bob Brown's 91. The best bowling performance was 5 for 25 by Alan Cash and 4 wickets were taken by David Fox, Dick Townsend (twice) and John Kleem (twice). The highlight of the bowling was Thos Hodgson's hat trick against Non-Descriptts. His ball will be suitably mounted and tastefully in accordance with Vets. high standards. There were 13 partnerships over 50 and the best of those were 96 by David Watson and Harry Poulos, 85 by David Moss and Bob Brown and 82 by Alan Cash and David Fox.

The second highlight of the season was David Fox's bowling to a St. George player in full protective head gear.

David Armati.

<u>BOWLING</u>	Times Bowled	O.	M.	W.	R.	AVE.	AVEG. RUNS/OVER
Nicholson, C.	1	1	0	1	2	2	2
Lazell	1	2	0	2	15	7.5	7.5
Kleem	4	18	1	10	86	8.6	4.78
Schwartzkoff	6	23	0	12	142	11.8	6.17
Herron	2	5	0	1	12	12	2.4
Armati	4	6	1	2	27	13.5	4.5
Cash	5	21	0	9	125	13.9	5.95
Nicholson, B.	15	78	14	19	337	17.7	4.32
Janarthan	6	12	0	4	76	19	6.3
Hodgson	5	14	0	5*	100	20	7.14
Townsend	16	116	8	26	543	20.9	4.68
Morgan	7	34	3	7	148	21.1	4.35
Poulos	4	12	0	5	119	23.8	9.91
Fox	16	79	1	16	360	22.5	4.56
Everett	5	34	4	5	124	24.8	3.65
Gerlach	9	62	7	9	230	25.5	3.71
Brown	12	49	1	10	307	30.7	6.26
Ruff	2	8	0	1	35	35	4.38
King	3	11	0	2	68	34	6.18
Le Couteur	3	9	0	1	47	47	5.2
Lazell	1	4	0	0	22	0	5.5
Ruskin	1	2	0	0	14	0	7

BOWLING

	Times Bowled	O.	M.	W.	R.	AVE.	AVEG. RUNS/OVERS
Nevell, D.	1	2	0	0	15	0	7.5
Worrell	1	1	0	0	8	0	8
Nevell	3	5	0	0	49	0	9.8
Jackson	1	3	0	0	35	0	11.67
Guinness	1	2	0	0	27	0	13.5
Kennings	1	1	0	0	18	0	18

BATTING

	Matches	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	AGG.	AVE.
Mackie	12	11	5	63*	268	44.66
Everett	5	5	0	108	160	32
Corbett	1	1	0	29	29	29
King	3	3	0	48	68	22.6
Timmins	4	4	1	54*	88	22
Poulos	9	8	1	61	153	21.9
Nicholson, C.	3	3	1	37*	42	21
Cash	6	6	0	51	120	20
Fox	16	13	4	31*	175	19.4
Thomas	4	4	0	34	77	19.2
Brown	14	13	0	91	247	19
Erby	2	2	0	28	34	17
Moss	6	6	0	37	98	16.3
Nevell	10	6	3	32	49	16.3
Nicholson, B.	14	9	2	45*	113	16.1
Watson	4	4	0	49	65	16.2
Herron	7	6	0	33	92	15.3
Le Couteur	6	5	0	62	72	14.4
Lazell	3	3	1	12*	28	14
Armati	8	8	0	33	99	12.4
Ruskin	16	14	3	27	135	12.3
Poole	4	4	0	34	48	12
Kennings	13	12	0	35	148	12.3
Ruff	2	2	0	16	23	11.5
Townsend	16	11	5	18	63	10.5
Janarthan	7	7	1	36*	63	9
Hodgson	8	8	0	21	71	8.9
Schwartzkoff	6	5	0	20	40	8
Ives	1	1	0	8	8	8
Bridge	4	4	1	10	22	7.3
Gerlach	9	4	2	11*	13	6.5
Guinness	1	1	0	6	6	6
Morgan	7	4	3	3*	4	4
Nevell, D.	1	1	0	1	1	1
Worrell	1	1	0	0	0	0
Jackson	1	1	1	1	1	0

INTER-VARSITY VS. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

Last December an intrepid bunch of Uni. cricketers travelled to Melbourne and actually played a few days of cricket. In doing so we defied near-freezing temperatures, drenching rain and an extremely hostile social and political environment. The two days on which we played probably represented the beginning and end of Melbourne's summer period - when the sun shines in Melbourne the locals usually panic and call the police.

When we did start play, on the second day scheduled, the pitch would have better suited a water polo match. Steve Glenday called the toss correctly and was quick to insert on such an accommodating surface. We rolled the local side for 127, a seemingly unimpressive total. Quartermain put in an aggressive spell taking 4-24 off 8, and Glenday and Armitage also found the conditions helpful taking 2 wickets each. For Melbourne, Paul Whitehead lived dangerously, as indeed he did socially, and spooned 29 valuable runs between the mid-wicket and backward-square region and the only other runs came from child-prodigy J. Roberts (20) and some judicious hitting (he was to continue this with the ball) from big Dave Knight (24). As expected the latter player was also quite handy on the slow-drying wicket. Only Bruce Wilcock (11) and 'Bland' Wilson (18) offered any resistance to his sustained pace and venom. 'Hans Bland's' innings was a sight as he persistently kept the elbows in and the stocks up, although occasionally he ended up on his back in thin-ice situations. His disdain for the bowling and unorthodox tactics led to a concentration on his less competent partners. 'Lucy' Furlong (12) played a few good nine irons before going; young colt Max Blackler (5) tried to use his head but luckily didn't connect; Mark Connellan (0) broke the bookmakers by surviving 5 balls but confirmed a seat in the Grand Stand as expected when caught off the jaw at gully. In the tail Quartermain scored a good 11 and the 'Axe' Peter Havord put away his blade in preference for his upper body (unfortunately no shoulder or chest byes were forthcoming). Ultimately we were all out for 88 with Dave Knight returning 22 - 14 - 5 - 35 from a useful spell.

The second (and final) days play was a completely different story with batsmen taking the honours. Melbourne declared at 2-120 with J. Roberts 44 N.O. and M. Jensen 58 N.O. Nothing much happened during their innings until 'Jerker' Jensen decided to avert a certain run-out by having a second hit at the ball when half-way down the track. Steve Glenday, obviously keen on an international incident, raced to the umpire at the leading end and requested the departure of Jensen for obstruction (although not in so many words). In this he was ably supported by young lion Quartermain, while the colts self-consciously abstained and the veterans maintained a stoned silence. The umpire was suitably unimpressed as he had been awakened from deep sleep and the square leg ump. had found the women's athletics on the nearby oval to be essential viewing.

After a lunch ruthlessly supervised by the Scottish groundsman: "Only one slice of betroot between two", our batsmen set out to teach the Melbourne upstarts a thing or two. This was aided by the early withdrawal of Knight from the attack (9 - 1 - 1-19) thanks to a certain Footscray nurse.

Wilcock (39), Wilson (32), Glenday (32 N.O.) and Quartermain (19) all contributed as the score mounted to a quite presentable 6-136 and the game was saved.

Perhaps the most enjoyable aspect of the week was the enthusiasm for socialising displayed by the team. Early in the week the Colts found the going a bit rough, particularly the first night drinking at Naughton's, but later in the week at North Melbourne Social Club it was evident that youngsters such as Quartermain and Glenton had indeed come of age. 'Quarters' in particular revelled in his new found maturity promising to pick up the pieces of a 26 year old divorcee's broken life. Steve Glenday opted for the romantic approach during the week, miraculously attracting three young ladies on one night at the Watchcock Tavern (this place was our second home). 'Lucy' Furlong was particularly impressed with Sue who had featured with Johnny Young, hopefully on Young Talent Time.

Spunky Austrian ski instructor 'Hans' Bland from Albury and his expert back-up man Bart le Roux (Garth's good looking brother), ably played by the Coon, also ranked high in the romance stakes with two 'artistic' females who lived on a farm in Essendon. Bart 'bombed' after a particularly hair-raising discussion on Hindu Art (hence the "Essendon bomber"), but Hans took their invitation to the Cockpit in both hands and was last seen stripped to the waist and living in true Jack Thompson fashion at the Essendon farmhouse. Not content to keep all his eggs in one basket Glenday also went to a horror double with Dave Knight and ended up on close terms with Frankenstein's daughter.

No tour to Melbourne would be complete without some cultural outings and in this regard we were well represented by Peter Armitage. 'Armo' was incredible, he managed to take in a play each night, visit a few museums, opera houses and botanical gardens each day, attend the functions we were at and drink as much as anyone, and still have time to read Shakespeare's Complete Works twice. His technical knowledge of College life was also useful, particularly his use of fire extinguishers in awakening sleeping colleagues (Coon thanks him). 'Armo' and 'Lucy' also deserve encouragement for their consumption of Galloping "Green Door" bargain liquor procured from Meranda's place in Kew. Above all Peter Armitage must be admired for his love of nature- who else would be found reclining in the garden at six in the morning in the pouring rain.

