



**MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY**

**CRICKET CLUB**



**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2000-01 SEASON**

## MUCC SEMI-FINAL PERFORMANCES

| <u>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</u> |                 | <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</u> |                 | <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</u> |                   | <u>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</u> |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1974-75                     | 4th             | 1977-78                     | 4th             | 1970-71                     | 4th               | 1989-90                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| 1977-78                     | 4th             | 1978-79                     | <b>Premiers</b> | 1971-72                     | <b>Premiers</b>   | 1993-94                     | <b>Premiers</b> |
| 1990-91                     | 4th             | 1979-80                     | 4th             | 1972-73                     | <b>Premiers *</b> | 1997-98                     | 4 <sup>th</sup> |
| 1991-92                     | 4th             | 1990-91                     | 3rd             | 1975-76                     | 2nd               |                             |                 |
| 1994-95                     | 4th             | 1992-93                     | <b>Premiers</b> | 1977-78                     | 3rd               |                             |                 |
| 1995-96                     | <b>Premiers</b> | 1997-98                     | 2nd             | 1978-79                     | <b>Premiers</b>   |                             |                 |
| 2000-01                     | 6th             |                             |                 | 1985-86                     | 3rd               |                             |                 |
|                             |                 |                             |                 | 1987-88                     | 2nd               |                             |                 |
|                             |                 |                             |                 | 1990-91                     | 4th               |                             |                 |
|                             |                 |                             |                 | 1991-92                     | 3rd               |                             |                 |
|                             |                 |                             |                 | 1993-94                     | 2nd               |                             |                 |
|                             |                 |                             |                 | 1994-95                     | <b>Premiers</b>   |                             |                 |

\* Second team finished **2nd**

| <u>Metropolitan Cup</u> |     | <u>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</u> |     | <u>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</u> |     |
|-------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|
| 2000-01                 | 4th | 1997-98                     | 2nd | 1993-94                     | 3rd |

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| <u>Sydney Shires Club Champions</u> | 1990-91 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|

| <u>WOMEN'S</u> |  | <u>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</u> |                 | <u>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</u> |                 |
|----------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
|                |  | 1994-95                     | <b>Premiers</b> | 1992-93                     | 4th             |
|                |  | 1998-99                     | 4th             | 1993-94                     | <b>Premiers</b> |
|                |  | 1999-00                     | 3rd             |                             |                 |

### FINISHING POSITION IN COMPETITIONS 2000-01

| <u>Team</u>                | <u>Position</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade      | 6 th            | 40            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade      | 13 th           | 6             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade      | 10 th           | 22            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade      | 11 th           | 24            |
| Under 24 s                 | 7 th            | 12            |
| Club Championship          | 11 th           | 478           |
| SWCA 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 4 th            | 45            |
| Metropolitan Cup           | 4 th            | 56            |

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| CLUB RECORDS                                       | 101 |
| CURRENT PLAYERS                                    | 109 |

# MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB

## PRESIDENT

Craig Edwards

## HONORARY SECRETARY

David Smith

## HONORARY TREASURER

Martyn Payne

## COMMITTEE

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Simon Burchett | Leanne Frost |
| Richard Cann   | Adrian Lulka |
| Phil Erskine   | David Webb   |

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCES

The Committee met on 11 occasions throughout the year. Attendances were as follows:

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Craig Edwards  | 10 |
| David Smith    | 10 |
| David Webb     | 10 |
| Phil Erskine   | 10 |
| Leanne Frost   | 10 |
| Martyn Payne   | 9  |
| Richard Cann   | 9  |
| Simon Burchett | 8  |
| Adrian Lulka   | 7  |

## **PAST OFFICE-BEARERS**

### **PRESIDENT**

|         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| 1967-69 | R. Vagg       |
| 1969-79 | M.R. Gwilliam |
| 1979-80 | R. Vagg       |
| 1980-83 | J. Wickham    |
| 1983-89 | W. Folkard    |
| 1989-92 | A. Davies     |
| 1992-94 | B. Hort       |
| 1994-95 | D. Budge      |
| 1995-98 | D. Folkard    |
| 1998-   | C. Edwards    |

### **HONORARY SECRETARY**

|         |             |
|---------|-------------|
| 1967-69 | P. Saunders |
| 1969    | P. Barclay  |
| 1969-72 | J. Slack    |
| 1972-73 | K. Henry    |
| 1973-74 | D. Rutledge |
| 1974-75 | A. Faulks   |
| 1975-76 | P. Barclay  |
| 1976-79 | J. Wickham  |
| 1979-80 | B. Jones    |
| 1980-81 | P. Garty    |
| 1981-90 | A. Mahoney  |
| 1990-91 | S. Jurd     |
| 1991-93 | R. Mather   |
| 1993-94 | M. Ramsland |
| 1994-95 | D. Deller   |
| 1995-98 | J. Breden   |
| 1998-99 | G. McFadden |
| 1999-   | D. Smith    |

## HONORARY TREASURER

|         |             |
|---------|-------------|
| 1967-69 | P. Barclay  |
| 1969-72 | P. Korbel   |
| 1972-74 | M. Hoban    |
| 1974-75 | D. Rutledge |
| 1975-77 | P. Korbel   |
| 1977-78 | G. Leary    |
| 1978-90 | C. Welsby   |
| 1990-93 | S. O'Reilly |
| 1993-94 | I. Blyth    |
| 1994-95 | M. Hughes   |
| 1995-96 | D. Budge    |
| 1996-98 | D. Webb     |
| 1998-00 | A. Slattery |
| 2001-   | M. Payne    |

## LIFE MEMBERS

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| L. Ager     | C. Gold        |
| C. Anderson | J. Giuffre     |
| P. Barclay  | M.R. Gwilliam* |
| G. Bleus    | B. Hort        |
| I. Blyth    | B. Jones       |
| J. Breden   | A. Mahoney     |
| D. Budge    | P. Miller      |
| S. Burchett | S. O'Reilly    |
| A. Davies   | R. Vagg        |
| M.J. Denlow | D. Webb        |
| K. Dixon    | C. Welsby      |
| C. Edwards  | S. Wiblin      |
| D. Folkard  | J. Wickham     |
| W. Folkard  |                |
| P. Garty    |                |

\*deceased

## CLUB AWARDS 2000-01

|                         |               |                 |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| M.R. Gwilliam Shield    | David Webb    |                 |
| A. Davies Trophy        | Amara Jarratt |                 |
| Most Improved           | Paul Chapman  |                 |
| A. Pearton Award        | Leanne Frost  |                 |
| G. Gavin Fielding Award | Terry Dorrell |                 |
| Clubman of the Year     | Martin Karm   |                 |
| Hard Luck Award         | James Radford |                 |
| 300 Games               | Allan Mahoney |                 |
| Pewters                 | Ben Bradley   | David McIntosh  |
|                         | Greg Brown    | Peter Saliba    |
|                         | Amara Jarrett | Kylie Soulie    |
|                         | Brett Kent    | Wayne Travers   |
|                         | Graham Lego   |                 |
| Mounted Ball            | Martyn Payne: | 10 Wicket Match |

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:

|         |                        |         |             |
|---------|------------------------|---------|-------------|
| 1974-75 | G. Frankish            | 1975-76 | G. Frankish |
| 1976-77 | L. Ager, Martin Denlow | 1977-78 | P. Bourke   |
| 1978-79 | J. Giuffre             | 1979-80 | L. Ager     |
| 1980-81 | L. Ager                | 1981-82 | P. Dignan   |
| 1982-83 | T. Monaghan            | 1983-84 | A. Lindsay  |
| 1984-85 | G. Craighead           | 1985-86 | S. O'Reilly |
| 1986-87 | I. Blyth               | 1987-88 | K. Dixon    |
| 1988-89 | G. Brown               | 1989-90 | I. Jessup   |
| 1990-91 | P. Notaras             | 1991-92 | T. Ritchie  |
| 1992-93 | D. Webb                | 1993-94 | D. Webb     |
| 1994-95 | D. Webb                | 1995-96 | D. Webb     |
| 1996-97 | G. Brown               | 1997-98 | P. Notaras  |
| 1998-99 | P. Notaras             | 1999-00 | D. Webb     |

The **A. Davies Trophy** is awarded annually to the most outstanding woman cricketer in the Club. Alan was President from 1989 to 1992 and instrumental in establishing the Women's team. Previous winners are:

|         |           |         |           |
|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| 1994-95 | M.King    | 1995-96 | E.Hurst   |
| 1996-97 | J.Kotatko | 1997-98 | K.Soulie  |
| 1998-99 | K.Soulie  | 1990-00 | A.Jarratt |

## **CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD**

McDonalds Macquarie Centre initiated the "Club of the Year" award in 1989 with a Shield and a cheque for \$500 to the most worthy Sporting Club.

The 1990 *Club of the Year* winner was the Cricket Club.

