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SEASON 1954-55

SUTHERLAND SHIRE
CRICKET ASSOCIATION

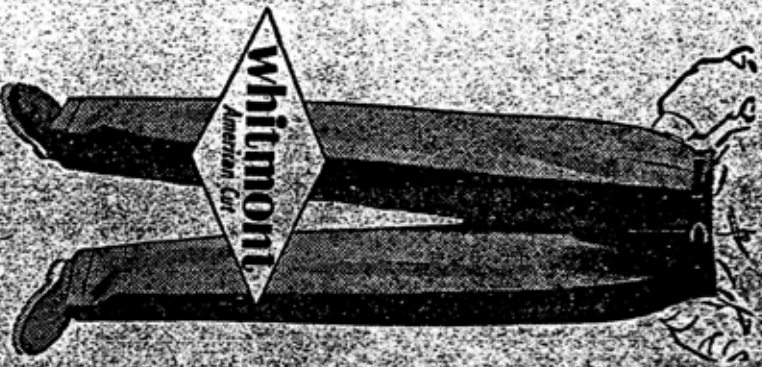
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The present Association was formed following a public meeting in The Sutherland Shire Council Chambers on 16th January, 1947. Present on that occasion were Messrs. J. Skillcorn (Shire President), V. Reville, F. Vormister, K. E. Luxford, A. Midgley, L. Ticehurst, S. Vincent, C. L. Wiseman, C. E. Farthing, C. Roberts, W. H. Logan, J. St. Leon, E. Fleming, P. Breen.

Provisional Office-bearers elected were: J. Skillcorn (Chairman), C. E. Farthing (President), E. Fleming and C. Roberts (Vice-presidents), and L. Ticehurst (Secretary).

Final affiliation of teams for the 1947/48 season totalled 24 teams, as follows:—

Sylvania (two teams)	Sutherland Congregational
Caringbah (two teams)	Miranda Rangers
Cronulla (two teams)	North Cronulla (two teams)
Miranda R.S.L.	Engadine (two teams)
Jannali (two teams)	Heathcote
Woolooware	Sutherland Sports Club
St. John's C.O.E.	De La Salle College
St. Patrick's	Boys' Town
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ASSOCIATION OFFICE-BEARERS, 1947-55.

Season	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1947-48	R. E. Luxford	L. Ticehurst	C. L. Wiseman
1948-49	R. E. Luxford	L. Ticehurst	C. L. Wiseman
1949-50	R. E. Luxford	L. Ticehurst	C. L. Wiseman
1950-51	R. E. Luxford	J. O'Neill	C. L. Wiseman
1951-52	R. King	R. E. Luxford	J. McClymont
1952-53	R. King	R. E. Luxford	J. McClymont
1953-54	J. McClymont	R. E. Luxford	G. Bray and J. W. Fraser
1954-55	R. E. Luxford	D. Bray	J. W. Fraser

HONORARY SECRETARIES OF AFFILIATED CLUBS.

1. CARINGBAH—N. Ziemis, 275 Willorong Road, Caringbah.
2. COUNCIL EMPLOYEES—J. Moss, 67 Acacia Road, Sutherland.
3. EVOCA—C. Lawton, 61 Linden Street, Sutherland.
4. CRONULLA—R. King, 5 Oxford Street, Sutherland.
5. GYMEA BAY—G. Bray, 39 Arcadia Avenue, Gynea Bay.
6. HEATHCOTE—K. Cole, Grevillea Grove, Heathcote.
7. MIRANDA RANGERS—N. Davs, 28 Chamberlain Ave., Caringbah.
8. MIRANDA R.S.L.—J. Dransfield, 4 St. Andrews Place, Cronulla.
9. NORTH CRONULLA—J. Brentnall, 40 Castlewood Ave., Cronulla.
10. NORTHERN UNITED—R. French, 47 Railway Crescent, Jannali.
11. OYSTER BAY—B. Blewitt, 14 Georges River Road, Oyster Bay.
12. ST. PATRICK'S—J. Woodhouse, 89 Flora Street, Sutherland.
13. SCHOOL OF ARTS—K. Broughton, 11 The Boulevard, Sutherland.
14. SOUTHERN UNITED—M. Cooper, 189 Gynea Bay Road, Gynea Bay.
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Mr. President and Gentlemen,

For the first time, it is my privilege, on behalf of the Executive Committee, to present for your approval and adoption the Eighth Annual Report of the activities of The Sutherland Shire Cricket Association for 1954/55 season.

Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the past season was the fact that, for the first time in the history of the Association, all grades played on matting. Each club co-operated to achieve this objective by subscribing £5 per team to assist in the purchase of ten sets of mats at a total cost of approximately £210.

To prolong the lives of the mats, the Executive purchased a sufficient amount of canvas to be stitched on the ends of each mat at an additional cost of thirty pounds. The Association is deeply indebted to Mr. Neil Davis, who volunteered his services to carry out the necessary work. Mr. Davis was ably assisted by Messrs. Jim Fraser and Ken Cole. These three gentlemen spent two nights a week for over half the season stitching the canvas on to the ends of the matting—a terrific job, gentlemen, and something for us all to remember each time we roll out a mat.

GROUNDNS.

