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AND
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on Friday, 7th December, 1979.

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Your Board of Directors and Management Committee present for consideration and adoption by members this 61st Annual Report of the Club's activities and of the financial position for the year ending 30 September 1979

On Tuesday 31 July members gathered at the first Extraordinary General Meeting held in more than twenty years. The subject under discussion and debate centred on negotiations with Strathfield Council concerned with a lease for an area of land bounded by Elliot and Water Streets, Enfield, that was proposed to be developed by The Briars into playing facilities for cricket, rugby and hockey.

Around 140 members attended and provided clear evidence to the Board and Management of the Club that they were willing to assist both financially and physically in the construction and upkeep of the proposed playing areas.

An overwhelming majority of members voted in favour of the proposal and at a subsequent board meeting the lease was signed for a twenty year term, committing the Club to a five year development scheme involving playing fields, amenities and general beautification.

The drive, enthusiasm and perseverance of every member will be tested to the limit in order to consummate the desire expressed at the July meeting. Every member must realise that as the development unfolds and as all of the labour and financial requirements arise, the calls for assistance that will go out from the sub-committees have been guaranteed by the decision of that Extraordinary General Meeting. Your pledge has been given and accepted. There can be no back-offs.

Primarily for historical reasons the ten year cash flow budget pertinent to the ground and therefore the Club's future is reproduced as an attachment on the inside of the back cover.

Having reached this stage, the Planning Committee have completed their brief by bringing the concept to life and it also completes Ian Richards' term as Chairman of that Committee.

Although Ian will continue to play an active role in establishing the ground, it is appropriate for this report to carry a massive vote of thanks to him for taking on the responsibility several years ago and seeing it through. A great deal of technical assistance came from Terry Daly and he too has put in a long and persistent effort.

Wal Lewis' sage-like presence was invaluable in finding a path through many of the obstacles. A remarkable contribution from a **non-member**. Now the work begins to compliment the efforts of these men and the large group of members who have campaigned for many years to reach this point.

Readers of this report who are not closely associated with The Briars might well conclude that the year was solely occupied with ground development. Of course this was not so. The majority effort continued to go towards improving our standards and performance in the four major sports, with quite polarised results.

Hockey reached for the stars and came up with a position in the semi-finals for each of the

three teams — a Premiership pennant for the B grade team and, most importantly, the Club Championship. For the A grade side to complete the premiership rounds undefeated was a marvellous effort, but a 1 — 0 defeat in the Grand Final put the pennant in Cumberland's possession. The Club now moves from second to first division for the 1980 competition and we hope that the skills and team work developed this past season will see the teams well positioned in the higher grades.

Rugby inched its way up the Club Championship ladder to take the sixth spot and each of the four teams provided the spectators (limited numbers only) with displays ranging from strictly mediocre play to dynamic and commanding efforts.

Of the teams, it was the Whiddon Cup side who promised the greatest chance of maximum success, but despite a wonderful second half string of victories, they still missed the Semis by a whisker. None of their opponents would have looked forward to an encounter with them in the finals. But that's another story. Our rugby performances have not been subject to dramatic improvement, but steady and positive progress has been made in the past three years. Premiership success may not be just around the corner but it is present none the less. The skills exist amongst the players. Confidence through discipline and application is what is needed to achieve the ultimate rewards.

"Briars Rugby Tours" certainly created a record that will take some toppling. Its just on twenty years since Spencer Hipwell created the first New Zealand tour and although we have had plenty of experience putting together packages such as that one, the West Coast of America was a far bolder undertaking and an unforgettable event for the twenty five members who toured and survived.

There was very little to enthuse about in the performance of our Cricketers with the A Shire team having a most unfortunate summer. Only the B grade side really pulled their weight but even they fell short of a semi-final berth.

But if youth and numbers have anything to do with success then we might be passed for a revival. For we had a very hefty dose of young talented cricketers either making their debut with us or moving into their second season. So the transition from the long serving but rapidly tiring older brigade is gaining momentum.

Keep trading water David Walker. Help is on the way.

Our ever growing band of "Squashies" continued their successful record by adding two penants to an already impressive tally.

Their performances are not only a significant contribution to the Club's records, but as a playing unit they rank highly indeed when measured against the entire Sydney Squash community.

As will be evident to most members who have paid attention to the financial aspects surrounding the new ground development, our financial strength remains in a strong position through assets and investments. The long suffering problem of members displaying limited interest in using the facilities of the Club, for consumption and purchase of liquor and other products, remains with us and weakens our trading position.

Regular steward service and guaranteed opening times have been a constant source of irritation and have no doubt dampened the enthusiasm of many members who would wish to use the Club's facilities on a regular basis.

A reconstructed steward roster commenced in September and has worked pretty satisfactorily. This is definitely the key to better bar trading and it would be encouraging to the members who are meeting their roster commitments if more members would make an effort to attend on some regular basis.

As a general rule it is very disappointing to report that attendance and interest in Club events both sporting and social is extremely poor. Certainly there are occasional highlights such as the Annual Dinner which was again well attended and the number one social event. And for the first time in years even one Leura golf day attracted substantial numbers. But by and large its been a pretty poor effort.

After several years as a Director Jim Alford retired and Keith Wearne was appointed to fill the casual vacancy. Jim was an extremely active administrator for many years and we thank him for his service.

After a major turnover in our administrative ranks, the members who came forward to fill several vacancies worked hard and conscientiously to keep our peculiar system of honorary service alive and mostly well.

Every member respects the commitment made by the group of men who undertake to manage the Clubs various endeavours and on behalf of all members and from myself personally, I thank them for their efforts and for their pride in being a Briar.

Especially would I thank Maurice Critchley and Keith Wearne for the way in which they have handled their year round responsibilities and also to Mal Webber who bundies on more than most.

Our membership stands at 453 compared with 481 last year, and consists of the following:

	1978/79	1977/78
Full Members	356	360
Junior Members	5	13
City Associate Members	56	62
Country Members	<u>36</u>	<u>46</u>
	<u>453</u>	<u>481</u>

In conclusion we wish to record our appreciation for the support that we have always received from our municipal authorities, Burwood, Concord and Strathfield.

We extend our friendship to the clubs that we compete against and thank the undermentioned sporting bodies for their assistance in making competitions possible:

Sydney Rugby Union
Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Union
Rugby Union Referees Association
Sydney Hockey Association
Sydney Hockey Umpires Association

N.S.W. Cricket Association
Council of Municipal and Shire Clubs
City and Suburban Cricket Association
Squash Racquets Association of N.S.W.

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CRICKET REPORT

1978 – 79 Season

Sub-Committee

K. Holley (Chairman)
P. Mansford
D. Jamieson
M. Critchley
D. Brooks
R. Smith – U'14 Manager
A. Cantori – U'16 Manager

It is usual for the chairman to report and comment on the playing performance of cricketers and you will recall the optimism with which I wrote in last year's report. Unfortunately the 1978–79 season did not live up to my expectations.

The end of season results are as follows:

a)	Club Championship	—	9th
b)	"A" Shire	—	Last
c)	"B" Shire	—	6th
d)	"C" Shire	—	7th
e)	"C & S" Shire	—	Won 6, Lost 12, Drew 2
f)	Under 16 yrs.	—	1st
g)	Under 14 yrs.	—	2nd

The season was not satisfactory and a much greater effort and dedication will be required if we are to lift the "Briars" name out of the doldrums.

The "A" Shire performance was once again a severe disappointment for whilst we were able to put forward a few good efforts most of the season we struggled. Perhaps a more imaginative approach to the situation may be the answer.

The "B" Shire side, lead by positive thinking David Jamieson, performed creditably and was by far our most successful senior side. Hopefully all goes well for next season.

The "C" Shire team was a very young and inexperienced side but by the end of the season they proved that the talent was there, with some very good individual performances.

The "C & S" team found the 1978–79 season a lot stronger, thanks to their captain David Brooks. Winning 6 games, under the circumstances, their performances were commendable.

So far you've heard the bad news – now for the good news. Both Junior cricket sides did very well.

The "U'16" team finished as Premiers and Minor Premiers. Most of the credit must go to Aldo Cantori (team manager) whose dedication and coaching of this side was invaluable. Well done Aldo.

Rod Smith's "U'14" team finished 2nd and due to their manager's guidance this side improved as the season progressed. Thanks Rod for a job well done.

Our usual non-competitive matches were again a pleasing feature of the season. This season we played games against a combined Queanbeyan side and a touring Hong Kong representative side, losing to both sides. We also inaugurated an "Over 21 — Under 21" match and found the competitive spirit most encouraging.

Throughout the season many people worked tirelessly and well for cricket and I have the greatest pleasure to thank both the sub-committee and selection committee for their time, advice and support.

The selection committee again deliberated in complete sobriety, although some people may find this hard to believe, and again had difficulties in selecting players because of lack of pressure from the lower grades to boost everyone's performance and non-availability of players.

Until we as individuals sort ourselves out, Briars cricket is not going to improve to the levels it should be at.

So how about it. We must compete with a full team, as a team, for the whole season.

K. HOLLEY
Cricket Chairman.

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"A" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1978—79

It would be pleasant to report that the 1978—79 season was a successful one, however, regrettably it is not possible to do so.

The record speaks for itself, and can be summarised quite simply — we are just not good enough.

Whilst it could be justifiably stated that we were unlucky not to win three or four more matches, the fact remains that we won only one match and finished last in the competition.

A summary of the batting and bowling statistics for the season reveal the picture in its stark reality — we were only able to dismiss one team and the average per wicket lost by the opposition was 31.5 a record for our "A" Shires, whereas the average per wicket lost by us was 20.9. This was in contrast to the respective figures for the previous season which were 22.6 and 23.4.

In addition, whereas in 1977—78 we had three batsmen score in excess of 300 runs and two bowlers capture more than 20 wickets, in 1978—79 no batsman managed to total in excess of 300 runs, and no bowler obtain 20 wickets.

Nevertheless, in what was a bleak season, a number of records were set including a Club record 5th wicket partnership of 162 by Ian Blair and Darryl Lewis, and an "A" Shire 7th wicket partnership record of 145 by Peter Burt and David Guille.

Additionally, a record thirty players took the field during the course of the season, an indication of the instability of the team.

On a brighter note, Ian Blair and Peter Burt scored centuries and Richard Tregeagle and Bart Pozuelo showed promise for the future in their one appearance in the "A's".

One of the most disturbing features of the season was that individual members of the team who had ideas as to why the team wasn't "firing", voiced their views at the Club instead of letting them be known to the Captain, thereby doing nothing to assist in the development of team spirit and morale of the Team.

P. MANSFORD (Captain). Experienced a most disappointing season despite having two scores in excess of 50. Is apparently finding the new ball increasingly difficult to cope with, particularly against the standard of opening bowlers encountered in 1978-79.

R. SMITH (Vice-Captain). Failed to produce results anywhere near to his capabilities, both with bat and ball. Batted well to reach the 20's on a number of occasions and then inexplicably getting out, having a top score of 50 for the season. Bowling lacked penetration, as evidenced by the figures, however Rod's fielding in the covers was up to his usual high standard.

C. HICKEY. In the limited number of games he played Craig was not able to produce any of the spectacular innings of which he is capable, however did display a small sample when he batted "down the list" against Wentworthville.

R. STREETER. Bob also played a small number of games, with limited success, and appeared to lose concentration and throw his innings away on a number of occasions.

I. BLAIR. Scored a magnificent century against Bexley, however overall Ian did not enjoy a particularly successful season, which was not helped by missing three games in the middle of the season when he went overseas.

Bowled well on a couple of occasions and secured the vital last two wickets against Bexley.

D. LEWIS. Did not quite live up to the promise he showed the previous season, however scored a fine 74 against Roseville and 47 against Bexley, when Darryl and Ian Blair shared a 5th wicket Club record partnership of 162.

Darryl did not persevere with his leg spinners during the season, however displayed admirable team spirit by volunteering to take over the wicket keeping function in the absence of David Walker.

J. NEALE. In his return to the Club after a number of seasons away, Jim showed he still possessed undoubted ability, however appeared not to apply himself fully to the task at hand.

D. WALKER. In his return to the "A's", David displayed his well known talents behind the stumps and made the most of the opportunities that came his way. Like Ian Blair, suffered through missing four games in the middle of the season due to a tour overseas.

D. GUILLE. As the spear-head of our bowling attack, David battled admirably all season and was deserving of much better figures than those that he recorded, despite being our leading wicket taker.

Also batted with great application and shared an "A" Shire 7th wicket record partnership with Peter Burt of 145 against Warringah, when David scored 75.

J. FITZGERALD. A newcomer to the Club, John commenced with a hard-hitting 33 against Pennant Hills, however failed to display similar form in his other innings and fell victim to his own impetuosity.

P. WALLACE. Promoted to the "A's" mid-way through the season, Peter bowled well on a number of occasions, without luck and not so well on others. Nevertheless the season should stand him in good stead for the future, as Peter is a very conscientious cricketer who will learn from the experience.

T. WHITTAKER. Trevor was another who only played a small number of games, however batted very well on a number of those occasions.

"A" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
12	—	1	—	7	4	6	12th
Runs for	Wickets for	Average		Runs against	Wickets against	Average	
2,275	109	20.9		2,425	17	31.5	

BATTING

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	Catches
T. Whittaker	5	—	55	151	30.2	—
I. Blair	9	—	110	266	29.5	5
D. Guille	9	—	75	216	24	4
D. Lewis	12	1	74	254	23.1	4
P. Mansford	11	—	53	194	17.6	3
R. Smith	11	—	50	189	17.2	3
C. Hickey	6	—	35	101	16.8	1
D. Walker	8	2	30	96	16	4C/1 St.
K. Holley	6	—	32	80	13.3	2
J. Neale	8	—	28	102	12.7	1
J. Fitzgerald	6	—	33	68	11.3	3
R. Streeter	6	—	32	65	10.8	2

Also batted:	P. Burt	2 for 114	P. Fitzgerald	1 for 13
	C. Dennis	1 for 39	K. O'Brien	1 for 12
	B. Pozuelo	1 for 33	P. Wallace	2 for 22
	M. Sterry	1 for 29	S. Albanese	1 for 5
	D. Young	1 for 20	P. Caruana	1 for 3
	G. Ireland	1 for 39	P. Toner	1 for 2

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. Neale	80	13	260	12	21.6
P. Wallace	59	8	214	9	23.7
D. Guille	135.4	12	603	19	31.7
I. Blair	19.4	—	141	5	28.2
R. Smith	96	11	381	7	54.4
K. Holley	26	4	118	2	59

Also bowled:	D. Scoble	4 for 51	D. Wright	1 for 100
	P. Fitzgerald	2 for 34	T. Whittaker	1 for 0
	C. Blair	1 for 34	C. Hickey	0 for 22
	P. Burt	2 for 68	J. Fitzgerald	0 for 38
	D. Lewis	1 for 40	K. O'Brien	0 for 32
	M. Sterry	1 for 47	R. Tregeagle	0 for 3
C. Smith	1 for 61			

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"B" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1978/79

The season just completed saw the team finish in sixth position with 6 wins, 3 losses and 3 games drawn.

We managed one outright victory but unfortunately did not ram home our advantage when we had the opposition in trouble in a couple of our earlier games.

The competition barring a couple of teams was a very even one, so tight in fact that the fourth placed team Macquarie Uni scraped in by .008 of a run and then managed to go on and win the final against Auburn. Incidentally in the games against the above teams we defeated one and had a moral victory over the other.

As a team we combined very well on occasions notably against Warringah, Auburn and Roseville where some tremendous bowling was supported by fine batting and fielding, in fact the bowling was perhaps our strongest point as evidenced by the fact that not one team scored 200 runs against us throughout the summer.

Particular mention I believe should be made of John "Bobby" Crockart who bowled magnificently and was supported very well indeed by the other spinning twin Kevin Holley. These

two were really the backbone of the attack and complimented each others style of bowling.