## **SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**

In 1984 the Sports Association instituted the award of Sports Administrator of the Year. The award is presented to a leading Club Administrator for service over and above that normally expected. The Cricket Club members to receive this award are:

|      |               |
|------|---------------|
| 1985 | Allan Mahoney |
| 1996 | David Webb    |
| 1997 | David Folkard |

## **M.U.S.A. BRIAN SPENCER AWARD**

This award is given in recognition of outstanding service to a club and/or to the Sports Association by an individual on or off the field.

In 2001 Allan Mahoney became the first member of the Cricket Club to win this award .



## UNIVERSITY BLUES

Blues are awarded by the University to sportsmen and women for outstanding sporting achievements. Performance standards are set by the Clubs and approved by the University Blues Committee. For Cricket, a Full Blue requires State representation whilst a Half Blue requires either 500 runs or 50 wickets in the Club's highest team. Current student status is also necessary.

Previous Awardees are:

### Full Blue

1971 K. Mackay

### Half Blue

1970 M. Redden  
1971 F. Alley  
1972 J. Giuffre  
1972 P. Miller  
1977 L. Ager  
1978 P. Bourke  
1985 C. Welsby  
1988 I. Blyth

## UNIVERSITY CLUB COLOUR AWARDS

In 1980 the University instituted the award of *Club Colour* to be presented to men and women who have made an outstanding contribution to Macquarie University Sport, through their respective clubs, from an administrative or organisational viewpoint. Cricket Club members who have received this award are:

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 1980 | P. Barclay<br>G. Bleus<br>M.R. Gwilliam<br>P. Miller<br>R. Vagg |
| 1981 | A. Faulks<br>K. Henry   |
| 1983 | G. Hargreaves<br>B. Jones                                       |
| 1984 | C. Welsby<br>J. Wickham   |
| 1987 | A. Mahoney  |
| 1990 | A. Davies<br>W. Folkard   |

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Season 2000-01 was a step forward. We returned to the finals in First Grade, a place very familiar to us during the nineties and the Metropolitan Cup side made its debut in semi-final cricket. Congratulations to Nasty and Wayne and their respective teams for making the semis. With a little luck we will have the other grades playing semis next year and a premiership, hopefully, not far behind.

The club exhibited greater depth throughout and results would have been more impressive if it wasn't for untimely rain, or those "toss of the coin" decisions that went against us. Individual on-field performances were solid rather than spectacular, yet it was pleasing to see players scoring "tons" and taking "seven fors" with greater regularity than in recent seasons.

Socially, there was a strong bond. Even Second Grade with only one win had its own 'unique' camaraderie. All social functions were well attended, the highlights being white-water rafting and a record attendance at the annual dinner/auction night.

We hired our first professional non-playing coach, Danny McVey. Danny did a magnificent job and added a touch of professionalism to training. Thankfully, Danny has agreed to coach again next season, and has also volunteered to chair the 2002 UK tour committee, which is striving to send a team on a tour of the UK during the Winter of 2002.

Next year, one of our challenges is to recruit appropriately to build on these foundations. The executive committee will endeavour to secure the services of at least one top-line batsman. We must develop and retain young players, "age creep" is a very real issue as many of the first and second graders are on the 'wrong' side of thirty.

Well done Al Mahoney for reaching the *three hundred game* milestone, a first at Macquarie. Al has been a fantastic example for commitment both on and off the field and it has been a pleasure to have Al as a teammate. The good news is that Al has not yet hung up the boots as he has signalled his desire to make the UK tour next year. Al's contribution was also recognised by MUSA when he was awarded the Bryan Spencer Award for outstanding service.

I welcome Simon Burchett to the Life Member Club. Simon has been a club stalwart for many years and his life membership is richly deserved.

Many thanks to the committee, particularly Smithy, Marty and Webby. Thanks to Ersko for his help with the auction, and Leanne Frost and Robyn Smith with the typing of the Annual Report. Thanks also to Barnsie, Legs and Hughsie for the proof-reading of this report.

I look forward to seeing everyone back next year for what I'm sure will be a bumper year for Macquarie.

**Craig Edwards**

**Honorary President**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

In terms of both on-field performance and off-field spirit, Macquarie University Cricket Club turned itself around during season 2000-01. While there are still areas for development, and aspects of the club's administration and playing performance which need addressing, the past season has generally seen a dramatic improvement for MUCC.

On the playing field, congratulations to Paul Notaras and the First Grade squad, and to Wayne Travers and the amazingly improved Metropolitan Cup team for their strong performances in making the qualifying finals and semi-finals respectively. With Danny McVey building on his great first-up season as coach and with some strong recruiting next season is shaping as a potentially successful one. Another premierships trophy must surely be just around the corner.

The innovation of e-mail (and an understanding employer) have made the job of keeping club members up to date with results and activities much simpler. The plan is for e-mail to be further utilised during next season to include a growing "old boys" network, and perhaps the creation of a forum for on and off-field issues and questions.

Apart from the goal of winning premierships over the upcoming season, a priority for the club's administration is to identify and train future committee and executive members – Edo, Marty, and myself aren't getting any younger ... especially Edo. Other clubs struggle for existence without an effective administrative structure, and we need to ensure that a plan is in place to ensure the on-going viability and future of the club.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the tireless efforts of our President Craig Edwards and Treasurer Marty Payne, along with the continued efforts of the 'fix-it' man – David Webb. There is no doubt the club owes much to this trio for their hard work and professionalism. I would also like to thank the other members of the committee who all made strong contributions to the club throughout the year.

**David Smith**

**Honorary Secretary**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

At the close of 2000-01 season it is pleasing to report that the Macquarie University Cricket Club continues to improve its position from a financial point of view. As at the end of April 2001 the financial position can be summarised as follows:

|                             | April 2000  | April 2001  |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash at bank                | \$ 3,792.24 | \$13,168.91 |
| Term Deposit (NRMA Finance) | \$11,787.22 | \$12,808.33 |

My thanks are extended to all club members who supported the various fund-raising activities undertaken by the club this season. The chocolate drive again proved successful, generating \$1,000 for the club. The presentation night was extremely well attended, and combined with the auction served to raise \$1,800 for the club. These initiatives combined with increased player numbers, lower expenses on capital equipment and the recovery of previously unclaimed funds from the Macquarie University Sports Association, have placed the club in a strong financial position.

In my first season as Treasurer I have been on a fairly steep learning curve. I would like to express my personal thanks to all 2000-01 committee members for supporting me in the transition. I would particularly like to highlight the efforts of David Webb, who served as the defacto-treasurer in many dealings with M.U.S.A., and Phil Erskine who devoted a great deal of time ensuring that the canteen was adequately supplied.

It requires considerable effort and planning to ensure the day-to-day operations of the club support the club members, while simultaneously keeping an eye on the future development of the club. Congratulations are to be extended to Craig Edwards and David Smith for their efforts in this regard, and trust all committee members will derive a sense of satisfaction from a job well done.

The committee is elected each year by the club members, *for* the club members. All club members are encouraged to take an active role in the management of the club, and any suggested improvements are welcomed. I trust we all play cricket for the same reason – the individual and collective challenge of competing. The individual challenge involves testing your skills in the field of competition. The collective challenge lies in understanding how your personal performance will influence your team's success. The committee remains committed to providing each member of the Macquarie University Cricket Club with the best opportunity to succeed on both a personal and team level. This is evidenced by the appointment of an experienced coach, an active recruitment policy, the provision of outstanding playing and training facilities, and a team selection policy that aims to place each player in a grade that maximises their ability to succeed.

The foundations for success are in place. The personal decision of each club member to utilise the facilities provided will play a large part in governing the future success of the club and the enjoyment derived from club membership.

**Martyn Payne**

**Honorary Treasurer**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Macquarie University Cricket Club

### Profit and Loss Statement 1 January 2000 through 31 December 2000

|                           |               |             |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Income</b>             |               |             |
| Subscriptions             | 3,371.00      |             |
| Club takings              | 2,553.70      |             |
| NSWCA                     | 4,136.00      |             |
| Clothing                  | 2,275.00      |             |
| Fundraising               | 3,940.40      |             |
| Socials                   | 530.00        |             |
| MUSA Budget               | 8,170.37      |             |
| Interest received         | <u>672.76</u> |             |
| <b>Total Income</b>       |               | \$25,649.23 |
| Cost of Sales             |               |             |
| Gross Profit              |               | \$25,649.23 |
| <br>                      |               |             |
| <b>Expenses</b>           |               |             |
| Bank charges              | 35.70         |             |
| Coaching                  | 1,295.00      |             |
| Clothing                  | 2,665.00      |             |
| Clubhouse supplies        | 320.83        |             |
| Equipment                 | 4,199.00      |             |
| Fundraising               | 600.10        |             |
| Ground Hire               | 300.00        |             |
| Late Fees paid            | 190.00        |             |
| Maintenance               | 326.00        |             |
| Printing & Stationery     | 662.12        |             |
| Presentation night        | 140.00        |             |
| Trophies                  | <u>713.00</u> |             |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>     |               | 11,446.75   |
| <b>Operating Profit</b>   |               | 14,582.48   |
| <br>                      |               |             |
| <b>Other Income</b>       |               |             |
| Interest Income           |               |             |
| <b>Total Other Income</b> |               |             |
| <b>Net Profit/ (Loss)</b> |               | \$14,202.48 |