This season Sutherland Council took direct control of all the grounds throughout the Shire, apart from the three Royal National Park Grounds. Under the Local Government Act, Council called for tenders for the use of the nine grounds. The Association tendered for seven grounds that would be required to carry out the competition, as follows:—

Tonkin Park	£15	Miranda Park, No. 2	£1
Woollooware Oval	15	Gynea Bay Oval	1
Seymour Shaw Park	1	Sutherland Recreation Area	2
Miranda Park, No. 1	2		

A total of £37.

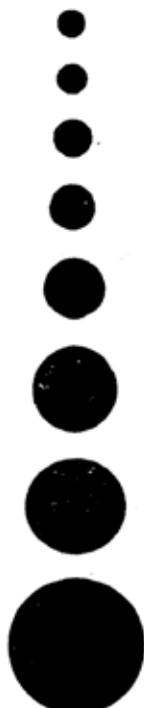
Apart from Tonkin Park and Woollooware Oval, our tenders were merely token amounts, as previously the Association had had the use of the remaining grounds free of charge.

Council rejected the tenders, and advised that the grounds would be made available to the Association at a cost of £130.

The Executive Committee then applied to Council to meet a deputation from the Association and the N.S.W. Junior Cricket Union to speak on behalf of the cricketers of the Shire, who are either ratepayers or sons of ratepayers. Council agreed to our request, and Mr. F. Burgess (Vice-President of the Junior Cricket Union) went along with Mr. Luxford (representing the Association) to present our point of view. Subsequently Council advised that the grounds could be hired for a sum of £100, a reduction of £30 from the previous figure. We had no alternative but to accept the offer or possibly find ourselves without any grounds for future seasons.

It is quite obvious that the increase will have to be passed on to the clubs, and the Executive Committee intends to table a notice of motion at the Annual Meeting to have match fees increased.

It is to be hoped that Council will give earnest consideration to improve the playing areas of the grounds and erect follets on many of the grounds where they are lacking.



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COMPETITION

Twenty teams affiliated at the commencement of the season and were graded—eight "A" Grade, six "B1" and six "B2" Grade. To the winners of each grade the Executive extends heartfelt congratulations.

The points score for each grade is as follows:—

Grade	Pts.	"B1" Grade	Pts.	"B2" Grade	Pts.
North Cronulla	53	Southern United	80	Council Employees	68
School of Arts	49	Evoca	51	Caringbah	64
St. Patrick's	49	Healthcote	44	Gymea Bay	54
Northern United	42	Gymea Bay	42	Southern United	38
Cronulla	41	Oyster Bay	29	North Cronulla	34
Miranda Rangers	39	School of Arts	24	St. Patrick's	20
Woolooware	38				
Miranda R.S.L.	25				

The "A" Grade Competition was very closely contested, and any one of three teams could have emerged in front. The North Cronulla team eventually emerged in front. The Southern United boys had a runaway victory in the "B1" Grade, and lost only one match. To amass 80 points out of a possible 90 is a remarkable achievement, particularly when some of the matches were interrupted by wet weather. The Council Employees' team were again to the fore, but had a few anxious times from the Caringbah and Gymea Bay teams.

INDIVIDUAL TROPHY WINNERS.

Grade	Player	Club	Runs	H.S.	Ave.
"A"	E. Bacon	St. Patrick's	16	3	570
"B1"	K. Wallis	Evoca	21	4	699
"B2"	N. Ziems	Caringbah	32	4	529

BATTLING AGGREGATE

Grade	Player	Club	Runs
"A"	E. Bacon	St. Patrick's	570
"B1"	K. Wallis	Evoca	699
"B2"	N. Ziems	Caringbah	529

BOWLING AVERAGE.

Grade	Player	Club	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
"A"	D. McLachlan	Nth. Cronulla	110	30	33	239	7.24
"B1"	A. Cusack	Sthn. United	99.2	4	62	448	7.21
"B2"	J. Browne	Council Empl.	110	17	50	329	6.5

BOWLING AGGREGATE.

Grade	Player	Club	Wkts.
"A"	S. Hodge	Miranda R.S.L.	53
"B1"	K. Wallis	Evoca	80
"B2"	K. Warren	Gymea Bay	59

ALL-ROUNDERS.

Grade	Player	Club
"A"	S. Hodge	Miranda R.S.L.
"B1"	K. Wallis	Evoca
"B2"	N. Ziems	Caringbah



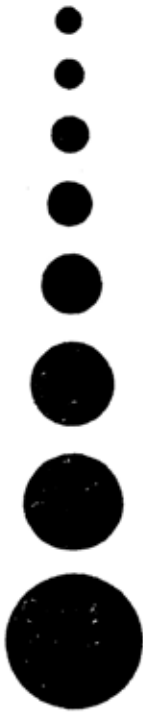
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WICKET-KEEPING AWARDS, 1954-55.

"A" Grade Joint Award: V. Murphy (School of Arts), 18 catches, 1 stumping.
 "A" Grade: K. Brown (Northern United): 13 catches, 6 stumpings.
 "B1" Grade: R. Malcolm (Evoca)—10 catches, 11 stumpings.
 "B2" Grade: No award.

BEST-KEPT SCOREBOOK.

"A" Grade: Woollooware.
 "B1" Grade: Gyneea Bay.
 "B2" Grade: Gyneea Bay.