Peter Wallace along with Richard Tregaele and David Wright bowled splendidly, in particular young Richard who will in the near future I believe be denting some reputations in "A" grade. Also the other quickies in the team bowled well but did not get the chances that they perhaps deserved due to the success of the abovementioned players nevertheless I believe these fellows will be there next summer applying pressure which is something that has been missing in the Briars for a number of years.

The batting was competent early in the season however with a couple of changes halfway through the competition and a settled batting order the side showed what had been missing earlier — application.

Perhaps the best example of applying oneself was Peter Richardson who in the first couple of games really struggled but with a natural talent and a lot of fortitude stuck around for a long time playing himself in and then reaping the benefits. Peter was a fine example not only as a batsman but also his wicket-keeping and then his fielding in slips was top class. As the captain I found his attitude exemplary.

To Kevin Holley your support was most welcomed and your contribution as a batsman and bowler was second to none.

The "B" grade side comprised 28 players which as is obvious is too many even allowing for the odd injury and loss of form.

To those who played in the "B's" I thank you for your support throughout the summer.

Following is a summary of all matches played:—

Round 1 versus Canterbury — Our first game was not one of our best, fielding an inexperienced side we were in trouble from the start, losing the toss we found their bowlers too good on the day where totals of 9—52 Dec. and 9—125 Dec. were outclassed by 1-55 and 5—127 thus our opening effort resulted in our outright loss. David Young (43 runs) and (2—22) and David Jamieson 29 runs were the only shining lights in a dark tunnel.

Round 2 versus Lane Cove — An improved effort saw us defeat Lane Cove with Alan Thompson 4—32 and Bobby Crockart 4—7 combining very well to dismiss them for 94. Craig Smith taking 3 fine catches was an inspiration in the field.

Starting badly at 1—8 Peter Richardson and Aldo Cantori then guided the team to a comfortable victory. Peter (30) and Aldo (43) batted very well indeed.

Round 3 versus Bexley — An incredible performance by Craig Smith 7 wickets for 10 runs saw the opposition dismissed for 67 runs after having been 2—49 at one stage. Solid batting saw a declaration at 8—186 and with an outright win staring us in the face we started the next Saturday confident to say the least.

However a combination of poor bowling and fielding plus the rain saw Bexley finish at 3.30 at 2—150. A result that in retrospect was to prove very costly.

Round 4 versus Pennant Hills — Another lost toss saw the Hills batting on a very good batting wicket and at one stage 6–61 we had them reeling but once again some inept fielding saw them finish with a total of 177. Peter Wallace never stopped trying and finished with 5–61 off 15 overs. At the day's end we were 2–25. The following week saw a complete wash-out of all fixtures.

Round 5 versus Epping — Winning the toss the skipper had a rush of blood and decided to bat but a poor performance saw us dismissed for a meagre 128, with Peter Wallace putting on a lone hand of 40 not out. On batting Epping were left with two hours and John Hazelwood and Peter Wallace (again) tore the heart out of their batting to have them 6–50 at stumps. Once again the team was feeling confident but another bad fielding exhibition saw them pass our score for the loss of one wicket. Richo (56) and Kenny (Goliath) O'Brien (52) had some batting practice in the second innings to end a very disappointing days play.

Consequently at the end of five games we had twelve points and it was decided that a big improvement in the fielding department was required if we had any aspirations for the semi-finals.

Round 6 versus Roseville — Against Roseville we did just that with Alan Thompson showing the way (4 catches) and being well supported by the rest of the team.

As a result we chased a total of 106 and declared at 3–107. In the second innings Roseville batted with more purpose to total 157 after being 6–64 leaving us to make the runs in an hour and 15 overs.

A good start was made by Richo and Chance but a middle order collapse saw our two heroes Serge Albanese and Patrick Fitzgerald boldly playing out the last 4 overs to stave off an out-right loss.

Peter Wallace 5–28 and Fitzo 4–35 toiled well indeed. Goliath scored 38 & 16 and took 2–4 to complete a good double.

Round 7 versus Auburn—Lidcombe — In this game we faced a team who had strung together 6 first innings victories so knew we were facing a strong team.

Prior to this game we made a change or too with Peter Wallace and Kenny O'Brien promoted to the "A's" and Kevin Holley and David Wright coming down and with the experience of these two seemed to add a new dimension to the attack.

Richard Tregagle and John Crockart (who had missed two games through injury) seemed to improve their line and length to a point where I think we then boasted one of the best attacks in "B" grade. At any rate the team with improved attitude in the batting and fielding departments approached this game with confidence.

Auburn batted first and toiled all day to be 9–154 and on Mona Park this score was really worth 200. David Wright bowled 15 overs for 3–25, Richard 8 overs for 11 runs with Crocko 3–32 and Kevin 16 overs for 2–50 all bowling well indeed.

Losing an early wicket (1–8) we struggled for a while until Peter Caruana (30) with support from Bob Streeter (21) eventually got the score to 5–95. A solid innings by David Jamieson (42 n/o) combined with Kevin Holley (30) and Richard Tregagle (17 n/o) saw us pass their score to record a fine win. The fielding was again very good.

Round 8 versus Macquarie Uni. — In another all day game we were placed in an unfortunate

position, having already tossed and deciding to field we started the game with nine men.

Fortunately one turned up and a replacement (Michael Sterry) was found so by 11.30 everything was back to normal.

Macquarie battled early but with a steady and sometimes slow effort they declared at 2.45 at 7-191.

The openers Michael Sterry (37) and Peter Richardson (23) batted very well to give a fine start, and Aldo Cantori (45), Kenny O'Brien (30) with Kevin Holley (26 n/o) almost got us home but there was just not enough time. Perhaps a moral victory but no points.

Round 9 versus Wentworthville-Blacktown - On winning the toss I sent Wenty in to bat and after an early breakthrough things were going well (3-40) but a very solid batting effort saw them 6-157 at lunch. John Crockart 4-17 and Kevin Holley 2-28 quickly mopped up the tail.

Once again we were short with one player not turning up, but this was a very easy batting strip.

Some loose stroke playing and a fine bowling attack had us reeling (6-69) at tea. After a fightback by Goliath O'Brien (20), David Jamieson (29), Kevin Holley (17) we finally succumbed at 122.

Round 10 versus Warringah - With two changes to the team we journeyed over to Weldon Park where a good start saw Warringah nicely placed at 2-60 and doing it easy on a good wicket, but thanks to "Crocko" we dismissed them for 141, with John finishing with 7-37 off 17 overs.

Upon batting Richo (35) and Peter Caruana (27) followed by David Jamieson's (45 n/o) we managed to pass their score quite easily.

What followed was quite incredible (to those fortunate enough to be there) for their skipper declared at 4-88 and thus set the stage for an exciting finish.

Requiring 87 to win off 11 overs Aldo Cantori and Peter Caruana got off to a flying start, then disaster struck then good fortune prevailed then again and again till finally at 6-85 but in no danger of defeat we required 6 runs off the last over for victory and those precious ten points.

David Wright and Peter Richardson took a few singles until with 1 ball left and David facing we needed 2 runs, somehow he placed (so he says) the ball over the covers for which he received three runs.

There were some outstanding efforts in this match notably Crocko with a fine double of 7-37 and 4-36, Peter Richardson with 35 runs and 4 stumpings, Peter Caruana 27 and 13 and finally Aldo Cantori's contribution of 22 very quick runs. Another pleasing aspect was the fine fielding with Aldo excelling.

Round 11 versus Lindfield - We went to Lindfield knowing that if we won we were in the semi's so the pressure was on from the start.

Upon winning the toss we batted, Richo and Caruana batted splendidly to knock up 56 runs in 40 minutes with the former batting extremely well for his 43.

Peter Caruana scored 26 runs and stuck around with Kenny O'Brien (27) to add some precious runs after the captain had failed, then with the departure of these two and with the score at 5-132 David Walker (63) (not his age) supported by Holley, Pozuelo & Wright managed to contribute to a most respectable tally of 232. At the days end the opposition were 2-22. The following week saw beautiful sunshine but alas Saturday afternoon was a black and very wet day and even allowing for a very sporting Lindfield skipper we finally succumbed at 2.40 p.m. with the opposition at 7 down for 60. A most disappointing day.

The bowling figures show David Wright finished with 4-20 and Richard Tregeagle 2-26 both fine efforts indeed as was David Walker's knock.

Round 12 versus Epping - Again we faced Epping this time in a re-draw but on this occasion a sound thrashing was our sweet revenge. Our score 5 (dec.) 232 was another fine effort with Aldo Cantori batting tremendously well with 75 n/o, the supporting cast comprised Kevin Holley 56 very good runs and Peter Richardson and Bob Streeter both getting 34 apiece.

Epping were never really in the game and with David Wright bowling very well 4-14 and John (Bobby) Crockart 5-18 they were dismissed for a meagre 63 runs.

The last three games saw the team firing really well and I am quite sure had we been in the final four we would have been premiers but to use an old cliché that's another story.

To the premiers Macquarie University our congratulations.

DAVID JAMIESON (Captain). David was asked to take over captaincy on a part-time basis but the chairman had no hesitation in appointing him full-time after his tremendous effort in moulding this relatively young side into a well oiled machine. His enthusiasm and fighting spirit left nothing to be desired. David performed very creditably with the bat this year. He realised he was a "B" Shire batsman and most opposing sides had trouble with him batting in the middle order. Thanks David for a job well done.

PETER RICHARDSON. Without doubt the best performed batsman in the team Peter topped the aggregate with 309 runs at 22.07. Richo took over as keeper and finished with 8 catches and 4 stumpings. Also a fine slips fieldsman, he took 3 catches. Peter found it hard going early in the season having not played on turf for years, however his class and experience eventually prevailed and on many occasions his batting saved the team. The application Peter displayed was a fine example to the younger members of the team. A pleasure to have played with you Peter.

ALDO CANTORI. A disappointing season for Al who has a lot of ability but unfortunately did not display consistency. Tends to be very very nervous early on and attempts to play his shots far too soon in his innings. Only scored above 30 on three occasions however when he did he showed his class in particular the 75 he scored against Epping was a classic innings, the driving, cutting and the pulling were magnificent.

A man who enjoys his cricket immensely I am quite sure that with a more relaxed attitude next season will see the real Aldo. The most consistent fieldsman in the team. Took 6 catches.

KEVIN HOLLEY. Kev played the last six games and made a fine contribution as an all-rounder

with 11 wickets at 20.09 and a batting average of 28.40. A tenacious character he showed on many occasions how the game should be played and like the captain he hates to lose. His bowling was better than his figures indicate and he often bowled well but without luck. His batting was as solid as one could ask for and when asked to have a go he displayed some nice stroke-making. Took 5 catches.

KEN O'BRIEN. The stroke-maker in the team Ken showed on occasions what a good batsman he is in particular his 38 against Roseville and 52 versus Epping were tremendous knocks. A fine exponent of cutting and cover driving Goliath was a treat to watch, but like all of us he sometimes tries too hard too early, must concentrate more. Finished with 221 runs. A handy bowler. Fine fieldsman he finished with 6 catches. A good team man.

PETER CARUANA. A young cricketer with a lot of natural talent who is going to score a lot of runs in the near future, however must learn to move the feet across to the off.

Peter's legside play was immaculate and a treat to watch. Likens himself to Derek Randall in the field but must concentrate on every ball like Derek does. Kept dropping hints about his bowling (maybe next year).

PETER WALLACE. Peter played the first six games and finished with 17 wickets at 16.59 apiece and then found promotion to the "A's". A left-hander he sometimes over pitches, nevertheless has a natural talent and with experience will be in the "A's" for a long while to come. A handy batsman. Tends to wander (mentally) in the field.

DAVID WRIGHT. Due to injury early in the season David's fitness was found wanting and naturally it took him several games in the team before he showed us the talent he possesses.

Another leftie his natural movement across the right handed batsman caused many problems and deservedly Dave finished with the figures of 16 scalps at 11.75 apiece.

A good batsman, a good fieldsman but sometimes loses concentration.

JOHN CROCKART. A great season for John. His bowling was immaculate and although he finished with 28 wickets at 8.21 he should have taken more but for some inept fielding in the early part of the season. A most economical bowler who never gave anything away. Batting was solid? Fielding was found wanting due to a shoulder injury. Umpiring was suspect (ask Holley).

STEVE GOSS. Right handed batsman who tried hard but did not get the opportunities. Only played a handful of games but did show he has what it takes, with a full season he is going to develop his natural ability, very good fieldsman.

CRAIG SMITH. Craig showed ability on occasions and displayed a very aggressive temperament in the games he played, a swing bowler Smithy finished with 14 wickets at 11.50 a fine effort. Must make himself available for the whole season. Fancies himself as a batsman (has his own bat). Excellent fieldsman who took the most catches (eight).

RICHARD TREGAGLE. Possesses a very nice action and caused many a problem for the batsmen, sometimes tries too hard but is a great prospect and with another year or two of cricket will develop into a very good pace bowler.

His figures belie his bowling as so often he beat the bat or the chance was put down. Perhaps the only criticism of his play is that he needs to improve his aggression toward the batsman however this will come with experience. Richard's batting was found wanting. Must concentrate more in the field.

Special thanks to David Walker, Bob Streeter, Alan Thompson, John Hazelwood and Trevor Whittaker.

"B" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Position
12	1	5	1	2	3	6th

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average
2142	105	20.4	2007	126	15.9

BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	Catches
K. Holley	6	1	56	142	28.4	6
D. Jamieson	13	4	45 x	216	24.0	8
P. Richardson	15	2	56	309	23.8	10/4 St.
A. Cantori	16	3	75 x	256	19.7	6
K. O'Brien	14	1	52	228	17.5	6
P. Wallace	6	2	40 x	66	16.5	2
P. Caruana	8		30	129	16.1	2
D. Wright	3	1	13	29	14.5	2
S. Goss	6	2	26	57	14.3	1
C. Smith	2	1	7	8	8.0	8
R. Tregeagle	8	2	17 x	39	6.5	1
J. Crockett	3	3	10 x	19		5

Also batted:

T. Whitaker	5 for 55	B. Pozuelo	1 for 19	D. Walker	1 for 63
D. Young	3 for 94	C. Hickey	1 for 0	C. Blair	1 for 23
M. Sterry	2 for 37	R. Streeter	4 for 107	J. Hazelwood	1 for 5
J. Price	2 for 1	A. Thompson	3 for 23	P. Fitzgerald	0 for 2
S. Albanese	1 for 50	C. Dennis	2 for 19		

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. Crockart	92	18	248	29	8.55
C. Smith	55	14	161	14	11.5
D. Wright	68	16	188	16	11.7
K. O'Brien	30	6	93	7	13.3
P. Wallace	73	11	282	17	16.6
K. Holley	67	11	221	11	20.1
R. Tregagle	70	16	227	7	32.4

Also Bowled:	P. Fitzgerald	7 for 94	A. Thompson	5 for 91
	J. Hazelwood	4 for 66	J. Price	2 for 24
	D. Young	2 for 37	D. Jamieson	1 for 14
	C. Blair	1 for 32	S. Goss	0 for 4
	C. Hickey	0 for 15	M. Sterry	0 for 44

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"C" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT

Due to a lack of a home ground we reverted to fielding only one C grade cricket team.

The 1978/79 C Shires were a young team, however, this lack of experience was partially offset by the enthusiasm of youth. Whilst the team only won two games it was deserted by Lady Luck at crucial stages and the two wins could easily have been five.

The regular players for the year were:—

MAURICE CRITCHLEY (Captain). Batted moderately but seemed unable to consolidate his innings when he reached the twenties. Cleaned up the Epping tail with some unusual offspin, but then underbowled himself to maintain his average.

SERGE ALBANESE. Only played 6 games for the season due to injury and promotion. His batting started with a flourish scoring 31 and 71 not out, but then faltered and never recovered.