## Macquarie University Cricket Club

### Balance Sheet December 2000

#### Assets

|                      |                    |             |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Current Assets       |                    |             |
| Cash on Hand         |                    |             |
| Cheque Account       | \$22,241.62        |             |
| Cash Drawer          | <u>167.97</u>      |             |
| Total Cash On Hand   | \$22,409.59        |             |
| Savings Funds        |                    |             |
| NRMA Deposit         | <u>\$12,421.45</u> |             |
| Total Savings Funds  | <u>\$12,421.45</u> |             |
| Total Current Assets |                    | \$34,831.04 |
| Total Assets         |                    | \$34,831.04 |

#### Liabilities

|                           |                   |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Current Liabilities       |                   |                   |
| Trade Creditors           | <u>\$1,657.00</u> |                   |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>\$1,657.00</u> |                   |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>  |                   | <u>\$1,657.00</u> |

**Net Assets** \$33,174.04

#### Equity

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Retained Earnings     | \$18,591.56        |
| Current Year Earnings | <u>\$14,202.48</u> |

**Total Equity** \$32,794.04

# **MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB**

### **SCOPE**

I have audited the financial statements of the Macquarie University Cricket Club for the year ended 31 December 2000. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. The club predominately trades on a cash basis, which is the normal trading basis for clubs of this kind. Therefore the audit is restricted to actual cash banked and recorded. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards so as to present a view of the association which is consistent with my understanding of its financial position, the results of its operations and cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this Report has been formed on the above basis.

### **AUDIT OPINION**

In our opinion, the financial statements do present fairly, in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, the financial position of Macquarie University Cricket Club as at 31 December 2000.

Yours faithfully,

**ELLIOTT HOUSE PARTNERS  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**



**A. P. SLATTERY**

## COACH'S REPORT

The past season with MUCC represented the end of my brief (one season) retirement from coaching. I was however, more than happy to come out of retirement to renew my acquaintance with the club that brought me my most enjoyable cricket experiences.

While I expected the position to be challenging I was nonetheless surprised at the complex coaching needs of the club. This essentially arises from the nature of the individual needs and expectations of the players, which can range from a quick look at a back-lift to a complete revamping of a bowling action.

As with any coaching position it is necessary to firstly build a rapport with the players while ascertaining the needs of the club, the teams and individual players. An essential part of that building process means letting players know that the coach is not going to constantly highlight every minor technical problem by jumping in the nets and interrupting them while they are batting. This is a great way to break concentration and produce negative results. The aim of a coach must be to assist players achieve their own potential and not to create "textbook cricketers". Such an approach takes time and relies a great deal on observing players at length in both a practice situation as well as during games. I am confident that genuine progress was made in this regard during the season and a platform for further gains has been prepared for the future.

While the practice facilities were generally very good, with players often making positive comments regarding the standard of the practice wickets, there appeared to be a slight falling away of this standard as the season came to an end. This is an area that should be closely monitored in the future. Once into the playing season the grounds were also of a high standard and ensured fielding drills were always productive. The issue of most concern was the lack of good quality practice balls. All players must take responsibility in the future for ensuring match balls end up in the club training coffers.

The most refreshing aspect of the practice sessions was that all players were receptive to objective, constructive comments and were willing to try new approaches. The coaching challenge is to now build on this in future and transfer this individual willingness to the team level and create confident and cohesive teams in which players are given the opportunity to play to their potential. The approach next season will therefore be more team focused than was the case, with certain practice sessions being earmarked for team drills last season.

At an individual player level, next season will essentially follow last year with some development and enhancement of particular components. These developments will relate firstly to the formalisation of skill development programs with players being asked to voluntarily maintain personal training and performance records, and secondly, to a broadening of the skill development program utilising a large range of drills.

**Danny McVey**

**Club Coach**



## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT – 1ST GRADE SHIRES**

The season began with mixed expectations. On one hand it was disappointing that a number of young players including Phil Holmewood, Phil Codey and Tim Clough would not be available for the season. These players had been blooded and nurtured and had showed potential at this level. However, we were able to pick up a number of quality players that would not only add to player strength in First Grade but also provide some real depth and competition for spots in the lower grades. Additionally, the appointment of Danny McVey as Club Coach was significant in improving pre-season training and organizing mid-week sessions.

The overall results for First Grade reflect a reasonably successful season finishing in fifth place with forty points and playing in the first qualifying-final against Lindfield. We lost this game but we were competitive throughout and had our chances. During the season the standard of our cricket fluctuated markedly. We were able to defeat the top three sides, including the eventual finalists, with excellent performances but then disappointed with sub-standard performances against the lesser sides.

As with previous seasons, our bowling proved to be our strength with only two sides scoring more than two hundred against us. Our batting looked dangerous on paper but performed inconsistently. Regularly, batsmen would get starts and partnerships begin only to see a dismissal through a lapse in concentration or poor shot selection. Throughout the season there were only three fifties and one century scored.

There were a number of strong performances throughout the year. Again David Webb, thirty seven wickets and one hundred and eighty nine runs was outstanding, deservedly winning the Gwilliam Shield. There were other good performances including Brent McNee, three hundred and nine runs and eight wickets, David Smith, thirty two wickets, David Budge, twenty eight wickets and one hundred and thirty seven runs, Pete Saliba, three hundred and one runs, Brendan Rounds, two hundred and forty two runs and ten wickets and Clyne Fernandes, one hundred and fifty nine runs and twenty seven catches.

Of particular note, Brent McNee proved that he is a class player in his first year at the club and we expect him to be a real force next year. Pete Saliba's return to the top grade provided some good performances including First Grade's lone century against Auburn and some excellent fielding. David Smith stood up to be a real "strike" bowler regularly dismissing key top-order batsmen and finished with the best average and strike rate. Clyne Fernandes had an outstanding year with the gloves and contributed some valuable performances with the bat.

This was my first season as captain of First Grade following Neil Howlett's decision to stand down after three seasons. However, we were very fortunate to have Neil play during the year and his experience and knowledge of the game proved invaluable. It appears likely that Neil will retire this year and he will be a player and person sorely missed by First Grade and the Club. Neil has a deep understanding of the game and is the most accomplished cricketer to play for Macquarie. Neil contributed a lot to the club and is a real gentleman and we wish him well in his future pursuits.

Macquarie University has the quality of players necessary to be successful in First Grade. We may not have the two or three high level players that can dominate a game like some of the top sides, however, we have a strong all-round side that works together well as a team. With Neil's retirement, I strongly believe the club needs to attract a high level player/captain to First Grade to bring to the side new ideas and attitudes. This is being addressed by the committee and is something I welcome.

Overall, I enjoyed the challenge of captaining the side and I would like to thank all the players for their commitment and patience. I would also like to thank the other captains and committee for their support during the year.

**Paul Notaras**

**1st Grade Captain**

## MATCH REPORTS

### **v Lindfield 5-136 defeated Lindfield 125**

Against a strong Lindfield batting line up we got off to a great start by bowling them out for 125. On a wicket that provided some assistance to the bowlers, Smith (4/21), Webby (2/29) and Budgy (2/38) were the stand-out performers.

Chasing a relatively small total we got off to a good start with the first wicket falling at 82 with both openers, Harry (49) and Roundsey (33) batting well. New man to the club “Roasty” Brent McNee, steered the side home with (34 not out) after a “mini” collapse. Roasty was also a “find” with the ball bowling at times with great pace and variation to dismiss one of Lindfield’s key batsmen.

### **v South Sydney 3/106 defeated South Sydney 105**

Against a powerful side (and ultimate premiers), Macquarie bowled and fielded with purpose and commitment, not being fazed by this financially superior batting line up. On an excellent batting wicket, Webby (3/9), Smithy (3/14) and Budgy (3/28), again bowled well. Unfortunately we lost Smithy after seven overs to injury, straining his troublesome “hammy”.

Chasing a small total against an experienced bowling side, we batted well to pass South Sydney with seven wickets in hand after thirty seven overs. Roasty (38 not out) and Pete Saliba (23) confirmed their early season good form.

Comprehensive victories against two of the strongest sides in the competition, and eventual grand finalists, proved that we had the personnel to make the final six.

### **v Blacktown 103 and 4/143 lost to Blacktown 123 and 3 (dec.) 145**

We went into the match without our “strike” bowler with Smithy needing a match to recover from an horrendous hamstring strain that would have kept fitter players out for months. On a wicket that provided a lot of assistance to the pace bowlers, Blacktown elected to bat and were dismissed for 123 off fifty one overs. Again Webby (3/31) and Budgy (3/18) bowled consistently with the Roast (4/37) bowling at times with real pace and hostility.

Chasing a relatively small target we were required to bat for 31 overs to close out the first day’s play. Under testing conditions with the wicket still assisting the bowlers we finished the first day’s play at 6/70. After a first wicket stand of twenty seven we then produced a text-book Macquarie collapse with Nasty and Clyne not out at the close, still requiring fifty four to win with four wickets in hand. Unfortunately, in the second week we were dismissed twenty one runs short with the highest scorer Clyne (31) run out at the end.

