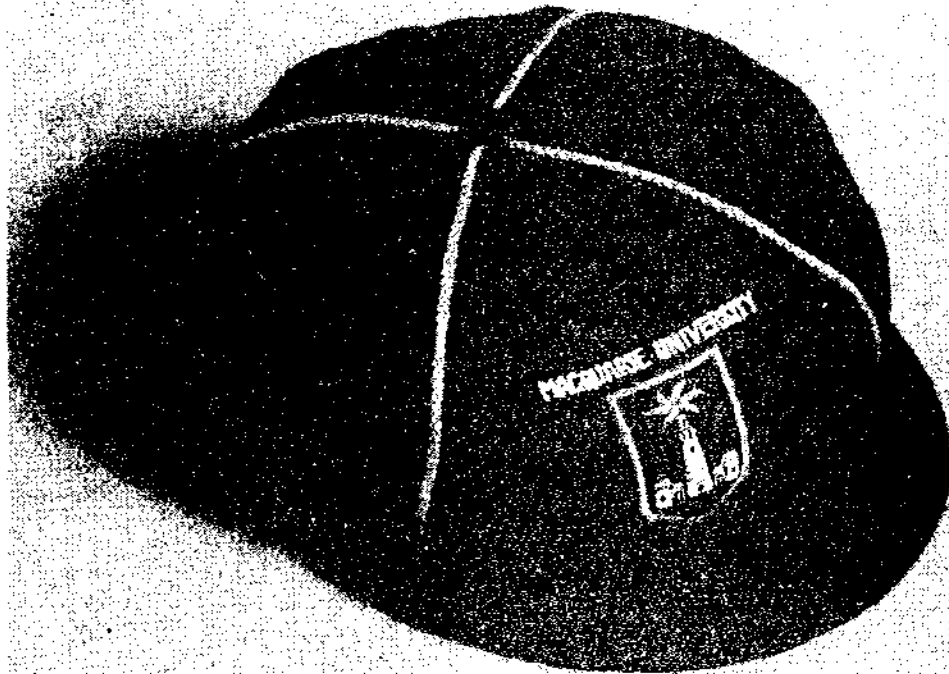




MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB



ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 1980-81



MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB

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CLUB AWARDS 1980-81

M.R. Gwilliam Shield	-	L. Ager
Most Improved	-	P. Garty
Clubman	-	C. Welsby
Pewters	-	S. Baker
	-	P. Cornock
	-	P. Cummins
	-	I. Harding
	-	B. van Zuylen
Trophy ball	-	S. Wiblin

The M.R. Gwilliam Shield, a gift from the President of the Club who served from 1969 to 1979, is awarded annually to the most outstanding cricketer in the club.
Previous winners are:-

1974-76	G. Frankish
1976-77	L. Ager, Martin Denlow
1977-78	P. Bourke
1978-79	J. Giuffre
1979-81	L. Ager

UNIVERSITY BLUES AWARDS

Full Blue and Half Blue awards are presented to sportsmen and women who achieve the high performance standards set by clubs and approved by the University Blues Committee. For cricket, a Full Blue requires State representation and the standard for a Half Blue is either 500 runs or 50 wickets in the club's highest team. Student status is also necessary.

Previous awardees are:-

<u>Full Blue</u>		<u>Half Blue</u>	
1971	K. Mackay	1970	M. Redden
		1971	F. Alley
		1972	J. Giuffre
		1972	P. Miller
		1977	L. Ager
		1978	P. Bourke

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Again we come to the close of the season, our second in the Grade competition, and it is time to reflect on our performances on the cricket field, in the practice nets, at social functions and during committee meetings. An evaluation of the season was the subject of a lengthy discussion at the final club committee meeting and a number of recommendations were made, some of which will be put to all members at the Annual General Meeting.

My own thoughts on the past two seasons are presented here for your consideration. I believe that the move into the Grade competition was a step in the right direction. However, the club does appear to be unsettled in its present position of one foot in the Grade competition and one foot in the Shires competition. If we are to break this straddle it must be in the direction of full Grade status and I understand that the New South Wales Cricket Association is of the same opinion. All players, both Grade and Shires, should be aware that they have to prove to the Association, to other clubs and to ourselves that we are prepared for the final transition.

To return to comments on the season just completed, dedicated readers will obtain a clear picture of the on-field performances by studying the captains' match reports, and gain an idea of the financial position by reviewing the Treasurer's report and financial statement, and an impression of the social scene by reading the Seven-a-Side and related reports and will notice that committee meetings were attended on average by only a bare quorum. It is evident that there are a number of aspects that require attention next year.

Practice facilities will be upgraded with the provision of turf practice wickets expected to be completed by mid-season. Players will be encouraged to attend coaching courses conducted by the N.S.W.C.A. and to pass their expertise on to other players. A variety of social events will be organised by a social committee comprising of the Club Treasurer, members of the club committee and other interested people. A recommendation will be put to all club members at the A.G.M. that, if agreed to, will enable the committee to replace an elected member if it is felt that the person's attendance at meetings is unsatisfactory. It is envisaged that a club newsletter will be produced regularly. Interest is required from captains or their delegates and from all players if this communication avenue is to be successful.

Overall, the 1980-81 season passed without any major developments. If anything we slipped backwards with our sporting results. It is now time for players and the administration to display a more positive approach and for us to set our sights on improved performances over the next few seasons.

Congratulations are extended to the University of N.S.W., Waverley and Sydney University Cricket Clubs for their successes in the Grade competition and to the Burwood and Epping Clubs for their successes in the Municipal and Shires competition.

John Wickham

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This season was the second in which we have found ourselves participating in both the Sydney Grade Competition and the Municipal and Shires Competition. Each of our four teams was placed in the bottom half of their respective divisions. Without attempting to make an in-depth analysis of these results, it would appear that the present distribution of our teams (that is, 3rd and 4th grades of the Sydney Grade Competition, and A and B grades of Municipal and Shires) has not made our task an easy one, from both the players' and the administrators' points of view. For not only do captains and players have to deal with the fact that our teams are split across two distinct competitions but also the committee needs to maintain communication and, indeed, is answerable to not one, but two, distinct governing bodies.

The above observations should not, however, be interpreted as an attempt to find excuses for our "average" performances this season. To do so would only make our job of improving that much more difficult. We need to accept the fact that, we are, for the time being, in an unenviable position, and that we have to try hard to make the most of it.

On a brighter side, the social functions held this year proved to be most successful. A variety of bar-b-ques, restaurant nights, and the like, provided some enjoyable entertainment on a number of Saturday nights.

The fact that Macquarie I and Macquarie II fought out the final, made an already successful Tooheys-Macquarie University 7-a-Side Competition that little bit more 'successful'. While on the matter, I would like to thank, on behalf of our club, the personnel at Tooheys responsible for the donation of a plaque as a trophy for this event.

Also, from all reports, those who attended this years Annual Dinner are in agreement that this occasion was, once again, the happy-go-lucky seasonal wind-up which previous dinners have so often proved to be.

There are a number of people who deserve a special "thank you" for their efforts throughout the season. Firstly, those members of the committee who continually helped in everything that goes towards the running of a club. Everyone would agree, I think, that Chris Welsby (Grizzle) thoroughly deserves his acquisition of the Clubman of the Year Award. As he has done so often in the past, he proved to be a most solid work-horse.

Thanks, also, should go to the captains of our sides. Theirs is always a thankless task - win, lose or draw.

Thank you to the staff of our Sports Association. Their continuous support makes it easy for us to offer high quality facilities and equipment to our members. Without wanting to labour on a much talked-about topic, the possible installation of turf practice wickets at some stage in the coming season will go a long way towards making our facilities complete.

Finally, special thanks should go to those people who helped enormously off the field - Kerry, Regina, Glenda, Judy and (for a while) Lyn, and to all those other "non-cricketers" who gave their support in so many ways. I sincerely hope I haven't left anyone out.

All the best for the remainder of the off-season, and hoping for a successful 1981-82 season.

Peter Garty

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

During the season the Committee met on 15 occasions and attendances were as follows:-

J. Wickham	15	P. Garty	10
C. Welsby	15	B. van Zuylen	10
G. Lego	13	M. Adcock	8
B. Jones	12	J. Giuffre	7
B. Keast	11	P. Walker	7
A. Mahoney	11	L. Wiblin	2

TREASURER'S REPORT

The 1980/81 season was yet another successful season in financial terms. The club is now in the good situation of having just over \$1,800 on fixed deposit with the C.B.C. Bank, income from these investments will help ease the impending cutback in funds (speaking in real terms) from the Sports Association.

With very few social occasions at the Sports Centre which were sponsored by the club to increase attendances, it was far easier to keep costs in check by having only beers and pies after the game with the occasional B.B.Q. For the facilities and support we receive from the Sports Association I would like to express our thanks. It is mainly due to these facilities that our social functions and Seven-a-Side were so successful.

This year was the first year we purchased soft drink direct from Coca-Cola. This helped profits as well as having the ability to obtain soft drink at short notice on weekends.

Subscriptions totalling \$551.00 (\$10 x 55, and \$1 x 1 lady associate member) only just covered the running of the club for direct cricket functions. Next year thought should perhaps be given to including Sports Association membership with our subscriptions (for any non-students). This would ensure all Sports Association fees are paid.

I would like to express my thanks to all who helped behind the bar, collecting subs and annual dinner money and anyone who helped generally. Let's look forward to a successful 1981/82 season both financially and result-wise.

Chris "Grizzle" Welsby.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE ELEVEN MONTHS

ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1981

13 months to
31st May, '80

1,298.81	<u>CASH AT BANK</u> at 1st June 1980	1,709.16
	<u>ADD RECEIPTS</u>	
750.00	Annual Dinner	750.00
163.00	Contribution for Shield	-
70.00	Donations	20.00
76.94	Interest	125.47
-	Raffle takings	124.20
-	Raffle for Disabled persons	23.00
-	Refund of match expenses by Sports Assoc.	113.00
432.00	Seven-a-Side takings	752.29
2,179.13	Social functions	3,448.45
370.00	Subscriptions	551.00
389.60	Sale of caps, jumpers etc.	321.00
<u>4,430.67</u>		<u>6,228.41</u>
<u>5,729.48</u>		<u>7,937.57</u>
	<u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>	
766.47	Annual Dinner	795.24
163.00	Contribution to Shield	-
353.40	Jumpers, Caps etc.	288.92
55.00	Match expenses	113.00
256.35	Printing, stationery, telephone etc.	246.02
2,078.69	Social functions	2,322.94
201.86	Seven-a-Side expenses	636.93
145.55	Trophies and presentations	184.67
-	Raffle takings and donation to Disabled persons	33.98
<u>4,020.32</u>		<u>4,621.70</u>
<u>\$1,709.16</u>	<u>CASH AT BANK</u> at 30th April, 1981	<u>\$3,315.87</u>

REPRESENTED BY:-

956.59	C.B.C. Current Account	1,343.89
152.57	Rural Bank Current Account	152.83
<u>1,109.16</u>		<u>1,496.72</u>
	C.B.C. Interest Bearing Deposits:-	
600.00	12 month deposit due 30/5/81 @ 10% p.a.	600.00
-	12 month deposit due 6/8/81 @ 10% p.a.	800.00
-	3 month deposit due 21/7/81 @ 11 3/4% p.a.	419.15
<u>\$1,709.16</u>		<u>\$3,315.87</u>

C.M. Welsby,
Honorary Treasurer.