Efforts were made to conduct a "C" Grade Competition, but the response was very poor—only two clubs (St. Patrick's and Southern United) nominated teams. In addition, letters were despatched to all the schools throughout the Shire calling for nomination of teams, and Jannali School was the only school to indicate that they would be willing to field a team. The "C" Grade Competition is well worth considering by all clubs to give the youngsters a chance to play competition cricket. It is to be hoped that next season sufficient nominations will be received to conduct a "C" Grade Competition.

INTER-ASSOCIATION COMPETITION.

The Association again entered teams in the three Inter-Association Competitions. Martin Shield won by St. George, "Daily Telegraph" Shield won by Newcastle City and Suburban, and the C. S. Watson Shield won by Northern Districts. Each team played three rounds during the Christmas period, but were not fortunate enough to reach the semi-finals.

MARTIN SHIELD.

Best Individual Performances.

Player	Club	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	Ave.
J. Marston	Miranda R.S.L.	4	1	119	39.66
V. Murphy	School of Arts	5	—	94	18.8
D. De Witt	School of Arts	5	—	75	15.0

Bowling.

Player	Club	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
D. Quigley	Miranda Rangers	8	1	4	34	8.5
A. Eagles	School of Arts	39.3	6	13	128	9.84
Total runs for: 564—42 wickets. Average per wicket, 13.42.						
Total runs against: 702—35 wickets. Average per wicket, 20.05.						

"DAILY TELEGRAPH" SHIELD.

Best Individual Performances.

Player	Club	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	Ave.
K. Brown	Northern United	6	0	149	24.83
N. Davis	Miranda Rangers	6	0	99	16.5
B. Blanchard	Evoca	6	0	70	11.66

Bowling.

Player	Club	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
G. McLachlan	North Cronulla	21	0	9	115	12.77
A. Hopwood	Northern United	31	1	13	195	15.0
N. French	Northern United	12	0	5	67	13.4

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It is regretted that individual performances for C. S. Watson Shield players are unavailable, due to the scorebook becoming lost. However, C. Phillips, of the Oyster Bay Club, took the hat-trick in the match against the Auburn-Lidcombe Association. The ball with which he accomplished this feat has been mounted, suitably inscribed, and presented to him.

Mr. Les Kirk again managed the boys' team, a gesture which many members do not seem to appreciate fully. Les had his hands full looking after the boys' interests and also having to act in the capacity of umpire. Mr. Kirk, had he made himself available, would most probably have been selected to play in the "Daily Telegraph" Shield team. Instead, he volunteered to act as manager of the C. S. Watson Shield team, and did a most creditable job. It is to be hoped that someone will step forward next season for this position and allow Les the chance to be selected in the "Daily Telegraph" Shield team, assuming, of course, that the Association enter teams in the competitions.

Members may recall the competition sponsored by a certain tinned food company during the season whereby competitors could win a bat by correctly forecasting the total number of runs scored in the Second Test Match, played at Sydney Cricket Ground. Congratulations to Les Kirk; his entry in the competition resulted in him winning a bat. However, his assessment of the total runs scored did not take into account Frank Tysen and company, and the actual number of runs scored was five hundred less than Les forecast.

N.S.W. JUNIOR CRICKET UNION.

As delegates to the Union, Mr. G. Bray and myself attended all the monthly Council meetings, and were greatly impressed by the manner in which the meetings were conducted. At all times we were afforded a warm welcome, and the experience gained will not be lost. In addition, I was elected to the Executive Committee of the Union, a precedent so far as this Association is concerned.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

A total of eleven ordinary Council Meetings were called throughout the season, one of which lapsed for want of a quorum. Three Extraordinary Council Meetings were convened to deal with rescission motions, and two of these meetings also lapsed for want of a quorum. It will be noted from the attendance particulars given below that Mr. H. O'Connell, of the Evoca Club, attended all meetings:—
Caringbah: 6 (N. Ziems 4, L. Ray 3, F. Ruddick 3, J. Waters 1).
Council Employees: 6 (A. Browne 5, A. Lennan 5, L. Philip 1).
Cronulla: 3 (R. King 3).
Evoca: 11 (H. O'Connell 11, K. Wallis 9, J. Moodie 1).
Gymea Bay: 8 (G. Bray 8, K. Jackson 6, L. Outridge 4, K. Warren 2, L. Crane 2, J. Harrison 1).
Heathcote: 10 (K. Cole 10, F. Hanley 1, D. Geddey 1).
Miranda Rangers: 9 (N. Davis 9, R. Fletcher 3).
M. randa R.S.L.: 6 (L. Every 5, J. Dransfield 1).
North Cronulla: 8 (S. Kinkade 7, W. Lee 5, W. Grose 3, H. Lee 3, R. French 3, A. Hchklirk 2).



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Oyster Bay: 2 (C. Fraser 2, K. Fraser 1).

St. Patrick's: 10 (J. Woodhouse 4, E. Bacon 3, V. Dwyer 3, F. Townsend 2, D. Dee 2, N. Stewart 1, M. Hancock 1).

School of Arts: 11 (A. Eagles 10, V. Murphy 6, A. Bridge 5, J. Peters 4).

Southern United: 9 (M. Cooper 7, F. Gilbert 7, J. Breadner 6, L. Levers 5, P. Hilliar 3, K. Beames 1, M. Taylor 1).