In the second innings we were set 166 off twenty eight overs, just under six per over to win. Harry batted magnificently for (48) with other good contributions from Saliba (27) and Clyne (25 not out). However, we fell short by just twenty three runs with six wickets in hand.

Overall, this was a disappointing result and a missed opportunity.

### **v Roseville 6/95 drew with Roseville 182**

This was a two day game away from home against a weak side that, in recent times, had proven difficult for us to defeat. We won the toss and sent them in to bat on a grassy wicket that we believed would assist our pace bowlers. We started well having them 5/43, bowling a good line

and length. However, our bowling standard dropped off considerably and we missed a number of chances that proved costly against a couple of unorthodox lower-order batsmen. We dismissed Roseville for 182 after fifty four overs with the best bowling again Webby (3/30) with two each for Smithy, Roasty and Roundsey.

We also batted on the first week and were 6/95 with the top-order again troubled by some good seam bowling with Nasty (31 not out) and Clyne (14 not out) at the end of play. Tragically, the wash out robbed us of a guaranteed victory with some of our best batting yet to come.

In all seriousness, this was a sub-standard performance which meant we missed a real chance to have first innings' points on the first day's play.

#### **v Auburn 9/273 drew with Auburn**

On the first week of a two day game away from home, we won the toss and elected to bat on a good batting pitch. Our batting potential was highlighted with Pete Saliba cracking his second century for the club, (100) both against Auburn, with the highlight being powerful on and off drives. Good supporting knocks were provided by Webby (50 not out), Howlett (35) and Nasty (37) in compiling an excellent total.

The wash out in the second week meant a definite win went begging against one of the competition's weaker sides.

#### **v Pennant Hills 9 (dec.) 230 defeated Pennant Hills 147**

A two day game at home against a strong all-round side. We won the toss and elected to bat on a grassy but firm wicket.

With the new ball, Pennant Hills bowled well, restricting runs and taking early wickets to have us 3/41. Our middle to lower order stuck to the task allowing us to compile a competitive total of 9/230. Contributions with the bat were spread with Roundsey (54 not out), Webby (41 not out), Nasty (40) and Howlett (33).

We declared at the start of play on the second week. This was significant psychologically as the wicket and weather conditions were more favourable to batting and Pennant Hills were the form side, outwardly confident of achieving any target we set them. What transpired was one of Macquarie's most impressive bowling and fielding displays, bowling Pennant Hills out for 147 off forty eight overs. The bowling was of a very high standard with Webby (5/40), and Smithy (3/27) outstanding, bowling with pace and accuracy. Fantastic support in the field with Clyne taking five catches behind the stumps and continuing his first-rate glove work, with memorable catches by McNee and Toy in the outfield.

This match was a high point for the season. Against a quality side, we backed ourselves, resulting in a terrific team effort in all facets.

#### **v Warringah 175 lost to Warringah 5/176**

This was a one day match away from home against one of the weaker sides in the competition. We won the toss and decided to bat on a typically grassy Warringah wicket.

We struggled all through the innings against a steady attack with many batsmen getting a start and unable to build partnerships or a big score. We were 9/175 after our allotted fifty overs with the runs spread around with Nasty (31), Roasty (29), Roundsey (27) and Budgy (23) all contributing.

During Warringah's innings, consistent and sometime heavy rain made for very difficult conditions. Without umpires and with both sides desperate to win we continued to play, notwithstanding the near impossible bowling conditions. Warringah passed our score five down in the forty ninth over. Budgy and Webby bowled well, however, some missed fielding opportunities proved costly.

A disappointing result, even under adverse conditions. It highlighted the need for us to improve our attitude and approach to playing one day cricket and, in particular, cricket against the weaker sides.

#### **v Holroyd-Hills 9/230 lost to Holroyd-Hills 7/290**

This was a one day game at home against one of the more aggressive sides in the competition and traditionally a tough side to defeat.

On a good batting track Holroyd-Hills won the toss and decided to bat putting together a very challenging total finishing at 7/290 after their fifty overs. This was mainly due to an outstanding, near chanceless, lone hand by ex-Australian U19 rep. (Sheen – 173 not out). Our best bowlers were Webby (3/63) and Smithy (2/50) with everyone getting a “touch up” at some stage by Sheen. His only real chance was a scorching caught and bowled chance to Howlett (yes bowler) when he was about 150. Mind you, any other bowler in the side would not have got a hand to it and I am sure Neil wished he hadn't given the speed it was travelling.

When we batted we struggled to gain any momentum with wickets falling just when partnerships were beginning to form. We finished 9/230 off our fifty overs with our best batting Roasty (53), Saliba (34) and Roundsy (26).

#### **v Strathfield 178 lost to Strathfield 9/181**

Playing away from home, this wicket historically is slow and starts to break up later in the day, providing significant assistance to spin bowlers. I do recall Wick in the mid nineties spinning a ball on this ground to dismiss an ex-district cricketer. With so much spin potential it was decided to promote Edo for his first game in First Grade as the recognised left-arm spinner.

We won the toss and batted first, however we struggled against some good bowling and some questionable umpiring decisions. Most batsmen got a start but again could not build on it and were dismissed for 178 off seventy overs. Best performances were from Roasty (31), Saliba (26) and Webby (27 not out).

In a very tight and intense innings, Strathfield started well mainly due to poor bowling that was struggling initially with the left hand/right hand combinations. Additionally, we missed a number of crucial chances in the field that proved costly. Strathfield passed our score nine down with the last wicket putting on eleven runs to win. Best bowling was again Webby (5/48) and Budgy (2/62).

This was a disappointing result against a side we should have defeated. Inexplicably, our form and confidence had been down since the Pennant Hills win in round six. The competition ladder was congested and we needed to win the last three matches to guarantee a position in the finals.

### **v Lane Cove 9/187 defeated Lane Cove 152**

A one day game against the weakest side in the competition posed both a missed opportunity as we could not obtain outright points, and a threat given our recent form against the weaker sides.

We won the toss and batted poorly against a sub-standard bowling attack finishing 9/187 after fifty overs. Again most batsmen got a start with the main contributors Nasty (31) and Harry (27). Our best partnership was an unbeaten, match-winning forty for the tenth wicket with Budgy (29 not out) and Smithy (11 not out) staking their claims for a top-six batting spot.

We did enough to bowl them out for 152 but not before some nervous moments. Best bowlers were Smithy (3/27) and Budgy (3/23) and I think it was the first time in living memory that Webby did not take a wicket.

Special mention has to go to Neil Howlett for his performance with the ball, having taken his last wicket perhaps thirty years ago when playing grade cricket as a junior for Northern Districts. Neil came on with his wily off-spinners (yes they spin) and broke a dangerous eighty run partnership. This was his first (and probably his last) wicket for the club but it proved critical.

This wasn't the prettiest of wins but given our recent form we took it and moved on to the next game.

### **v Burwood 147 and 8/42 defeated Burwood 69 and 177**

This was to be a critical game as both sides were contesting for a top-six place and whoever lost would more than likely miss the finals. Burwood historically are a very competitive and aggressive side particularly on their home ground and this game was to be no different.

The first week presented a rain-affected wicket with the toss to prove critical. The skipper performed in this instance and had no hesitation sending Burwood in to bat. Burwood were rolled for sixty nine off thirty overs with Budgy outstanding taking (5/21) off eleven overs. Our bowling fielding and attitude in this first week was top-class with desperation evident in everything we did. We passed them six down in the first innings with Roasty (38) and Saliba (29) batting well in still very testing conditions. We ended up with 147 with Roundsy (25) and Webby (22 not out) batting well.

The second week was perplexing with the wicket hard and flat. Burwood compiled 177, setting us one hundred for outright points. Best bowling was Webby (3/53) however, generally our bowling and fielding was way below the previous week's efforts. On an excellent batting wicket, Macquarie underwent a collapse the likes of which the Poms would be proud, including six ducks. Timely torrential rain saved us from certain outright loss.

### **v Canterbury-Bexley 74 and 3/68 defeated Canterbury-Bexley 58 and 82**

This was a dangerous match for us as we needed to win to ensure a finals' berth and Canterbury-Bexley were an inconsistent side with a number of ex-first grade players, including the fastest bowler in the competition. Canterbury-Bexley in recent times have had also become a very friendly, "sociable" side that didn't mind telling a yarn or two during the game just to make things interesting.

Canterbury-Bexley batted first and we bowled and fielded magnificently to dismiss them for fifty eight off only thirty four overs. Smithy again ripped through the top order to take (5/13) off ten overs, bowling with good pace and control. Budgy and Nasty also bowled well to take two wickets each.

On a challenging wicket that provided bounce and sideways movement we struggled to pass them four down, but a lower-order collapse (including five ducks) restricted our lead to only sixteen runs. Tunza batted with great determination and commitment under very tense conditions and a hostile attack to top the score with (26).