SEVEN-A-SIDE REPORT

TOOHEY'S SHIELD

This seasons Seven-a-Side competition again proved to be one of the highlights of the years activities. Big hitting, great fielding, tight bowling and heavy socializing were predominant features. A full contingency of teams began the day, gradually knocking each other out until the final two teams were left to fight out the final.

The Macquarie "drinking team" kept true to form and became the first losers of the day at the hands of Macquarie II's. They then got down to their REAL calling. Ian Harding provided great excitement with a bowling display that brought the best from the big hitting Burwood team (4 sixes wasn't it).

The great strength Macquarie has in anything other than serious cricket was shown by both the I's and II's teams reaching the final. The I team looked winners when they contained the II's while fielding, but a fine knock by Captain Phil Jirman for the I's threw the game into doubt. The victors', Macquarie I's, are looking forward to next year but I hope Lego (son of Keith) leaves his cheer squad behind.

Brian Jones.

NAITLAND TOUR REPORT

A young side toured to Maitland during mid February for a ten over, eleven a side belt and bash game. This colt side consisted of L. Ager, G. Lego, A. Davidson, S. Burchett, M. Denlow, B. van Zuylen, P. Byrne, P. Garty, M. Schaafsma, A. Mahoney, P. Dignan and C. Welsby. Although we were soundly beaten in both games, the experience in this fast, sudden-death game will no doubt help fielding under pressure and future seven-a-side hopes.

Highlights of the weekend included:- G. Lego, S. Burchett and B. van Zuylen all obtaining (buying) wickets; the advance party taking only 30 seconds to find the only alcoholic publican in Maitland; two young children asking Roy Denlow for his autograph - thinking he was an Indian cricketer; watching the state side losing to Baulkham Hills.

I would like to thank the drivers who went up and the players who made up the side. Next year's games might be slightly better organised and results might reflect this.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Practice facilities are on the improve, we hope. But if they aren't let's make do again with what we have and stop complaining about it. Training began with some fitness - as it turned out probably the ONLY fitness some (and in fact many) did.

You can't play cricket unfit and you can't train by watching, but a lot of Shires players thought they could. If you act like losers you get the results you deserve. It's about time Shires teams realise they are playing a competition that at one time we all played and even had a 'no train - no play' policy and did fitness before batting.

Commitment to the game is almost totally lacking with some players, as is the common decency of notifying the club of unavailability. How can teams be picked if:-

1. We don't know whether you're available
2. What way to contact you

It may seem all terribly individual to some people to play when and where they feel but it is most unsatisfactory for the selectors and team continuity.

Disciplinary action taken in Grade will, I hope be incorporated in Shires on those turning up late to games - it may be your attempt to promote an image within the club but it totally destroys team unity and the ability to warm up.

Thanks to Chris Welsby for opting to go back to Shires to captain A's - his experience was invaluable.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT - 3RD GRADE

As outgoing Third Grade captain I suppose I should reflect on the achievements and give excuses for the shortcomings during my term, but, I won't. I would like to comment on attitude, which I think is most important to the top team.

Far too often players in Thirds accepted their position without accepting the responsibility it entailed. What we basically did was give up too easily, especially the top order batting so exposing the middle order to the new ball too early. There is absolutely no way a team should find itself consistently 4 for under 30 on good wickets and the Petersham display of 4 for 3 was disgusting.

At the moment we have potentially the strongest middle order in the club's history - a newfound opening pair of Jones and Garty helped this situation immensely. It's about time a lot of third grade players realised they aren't playing super humans and that we played and are playing better teams in A Shires and that we just aren't performing with bat or ball as well as we should.

We used 18 players this season, losing another three of our most valuable players during this time. After 9 rounds it was Grizzle to captain A Shires (a huge loss in more ways than one); after 10 rounds Jirman went bush and Walker went strange and joined the Navy, both valuable parts of the side. (Jirman took out the batting aggregate from just the 10 rounds).

We were indeed fortunate with the new players we recruited. In Mark Denny we found the fastest bowler in Third Grade and a great team player - often offering to bat at number 10 (on past performances). Mark's enthusiasm in the field was viewed suspiciously in the first game by some of the "older" players who branded him a crawler, but this enthusiasm never diminished and in fact rubbed off on the rest of us. Another newcomer was little Ian Harding who is one of the most talented players we have seen at the club since the days of Martin Mills and, more recently, Paul Bourke. It really was a sight seeing Ian bat with Grizzle - we didn't lose a line out all day. As Phil Jirman commented trying to bounce Ian is as hard as trying to lob over him. If Mark Denny injected enthusiasm into the side, Ian's fielding added catchability (I don't think he dropped any out of 12).

The third newcomer, Peter Cummins, showed us just how to throw a cricket ball. Peter has the quickest and most accurate throw since the days Geoff Frankish used to terrorize batsmen and keeper alike. Someone commented on Peters run out at Macquarie from near the boundary that the last time they saw a throw like that was the last time Wibbo tried to bowl his quicker ball.

With these players add the veterans, Ager (still the best bowler in the club) and Wiblin (at last beginning to produce the sort of cricket we expect of a class spinner) as well as Chris Gold (without a doubt his own worst critic) who is finally beginning to realise he is as damn good a player as everyone thinks, and Cornock, Adcock, Jones, Garty, Lego and others; and we have the basis of a strong team, if people are prepared to stay with the club.

I would like to thank everyone who has played in Thirds and A Shires for making my captaincy as easy as it was. We are blessed at the moment with a lot of experience in the team and common sense - I appreciated the help people gave and the advice which was always positive. The team is beginning to realise the attitude you need in this competition because each player is thinking. I hope the attitude towards turning up early, practice (when things get going on the turf wickets) and comradeship don't change.

Remember the one thing we come together for is to play cricket, don't ever let that get spoiled by politics or bitching.

John Giuffre.

Match Reports - 3rd Grade

vs Southern Districts

Macquarie Uni. 123, LOST to Southern Districts 140 and 5/108

After losing the toss, a very common feature of our pre-Christmas games, Southern Districts came face-to-face with a nightmare in the form of Mark Denny.

Bundling the opposition out for only 140 we thought a victory was close at hand. The reason for this very catchable total was almost solely the result of some terrifyingly fast bowling from Denny who bagged 7 for the match. This also saw the beginning of Phil Jirman's hand trouble at keeper due to Denny and his thunderbolts.

At 2/37 with only half an hours play remaining we were still looking good. Then the famous Macquarie collapse after an unsuccessful light appeal, and at stumps 5/45. The next week we never recovered and were all out for 123. Only Walker (49) and Welsby (24) resisted. First innings loss.

vs Sydney

Macquarie Uni. 7 dec. 273 DEFEATED Sydney 130 & 2/76

We again lost the toss, but were sent in on a very good batting strip on a very hot day at Macquarie - a lovely thought to be sitting on the verandah sipping a Laurie Ager made iced coffee. To make things even better, add a 125 run second wicket partnership by Welsby (68) and Jirman (76) and the day ended on a promising note - 7/273. We surprisingly only had a minor collapse.

With some extremely good fielding to back up our usually tight bowling, we had them out for 130. The best of the bowlers - "the cat" with 4/39 and "Admiral" Phil Walker with 3/13.

We had the rare pleasure to enforce a follow-on but ended with a first innings win.

vs Sydney University

Macquarie Uni. 113 LOST to Sydney Uni. 5 dec. 327

After again losing the toss on a plum Macquarie wicket, we found ourselves fielding. Against the eventual premiers we bowled some wild and woolly opening overs and found ourselves looking very soon at 1/100. However breakthroughs by Ager saw us back in the game at 4/112 near tea. Looking for quick wickets soon after tea we were desperately disappointed. Perhaps the best running between the wickets ever seen at Macquarie together with some superb strokeplay resulted in 180 runs being scored in the session for the loss of one wicket.

The following week after a declaration we batted on a rain-affected wicket with very little chance of a win (after time was lost due to rain) we were all out for 113; only Grizzle, who lasted till the ninth wicket after opening, showed any real resistance.

vs Randwick

Macquarie Uni. 132 & 5 (dec.) 189 LOST to Randwick 3 (dec.) 146 & 2/93

On that "strokemakers paradise", Kensington Oval, we batted first and fell in a heap. Only Jirman (36) and Lego (33) and Cornock (29) got double figures. Randwick after some early hostile bowling from Denny and Gold that saw them 2/17 passed our score with the loss of only 1 more wicket.

Our second innings, in an attempt to salvage some points, we displayed some cavalier spirit to be able to declare. Best of the cowboys were Jirman (68), Harding (63) and Cornock (28). With little time the game ended in a first innings loss.

vs Petersham-Marrickville

Macquarie 86 & 2/56 LOST to Petersham 91.

In a one day game we lost the toss and were sent in on what appeared to be a good batting track. This proved to be yet another great captain's declaration prior to a game.

The pitch proved a beauty - plenty of pace, lift, cut and spin. All this together with some irresponsible batting left us bowling at 86, a daunting thought.

By tea the bowlers had created somewhat of a problem, not to mention a few heart attacks, by getting us in a winning position of 9/81. Denny, Ager, Gold and Wiblin bowled superbly and for once the fieldsmen backed them up, Jirman with 3 catches led the bunch. After a very tense tea break, a desperation shot finally won the game for Petersham.

Twenty overs of batting practice finally ended a good but again, pointless game.

vs Waverley

Macquarie 159 LOST to Waverley 200

In another limited over match we again failed to gain points. After some fairly average bowling that allowed Waverley a substantial total. Our batting improved from the previous game (we were at one stage 4/3 against Petersham) to be 4/18, a situation we never really recovered from. Only Welsby (37), Jirman (46) and Cornock (46x) offered any resistance.

vs St. George

St. George 9 (dec.) 241 drew with Macquarie Uni. - a washout.

After losing the toss we toiled all day on a good Macquarie pitch sending down 80 odd overs to what we considered a catchable total.