STEVE BERRY. In his first year with the Club he found his niche as an opening batsman and featured in some good opening partnerships. A good fieldsman with a safe pair of hands.

PETER CARUANA. A punishing and entertaining batsman who unfortunately usually got himself out rather than be dismissed by the opposition. With improved concentration he should score many runs.

COL DENNIS. Bowled well and enjoyed success with the ball but was not so fortunate when batting. Featured in an unusual runout when he was confused by the multitude of crease markings on the pitch.

JOHN FREESTONE. Opened the bowling and occasionally bowled spinners to finish as the equal highest wicket taker. Had two nice innings with the bat.

PERRY GROSVENOR. In his first season with the Club and was recruit of the year for the "C's". Batted well to finish with the highest aggregate of runs scored. Was unlucky with his bowling but with a years experience on turf behind him he should do well next season.

STEVE GOSS. Scored a magnificent century against Canterbury and 88 not out against Epping to show his ability. Only played 4 games with the "C's" due to promotion.

SAM INGUI. Bowled magnificently on occasions but tended to be inconsistent. Started the season as an opening batsman with limited success but batted well when moved down the list.

PAUL TONER. Deservedly headed the batting averages and was second highest run scorer although he only played in 7 matches. Took the most number of catches and generally fielded well. He should be successful wherever he plays cricket.

ALAN THOMPSON. Opening bowler who was equal highest wicket taker. Bowled a good line and length but only in one match was he able to run through the opposition. Had one match when he was punishing with the bat but suffered from the problem inherent in batting down the list.

GEOFF YOUNG. Potentially a good cricketer, however, he limited his opportunities by his casual approach.

"C" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
12	1	1	1	7	2	16	7th
Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average		
2,162	139	15.6	1,894	101	18.8		

BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	Catches
P. Toner	10	3	66 x	255	36.4	10
S. Albanese	6	1	71 x	133	26.6	2
P. Caruana	4	—	44	97	24.3	—
P. Grosvenor	17	3	65 x	259	18.5	5
M. Critchley	14	2	32	168	14	4/1 S
S. Berry	17	3	33	165	11.8	8
J. Freestone	7	3	17	37	9.3	2
G. Young	15	3	45	106	8.8	6
S. McDonald	4	1	18	26	8.7	1
S. Ingui	14	1	19	106	8.2	1
C. Dennis	5	—	8	22	4.4	1
A. Thompson	9	1	22	34	4.3	1

Also batted:					
M. Watts	8 for 2	B. Herbert	4 for 6		
J. Kemp	3 for 48	S. Goss	2 for 223		
J. Fitzgerald	2 for 75	W. Jamieson	2 for 51		
D. Sterry	2 for 23	R. Tregeagle	2 for 7		
P. Grey	2 for 11	D. Young	1 for 81		
F. Toner	1 for 23	C. Smith	1 for 5		
J. Dess	1 for 4	D. Simpson	1 for 2		
G. Lippiat	1 for 2	R. Brown	1 for 1		
P. Tregeagle	1 for 1	D. Brooks	1 for 0		
N. Young	1 for 0	M. Carroll	1 for 0		
J. Laing	0 for 11				

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. Sterry	24	7	68	6	11.3
C. Dennis	25	4	115	9	12.8
G. Young	54	3	241	14	17.2
S. Ingui	62	4	226	13	17.4
A. Thompson	90	18	301	17	17.7
J. Freestone	80	11	321	17	18.9
R. Tregeagle	30	5	91	4	22.75

Also bowled:					
M. Critchley	3 for 24	C. Smith	3 for 46		
D. Brooks	2 for 4	P. Grosvenor	2 for 143		
J. Fitzgerald	1 for 10	J. Kemp	1 for 13		
N. Young	1 for 18	P. Caruana	1 for 58		
B. Herbert	0 for 5	P. Toner	0 for 8		
M. Watts	0 for 27	S. Goss	0 for 55		

CITY AND SUBURBAN REPORT

The C. & S. team certainly met with mixed fortunes this Season. Maybe we are all getting older and the opposition becoming stronger or it might be that we used 49 players in our side — hardly the ideal way to build a cohesive unit.

We started the season well with good wins against strong sides in Northern Districts and Hunters Hill but copped unmerciful hidings from Mosman Vets, I. Zingari, Wyvern and Nondescripts. We did however succeed in reversing the decision against Wyvern in a return match. We lost very close games to Homebush, St. Patricks, N.A.P., Paddington and Scots Old Boys, all of which we should have won. Our best performance was undoubtedly against a very strong Cricketers Club side which we defeated quite comfortably.

However, it was in the after match activities where we really excelled ourselves. There was not one team that got the better of us in this department and the Club should be proud of the exceptional effort that some players put in.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES (On the Field)

Noel Young's Hat Trick against Northern Districts finishing with 7/31.

Peter Burt's Fine double against the Cricketers Club 81 not out and 3/27.

Darryl Lewis' 66 not out and 73 not out against Nondescripts and Wyvern respectively.

Phil Abbott's 49 against Wyvern.

Trevor Parker's 45 not out against Hunters Hill.

Graham Ireland's 43 against Northern Districts.

Don Broomham's 4/31 from 12 overs straight, into a gale against Scots Old Boys.

Ray Lyon's 5/42 against Lane Cove.

Col. Dennis' 39 which included 3 towering sixes against Wyvern.

Lance Brooks' 4/31 with a saturated ball against Hunters Hill.

Pat Fitzgerald's 4/33 against Hunters Hill in deplorable conditions.

C. & S. SPRINT

The postponed 1977/78 Sprint was brazenly won by Graham Ireland who by coincidence happened to be the handicapper for the first and last time. However, we did all admire his ingenuity and his poker face.

The 1978/79 event was won by Peter Grey in a blanket finish. This event was held in heavy rain three hours and many cans after our game against St. George Vets had been washed out. The St. George guys said they had never seen anything quite like it before and intend introducing it to their Club next season.

The C. & S. Sprint Trophy has disappeared. If anyone has it, could he return it to the Club so that it might be brought up to date.

DAVID BROOKS (Captain). Main claim to fame was that at one stage he had won 13 tosses out of 15. Batted pretty well on occasions, but dropped the easiest catch ever seen in C. & S., with Homebush 8 wickets down and needing 2 runs to win. To compound the error he lay on the ground crying like a baby whilst the batsmen ambled through for the winning runs. Even Burty was stunned into silence. Continues to baffle friend and foe alike with his field placings and bowling changes. It is imperative that he be replaced at the earliest opportunity before the rumblings become a storm.

NOEL YOUNG. Had a fine season. Has seldom bowled better. Apart from his Hat Trick was on two others during the season. Would love to see him settle down in Australia one of these days. Dropped a sitter off his brother's bowling.

DON BROOMHAM. Copped a couple of hidings early on – something he has never had to contend with before in his illustrious career, but half way through the season had regained all his old touch. Batted superbly with very limited opportunities.

PETER BURT. Not his best year but the magic was still there most of the time. Got upset when dropped to A Shires, but proved the Selectors wrong by scoring a century and was reinstated in C. & S. Unfortunately was out first ball in his first game back. Was generously given a few more games and was able to hold his place in the side for the rest of the season. Reckons his Missus was feeding him ground glass early in the season. We knew he was better when he started giving cheek again.

GRAHAM IRELAND. Not a vintage year, but still in a class of his own. Has developed an arm and featured in his first ever run out. Finally found his correct position in the field – a sort of a roving short Third Man.

RAY LYON. Would probably like to forget this season. Always looked as though he would score runs, but invariably got that extra special ball. Still the only slip fieldsman, and still the best drinker in the side.

PHIL ABBOTT. Had not played for 15 years until pressed into service. Looked as though he had never had a bat out of his hand. Rumour has it that he has gone into training for next year already. Very gutsy bat.

BRIAN JOHNSTONE. Another making a big comeback. Real all rounder this fellow. Pretty bat, keeps wickets, good arm and looks like he might be able to bowl a bit. Believe he is contemplating buying himself a bat so must be "fair dinkum".

MALCOLM CROUGHTON. Still hasn't given an L B W decision, so naturally is first choice as Umpire every week. Kept very well on one occasion and was rewarded with 2 stumpings. Our best out-fieldsman. Still hasn't recovered from the shock of getting 2 wickets in 2 overs and being taken off by Brooksie.

LANCE BROOKS. Looked like he might get runs a few times, but could never go on with it. Ironically, the best innings he played was when he played **against** Briars for St. Pats and made 32.

RAY YOUNG. Bowled a lot better than his figures would indicate. Always economical and always shocked the batsman with his pace — they invariably got tired of waiting for the ball to arrive. Batted magnificently for 2 on the one occasion he went to the crease. As usual had no challengers for the No. 11 spot.

BILL JAMIESON. Wasn't too impressed with Brooksie's captaincy, but then who was? Has developed a revolutionary technique of sweeping leg spinners from outside the off stump. Quite effective, but very hard on leg spinners, wicket keepers and batting partners.

REG. JONES. Swashbuckling batsman in the Keith Miller mould. Only knows one way to hit the ball — hard and high. Great team member and very good drinker.

PETER GREY. Our regular wicket keeper. Not quite as good as the previous season. Had to go up to "A" Shires and the drop in class mucked him up for a few weeks, but, bounced back again. Did not get many chances with the bat.

CITY & SUBURBAN STATISTICS

Matches	Won	Lost	Drawn
20	6	12	2

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average
2,214	141	15.70	2,327	126	18.47

BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
D. Broomham	8	5	32 x	92	30.67
P. Burt	10	1	81 x	197	21.89
P. Abbott	8	1	49	120	17.14
D. Brooks	15	2	30 x	221	17.00
G. Ireland	11	—	43	187	17.00
W. Jamieson	10	4	35	96	16.00
N. Young	6	2	25 x	48	12.00
B. Johnstone	9	3	18	66	11.00
R. Jones	9	—	27	95	10.56
M. Croughton	10	2	17	63	7.88
R. Lyon	7	—	17	44	6.29
L. Brooks	9	—	19	51	5.67
P. Grey	6	1	4	9	1.80

Also batted:
(x not out)

T. Parker	4 for 100 x	P. Wallace	1 for 27
D. Young	4 for 26	P. Manning	1 for 24
C. Hickey	3 for 69	D. Ward	1 for 18
J. Fitzgerald	3 for 68	K. Holley	1 for 14
G. Theodore	3 for 56 x	M. Elder	1 for 11
P. Mansford	3 for 29	G. Gleeson	1 for 9
M. Watts	3 for 6	J. Carew	1 for 9
A. Taylor	3 for 2 x	R. Streeter	1 for 9
D. Lewis	2 for 139 x x	I. Blair	1 for 6
T. Killalea	2 for 34	B. Pozuelo	1 for 4
B. Herbert	2 for 15 x	Leigh Williams	1 for 3
J. Laing	2 for 8 x	R. Young	1 for 2
A. Watson	2 for 7	G. Young	1 for 2
J. Gleeson	2 for 6 x	D. Walker	1 for 1
C. Dennis	1 for 39	G. Robson	1 for 0

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
N. Young	86	16	24	273	11.38
P. Burt	51	8	15	177	11.80
P. Fitzgerald	16	—	6	75	12.50
R. Lyon	33	—	13	202	15.54
J. Gleeson	21	2	5	84	16.80
D. Broomham	81	6	21	359	17.05
L. Brooks	25	—	7	141	20.14
A. Taylor	28	1	7	142	20.29
R. Young	43	2	4	175	43.75

Also bowled:

G. Young	3 for 6	W. Jamieson	1 for 47
B. Pozuelo	3 for 37	R. Jones	1 for 61
M. Croughton	3 for 86	P. Abbott	0 for 0
M. Watts	2 for 32	T. Parker	0 for 7
D. Brooks	2 for 35	B. Johnstone	0 for 10
J. Carew	1 for 3	G. Gleeson	0 for 10
C. Dennis	1 for 4	G. Phillips	0 for 28
B. Herbert	1 for 39	P. Manning	0 for 34
D. Young	1 for 40	P. Wallace	0 for 49

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BRIARS U16 1978-79

The 1978-79 season once again showed the vast talent and potential that is coming through the junior ranks. For the fourth season in succession one of our junior sides has won the competition.

This season saw the under 16's winning 2 games outright, 1 first innings with 4 drawn matches in a competition dominated by four very strong sides. After battling to become minor premiers the boys showed their full potential by blitzing the opposition in both the semi-final and final:

Semi-final — Croydon-Briars 2—121 d. Lewisham 94
Final — Croydon-Briars 394 drew with Magpies.

Apart from the team's cricketing talents it was very pleasing to see great determination and will to win on the part of every individual and this often demoralised the opposition.

The team was very well led by captain Gerard Price, who in three years as captain has yet to lose a game. Gerard, together with Mike Molloy, Brett Gale, Paul Thomas and Greg Douglas were selected to represent Western Suburbs in the Watson Shield and a washout robbed them of a chance of reaching the finals.

GERARD PRICE (Captain). Did a faultless job as skipper, and really began to learn the tricks of the trade as the season progressed. Although he could not match his mammoth 612 aggregate of last year (108 this year), his bowling was again immaculate and he ended up with 34 wickets at 4.44 each.

MICHAEL MOLLOY. Always a great opening batsman who gained confidence by hitting two unbeaten 50's late in the season. Must learn not to worry about failing. Proved to be a valuable opener after his coach was persuaded to give him a try. Also an excellent slip fieldsman. Batting average — 211 runs at 42.2.

BRETT GALE. Topped the aggregate with 335 runs at 41.88. Showed his determination in the final by scoring a junior record 182 and carrying a broken rib. This innings should teach him not to be content with 30 or 40 as he has done in the past. An opening bowler with mixed success and the best slip in the comp.

PAUL THOMAS. Our wicket-keeper and winner of the fielding award with 13 catches and 2 stumpings. An excellent opener or first drop but this year scored more runs with the senior team for Croydon. Very powerful timer and stroke-player and should overcome his nervousness with more experience.

GREG DOUGLAS. An excellent spin bowler who can bowl all day for very few runs. Tied down Magpies for hours with his 2—47 off 23 overs. Very handy middle order batsman when chasing runs and a gully fieldsman with remarkable reflexes.

PAUL TONER. Played with Briars C grade and filled in when required. Would have liked to have seen more of him. An opening batsman who only played three games, Paul scored 23 not out in the opening two overs against Lewisham but was unavailable to continue the following week. Also quite a handy spin bowler.

RICHARD PEGUM. A very enthusiastic all-rounder, his highlight was his 5—11 and 37 runs against WSAFCC. Not given a lot of opportunities but undoubtedly a player to watch for in the future. Easily the most determined player in all facets of the game.

ANDREW GILLIES. Had his first season of cricket and was always very eager to be taught. Only had 3 innings but saved a match in his first when he entered at 9-62 in reply to 130 and played out for a draw. Should begin to show some potential next season.

ANTHONY WINDRED. The most improved player in the team. Although he did not score a lot of runs, he continually shocked us all by producing some magnificent strokes in the nets. Given an opportunity at first drop he was unfortunately run out early. Scored 40 valuable runs in the final in a partnership of 130 with Brett Gale but again he was run out. Expect big things for next season.

JEFF BOYD. Stock bowler and middle order batsman. Had the knack of taking a wicket every time he was brought on to bowl. Handy batsman with plenty of aggression who loved to make fieldsmen run. Must learn to avoid lapses of concentration while fielding.

CHARLES FORD. Another very keen cricketer who probably practised more than any other player. Capable of batting and bowling quite well, but should try to adapt his style to more than one situation, and to accept failures as part of life. Should get a few more opportunities next season.

ROBERT STEFFAN. Had his first year of cricket and only managed to get three innings. Robert is the kind of person who is very easy to get along with and is very eager and reliable. Should improve next season with more experience and opportunities.