Steeled by the acid tongues of the Canterbury-Bexley side, we again bowled and fielded well to dismiss them for eighty two with Nasty (4/23), Webby (3/19) and Smithy (2/19) bowling well. Chasing sixty seven for outright points, we passed them comfortably three down with Roasty batting well for (25 not out).

A pleasing result against a bunch of guys with severe personality defects.

### **Qualifying Final v Lindfield 220 lost to Lindfield 248**

Lindfield were the minor premiers and possessed a very strong batting line-up and a steady bowling line-up with quite a bit of variety and experience. We were playing them on their home ground, Lindfield Oval, traditionally a very flat, hard pitch lacking grass. Overnight rain delayed the start. However, the wicket was still in good condition but it was our intention to send them in to try to exploit any moisture that may had been in the wicket.

We won the toss and Lindfield batted first. We started well, having Lindfield 7/113 with their best batsman dismissed cheaply. However, as the day progressed, particularly the last thirty to forty minutes of each session, the standard of our bowling and fielding intensity dropped. The last four wickets put on 135 presenting us with a challenging total of 249 for victory. Our best bowlers were Smithy (3/57), Roundsy (3/30) and Webby (2/30) with two run-outs near the end proving valuable.

On the second day conditions had improved for batting and the total looked very achievable with good, disciplined batting. As happened for most of the year, our batting showed much promise with the majority getting starts. However, with the added pressure of sudden death finals, wickets fell just as partnerships were building and we were dismissed for 220. Neil Howlett (49) left his best performance for the finals showing his class and experience. Other notable performances were Nasty (30) with Budgy (33) and Clyne (26) putting on forty eight for the second last wicket.

Overall, we had the better of the playing conditions and were quite often in a strong position but were unable to deliver the killer blow. Finals' cricket is about pressure and how you respond to it and unfortunately on this day we were unable to sustain the level required to win. Despite this, the commitment from everyone was excellent and the experience valuable for next year's campaign.

**Gwilliam Shield** : David Webb.

# 1ST GRADE SHIRES STATISTICS 2000-01

## BATTING AVERAGES

| Batsman      | Matches | Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Average | Catches |
|--------------|---------|---------|------|------|------|---------|---------|
| D.Webb       | 13      | 11      | 6    | 50x  | 189  | 37.80   | 4       |
| B.McNee      | 13      | 16      | 3    | 53   | 309  | 23.77   | 6       |
| P.Notaras    | 13      | 14      | 2    | 40   | 274  | 22.83   | 7       |
| D. Budge     | 13      | 9       | 3    | 33   | 137  | 22.83   | 4       |
| P.Saiba      | 12      | 14      | -    | 100  | 301  | 21.50   | 5       |
| B. Rounds    | 11      | 13      | 1    | 54x  | 242  | 20.17   | 7       |
| C. Fernandes | 12      | 12      | 2    | 31   | 159  | 15.90   | 27      |
| N.Howlett    | 12      | 12      | 1    | 49   | 170  | 15.45   | 2       |
| C.Harris     | 12      | 15      | -    | 49   | 209  | 13.93   | 4       |

### ALSO BATTED (Less than 100 Runs)

| Batsman   | Matches | Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Average | Catches |
|-----------|---------|---------|------|------|------|---------|---------|
| J.Breden  | 9       | 9       | 1    | 22   | 94   | 11.75   | 3       |
| S.Moran   | 5       | 6       | 1    | 20x  | 53   | 10.60   | 1       |
| D.Smith   | 11      | 7       | 4    | 12x  | 28   | 9.33    | 1       |
| T.Dorrell | 3       | 5       | -    | 26   | 45   | 9.00    | 8       |
| R.Cann    | 1       | 1       | -    | 9    | 9    | 9.00    | 1 stp.  |
| C.Edwards | 1       | 1       | -    | 6    | 6    | 6.00    | 2       |
| J.Radford | 2       | 2       | 2    | 9x   | 9    | ***     | 1       |

## BOWLING AVERAGES

| Bowler    | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | 10 in Match | 5 in Innings | Average |
|-----------|-------|---------|------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------|
| D.Smith   | 118   | 21      | 355  | 32      | -           | 1            | 11.09   |
| D.Webb    | 206.3 | 58      | 456  | 37      | -           | 2            | 12.32   |
| D.Budge   | 155.3 | 32      | 452  | 28      | -           | 1            | 16.14   |
| P.Notaras | 74    | 12      | 244  | 11      | -           | -            | 22.18   |
| B.Rounds  | 99.2  | 17      | 320  | 10      | -           | -            | 32.00   |

### ALSO BOWLED (Less than 10 Wickets)

| Bowler    | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | 10 in Match | 5 in Innings | Average |
|-----------|-------|---------|------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------|
| B.McNee   | 35.4  | 2       | 171  | 8       | -           | -            | 21.38   |
| N.Howlett | 7     | -       | 37   | 1       | -           | -            | 37.00   |
| J.Radford | 13    | 3       | 43   | 1       | -           | -            | 43.00   |
| T.Dorrell | 14    | 1       | 44   | 1       | -           | -            | 44.00   |
| C.Edwards | 6     | 2       | 22   | -       | -           | -            | ***     |



## 1ST GRADE SHIRES 2000-01

### BEST PERFORMANCES

|                                   |              |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Batting Average</i>            | D.Webb       | 37.80                    |
| <i>Batting Aggregate</i>          | B.McNee      | 309                      |
| <i>Highest Score</i>              | P.Saliba     | 100 v Auburn             |
| <i>Bowling Average</i>            | D. Smith     | 11.09                    |
| <i>Bowling Aggregate</i>          | D. Webb      | 37                       |
| <i>Most Wickets in an Innings</i> | D. Smith     | 5/13 v Canterbury-Bexley |
|                                   | D.Budge      | 5/21 v Burwood           |
|                                   | D.Webb       | 5/40 v Pennant Hills     |
|                                   | D.Webb       | 5/48 v Stathfield        |
| <i>Most Wickets in a Match</i>    | D.Smith      | 7/32 v Canterbury-Bexley |
| <i>Wicket Keeping</i>             | C..Fernandes | 27 ct                    |
| <i>Centuries</i>                  | P.Saliba     | 100 v Auburn             |
| <i>Highest Team Score</i>         |              | 9/273 v Auburn           |
| <i>Lowest Team Score</i>          |              | 74 v Canterbury-Bexley   |

### RESULTS

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| <i>Played</i>                  | 13  |
| <i>Won Outright</i>            | 1   |
| <i>Won 1st Innings</i>         | 5   |
| <i>Drawn</i>                   | 2   |
| <i>Lost 1st Innings</i>        | 5   |
| <i>Lost Outright</i>           | -   |
| <i>Position in Competition</i> | 6th |

### TEAM STATISTICS

### MACQUARIE

### OPPONENTS

|                           |       |       |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| <i>Runs Scored</i>        | 2432  | 2075  |
| <i>Wickets Lost</i>       | 134   | 124   |
| <i>Average per Wicket</i> | 18.15 | 16.73 |

### HIGHEST "1ST GRADE" SHIRES PARTNERSHIPS 2000-01

| Wicket | Batsmen     |     |            | Runs | Opponent |               |
|--------|-------------|-----|------------|------|----------|---------------|
| 1      | B. Rounds   | 33  | C.Harris   | 49   | 82       | Lindfield     |
| 2      | C.Harris    | 48  | P.Saliba   | 27   | 78       | Blacktown     |
| 3      | B.McNee     | 29  | P.Notaras  | 31   | 53       | Warringah     |
| 4      | P.Notaras   | 37  | N. Howlett | 35   | 59       | Auburn        |
| 5      | P.Notaras   | 40  | J.Breden   | 22   | 47       | Pennant Hills |
| 6      | B.Rounds    | 26  | P.Saliba   | 34   | 60       | Holroyd Hills |
| 7      | C.Fernandes | 23  | P.Saliba   | 100  | 70       | Auburn        |
| 8      | D. Webb     | 41x | B.Rounds   | 50x  | 76x      | Pennant Hills |
| 9      | C.Fernandes | 26  | D.Budge    | 33   | 48       | Lindfield     |
| 10     | D.Smith     | 11x | D. Budge   | 29x  | 40x      | Lane Cove     |

## CAPTAIN'S REPORT – 2ND GRADE SHIRES

After the promising conclusion to 1999-00 the past season was a major disappointment. An influx of some good, experienced cricketers, a much improved attitude to availability, a reasonably consistent turn-out at training, a group of players keen to perform to their best- and thirty six points worse off than the previous year.

Because of the consistently inclement weather and the congested nature of the competition, we never felt we were far from the pace for most of the season. We had a relatively tough draw in the first half of the season and we felt if we could only get through the tough period we would be in contention. During this period of not scoring any points, it's fair to say we had no luck with the weather, having at least three successive games affected, and not in our favour. The problem was when we needed to lift after this unproductive period, we didn't or couldn't do it. Because we were involved in successive losses or draws we lost the good habits involved with winning teams. Our batting in particular became very ordinary, especially in the last third of the season, when some good performances might have seen us finish in a much more respectable position.