All the bowlers achieved some success, however lack of real penetration together with some sloppy fielding gave our opposition too many chances.

vs Northern Districts

Macquarie Uni. 202 LOST to Northern Districts 248

In well over century heat we once again lost the toss and were forced to bowl on a batting paradise. On a day when breathing was difficult, much less running and bowling, we sent down 84 overs. A major body blow came when Chris Gold (more used to cold weather and moonlight) fell to heat exhaustion - the added strain was spread between Denny (who bowled 16 overs of super fast stuff - a truly amazing feat), Ager (15 overs), Harding (16 overs) and Wiblin (25 extremely aggressive and very accurate overs). At 2/180 things looked grim but persistence paid off in the end.

At 1/79 we were looking good, but at 4/79 and 5/85 we were in trouble and again we never recovered and failed by only 46 runs. The less said about our batting the better - lack of responsibility.

vs. University of N.S.W.

Macquarie Uni. 235 DEFEATED UNSW 105

After being sent in we batted 59 of our allotted 60 overs and rattled up 235 runs due in large part to a healthy 94 run partnership from Harding and Gold. After waiting two seasons we finally found a team that attacked Goldies leg stump (and he said thank you 47 times).

Consistency was the hallmark of the batting with six batsmen getting above 20. The best were Harding (a classy 58), Adcock 33 (including a memorable 5), Jirman 23 and Lego 21.

Strong performances from all the bowlers carried the day with some good back-up in the field from Harding and Cummins (including a run out from near the boundary at Macquarie). A good win.

vs Bankstown

Macquarie Uni. 162 LOST to Bankstown 4/275

A most depressing game that rarely reached mediocrity for us.

Too much Christmas pudding and New Year cheer resulted in a poor batting display on a treacherous pitch that kept diabolically low from the start giving us 162 to bowl at.

The following week a whole new scene was evident - the pitch was much harder and bounces were perfect. Denny bowled frighteningly fast in parts without aid from the wicket as did all the bowlers. Overall a totally disinteresting performance. A terrible farewell to Jirman and Walker for the season.

vs Penrith

Macquarie 36 & 7/109 LOST to Penrith 118

If depression entered our vocabulary in the last game, suicidal entered this week.

On a very wet pitch with only two Penrith batsmen getting over 10, we wasted opportunities to be chasing 118. Ager bowled well but with the others line was terrible and length was wayward - we just didn't use the pitch well enough.

Our batting reflected a mixture of suicide and blind panic as the pitch dried and began popping. Penrith bowlers showed us how to do it by making us play at everything. Our second innings was not much better and we came as close as we ever have to losing outright. Only Ager in the first innings and Harding in the second (with a cameo appearance from Gold - 2 sixes) saved the day.

vs Western Suburbs

Macquarie Uni. 2/30 DREW WITH Western Suburbs 132.

The best fielding performance of the year together with a special performance from Denny and Ager resulted in a catchable total (Ager 21 overs 5/25). Rain the following week washed out play - the result a draw.

vs North Sydney

Macquarie Uni. 5/133 DEFEATED North Sydney 91

After winning the toss and bowling we soon saw success aided by some very good catching and bowling and some particularly poor batting. On a tiny North Sydney No. 2 a total of 91 was well catchable by the end of play. Ager again bowled well but the best was Gold with 2/13 off 13 overs. We were all quite happy Mark Denny wasn't around as the occasional ball was taking off rather disconcertingly.

A typically cavalier opening by Jones saw us at 30 before the first wicket fell, soon after we were 3/34 and not well poised. A match winning partnership of 40 by Harding and Adcock as well as a typically punishing 32 N.O. by Cornock gave us points by the end of play (as it turned out most important with a waashout the following week).

The team format had begun changing at this stage with Garty and Jones now fully entrenched and soon to become vital parts of our eleven.

vs Gordon

Macquarie Uni. 289 DEFEATED Gordon 146 & 2/74

The first century partnership of our third grade opening stands came up in just 105 minutes through Jones 74 (a completely butchered century) and Garty 44. These two "newcomers" showed just how concentration is spelt - arguments of a weak attack can be forgotten as I have often seen equally "weak" attacks tear the heart out of Macquarie sides thanks to irresponsible batting.

Aided by a solid 40 by Cummins, a flashy 70 by Giuffre and positively the WORST 20 ever by Gold, we managed a Third Grade record high of 289 and looked good.

The following Saturday fear and terror took over as Denny bowled possibly as fast as he had all season (much to the terror of the slips cordon - all of whom were praying against a chance coming).

Ager, Wiblin, Gold and Harding all bowled well under the conditions of an unresponsive track.

Sent in for a second dig Gordon performed well against some hostile Denny bowling.

vs Cumberland

Macquarie Uni 8/134 DEFEATED Cumberland 131

Probably the best display of the season against one of the strongest teams and with some added spice of a former teammate opening for the opposition.

To dismiss Cumberland for a meagre 131 was a tribute to the bowlers and some exceptionally good catching and fielding. The highlights included the "ball of the year" by Denny who severed the leg stump of the opening batsman - the top half almost spearing a terrified Jones and the bottom half still in the ground. Another highlight again off Denny was the "catch of the year" by Adcock diving parallel to the ground to pick up a one-handed screamer (the rest of slips had ducked fearing it was coming their way). Ager took the honours with 6/30 - possibly his best spell all year - Wibbo got hit for an enormous six and didn't say all that much (surprising everyone) about it.

Our batting against possibly the most hostile bowling we have faced took the style of self-confessed cowards as we ducked, weaved and snicked our way to 5/111 and looked exceptionally vulnerable. Denny reminded everyone (for the 8th or 9th time that year) that he had scored a 40 the year before but considering his aggregate of 12 so far this season we weren't too enthused.

The collapse came and went, Ager and Wiblin again saving the day and we comfortably passed their score with two wickets in hand.

Jones again the star with the bat scoring 44, Harding chimed in with 20 and Cornock 19. Another great way to end the season and a very enjoyable game.

3RD GRADE STATISTICS - 1980-81

BATTING AVERAGES

<u>BATSMAN</u>	<u>MATCHES</u>	<u>INNINGS</u>	<u>NOT OUT</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>TOTAL RUNS</u>	<u>AVE.</u>	<u>CATCHES</u>
B. Jones	4	6	2	74	167	41.73	5 + 2 STP
P. Jirman	10	11	1	76	333	33.30	12 + 1 STP
P. Cornock	8	8	2	46x	147	24.50	3
J. Giuffre	15	14	1	73	285	21.92	5
I. Harding	13	13	1	63	259	21.58	12
P. Walker	7	6	1	49	103	20.60	3
C. Welsby	9	10	-	68	189	18.90	-
G. Lego	12	14	-	33	182	13.00	3
M. Adcock	11	11	1	33	102	10.20	4
C. Gold	15	13	-	47	126	9.69	6

ALSO BATTED (LESS THAN 100 RUNS)

A. Corish	4	4	1	20x	46	15.33	1
L. Ager	15	13	8	19x	75	15.00	8
P. Garty	3	3	-	44	45	15.00	4
P. Cummins	7	6	-	39	71	11.83	1
Mick Denlow	6	7	-	22	63	9.00	-
S. Wiblin	11	8	2	32	44	7.33	7
A. Mahoney	2	2	-	4	4	2.00	-
M. Denny	13	9	2	8	12	1.71	5

BOWLING AVERAGES

<u>BOWLER</u>	<u>OVERS</u>	<u>MAIDENS</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>WICKETS</u>	<u>5 WKTS IN INNS.</u>	<u>AVE.</u>
L. Ager	295	86	686	43	2	15.95
S. Wiblin	124.2	32	350	20	-	17.50
M. Denny	194	59	484	26	-	18.62
C. Gold	204	60	466	22	-	21.18
I. Harding	121	29	349	12	-	29.08

ALSO BOWLED (LESS THAN 10 WICKETS)

P. Cummins	11.4	1	45	4	-	11.25
P. Walker	19	-	86	6	-	14.33
A. Corish	43	6	143	1	-	143.00
J. Giuffre	3	2	2	-	-	-
C. Welsby	20	6	55	-	-	-

3RD GRADE 1980-81BEST PERFORMANCES

Batting Average	B. Jones	41.85
Batting Aggregate	P. Jirman	333
Highest Score	P. Jirman	76
Bowling Average	L. Ager	15.95
Bowling Aggregate	L. Ager	43
Most Wickets in Innings	L. Ager	6/30
	(vs. Cumberland)	
Most Wickets in Match	M. Denny	7/42
	(vs. Sth. Districts)	
Seven or more wickets in innings	-	
Most Catches	P. Jirman, I. Harding	12
Centuries	-	
Highest Team Score	vs. Gordon	289
Lowest Team Score	vs. Penrith	36

RESULTS

Played	15
Won outright	-
Won 1st Innings	5
Drawn	2
Lost Outright	-
Lost 1st innings	8
Position in competition	15th(out of 20)

TEAM STATISTICS

	<u>Macquarie</u>	<u>Opponents</u>
Runs scored	2461	2872
Wickets lost	136	139
Average/Wicket	18.10	20.66

HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS 3RD GRADE 1980-81

<u>WICKET</u>	<u>BATSMEN</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
First	B. Jones (74), P. Garty (44)	116	Gordon
Second	C. Welsby (68), P. Jirman (76)	125	Sydney
Third	P. Jirman (36), G. Lego (33)	43	Randwick
Fourth	P. Jirman (68), I. Harding (63)	76	Randwick
Fifth	C. Welsby (37), P. Jirman (46)	70	Waverley
Sixth	P. Cummins (39), J. Giuffre (73)	67	Gordon
Seventh	C. Gold (23), J. Giuffre (73)	60	Gordon
Eighth	C. Gold (47), I. Harding (58)	94	UNSW
Ninth	S. Wiblin (32), L. Ager (19x)	54	Bankstown
Tenth	P. Cornock (46x), S. Wiblin (3)	26	Waverley

CAPTAIN'S REPORT - 4TH GRADE

The final analysis of the season looks dismal but it would have been so much better if we had been able to win more of the close games. The fact that those games slipped away from us indicates that the correct mental attitude is still not present. We are desperately in need of batsmen who can concentrate for long periods and build their innings at the same time. Concentration equivalent to a three hour examination period would be a good starting point.

The season was highlighted by three individual centuries (I. Harding), S. Baker, P. Cummins), three century partnerships, and an individual bowling performance of seven wickets in an innings (S. Wiblin). Three team totals of over 250 runs were matched by the same number of completed innings of less than 100 runs. Some excellent catches were taken especially by Peter Cummins, Grant Craighhead, and Mark Adcock.

Attendance at practices was satisfactory early in the season but declined along with all other teams when interest and facilities deteriorated later in the season.

At no stage did the opening partnership reach 50 runs. The failure to set the scene for the strokemakers who followed was a major factor leading to our low scores. We also found it difficult to achieve the initial break-through with our bowling. Opening partnerships of 80, 94 and 119 were recorded against us.

If a comparison is made with the previous season's performance a slight improvement is noticed. This observation pales into insignificance when it is considered how many teams we have to overhaul to reach number one. I suggest we start on the climb in 1981-82.