It is fair to say that the week would not have been the same without Paul Whitehead. 'Whitey' was out with us every night and kept us at a hectic social pace. One incident worth relating was Whitey's attempt to court a young lady at Chasers, a fashionable disco in Toorak. Whitey decided that a dinner date would be best but was perhaps a bit premature in offering her the food while dancing. One chicken bone found its mark and Whitey was waltzed out by several bouncers in the ensuing altercation. The Sydney boys showed form by taking ringside seats at the bar and purely spectating.

The week was such a success that we were genuinely sorry to leave, something that cannot often be said about Melbourne. For this thanks must go to all the Melbourne players and officials and in particular Paul Whitehead for providing entertainment plus and Geoff Miles who came out with us as well. Also thanks to the groundsman

and his wife and the umpires, particularly the red-faced one who remarked over his tenth can on Wednesday night that he was definitely only a weekend drinker. Also to Les Carrington, "thanks for coming mate".

"COON"

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY vs. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Melbourne, December 5th to 7th, 1978

MELBOURNE

	1st Innings		2nd Innings
P. Whitehead	ct. Glenton b. Quartermain	29	
R. Peers	b. Glenday	0	ct. Wilson b. Armitage
G. Miles	ct. Gibson b. Quartermain	26	ct. Glenday b. Armitage
M. Jensen	ct. Blackler b. Glenday	2	Not Out
J. Roberts	b. Quartermain	20	Not Out
A. Happell	L.B.W. b. Havord	4	
P. Hubble	ct. Blackler b. Quartermain	2	
G. Sceney	ct. Wilson b. Glenday	9	
D. Knight	ct. Connellan b. Armitage	24	
J. Tangas	ct. Quartermain b. Armitage	6	
B. McCready-Bryan	Not Out	1	
	Sundries	4	
TOTAL		<u>127</u>	TOTAL 2 (decl.) <u>3</u>

SYDNEYBowling

	<u>1st Innings</u>					<u>2nd Innings</u>			
	O.	M.	W.	R.		O.	M.	W.	R.
P. Armitage	5.7	-	2	26		7	1	2	35
S. Glenday	11	2	2	39		3	1	-	7
S. Quartermain	8	2	4	24		6	-	-	40
P. Havord	6	-	1	25					
B. Wilcock	2	-	-	9					
M. Wilson						3	-	-	18
M. Furlong						1	-	-	17

SYDNEY

1st Innings		2nd Innings	
B. Wilcock	b. Knight 11	ct. Sceney b. Jensen	39
M. Furlong	b. McCready-Brown 12	ct. Sceney b. Happell	4
M. Blackler	ct. Whitehead b. Knight 5	L.B.W. b. Knight	0
M. Wilson	ct. Miles b. Sceney 18	b. Tangas	32
M. Connellan	ct. Roberts b. Knight 0	ct. Roberts b. Jensen	3
S. Glenday	L.B.W. b. Sceney 6	Not Out	32
S. Quartermain	b. Knight 11	ct. Happell b. Tangas	19
P. Havord	c. & b. Tangas 6	Not Out	0
G. Gibson	c. & b. Tangas 4		
P. Glenton	b. Knight 0		
P. Armitage	Not Out 4		
	Sundries <u>11</u>		
TOTAL	<u>88</u>	TOTAL Sundries 6 for	<u>7</u> <u>136</u>

MELBOURNEBowling

	1st Innings				2nd Innings			
	O.	M.	W.	R.	O.	M.	W.	R.
D. Knight	22	14	5	35	9	1	1	19
P. Hubble	6	2	-	11	4	-	-	14
A. Happell	2	1	-	4	6	1	1	14
G. Sceney	5	3	2	6				
B. McCready-Bryan	5	1	1	10	4	-	-	20
J. Tangas	6.3	3	2	7	5	-	2	25
M. Jensen	1	-	-	4	9	2	2	37

MATCH DRAWN

A.N.U. VS. SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

The match started on a bad note for Sydney as Stokes, Captain of A.N.U., won the toss and sent us in. We suffered a major setback as Max The Fisherman had Willingcox stumped in the third over and started a dramatic decline as Uni. were all out for 155.

A.N.U. and Stokes batted - the latter scoring 94 before falling to Lucy's clever flighting of the ball towards the baseball net. With some good "bowling" by Leigh Williams and some good decisions from his mentor, we managed to limit them to 227 runs. Then the second half Uni. revival came about, with some good batting from Blackler, Gibson and Glenday, to have the A.N.U. boys chasing 200 runs in two sessions. Then Quarterpace came to life after lying dormant and ran through the early A.N.U. batting like a dose of salts. After tea, which Stokes did attend, though it was an all male function, Sydney proceeded to clean up the rest of the A.N.U. side with good bowling by Williams and Furlong. Some outstanding performances should be noted; the indomitable Fisherman's and Higgin's efforts at the disco with Quarterpace, Stokes shorts and controlled temper; Connellan's 'I was just getting "on top" '- one of the more notable quotes; or who could forget Jaako Tequilla waving the red flag before going to bat or Glen Gibson's ability with Max to consume great quantities of unidentified drink.

All in all the three day I/V showed the benefit of playing over longer periods and not one day slap and tickle and everyone on the trip had an excellent time.

S. Glenday.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY vs. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITYSYDNEY

	1st Innings		2nd Innings	
B. Wilcock	st. Stokes	b. Cullen 9	st. Stokes	b. Cullen 10
P. Mortimore	c. Heggen	b. White 26	c. White	b. Rizvi 21
M. Furlong	c. Smith	b. Cullen 0	c. Stokes	b. Cullen 57
M. Wilson	b. Tuckwell	0	b. Rizvi	32
J. Tarhala	b. Rizvi	9	Run Out	15
M. Connellan	b. White	19	LBW Tuckwell	0
S. Glenday	c. Stokes	v. Tuckwell 1	b. Rizvi	47
M. Cepak	b. Tuckwell	19	st. Stokes	b. Rizvi 7
L. Williams	Not Out	41	LBW Cullen	27
G. Gibson	b. Rizvi	25	Not Out	25
S. Quartermain	b. Rizvi	0	Not Out	15
Extras 6 (Byes 2, Leg Byes 3, Wides 1)		<u>155</u>	Extras 14 (byes 5, 9 dec. leg byes, n.b. 1)	<u>270</u>

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
G. Tuckwell	13	4	42	3	12	1	39	1
M. Cullen	10	2	29	2	22	8	42	3
A. Rizvi	10	1	31	3	18	2	83	4
S. White	7	3	19	2	17	-	82	-
P. Smith	9	2	15	-	1	-	6	-
P. Newbigin	2	-	11	-	2	-	4	-

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL

	1st Innings		2nd Innings	
M. Stokes	c. Connellan	b. Furlong 94	b. Quartermain	3
M. Heggen	b. Wilson	25	b. Quartermain	1
G. Tuckwell	c. Cepak	b. Wilson 31	c. Cepak	b. Quartermain 8
A. Rizvi	c. Tarhala	b. Furlong 6	c. Wilson	b. Glenday 14
P. Smith	b. Furlong	5	c. Williams	b. Glenday 0
M. Cullen	c. Gibson	b. Williams 27	LBW Williams	24
P. Robilliard	c. Gibson	b. Williams 8	c. Cepak	b. Furlong 12
S. White	c. Gibson	b. Williams 1	c. Gibson	b. Glenday 0
E. Newbigin	LBW Williams	0	b. Furlong	1
A. Barrett	b. Furlong	9	c. Glenday	b. Quartermain 0
P. Newbigin	Not Out	0	Not Out	3
Extras 15 (Byes 5, leg byes 2, wides 2, No Ball 5)		<u>221</u>	Extras 13 (Byes 12, Leg Byes 1)	<u>79</u>

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
S. Glenday	8	-	29	-	8	-	20	3
S. Quartermain	13	1	59	-	9	2	16	4
M. Wilson	14	3	40	2	-	-	-	-
M. Furlong	15.3	4	65	4	8.6	2	14	2
L. Williams	8	2	18	4	4	2	3	1
B. Wilcock					4	-	13	-

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY WON BY 124 RUNS.

## INTER-VARSITY CARNIVAL

in Sydney - 22-25 January, 1979

Because of the crowded representative season, there were no A.U.S.A. representative fixtures during the season, apart from the Combined Australian Universities game against the touring Young England team in Newcastle. Accordingly, a week, roughly corresponding to the old "carnival" idea, was organised in Sydney from 22nd to 25th January.

University of New South Wales undertook the responsibility for most of the organisation and did it in professional style. John McFarlane and Jill Ratcliffe and their workers did a superb job. Three preliminary rounds were to have been played and the final was to be played on Thursday. Unfortunately, Sydney's January rain again struck and the first three days were washed out except for two matches at David Phillips Field on Wednesday. No trophy was awarded.