Woolooware: 9 (J. Schomburg 6, G. Ferguson 4, K. Murphy 1).

Attendance by Office-bearers at the Council Meetings are as follows: D. Bray 11, L. Kirk 11, E. H. Robinson 10, R. E. Luxford 9, J. W. Fraser 9, A. G. Schwarzel 9, W. T. Gemmell 4.

A total of twenty-five Executive Committee Meetings (including three special meetings) were convened throughout the year, and the majority of Executive members attended most conscientiously, as follows: D. Bray 25, K. Cole 23, A. Eagles 22, J. W. Fraser 21, E. H. Robinson 20, L. Kirk 20, R. E. Luxford 20, N. Davis 19, A. G. Schwarzel 18, R. French 13 (out of a possible 13), W. T. Gemmell 12, A. Wellman 7 (out of a possible 12).

In my humble opinion, the number of meetings held throughout the year should be greatly reduced. Once the season is under way, a Council Meeting every two months and an Executive Meeting once a month should be quite sufficient.

One appeal meeting and one protest meeting was held throughout the season.

Evoca Club appealed against a decision by the Grading Committee re the non-acceptance of one of their members in the "B1" Grade. The Grading Committee rejected this application on the grounds that the said player was too strong for the "B1" Grade. The appeal was dismissed by the Executive Committee, and the Evoca Club sought fit to appeal to the N.S.W. Junior Cricket Union, as is the prerogative of any club. The Union upheld Evoca's appeal and ruled that the Association had no power to grade players (only teams). The interpretation of the Constitution in regard to this particular matter is very confusing, and the Executive Committee intend to carry out certain alterations to the Constitution, to come before the Annual General Meeting. The position as it now is means that Sid Barnes could apply for permission to play in a "B2" team and the Association has no power to turn down the application.

The protest lodged by the Carngbah Club against a ruling given by an umpire was dismissed under Competition By-law 20.

DEFAULTERS.

At the commencement of the season, the Executive had no alternative but to declare the whole of the members of the West Cronulla Club as defaulters. The club owed to the Association over £20, and failed to meet their commitments when written to in accordance with Rule 49 of the Constitution. The members of the club were declared in default to the Junior Union, and at the present time three members have met their obligations. The remainder of the team will be unable to play with any Association affiliated with the Junior Union.

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ORGANISATION OF SPORTING BODIES.

An attempt was made to arrange a conference of various sporting bodies throughout the Shire, and the following clubs were written to with the intention of forming a sporting organisation: Sutherland School of Arts Baseball Club, Sutherland Woronora R.L.F.C., Cronulla R.L.F.C., Sutherland All Blacks R.U.F.C., Miranda Casuals Soccer Club, and Sutherland District Cricket Club. One meeting was held, and Mr. J. Fraser represented the Association on that occasion, and various suggestions were discussed, and it was finally resolved to hold a meeting at some future date and invitations be forwarded to Progress Associations and P. & C. Associations to attend. There is no doubt that such a meeting would stimulate the interests of sport, and many useful ideas could be put forward.

INSURANCE FUND.

The balance sheet will show the healthy state of the Insurance Fund, and injured players can now reap greater benefits from the Fund, due to the increase of the registration fee.

Only four claims for insurance were presented throughout the season, but two of the clubs concerned had to be reminded to forward doctors' receipts before the claims could be met.

The Insurance Fund is now placed in a separate savings account, along with the grant from the Junior Union.

As many members are aware, the grant from the Junior Union can only be used to prepare new playing areas.

Whilst dealing with insurance, the Executive Committee strongly recommend that a public-risk policy be taken out for the forthcoming season. Such a policy would cover persons not taking part in a game and also cover adjacent property in the event of same becoming damaged.

OBITUARY.

December last saw the passing of the late Phil Robbins. Phil had been connected with the Association for a number of years, and was a very popular man and a good worker. At the time of his death Phil was an official umpire of the Association, and I think it can be stated without fear of contradiction that he was our best umpire. To his widow and family this Association offers its sincere sympathy.

The Association has now been presented with a trophy to be known as "The Phil Robbins Memorial Trophy", and this matter will be dealt with elsewhere in this report.

UMPIRES.

Mr. A. Wellman, Secretary of the Umpires' League, reported an increase in their ranks, and, following a sparseness of umpires during the previous season, we were all thankful for this news. Most games saw at least one umpire in attendance, and there were only two or three grounds where an umpire was not present.

Umpires are now paid on the ground by the club or clubs concerned, and receive a fee more in keeping with present times. Anyone wishing to don the white coat would be made very welcome by Mr. Wellman and cricketers alike. For three and a half hours each Saturday afternoon they would be amply rewarded.

MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP.

The Melbourne Cup Sweep was again conducted this year, and helped most considerably to swell the Association's coffers.

Again we have to thank Mr. K. Murphy, of the Woollooware Club, who donated the tickets to make the sweep possible. With a little more effort by some of the clubs, the profit on the sweep could have been almost doubled. The Executive realise that the clubs did not have a great deal of time to sell their tickets and return butts on the specified date, but I would like to mention that I went around to all club secretaries one very wet Sunday morning, distributing tickets as soon as they became available. If the sweep is run again the next season, I appeal to all clubs to put every effort into the sale of tickets, and so help the Association to help you.