Special mention is made of the pre-game preparation put in by Al Mahoney and the companionship and dedication of Kerry Bourke in recording the details of every ball bowled in all but a few games. Thanks to Michael Leslie for his leadership in the last five games and for assistance before that. Thanks also to the other captains, John Giuffre, Ron Stinson, Chris Welsby and especially Graeme Mitchell for their time throughout the season.

John Wickham

Match Reports - 4th Grade

vs Southern Districts

Macquarie 259, Southern Districts 223

This was an encouraging start to the season with the new players to the club putting in strong performances.

Paul Byrne (34), Steve Baker (34), Ian Harding (88 and 3/43) and Peter Cummins (3/49) showed good form in their initial appearances. The return of Martin Denlow (34) and Steve Wiblin (3/66) to the Grade scene gave this side added strength. 1st innings win.

vs Sydney

Sydney 9/293 DEC, Macquarie 289

A thriller! Sydney batted first and amassed 9/293 with the assistance of poor Macquarie fielding. Steve Wiblin bowled unchanged for 4/111 off 32 overs and was well supported by Ian Harding 4/63 off 25 overs. Macquarie's innings started badly and wickets fell regularly with only Martin Denlow (51) and Mark Adcock (31) offering any resistance. The score at tea was 7/160. After the break we slowly worked our way back into the game with partnerships of 61 and 50. Peter Cummins (22), Steve Wiblin (17) and Mick Leslie (3 N.O.) supported Ian Harding as we crept towards the target only to fall four runs short. Ian played a superb innings of 113 displaying ideal temperament and tremendous concentration. 1st innings loss.

vs Sydney University

Macquarie 139 and 90, Sydney Uni. 6/177 DEC and 0/54.

We batted badly on an underprepared Sydney Uni. pitch on both days and our bowling lacked penetration. Rain prior to the second day made our task a difficult one against the team that was to later take out the premiership. Outright loss.

vs Randwick

Randwick 266, Macquarie Uni. 69 and 9/181

The toss of the coin went Randwick's way and luck did also. We chased leather on the first day and in the end kept Randwick to a respectable 266 having been 2/195 at one stage. Steve Wiblin hit line and length after tea and finished with the best ever figures recorded in 4th Grade for Macquarie of 27/7/81/7. Bruce Higgins kept it tight with figures of 25/7/44/1. There were some fine catches taken by Al Mahoney and Peter Cummins but the ground fielding by some other players was poor.

Caught on a wet wicket we could reach only 69 runs in the first innings. We batted marginally better second time around and just managed to save outright defeat due to determined batting by Peter Cummins (59 N.O.) and Mick Leslie (17 N.O.) who together faced the last 88 balls while surrounded by eager fieldsmen to record a best ever last wicket 4th Grade partnership of 49 runs.

1st innings loss.

vs Petersham-Marrickville

Macquarie 118 & 1/105, Petersham-Marrickville 5/119 dec.

Our first taste of limited over cricket (60 overs) proved to be unsuccessful. Some rash strokes led to our early dismissal for 118 off only 47.3 overs. Petersham recovered from 5/64 (Grant Craighead 3 wickets) to pass our total in only 33 overs and then declared in the search for further points. Allan Mahoney (56 N.O.) and Gerry Quin (31 N.O.) put together a record 2nd wicket partnership and showed how we should have batted in the first innings.

1st innings loss.

vs Waverley

Waverley 179, Macquarie 123

After winning the toss and bowling on a damp but firm pitch we chased leather until the opening partnership was finally broken with the score at 80. The next nine wickets fell for the addition of only 99 runs leaving us with a target that should have been well within our reach. Steve Baker bowled superb line and length to finish with 6/52 off 17.5 overs. We began slowly (29 runs off the first 20 overs) and this put undue pressure on our out-of-form batsmen in a limited over match that had been reduced to 54 overs. It was a disappointing finish to what promised to be our second win for the season.

1st innings loss.

vs St. George

Macquarie 154 & 52, St. George 133 & 3/76

Once again we batted badly but the match was evenly poised with St. George 3/55 at the end of the first day. A wet track assisted Grant Craighead (6/73) and Mick Leslie (4/26) to dismiss St. George for 133 and give us a first innings win. However, we collapsed in the second innings amidst bowling reminiscent of the 1930's to be all out for 52 leaving St. George with an easy target for outright points.

1st innings win, outright loss.

vs Northern Districts

Northern Districts 239, Macquarie 4/271

In perfect conditions Northern Districts made a respectable score of 239. The bowlers stuck to their task well and shared the wickets. Brian Jones and Al Mahoney saw us through the difficult period at the end of the first day and then continued the good work the following week. At 4/104, Tony Liuzzo joined Peter Cummins and the pair proceeded to demolish the attack with shots to all areas of the ground. The partnership was worth an undefeated 167 runs when Peter reached his excellent century and by this time the match had been won. Well done Peter (102 N.O.) and Tony (55 N.O.).

1st innings win.

vs U.N.S.W.

UNSW 4/180, Macquarie 174

Another limited over match in which we failed to bat out the 60 overs and paid the penalty for it. Steady early batting from Mahoney (20) Liuzzo (30), saw us 2/73, then followed the inevitable crash to 8/118 until Garty (42) and Corish (25 N.O.) brought an air of respectability to the total with a 9th wicket stand of 55.

Our bowling lacked penetration as evidenced by the opening stand of 119 by UNSW. The fielding fell away as the score mounted but once the initial breakthrough was made team morale picked up considerably and for a few overs we were in the game with a small chance. However, UNSW rallied and did it easily with 10 overs to spare. The highlight of the end of the game was Garty's first over for Macquarie in which a hapless UNSW batsmen, having hit the previous ball for 4 raced down the pitch only to be beaten by an excellently flighted long hop to be stumped by 2 metres.

1st innings loss.

vs Penrith

Macquarie 5/184, Penrith 9/172

An exciting match in which we almost pulled off a last ball win. The first days play was washed out making the match an all day game with no over limit.

Play was delayed by half an hour and we were sent in on a wet pitch. The early loss of Al Mahoney brought Peter Garty to the wicket. Peter took to the Penrith attack to score 75 in very good style. A partnership of 68 between Phil Dignan (34 N.O.) and Andy Corish (45 N.O.) allowed us to declare at 5/184.

Penrith took up the chase eagerly and at 1/63 we looked to be in a bit of bother. However, good bowling from Grant (3/48) and Andy Corish (5/71) saw us with 3 wickets to take in the last over. One batsman was run out early in the over and another stumped off the 2nd last ball leaving the classic last batsman in and one ball to play. Unfortunately for us he avoided being

stumped by being hit on the back leg after being well beaten by the ball.
Match drawn.

vs Western Suburbs

Macquarie 134, Western Suburbs 3/115

A match in which rain saved us from certain defeat. Again we lost the toss and were sent in on a wet wicket. Luckily our opponents tended to pitch short otherwise we would not have reached anywhere near 134. As it was the only notable batting was from Peter Garty (31) and Steve Baker (30).

We took 2 early wickets but then the Western Suburbs batsman took over, losing only one further wicket, the result of a very good throw from Andy Pavlov in adding another 100 runs. Luckily for us the second day was washed out.
Match drawn.

vs North Sydney

Macquarie 229, North Sydney 1/51

Another rain affected drawn match. The match however was notable for Steve Baker's 104 scored in 99 minutes with 15 fours and two sixes. Steve shared in two large partnerships, 65 with Al Mahoney (46) and 83 with Phil Dignan (30). The last partnership was remarkable in that it had reached 40 before Phil faced his first ball and 61 before Phil scored his first runs. The rest of the team managed only 49 between them for us to be all out for 229.

At the close of play North Sydney were 1/51 and again play was washed out completely with the match evenly poised.
Match drawn.

vs Gordon

Macquarie 154, Gordon 9/189

A match we should have won relatively easily but blew badly. Our first mistake was a very poor batting display in which we took 88 overs to score 154 runs. Our early batsmen while making reasonable (if 20's and 30's are reasonable) scores appeared to make no attempt to get on top of the bowling or unsettle the fielding with intelligent running. This resulted in pressure on our lower order batsmen to score more quickly with the inevitable result of cheap dismissals.

However, even this meagre total of 154 appeared to be sufficient in view of Gordon's past batting efforts and indeed due to fine bowling by Grant (5/38 off 29 overs) and Steve (4/45 off 23 overs) Gordon were 9/129. However, the last wicket pair showed great determination and aided by a little luck and tiring bowlers were able to score the necessary runs for a win.
1st innings loss.

vs Cumberland

Macquarie 8/157, Cumberland 155

The last game of the season was a 60 overs a side one day game. Our opponents had been dismissed for 43 and 51 the previous match so we were fairly confident of bringing off a win. At last we won a toss and sent Cumberland into bat to be rewarded with 4 early wickets. However a partnership of 63 followed which was broken by Andy Corish who proceeded to take 4 wickets in 3 overs to leave Cumberland reeling at 8/88. However, for the 2nd week in a row we were unable to clean up the tail cheaply and Cumberland finished with 155, Andy taking the last 2 wickets to finish with 6/44.

Our innings progressed rather slowly due to some accurate bowling by our opponents and at 5/58 we were in a deal of trouble. At this point Brian van Zuylen proceeded to play an innings of iron determination which held the team together. Brian remained 31 N.O. and was supported by Steve Baker 22, Steve South 15, Andy Corish 17 and Grant Craighead 11 N.O. to give us victory with less than 3 overs remaining.
1st innings win.