The lack of cricket did not affect the excellent entertainment functions. A preliminary barbecue was well attended on Sunday night. Monday saw Sydney's largest harbour cruise completed without loss of life or beer or "cattle". The 'Hugh McCredie Entertainment Unit' was the scene for Tuesday's entertainment. There was some most professional caberet acts performed. Ashley of Newcastle Uni. was one who caught the eye.

Cricket finally got under way on Thursday. In what developed into something of a grudge match, Sydney, under the astute generalship of the old warhorse, James Rodgers, pulled off a well-deserved victory over Melbourne.

Jimmy L'Estrange and Bruce Wilcock started at a furious rate and had 77 up off only 14 overs. But both threw away their innings, not before Jim had deposited Melbourne's captain, 'Doc' Sceney, up towards the Women's Sports Union. An astounding mid-order collapse followed and threatened to silence even Glenno's pre-match taunts. Armo (the captain generously having placed himself last), eventual winner of the Club's lowest batting aggregate award, strode out and slapped up a cultured 20 n.o. and helped Quarterpace add 30 in a couple of overs.

Even then, 153 was not a large score and looked even smaller when Melbourne were 1-70 with 'Des' Whitehead cruising quite comfortably. However, Glenno's accuracy and the captain's searching, tantalising leggies caused a collapse. Most prized among the captain's victims was that of Big Unit Hendo. Jim L'Estrange hit the stumps twice for run outs at crucial stages and Armo's pace was too great for the last few batsmen. Melbourne must be congratulated for the fine sporting attitude and their contribution towards the folk-lore of sledging.

Scores: Sydney University 8 for 153 off 45 overs (J. L'Estrange 52, B. Wilcock 31, P. Armitage 20 n.o., S. Quartermain 18 n.o.) beat Melbourne University 139 (J. Rodgers 3-44, S. Glenday 2-30, P. Armitage 2-43) by 14 runs.

James Rodgers.

### THE COUNTRY TOUR

This was definitely the most worthwhile trip the Club has undertaken for many years and one which must become a regular fixture. Its benefits were numerous - a chance to play on different grounds, in different conditions (like 113° temperatures!) and against some experienced cricketers (4 of the Wagga side had regularly played against touring International sides). The only disappointment was that not many higher grade players were able to make the trip. We were constantly being asked "how many of youse are 1st Graders?"

Some of the real highlights of the tour were -

- \* Joe Wooding - the Bobby Riggs of Albury - challenging anyone in sight to table tennis at 3 a.m. Armo - "Ever played baseball Joe?" "Oh yeah, I play any sport that's goin'"
- \* Drinks every 5 overs in the incredible 113° heat, at Albury.
- \* Dramatic growth in usage of words "unit", "facility", "palooka" - Fowler notified.
- \* Q'pace's last over v. Wagga. Needing 38 to win, the home side came within 10 runs of the target. A colt is born.
- \* Long and protracted conversations with Stan, Les and Phil at the Imperial.(Wagga)
- \* P/Gray the ancient mariner - "he stoppeth one of three"
- \* Halfpace & the country squire make friends at the Wagga disco. Jan's got our man!
- \* 'Blue' the umpire gets burnt feet at Ganmain.
- \* McNally qualifies (and subsequently is awarded) Animal Act of the Tour. Surprisingly he is not called for throwing.
- \* Far too many extraordinary events at Temora to relate. Mention must be made of Bill McKeg's innings - given not out C & B, proceeds to hit 20 off Rodgers' over.
- \* Deeply intellectual conversation with "Beau" at bar, at Temora.

To end on a serious note, we would like to thank our country hosts for making our tour so enjoyable, and we look forward to further contact next season.

James Rodgers.

### RESULTS

SUCC 7 (decl) 151 (P. Beale 30, D. Morgan 25, M. Wilson 21\*, P. Gray 20) beat Albury 9-137 (J. Wooding 58, P. Beale 3-17 (incl. hat-trick), S. Quartermain 3-35, P. Wynn 2-30)

SUCC 8 (decl) 181 (P. Beale 63, P. Gray 44, D. Morgan 22, G. McNally 22, D. Rogers 4-25) beat Wagga 7-171 (B. Matthews 43\*, G. Farrell 34, M. Dasey 28, J. Rodgers 3-51, P. Wynn 2-19).

SUCC 6 (decl) 229 (P. Beale 88, G. McNally 41, P. Gray 39, D. Morgan 21, C. Firman 3-35) beat Ganmain 148 (T. Goss 46, E. Thompson 32, P. Wynn 4-33, J. Rodgers 3-20, P. Armitage 2-28).

Temora 7-130 (W. McCaig 51, P. Wynn 3-16, J. Rodgers 3-59) beat SUCC 129 (M. Wilson 42, P. Wynn 33, P. Gray 21, S. Uphill 4-41, S. Rees 4-38).

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB VS. CAPTAIN JOHN MORRIS XI

Our traditional opening match of the season against the invitation side named in honour of our late Patron, Captain John Morris, was again successfully staged. It offers an excellent opportunity for match practice prior to the start of the competition.

The Sydney Uni. innings featured a number of useful stands by the top order batsmen. Jim L'Estrange scored a meaningful 26 and the laconic Jerker (on his 29th "sickie" of the year to that stage) scored a fine 41 before being run out. Mark Burgess showed the restraint for which he is famous by scoring 24 in 20 minutes including five boundaries; while Murray Le Lievre scored 24 and Alan Crompton 22.

Just to show that the nerves involved in captaining the side were not going to worry him the skipper hit a scorching drive to short cover - and in attempting his minimum entitlement for the shot was run out by six yards. His worries about Pike pressuring him for the important No. 9 spot were however, soon alleviated; Pike was ignominiously bowled by Ian Fisher and we were out for 153.

Our turn at the bowling crease did not shape up very encouragingly. John Pearson and Peter Taylor scored freely before Chris Elder broke through. This triggered a steady fall of wickets as Chris hit the stumps regularly. At 9-143 and Fisher in the city on business we thought that the season had started with a win. However, Fish, looking remarkably like Peter Bickle from Balmain, was to prevent that.

Chris Elder, with 6-48 to his credit, was to bowl the last four deliveries. The right-handed Fish slogged the first over mid-wicket for four, the second over the fence for six and took a single from the third to snatch "victory".

A protest was entered as the University players left the field and the arbitration panel has decided on a replay on the Wednesday preceding the first competition match of the 1979/80 season.

SCORES: S.U.C.C. 153 (T. Jenkins 41, J. L'Estrange 26)  
J. C. Morris XI 9-156 (G. Hartshorne 37, C. Elder 6-59)

OTHER GAMES

Other social matches were played against London Club Cricket Conference, Wellington Blues (N.Z.), British Airways Pilots, G.P.S., C.H.S., and I. Zingari.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB ACCOUNTS1/6/1978 TO 21/5/1979

DEBIT		CREDIT
\$	Balance brought down	\$1144.66
2065.00	Social	1432.67
0.00	100 Club	185.00
392.45	I/V and other games	540.85
190.00	Caps and Ties	221.00
45.90	Afternoon Teas	176.25
150.00	Annual Report/Donations	704.00
270.70	Trophies/Grants	0.00
0.00	Additional Equipment/Bank Interest	54.04
195.66	Miscellaneous	450.00
\$3309.71		\$4910.47
	LESS DEBITS	3309.71
	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AS AT 21/5/1979	\$1600.76

At this stage last year, as can be seen from the 1977-78 Annual Report, the Club had a balance of \$663.43 - its balance now stands at \$1600.76. Not since the halcyon days of Geoff ("never give a sucker an even break") Pike has the Club been in such a sound financial position.

There are two reasons for this great result: hard work by all the members of the Club and Social Committees and an increased awareness by every member of the Club of the need to raise money. In my Report of last year I made the following observation: "S.U.C.C. exists on charity and the hard work of a few dedicated organisers doing their best to overcome the apathy of the majority of the Club members". Never has a Treasurer been forced to eat his words in so short a space of time and with such great relish. Only one word of warning should be given - don't let the good work stop now.