Details of the sweep are given hereunder:—
 1st Prize, £30: C. Harrigan, President Avenue, Sutherland. 2nd Prize, £10: R. B. O'Conner, 28 George's River Road, Jannall. 3rd Prize, £5: A. Pearce, 1 Hugo Street, Redfern.

SALE OF TICKETS.

School of Arts	£15 15 0	Umpires' League	£2 10 0
North Cronulla	13 6 0	Miranda Rangers	2 18 0
Southern United	9 14 0	Caringbah	1 16 0
Cronulla	8 10 0	Dance Committee	1 4 0
Gymea Bay	7 11 0	Miranda F.S.L.	1 0 0
Oyster Bay	6 5 0	Total	£88 13 0
Woollooware	5 13 0	Prize-money	35 0 0
St. Patrick's	4 9 0	Balance	£53 13 0
Northern United	4 4 0		
Heathcote	3 18 0		

Evoca—No sale.
 Council Employees—Butts returned too late.

I understand that Bill Wakely (School of Arts) sold £5 worth of tickets. If all the 380 members sold half this amount, imagine the total proceeds!

ANNUAL PRESENTATION DANCE.

The Annual Presentation Dance was a complete failure, only about thirty people attended. Some trophy winners did not have the decency to come along and be presented with their trophy.

The Executive Committee recommend that this function be discontinued and a "smoko" be held in its stead.

MATCH RESULTS.

Quite a lot of interest was lost from the competition, due to lack of reports of match results and a points score of each team. The solution seems to be the merging of the two positions of Hon. Recorder and Hon. Publicity Officer.

A big asset would be the availability of a 'phone by the Hon. Publicity Officer, to receive match results immediately after each match. Given this convenience and co-operation by club officials, there is no reason why the results should not be published in the "Sydney Morning Herald" each Monday morning.

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LOFTUS WORKING BEE.

The Executive Committee applied to The Royal National Park Trust for permission to lay another wicket at Loftus. Unfortunately, we omitted to mention that it would be necessary to clear a number of trees and some light scrub. The Park Trust were under the impression that we desired to lay another wicket on the existing ground already at Loftus and duly granted permission. A working bee was called, and each team were advised to nominate five members to form the working bee; failure to do so would incur a fine. A few teams co-operated, but the roll-up was not very impressive. At the subsequent Council Meeting it was unanimously resolved that the fines be imposed on the teams who had not presented themselves. There was not one dissenting voice. The Gynea Bay Club afterwards saw fit to have this minute rescinded, and an Extraordinary Council Meeting was convened in accordance with the Constitution to deal with the notice of motion submitted by the Gynea Bay Club. The meeting lapsed for want of a quorum. A second Extraordinary Council Meeting was called, and this, too, lapsed for want of a quorum.

Negotiations are still pending with the Park Trust, and hopes are held that we will get permission to lay the wicket before the commencement of the next season.

To conclude on this subject the axeman'ship displayed by the President on the day of the working bee was superb, and, we understand, he is considering entering the wood-chopping events at the Royal Show.

PHIL ROBBINS MEMORIAL TROPHY.

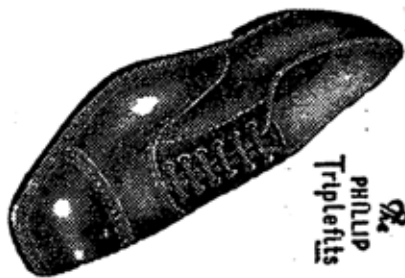
Following the death of Mr. Robbins, the residents of Heathcote took up a public subscription to purchase a wreath. The response was so good that, after buying the wreath, a considerable sum of money was still to hand. It was Mrs. Robbins' wish that this money be used to purchase a trophy in Phil's memory. The trophy has now been presented to the Association, and is to be competed for by the "A" Grade, the winning team each year to hold the trophy. The trophy itself is a splendid piece of work; it is a silver wine cooler, and stands about 14 inches high. There is no doubt that it will serve as an incentive for all teams to give of their best.

It is, perhaps, fitting that this season's "A" Grade premiers, North Cronulla, should take out the trophy the first year of its inception, as Mr. Robbins' son is a member of the team.

TEST MATCHES.

This season the M.C.C. again toured Australia, to do battle for the "Ashes". A very thrilling series of Test Matches was witnessed, resulting in the M.C.C. retaining the "Ashes".

The Association slightly amended the draw to enable members to be free to attend the two Test Matches played at Sydney Cricket Ground if they wished.



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PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS.

I would strongly recommend that the following procedure be adopted at all Association meetings:—

When the minutes have been read, then the Chairman shall ask the meeting that he sign the minutes as a true and correct record, any alterations or amendments to be included subject to being correct on a vote of the meeting.

In the past, minutes have been received. This practice is not correct, and should be dispensed with. Some of the meetings did not commence until well after the specified time. This is not a very commendable procedure, and it is the duty of everyone to be punctual as far as possible and give a "fair go" to those who are there on time.

FINES.

The Executive imposed several fines throughout the season, and came in for a great deal of criticism from some of the delegates. If the amount of the fine was increased for each breach, then, perhaps, the Executive would have no need to take these punitive measures.

CONCLUSION.