4TH GRADE STATISTICS - 1980-81

BATTING AVERAGES

<u>BATSMAN</u>	<u>MATCHES</u>	<u>INNINGS</u>	<u>NOT OUT</u>	<u>HIGHEST SCORE</u>	<u>TOTAL RUNS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>CATCHES</u>
I. Harding	2	2	-	113	201	100.50	2
P. Cornock	2	3	-	63	105	35.00	-
P. Cummins	6	9	2	102x	231	33.00	5
P. Garty	6	7	-	75	223	31.86	1
Martin Denlow	3	4	-	51	102	25.50	-
S. Baker	11	13	1	104	262	21.83	4
A. Mahoney	12	16	1	80	327	21.80	3
M. Adcock	4	6	-	31	129	21.50	3
T. Liuzzo	10	11	2	55x	170	18.89	5
A. Corish	8	8	2	45x	110	18.33	4
B. van Zuylen	8	10	1	34	123	13.67	-
B. Jones	10	13	-	48	149	11.46	12
							+ 2 ST
J. Wickham	8	11	-	18	102	9.27	4

ALSO BATTED (LESS THAN 100 RUNS)

P. Dignan	4	4	1	34x	72	24.00	1
							+4 ST
B. Higgins	2	2	-	21	41	20.50	1
G. Lego	2	2	-	17	31	15.50	1
A. Pavlov	6	5	1	21x	55	13.75	1
G. Quin	3	5	1	31x	47	11.75	1
G. Craighead	11	10	4	15x	66	11.00	5
B. Wickham	1	1	-	11	11	11.00	-
P. Smith	5	4	-	19	39	9.75	1
P. Walker	2	2	-	18	18	9.00	1
M. Leslie	14	15	6	17x	62	8.89	3
P. Byrne	4	6	-	34	51	8.50	-
S. Wiblin	4	6	2	17	33	8.25	3
S. South	5	5	-	15	41	8.20	1
I. Graham	4	3	-	15	24	8.00	-
Michael Denlow	7	8	-	21	53	6.63	1

BOWLING AVERAGES

<u>BOWLER</u>	<u>OVERS</u>	<u>MAIDENS</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>WICKETS</u>	<u>5 WKTS IN INNS.</u>	<u>AVE.</u>
A. Corish	73.1	6	297	16	2	18.56
G. Craighead	188.4	38	546	26	2	21.00
S. Wiblin	108	14	295	14	1	21.07
M. Leslie	170	43	465	21	-	22.14
S. Baker	118.5	24	329	13	1	25.30

ALSO BOWLED (LESS THAN 10 WICKETS)

I. Harding	48.5	9	106	7	-	15.14
B. Higgins	43	15	71	4	-	17.75
P. Garty	2	-	18	1	-	18.00
J. Wickham	28.2	8	88	4	-	22.00
P. Smith	10	1	36	1	-	36.00
P. Walker	7	-	37	1	-	37.00
P. Cummins	54	5	196	5	-	39.20
A. Pavlov	24	3	99	2	-	49.50
P. Dignan	1	-	1	-	-	-
B. van Zuylen	1	-	6	-	-	-
A. Mahoney	3	-	12	-	-	-
G. Lego	1	-	14	-	-	-
P. Cornock	12	2	44	-	-	-

4TH GRADE 1980-81

BEST PERFORMANCES

Batting Average	I. Harding	100.50
Batting Aggregate	A. Mahoney	327
Highest Score	I. Harding	113
	(vs Sydney)	
Bowling Average	A. Corish	18.56
Bowling Aggregate	G. Craighead	26
Most Wickets in Innings	S. Wiblin	7/81
	(vs Randwick)	
Most Wickets in Match	S. Wiblin	7/8
	(vs. Randwick)	
	G. Craighead	7/101
	(vs St. George)	
Seven wickets or more in Innings	S. Wiblin	7/81
	(vs Randwick)	
Most Catches	B. Jones	12 + 2 ST
Centuries	I. Harding	113
	(vs Sydney)	
	S. Baker	104
	(vs Nth Sydney)	
	P. Cummins	102x
	(vs Northern Districts)	
Highest Team Score	vs Sydney	289
Lowest Team Score	vs St. George	52

RESULTS

Played	15	
Won outright	-	
Won 1st innings	5	(lost outright against St. George)
Drawn	3	
Lost outright	2	
Lost 1st innings	6	
Position in Competition	17th	(out of 20)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>Macquarie</u>	<u>Opponents</u>
Runs scored	3121	2835
Wickets lost	167	119
Average/wicket	18.69	23.82

HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS 4TH GRADE 1980-81

<u>WICKET</u>	<u>BATSMEN</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
First	P. Byrne (34), I. Graham	(15)	46 Southern Districts
Second	A. Mahoney (56x), G. Quin	(31x)	81x Petersham-Marrickville
Third	A. Mahoney (80), P. Garty	(35)	112 Bankstown-Canterbury
Fourth	A. Mahoney (46), S. Baker	(104)	65 North Sydney
Fifth	P. Cummins (102x), T. Liuzzo	(55x)	167x Northern Districts
Sixth	P. Dignan (34x), A. Corish	(45x)	68x Penrith
Seventh	P. Cornock (63), P. Smith	(19)	49 Bankstown-Canterbury
Eighth	I. Harding (113), P. Cummins	(22)	61 Sydney
Ninth	P. Garty (42), A. Corish	(25x)	55 U.N.S.W.
Tenth	P. Cummins (59x), M. Leslie	(17x)	49x Randwick

CAPTAIN'S REPORT - "A" SHIRES

This was a disappointing season in all aspects of the game. Losing the toss in six of the first seven games made it difficult to dictate play. The side lacked enough class batsmen who could build an innings and go on to make a good score. Whenever a batsman was successful he was inevitably promoted to the higher grades, a problem that does not affect other M + S clubs.

As for the bowlers, it was often demoralising to see the hard toil wasted by poor catching and fielding. Fielding has to be extra sharp when your side's bowlers are up against talented batsmen.

The decision by Chris Welsby to declare himself unavailable for 3rd Grade in order to take up the position of "A" Shires captain following Ron Stinson's country teaching appointment is commended. Grizzle's enthusiasm and dedication must be contagious, if not this season then it surely must be next year.

Appreciation is extended to Lyn Stinson, Regina Keast and Glenda Aitken (all newly weds) for their support with the score books and service behind the bar. Thanks also to Barry Keast for writing the first seven match reports.

John Wickham for the captains

Match Reports - "A" Shires

vs Lane Cove

Lane Cove 6/316, Macquarie 8/246

Lane Cove won the toss, batted first on a very hot day with a perfect batting strip. Aided by some poor fielding they belted out 316 by stumps, including a century from their no. 3 bat, Patterson. The bowlers tried hard but the pitch would not respond.

The next week was much cooler and suited to fielding - we batted. After a very solid start we had a middle to late order collapse before we closed up shop and held out for a draw.

Highlight of the day was a splendid 102 N.O. from Peter Cornock, 34 of which were scored after we were 8 down and closed up. Other shining lights were Gerry Quin 43, Peter Garty 41 and John O'Brien 9 N.O. Wally Hodgetts spent 19 nail-biting overs telling us all he could not bat.
Match draw.

vs Auburn

Macquarie 8/238, Auburn 6/241

Auburn lost the toss. We batted first and after a slow start were in trouble at 4/75, half hour before tea when Barry Keast joined Brian van Zuylen in the middle. The two had added another 109 slow runs by stumps with the Auburn quicks hurling

more than balls at them. Brian in particular copped many fine examples of their aggression. The next week saw Macquarie bat on. Barry Keast went first ball, Ron Stinson came in for a very short stay that yielded him 22 runs and we declared 8 down as soon as Brian van Zuylen scored his century. Wally Hodgetts still had not swung a bat in anger.

With Auburn needing 239 runs in 2 hours 40 minutes plus the 20 overs, they came out wielding willow. We had them running early at 3 for 23 but some ordinary fielding, some chancy batting and a fine innings of 107 from Suchy saw Auburn pass our score 6 down and 8 overs to spare.

Our bowlers bowled very well with Ian Brown always troubling the batsmen to finish with 2/63. Wally Hodgetts managed to miss the bat too often and ended with 2/50. This match can be summed up as "the one that got away".
1st innings loss.

vs Burwood

Burwood 6/321 & 0/0, Macquarie 154 & 118

We lost the toss. Burwood batted under excellent conditions, and got runs on the board very quickly. After 4 hours they declared at 6 for 321. Ian Brown and Nick Rountree both finishing with 2/44 were the most successful bowlers.

We started badly that afternoon (1/16) and continued just as badly the next week to be all out for 154. Tony Liuzzo (54) and Gerry Quin (31) were the only batsmen to show form. Wally Hodgetts made his debut, told to play out time, he hit the third ball over the fence to remain not out.

Burwood decided to give us a go and declared their second innings at 0 for 0.

Macquarie took up the challenge and set about getting the 168 runs needed for victory. The runs came fast enough but the wickets began to fall faster and after being 3/111 were all out for 118. Again Tony Liuzzo top scored with 33.
Outright loss.

vs Pennant Hills

Pennant Hills 265, Macquarie 159, 8/85

Another lost toss on a perfect batting wicket.

Pennant Hills started their innings well and dominated the days play. The only Macquarie bowler to get on top was Steve Baker who took 5 for 72. Pennant Hills were finally all out for 265 leaving us 25 minutes to bat out. Again we lost an early wicket.

The next week saw a very sticky wicket which Pennant Hills exploited to the full. Peter Garty was the only Macquarie batsman who applied himself to the tough conditions. He opened and carried his bat for an 88 not out and should have scored a

century but for a lack of guts from the rest of the Macquarie side.

We were sent in again and this time Peter Garty got out for 14 and Macquarie held out till stumps to be 8 for 85. A very disappointing day.
1st innings loss.

vs Epping

Macquarie 167, Epping 323

Lost the toss again! Sent in to bat. Macquarie never really looked like making a big score, the wickets were falling at a much too consistent rate. Peter Garty 36 and Ian Graham 45 were the only batsmen to stay around for any time. A late charge by Peter Kennedy 16 not out got the Macquarie total above the 150 mark.

Epping's batting was consistent from the start, keeping the pressure on the bowlers the whole time. The highlight of the Epping innings was Ron Stinson's cunning in having Bob Bartlett caught for a duck. Bob was not impressed when, after Epping had batted all day to amass 323, Macquarie decided the light was too bad to continue play, with approximately 50 minutes left. Best bowler Nick Rountree 4-34.
1st innings loss.

vs Warringah

Warringah 197, Macquarie 1/44

Lost the toss again - a perfect batting strip. Warringah batted first and never looked comfortable, newcomer opening bowler Ron Aitken caused them problems. A slack period of fielding in the middle of the day allowed Warringah to score more than they should have. Best bowlers were Ron Stinson 4/67 and Ron Aitken 3/39.

Macquarie started batting confidently and were 1 for 44 at stumps. Confident of a win the next week - don't you know it - it RAINED!
Draw.

vs Wentworthville-Blacktown

Wentworthville-Blacktown 3/299, Macquarie 177, 2/40

A very hot, dry, windy day at Wentworthville and - we lost the toss. Wentworthville-Blacktown had no hesitation in making us run around in the heat. They just stood at the crease and hit boundaries. A couple of doubtful decisions when added to the heat, sapped the energy and enthusiasm from most players. The score of 3 for 299 is evidence of this.

Macquarie started their innings badly being 2 for 40 odd at stumps. The next week was much cooler but the Macquarie batting did not improve. A middle order collapse saw us at 7 for 106 before Ron Stinson (33) and Andy Pavlov (31) enabled us to have

a face saving score. Top score was a "classic" 50 from Graeme Bleus.

Sent back in Macquarie stumbled to 2/40 before stumps were drawn. Highlight of the day was the Wenty Christmas B.B.Q. after the game.