To summarise the 1978-79 year so far in point form -

1. The contribution made to the Club's finances by this year's social committee cannot be under-estimated. The Annual Dinner organised by Dave Morgan and Chris McRae this year made a small profit in the first time in living memory (\$4.60). The night is not intended as a fund-raising occasion but neither is it intended to lose money. Social functions this year resulted in a profit to the Club in the region of \$450.00 (after allowing for the fact that as the Club's financial year ends very shortly after the close of the cricket season, the cost of one year's Annual Dinner often is not reflected in that year's financial statement but is carried over to the following year). The very successful function at Alan Crompton's place on 24th February, 1979 is in the main responsible for this good result.
2. After allowing for subsidies from the Sports Union, Inter-Varsity this year ran at a loss of only \$50.00 - a much improved effort due mainly to the work of Stephen Glenday. The Club also has been allocated \$1,136.00 by the Sports Union to be used towards the cost of an away Inter-Varsity in 1979 (probably in either Melbourne or Hobart).
3. Les Carrington is also to be thanked for his efforts in running the 100 Club which this year produced a sizable profit for the Club.
4. Once again the Club has received great financial support from its Vice Presidents and past players. Donations this year, excluding the magnificent gesture of Alan Sullivan, exceeded \$450.00 - an all time record. These donations have been instrumental in bolstering the Club's finances.
5. With the advent of the Sportsman's Bar in the new Grand Stand, the Club has now a place to adjourn on Saturday evenings with all facilities "on tap". Referring to paragraph one above, this has in one sense increased the work load of the Social Committee, as the barbecues at "Skip's Place" are now a thing of the past and it is necessary to organise large fund-raising functions at other premises. One can only hope that the great effort put into organising the function at Crommo's place will be repeated in future years.

Once again, my thanks go to Mark Sewell and Alan Crompton, in particular, and to all other members of the Club's Committee and its Social Committee in setting this Club back on its financial feet. My thanks also go to Clive Lee for his Honorary Audit.

J. Baird.

SOCIAL REPORT

For all S.U.C.C. members, their families and friends, 1978-79 was the season which provided first class facilities not before experienced by this Club or any other University Club.

The new "Bruce Williams Pavilion" provided a venue for the Saturday night post-game function which has been long awaited. The Social Committee, with assistance of most grade members and wives and girlfriends provided steaks on most Saturday evenings of the season. Towards the end of the season, the Sports Union Catering Division took over. Unfortunately, our coffers will therefore not be swelled to the same extent as when we ran the show, but at least the whites won't be splashed with fat anymore.

My memory of the social activities of the season are vague for one reason or another, but I do recall one Saturday night just before Christmas being lollled to sleep at the Pavilion by the beautiful strains of Crompton and Elder and both their ladies, Glenno, Beale and others, as they gave glorious rendition of Christmas carols and ribald ditties. In the background, I recall Lucy Furlong's accompaniment as he gurgled down schooner after pint of that rough red. And speaking of rough reds ... but that's a story which can only be told by big Jules - who, I understand has written a number of chapters on the subject.

A social evening was held at the home of our beloved president, Crommo. Thanks heartily from all of us, Al and Jo for your kind hospitality and generosity. I am sure that all who went enjoyed themselves, while those that didn't were the losers.

This report seems to be going backwards so we now turn to the selection night barbecue held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenday at far flung Campsie. It was freezing that night as Crommo tried to warm us up with bombshell after bombshell - Rodgers in seconds; Gannon captain of fourths; etc; and the disappointment was clear on the faces of Burgess and Le Lievre, who've been trying to get back into the mighty seconds for ages.

Despite the cold (and it really was very cold waiting for our "I'll be there at 8.30" President to commence his midnight rendition of "Que Sera Sera" before reading the teams list) a good night was had by all. If only we had more Club supporters like the Glendays!

In the pre-season, I think, we had a theatre outing to David Williamson's play "The Club". Forty or so Club members and supporters rolled into the back row of the Theatre Royal and roared laughing at a highly entertaining play. Who would have thought that those immortal Williamson words "I've dropped Jock!" would be so prophetic - although I'm sure our Jock will bounce back.

Another highlight of the pre-season was the abundance of pies with sauce and sausage rolls. During the practice sessions it was not uncommon to see Club members knocking back their eighth or ninth pie "for the good of the Club".

Peter Havord was responsible for the ordering of these gourmet's delights. We believe he used to calculate the number of pies required by multiplying the total number of Club members by four and doubling it. Never mind Peter, over and above our bloated and upset stomachs, we thank you for your constant efforts on the pie and sausage roll front.

.... And who can forget the double-wicket competition - or more correctly who (other than 7 Club members who would rather forget it) can remember it. It was won by Rodgers and Glenday who defeated Sewell and McRae in the final, after strong opposition was met through the repercharges from the fighting Sports Union contingent of Roy Pearson and John Ward, weighing in at a cumulative 125 years and 43 stone. A couple of palookas from a foreign university added international flavour to the day and Glen Gibson's father showed amazing agility as he covered the area of the field between deep third man and wide mid-off, for most of the afternoon. Enough said.

The season's finale was the Annual Dinner and what a chauvinist "homosexual" (to quote Stokes) affair it was. On the one hand, the familiar resonant tones of Sir Hermann Black, our Patron, and the marvellously humourous stories of ex-umpire, Ted Wykes, and on the other hand the childish banter of Elder, contributed to make the evening a great success. I'm sure somewhere in this report will appear a list of prize winners because I can't remember who won what, although I can remember the drawing of the famed and much maligned Christmas Raffle, late in the evening - won by Gannon, who generously called on drinks from the bar. The bar however was closed and swift talking President Crompton announced Ganno's donation to the Club of his \$70 prize. I think second prize went to B. Sharpe - but the announcement was hardly done when Spike claimed the cash, insisting he had sold that ticket. Third prize to McNally who may claim his piddling \$25 if he really wants to or can be a bloody good chap and donate it to the Club.

All in all, a wonderful season had by all - with fond memories of first beers in the showers and last beers in the wee small hours.

Many thanks to the Social Committee, Beale, Havord, McQuilty, Hondo, Connellan and particularly to Gannon and Glenday for their never ending help.

I must finish on afternoon teas, since I think that's where I came in at so many of the season's committee meetings. Thanks to all those ladies who helped and to members of all grades who brought goodies and who realised that it's often a bit hard trying to feed and water between 40 and 80 cricketers in the space of twenty or thirty minutes.

Let's hope to see more organised functions next year and plenty of Club support.

Chris McRae.

CAREER RECORDS OF CURRENT PLAYERS

(Includes 1st to 8th Grade and Poidevin-Gray matches)

Name	Year Started	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
P. Apostocopoulos	1976	15	0	32	127	8.5	13	248	19.1
P. Armitage	1975	38	18	14*	93	4.7	153	2778	18.2
A. Baigent	1971	102	34	40*	360	5.3	244	4298	17.6
M. Baigent	1977	31	5	50	348	13.4	46	969	21.1
J. Baird	1972	79	32	25*	386	8.2	263	4872	18.5
P. Baird	1975	80	6	56*	1197	16.2	5	40	8.0
P. Beale	1977	31	5	75	549	21.1	57	1078	18.9
C. Bellemore	1977	19	1	16	90	5.0	2	43	21.5
S. Best	1976	32	4	87	413	14.8	33	469	14.2
M. Blackler	1978	20	0	165	632	31.6	-	-	-
J. Blades	1978	4	1	15	24	8.0	1	44	44.0
S. Brown	1978	1	0	5	5	5.0	-	-	-
M. Burgess	1977	42	3	88	1121	28.7	2	53	26.5
T. Carruthers	1977	21	2	58	306	16.1	0	32	-
M. Cepak	1977	29	3	66*	479	18.4	43	810	18.8
B. Collins	1967	193	10	113	4012	21.9	52	626	12.0
G. Colman	1977	7	1	64	122	20.3	0	19	-
M. Connellan	1975	53	14	43	521	13.4	63	1539	24.4
G. Cooper	1977	28	3	124*	708	28.3	1	44	44.0
M. Cooper	1978	1	0	2	2	2.0	-	-	-
M. Cordato	1976	35	8	74	378	14.0	53	757	14.3
A. Crompton	1961	288	32	156	5270	20.6	1	37	37.0
A. Cuskelly	1978	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
I. Cuskelly	1978	4	0	71	84	21.0	2	23	11.5
M. Cuskelly	1978	2	0	5	5	2.5	-	-	-
P. Cuskelly	1978	9	1	10	22	2.8	10	232	23.2
R. Darling	1973	33	6	25	212	7.9	87	1073	12.3
A. de Carvalho	1976	34	2	77	383	11.9	6	97	16.2
M. Dickens	1978	13	1	37	160	-	6	35	5.8
B. Druery	1967	156	32	80	1691	13.6	257	3443	13.4
D. Duffy	1978	2	0	20	21	10.5	-	-	-
C. Elder	1975	53	9	67*	591	13.4	91	1973	21.7
J. Emmett	1969	110	7	101*	1793	17.4	1	108	108.0
P. Emery	1978	2	0	20	22	11.0	-	-	-
J. Fernon	1978	5	0	28	59	11.8	4	88	22.0
J. Fleming	1976	25	6	16	113	5.9	3	23	7.7
A. Frost	1978	4	2	47*	75	37.5	-	-	-
M. Furlong	1977	34	5	77	655	22.6	29	470	16.2
P. Gannon	1969	206	16	81	2653	14.0	3	139	46.3
P. George	1977	7	1	35	111	18.5	-	-	-
T. George	1978	4	1	103*	230	76.7	1	3	3.0
B. Gibson	1978	1	0	2	2	2.0	-	-	-
G. Gibson	1976	35	8	56	421	15.6	-	-	-
P. Gibson	1975	56	5	89	940	18.4	7	64	9.1