Glen McFadden's departure to the U.S., the retirement of Ashley Stanwell and the subsequent deserved promotion of Clynne Fernandes meant that our wicket-keeping resources were very stretched. In retrospect, the decision to play Richard Cann as keeper was not the best one. We lost our best out-fielder and were deprived of Richard's improving bowling. Also, I'm sure the responsibility of keeping did not help his batting. In a side that was struggling for mobility in the field losing Richard's speed was a tragedy.

Steve Gasser's safe slip-catching was also sadly missed. The loss of Lloyd Hughes after one match was a huge disappointment. Terry "Tunza" Dorrell was far and away our most effective batsman. Tunza would have recorded another three hundred plus aggregate if not promoted to First Grade. He was unluckily denied his third Second Grade ton courtesy of a freakish caught and bowled. Tunz also had a superb year with his hands, something he maintained with his promotion.

Brownie was our MVP averaging nearly thirty with the bat, most innings being valiant rearguard-actions, and topping the bowling aggregate. Steve Moran had a 'yo-yo' season in First and Second Grade but looked a most impressive top-order player. A big score is hopefully just around the corner. David Knock, our number three, was constantly in early, and had a reasonable first-up season at a new club. He has the technique and experience to be a force next year. Schaafs, our prodigal son, did a good fill-in job as keeper, although he doesn't see this development as a new and permanent career move. His best knock of the season, against Auburn, was curtailed by weather on day two. Dave Gracie was a new recruit from Pennant Hills. He played two excellent innings and some useful shorter ones and always kept the scoreboard moving. His bowling figures were an injustice, having an inordinate number of catches dropped off his bowling. The team realist, he continually refused to accept the captain's attempts to find something positive on a number of less-than-impressive days, further establishing his growing reputation as an angry man.

Brett Kent was a welcome acquisition from Epping and batted most impressively once established. Many of the younger players could do worse than copy Brett's approach to batting. He was a (mostly unsuccessful) counter-balance to Gracie's brutal frankness. Edo was Brownie's strongest challenger for MVP, topping the batting averages, and almost single-handedly won our only victory of the season. Toby Duffin was the 'youth' of the batting and it was pleasing to see Tober do well at this level. The Club strongly hopes that he has a more settled season re: injuries, sickness, bad luck and general misadventure because this season he

showed he can do the job. Coups had an injury-riddled season and hopefully will be back on track next season as he also has a lot to offer the club.

James Radford, our English import, will leave Macquarie claiming all-rounder status. We certainly gave “Radders” a number of opportunities to perform with the bat and he responded well. He took our good-natured ribbing well, bowled impressively at times and played a game or two in First Grade. If he ever returns he’ll be well received.

The potential is there for Second Grade to enjoy better times in the near future. This year the side played as though it felt it was constantly under siege. Top-order batting problems still need to be solved. Players in all positions need to feel some competition /pressure from Third Grade. The problems of age-creep, more akin to a stride than creep this season, must be addressed urgently. Second Grade can and must return to playing well consistently.

**Warrick Folkard**

**Second Grade Captain**

## MATCH REPORTS

### **v Lindfield 7 (dec.) 308 drew with Lindfield 9-218**

A flat pitch, a sweltering day and a successful toss of the coin were a good combination. Our batting line-up cashed in on a benign pitch; David Gracie (68 not out), David Knock (48), Craig Edwards (43) and Tunza Dorrell (39). Lloyd Hughes, on one leg, made an impressive, boundary-laden (29) but unfortunately this was to be his only appearance for the season due to continual injury problems. A rain-affected week and the arrival of an umpire seemed to be positive developments. The pitch turned out to be just as benign for them. Our bowling kept them honest but after giving an l.b.w. decision the umpire informed me that their captain was going to “protest” that decision. What that actually meant was unclear at the time. The fact was there were no more leg beforees given. Our English import, James Radford, made an impressive debut with a toiling (3/51 off 20) and Derek Couper also started well with (3/45 off 20). We bowled at the last two batsmen for seventeen frustrating overs, ten of which were with the second new ball. Despite some very close shouts they hung on. We didn’t get any points but the signs were good.

### **v South Sydney 103 lost to South Sydney 5-106**

A heavy overcast, a juicy pitch and a lost toss made for a dangerous mixture. While Souths didn’t bowl accurately ( it was their first game) we couldn’t capitalise on their waywardness. Only Richard Cann (34) played any sort of innings and our faltering effort ended in the forty-seventh over. As usual the sun then decided to appear and Souths made the target in relatively quick time, assisted by some very short and consequently ineffective bowling. Radders (3/29) was the only bowler to make any major inroads.

### **v Blacktown 173 lost to Blacktown 192**

The effort the first week in dismissing Blacktown on a traditionally high-scoring ground was a good one. Brownie, (4-70) returning to the team, took the honours and was assisted by the spinners Karm (2/20) and Folkard (2/37). Things could have been so much better if their top-scorer hadn’t been dropped a couple of times but overall it was a fairly sound position which got even better when we completed the day on 2-72. Our innings was soured by Richard Cann being threatened by one of their bowlers whilst umpiring. It rained on the Friday night. Even though we had a delayed start, one end of the previous week’s “road” had turned into something a little less flat making that end “awkward”. We sustained too much damage in the pre-tea session even though the sun was rapidly drying out the pitch. Toby Duffin (55), dismissed via an unbelievable played on, and Brownie (37 not out) nearly got us home. Lady Luck deserted us in this one. Given equal conditions I would have fancied our chances.

### **v Roseville 216 drew with Roseville 0-18**

We had a poor start on a pitch giving the seamers quite a bit of assistance. A scoreline of 4-46 was given a kick-start with a positive partnership between Gracie (31) and Brett Kent (48). Brownie kept his batting form of the previous game going with (31) but it was the last-wicket stand of fifty between Radders (33) and Coups (12 not out) that really lifted the side. Unfortunately next week was washed out. We felt very confident with our attack to exploit similar conditions.

### **v Auburn 1-89 drew with Auburn 178**

Auburn were the then competition leaders. We were sluggish in the field but we still knocked Auburn over by the fiftieth over. Brownie with (7/67) took the bowling honours. Six of the seven were bowled. By the end of day one we had moved into a position of some strength with Tunza (26) and Schaafs (41 not out) putting on fifty three for the first wicket. The wicket was flat, Auburn's attack was less than threatening and with Jamie Breden still yet to bat we were quite happy with the situation. It rained next week. This was the third game in succession that had been adversely affected.

### **v Pennant Hills 4-248 drew with Pennant Hills 7-343**

Day one was a very ordinary day in the field. Our bowling, apart from Radders, was continually short and Pennant Hills took a heavy toll of us square of the wicket. Eddo took the bowling (3/72 off nineteen) but generally our bowling and fielding were below standard. After bowling ourselves out of a win, it was then up to the batsmen to make sure we didn't lose. This they did on day two. Schaafs (25) and Tunza set us on the right path with 73 for the opening wicket and blunted Hill's early threat. Knockie (55) and Brett Kent, advising a young tear-away where to bowl and then enjoying the bowler following that "advice", (52 not out) joined in the fight but it was Tunza who provided the batting highlight of the season with (99) unluckily but brilliantly caught and bowled, thus being cruelly denied being the first Second Grader to make three centuries. Still no points at this stage but due to the weather and the congested nature of the competition we were still not out of contention for the finals.

### **v Warringah 134 lost to Warringah 3-238**

Another rain-affected match. Warringah's assault on our new-ball bowling was calculated and effective. All the bowlers took some 'tap' and had to deal with a wet ball after the heavens opened. Dave Gracie bowled with no luck, watching a number of chances missed from his bowling. The innings was reduced to forty three overs. Warringah were also very impressive in the field. We could gain no momentum and only Steve Moran (30) and Eddo (25 not out) coped with the pressure. They had the better of conditions but were still the most formidable side we had come across so far. They were later to be the premiers, no real surprises there.

### **v Holroyd Hills 8-162 lost to Holroyd Hills 8-241**

A one day game played on a very hot day and on a very slow, low wicket. The Hurricanes got first use and we saw the relatively newish ball begin to roll alarmingly low from the outset. Richard Cann with (2/36 off ten) was our best bowler. Terrible catching did not help the cause but if we could have mustered some sort of batting effort we were still in with a chance. Dave Gracie, (50) revealing his 'sub-continental' experience on Pennant Hills Oval, played the innings of the match and was our only batsman to master the pitch with some excellent driving.

### **v Strathfield 160 and 3-108 lost to Strathfield 7-167**

This began a horror stretch of batting for the side. At 8-74 our "batting" lay in ruins, Brett Kent's (28) being the only score worth mentioning. The last two wickets added eighty six in twenty four overs, a contrast to the agony of the first forty four overs. Brownie (37 not out) and Radders (40), thirty of them in boundaries, gave our sagging spirits a much-needed lift. We bowled with great spirit to end the day with Strathfield on 1-28 from fourteen. The groundsman obviously didn't read the scores and produced a classic "road" on week two. Despite this we really 'put in' and reduced Strathfield to 6-76 at one stage. Then, as often happened this season, we dropped the opposition's highest scorer early in his innings. Brownie (3/42) and Radders (3/43) worked manfully for their wickets. Tunza (68) played an entertaining cameo in the second innings dampening the opposition's desires to continue the game to its maximum length.