U16 STATISTICS BATTING (x not out)

Name	Runs	Highest Score	Innings	Average
M. Molloy	211	55 x	9	42.20
B. Gale	335	182	9	41.88
P. Thomas	147	52 x	8	24.50
R. Pegum	66	37	5	22.00
G. Price	108	31 x	8	21.60
A. Windred	43	40	4	10.75
J. Boyd	33	27	4	8.25
C. Ford	27	19	5	5.40
Also batted:		Innings	Runs	
	G. Douglas	3	58	
	A. Gillies	3	14	
	R. Steffan	3	3	
	P. Toner	2	28	

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
G. Price	79	24	151	34	4.44
G. Douglas	56	19	126	17	7.41
J. Boyd	12	1	42	5	8.40
R. Pegum	44	10	122	13	9.38
M. Molloy	39	10	102	10	10.20
B. Gale	71	11	209	16	13.06
C. Ford	4	1	11	0	—
P. Toner	3	0	21	0	—

Best Fieldsman — Paul Thomas (w-k) = 13 caught
2 stumped

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BRIARS U14 1978-79

Overall Position	—	2nd after competition rounds
Outright Wins	—	2
1st Innings Wins	—	4
Drawn	—	1
1st Innings Loss	—	1
Semi Final	—	1st innings loss to Lewisham the eventual premiers

Croydon—Briars U14 once again completed a fairly successful season, the side a blending of some very fine cricketers with a nucleus of boys who although lacking in experience never stopped trying and their cricket improving as the season developed. The competition was of a very high standard with the club having the distinction of 5 players being selected in the representative side Scott Gale, Robbie Walker, Paul Price, David Goss and Steven Maronese.

The team had the ability to win the competition with definitely the best batting line-up in the competition and the two losses the side suffered at the hands of Lewisham were more due to bad batting techniques by some of the top batsmen than outstanding bowling by the opposition.

The team was very capably skippered by David Goss who had the uncanny ability to win nearly every toss, with more experience he will make a fine captain in future years.

PEN PICTURES

DAVID GOSS (Captain). A steadying influence on the team, a good batsman who with greater experience and more dedication to his batting once set should produce a useful player in the future. An excellent field.

SCOTT GALE. The outstanding performer of the competition a very fluent stroke-maker who had the ability to rip any attack apart but must curb the urge to hook particularly in the air at any ball that appears short. A lion-hearted bowler although tended to spray a little as his pace increased. A brilliant fieldsman, took some magnificent catches and his returning to the stumps was first class.

PAUL PRICE. An opening batsman whose technique is ideally suited to this position very meticulous with his defence and a fine hooker of the loose ball. An excellent bowler who with further coaching will make a fine all-rounder. Picked up the elusive hat trick.

ROBBIE WALKER. The hardest hitting batsman in the side, batted very consistently throughout the season. Robbie opened the bowling attack with a great deal of success but had the problem of trying to bowl too fast and as a result was often erratic, once he concentrates on accuracy will develop into a fine stock bowler. Another fieldsman with a brilliant arm and took many a fine catch.

MATHEW LIVINGSTONE. A very hard hitter of the ball hit one memorable stroke whereby the ball cleared the boundary by 20 yards at St. Lukes Park. Let the side down by not turning up for the second day of the semi-final. With more discipline could make a very good cricketer.

ROSS BERRY. A real trier in the side did not gain the opportunities to display many of his batting or bowling techniques but enjoyed fielding 1 yard (metre) from the batsman's nose, and took some nice catches. Maintained the cricket kit very well.

JOHN KANAAN. A very good talker and willing worker very obliging in laying the mats and taking in the pegs. A very enthusiastic cricketer who threw himself into everything he tried. A player with the correct coaching and given the 'go' will be a much improved cricketer next season.

JEFF EAGER. A pleasure to have in the side never stopped trying and took two very fine catches. His keenness and willingness to participate was very much appreciated. Will develop with more experience.

STEVEN MARONESE. Although only playing for the latter part of the season did show on more than one occasion that he was a very capable batsman and useful medium-pace bowler. A 'lazy' cricketer who must learn to give 100% effort all the time and run the first run quickly. Once Steven overcomes these problems there is no limit to his potential.

MICHAEL CLARKE. A player who never stopped giving his best throughout the season a very useful bowler but had limited opportunities. Special mention to his fielding covered more ground in the field than the early explorers specialising in fine leg and 'backstop'. Michael rarely missed a ball and saved the side many runs in the field, his enthusiasm was first class, a credit to the side.

ANTHONY CLARKE. 'Little brother' to Michael. Anthony filled in when we were short and from the 'grandstand' never stopped talking to the opposition and our players. Often had a 'mini' game of cricket on the side-line whilst watching the game. Very much appreciated will be a player to watch in the future when he becomes taller than the pads.

ANDREW O'NEIL. Joined the side at the same time as Steven, his first year in cricket, a very willing learner and gave his best in the field. Will be improved by his experience and should keep playing next year.

All in all a very enjoyable season with the future assured with the team next season. Special thanks to John Clarke with his helpful stints at umpiring and guidance to the boys, and Madelaine Gale for her scoring and enthusiasm – much appreciated.

U14 STATISTICS

BATTING (x not out)

Names	Runs	Highest Score	Innings	Average
Scott Gale	335	103 x	9	55.8
Robbie Walker	273	68 x	8	54.6
Mathew Livingstone	44	23 x	4	22.0
Steven Maronese	63	39	4	21.0
Paul Price	118	29 x	8	14.7
David Goss	54	20	6	10.8

Also batted:

	Innings	Runs
M. Gibbs	1	1
R. Berry	2	1
R. Ryan	1	1
J. Kanaan	4	7
J. Eager	2	0
M. Clarke	3	1
A. O'Neil	2	4
A. Clarke	2	0

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Paul Price	48	12	23	136	5.91
Scott Gale	76.7	18	25	184	7.4
David Goss	30.3	6	10	76	7.6
Robbie Walker	83.5	19	23	237	10.3

PERFORMANCES –

Best Batsman	–	Scott Gale
Best Bowler	–	Paul Price
Best Fieldsman	–	Scott Gale
Special Award	–	Michael Clarke (Fielding)
Hat Trick	–	Paul Price v. Lewisham II
7 Wickets in Innings	–	Nil
10 Wickets in Match	–	Paul Price 10–26 v. CBC Burwood
Centuries	–	Scott Gale 103 x v. Petersham
Most Catches	–	Robbie Walker 8

RUGBY 1979

The 1979 season was a long and exhausting one for players and coaches alike.

The '78 season ended in August and a squad of players continued training in preparation for the USA trip encompassing 5 games – 4 in the USA and 1 in Honolulu. The results of these games were most pleasing in view of the touring party personnel, many of which, at that stage, had not reached Kentwell standard.

The first game in Los Angeles was a win 14–6. Game two was against Bakersfield where the team suffered a narrow loss 3–6. The next two games against Browns Rugby Club and Santa Rosa saw half time leads of 12–0 and 10–0 turn into 12–18 and 10–28 losses. The final game against Harlequins was again a close encounter 0–8.

The touring party consisted of:— John Edmonds (Manager), Ken Harvey, David Vaughan, A. Wosniak, M. Howell, D. Nix, M. Brady, M. Dogan, I. Steele, C. Murray, P. Hayes, W. Bryan, P. Bevans, M. Ribbon, S. Hodges, K. Gray, M. Weber, L. Callaway, N. Chalmers, C. Kibara, B. McQuarrie, K. Kable, C. Hickey, R. Thompson and M. Brown.

All agreed that the tour was a great success both on and off the field.

No sooner had the tourists returned than pre-season training commenced for the '79 season. Training attendance by the tourists was understandably low, however, non tourists were also not flocking to Rothwell and again as in 1978 early condition and preparation was lacking.

Seven weeks of trials were arranged including fixtures against the visiting Keio University (Tokyo) and old rivals Baldutha (N.Z.).

Our first outing for the year was against the brilliant little Japanese side who gave our fifteen a real drubbing 42–7. The following week saw a much better performance which resulted in a 6–3 win to us, over the New Zealand side. This was the first time for quite a while that we have been successful, in these trans Pacific encounters.

In November there was held a world wide Rugby tournament in Hawaii, including sides from USA, Japan, Russia, Great Britain, New Zealand and Australia. The club intended entering this competition which would have provided great experience for all players. Fund raising was slow and interest soon dwindled causing cancellation of our plans.

Our efforts of 1978 to establish a connection with Junior Rugby were wasted. Early season endeavours to procure a person to act solely in this capacity proved fruitless. To me this sadly indicates the lack of interest being shown by the older, non active members of the Club. John Boyle, Dave Jamieson, Rod Smith and Billy Richards – thanks for your '78 efforts and apologies for the clubs '79 efforts.

The competition certainly had its ups and downs for each side as will undoubtedly be illustrated in the following team reports.

The ten team competition was extremely competitive in all grades and our position on the table in each grade, to me, was quite pleasing:—

Kentwell Cup	—	7th
Burke Cup	—	7th
Whiddon Cup	—	5th
Judd Cup	—	5th
Club Championship	—	6th

Our club championship position of 6th, although only an improvement of one position on our 1978 position of 7th was pleasing in view of the tightness of the competitions.

A best player competition was instigated this year with points being allocated 3, 2, 1 — by selected spectators at the ground. Thank you to those who assisted us in these selections.

A presentation dinner was arranged by John Baker, in August, at the Sydney Rowing Club. The night happily included the ladies behind the men and all present had a very enjoyable evening.

The four respective Cup coaches presented a trophy to the Best Player in their grade, the recipients were:—

Kentwell	—	a flabbergasted Phil England
Burke	—	a sober Ian Steele
Whiddon	—	a humble Craig Phelps
Judd	—	a badly dressed Garry Brady shared this award with P.T.C. dressed Bob Hawthorn.

Club President, Col Dennis did the honours in presenting a special award to Alan Phillips who scored the most points through the grades during the year. This award was styled most consistent and best improver and was a truly well deserved award.

Details of winners and runners-up are listed:—

Kentwell

P. England	16
T. O'Rielly	12
A. McDonogh	11

Burke

I. Steele	15
A. Phillips	10
M. Brown	8

Whiddon

C. Phelps	10
R. Pearson	9
S. Hipwell	8

Judd

R. Hawthorn)	11
G. Brady)	
B. Robinson	10
R. Henry	8

Old friendships were renewed with members of Powerhouse Rugby Club (Vic) on the weekend of 6th October. An enjoyable rugby game and after match drinks at the Club were experienced and the Sunday Picnic was a great success.

Thank you —

- * The 1979 Football Committee — A. Wosniak, M. Howell, P. Stewart, J. Baker, D. Nix, G. Brady, M. Dovgan, L. Callaway and M. Weber.
- * John Baker, John Boyle, Ken O'Brien — 1979 Coaches.
- * Bruce Robinson and Dave Jamieson for the help and experience you shared with players in the lower grades and your general support.
- * Barry Larkin for his efforts with the USA tourists.
- * John Edwards USA tour manager.
- * Phil England and committee for their efforts to get the Hawaii tour off the ground.
- * Col Dennis, John Edmonds, Ian Richard, Ted Stockdale and Stan McGregor — the only regular supporters of Rugby during the season.
- * Focus.
- * Warren Bryan and Rod Smith for their help during the rugby season with rugby socials and Club socials generally.
- * **FINALLY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY** — All rugby players who made a success of the football season and who continue to make a success of Briars Sporting Club Limited, generally.

This has been the 1979 rugby season, described by many as disappointing through to very pleasing.

It's true, we lost many games throughout the season — It's true we didn't reach semi-finals in any grades. Yes these are very important aspects in playing football for the Briars. However, I believe the season has been a success, maybe not on the field, but in many other aspects:—

- Football completely financed itself during 1979 — including purchases of two sets of jumpers for Kentwell and Burke, it is intended to extend these jumper purchases to Whiddon and Judd in 1980.
- Three of our members served on the Sub-district committee and one on the Sub-district judiciary — Thanks to each.
- Three touring teams were treated to Briars hospitality in 1978.
- A successful USA tour.
- Approximately 85% attendance at Club Social Functions were footballers and footballers provided bar service and again the majority of personnel at Rosebuds happy hours and other happy hours.
- The following positions on the clubs management committee are held by current or retired footballers — Bar Steward, Personnel Chairman, Focus Editors, Social Chairman, House Chairman, Treasurer, President and Assistant Hon Exec., — leaving Hon. Exec., Officer and Cricket, Hockey and Squash Chairmen.

A strong club starts from strong members — footballers are strong members of this club and in future years this club will again be at the top of the Sub-district table. It has taken us a long time to rebuild and it will take longer.

I'm sure that footballers will continue to support the Club as it has done in the past, we look forward to the luxury of our own home ground at Belfield and will strive to make it a success. However, this end is a club project and for it to work requires all club members (both active and inactive) co-operation and effort on the ground and even more importantly the club itself.

Let us progress not retrogress.

IAN DUNCAN
(Football Chairman)

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KENTWELL CUP

The tightest Kentwell competition for years that saw the club with the opportunity to sneak into 4th place with only three rounds of the competition remaining. However, three bad defeats saw us end up in 7th position on the ladder.

Although this result doesn't appear all that much better than our 1978 position of 9th, the side proved far more competitive with 7 wins and a draw against Colleagues 6 all.

Poor pre-season training attendance, again restricted our early season results and our first encounter against Lindfield at Lindfield Oval resulted in a walloping that our new maroon jumpers would long remember. Lindfield's pack on that day was magnificent and they looked set for a big season, however, this win and their second round win against us, were valuable points in what proved to be a poor season for them.

At the end of the first half of the competition we had 8 points after good wins against St. Ives, Newington, Bondi/Bronte and Lane Cove. We were well and truly in sight of the top four; up to this stage there had been upset after upset and the 1979 competition was up for grabs. We had close losses to St. Pats and Chatswood and had given defending premiers, Hunters Hill a good run for their money. Two strong packs, Colleagues and Lindfield had walloped us conclusively, but both teams had battled through the nine games.

Our position at the half way point was quite satisfying as we had struggled to set up a strong inside back combination.

Game one of round two saw our second defeat to Lindfield which really deflated our aspirations of a final four spot.

Game two against Hunters Hill was possibly our worst result of the year and again it looked to be a struggle home.

Our next game after a washed out game against Bondi/Bronte was Chatswood at Rothwell Park. This saw our first second round win, against a club which we had failed to defeat

in three previous games, since their entry into the Kentwell division in 1978. Each previous encounter had been close but very frustrating for us. The first round result was a 3-0 win to Chatswood who scored a field goal just on full-time.

The round continued with the draw against Colleagues and wins against struggling Newington and Bondi/Bronte.

With two games remaining the side still had an opportunity to slip into 4th position; but with disappointing performances against St. Ives and St. Pats we finished in 7th position, ahead of Bondi/Bronte, Lindfield and Newington. Colleagues and Chatswood finished just ahead of us and the final four was made up of Hunters Hill, St. Pats, St. Ives and Lane Cove.

Lane Cove the 4th team finished on 21 points.

Regular players were —

ALAN McDONOGH (2nd Row). The team captain in his first year in the club from Mosman. Alan proved to be the much needed driving force behind the forwards and was the only player to play the full season in Kentwell.

PAUL BEVANS (prop). Greatly matured as a player during the season and now only makes 10 mistakes a game. Strong and resourceful, Paul is possibly the most feared front rower in the competition. This fear is not restricted to other clubs. Certainly an asset to the club.

ANTHONY WOSNIAK (prop). The speed and agility of a puma, the cunning and guile of a Pole, and the intelligence and quick wit of a shamrock — this is Tony Wosniak — at the bar, however, as a footballer he exhibits the much needed experience of our front row. A few early season injuries saw Tony's late entry into Kentwell but once there he strengthened greatly all tight aspects of our game.