Name	Year Started	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
S. Glenday	1976	40	13	94	497	18.4	110	1664	15.1
P. Glenton	1978	12	3	15	68	7.6	-	-	-
J. Goncalves	1975	73	12	77*	1224	21.1	62	758	12.2
A. Grattan-Smith	1975	69	7	100*	1088	17.6	2	23	11.5
P. Gray	1973	50	4	136*	1023	22.3	-	-	-
P. Greenwood	1977	18	0	93	275	15.3	9	196	21.8
P. Gresham	1972	76	3	54	997	13.7	29	383	13.2
C. Gwynn	1977	11	3	6	15	1.9	25	440	17.6
C. Harper	1978	12	2	64	157	15.7	-	-	-
G. Harper	1972	69	18	91	1326	26.0	43	996	23.2
P. Havord	1974	25	8	63*	242	14.2	53	950	17.2
A. Hawkins	1978	7	0	37	108	15.4	-	-	-
S. Hetherington	1977	29	3	69	408	15.7	0	1	-
A. Hoop	1972	92	11	86	1440	17.8	1	27	27.0
R. Howlett	1977	13	5	21*	76	9.5	90	1046	11.6
T. Jenkins	1974	91	12	113*	2188	27.7	1	27	27.0
G. Keighran	1973	88	14	90	1807	24.4	133	1643	12.4
G. Kemister	1976	28	2	62*	290	10.7	34	507	14.9
M. Kobetski	1977	4	1	11*	18	6.0	2	63	31.5
M. Le Lievre	1977	35	6	55	612	21.1	1	18	18.0
J. L'Estrange	1975	76	9	111	1831	27.3	0	10	-
R. Leonarder	1978	9	3	5	14	2.3	7	156	22.1
K. Liley	1975	18	7	9	42	3.8	41	512	12.5
P. Logan	1978	14	0	115	412	29.4	1	13	13.0
J. Loxton	1977	13	2	52	278	25.3	2	39	19.5
M. Lynch	1976	45	2	102	851	19.8	0	5	-
A. McDonald	1973	30	8	41	260	11.8	9	136	15.1
D. McDonald	1973	44	12	19	193	6.0	60	896	14.2
J. McCaskill	1978	4	1	0*	0	-	2	26	13.0
M. McCormick	1979	3	1	15*	36	18.0	0	8	-
D. McInnes	1968	64	2	70	1307	21.1	2	62	31.0
G. McNally	1975	56	10	111*	724	15.7	44	824	18.7
J. McNally	1978	1	0	27	27	27.0	4	29	6.8
S. McQuilty	1977	15	4	6	26	2.4	0	39	-
C. McRae	1971	104	28	50*	884	11.6	313	4406	14.1
P. MacKay	1971	80	8	100*	1636	22.7	6	123	20.5
G. Maddocks	1974	75	4	82	1216	17.1	1	27	27.0
J. Malicki	1969	138	14	83	1887	15.2	187	3113	16.6
M. Martin	1975	36	10	37	388	14.9	12	217	18.1
A. Millward	1973	20	2	73	433	24.1	20	318	15.9
R. Mitchell	1977	16	2	25	101	7.2	27	592	21.9
D. Morgan	1975	73	3	116	1234	17.6	-	-	-
P. Mortimore	1977	24	1	81	466	20.3	2	67	33.5
I. Mulholland	1978	6	3	9*	16	5.3	21	415	19.6
T. Murphy	1978	9	2	25	59	8.4	51	662	-
D. Nevell	1978	17	2	42	182	12.1	0	21	-
P. Nobel	1970	81	9	72	1286	17.9	1	17	17.0

Name	Year Started	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
J. O'Sullivan	1976	48	2	83	902	19.6	8	232	29.0
M. O'Sullivan	1968	147	67	38	1191	14.9	424	8172	19.3
G. Parker	1973	96	10	106*	1752	20.4	95	1850	19.5
P. Pether	1978	12	0	27	109	9.1	0	15	-
G. Pike	1969	132	37	65	899	9.5	331	6566	19.8
P. Pile	1978	15	1	57	306	21.8	1	27	27.0
R. Polak	1977	16	1	27	117	7.8	0	2	-
S. Quartermain	1978	15	5	28*	134	13.4	41	885	21.6
S. Quinn	1978	12	4	36*	132	16.5	31	509	16.2
J. Quoyle	1978	10	1	45*	114	12.7	-	-	-
D. Ransom	1974	70	12	51	678	11.7	131	1999	15.3
D. Riches	1978	1	0	25	25	25.0	2	20	10.0
P. Rickhard	1978	7	0	14	33	4.1	-	-	-
C. Rodger	1974	69	10	61*	1003	17.0	0	28	-
J. Rodgers	1972	90	45	26*	264	5.9	205	3409	16.6
P. Royle	1975	38	7	32	222	7.1	-	-	-
M. Sewell	1973	111	9	111	1723	16.9	6	90	15.0
D. Simes	1977	23	4	35*	210	11.0	38	608	16.0
J. Spence	1970	90	14	44*	643	8.4	53	859	16.2
M. Stokes	1978	13	1	77	279	23.3	-	-	-
A. Sullivan	1977	36	6	59	514	17.1	0	11	-
G. Swords	1971	96	25	49*	629	8.9	153	2043	13.4
J. Tarhala	1978	13	3	102	349	34.9	2	16	8.0
M. Thompson	1971	154	22	86	2849	21.6	4	77	19.3
D. Tudehope	1973	14	0	64	173	12.3	5	141	28.2
S. Ward	1974	87	9	92	1807	23.2	3	77	25.7
J. Wall	1975	32	11	25*	201	9.6	-	-	-
J. Warren	1977	19	4	27*	133	8.9	41	842	20.5
J. Watts	1968	89	14	108*	2006	26.7	67	1308	19.5
J. White	1974	63	16	39	509	10.8	144	2161	15.0
S. White	1979	3	0	16	17	5.7	6	71	11.8
B. Wilcock	1978	16	1	59	203	13.5	0	28	-
R. Wilkinson	1976	61	10	109	995	19.5	109	1674	15.4
L. Williams	1978	19	6	40	234	18.0	33	638	19.3
M. Wilson	1975	53	6	73	952	20.2	84	1629	19.4
I. Wilson	1978	16	5	41	258	23.5	-	-	-
P. Wynn	1977	26	7	62*	348	18.3	69	999	14.5

LEADING PRESENT-DAY PLAYERSBATTING (Minimum 1500 Runs)

	Runs	Ave.
A. Crompton	5270	20.6
B. Collins	4012	21.9
M. Thompson	2849	21.6
P. Gannon	2653	14.0
T. Jenkins	2188	27.7
J. Watts	2006	26.7
J. Malicki	1887	15.2
J. L'Estrange	1831	27.3
G. Keighran	1807	24.4
S. Ward	1807	23.2
J. Emmett	1793	17.4
G. Parker	1752	20.4
M. Sewell	1723	16.9
B. Druery	1691	13.6
P. MacKay	1636	22.7

BOWLING (Minimum 100 Wickets)

	Wkts.	Ave.
M. O'Sullivan	424	19.3
G. Pike	331	19.8
C. McRae	313	14.1
J. Baird	263	18.5
B. Druery	257	13.4
A. Baigent	244	17.6
J. Rodgers	205	16.6
J. Malicki	187	16.6
P. Armitage	153	18.2
G. Swords	153	13.4
J. White	144	15.0
G. Keighran	133	12.4
D. Ransom	131	15.3
S. Glenday	110	15.1
R. Wilkinson	109	15.4

**SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB RECORDS**

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**CLUB RECORDS (All Grades)**

Club Championship: Runners-up: 1962-63, 1963-64.