To conclude, I would like to place on record my thanks to the members of the Executive club secretaries, delegates, and all those who have assisted me throughout the season (my first term of office as Secretary) and for the suggestions brought forward from time to time. I would also like to thank Mr. Luxford for his efforts in compiling the draw. At first glance, this task would not present any difficulties, but complications arise when two teams from different grades have to use the same ground. Many thanks, also, to those business people who have inserted advertisements in this report, and thus made it possible to be presented in booklet form. We look forward to their continued support.

D. BRAY,

Honorary Secretary.

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NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Season	1947-1955.		Registered Members
	Teams	Figures unavailable	
1947-48	24	.....	586
1948-49	37	.....	464
1949-50	27	.....	315
1950-51	17	.....	285
1951-52	16	.....	272
1952-53	15	.....	370
1953-54	22	.....	380
1954-55	20	.....

From the above figures it will be observed how the total number of registered members has declined; but the last two seasons seem to show a trend towards increased membership, and it is to be hoped that this will continue.

The numerical strength of each club affiliated with the Association for the 1954-55 season is set out below:—

Club	Registered	
	Teams	Members
Carlingbah, "B2"	1	17
Council Employees, "B2"	1	23
Cronulla, "A"	1	18
Evoca, "B1"	1	21
Gymea Bay, "B1" and "B2"	2	34
Heathcote, "B1"	1	16
Miranda Rangers, "A"	1	15
Miranda R.S.L., "A"	1	22
North Cronulla, "A" and "B2"	2	40
Northern United, "A"	1	22
Oyster Bay, "B1"	1	24
St. Patrick's, "A" and "B2"	2	44
School of Arts, "A" and "B1"	2	32
Southern United, "B1" and "B2"	2	36
Woolooware, "A"	1	16

The respective figures for each grade are as follows:—
 "A" Grade: 145—eight teams.
 "B1" Grade: 106—six teams.
 "B2" Grade: 129—six teams.

COMPETITION PREMIERS, 1921-1955.

Season	Grade	Club	Season	Grade	Club
1921-22	"A"	Helensburgh	1929-30	"B"	Tramway
1922-23	"A"	Miranda	1930-31	"A"	Sutherland No. 1
1923-24	"A"	Cronulla	1930-31	"B"	Waterfall
1923-24	"B"	Carlingbah	1931-32	"A"	Churches
1924-25	"A"	Miranda	1931-32	"B"	Sylvania
1924-25	"B"	Helensburgh	1932-33	"A"	Churches No. 2*
1925-26	"A"	Churches	1932-33	"B"	Sylvania
1925-26	"B"	Miranda	1933-34	"A"	Sutherland
1926-27	"A"	Miranda	1933-34	"B"	Sylvania
1926-27	"B"	Miranda	1934-35	"A"	Sutherland
1927-28	"A"	Churches	1934-35	"B"	Carlingbah
1927-28	"B"	Churches	1935-36	"A"	Sutherland
1928-29	"A"	Sutherland	1935-36	"B"	Woolooware
1928-29	"B"	Miranda	1936-37	"A"	Churches
1929-30	"A"	Sutherland*			

The old Association disbanded at the conclusion of the 1936-37 season. * Denotes undefeated throughout the season.

Season	Grade	Club	Season	Grade	Club
1947-48	"A"	Cronulla	1951-52	"A"	Woolooware
1947-48	"B1"	North Cronulla	1951-52	"B1"	Northern United
1947-48	"B2"	Taren Point	1951-52	"B2"	Jannall
1948-49	"A"	Cronulla	1952-53	"A"	Woolooware
1948-49	"B1"	Engadine	1952-53	"B"	Evoca
1948-49	"B2"	Gunnamatta Bay	1953-54	"A"	School of Arts
1949-50	"A"	Woolooware	1953-54	"B1"	Miranda Rangers
1949-50	"A2"	Kirrawee	1953-54	"B2"	Southern United
1949-50	"B"	Heathcote	1954-55	"A"	North Cronulla
1950-51	"A"	Woolooware	1954-55	"B1"	Southern United
1950-51	"A2"	Kirrawee	1954-55	"B2"	Council Employees
1950-51	"B"	St. Patrick's			

Mr. Jim Every, now playing with the Oyster Bay Club, and in his 75th year, has played every season a competition has been conducted.

WINNERS OF BATTING AVERAGE, 1921-1955.

"A" Grade.

Season	Player	Club	Ave.
1921-22	C. Thompson	Sylvania	41.00
1922-23	J. Wheeler	Helensburg	?
1923-24	P. South	Caringbah	?
1924-25	F. Austin	Cronulla	59.80
1925-26	L. Watt	Churches	72.77
1926-27	A. Eagles	Sutherland	37.50
1927-28	A. Eagles	Sutherland	52.60
1928-29	A. Eagles	Sutherland	59.20
1929-30	J. Baker	Sutherland	85.00
1930-31	J. Baker	Sutherland	42.42
1931-32	A. Eagles	Sutherland	38.50
1932-33	I. Every	Miranda	?
1933-34	A. Eagles	Sutherland	44.77
1934-35	A. Eagles	Sutherland	53.62
1935-36	W. Wakeley	Sutherland	32.00
1936-37	UNKNOWN		
1947-48	B. Green	St. Patrick's	96.4
1948-49	A. Eagles	East Sutherland	?
1949-50	B. Green	East Sutherland	64.16
1950-51	?		
1951-52	R. Huckle	Woollooware	58.13
1952-53	J. Erickson	Woollooware	59.10
1953-54	H. Claverie	Northern United	53.70
1954-55	E. Bacon	St. Patrick's	43.84

WINNERS OF BATTING AVERAGE, 1923-55.