PHIL TWINING (prop, 2nd Row). Although not a regular, Phil proved an excellent replacement in both positions. A much improved player who displayed strength and aggression at all times — one of the most fair dinkum guys in the club and generally a great asset.

GABRIEL MA (hooker). Protege of Bruce Robinson — so he has an excuse. A slightly below par year for Gabriel who missed a game mid season thus giving Milton Howell a chance at Kentwell. Form at the end of the season showed glimpses of his old magic.

MILTON HOWELL (hooker). Protege of Gabe Ma who as you can recall is a protege of Bruce Robinson — self explanatory — Milton consistently won his ball during the year and improved his tight play immensely. Married life certainly didn't slow the hooker down.

MARK DENNIS (2nd Row). Mark caught the dreaded Briars disease of "Walkabout" at the end of the season, capping a very average season for a very talented footballer. In 1978 our most enthusiastic player — memories.

ALAN PHILLIPS (2nd Row). Alan started the season in Judd Cup mainly because of his inability to train. His form was excellent and he quickly worked his way through Whiddon and

Burke ending the season as Alan McDonogh's second row partner. Amassed 19 Best Player points through the grades and was the popular recipient of the trophy for the best improver and most consistent player.

PHILLIP ENGLAND (lock, breakaway). 16 points earned Phil the Best Player award for Kentwell Cup. He's one of the oldest, one of the fittest, one of the keenest, one of the hardest workers, one of the most reliable, one of the most skilful and ask him — most people will agree.

BOB BISHOP (Breakaway, centre). Grassback once again sums up this seasons performance Bob's biggest draw back during the year was his slowness to the breakdown as can be exemplified by the fact that he trailed Phil England to several rucks. His strength and tenacity made him invaluable in the tight play.

GRAHAM JOHNSON (Breakaway). Graham's first year with the club was a good one and his presence was much needed after the loss of Teddy Barker and Peter Pearce from last years side. Johnno was tireless in all aspects of play and is believed to be the first Briar forward for many years to do a Hammy on the football field — not at the bar.

GLENDON LLOYD (Breakaway). A 19 year old with a big future. Started the season in Kentwell after some very impressive trial performances. The torridness of early games took a little of the sting out of him and had difficulty regaining top form until the end of the season.

GORDON PEGLER (lock). Undoubtedly Pegals best season for some time. Although lacking in speed and general mobility, Gordon was always to the fore in the heavy work and at all times scrummaged strongly.

DERICK NIX (half — five eighth). Our struggle at the commencement of the season to replace John McGrath saw Derick flung to the wolves and although brilliant in open play, could not adjust to the specialist side of half-back. On Bung's return Derick gladly moved to his favourite five eighth spot and again performed well.

JOHN McGRATH (half). The call of the wild brought Bung back to Rothwell half a season too late. As usual the solid McGrath game continually proved the ideal stimulus for our solid pack. Anything else to be said about Bung, has been said many times before.

JOHN HURLEY (five eighth). This was Johns first year at the club and his first year out of school. One of the backs in the club who oozes with potential in both attack and defence. Will mature like port.

MICK BLYFIELD (five eighth). Mick spent a good part of the season in Burke until called up to Kentwell when Derick Nix was injured halfway through the 2nd round. A player who rarely makes a mistake and who proved to be a good goal kicker at the seasons end.

BRIAN HURLEY (centre). Brian was one of the victims of that disastrous first game against Lindfield. He at all times kept heavy pressure on the Kentwell centres whilst in Burke and finally forced his way back to the top grade with some brilliant performances. Undoubtedly a future Kentwell captain.

MAL WEBER (centre). Mal returned from the USA trip a much improved attacking player who held that form for most of the season until injured. Mal vice captained the side up to that point, and did a fine job.

LINDSAY CALLOWAY (centre). This guy has more critics than Joh Bjelke and to my way of thinking answered them all. Lindsay had a mid season slump with some very poor Burke performances. He was a victim of our early season problem of developing a sound inside back combination, once he returned to Kentwell to partner Brian Hurley he quickly strengthened my claim that he is the best defensive back in the club.

ROSS THOMPSON (wing). One of the young brigade who improved immensely between seasons, the USA trip obviously being of great benefit. Didn't get many chances in attack during the year, but his defence was excellent at all times. Played all games in Kentwell apart from the final one having injured an ankle the previous week.

TIM O'RIELLY (wing). The star of the season who made opportunities for himself in attack and was devastating in defence. His form during the year to me was the best in the competition. A winger always in support of his fullback and one who went looking for work. Will prove vital in the club's future development.

KERRY WEALE (full-back). Had a patchy season in Kentwell and lost a great deal of confidence. A bad mid season knee injury saw Kerry return to football in Burke where that lost confidence slowly returned. Will be a valuable footballer to the club next year.

ROD SMITH (full-back). A keen and fit Rod Smith took over the very important full-back position when Kerry Weale was injured. The sceptics were seen nodding their heads in disbelief, but Smithy proved he still has a lot to contribute to the club's football scene. Rod never really struck consistent form with the boot during the season but those golden moments were golden indeed.

Ian Steele, Kim Peifke, Frank Walter, Mark Brown, Scott Hipwell and John Ma all had their moments in the top grade and were extremely competent with their performances.

Without a doubt our strength again lay in the forwards, the main deficiency here being the lack of mobility in the backrow. All our backrowers were excellent ruckers and maulers (when they got there). This put a great deal of defensive pressure on the outside backs and on many occasions dictated the selection of defensive backs.

Line outs at times caused concern but problems here were evened out by our superior scrummaging.

Speed in the backs was impossible to find with Tim O'Rielly being relied upon for most of the attacking thrust.

Oh, for a young Peter Burt — as our goal kickers and line kickers had a dreadful season.

This side certainly had the ability to do better but weaknesses in two or three positions prevented us from being a more serious threat to the positive Hunters Hill side.

1980 approaches quickly and the youth in this side should see continued progress over the next few years. There is little doubt that with more depth, more dedication, an early and intensive pre season, more pace, a better understanding of other's positions and generally a killer instinct and a craving to win this side will develop into a fine side and a premiership threat. However, individuals need to learn how to follow instructions and be prepared to listen, not only to coaches but even more importantly to those playing with him.

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BURKE CUP

Traditionally Briars have been able to field a strong Burke side, twice making the semi-finals in the last four years.

After losing the first two games narrowly, then winning the next four on the trot the prospects once again looked promising.

Unfortunately the side was to suffer an alarming number of serious injuries, these injuries were so severe that the coach had to come out of retirement thus weakening the side even more.

When we were able to field our best side we were more than a match for any side, in a very even competition. The style of football which we endeavoured to play in the first half of the season was to have our forwards running with the ball, rather than kicking for position all the time.

It produced a better game to watch and I hope for the players a better game to play in.

In the second half of the season, with the Kentwell and Whiddon Cups with chances of making the semi-finals, Burke Cup were left in a position where they had to each week ask players from the Whiddon Cup team to double up. I would like to thank these players: Dave Jamieson, John Staniforth, Craig Phelps most sincerely for their efforts.

Usually when teams realise that they cannot make the finals they drop their bundle. It says a lot for the character of the Burke players that in the last six games with no chance of making the semi's, and with five out of six players doubling up each week they more than held their own with opposition.

The best and fairest award in the Burke Cup went to Ian Steele who although he only managed to make training on five Wednesday nights out of 18 times was a player who gave his best in every game and was one of the most feared forwards in the competition.

I would at this stage like to thank a small group of players who during the season gave me their support on and off the field: Mark Brown, Craig Hickey, Kevin Moore, Phil Twining, Milton Howell, Scott Hipwell, Billy Burns, Rod Smith, Chris Murray and Mick Blyfield.

WHIDDON CUP

Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Points	Position
18	11	1	5	23	5th

If any side should have made the semi-finals it was the 1979 Whiddon Cup side.

Having scored more points than any other team and finishing only 3 competition points, behind first place we were still unable to make the semi-finals. I'm sure that had we made the semis we would have contested the grand final.

The season was a mixture of good and bad football highlighted with a very convincing win over the minor premiers St. Ives in the last round.

If any one game could be attributed to us not making the finals, would probably be the game against St. Patricks in the first round; leading 12 nil at half time we went down 15-12.

During the season many players went through Whiddon Cup and it would be difficult to mention all individually but the following were the mainstays of the side.

DAVID "Don't turn your backs" JAMIESON (Captain). David fresh from hockey came into the side at an appropriate time. He was a steady influence on the younger backs and his own ability added strength to our backline. Dave also doubled up for Burke on numerous occasions showing the spirit which typifies Dave.

PETER BURT (Fullback). Although rushed straight from Judd to Whiddon this old "war horse" showed every one that his kicking ability has not deteriorated over the years. On numerous occasions Peter scored our only points and coupled with good line kicking kept us in good scoring positions. Could be a Kentwell cup player if he perfected his shoulder charge.

CRAIG PHELPS (five eighth). Having begun the season at half back was moved to five eighth where his real ability was shown. His quick acceleration put him through gaps with ease and his usually safe hands gave us maximum use of good ball. Needs however to work on his kicking in general play. Craig also won the Whiddon Cup best and fairest trophy and is a Kentwell cup player of the future.

ANDREW CRAIG (half-back). Probably the skinniest half-back in the game. He gave good service which helped the backs launch many attacks. Played well above his weight and wasn't found lacking when things got tough.

ROSS PEARSEN (second row). Ross played his usual tight game which gave us good ball and steadied things down in general. Also did some good covering work that saved our goose more than once.

JOHN STANIFORTH (second row). Stanno, who must be nearly as old as Peter Burt, played his usual solid game highlighted with some vigorous tackling. The only players to be awarded a mark with both feet off the ground.

ALAN POVEY (lock). Alan was a new member this year and took some time to settle down. As the season progressed Alan gave us good line out ball and his running from the back of the scrum resulted in some good tries.

IAN DUNCAN (V. Capt. Prop). Dunc came to us late in the year but his presence was immediately felt. He gave us good ball all the time and his ability to slip the ball in the tight gave us every opportunity of possession.

Although we didn't make the semis it was an enjoyable season and I'm sure that many of these players will go on to Kentwell cup. Thanks to all of the players who helped throughout the season.

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JUDD CUP 1979

The 1979 football season for Judd Cup proved itself to be a quite satisfying one, even if it was not as successful as was hoped for after our first match against Lindfield. We began the season fielding good numbers and quite amazingly, considering the loss of players throughout the club with injuries, finished the season needing four players to double up. We finished fifth in the competition, (8 points from fourth), but considering that three of the top four Judd Cup teams were far stronger than their own Whiddon Cup teams, the effort was very good.

Judd Cup football, having a style all of its own, was not always a fast and flowing game to watch, but this was more than offset by the obvious effort put in by the players. Much of the success experienced throughout the year was due to the great contributions put in by Bruce Robinson, Lorrie Yeomans and John Baker. Both the team and myself are most appreciative of their involvement. The Judd Cup Best Player Award was shared by the quiet, tight-lipped Gary Brady and the shy, unassuming Bob Hawthorn. Both of these players should be seen in a higher grade next season. There were also other players who played well throughout the season. Ross Henry who we hope to see back next season, played well throughout in all positions. Barry Wilson, Neil Chalmers, Mark Ribbons and Warren Bryan all had improved their games 100 per cent by the end of the season. Young Bobby Elliott, even though he felt he had been overtrained, had a fine year. Greg McPhee and Dave Lewis, although unavailable for much of the season, gave full effort when called upon. Mick Dougan, Greg Weber and Jeff Houston showed themselves to be talented attacking players with Lorrie Ningitan and John Ledger playing well up until their departure. Bruce Robinson proved himself to be the complete footballer, come drink waiter. We hope to see Bruce back next season because this boy could be anything.

In the backs Lorrie Yeomans and John Baker were reliable as always, while the pacy Dave Jamieson was sadly missed when he was called up to Whiddon Cup. The tackling feats of John Powell and John Baker in some games had to be seen to be believed (just ask Bake). Our consistent squad of wingers, Mark Shields, Sam Ingui, Adrian Gibbs and Scott Bennett, all had improved their football tremendously by the final game of the year. Paul Hayes, although somewhat affected by illness, tried hard to get the ball moving along the backs, (he must have been ill!). Finally, our great utility player Mark Rich saved the day many times by his willingness to do what was the best for the team.

Overall, I feel the season was quite satisfying for both the players and myself. At the start of the season we set out to bring some respect to Judd Cup football. This, I feel, was achieved at large and hopefully will be carried further in years to come.

BRIARS HOCKEY

- 1979 was really the year of opportunity for Briars hockey. The Second Division competition was weakened by the promotion of 1978's top four sides. Glebe, University of NSW, North Sydney and Randwick to First Division. For the first time for many years the A grade side lost no players whatsoever and in fact actually regained previous proven performers Mike Sterry (from Newcastle) and Keith Harvey (O/S returned). The Briars Hockey Club returned to a refurbished Burwood Park. Other welcome returns to full-time senior hockey were Ross Huggett, Robert Wood, Michael Tass, Steve Schomberg, Neil Huggett and Lew Martin, so that the old doubling-up bogey was well and truly laid subsequent to the early rounds. In fact the last half of the competition saw the selectors faced with the embarrassing position of having up to five reserves on the sideline at a time when every competition point was vital to club championship standings and therefore the strongest teams had to be selected to run on for each game each week.
- The main objective of 1979 was inevitably the regaining of the Bruce Trevenar Trophy for the Sydney Second Division Club Championship and the subsequent promotion to the 1980 First Division Competition. Associated objectives involved a minimum of two major premierships and all three teams in the finals series.
- Pre-season activity included our now regular participation in both the Macquarie University carnival and a three team entry in the Sydney Indoor Hockey Association Competition which extends from mid-January to mid-March. Mike Sterry's Monday night side were the best performed of the three, reaching the semi-final but being narrowly beaten.
- However, the effect of the Club's participation in the indoor competition was very quickly apparent in the early rounds of field hockey, with Briars showing unaccustomed fitness, ball-skill and enthusiasm. This strong early start to the season can be seen in retrospect to have been crucial to the club's ability to regain the Second Division Club Championship.
- All teams showed strong improvement over 1978 performances C grade moved from 9th in 1978 to 3rd in 1979, B grade from 7th to 4th, and the A grade demoralised all opposition during the premiership rounds to win all 18 games, being allegedly the only Sydney competition side in the last fifteen years to achieve this level of performance.
- The renewed strength of Briars hockey was evidenced in the fact that on no less than 9 occasions in 18 rounds Briars won all three grades, and in the early part of the second round dropped only one point in fifteen games in all grades!
- Main competition came from the Cumberland Club, who were runners-up in the Club

Championship, had all three teams in the grand finals, won C grade comfortably, were totally demolished by Briars B grade champions, but pulled the season's upset by winning the A grade major premiership after extra time against the previously all conquering Briars minor premiers.

– Ultimately the Second Division Club Championship standings were Briars 311 points and Cumberland 299 points, which were the highest points tallies in 1979 Sydney hockey, and indicated the dominance of these clubs in Second Division. In 1980 previous First Division clubs Western Suburbs and Randwick have been relegated to make way for the coming men.

– An interesting sidelight to the 1979 season was the failure of the Glebe club to field any grand final team for the first time in 48 years!

– Briars versus Barton in 1979 saw a reversal on the form of previous years, with the Sydney locals finally regaining the A grade trophy for the first time in some seven years. Both B and C grade mens games were drawn 2–2, while our associate women's Rosebud club won the inaugural David Walker Trophy for Briars – Barton women's competition to the tune of two goals to nil. The women's catering at the club after these games was arguably the best ever seen at such functions and must be lauded. Regrettably Barton were unable to field a junior team this year, but have committed themselves to rectify that situation in Canberra in 1980.

– Junior hockey was unfortunately non-existent in 1979 but the situation has been rectified for 1980 by the provision of 2 sides through school teams currently coached by Steve Schomberg. Additional numbers are likely to be solicited from the ranks of any of the schools who have signified their interest in participating in the proposed new Briars sporting field complex at Belfield.