**Club Partnership Records.**

1st wkt:	212	E.F.Waddy and F.C.Rogers	1st Grade vs Cumberland	1904-05
2nd wkt:	232	H.O.Rock and J.M.Taylor	1st Grade vs Nth.Sydney	1923-24
3rd wkt:	291	J.M.Taylor and J.V.Garner	1st Grade vs Waverley	1923-24
4th wkt:	229	J.V.Garner and O.E.Nothing	1st Grade vs Manly	1923-24
5th wkt:	307	R.C.M.Boyce and L.C.Donovan	1st Grade vs Cumberland	1919-20
6th wkt:	174	M.Lynch and P.Greenwood	5th Grade vs Uni NSW	1977-78
7th wkt:	150*	B.W.Collins and R.J.Thomas	2nd Grade vs Gordon	1976-77
8th wkt:	179	H.H.Massie and A.D.Watson	1st Grade vs Petersham	1909-10
9th wkt:	153	S.Ruff and P.V.James	2nd Grade vs Nth.Sydney	1968-69
10th wkt:	154	A.I.Blue and W.D.Cargill	1st Grade vs Cumberland#	1898-99
			# 2nd Grade competition	

Most runs in a season:	J.Bogle	1090 (ave 83.8)	1st Grade	1918-19
Highest average:	L.O.S.Poidevin	103.7 (311 runs)	1st Grade	1896-97
Most wkts in season:	J.Baird	78 (ave 10.8) (14 in 1st Grade, 40 in 2nd Grade, 24 in P.G.)		1975-76
Highest individual score:	J.M.Taylor	253 (vs Waverley)	1st Grade	1923-24
Best bowling:	C.Alderdice	10-63 (vs St. George)	2nd Grade	1939-40

**Double centuries:**

J.M.Taylor	253 vs Waverley	1st Grade	1923-24	W.H.Gregson	207 vs Waverley	1st Grade	1900-01
A.D.Forbes	221 vs Randwick	3rd Grade	1909-10	R.Turner	201* vs Marrickville	2nd Grade	1935-36
C.J.Tozer	211 vs Redfern	2nd Grade	1910-11	A.Low	201* vs St. George	2nd Grade	1958-59
J.V.Garner	209 vs Manly	1st Grade	1923-24	A.W.Ross	201 vs Manly	1st Grade	1926-27

**Most wickets in a match:**

C.McRae	14-45 vs Petersham	3rd Grade	1973-74	R.J.A.Massie	13-80 vs Sydney	1st Grade	1913-14
W.P.Matthews	14-75 vs Randwick	2nd Grade	1907-08	N.W.Broughton	13-95 vs Paddington	2nd Grade	1913-14
R.Howlett	14-84 vs Gordon	5th Grade	1977-78	R.J.A.Massie	13-96 vs Nth.Sydney	1st Grade	1913-14
J.Farrar	14-106 vs Mosman	2nd Grade	1912-13	T.W.Garrett	13-? vs Canterbury	1st Grade	1893-94
S.G.Webb	13-70 vs Glebe	2nd Grade	1922-23				

**Most wickets in an innings:**

C.Alderdice	10-63 vs St.George	2nd Grade	1939-40	D.Carney	9-44 vs Manly	3rd Grade	1951-52
O.E.Nothing	9-15 vs Marrickville	1st Grade	1925-26	D.Hanlin	9-51 vs Petersham	1st Grade	1947-48
R.Hudson	9-22 vs Glebe	2nd Grade	1943-44	D.McDonald	9-55 vs D.Rowers	7th Grade	1975-76
M.O'Sullivan	9-25 vs Randwick	2nd Grade	1971-72	R.Howlett	9-56 vs Cumberland	5th Grade	1977-78
S.Ruff	9-31 vs Randwick	3rd Grade	1968-69	H.C.Delohery	9-64 vs Nth.Syd.	1st Grade	1898-99
R.Wilkinson	9-37 vs Gordon	5th Grade	1977-78	S.G.Webb	9-78 vs Waverley	2nd Grade	1922-23
S.Grant	9-41 vs UNSM	2nd Grade	1974-75				

**University players who have played Test cricket:**

R.C.Allen vs England	1887	T.R.McKibbin vs England	1894-1897	J.M.Taylor vs England	1920-1926
T.W.Garrett vs England	1876-1887	R.B.Minnett vs England	1911-1912		vs Sth.Africa 1921
S.P.Jones vs England	1881-1887		vs Sth.Africa 1912	O.E.Nothing vs England	1928-1929
R.J.Pope vs England	1884				

**University players who have played First Class cricket in Australia:**

R.C.Allen	B.A.Cooper	G.C.Hogg#	T.R.McKibbin	B.Salmon*
E.P.Barbour	J.Cope#	J.E.P.Hogg (capt Qld)	R.B.Minnett	W.J.Stack
R.Bardsley	D.R.Cristofani	L.C.Hynes*	O.E.Nothing	J.M.Taylor
M.H.Blaxland*	H.M.Faithfull	S.P.Jones	T.G.Parsonage	K.Thompson*
J.Bogle	P.M.Farrar, snr	J.Kinloch	M.Pawley*	C.J.Tozer
R.C.M.Boyce (capt NSW)	A.D.Fisher	J.B.Lane	A.P.Penman	E.Trennery
T.Boyd*	T.M.Garrett	C.H.Lawes	L.O.S.Poidevin	E.F.Waddy
C.R.Campling	G.H.Gordon	F.E.McElhone	R.J.Pope	A.B.S.White*
G.R.C.Clarke	N.M.Gregg	R.J.A.Massie	T.Powell	S.F.M.Yates* (Qld)
J.C.Coates	D.Hanlin	A.D.Mayes	H.O.Rock	

\* Not whilst playing with University # 12th man only

**Club Trophy Winners:**

**Captain John Morris Memorial Trophy:**

1975-76	D.D.Ridley	1976-77	J.Baird	1977-78	M.F.Sewell	1978-79	J. F. Rodgers
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FIRST GRADE RECORDS

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Premiers: 1898-99 (2nd Grade Competition), 1900-01 (2nd Grade Competition), 1909-10, 1911-12, 1913-14  
 Runners-up: 1912-13, 1923-24, 1924-25, 1929-30.  
 Semi-finalists: 1956-57 Encouragement Award: 1971-72

Most runs in a season: J.Bogle 1090 (ave 83.8) 1918-19  
 Highest average: L.O.S.Poidevin 103.7 (311 runs) 1896-97  
 Most wickets in a season: R.J.A.Massie 69 (ave 10.4) 1913-14  
 Best average: R.J.A.Massie 10.4 (69 wkts) 1913-14  
 Highest individual score: J.M.Taylor 253 (vs Weverley) 1923-24  
 Best bowling in an inns: O.E.Nothing 9-15 (vs Marrickville) 1925-26  
 Best bowling in a match: R.J.A.Massie 13-80 (vs Sydney) 1913-14  
 Best all-round performance: J.V.Garner 766 runs (ave 54.7); 41 wkts (ave 19.8) 1923-24

Highest partnerships:

1st wkt:	212	E.F.Maddy and F.C.Rogers	vs Cumberland	1904-05
2nd wkt:	232	H.O.Rock and J.M.Taylor	vs Nth.Sydney	1923-24
3rd wkt:	291	J.M.Taylor and J.V.Garner	vs Weverley	1923-24
4th wkt:	229	J.V.Garner and O.E.Nothing	vs Manly	1923-24
5th wkt:	307	R.C.M.Boyce and L.C.Donovan	vs Cumberland	1919-20
6th wkt:	144	J.M.Taylor and R.Stanley	vs Glebe	1924-25
7th wkt:	140	R.B.Minnett and C.J.Tozer	vs Paddington	1910-11
8th wkt:	179	H.H.Massie and A.D.Watson	vs Petersham	1909-10
9th wkt:	97	P.Molloy and J.Newman	vs N.District	1946-47
10th wkt:	154	A.I.Blue and W.D.Cargill	vs Cumberland	1898-99 (2nd Grade Comp)

Highest Interschool Partnerships:

1st wkt:	249	W.A.Shortland and H.C.M.Delohery	vs Melbourne	1898
3rd wkt:	294	C.J.Tozer and F.M.Farrar	vs Melbourne	1913
4th wkt:	239	E.F.Waddy and R.F.Harvey	vs Melbourne	1905
9th wkt:	232	F.E.McElhone and C.V.Single	vs Melbourne	1910

Three successive centuries:

H.M.Stephen 1899-1900: 149 (vs Redfern); 135 (vs Weverley); 123 (vs Nth.Sydney)  
 J.M.Taylor 1923-1924: 104 (vs Wests); 253 (vs Weverley); 110 (vs Petersham)

Century on debut in 1st Grade:

J.M.Taylor 141\* vs Randwick 1922-23 G.C.Hogg 125\* vs Cumberland 1926-27

Century opening partnership in each innings:

R.Bardsley and E.F.Rofe: 102 and 100 vs Middle Harbour 1915-16

500 Runs in a season:

1090	J.Bogle	1918-19	638	J.E.P.Hogg	1926-27	566	C.J.Tozer	1910-11	533	H.O.Rock	1920-21
961	J.M.Taylor	1923-24	631	A.Alderson	1951-52	556	E.F.Maddy	1904-05	528	O.E.Nothing	1923-24
851	I.E.Fisher	1970-71	625	A.Alderson	1952-53	555	E.P.Barbour	1914-15	528	W.A.South	1938-39
842	C.J.Tozer	1913-14	624	R.C.M.Boyce	1919-20	555	A.W.Ross	1926-27	527	R.Shand	1966-67
800	J.Hellarich	1930-31	620	T.W.Garrett	1888-89	552	E.C.Heden	1901-02*	524	T.W.Garrett	1894-95
778	E.P.Barbour	1912-13	613	H.O.Rock	1921-22	550	D.Scott-Orr	1956-57	523	F.Leventhal	1941-42
766	J.V.Garner	1923-24	606	J.Erby	1964-65	548	E.P.Barbour	1913-14	514	J.M.Taylor	1922-23
713	I.E.Fisher	1971-72	604	R.Bardsley	1920-21	548	J.E.P.Hogg	1927-28	511	H.H.Massie	1909-10
713	H.O.Rock	1922-23	599	T.Parsonage	1930-31	547	R.Bardsley	1915-16	510	J.Cope	1958-59
694	W.H.Gregson	1900-01*	596	B.Dwyer	1946-47	547	H.O.Rock	1923-24	508	H.M.Stephen	1899-00*
673	J.E.P.Hogg	1929-30	595	A.B.S.White	1898-99*	539	I.E.Fisher	1975-76	506	J.E.P.Hogg	1925-26
665	W.A.South	1941-42	577	N.G.Falk	1934-35	537	I.E.Fisher	1974-75	504	J.M.Taylor	1924-25
656	H.O.Rock	1924-25	570	H.O.Rock	1919-20	533	E.P.Barbour	1910-11	503	L.Best	1915-16
643	E.P.Barbour	1911-12							502	E.Rofe	1923-24

\* University 1st Grade playing in 2nd Grade competition.