"A2", "B1" and "B2" Grades.

Season	Player	Club	Ave.
1923-24	UNKNOWN		
1924-25	A. Eagles	Sutherland	46.70
1925-26	H. Walker	Sutherland	25.20
1926-27	R. Dunn	Sylvania	35.30
1927-28	J. Reid	Miranda	29.80
1928-29	A. Nosworthy	Miranda	27.00
1929-30	H. Davis	Tramway	44.50
1930-31	UNKNOWN		
1931-32	H. Butler	Gynea Bay	?
1932-33	UNKNOWN		
1933-34	W. Vance	Sylvania	40.40
1934-35	UNKNOWN		
1935-36	J. Gough	Woollooware	?

BATTING AVERAGE, 1949-55.

"A2", "B1" and "B2" Grades.

Season	Player	Club	Grade	Ave.
1949-50	E. Bacon	South Sutherland	"A2"	40.23
1950-51	UNKNOWN			
1951-52	A. Williamson	Northern United	"B1"	47.70
1951-52	A. Marks	School of Arts	"B2"	50.90
1952-53	A. Crippen	Caringbah Catholic	"B"	47.25
1953-54	J. Cox	Gynea Bay	"B1"	47.12
1953-54	J. Kelleher	Caringbah Catholic	"B2"	54.54
1954-55	K. Wallis	Evoca	"B1"	41.11
1954-55	N. Ziemis	Caringbah	"B2"	29.39

WINNERS OF BOWLING AVERAGE, 1921-55.

"A" Grade.

Season	Player	Ave.
1921-22	T. Robertson	4.80
1922-23	T. Robertson	5.10
1923-24	T. Robertson	7.90
1924-25	F. Fletcher and J. Every, each	7.90
1925-26	E. Wilson	6.01
1926-27	L. Watt	9.00
1927-28	A. Eagles	8.70
1928-29	A. Eagles	8.40
1929-30	K. Monro	5.30
1930-31	W. Wakeley	9.79
1931-32	R. Young	9.85
1932-33	S. Harrigan	10.58
1933-34	W. Moran	7.54
1934-35	A. Eagles	7.24
1935-36	E. Newlyn, Jr.	6.61

(The old Association disbanded at the conclusion of the 1935-36 season, and the present Association did not function again until after the war.)

Season	Player	Ave.
1947-48	N. Winton	?
1948-49	D. Townsend	?
1949-50	S. Harrigan	9.90
1950-51	UNKNOWN	
1951-52	J. McClymont	13.04
1952-53	D. McLachlan	8.71
1953-54	H. Claverie	10.98
1954-55	D. McLachlan	7.24

Bowling figures for grades other than "A" Grade are not complete. If anyone can produce any old records, we would be pleased to publish them at a later date.

BOWLING AVERAGE, 1949-55.
 "A2", "B1", "B2" and "B3" Grades.

Season	Player	Club	Grade	Ave.
1949-50	D. Melachlan	North Cronulla	"A2"	5.15
1950-51	UNKNOWN	North Cronulla	"B1"	10.90
1951-52	D. McLachlan	St. Patrick's	"B2"	7.30
1951-52	K. Mathews	Jannali	"B"	9.39
1952-53	J. Blake	Miranda Rangers	"B1"	8.30
1953-54	W. Gerrard	Council Employees	"B2"	7.80
1953-54	C. Howell	Southern United	"B1"	7.21
1954-55	A. Cusack	Council Employees	"B2"	6.50
1954-55	J. Browne	Council Employees	"B2"	6.50

It is regretted that records for seasons 1947-48-49 and 50-51 are unavailable. If anyone can supply these figures, will they please contact the Hon. Secretary.

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORE: K. Monro — 261, playing for Cronulla "A" Grade versus Carlingbah, season 1929-30.

TEN WICKETS IN A MATCH, "A" Grade: V. Brown, 10-24, playing for Sutherland versus Miranda, season 1924-25. E. Wilson, 10-34, playing for Churches versus Miranda, season 1925-26. W. Wakely, 10-40, playing for Tramway versus Sylvania, 1930-31.

W. Wakely (Tramway) secured the 14 wickets which fell versus Sylvania, season 1929-30. He also scored a century in the same match. This is, without a doubt, the greatest performance ever achieved in the history of the Association.

V. Brown (Sutherland) secured the first 14 wickets which fell versus Miranda, season 1925-26.

E. Wilson (Churches) secured the first 11 wickets which fell versus Miranda, season 1925-26.

MOST WICKETS IN A MATCH.

E. Wilson: 16 for 67, Churches versus Miranda, season 1925-26.
 J. P. McInesny: 15 for 15, Sutherland versus Helensburgh, season 1928-29.

HIGHEST TOTALS.

Sutherland: 404 for 2 wickets, versus Churches ("A" Grade), season 1929-30.
 Sutherland: 302, versus Carlingbah ("B" Grade), season 1925-26.

MOST WICKETS IN A SEASON.