– Training this season was extended over both Tuesday and Thursday nights, and while the former night was influenced by the fairly drastic shortcomings of Central Park the Thursday night indoor training at Greenacre YMCA was generally well supported, always long-winded, inevitably wet and proved extremely worthwhile.

– Mike Sterry was club coach for 1979 and did an outstanding job in looking after the men's and women's sides in addition to his regular selection commitments and organisation of some umpires meeting nights.

– Social events were capably handled by Warren Widger with inspirational help from Paul Mackay and chef/catering duties undertaken by R. Baumann, esquire.

– The only carnival entered during the competition rounds saw a mixed Briars side make the quarter-finals of the Manly Carnival only to succumb to a powerful "South Bathurst" side selected from the seven strongest Bathurst clubs.

– Also in 1979 four of the club's members participated in a NSW Hockey Association trip to the Esanda World Hockey Tournament in Perth during April and watched the home side display some stirring performances before succumbing 2–4 to the vastly more internationally experienced current world champions, Pakistan. An interesting and indicative appreciation of relative performance levels can be gauged from the amazing fact that prior to next year's Olympic

Games both Pakistan and Holland will play some 45 international games whereas Australia will participate in a mere seven such games!

— The season's social activities were rounded off by 20 attendees at the SHA presentation ball and a social game/barbecue day versus the Rosebuds women's team the following day in inclement conditions at Hockey Park, Sylvania. Both functions were memorable.

— In conclusion, Briars hockey is looking forward to the challenge of 1980, playing First Division hockey (hopefully on the club's new ground) and laying the groundwork for future consolidation into an even stronger and more successful hockey club.

— Congratulations are extended to all players for their efforts in 1978, with particular accolades to the winners of the Best and Fairest competition in each grade, being respectively — Darryl Lewis for the second consecutive year in C grade, Mike Tass by a point from Derek Sterry in B grade and Bob Streeter narrowly over Malcolm Shorter in A grade.

The standings at the end of the premiership rounds were —

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
A	18	18	Nil	Nil	73	15	36	1st
B	18	11	2	5	67	21	24	4th
C	18	10	3	5	40	21	23	3rd

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A GRADE REPORT

1979 was almost the A grades best year since the vintage days of the mid '50's. However, the ultimate loss of both the major semi-final and the grand-final to a reconstituted Cumberland side proved a bitter pill to swallow after such an outstanding season.

The missing factor in the 1978 season, finish; was very much in evidence in 1979, and an average of 4 goals per game over the premiership rounds enabled the side to show a clean pair of heels to all opposition. However this finish was not in evidence in the finals series with the side scoring only 3 goals in 3 games, and while the final was won only 2-1 against Moorebank this was the only game in the finals series which reflected the powerful scoring potential of the side as displayed in the rounds.

In fact what should have grand final form was displayed in the second last round when the third placed Sutherland side played inspired hockey to lead for most of the first half until a late goal by Briars saw a 2-2 half-time score line. Sutherland at round 12 had had only 7 goals scored against them (versus Briars 9), but in the second half of this game conceded 4 more spanking goals to be crushed 6-2!

Other notable games were a fighting 3—2 win against Moorebank in the third competition round when the opposition were conceded a questionable 2—0 lead early in the game, and two good wins over Cumberland.

Next year the target is a semi-final position in First Division, and with the potential of this very young team that is not an unreasonable target.

Roll on 1980!

THE TEAM

LASLO KOVACS (Goalkeeper). Played consistently all year, although he appeared to suffer from a lack of match involvement during the middle portion of the season (like the fullbacks in front of him). Laslo will benefit greatly from the extra work in higher grades next year.

GEORGE FREITAS (Fullback). After being a run-away winner in the 1978 Best and Fairest, George polled badly in the 1979 season, probably as a result of his relative lack of match involvement compared to the previous year. His hit needs strengthening for next year and he must also clear the ball more quickly.

ROBERT WOOD (Fullback). Played consistently all year and claimed third place in the Best and Fairest. Also needs to develop more strike power in his hits but experience in higher grades will develop him quickly.

MICHAEL STERRY (right-half). Has developed into a very cool and skilful player and an outstanding penalty stroke exponent. Tends to hang onto the ball a little too long, but admittedly the inside forwards were sometimes hard to find!

BOB STREETER (Centre-half). Captain. Third successive year as losing captain of a Briars A grade grand final side. Least favourite saying — "Winning isn't everything!".

NIGEL STERRY (Left-half). Missed the early part of the season through injury, but rapidly regained his spot and worked good combination with his left-side forwards. Along with Malcolm Shorter he has also been in the much lamented last three grand finals and badly needs to win one soon.

COLIN HUGGETT (Left wing). Never under challenge as A grade left-wing, Col showed plenty of spirit, apart from being the fittest member of the side. Took some strong goals during the season and is strong potential for an inside forward job providing an adequate replacement can be found for his wing spot.

KEITH HARVEY (Inside left). Strengthened the forward line by sheer reputation, experience and the odd classic goal from the backstick, but will need to work harder next year in order to assist the younger breed of forwards in higher competition.

MALCOLM SHORTER (Centre-forward). Had a bumper season, scoring 33 goals in the 17 rounds he played and obviously being our main attacking weapon. Closely disputed the Best and Fairest until the second last round, but he was very closely marked in the finals series and did not score in the final three games, much to his chargin. Looking for another big year next year.

ROSS HUGGETT (Inside-right). Provided good combination with his fellow forwards, his alertness and mobility being much to the fore. However like all the members of the forward line he will need to ensure that more of the available chances are capitalised on in the higher levels to be encountered next year.

ROLAND BROWN (Right wing). Another fast, mobile forward who also needs to give some attention to stronger finishing and quicker, more accurate centres to his cohorts. Roland maintained his position despite some challenges from the lower grades and he needs to pick up the ball more consistently to facilitate a strong showing by his side next year.

Thanks also to Stan McGuffin, Derek Sterry, Russell Roberts, Michael Tass and Warren Widgeon for their efforts when called upon at various stages of the season.

Keith Harvey and Ian Sullivan warrant special mention for their donation of considerable time and expertise in the construction of a new set of goal posts for Burwood Park, as do the team of painters under the direction of Mike Sterry who supervised the addition of several coats of pristine white paint to the aforementioned posts.

Commendation must also be given to our loyal band of supporters, particularly those vocal ladies of the Rosebuds hockey club, and to the inspiring sideline support in the final series, particularly at the grand final.

One wish only for the future – to lay the jinx of Heffron Park!

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B GRADE REPORT

After making the semi-finals our main objective was to be the premiers for the season, so this is a summary of what happened.

The top three teams had beaten us in competition rounds.

We met Sutherland in the sudden-death semi, the loser having to bow out of the competition. After extra, extra time we won the game 3–2.

We ran out to play minor premiers "Ryde" who were hot favourites after only losing twice the whole season. Scores were level at full time and in extra time we found new life and won 2–1.

We moved one more step closer to our ultimate aim.

Grand Final day approached and final preparations for this day were magnificent. Full marks must go to Mike Sterry for his imagination. We assembled at Burwood Park at 8 a.m. for a light training run, then back to the club for breakfast, films, team talk and psych up.

We arrived at Heffron Park, determined to a man, that Briars would bring home the cup. Cumberland had beaten us in both rounds, 2–1 and 3–2, so we knew we would start as "Under dogs".

Cumberland started at a tremendous pace and for the first 10 minutes they were all over us but our defence held. Then the halves started to settle down, setting up the forwards to score, we were 2-0 by half time. The flood gates opened in the second half under magnificent teamwork Briars were the victors. Our objective was fulfilled making us "The Champions".

I would like to give a big thanks to the sideline supporters who helped boost our confidence.

WARREN WIDGER (Goalkeeper). Warren's keenness on and off the field was top class. Played soundly throughout the season but saved a "blinder" for the final. Keep on keeping on Warren.

MAX SMITH (Left back). The older Max gets the better he goes. One of the teams most consistent players, always there when you needed him. Top effort Max.

KEVIN HOLLEY (Right back) (Captain). Very reliable and consistent fullback. Took over captains job half-way through season and the extra responsibility helped him control himself as well as the team. Kevin instilled into the players "it was their year" and pre-game pep talks filled the team with confidence and will to win. Kevin's war-cry "we are the champions" sounded good on the 15th September.

DEREK STERRY (Right-half). Derek was without doubt the best right-half in the competition. His speed and control saved many sorties and his attacking play was excellent. Fine work Derek.

RICHARD COGLAN (Left-half). Richard has found his position at left-half with his aggressive tackling and hard hitting. In years to come he will be a player to watch. Top effort Richard.

STEVE SCHOMBERG (Centre-half). Coming back after a few seasons off, Steve had a fine year in 1979. His attacking game was excellent and his stick-work was just great. Set up many attacking raids from the mid-field. Good work Steve.

MICHAEL TASS (Inside right). A great year for Mike, top goal-scorer in "B" grade, also won the Best and Fairest Award - not bad for a player who can't "hit" the ball. (Ha Ha). Excellent in attack and tremendous in defence. What more can be said.

ALLAN FISHER (Inside left). What a great year he had after coming out of semi-retirement Allan instilled great confidence into the forward line thereby welding a powerful attacking unit. When asked for that little extra effort he always responded. Enjoyed scoring goals. Great work Allan.

RUSSELL ROBERTS (Right wing). One of the younger players who fitted into the forward line tremendously. His hard hits across the circle left nothing to be desired and shots were lethal. Excellent stick-work - a player of the future. Well done Russell.

JOHN PRICE (Left wing). Another of the younger brigade in the side. John's speed and determination had to be seen to be believed. He grew in confidence as the season progressed and displayed his talents to their utmost on grand final day. Top effort John.

STAN McGUFFIN (Centre forward). A team man who took over this position with a little hesitancy but coped with it like a duck takes to water, who will ever forget the first and third goals in the grand final. Just a sample of the good work Stan did all season. Thanks Stan.

ERIC WADE (Centre forward). The "old" man of Briars hockey whose scoring ability has not diminished. His enthusiasm and team spirit lives on. Many thanks for his effort and support he gave to me throughout the season.

In closing I would like to say it was a pleasure and a privilege to be part of a fantastic team.

"WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS"

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C GRADE REPORT

This year was the best performance in third grade since the 1975 premiers, led by Gorton.

The team was a good mixture of youth and experienced players, combining together well by the end of the season. At the beginning of the season team changes due to injuries in higher grades, found third grade suffering, but as higher grade players returned from injury the team settled down to play some good hockey.

Third grade finished third in the competition after being fifth with one round to go. A meritorious move by Paul Mackay, the captain and Col Rankin, the manager, resulted in 10 of the team turning up to training on the Tuesday night before the last round, result 7-1 win, which made them equal with three other teams for third position. However, goal averages were in favour of Briars.

Unfortunately in the semi final the team was defeated 3-1 in extra time, and congratulations to the eventual premiers Cumberland.

BOB BEAUMANN (Goalkeeper). Had his best year with the club this year. Was always on the ball under some difficult situations.

JOHN KEMP (Right back). Experienced full back and excelled under pressure to save many scoring opportunities from the opposition. Well done Kempy.

PETER JONES (Right back). Jonesy known as the 'Big Hitter'. A player with a great future in hockey, showed a little more dedication this year, which resulted in him playing well.

GREG MACINTYRE (Left back). 'The Old Man', solid as a rock and the eye of an eagle. Even surprised himself at some of the great things he did on the field.

IAN TRIMBLE (Left back). Did not play too many games this year, but came to the rescue near the end of the competition with his solid play at the back.

DARREL LEWIS (Right half). Best and fairest for the second year in a row, and well deserved. Another player with a great future in hockey. His cover defence was excellent, and a joy to the full backs.

NEIL HUGGETT (Centre-half). Covered the mid field like a veteran, often turning defence into attack the ideal centre half game. Had his best year so far, and next year should be playing a higher grade.

PAUL MACKAY (Left half) Captain. Found driving his side and playing half a little too much to handle at times. Slowed down over the years to play half, but a steady influence on the side when the pressure was on.

LOUIE MARTIN (Left wing). 'The Flash' came back this year after a couple of years absence and his experience soon showed in attack. Has the speed and stick work to play a higher grade next year.

PETER SMITH (Left wing). Did not get too many games near the end of the season, but was always there when needed and played a steady wingers game.

PAT REARDON (Left inside forward). A hard working forward on the field both in attack and defence. Scored some good goals from his grafting play.

ERIC WADE (Centre forward). An experienced veteran with still plenty of dash left in him. Joined the team near the last few games and gave it the drive up front that was missing. Showed class in sending his supports away with scoring opportunities.

PETER MANSFORD (Centre Forward). Played good hockey in this position early in the season, his experience up front helped the younger players. Moved to left wing late in the season. Well done Peter.

PETER WALLACE (Right Inside forward). Peter improved with every game and worked well with Eric Wade to score some great goals. Had his best year so far this year and will play a higher grade next year.

SANDOR KOVACS (Right wing). Showed plenty of speed, but sometimes did not hold the stick with both hands and lost the ball in attack. Has the ability to be a good winger next year, if he learns to hold the stick with two hands, but his defence was a worry to the opposition.

JOHN FREESTONE (Right wing). Had a good season this year and gave it all he had for the full game. Scored some brilliant goals through his determination to never give in.

Thanks go to Brian Calanan and Paul Huggett for their help early in the season in filling in the gaps, but a special thanks go to the team for a job well done, and our manager, Col Rankin for his skilful guidance.

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SQUASH REPORT

The standard of Briars Squash reached an all-time high at the conclusion of the 1978 season, when our number one side won the Inter-District (5th Grade) Spring Competition, with the

A2, A3, B2 and C7 teams, all qualifying for the semi finals. As a result of this success, our top side was promoted to 4th grade for the Autumn Competition of 1979, continuing the steady advancement of the club reputation in squash circles.

The progressive improvement of several players and new selection policies have resulted in evenly balanced and enthusiastic teams, all of which have consolidated into highly competitive units. Considerable credit for this situation must go to the system of grading introduced by our statistician, Jim Walsh, which is now used as the basis of our team selections. The figures are compiled solely on the competition performances of players and the system is such a success, that Jim's brainchild is now being adopted by the Association.

After a promising start to the Autumn Competition, several teams faded and we only finished with four sides making the semi-finals, A1, B3, C1 and E3. Star of the competition was Ken Kable's B3 side, which effortlessly won the pennant, losing only three of their 17 matches. Although there were some great performances by Ken, Ron Churcher, Tom Williams and Randall Godden, the find of the season was Greg Menz, the hard hitting Bananalander, who lost only one match in compiling an average of 5.07.

Best Club average of the Autumn Comp. went to Col Tolley, with 5.14. The surprise team of Ken Axtell, Russ Butler, Neil Munro, Ces Stevens and Roger Gersbach, promoted to A1 and a concerted training program, resulted in the side qualifying for the semi finals. They were beaten by eventual winners, Parramatta, who are now playing 4th grade. Well done boys.

The top side, consisting of Dick Humphries, Arthur Krallis, Joe Caristo and Ray Pontifex, encountered a number of problems in their first competition in 4th grade and after beating the eventual winners, they just failed to make the semis. Our side was considered to be the strongest team in that grade and we were unlucky not to collect a pennant. Ray Pontifex continued to improve throughout and he lost only two matches out of 14, once again confirming that he reserves his best squash for competition.

In the break between competitions, our Chairman, John Barry, stepped down, due to pressure from his new career and Russell Butler was elected to lead for the remainder of 1979. The addition of Ken Kable as Assistant Chairman, has provided Russ with the extra experience needed for the task and the combination will no doubt be a great success.

Our strongest ever contingent of eight teams was entered in the 1979 Spring Competition and we look like having a record season. Our three A grade sides are leading and 4th grade, B1, C2 and E2 are well placed for semi final berths.