1st innings loss.

vs Roseville

Roseville 9 dec 319 & 0 for 0, Macquarie 9 dec 191 & 8 for 125

The game that got away. After having Roseville 5 for 133 in the century plus temperatures, they were able to graft their way to 319. John O'Brien 4/106 off 24 overs, Ron Aitken 2/72 and W. Hodgetts 1/84 all slaved well in the heat. The batting was disappointing with six batsmen getting starts but unable to go on with it. B. van Zuylen 38 and C. Welsby 38 top scored. After a series of declarations we were set 149 to win in 22 overs. John O'Brien 31 N.O. and Gerry Quin 30 tried hard but were unable to pull the game out of the fire.

1st innings loss.

vs Canterbury

Macquarie 99, Canterbury 2 for 146

Lack of concentration by batsmen again had us in trouble on a slightly wet wicket. Only Craig Anderson with a hard hitting 39 was able to salvage any pride. The bowlers were unable to make inroads and Canterbury passed us only one down.

1st innings loss.

vs Lindfield

Macquarie 94, Lindfield 3 for 128

The batsmen again were unable to come to grips with off-spin and in swing bowling on yet again a slightly wet wicket. Only Welsby with a slow 42 was able to keep the attack out. After Peter Miller had Lindfield in early trouble with two quick wickets, Bob Thomas and Laurie Blackman came together to sink Macquarie's hopes.

1st innings loss.

vs Bexley

Bexley 168, Macquarie 137

The bowlers did their job again with Ron Aitken 4/42, John O'Brien 2/70 and Bruce Higgins 2/33 having Bexley out just after lunch in a one day game. Macquarie's batting again let us down being 6 for 38 at one stage. A fighting comeback from Bruce Wickham with 48 and Bruce Higgins with 52 almost brought the game off.

1st innings loss.

vs Roseville (40 OVERS)
Macquarie 123, Roseville 128

How close can a side come to winning without winning. Macquarie yet again crashed in the top order only to be helped out by the bowlers. Best batsmen were Welsby 29, Cole 28, Denlow 20 and Higgins 20. The fielding helped the bowlers in this game and Aitken 3/23. Cole 2/14 and Brown 2/33 just failed to record our first victory.
1st innings loss.

vs Lindfield (40 OVERS)
Macquarie 99, Lindfield 1/100

Lack of players stopped any chance of victory here. Batting first we scored a small 99, Welsby 29, Denlow 19 and Moore 16 the only batsmen to get into double figures. Ron Aitken scored his only runs of the year with a delightful cover drive to fine leg for 2 runs. The bowlers again found the going hard with John O'Brien claiming the only wicket to fall.
1st innings loss.

vs Warringah (40 OVERS)
Warringah 145, Macquarie 3 for 146
YES, A WIN!

After winning the toss, fine bowling by Bruce Higgins 4/19, David Moore 3/28 and tight bowling by Leslie, Cole and O'Brien had Warringah out for 145. An "A" Shires record opening partnership of 111 by Garty 55 and Welsby 48 along with Bruce Higgins 22 enabled us to pass Warringah in 34 of our allotted 40 overs. Perhaps this win will prove to players that to win, an all-round performance by bowlers, fieldsmen and batsmen is required.
1st innings win.

vs Bexley (40 OVERS)
Macquarie 174, Bexley 177

We were to witness a classy innings by Al Mahoney 52 who, assisted by Welsby 37 and Denlow 16, enabled a very satisfactory score of 174 off 39 overs. After starting out well the high standard of bowling set by Higgins and Leslie could not be kept up and combined with some poor outfield catching Bexley were able to scrape in with one over in hand. Some very simple catches were dropped and it just goes to show CATCHES WIN MATCHES.
1st innings loss.

"A" SHIRES STATISTICS - 1980-81

BATTING AVERAGES

<u>BATSMAN</u>	<u>MATCHES</u>	<u>INNINGS</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>CT.</u>
P. Cornock	2	2	1	102x	107	107.00	2
B. van Zuylen	3	4	2	100x	179	89.50	-
P. Garty	5	7	1	88x	260	43.33	7
C. Welsby	8	9	-	48	248	27.56	4
A. Liuzzo	4	6	-	54	138	23.00	1
G. Quin	11	13	1	43	208	17.33	6
B. Higgins	7	8	-	52	111	13.88	2
B. Keast	8	11	-	49	101	9.18	2

ALSO BATTED (LESS THAN 100 RUNS)

A. Mahoney	2	2	1	52	62	62.00	1
G. Bleus	1	2	-	50	55	27.50	-
B. Wickham	3	3	-	48	60	20.00	1
Michael Denlow	3	3	-	28	55	18.33	-
D. Moore	3	2	1	16	18	18.00	-
J. O'Brien	9	9	5	31x	62	15.50	3
I. Graham	5	6	-	45	81	13.50	2
C. Anderson	7	7	-	39	88	12.57	6
R. Stinson	7	9	1	33	78	9.75	2
R. Edenborough	7	7	2	15	48	9.60	-
A. Pavlov	3	5	-	31	45	9.00	-
P. Smith	2	2	-	14	18	9.00	-
M. Schaafsma	5	7	1	20	52	8.67	1
P. Dignan	2	3	-	21	26	8.67	-
P. Byrne	6	8	-	24	57	7.13	-
P. Cummins	1	1	-	6	6	6.00	1
M. Hall	1	1	-	6	6	6.00	-
J. Wilcoxon	1	1	-	3	3	3.00	-
S. South	2	3	-	6	6	2.00	1
P. Miller	1	1	-	2	2	2.00	-
S. Dye	1	1	-	2	2	2.00	-
I. Brown	6	7	2	4	8	1.60	2
R. Aitken	7	7	5	2	2	1.00	2
D. Baker	1	2	-	2	2	1.00	1
B. Cormack	1	1	-	1	1	1.00	-
M. Welsby	1	1	-	0	0	0	-
S.	1	1	-	0	0	0	-
M. Leslie	2	DID	NOT	BAT			

BOWLING AVERAGES

<u>BOWLER</u>	<u>OVERS</u>	<u>MAIDENS</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>WKTS</u>	<u>5 WKTS</u> <u>IN INNS.</u>	<u>AVE.</u>
R. Aitken	74	8	295	14	-	21.07
I. Brown	94	19	332	11	-	30.18
J. O'Brien	94	9	405	10	-	40.50

ALSO BOWLED (LESS THAN 10 WICKETS)

N. Rountree	23	3	97	7	-	13.86
D. Baker	27	6	72	5	1	14.40
P. Miller	10	2	32	2	-	16.00
D. Moore	19	3	88	4	-	22.00
S. South	3	0	24	1	-	24.00
C. Cole	26	3	104	4	-	26.00
P. Kennedy	31	5	120	4	-	30.00
P. Smith	26	2	106	3	-	35.33
R. Stinson	88	9	341	9	-	37.89
B. Higgins	86	15	250	6	-	41.67
Michael Denlow	8	2	42	1	-	42.00
M. Leslie	16	4	46	1	-	46.00
C. Welsby	10	0	52	1	-	52.00
P. Cornock	29	2	126	2	-	63.00
W. Hodgetts	75	9	326	5	-	65.20
A. Pavlov	19	1	104	1	-	104.00
M. Hall	6	0	35	0	-	-
P. Cummins	4	0	29	0	-	-
B. Keast	4	1	26	0	-	-
M. Schaafsma	5	0	15	0	-	-
C. Anderson	2	0	11	0	-	-
B. van Zuylen	1	0	8	0	-	-
P. Byrne	1	0	6	0	-	-

"A" SHIRES 1980-81

BEST PERFORMANCES

Batting Average	P. Cornock	107.0
Batting Aggregate	P. Garty	260
Highest Score	P. Cornock	102 N.O.
Bowling Average	R. Aitken	21.07
Bowling Aggregate	R. Aitken	14
Most Wickets in Innings	D. Baker	5/72
Most Catches	P. Garty	7
Highest Team Score	vs Lane Cove	246
Lowest Team Score	vs Lindfield	94

PREMIERSHIP RESULTS

Played	11
Won Outright	0
Won 1st Innings	0
Drawn	2
Lost Outright	2
Lost 1st Innings	7
Position in Competition	12th

REDRAW RESULTS

Played	4
Won	1
Lost	3

TEAM STATISTICS

	<u>Macquarie</u>	<u>Opponents</u>
Runs scored	2056	2723
Wickets Lost	124	85
Average/Wicket	16.58	32.03

HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS "A" SHIRES 1980-81

<u>WICKET</u>	<u>BATSMEN</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
First	Garty (56), Welsby (48)	111	Warringah
Second	Mahoney (52), Welsby (37)	93	Bexley
Third	Garty (36), Graham (45)	59	Epping
Fourth	Cornock (102x), Garty (41)	88	Lane Cove
Fifth	Van Zuylen (100x), Keast (49)	109	Auburn
Sixth	Van Zuylen (100x), Stinson (22)	39	Auburn
Seventh	Cole (28), Higgins (20)	36	Roseville
Eighth	Higgins (52), O'Brien (10x)	57	Roseville
	Stinson (33), Pavlov (31)	57	Went/Blcktwn
Ninth	Garty (88x), Hodgetts (17)	29	Pennant Hills
Tenth	Pavlov (10), Hodgetts (8x)	8	Burwood

CAPTAIN'S REPORT - "B" SHIRES

Ours was a disappointing season. From 4th to 2nd last in one year is a bit much to take. Why did we fail this year? One real reason comes to mind - "Commitment". To my way of thinking, if you decide you're going to play cricket - you play, and when you turn out for a club in any team, you give 100% no matter what your talents are or aren't. No one can expect more than that - and they don't.

Our failure is a reflection on the Club, and ourselves. On the Club, because of the number of players that changed their minds during the season about playing all matches. It only needs one or two players from 3rds, 4ths, A's or B's each match who decide not to play, to completely change the B's team. Thus building teamwork and team spirit becomes a joke. On ourselves, because although all 30 players that turned out for B's this season have the talent to be part of a winning combination, they lack the dedication, application and will to win to achieve this.

When B's put their heads down, they do remarkably well. Unfortunately, this does not happen often enough. Probably everyone had a high point of the season, but these would occur when the majority of players were on a low, thus inconsistency.

The teams most consistent player was David Baker - 25 wickets and 205 runs. Simon Rountree, after a bump on the head, also played well to aggregate 238 runs. Bruce Donald was the teams best player in terms of effort - his talents may not reach the heights of other cricketers, but his effort surpasses everyone elses. The team and Club could do a lot worse than "take a leaf out of his book."

I would like to thank David Baker, Peter Garty and John Wickham for their support through the season.

Graeme Mitchell

Match Reports - "B" Shires

vs Lane Cove

Macquarie 307 & 1/36, Lane Cove 243

The season began well for Macquarie when we won the toss and elected to bat on a good batting strip. Our opening batsmen took full advantage of this by compiling a handy 74 runs before Craig Anderson lost his wicket for 54. This good start enabled Macquarie's other batsmen to attack the bowling which they did in debonair fashion. Mark Schaafsma (74), Nick Rountree (64) and Colin Cole (55) set up a match winning lead of 3 for 229 before the rot began. Unfortunately, the next 7 wickets fell for 68 runs; a disappointing middle and lower order performance.