T. Robertson (Miranda): 131, 1922-23. A. Eagles: 107, 1934-35.
 T. Robertson: 103, 1921-22.

BOWLING FEATS.

W. Tracy secured 4 wickets in 4 balls, Diggers versus Cronulla ("A" Grade), 1929-30.
 A. Eagles secured 4 wickets in 4 balls, Sutherland Shire versus N.S.W. Cricket Association, 1932-33.

LOWEST TOTALS.

Miranda No. 2 were dismissed for 7 runs, versus Sutherland, season 1925-26.
 Helensburgh were dismissed for 14 runs, versus Miranda, season 1922-23.

It must be pointed out that these two teams were fully represented on each occasion.

MOST RUNS IN A SEASON.

H. Butler, playing for Sylvania "A" Grade, in the season (approx.) 1935-36, scored over a thousand runs.
 A. Eagles—789, season 1927-28.

RECORD PARTNERSHIPS.

- "A" Grade.
- 1st wicket partnership: 312*—L. Walt (231*) and J. Russell (70*), Churches versus Miranda, 1927-28.
 - 2nd wicket partnership: 210—H. Butler (210*) and W. Dunn (64), Sylvania versus Churches, 1935-36.
 - 3rd wicket partnership: 286*—A. Eagles (125*) and J. Baker (186*), Sutherland versus Churches, 1929-30.
 - 4th wicket partnership: 151—K. Monro (261) and J. Walsh (20), Cronulla versus Carlingbah, 1929-30.
 - 5th wicket partnership: 154—R. Lawton (110) and W. Wakely (72), Sutherland versus Churches (dates unknown).
 - 6th wicket partnership: 126*—A. Eagles (108*) and L. Whitcheer (66*), Sutherland versus Tramway, 1930-31.
 - 7th wicket partnership: 105—L. Whitcheer (43) and W. Webb (82), Sutherland versus Cronulla, 1930-31.
 - 8th wicket partnership: 119—A. Eagles (92) and G. Tennent (75), Sutherland versus Helensburgh, 1925-26.
 - 9th wicket partnership: 108—R. Loveday (84*) and A. Loveday (29), Miranda versus Sylvania, 1923-24.
 - 10th wicket partnership: Total unknown—A. Eagles (38*) and B. Stone (46), Sutherland versus Churches, 1935-36.
- * Denotes unfinished and/or not out.
 Any team who have any interesting records or performances are invited to make them available for future publications.

"IT ISN'T CRICKET, OLD MAN!"

How often do we hear the expression "It isn't cricket, old man"? These words may often be heard and have no connection whatsoever with the game of cricket.

In cricket, we look for the true sportsman and fair play at all times. Perhaps the poorest performer in a team is the best sportsman. This type of cricketer does not look for the number of runs he can score, or how many wickets he can take; his enjoyment comes from playing the game—playing the game of cricket. Of course, he is always trying, and considers his team, rather than gain any individual merit. Let us analyse him and see if we can call ourselves "true sportsmen".

First of all, he is nearly always clean living, clean thinking and clean talking. He is unselfish. He plays first and foremost for his side, and always puts his personal success in the background. He takes the keenest possible pleasure in the success of other members of his team, and even appreciates the success of his opponents. He is the first to congratulate the other side when his own is defeated—

he appreciates the other fellow's good points and is not always talking about his weaknesses. He is modest in success, generous in defeat. He plays the game to win, but scorns to take the slightest advantage of an opponent. He would rather lose a match than win it by taking a doubtful point. When himself the victim of a bad decision or some sharp practice on the part of his opponents, he will not, by word or gesture, make it public; much less will he charge his opponents or the umpire with the unfairness when none has existed. He is good-tempered and cheerful, even when all the luck of the game seems to be going against him. When bowling, he never appeals unless he honestly believes the batsman to be out. When batting, he never appeals against the light unless he honestly believes it to be unfit for play. He never seeks to put the other man off his game by unpleasant remarks, or by distracting his attention from the game. He never hands the opposing captain a double-headed penny with which to toss nor easily suspects the other of so doing. In bowling, he never seeks deliberately to hit the batsman or sneak one in before the batsman has taken his guard; or, if batting, does he rashly accuse the bowler of trying to hit him. He is quick to allow his opponents every concession in the way of substitutes in running and fielding, if such can be done without unfairly prejudicing his own team. He plays the game for the love of it and not for any hope of reward. He does not study his own average. He tries from the first ball to the last ball of the match. He never fails to appear on the second day of a match if his team is in a hopeless position on the first day. He does his very best in the field, even at the end of a hot and tiring day. He does not try to waste time when playing for a draw or when the other side is playing for a win. He is cordial and courteous to opponents, both on and off the field, and endeavours to avoid anything in the nature of an argument. He is civil and respectful to the umpire under all circumstances.

To sum up, sportsmanship requires a generous observance of all the unwritten laws of courtesy and fair dealing. It is a matter of personal conduct, quite apart from any mechanical skill.

It is not to be supposed that we shall be able to live up to this standard in its entirety, but it is a goal that we should all aim at, and, looking back on every match, we should make a mental note of any point at which we transgressed the code of the perfect sportsman and try to do better next time. If we can observe all, or part of, these unwritten laws, then we cannot be accused, "It isn't cricket, old man!"

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