4th Grade — Dick Humphries, current club Champion
Arthur Krallis
Joe Caristo
Ray Pontifex, Captain.

A team that got away to a disastrous start and following regular training, has made a remarkable recovery. Dick has shown a recent return to form and with Arthur also performing well, the situation is most promising. We anticipate that this side has good prospects of a pennant, despite the fact that they are now unlikely to be minor premiers.

A1 — Ken Axtell
Peter Gardiner
Russell Butler, Captain
Neil Munro
Roger Gersbach

Presently leading the competition and favourites for the Doug Vanderfield Trophy. Good performances from Peter Gardiner and Roger Gersbach, who is so far undefeated, have given the side a chance at the minor premiership. Russell has the team very keen and a customary second round improvement from Ken Axtell and Neil Munro could see the coveted A1 trophy in the permanent possession of Briars.

A3 — Cliff Priest
Tony Pearce
Ces Stevens
Lars Brander, Captain
Greg Menz

This side is also leading the competition, by a considerable margin and they are strong favourites for a pennant. Ces Stevens has overcome early injury problems and he now complements what is the most evenly balanced side in the club. Lars, the Captain, will have difficulty in choosing the players for the finals, as Cliff is performing well at number one, whilst Tony and Greg have only dropped the odd game.

A4 — Frank Pearce
Ron Churcher
Allan Cameron
Ken Kable, Captain
Col Tolley

The third of our A grade sides and probably our strongest prospect for a pennant. They are well clear of the field and with specialist pennant winner, Ken Kable, at the helm, they are looking great. Frank has lifted his game for the number one spot and he is maintaining a good average. Col Tolley, up from C1 and winner of the Western Districts "C" grade title, has maintained his fitness and consistency to compile a promising average. Ron and Allan have proved capable of holding their positions, whilst Ken is still undefeated. Good luck chaps.

B1 — Frank Mandile
Jim Firmer, Captain
Pat Jones
Tom Williams
Randall Godden

Whilst this side is only running third, a measure of their ability can be taken from their defeat of formerly unbeaten leaders, Ryde/Eastwood, by 4-0. Frank is now firing at No. 1 and with Jim having his best competition for a while, they are a definite threat. Pat Jones has promise and a recent diet and fitness program by Randall has resulted in a corresponding improvement in shape and form. Tom only needs to settle his game down to be unbeatable at number 4 and if he can do this before the semis, then we will probably have another pennant.

C2 — Robert Bedic
 Pat Long, Captain
 Bob Harris
 John Burdekin
 Neil Bowling

This side is experiencing problems due to the unfortunate injury to Pat Long who not only has a bad arm, but then sustained a severe eye injury during a match. Without this bad luck, Pat may have worked his way up to A grade and his absence has greatly weakened the team. Robert Bedic has done well to more than hold his own at the difficult No. 1 spot. If Bob Harris can rise to the occasion at No. 2, he will be well supported by the highly promising duo, John Burdekin and Neil Bowling, and a concerted effort in the latter stages of the competition, could see this side as a good pennant chance.

C4 — John Hannan, Captain
 Kevin Burn
 Brian McGuren
 Ken Bell
 Gary Nicolls

This grade is unusually strong this competition and combined with some early problems, the team looks like struggling for a place. The task was made even more difficult by a recent forfeit and it is hoped that a late revival can be staged to help in the Club Championships. Gary Nicolls had last competition out and he is finding it difficult to regain form, whilst Mosie McGuren does not know what "out of condition" means. Kevin and John are very fit and they can run all day, which contrasts with Ken Bell's style. Ken is a former Club champion, who has great accuracy and deception and it is this equipment that allows him to worry many in the higher grades. Get it together for the next competition, boys.

E2 — Warren Lopez
 Wayne Rastall
 Brian Douglas
 Grant Hegarty, Captain
 David Walters
 Rocco Fania

The prospects of a pennant from this side are very good, despite a severe handicap from the loss of Warren and Wayne for six rounds. Warren has been recovering from a badly gashed foot he got while barefoot water skiing and Wayne is now trying to regain fitness after an extended holiday. Grant held the team together well and his recent improvement in form came at just the right time. Brian coped really well with his games at No. 1 and solid efforts from David and Rocco have left the side within striking distance of the leaders. Warren, a new acquisition from the Bankstown Sports Club, is unbeaten so far and he should make a rapid rise through the grades.

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An analysis of the teams indicates that only one side will fail to make the semi-finals and should this occur, then we will have had a record competition. We are dominating A grade

and at present we are also leading in the Club Championships, thus illustrating the unprecedented success being enjoyed by Briars Squash.

The facilities of the Club have been used by the Squashies on numerous occasions throughout the year and we continue to be in strong demand for social events. The annual Dubbo/Briars encounter involved a trip to Dubbo by 18 players this year and the inter-club visit was a roaring success.

The climax of our social calendar was the return visit from Nelson Squash Club (New Zealand) and we were hosts to the Kiwis for one incredible week, during which we even played squash. Nelson captain, John Wesley, presented a memento to our club and already arrangements are being made to return the visit. We are also hoping to send a contingent of players to the Fiji Squash Open to rendezvous with the Nelson mob.

Thanks to the generosity of Cliff Priest, we were able to take advantage of his waterfront facilities and boats, for several family days throughout the year. They have been well patronised and such occasions have become an essential part of our activities.

We played hosts to another Kiwi group, when the Oamaru Squash Club visited Sydney in September and after beating their 30 member side at squash, we treated them to a Saturday night social at the club. As usual, the visitors were impressed by the unique structure of the Briars as a club and by the atmosphere generated during the social.

1979 has been our biggest and most successful year ever and it certainly brings our 10th year to a fitting close. We will be holding a special dinner to celebrate our 10th anniversary as a part of Briars and all ex-players will be invited to participate. An appropriate guest speaker has been arranged and formal details will be circulated shortly.

We have always been able to contribute several vital players to the other three sports within the club and whilst our ranks are strong enough to absorb the drain of poaching, it is pointed out that we are only too willing to accept and encourage any Briar who would like to enter into the competition arena of squash. This sport is compatible with all others and as pennant games are played at night during weekdays, it is possible to play without interfering with your "major" sport. If you are at all interested, then do not hesitate to approach any player, or one of the following:

Russell Butler, Squash Chairman — 522 8246 (private)

Ken Kable, Assistant Chairman — 70 4155 (business) 909 2532 (private)

Roger Gersbach, Social Chairman — 411 2111 (business) 476 6719 (private)



GOLF – 1979

Robber's Roost

Why do normal honest God fearing members of our club when confronted with a simple question namely, "What is your handicap?" sink to the level of the Ai or three-toed sloth which lives below the level of the ground. The answer is always the same "Ah mate, I haven't had a game for 15 months, so you'll have to give me a few more strokes". This, when I have myself seen them playing in the previous tournament two months earlier.

Not everyone indulges in this. For example, a few honest ones are the Walker brothers, Marty Watts and Cardwell but this about covers it. Included in the definitions are such well-known playboy golfing stars as Hickey, Edmonds, Spedding, Metcalf, Poulden, Gorton, Parto and the Young brothers among others, great natural sportsmen all but will do anything to win a golf ball.

The 1st day was held at Leura in May when the club championship was won again by Dave Walker pressed a little harder this time by Laurie Yeomans. Twenty-five turned up and an excellent day.

Owing to inflation our hard-working organizer lost a packet on the day and a suggested whip round to help compensate him got the not unexpected reply, "sorry mate, I've only just got enough left to get my lunch".

The 2nd day was at Blackheath in July with only 11 players but a highly successful day won by the Robber Baron John Metcalf. One does not wish to be critical but I played with him for 9 holes and I think at that stage he had 16 or 17 points. I then left the group after being heavily tackled and was somewhat surprised to see him finish with 41 points. However, his scorer on that occasion, Warwick Poulden is a close associate. Hotly pursuing the winner were, I think, Gorton and X, the unknown.

MORE SUPPORT NEXT YEAR PLEASE.

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SOCIAL REPORT – 1979

1979 has proved to be quite a year on the Club Front, something which is hoped to be improved next year. Our annual sojourn to Dirty Dicks proved to be extremely popular again, with nearly 160 attending a somewhat raucous night.

After much searching and several changes of date, a Guest Speaker was eventually found for the 61st Annual Dinner, in the shape of Rod Phelps, coach of the N.S.W. Rugby Union Team. Rod was very interesting, and proved popular with all attending both the dinner and the match festivities at the Club. The switch back to Concord Golf Club was well accepted, and over 130 attended an extremely convivial evening.

Events yet to be celebrated at the time of going to press, include the Annual Picnic at Fiddens Wharf Reserve, the Club Tournaments, darts, table-tennis and snooker and the Annual Cocktail Party on Saturday, December 22nd.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rod Smith for his help during this year.

Warren Bryan
Social Chairman

BRIARS SKI CLUB THREDBO

The Club has now completed its eighteenth season, regrettably one of the worst seasons for snow at Thredbo for some years.

Membership of the Club remained static at 50 whilst seven persons remained on the waiting list - the list having been closed last year.

The Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th September, 1978 resulted in a surplus of \$6241.30 for that year's trading. However, your Directors are not confident that trading for the year just ended will show a similar pleasing result due largely to unsuitable skiing conditions during this year's peak season with corresponding lack of full occupancy at the Lodge.

Your Directors were somewhat disturbed by the fact that the Club remained unoccupied for some three weeks during the peak season this year, due to late cancellations of bookings where no deposits were held and in one instance a member did not even bother to inform Andrew Clifford of his intent not to honour his booking. Accordingly, the Board will now enforce the Rule that has always existed that no booking is confirmed until the deposit is paid. Should that deposit not be received within 21 days then the booking automatically lapses. All accommodation fees are to be paid in full prior to occupancy.

It has been most refreshing to note that Members and their friends have been co-operating by leaving the Lodge in such a tidy state. On the three occasions I visited the Lodge this year I noted that the previous occupants had gone to considerable trouble to ensure that the incoming guests enjoyed their stay - it is much appreciated.

The pre-season "Working Bee" was well organised by Michael Kennedy, Ken Kable and Peter Arnold, and we express our sincere thanks to those members and their friends for the fire-wood and the maintenance carried out that weekend.

The Board accepted with much regret the resignation this year of Richard Hille as a Director of the Club. Richard was forced to end many years of service as a Director when he moved to Weston to establish a Poultry Farm. We all extend to him our thanks for past services and

wish him and his family every success on the Farm. John Edmonds has been elected to fill the vacancy on the Board.

Peter Johnson will be stepping down as Club Secretary this year. The post of Secretary (the most important in the Club) will be taken over by Peter Arnold – to both Peters we say “Thanks”.

The services of Peter Johnson will however, not be lost as he will be a candidate for the Board at the next Annual General Meeting.

Your Directors are presently having a hard look at the difficulties Andrew is experiencing accommodating satisfactorily, members and their friends when the snow starts falling. This, coupled with the fact that some prospective members have been on the waiting list for more than five years has caused us to investigate costs/plans/estimates for extending the Lodge to alleviate this problem.

However, such an important step would require the approval and full support of the members and I propose a general meeting will be called for that purpose at the appropriate time.

Again, my sincere thanks to Col Jones for the invaluable assistance given as Honorary Auditor.

In closing, I extend my most sincere thanks and gratitude to my fellow Directors, our Secretary and indeed all members and supporters for their efforts throughout the year.

For Bookings please contact Andrew Clifford – Business: 76-6766
Private: 427-2673

Chairman of Directors
Brian Darragh.

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HOUSE REPORT

Committee: B. Ferguson (Chairman) K. Gray (Acting Chairman)

During 1978/79 no major renovations or innovations took place in the club rooms, following the purchase the previous year of the stereo system and dart board.

There was however, an area about which the Committee is very concerned. This regards the manner in which the Club's equipment and furniture is treated. The need, for example, to replace 2 badly damaged table tennis tables within a year shows a great deal of irresponsibility by a few members.

The work of the Committee would be greatly reduced if all members showed an increased sense of pride in their Club. It should be a place where Briars and their guests can come and enjoy all the facilities that are offered without fear of equipment not being suitable for use.

BAR REPORT 1979
Mal Weber – Senior Steward

Trading within the club has again fluctuated, continuing a downward trend in bar activity over a number of years. Midweek trading has been particularly low and now that a well-organised bar roster is in progress I hope that members of the club will take the opportunity and drop in for the occasional beer and show their faces - some not so familiar.

After game activities for the club, the bar in some instances has not been well attended, this is probably the most displeasing factor during the year and let's hope members of the club will try to remedy this situation as the success of the club relies on this.

Liquor orders are now out. So let's get them in before the Christmas break and be prepared.

Thanks goes to those members who have helped and participated behind the bar this year.

Mal Weber

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PERSONNEL ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman: Greg McPhee

Over the past twelve months the Briars has had the pleasure of welcoming 21 new members. Unfortunately the influx of new members this year did not reach the high levels of the past two years – 77 in 1977, 47 in 1978. Nevertheless, it is reassuring to know that the Briars sporting ranks are continually being added to by more sportsmen. Perhaps we should all offer much more encouragement to our friends and acquaintances to come and enjoy the benefits and friendship that playing sport with the Briars bestows.

Remembering that the addition of new members is only increasing slowly, what becomes disturbing, is the continuing trend for older non-active members, to let their Briars membership lapse. Again, I feel we all must make a particular effort to encourage older members to come back to the club to enjoy our social activities, and especially to support our sporting teams. As we all know, it is much easier to find that extra bit of effort when there is "supportive cheering" from the side-line. Of course these points become even more important when we remember that in the next year or so, the new ground will require a concentrated effort from current active sporting members, non-playing members and especially new members.

Over the years, I have often called for a greater attendance at new members' evenings, of any interested club members. However, the response has been little. At these meetings

prospective new members are welcomed and introduced to the club by the President and other management members. These nights are held every second month, and are always very enjoyable functions. At these meetings we brag about our history, our aims and objectives, our socials and our friendliness. It is disappointing that after such a build up we all adjourn to the bar to find only one or two members, to welcome our new companions. I do hope in the future more members will make an effort to attend at least one of these functions. Details of these evenings are always posted on the 'Social Events' board in the club. Remember how you felt in the first few weeks, when you joined the club!

Another function of the Personnel Chairman is to present the points of view of any member or group of members before the management committee. Over the last year a few issues and suggestions from club members were presented and these were of great value to management. The management committee would like to thank those members involved, for their contributions to the welfare of our club.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Col, Maurice and all the other members of management and board for their help over the last year. As I will not be standing for this position in 1979/80 I would also like to take this opportunity of wishing my successor best wishes for the future.

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"FOCUS ON THE BRIARS"

Editors: Peter Burt, Terry Daly, David Lewis

1979 was a year of consolidation that saw the issue of 4 editions of Focus, following 1978 which had seen a record 7 editions, including 2 special editions, being published.

Unfortunately, as only two unsolicited articles were received this year the editors had to rely on articles wrung from the various sporting and administrative chairmen. Special thanks go to those who submitted articles and especially to the two people who submitted the unsolicited articles.

The importance of Focus as a communications medium between members cannot be over-emphasised. However, it is reliant on submissions from members for its continuance. The editors are notorious busy-bodies and manage to ferret out much of the news and gossip however to complete the picture are reliant upon your submissions. It is to be hoped that 1980 will see a significant number of unsolicited submissions containing items and opinions of interest to club members, being made to the Editors.

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CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy is intended as a remembrance of those who lost their lives during service in World War II. The trophy was donated by the late H. G. Whiddon. The basis of arriving at the winner is similar to the football trophy and points are allocated as follows:—

Value to team as a cricketer	—	35 points
Conduct	—	15 points
General Keeness	—	15 points
Value to a Club as a member	—	25 points
Neatness of dress	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

This Trophy won by David Jamieson. David captained the 'B' Shire Cricket Team and played football for the Club. Congratulations, David.