Lane Cove batted with some difficulty on the second day being 3 for 39, but Macquarie let them off the hook at this point and a further 69 runs were added for the next wicket. However, persistent bowling by Bruce Donald and Ian Brown saw Lane Cove collapse to 7 for 127. At this point Macquarie went 'walkabout' and allowed Lane Cove to score 116 runs for the last 3 wickets, before sealing the first win of the season. Complacency appeared too evident far too early in the season.
1st innings win.

vs Auburn

Macquarie 173 & 3/58, Auburn 135

It seemed ridiculous but Macquarie found themselves scraping for players up to half an hour prior to this match commencing. We had two recognised bowlers.

On a dusty pitch we won the toss and batted. The batting was disappointing but no more so than the pitch we had to play on. Good performances were put in by Mark Schaafsma (29), Simon Burchett (30 N.O.), David Baker (31) and Sundries (29).

The lack of discipline and application by our recognised batsmen in this match (despite the pitch) was indicative of what was in store for the rest of the season.

The big performances in this match came from David Baker (6/64) and Colin Cole (2/56) who bowled 59 of the total overs (63.2) between them. Good fielding and a greater desire to win, with a weakened side, generally seemed to help spur Macquarie on. At no stage did Macquarie really let the pressure up, and thanks to accurate bowling, we achieved a gutsy win. More of these type of wins would see Macquarie head towards the semis.
1st innings win.

vs Burwood

Burwood 131, Macquarie 56 & 211

On a pitch favouring the bowler Macquarie won the toss and sent Burwood in to bat.

A run out at 9 wasn't exactly the ideal way to begin an innings, and it certainly set the scene for a poor batting display by Burwood. With a stronger bowling line up than the previous match, Macquarie took full advantage of their initial breakthrough to have Burwood reeling at 7 for 68, then 8 for 79, but again we allowed lower order batsmen to score runs, this time a further 52.

Good bowling performances again came from David Baker (2/37), excluding wides, and also Peter Kennedy (1/39) and John O'Brien (2/21).

The less said about Macquarie's batting effort the better. David Baker top scored on 28, then Sundries was next on 10, out of a total of 56. However, Macquarie proved they have the talent to score against sides with a second innings effort of 211; with Ross Edenborough (75) and Simon Burchett (41 N.O.) doing particularly well. More application first up would really put Macquarie amongst the better sides, as it had last season. 1st innings loss.

vs Pennant Hills

Pennant Hills 4/398, Macquarie Uni 141 & 5/178

Pennant Hills won the toss and elected to bat on a hot day with a good batting strip. Macquarie began well with Peter Kennedy gaining the initial breakthrough at 32 and this was followed up by Colin Cole who snagged the next wicket at 37. Our momentum slowed a little before Brian Croke took Penno's next wicket at 77. However, at this point we were well in the game, and seemingly doing a good job in uncomfortably warm conditions.

I have mentioned how in our first match we went 'walkabout' at the end of Lane Cove's innings. This time we didn't wait that long. Pennant Hills' fourth wicket fell to Peter Kennedy, again, but unfortunately Penno was 296 and eventually declared at 398, before the days end. Macquarie batted for 3 slow overs and were 'oh-so-lucky' to survive without loss of a wicket on the first day.

On the second day our batting showed as much enthusiasm and application as our bowling, even though conditions weren't as good as Penno experienced the previous week. Only Colin Cole (36) and Ross Edenborough (26) showed any fight. Good performances were again held over to the second innings, Craig Anderson (61) and Cole (68) being outstanding.

Obviously Macquarie has some pride about being completely 'done'. Pennant Hills should have won this game outright, but stoic batting prevented that result much to their disgust. We at least had that to smile about!

1st innings loss.

vs Epping

Epping 269, Macquarie 165 & 3/69

Epping were always going to be a formidable side, and possibly their reputation overawed us. In any case they won the toss and batted on what appeared to be a batting pitch. The day was fine and certainly added to the advantage they had. Macquarie began extremely well putting Epping's first 3 batsmen back in the pavilion for only 21 runs. John O'Brien did the damage but was ably supported by David Baker with accurate (yes, it's true) bowling. At this stage Epping worked on their game by slowing the pace down and settling themselves in. This was a good tactic and paid off as wickets 4 & 5 fell at 66 and 156 respectively. Andy Pavlov came into the attack to take the fifth wicket and kept up an accurate and sustained piece of bowling. Epping's lower order kept their side going, adding 65 runs for the last 3 wickets. 269 was never an unbeatable score, and I feel Macquarie despite some lapses had done well. Full marks to John O'Brien 4/94 off 25 and Andy Pavlov 4/47 off 17.

'Murphy' stepped in on day 2 despite us starting at 2/32. The day was very cloudy and the pitch nice and moist with plenty of bounce for Mr. Maguire & Co. On top of that David Baker (nightwatchman) had fallen ill and was fairly 'easy-pickins'. Resistance came from Andy Pavlov (52) with some support from Colin Cole and Graeme Mitchell. It was a real grind, and full marks to Epping for keeping the pressure right on us. Even though the result was virtually over at 8/131, John O'Brien and Mark Hall kept Epping out for just on one and a half hours adding 35 for the last wicket. Well done fellas, it was thoroughly enjoyable! I know Epping were most relieved to get their win.
1st innings loss.

vs Warringah

Warringah 9/231, Macquarie 199

Over to Weldon Park, and that very large, wobbly Aussie Rules field. Warringah, on a fine day, won the toss and batted. Their first two batsmen went at 22 and 56, but after that settled into putting a fairly inaccurate, ineffective and unenthusiastic attack (?) into all parts of the ground. With probably our best side of the season we were setting out to prove how inconsistent we could be. Only Wally Hodgetts kept the pressure on the batsmen but unfortunately, and unluckily, went wicketless. We ended up 'buying' our wickets which saw Warringah declare at 231. On the same day we batted, and finished on a grim note when Simon Rountree copped a flier over the eye, requiring stiches.

On the second day, we again had to resume batting on a wet pitch, but grit and determination saw 93 runs up for the loss of only 3 wickets, thanks to two Aussie Rules players, Graeme Bleus (56) and Phil Dignan (25). Four further wickets fell for 31 runs, then Graeme Mitchell (30) and Simon Rountree (39 N.O. - the bump did wonders) stabilised the situation. We didn't really carry on beyond this partnership and were all out for 199. A game we could have and should have won.

1st innings loss.

vs Wentworthville-Blacktown
Wentworthville 4/313, Macquarie 197

Back on home territory for Round 7, saw us with five players from our previous match. This type of team juggling certainly doesn't allow much opportunity to develop either harmony or teamwork. We definitely went into this match understrength, and were forced to make drastic changes, e.g. Simon Burchett opening, Craig Anderson and Graeme Mitchell bowling.

As it happened we won the toss and batted first. Simon Burchett (14) filled his role admirably, causing Wenty a lot of heartbreak. John Wilcoxon (48) and Simon Rountree (49) provided the only real backbone to a disappointing batting performance. Three other recognised batsmen who scored 18 between them, probably let the side down. As it was, David Baker (21) and Wally Hodgetts (23) were left to add some respectability to our innings of 197.

Wenty were in trouble early in their first innings being 1/4 in the first over. We were still in with a chance when they reached 3/68 but after that the match deteriorated into a bit of a joke as Wenty easily passed our 197, and saw fit to bat until the completion of the final 20 overs. As it stood they were more interested in individual performances than opening the game up for an outright result.
1st innings loss.

vs Roseville
Macquarie 8/228, Roseville 9/303

At Macquarie again on a very good day, and pitch, for batting, saw us struggling for players. In actual fact, we started with 9 players and won the toss (and a good toss to win at that) but, because of the lack of cricketers, we were forced to bowl.

I might mention at this point, that John Wickham, in the outfield for us, sustained a tendon injury that put him out for the season. John was one of a number of players from the 4ths who unselfishly 'subbed' all day to help us make numbers up.

As things went we had one front line bowler. Needless to say, Roseville revelled in this situation scoring 117 before losing their first batsman. At this point Warwick Folkard started making inroads into the batting. He finished with 4/91. However, the damage had been done, and Roseville steadily amassed 303 runs for the loss of 9 wickets. David Baker finished with 2/42 and Graeme Mitchell, much to the team's delight, chimed in with a wicket in his first of four overs (We won't talk about the runs amassed in those four overs though).

When Macquarie batted, Simon Burchett and David Baker did well to upset the Roseville bowlers. We didn't really envisage winning the game but certainly decided not to lose it. Warwick Folkard (49) and Graeme Mitchell (52) went a long way to ensuring this. With an entertaining innings of 29 from a late arrival, Peter Miller, Macquarie was holding Roseville out very

well. Play ended with Mark Hall (10 N.O.) and Bruce Donald (13 N.O.) fighting a splendid rear guard action.

The game was drawn thanks to a bit of good old fashioned guts and application. Very well done Macquarie.
Match drawn.

vs Canterbury

Canterbury 137, Macquarie 121

For the second year in a row rain prevented a full days play in this match against Canterbury. Furthermore, rain delayed a start on the second day until 12.30 p.m. - 7 hours lost. Without apologies I say that our matches with Canterbury are usually controversial, with a fair bit of ill feeling between both camps. I think this match went a long way to changing that. Both teams are to be fully applauded for the spirit in which this match was played - by far our most enjoyable match of the year. Even though we lost the toss and found ourselves batting on a damp pitch, our batsmen decided to make a match of it. No-one but Jim Duncan (25) got over 20, but every one of our 10 batsmen scored runs trying to keep the match alive. Possibly the score might have been more if we had a full complement, but still, 121 runs were on the board, and Canterbury had to get them.

Canterbury began well despite accurate bowling from David Baker (4/30) and Colin Cole (1/44). However from being 0 for 33 they slumped to 4 for 38, and we were in with a chance. More pressure from the bowlers, and superb fielding and catching, saw Canterbury slump to 6 for 54. However they gradually began to get on top and in effect were 9 for 118 at the beginning of the 12th over in the last hour of play. Unfortunately, they scored a four off that first ball. In the 13th over David Baker took a superb catch to wind Canterbury's innings up at 137. A great match!

1st innings loss.

vs Lindfield

Lindfield 3/167, Macquarie 76 & 4/97

Rain again washed out the first day and delayed the start of the second. Macquarie won the toss and sent Lindfield in to bat. That was as close as we came to a win. We wasted the new ball and conditions through bad tactics and inaccurate bowling. Lindfield were untroubled to score 167, and gave Macquarie plenty of time to score the necessary 168.