### **v Lane Cove 171 defeated Lane Cove 89**

Another abysmal start in this one day game, 5-34 soon becoming 7-79, with an urgent need for some determined lower-order resistance. Although the conditions were favourable to seam-bowling, our batting was depressingly fragile. Edo, judging the tempo of the game very well (62 not out) received some determined support from the lower-order, Radders again (31) lending much needed assistance. Some focussed bowling saw the Cove struggle for any sort of satisfactory run-rate. Edo capped a Man-of-the-Match double with (6/13) with two caught and bowled! Six points at last and a huge relief!

### **v Burwood 134 lost to Burwood 3-135**

Another disappointing effort from the batsmen who at this stage had lost confidence and seemingly, the desire to fight. Our total limped along largely through the efforts of Cann (33), Moran (23) and Edwards (22). Some approaching stormy weather and deteriorating light should have meant a new-ball attack focussed on some good length and line bowling. We bowled short and wide. We also dropped their aggressive opener early in his innings, a pattern that was proving to be costly. Burwood made the total in twenty six overs, the last ten or so in constant drizzle which really made our day ! Richard Cann bowled impressively again despite a wet ball.

### **v Canterbury-Bexley 168 lost to Canterbury-Bexley 184**

The depressing trend of the last few matches was to reach its zenith in this most embarrassing close to the season. This loss doesn't look so bad on paper but for those involved, it was the worst kind of defeat. Yet day one started so positively. On quite a good batting surface we held the home side to a very gettable total. Admittedly we did drop their highest scorer at least three times, (sound familiar), but with Steve and Toby getting us away to such a positive start, 0-41 at day one's close, we were feeling good for the first time in some weeks. The next week it looked as though the groundsman had lost his mower but in fact this made the pitch play well, very well. At 1-106 things seemed under control and victory only one sound partnership away. Their most experienced spinner went wicketless, and their most impressive seamer also went wicketless. We then lost nine for sixty two. The batting was poor beyond description. We simply had forgotten how to win. Toby Duffin played well for (73) but the rest of the batting showed no application or patience. It was the culmination of the last half a dozen matches where the batting could not lift itself to any reasonable level of commitment or competitiveness .

**M.V.P.** : Greg Brown.

## 2ND GRADE SHIRES STATISTICS 2000-01

### BATTING AVERAGES

| Batsman     | Matches | Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Average | Catches |
|-------------|---------|---------|------|------|------|---------|---------|
| C.Edwards   | 9       | 9       | 4    | 62x  | 165  | 33.00   | 2       |
| B.Kent      | 8       | 7       | 1    | 52x  | 172  | 28.67   | 1       |
| G.Brown     | 10      | 9       | 4    | 37x  | 142  | 28.40   | 4       |
| T.Duffin    | 4       | 5       | -    | 73   | 133  | 26.60   | 3       |
| T.Dorrell   | 10      | 11      | -    | 99   | 280  | 25.45   | 7       |
| D.Gracie    | 11      | 10      | 1    | 68x  | 228  | 25.33   | 4       |
| J.Radford   | 10      | 8       | 1    | 40   | 138  | 19.71   | 3       |
| D.Knock     | 12      | 13      | 1    | 55   | 226  | 18.83   | 2       |
| S.Moran     | 7       | 7       | -    | 30   | 120  | 17.14   | 4+1stp. |
| M.Schaafsma | 10      | 11      | 2    | 41   | 149  | 16.56   | 1       |
| R.Cann      | 10      | 10      | 1    | 34   | 113  | 12.56   | 8       |

### ALSO BATTED (Less than 100 Runs)

| Batsman    | Matches | Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Average | Catches |
|------------|---------|---------|------|------|------|---------|---------|
| L.Hughes   | 1       | 1       | -    | 29   | 29   | 29.00   | -       |
| D.Couper   | 6       | 2       | 1    | 12   | 12   | 12.00   | 2       |
| B.Bradley  | 1       | 1       | -    | 10   | 10   | 10.00   | -       |
| W.Folkard  | 12      | 9       | 2    | 13   | 53   | 7.57    | 1       |
| S.Rose     | 1       | 1       | -    | 2    | 2    | 2.00    | -       |
| A.Hale     | 4       | 2       | -    | 2    | 4    | 2.00    | -       |
| D.McIntosh | 1       | 1       | -    | 0    | 0    | 0.00    | 1       |
| P.Chew     | 1       | 1       | -    | 0    | 0    | 0.00    | -       |
| M.Karm     | 3       | 2       | -    | 0    | 0    | 0.00    | -       |

### BOWLING AVERAGES

| Bowler     | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | 10 in Match | 5 in Innings | Average |
|------------|-------|---------|------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------|
| C.Edwards  | 63.2  | 10      | 239  | 13      | -           | 1            | 18.38   |
| G.Brown    | 139   | 40      | 376  | 19      | -           | 1            | 19.79   |
| J.Radford  | 98    | 21      | 312  | 14      | -           | -            | 22.29   |
| W. Folkard | 63    | 6       | 242  | 10      | -           | -            | 24.20   |

### ALSO BOWLED (Less than 10 Wickets)

| Bowler   | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | 10 in Match | 5 in Innings | Average |
|----------|-------|---------|------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------|
| B.Kent   | 5     | 1       | 22   | 1       | -           | -            | 22.00   |
| D.Couper | 54.4  | 8       | 199  | 8       | -           | -            | 24.88   |
| R.Cann   | 32    | 4       | 113  | 5       | -           | -            | 22.60   |
| M.Karm   | 16.4  | 3       | 80   | 2       | -           | -            | 40.00   |
| D.Gracie | 74.4  | 14      | 253  | 4       | -           | -            | 63.25   |
| A.Hale   | 36    | 7       | 134  | 1       | -           | -            | 134.00  |
| D.Knock  | 4     | -       | 29   | -       | -           | -            | *****   |

## 2ND GRADE SHIRES 2000-01

### BEST PERFORMANCES

|                                   |           |                    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| <i>Batting Average</i>            | C.Edwards | 33.00              |
| <i>Batting Aggregate</i>          | T Dorrell | 280                |
| <i>Highest Score</i>              | T.Dorrell | 99 v Pennant Hills |
| <i>Bowling Average</i>            | C.Edwards | 18.38              |
| <i>Bowling Aggregate</i>          | G.Brown   | 19                 |
| <i>Most Wickets in an Innings</i> | G. Brown  | 7/67 v Auburn      |
| <br>                              |           |                    |
| <i>Most Wickets in a Match</i>    | G.Brown   | 7/67 v Auburn      |
| <br>                              |           |                    |
| <i>Wicket Keeping</i>             | R.Cann    | 8 catches          |
| <br>                              |           |                    |
| <i>Centuries</i>                  | -         |                    |
| <br>                              |           |                    |
| <i>Highest Team Score</i>         |           | 7/308 v Lindfield  |
| <br>                              |           |                    |
| <i>Lowest Team Score</i>          |           | 103 v South Sydney |

### RESULTS

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Played</i>                  | 12               |
| <i>Won Outright</i>            | -                |
| <i>Won 1st Innings</i>         | 1                |
| <i>Drawn</i>                   | 4                |
| <i>Lost 1st Innings</i>        | 7                |
| <i>Lost Outright</i>           | -                |
| <i>Position in Competition</i> | 13 <sup>th</sup> |

### TEAM STATISTICS

### MACQUARIE

### OPPONENTS

|                           |       |       |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| <i>Runs Scored</i>        | 2176  | 1891  |
| <i>Wickets Lost</i>       | 96    | 89    |
| <i>Average per Wicket</i> | 22.67 | 21.24 |

### HIGHEST "2ND GRADE" SHIRES PARTNERSHIPS 2000-01

| Wicket | Batsmen   |     |             |     | Runs | Opponent      |
|--------|-----------|-----|-------------|-----|------|---------------|
| 1      | T.Dorrell | 99  | M.Schaafsma | 25  | 73   | Pennant Hills |
| 2      | T.Dorrell | 99  | D.Knock     | 55  | 81   | Pennant Hills |
| 3      | D.Knock   | 48  | L.Hughes    | 29  | 48   | Lindfield     |
| 4      | D.Knock   | 55  | B.Kent      | 52x | 63   | Pennant Hills |
| 5      | B.Kent    | 48  | D.Gracie    | 31  | 48   | Roseville     |
| 6      | B.Kent    | 48  | G.Brown     | 31  | 26   | Roseville     |
| 7      | D.Gracie  | 68x | C.Edwards   | 43  | 96   | Lindfield     |
| 8      | D.Gracie  | 68x | W.Folkard   | 7x  | 34x  | Lindfield     |
| 9      | C.Edwards | 62x | J.Radford   | 31  | 50   | Lane Cove     |
| 10     | G.Brown   | 37x | J.Radford   | 40  | 57   | Strathfield   |



## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT – 3RD GRADE SHIRES**

Prior to season 2000-2001 the Third Grade side, historically the club's most successful, had for some few seasons been a disappointment, not just in results, but in the apparent lack of enjoyment and consequent retention of players in the grade. Consequently, my task in accepting the captaincy for the season was unusual, in that I did not expect to be able to lift the side from second last with one win in the previous season to take the premiership. Instead, my task was to restore the competitiveness and consequent enjoyment, which I had experienced in previous Third Grade sides.