50 wkts in a season in 1st Grade:

81	A.I.Blue	1900-01*									
69	R.J.A.Massie	1913-14	60	S.Smith	1943-44					50	M.O'Sullivan 1977-78
65	P.V.James	1973-74	59	S.Smith	1942-43	51	P.V.James	1971-72			
64	S.Smith	1945-46	56	P.J.McSharry	1901-02*	50	W.J.Stack	1911-12			
61	E.Trennery	1919-20	56	W.J.Stack	1912-13	50	P.V.James	1969-70			

\* University 1st Grade playing in 2nd Grade competition.

Highest team totals:

For: 512 (vs Gordon) 1914-15 Against: 3(dec)585 (Petersham) 1915-16); 7-571 (Gordon) 1941-42

Lowest team totals:

For: 22 (vs Balmain) 1946-47; 33 (vs Saints) 1898-99; 37 (vs Wests) 1942-43 Against: 22 (Cumberland) 1912-13

Most centuries in 1st Grade:

11 - E.P.Barbour 181 (vs Gordon, 1914-15); 153 (vs Sydney, 1910-11); 143 (vs Redfern, 1912-13); 152 (vs Gordon, 1913-14); 135\* (vs Burwood, 1912-13); 135 (vs Glebe, 1913-14); 128\* (vs Petersham, 1910-11); 120 (vs Sydney, 1912-13); 117 (vs Redfern, 1911-12); 109 (vs Glebe, 1911-12); 103 (vs Nth. Sydney, 1914-15).

Note: In successive innings in 1913, Eric Barbour scored 120, 31\*, 135\*, 143, 87, 99.

Details of centuries scored by H.O.Rock (9), I.E.Fisher (8), and J.M.Taylor (7) appear in 1976-77 Report

FIRST GRADE CAREER RECORDS

BATTING - minimum 1500 runs

	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave		Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave		
I.E.Fisher	1969-78	155	19	136	4406	32.4	D.Scott-Orr	1952-59	100	4	118	2210	23.0
H.O.Rock	1919-26	95	7	161	3899	44.3	C.J.Tozer	1909-14	51	11	166*	2092	52.3
A.B.Crompton	1961-79	227	25	109	3860	19.1	F.E.McElhone	1905-13	89	9	148	2053	25.7
E.P.Barbour	1909-15	59	7	181	3086	59.3	H.M.Stephen	1898-03	66	5	149	2023	32.6
A.Alderson	1951-66	96	28	139	2991	43.9	M.Ives	1959-71	88	7	115*	1972	24.3
J.Hellmrich	1930-37	113	11	124	2974	29.2	J.Bogle	1916-20	62	12	158*	1962	39.2
K.H.Sheffield	1949-61	146	22	121*	2919	23.5	P.V.James	1968-77	125	24	109*	1853	18.3
J.E.P.Hogg	1924-30	77	7	150	2894	41.3	E.F.Rofe	1915-24	84	11	118	1823	24.9
R.Bardsley	1914-22	85	10	112	2677	35.7	J.W.Chapman	1933-40	80	12	112*	1754	25.8
L.C.Best	1914-21	107	13	169*	2593	27.6	J.H.Everett	1955-67	101	9	98	1749	19.0
W.A.South	1937-43	115	13	106	2561	25.1	N.G.Falk	1932-36	56	8	125*	1718	35.8
G.C.Hogg	1926-33	85	7	145	2539	32.6	F.Leventhal	1939-44	88	1	101	1715	19.7
B.Dwyer	1943-49	91	5	124	2452	28.5	P.M.Farrar	1939-46	102	0	71	1692	16.6
J.Erby	1959-69	107	8	90	2440	24.7	A.W.Ross	1924-30	69	14	201	1680	30.6
J.B.Lane	1904-13	96	10	126	2298	26.7	O.E.Nothing	1921-26	50	8	132*	1654	39.4
R.B.Minnett	1906-15	80	10	123	2289	32.7	J.V.Garner	1920-26	68	11	209	1638	28.7
J.M.Taylor	1922-26	41	4	253	2231	60.3	B.J.Smith	1928-36	83	9	144	1529	20.7
G.R.Wilson	1971-78	107	5	104	2217	21.7	P.B.Hall	1953-58	74	4	95	1527	21.8

BOWLING - minimum 100 wkts

	Wkts	Runs	Ave		Wkts	Runs	Ave		
P.V.James	1968-77	293	6555	22.4	B.J.Smith	1928-36	118	3392	28.8
M. J. O'Sullivan	1969-79	289	5926	20.5	L.C.Best	1914-21	117	2904	24.8
W. J. Stack	1905-15	269	5103	18.9	F.Stening	1955-61	114	2283	20.0
S.Smith	1941-46	241	4386	18.2	I.Thew	1948-54	110	2230	20.3
M.Pawley	1962-68	231	4358	18.9	T.G.Parsonage	1930-34	109	2217	20.3
G. H. Pike	1971-79	219	4526	20.6	J.W.Chapman	1933-40	108	2622	24.3
R. B. Minnett	1906-15	200	3687	18.4	A.D.Fisher	1901-07	107	2352	21.9
D. Hanlin	1946-52	197	3176	16.1	E.Thew	1941-50	107	2607	24.4
J.V.Garner	1920-26	186	3567	19.2	E.L.Trennery	1917-20	106	2089	19.7
R.J.A.Massie	1910-14	166	2289	13.8	F.J.Ring	1941-45	103	2621	25.5
O.E.Nothing	1921-26	158	2399	15.2	A.C.Yates	1916-22	103	2652	25.8
W.Armstrong	1959-69	154	4021	26.1	D.R.Cristofani	1948-52	103	2228	21.6
D.G.Fox	1957-66	147	3547	24.1	C.H.Lawes	1918-23	100	2341	23.4
J.A.H.Jeffrey	1938-43	135	2797	20.7	T.W.Garrett*	1893-97	100	?	?
D.Walker	1953-58	131	3294	25.1	A. I. Blue	1898-1901	103	?	?

\* wkts. taken in electoral cricket only

FIELDING AND WICKETKEEPING

Most dismissals in a season: A.B.Crompton 46 (39cts, 7stps) 1973-74  
 J.Madgwick 36 (21cts, 15stps) 1965-66

Most dismissals in career: A.B.Crompton 303 (252cts, 51 stps) 1961-79

SECOND GRADE RECORDS

Premiers: 1911-12, 1962-63, 1963-64, 1964-65.

Runners-up: 1907-08, 1909-10, 1977-78.

Semi-finalists: 1960-61, 1961-62, 1971-72.

Most runs in a season:	R.H.Storey	679 (ave 45.3)	1968-69
Highest average:	O.E.Nothing	133.3 (400 runs)	1921-22
Most wickets in a season:	I.Wolfe	69 (ave 14.0)	1974-75
Best average:	O.E.Nothing	6.3	1920-21
Highest individual score:	C.J.Tozer	211 (vs Redfern)	1910-11
Best bowling in an innings:	C.Alderdice	10-63 (vs St. George)	1939-40
Best bowling in a match:	W.F.Matthews	14-75 (vs Randwick)	1907-08
Best all round performance:	J.H.Everett	650 runs (ave 38.2), 42 wkts(ave 13.8)	1965-66

Highest partnerships:

1st wkt:	210	M.Ives and A.Low	vs Balmain	1959-60
2nd wkt:	154	W.Caisley and R.Grant	vs Bankstown	1962-63
3rd wkt:	152	D.Hill and M.Thompson	vs Bankstown	1974-75
4th wkt:	193	R.Shand and A.Low	vs Bankstown(semi)	1963-64
5th wkt:	148	R.H.Storey and R.J.Thomas	vs Petersham	1968-69
6th wkt:	139	A.B.Crompton and I.McCristal	vs Mosman	1962-63
7th wkt:	150*	B.W.Collins and R.J.Thomas	vs Gordon	1976-77
8th wkt:	114	P.J.Beale and C.I.McRae	vs Randwick	1978-79
9th wkt:	153	S.Ruff and P.V.James	vs Nth.Sydney	1968-69
10th wkt:	90*	A.Low and R.Mulready	vs Nth.Sydney	1962-63

500 runs in a season:

679	R.H.Storey	1968-69	664	R.Shand	1963-64	630	R.C.M.Boyce	1910-11	512	I.M.Foulsham	1973-74
672	R.C.M.Boyce	1912-13	650	J.Everett	1965-66	554	J.H.Everett	1963-64	503	R.Turner	1935-36
									502	E.LaCoutour	1969-70

Second Grade Records (continued)

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50 wkts in a season:

69 I. Wolfe 1974-75 51 N.W.Broughton 1911-12 51 A.Betts 1968-69 50 J.P.Flattery 1919-20

Most centuries in Second Grade:

5- R.C.M.Boyce 145\* (1912-13); 124 (1910-11); 124 (1912-13); 106 (1910-11); 102 (1910-11).