However, Macquarie had other ideas. We embarked on a batting collapse reminiscent of our match against Burwood. Only Graeme Mitchell (30), Andrew Davidson (17) and David Baker (15) looked like getting on top. We lost 7 other wickets for 6 runs (excluding sundries, 8). In the second innings, as is our practice, more respectability was achieved due to a patient 26 by Bruce Donald and 42 N.O. (at last) by Colin Cole. Another match best forgotten.

1st innings loss.

vs Bexley

Bexley 211, Macquarie 154

Rain for the third successive match prevented play on the first day. Nevertheless, the pitch and field on the second day were easily the best we've seen at Macquarie. A delight to play on. We won the toss and with some moisture in the pitch, decided to let Bexley bat.

Bexley at 2 for 17 looked in all sorts of strife, but through steady play and a dwindling Macquarie attack, slowly built the score up to 4 for 175. Peter Kennedy (4 for 71) had bowled with a lot of venom to take two of these wickets; John Wilcoxon had effected two run-outs. At the suggestion of the Vice-Captin, Graeme Mitchell came on to bowl and in nine overs of confusion took 4 for 30. Someone said he bowled well, but most of us prefer to think that Bexley were ready to declare.

Macquarie's batting to say the least was disgusting down to number 7, excepting John Wilcoxon (30). At 7 for 51 Paul Motta (38), David Baker (20) and Peter Kennedy (41) decided enough was enough. In about 20 overs of delightful batting, Macquarie added 103 runs.

This match was the last competition match of the year. It just about summed up our 1980-81 effort - "The batsmen bowled well and the bowlers batted superbly."
1st innings loss.

vs Warringah (40 overs)

Macquarie Uni 7/193, Warringah 171

The "B's" had their first win for about five months in an exciting and close match against Warringah on a synthetic wicket at Cromer.

Macquarie won the toss and batted on what turned out to be a very slow pitch. Bruce Donald (24 runs) and Paul Byrne (24) opened the innings and gave the side a good partnership of 39, although their scoring rate was slow. Paul was out first and Andrew Davidson (9) and Simon Rountree (2) soon followed, both being bowled attempting to force the pace.

With the score at 4/80 after the 25th over we needed some controlled hitting to reach a respectable score. Paul Motta (33) and Mark Schafima (19) had an excellent 40 run partnership with both batsmen hitting some powerful boundaries. Peter Kennedy (58 not out) came to the crease when Mark was dismissed and played the classical "cowboy" innings. Four huge sixes and five fours accounted for 44 of his 58 runs. (I feel sorry for the Warringah bowler who had two overs for thirty runs!) Peter's onslaught enabled us to reach 7/193 at the completion of our allotted forty overs. We scored 106 runs off the last 10 overs!

Warringah, in their innings, were able to push the scoring rate along faster than Macquarie in the first twenty overs although Peter Kennedy (2/22) and Wally Hodgetts (1/28) bowled very well early in the innings.

Each bowler chipped in with a wicket to have Warringah at 5-76, however a good partnership, some loose bowling and indifferent fielding let them back into the game. Peter Kennedy then knocked the stumps over twice in two overs, there was a run out and with David Baker (3/34) bowling the last over we needed two wickets to win, or lose out on run rate. The two wickets came - the last one due to a magnificent diving catch by Simon Rountree.
1st innings win.

vs Lane Cove (40 overs)

Macquarie Uni 147, Lane Cove 1/150

After our fine win in the previous match, the Lane Cove game was, to say the least, very disappointing. We lost the toss and were sent in on what looked to be a very easy batting wicket. Alas, both openers scored ducks and from 2 for 8 we never really recovered.

Barry Keast (44) was the only batsman to get his head down and score some runs. After a scratchy start Barry started hitting some magnificent shots, including one huge six. (No more early nights for you Barry!). Simon Burchett (9) gave Barry good support for a while but failed to go on with it. All the other batsmen hit a four or two and then lost their wickets - our second highest scorers were Simon Rountree and David Baker - both on 14 runs. Our total of 147 runs was never going to be enough on that wicket at Macquarie.

There is very little one can say about our bowling. Lane Cove passed us at 1/150!! Peter Kennedy and Wally Hodgetts bowled well early, but both lost their line and length. David Baker bowled two dreadful overs to start with taking the pressure off the Lane Cove batsmen. Andrew Davidson captured the only wicket with a good delivery but he too bowled a couple of ill-directed overs which proved expensive.

Barry Keast and Paul Motta tried hard but the Lane Cove batting was too good on the day. Each bowled four overs for 26 and 22 runs respectively. Although only the one catch was dropped, the fielding was not good. Too many times the fieldsmen were not bending right down to the ground to get the ball, consequently a number of runs were given away making Lane Cove's task that much easier.
1st innings loss.

vs Bexley (40 overs)

Macquarie won on forfeit.

Macquarie recorded their most convincing win of the season when Bexley B's failed to turn up! A social game was arranged on the spot with a nomadic Bexley A shires team. When Bexley were 4/38 due to fine bowling from Wes Hall (3/28), we looked like

recording a unique double of wins in both A's and B's in the one afternoon. However the game slipped away from us after that, and when play was called off when the moon went behind a cloud, Macquarie needed 107 runs off the last 5 overs. A moral victory!

vs Roseville (40 overs)

Macquarie 73, Roseville 2/77

Macquarie unfortunately saved one of their worst performances of the season for the last game. There is not much that can be said about the batting of a team that is dismissed for only 73 of 30 overs. Bruce Donald batted steadily for 17, but application was in short supply against a mediocre attack. When Roseville batted, Peter Kennedy bowled with his usual fire and Wally Hodgetts with his usual steadiness. However the target was far too small to present Roseville with any problems and the winning runs were finally scored off that notable bowler, Simon Burchett.
1st innings loss.

'B' SHIRES STATISTICS - 1980-81

BATTING AVERAGES

<u>BATSMAN</u>	<u>MATCHES</u>	<u>INNINGS</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>HIGHEST SCORE</u>	<u>TOTAL RUNS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>CATCHES</u>
M. Schaafsma	6	9	3	74	196	32.67	4
R. Edenborough	2	4	-	75	117	29.25	-
C. Anderson	5	9	-	61	182	20.22	1
C. Cole	9	13	1	68	237	19.75	2
P. Kennedy	7	8	1	58x	131	18.71	1
D. Baker	12	15	3	31	205	17.08	5
B. Donald	12	14	6	26	130	16.25	6
G. Mitchell	11	13	-	52	193	14.85	3
S. Rountree	14	18	1	49	238	14.00	8
S. Burchett	13	13	2	41x	137	12.45	6

ALSO BATTED (LESS THAN 100 RUNS)

N. Rountree	1	1	-	64	64	64.00	2
P. Miller	1	1	-	29	29	29.00	-
W. Folkard	2	2	-	49	53	26.50	2
A. Pavlov	2	2	-	52	52	26.00	-
P. Dignan	1	1	-	25	25	25.00	1
G. Bleus	2	3	-	56	65	21.67	2
M. Hall	6	6	4	10x	37	18.50	1
J. Wilcoxon	5	6	-	48	93	15.50	1
B. Keast	4	4	-	44	58	14.50	2
P. Motta	7	7	-	38	94	13.43	1
M. Stevens	3	5	2	13	40	13.33	4 + 1 ST
B. Croke	1	2	1	12x	12	12.00	-
P. Smith	1	1	-	12	12	12.00	-
W. Hodgetts	5	5	1	23	46	11.50	1
P. Byrne	3	3	-	24	24	8.00	2
A. Davison	8	9	-	17	65	7.20	-
J. O'Brien	3	4	1	16x	20	6.67	3
S. South	1	2	-	12	12	6.00	-
G. Barnett	1	1	-	4	4	4.00	-
I. Brown	1	1	-	0	0	0.00	-

BOWLING AVERAGES

<u>BOWLER</u>	<u>OVERS</u>	<u>MALDENS</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>WKTS</u>	<u>5 WKTS. IN INNS.</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
D. Baker	162.4	34	542	25	1	21.68

ALSO BOWLED (LESS THAN 10 WICKETS)

S. Rountree	3	1	11	1	-	11.00
A. Pavlov	25	8	84	6	-	14.00
P. Smith	18	3	62	3	-	20.67
G. Mitchell	30	3	174	8	-	21.75
I. Brown	21	6	50	2	-	25.00
J. O'Brien	45	9	151	6	-	25.17
P. Motta	5	1	30	1	-	30.00
W. Folkard	26	-	127	4	-	31.75
P. Kennedy	84.4	17	287	9	-	31.89
A. Davison	33	3	144	4	-	36.00
C. Cole	80	14	280	7	-	40.00
B. Donald	38	4	173	4	-	43.25
B. Keast	10	1	58	1	-	58.00
M. Hall	48	4	199	3	-	66.33
W. Hodgetts	50	13	165	2	-	82.50
B. Croke	23	2	109	1	-	109.00
N. Rountree	5	-	30	-	-	-
C. Anderson	4	-	19	-	-	-
S. Burchett	3	-	5	-	-	-

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BEST PERFORMANCES

Batting Average	Mark Schaafsma	32.67
Batting Aggregate	Simon Rountree	237
Highest Score	Ross Edenborough	75
Bowling Average	David Baker	21.68
Bowling Aggregate	David Baker	25
Most Wickets in Innings	David Baker	6/64
Most Wickets in Match	David Baker	6/64
Seven Wickets or more in Innings	Nil	
Most Catches	Simon Rountree	7
Centuries	Nil	
Highest Team Score	vs Lane Cove	307
Lowest Team Score	vs Burwood	56

RESULTS

Played	15
Won outright	-
Won 1st innings	4
Drawn	1
Lost outright	-
Lost 1st innings	10

TEAM STATISTICS

	<u>Macquarie</u>	<u>Opponents</u>
Runs scored	2880	2936
Wickets lost	161	103
Average/Wicket	17.89	28.50

HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS "B" SHIRES 1980-81

<u>WICKET</u>	<u>BATSMEN</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
First	M.Schaafsma (74), C. Anderson (54)	74	Lane Cove
Second	M.Schaafsma (74), N. Rountree (64)	110	Lane Cove
Third	C. Anderson (61), C. Cole (68)	84	Pennant Hills
Fourth	J. Wilcoxin (48), S. Rountree (49)	72	W'ville-B'town
Fifth	W. Folkard (49), G. Mitchell (52)	60	Roseville
Sixth	G. Mitchell (52), P. Miller (29)	41	Roseville
Seventh	C. Cole (36), S. Burchett (16)	43	Pennant Hills
Eighth	D. Baker (20), P. Motta (38)	49	Bexley
Ninth	S. Burchett (30x), D. Baker (31)	56	Auburn-Lidcombe
Tenth	S. Burchett (41x), B. Donald (22x)	57x	Burwood