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

The Shield is presented each year to the footballer, who in the opinion of the Club, has done most towards football and to the Club in general.

It is presented in memory of a young "Briar" who was tragically killed in a road accident. Points awarded as follows:—

Attendance at training	—	20 points
Value to team	—	20 points
Most improved player	—	20 points
General keenness	—	15 points
Value as a Club member	—	15 points
Neatness of uniform	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner this year was Milton Howell. Milton played Kentwell Cup. Worked hard on the football committee and was active in club affairs.

A. J. ROBINSON SHIELD

This Shield was donated by the late A. J. Robinson ("Robbie"), is won by the player obtaining the most points allocated as follows:—

Value to a team as a member	—	35 points
Value in Hockey administration	—	20 points
Value to Club other than hockey	—	20 points
Conduct on field of play	—	15 points
Neatness of dress	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner this year, Michael Sterry. He played A Grade, organised practice sessions and played cricket for the club. Well done, Michael.

DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

This trophy is presented to the squash player who has contributed the most to squash and the Club in general.

The trophy was donated by the late R. D. Vanderfield who was very instrumental in commencing squash in the Club and having it recognised as a major sport. Points are awarded as follows:—

Value as a team member	—	20 points
Value as a member of the Club	—	20 points
Keeness as a player	—	20 points
Improvement as a player	—	15 points
Conduct on squash court	—	15 points
Neatness of dress	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

This year's winner is Roger Gersbach. Roger is currently playing in the A1 squash side. Well done, Roger.

R. D. VANDERFIELD TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to a member of the junior hockey team who has contributed most to the junior teams. It carries the name of our late past President who showed great interest in the formation of the junior team.

This year we did not field any junior hockey team - hence the trophy was not awarded.

J. H. STONE TROPHY

This trophy is named after the first President of the Club, the late John Stone. It can only be won by a member under the age of 25 years and who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club's welfare during the year. It has not been awarded for 1979.

ADMINISTRATION

The Board and Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1st October 1978 to 30th September 1979. Attendance by members was as follows:

Board —

C. Dennis	11	
J. Alford	4	Resigned August 1979
I. Blair	11	
M. Critchley	8	Appointed December 1978
J. Edmonds	8	
M. Elder	9	(Leave of absence 1 meeting)
H. Ford	8	
I. Richard	10	
E. Stockdale	10	
D. Walker	8	

J. Crockart attended 2 meetings in his capacity as Treasurer.

K. Wearne attended 8 meetings in his capacity as Treasurer.

Management —

C. Dennis	10	
J. Barry	5	Resigned July 1979
I. Blair	2	Resigned December 1978
J. Boyle	4	Resigned February 1979
W. Bryan	4	
R. Butler	2	Appointed July 1979
M. Critchley	10	Appointed December 1978
J. Crockart	2	Resigned December 1978
I. Duncan	7	Appointed February 1979
B. Ferguson	7	
K. Grey	2	Resigned December 1978
C. Hickey	10	
K. Holley	8	
D. Lewis	11	
G. McPhee	10	
R. Streeter	6	
K. Wearne	7	Appointed December 1978
M. Webber	7	Appointed December 1978

ADDENDUM

I wish to convey my personal appreciation and thanks to all the Honorary Office-Bearers for their loyal and devoted services during the year.

Colin K. Dennis
President.

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CONCLUSION

We convey to members, both collectively and individually, our best wishes for success in the forthcoming year at the respective sports and express the hope that the Club will continue to prosper and play its part in the life of the community.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Management Committee.

Colin K. Dennis
President.

M. F. Critchley
Honorary
Executive Officer.

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 September, 1979. The Directors in office at the date of this report being:—

C. K. Dennis (Chairman)	E. G. Stockdale
J. H. Edmonds	M. Elder
H. C. Ford	R. I. Richards
I. G. S. Blair	D. A. Walker
K. E. Wearne	

Results

	1979	1978
Excess of income over expenditure for the year amounted to	4,989	6,159
To this is added accumulation account	<u>55,434</u>	<u>49,275</u>
Leaving accumulation account to be carried forward of	<u>\$60,423</u>	<u>\$55,434</u>

Activities

The principal activity of the Company during the year consisted of promoting and playing amateur sport.

There were no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the year.

Reserves and Provisions

There has been no amount transferred from the profit and loss account during the period.

General

In accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act, 1961, the Directors state that:—

- (a) Before the accounts were made out they took reasonable steps to ascertain what action had been taken in relation to the writing off of bad debts and the making of provisions for doubtful debts, and have caused all known bad debts to be written off and adequate provision to be made for doubtful debts, and at the date of this report they are not aware of any circumstances which would render the amount written off for bad debts or the amount of the provision for doubtful debts inadequate to any substantial extent.

- (b) Before the accounts were made out they took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any other current assets were unlikely to realise in the ordinary course of business their value as shown in the accounts and at the date of this report they are not aware of any circumstances which would render the values attributed to current assets in the accounts misleading.
- (c) There does not exist at the date of this report either any charge on the assets of the Company or any contingent liability which has arisen since 30 September, 1979.
- (d) No contingent or other liability has become enforceable or is likely to become enforceable in the ensuing year which, in their opinion, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Company to meet its obligations when they fall due.
- (e) At the date of this report they are not aware of any circumstances which would render any amount stated in the accounts misleading.
- (f) The results of the Company's operations during the year were not, in their opinion, substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature.
- (g) No item transaction or event of a material and unusual nature has arisen between 30 September, 1979 and the date of this report which is likely, in their opinion, to affect substantially the results of the Company's operations for the year ending 30 September, 1980.
- (h) No director of the Company has received or become entitled to receive a benefit by reason of a contract made by the Company or a related corporation with the director or with a firm of which he is a member, or with a Company in which he has a substantial financial interest.

Directors

Messrs I. G. S. Blair, J. H. Edmonds and K. E. Wearne retire in accordance with the Articles of Association and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors

The Auditor, Mr. C. G. Jones, Chartered Accountant continues in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 166 of the Companies Act.

Signed at Sydney this fourteenth day of November, 1979, in accordance with a resolution of Directors.

M. Elder

Director

R. I. G. Richards

Director

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1979

	1979 \$	1978 \$
RESERVES AND ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
General Reserve	13,032	13,032
ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
Balance 30.9.78	55,434	49,275
Add profit year ended 30.9.79	<u>4,989</u>	<u>6,159</u>
Total Accumulated Earnings	<u>\$60,423</u>	<u>\$55,434</u>
Total Reserves and Accumulated Earnings	<u>\$73,455</u>	<u>\$68,466</u>
FIXED ASSETS		
Land and Buildings (Note 4)	25,389	25,764
Furniture and Fittings (Note 5)	<u>2,652</u>	<u>3,234</u>
	<u>\$28,041</u>	<u>\$28,998</u>
INVESTMENTS		
Trust Funds (Note 6)	38,000	42,000
Trust Funds (Note 7)	<u>1,762</u>	<u>1,637</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$39,762</u>	<u>\$43,637</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock at lower of cost or market value	10,738	8,532
Prepayments	1,698	1,132
Debtors	3,231	2,320
Cash at Bank	8,190	5,913
Cash on Hand	<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$23,977</u>	<u>\$18,017</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$91,780</u>	<u>\$90,652</u>
LESS LIABILITIES		
Trust Funds (Note 7)	<u>\$ 1,762</u>	<u>\$ 1,637</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	6,000	6,000
Trade Creditors and Accruals	8,263	10,971
Subscriptions paid in Advance	800	2,078
Provision for Sport Development	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$16,563</u>	<u>\$20,549</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$18,325</u>	<u>\$22,186</u>
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	<u>\$73,455</u>	<u>\$68,466</u>

Notes forming part of these accounts are attached.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1979

	1979 \$	1978 \$
SALES:		
Beer, Wine and Spirits	33,193	38,871
Less: Cost of Sales	<u>20,998</u>	<u>22,871</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$12,195</u>	<u>\$16,000</u>
Cigarettes, Nuts and Cordials	3,712	4,075
Less: Cost of Sales	<u>3,267</u>	<u>3,587</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$ 455</u>	<u>\$ 488</u>
Gross Bar Profit	<u>\$12,640</u>	<u>\$16,488</u>
LESS BAR OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Liquor Licence	1,577	1,299
Bar Expenses and Maintenance	660	1,787
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	<u>151</u>	<u>189</u>
Total Bar Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 2,388</u>	<u>\$ 3,275</u>
Bar Trading Profit	\$10,252	\$13,213
Add Income from:		
Property Rents	6,479	7,810
Members Subscriptions	4,176	4,427
Interest Received	4,253	4,386
Profit on Redemption of Debenture	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Gross Income	<u>\$25,160</u>	<u>\$29,836</u>
LESS OPERATING EXPENSES		
Administration and Club Room Expenses (Note 1)	12,133	14,167
Property Expenses (Note 2)	4,230	3,652
Net Cost of Sporting Activities (Note 3)	2,799	2,980
Special Promotions	—	242
Overseas Tour Subsidies	—	1,800
Depreciation of Furniture and Fittings	391	470
Loss on Social Activities	<u>618</u>	<u>366</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$20,171</u>	<u>\$23,677</u>
Surplus for year transferred to Accumulation Account	<u>\$ 4,989</u>	<u>\$ 6,159</u>

Notes forming part of these accounts are attached.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1979 ACCOUNTS

	1979 \$	1978 \$
1. ADMINISTRATION & CLUB ROOM EXPENSES		
Legal Fees re Lease of Ground	339	—
Repairs and Maintenance	3,502	6,182
Stationery, Stamps and Telephone	3,033	3,567
Lighting and Heating	1,251	1,592
Annual Reports	1,296	1,058
Insurance	797	571
Billiards and Table Tennis	85	178
Donations and Presentations	90	246
General Expenses	913	773
Security	216	—
Cash Shortages	611	—
	<u>\$12,133</u>	<u>\$14,167</u>
2. PROPERTY EXPENSES		
Letting Fees	453	—
Repairs and Maintenance	—	290
Insurance	1,688	1,589
Rates	1,713	1,397
Depreciation of Buildings	376	376
	<u>\$ 4,230</u>	<u>\$ 3,652</u>
3. NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES		
Hockey: Ground Hire, Gear etc.	3,625	1,110
Less Playing Fees	<u>2,525</u>	<u>720</u>
Net Cost of Hockey	<u>\$ 1,100</u>	<u>\$ 390</u>
Cricket: Ground Hire, Gear etc.	1,816	2,270
Less Registration Fees	<u>862</u>	<u>1,041</u>
Net Cost of Cricket	<u>\$ 954</u>	<u>\$ 1,229</u>
Football: Ground Hire, Gear etc.	3,807	1,210
Less Registration Fees	<u>3,170</u>	<u>565</u>
Net Cost of Football	<u>\$ 637</u>	<u>\$ 645</u>
American Tour		
Cost of Tour	43,921	—
Less Funds raised and Players' Contribution	<u>44,075</u>	—
	<u>\$ (154)</u>	<u>—</u>

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1979 ACCOUNTS

	1979	1978
	\$	\$
3. NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES (Continued)		
Subsidies: Squash	262	338
Junior Cricket	—	183
Junior Hockey	—	195
	<u>\$ 262</u>	<u>\$ 716</u>
Net Cost of Sporting Activities	<u>\$ 2,799</u>	<u>\$ 2,980</u>
4. LAND AND BUILDINGS		
At cost	28,772	28,772
Less Provision for Depreciation	3,383	3,007
	<u>\$25,389</u>	<u>\$25,765</u>
5. FURNITURE AND FITTINGS		
At cost	13,749	13,789
Less Provision for Depreciation	11,097	10,555
	<u>\$ 2,652</u>	<u>\$ 3,234</u>
6. INVESTMENTS		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies at Cost (Market Value \$33,927, 1978 \$33,980)	34,000	34,000
Government Bonds at Cost	1,000	1,000
Deposit at Call	3,000	7,000
	<u>\$38,000</u>	<u>\$42,000</u>
7. TRUST FUNDS		
R. J. Thomson Memorial Trust Fund (To be held by the Club and used for such purposes as agreed to by the family of the late Ronald John Thomson)		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	181	118
	<u>\$ 881</u>	<u>\$ 818</u>
J. Sheehan Sporting Scholarship		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	181	119
	<u>\$ 881</u>	<u>\$ 819</u>
	<u>\$ 1,762</u>	<u>\$ 1,637</u>

8. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting practices adopted by the Company are in accord with the accounting standards required by the Australian Accounting Bodies and/or by law. The accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

In the opinion of the Directors of The Briars Sporting Club Limited the accompanying accounts are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of:—

- (a) the profit of the company for the year ended September 30, 1979
- (b) the state of affairs of the company as at September 30, 1979.

Dated at Sydney this fourteenth day of November, 1979.

On behalf of the Board and in
accordance with the resolution

M. Elder — Director

R. I. G. Richards — Director

STATEMENT BY PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING OFFICER

I, Keith E. Wearne, state that to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying accounts for the year ended September 30, 1979, give a true and fair view of the matters required by Section 162 of the Companies Act, 1961, to be dealt with in the accounts of the Company.

Dated at Sydney this fourteenth day of November, 1979.

Keith E. Wearne A.C.A.

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

**AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

In my opinion:

- (a) the attached balance sheet and profit and loss account which have been prepared under the historical costs convention are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1961, and so as to give a true and fair view of:
 - (i) the state of affairs of the Company at September 30, 1979, and of the results of the company for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) the other matters required by Section 162 of that Act to be dealt with in the accounts;
- (b) the accounting records and other records, and the registers required by that Act to be kept by the Company have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of that Act.

C. JONES, F.C.A.

Chartered Accountant

Registered under the Public Accountants
Registration Act, 1945, as amended.

November 14, 1979

SYDNEY.

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
PROJECTED CASH FLOW FOR 10 YEARS (NOTE: NO INFLATIONERY % INCREASE INCLUDED)

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
Club Profit at Base Year 1978	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Revenue from increase in Club Investments 10%	—	4,000.00	400.00	4,400.00	440.00	5,350.00	530.00	6,880.00	690.00	9,070.00
Revenue from Deferred debenture payments 10%	—	2,500.00	250.00	5,000.00	500.00	7,500.00	750.00	10,000.00	1,000.00	12,500.00
	6,000.00	6,650.00	6,950.00	7,280.00	7,690.00	8,150.00	8,700.00	9,300.00	10,000.00	10,800.00
LESS: Reduction in Revenue for using \$30,000 of Club funds	—	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
ADDITIONAL PROFIT TO COVER ONGOING COSTS		3,650.00	3,950.00	4,280.00	4,690.00	5,150.00	5,700.00	6,300.00	7,000.00	7,800.00
Increase Fees 400 members @ \$5.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Social Functions	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Raffles	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Savings in Ground Rentals — re-imbursements	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
INCOME	15,500.00	13,150.00	13,450.00	13,780.00	14,190.00	14,650.00	15,200.00	15,800.00	16,500.00	17,300.00
Bank Interest @ 10% over 10 years	25,000.00	2,500.00	22,500.00	2,250.00	20,000.00	2,000.00	17,500.00	1,750.00	15,000.00	1,500.00
Bank Repayment	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Debenture Interest @ 8% over 10 years	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Debenture Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	9,500.00	9,250.00	9,000.00	8,750.00	8,500.00	8,250.00	8,000.00	7,750.00	7,500.00	7,250.00
Ground Rental and Maintenance	2,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
OUTGOINGS	11,500.00	12,750.00	12,500.00	12,250.00	12,000.00	11,750.00	11,500.00	11,250.00	11,000.00	10,750.00
ANNUAL SURPLUS	4,000.00	400.00	950.00	1,530.00	2,190.00	2,900.00	3,700.00	4,550.00	5,500.00	6,550.00