Details of centuries scored by J.Eversatt (4), B.W.Collins (4) and A.Low (3) appear in the 1976-77 Report.

THIRD GRADE RECORDS

Minor premiers: 1975-76 Runners-up: 1951-52, 1974-75  
Semi-finalists: 1962-63, 1963-64 Encouragement award: 1973-74

Most runs in a season:	V.Golden	528 (ave 48.0)	1939-40
Highest average:	M.Tonkin	68.0 (272 runs)	1968-69
Most wkts in a season:	Dick Cotton	54 (ave 11.7)	1966-67
Best average:	G.H.Pike	7.3 (17 wkts)	1969-70
Highest individual score:	A.D.Forbes	221 (vs Randwick)	1909-10
Best bowling in an innings:	S.Ruff	9-31 (vs Randwick)	1968-69
Best bowling in a match:	C.McRae	14-45 (vs Petersham)	1973-74

Highest partnerships (details available only since 1960):

1st wkt:	150	D.Scanlan and A.McMahon	vs Glebe	1962-63
2nd wkt:	115	D.Foley and E.Noble	vs ?	1962-63
3rd wkt:	121	D.Ridley and G.Parker	vs N.Districts (semi)	1975-76
4th wkt:	151	F.Wagner and D.Clarke	vs Glebe	1961-62
5th wkt:	138	L.Bott and R.Woodhouse	vs St. George	1973-74
6th wkt:	139	J.Davis and L.Williams	vs N.Districts	1965-66
7th wkt:	121	A.Dietsch and R.Richards	vs Paddington	1963-64
8th wkt:	88	L.Williams and P.Collins	vs Bankstown	1967-68
9th wkt:	55*	M.L'Estrange and J.P.Rodgers	vs Nth.Sydney	1974-75
	55	B.Druery and A.Baigent	vs Waverley	1977-78
10th wkt:	57	H.Anderson and G.Naugh	vs Gordon	1963-64

Most centuries in Third Grade:

3 - K.W.Asprey 117 (1923-24); 116 (1923-24); 131 (1924-25).

FOURTH GRADE RECORDS

Premiers: 1976-77 Semi-finalists: 1963-64, 1971-72, 1974-75, 1977-78

Most runs in a season:	J.Matts	565 (ave 43.5)	1975-76
Highest average:	R.Scamps	119.0 (238 runs)	1965-66
Most wkts in a season:	A.Jakes	76 (ave 9.8)	1969-70
Best average:	A.Smythe	3.6 (16 wkts)	1950-51
Highest individual score:	K.Sheffield	134*	1948-49
Best bowling:	A.Smythe	8-19 (vs Gordon)	1950-51

Highest partnerships:

1st wkt:	167	R.Hunter and K.O'Connor	vs N.Districts	1974-75
2nd wkt:	191	R.Mangan and I.Tabrett	vs Mosman	1972-73
3rd wkt:	114	C.Smoker and M.Sewell	vs N.Districts	1975-76
4th wkt:	176	J.Mackie and L.Williams	vs Balmain	1965-66
5th wkt:	96	C.McLeod and G.Gee	vs Waverley	1972-73
6th wkt:	125	L.Schwartzkoff and J.Matts	vs Sutherland	1976-77
7th wkt:	102	L.Schwartzkoff and M.Wilson	vs Cumberland	1976-77
8th wkt:	99	P.Jeffrey and A.Clarke	vs Nth.Sydney	1961-62
9th wkt:	108	R.Scamps and D.Cohen	vs Cumberland	1965-66
10th wkt:	55	J.Sullivan and G.J.Scahill	vs Paddington	1947-48

Most centuries in Fourth Grade:

2- R.Scamps 131 (1963-64), 126\* (1965-66)

FIFTH GRADE RECORDS

(University entered a Fifth Grade in the N.S.W.C.A. competition in 1969-70, having previously played in the M & S Competition. From 1974-75 Uni. have fielded two teams).

Semi-Finalists:	1974-75, 1977-78	
Most Runs in a Season:	G. Smith 413 (ave. 296.)	1968-69
Highest Average:	G. Gulliver 213.0 (213 runs)	1969-70
Most Wkts in a Season:	R. Howlett 57 (ave. 10.6)	1977-78
Best Average:	M. Forbes 3.8 (12 Wkts)	1975-76
Highest Individual Score:	M. Blackler 165 (vs. Sutherland)	1978-79
Best Bowling:	R. Wilkinson 9-37 (vs. Gordon)	1977-78

Highest Partnerships:

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1st wkt:	107*	M. Lynch and J. Goncalves	vs. Nth. Sydney	1978-79
2nd wkt:	140	P. Kell and T. Clubb	vs. Mosman	1974-75
3rd wkt:	105	M. Blackler and A. Millward	vs. Sutherland	1978-79
4th wkt:	118	D. Morgan and A. Hoop	vs. Nth. Dist. B	1977-78
5th wkt:	127*	S. Judd and C. Hillman	vs. St. George	1975-76
6th wkt:	174	M. Lynch and P. Greenwood	vs. U.N.S.W.	1977-78
7th wkt:	102	M. Laing and D. Morrow	vs. Manly B	1974-75
8th wkt:	93*	G. McNally and M. Cepak	vs. Cumberland	1977-78
9th wkt:	77	M. Connellan and J. Goncalves	vs. Nth. Dist. B	1976-77
10th wkt:	49	P. Palesy and J. Ford	vs. St. George	1976-77

Fifth Grade centuries: (14)

102	A. Collins	1964-65	116	D. Morgan	1977-78
153	G. Hammer	1968-69	110	P. Palesy	1977-78
123*	G. Gulliver	1969-70	102	M. Lynch	1977-78
101*	J. Emmett	1973-74	165	M. Blackler	1978-79
103*	I. Grant	1973-74	115	P. Logan	1978-79
113	P. Kell	1974-75	102	J. Tarhala	1978-79
105*	S. Judd	1975-76	102	G. Parker	1978-79

POIDEVIN-GRAY RECORDSRunners-up: 1959-60

Most runs in a season:	D.Walkhom	361 (ave 72.2)	1938-39
Highest average:	F.Farrar	88.7 (266 runs)	1939-40
Most wkts in a season:	J.Jeffrey	33 (ave 11.2)	1938-39
Best average:	R.Lee	5.5 (12 wkts)	1969-70
Highest individual score:	D.Walkhom	175* (vs Nth.Sydney)	1938-39
Best bowling:	G.Keighran	8-41 (vs Bankstown)	1973-74
Best all-round performance:	R.Lee	291 runs (ave 58.2); 12 wkts (ave 5.5)	1969-70

Highest partnerships:

1st wkt:	178	W.Ward and D.Walkhom	vs Nth.Sydney	1938-39
2nd wkt:	94	R.Grant and F.Munro	vs Bankstown	1960-61
3rd wkt:	116	Phil Scanlan and R.Mesley	vs Sydney	1967-68
4th wkt:	118	D.Clarke and Phil Blazey	vs St. George	1962-63
5th wkt:	124	T.Jenkins and M.Sinclair	vs Nth.Sydney	1975-76
6th wkt:	111*	G.Maddocks and A.McMinn	vs Sydney	1975-76
7th wkt:	105	T.Buddin and G.Pike	vs Sydney	1969-70
8th wkt:	43	T.Metherill and R.Cotton	vs Mosman	1965-66
9th wkt:	91	S.Woodhouse and I.McMinn	vs N.Districts	1971-72
10th wkt:	39	D.Low and G.Waugh	vs Waverley	1964-65

Poidevin-Gray centuries:

Three players have scored two centuries:

D.Walkhom	175* (1938-39),	132 (1939-40)	R.Lee	130 (1969-70),	116* (1970-71)
T.Jenkins	100 (1974-75),	113* (1975-76)			