Foremost in my strategy was to maintain a consistent side, rewarding players who showed commitment and a willingness to try hard for their team, irrespective of the results. While the make-up of the side did vary more than might have been hoped, a substantial nucleus was retained who could be relied upon to perform at their best, no matter what was asked of them. These players made my task in directing the team significantly easier and I am indebted to them. Legs and Steve Rose in the top-order consistently gave us a platform from which to make a substantial total, Marty Payne leapt into any breach with either the bat or the ball to stop the rot or calm the opposition's scoring and take an important wicket, Ashley Robinson held the later order together and gave it an occasional nudge and Marty Karm always tried as hard as he could and occasionally surprised even himself. With the ball I could always rely upon Anthony Hale and Brokie to give the opposition an early fright, Marty Payne to support them and Marty Karm to tie them down. We discovered and fostered young and promising players in Nick Dorney and Shane O'Connor, who are sure to have profited from the experience. In particular I am indebted to Marty Payne for shouldering some of the load of less attractive tasks in captaincy and also to Mark Hughes for accommodating the sometimes-late changes required at the expense of his team.

The highlight of the season was unfortunately a loss, but one which together with our several emphatic wins proved that Macquarie University Third Grade was not only competitive again but also at times a threat to the Premiership. Congratulations go to the victors in that game and eventual Premiers, Pennant Hills, who were the best team in all respects which we met through the season and approached their game in a similarly determined and effusive manner. It was indeed refreshing to see, that with one notable exception, we and our competitors played the game in the right spirit, always looking for a chance for a win or extra points, enjoying the challenge of the game, but not at the expense of the enjoyment or respect of our opposition.

I believe we achieved our objectives this year in full measure and established a basis upon which the members of the side may progress to regain the position, which Third Grade has previously held in the Club.

**Simon Burchett**

**3rd Grade Captain**

## MATCH REPORTS

### **v Lindfield 1 for 24 drew with Lindfield 7 (dec.) 302**

On a warm start to the season the Lindfield captain had no hesitation in electing to bat on a flat track and quick outfield. Debutant Jamie Smith was warmly welcomed by an opening bat with a train to catch, going for twenty eight in his first three overs, before Hale (3-60) removed the cowboy and Jamie emulated his line and length to recover for an honest (1 for 69) off 16 overs. Payne (2-53 off 14) also stemmed the tide, but a partnership of 120 for the fourth wicket began to cause concern. Karm (1-70 of 17) maintained his consistency while debutants Kent (0-26) and Tremeneheere (0-10 off 4) gave a glimpse of their potential to restrain aggressive batsmen, the latter unfortunately breaking down with injury. With an early declaration, the confident mood of the team leaving the field testified to the collective view of the pitch and our efforts in containing the batsmen. Even the loss of an early wicket (to a run out) could not dampen our confidence of achieving the substantial total set, if not for the rain the following week.

### **v South Sydney 131 lost to South Sydney 243**

An early wicket and tight opening bowling from Hale (1-42) and Brokate (2-47) was followed by a grinding partnership of 90 and a well-crafted century to the South's first drop who was clearly a class above and set up the win. However the team stuck to its task, preventing any other bat posting a decent score. Kent (3-44) Payne (1-54) and Hook (0-44) bowled tightly and were well supported by fieldsmen, such that the team was again confident as it left the field.

In contrast to the South's innings, early regular losses to "unforced errors" failed to give the side a fighting chance, despite stubborn resistance from Kent (24) and Hook (19) and a spectacular rear-guard attack by Hale (37) including four sixes. A bewildering lack of application with the batting let down a strong fielding effort.

### **v Blacktown 290 defeated Blacktown 178 and 1-83**

With the promotion of two of the talented but failed bats to Second Grade, the remainder finally applied themselves to make the highest score of the round by any team. Despite an early loss, Lego (26) and Burchett (28) laid a steady foundation for Kent (106) to push the score along with able support from Payne (29). In reply Blacktown never threatened an attack spearheaded by Brokate (2-38) and bolstered by the return of Jelfs (4-45) and an impressive debut by Dorney (1-24). Blacktown succumbed in just thirty eight overs on a perfect batting track but with not a catch dropped or a misfield to be seen. In forcing the follow on, a little application from the Blacktown openers reduced the afternoon to experimentation at Blacktown's expense.

### **v Roseville 304 drew with Roseville 0-0**

Marty Payne took the reins for this game, whipping the team into action and throwing himself into the breach just as the tumultuous innings began to falter. But after an opening partnership of 101 between Rose (54) and Lego (112 not out) it was important to capitalise and Payne (41), Hale (21) and a rediscovered Karm (32) did so. Other bats chanced their luck unselfishly when a steadier resolve might have taken the score well past 300. However, this was another strong and confident batting performance, which was unfortunately washed away by the rain the following week.

### **v Auburn 184 drew with Auburn 1-21**

In difficult conditions Rose (58) and Luckman (30) gave us a platform to make a competitive total, which was provided by steady middle-order batting from Robinson (20) and Dorney (33). However, after the heady previous innings the washout gave us a timely reminder of the need for application by all batsmen to set the score required to win.

### **v Pennant Hills 194 and 9 (dec.) 158 lost to Pennant Hills 9 (dec.) 196 and 9-158**

Hosting the runaway leaders of the competition and eventual Premiers, we came within a whisker in each innings of knocking them off in the most exciting and enjoyable game of the season. Sent in by Pennant Hills on a green deck facing a team of ten bowlers, Rose (16) and Lego (18) recovered after the early loss of Duffin, enabling Burchett (35) and O'Connor (63) (repaying the selectors' patience with his finest innings) to set up a competitive total with a late burst from Brokate (28), including two sixes.

Having relied on their bowling, the leaders of the competition had not to date managed to score as much as our meagre total and two early wickets to Brokie (2-51) and "Dizzie" Jelfs (1-63) had Penno struggling at 2 for 9. However, instead of closing up shop, they hit out and ended the day at 3 for 54 as Dorney (4-37) kept his cool to take their innings' pace-maker.

The second day commenced with more quick scoring and wicket taking as Dorns led the attack against, at times, outlandish batting. However on occasion the batsmen did manage to break free and with a score of 9 for 185, a single, difficult, dropped-catch for the innings and a ten run over saw us just fail to seize the advantage.

With almost sixty overs remaining in the day we determined to set Pennant Hills a target and Rose (54) and Duffin (54) took to the Pennant Hills' attack with an opening stand of 112. The remaining bats in unconventional order sacrificed their wickets for quick scoring, giving Pennant Hills another competitive total of 157 to reach off twenty two overs.

To Pennant Hills' credit they took to the task with abandon. Our bowlers kept to their line and length, despite the onslaught with Payne (4-27 off four overs), seemingly either taking a wicket or going for a boundary. One loose over in the innings towards the end lifted the score too close for comfort, but the team responded with desperate, flawless fielding, bringing the game to a final over with two wickets required by us and three runs by them, voluntarily taken by Brokie (2-40), who after three balls left them with one wicket remaining and a run-a-ball required. Fittingly, an outrageous swing and snick just over the fingertips of first slip won the closest match of many a season. Despite the elation of coming so close to beating the Premiers, the disappointment was hard to recover from.

### **v Warringah 162 lost to Warringah 6-261**

Warringah elected to bat on a day which began in Summer and ended in deep Winter. Taking advantage of the wicket they raced to 3-152 with a powerful, unbeaten century by their captain. Lulka, (2-44) returning from Fourth Grade, filled the large boots of Payne in putting the brakes on, but at the other end experimentation revealed the untapped talent of Duffin (3-33), who briefly restored some respectability to the total. Requiring more than five an over, the second ball wicket of the usually reliable Rose did not help our cause, but Duffin (39) and Burchett (38) restored some foundation for hope. The middle-order then capitulated tamely to accurate but never hostile bowling as the rain closed in. Although McIntosh (24) and Brokate (32) showed some fight at the end, this was a disappointing effort after the highs and lows of the previous week.

### **v Holroyd-Hills 200 lost to Holroyd-Hills 9-250**

In extremely hot conditions the decision to send the opposition in to bat was, in hindsight, a mistake. Hoping for early wickets on the softer morning pitch some unusually wayward bowling and fielding let the opposition race away to 2 for 148 before we began to peg them back with accurate slow bowling from McIntosh (4-48) and Karm (2-51). Normally we would have felt confident of reaching the target on such a hard flat track and Lego (66) and Rose (40) took advantage early, but as the afternoon heat sapped our concentration, only Burchett (25), Payne (11) and Couper (17) briefly applied themselves. A hard lesson not to underestimate the stress of batting second in mid-Summer heat.

### **v Strathfield 269 defeated Strathfield 171**

Rose (82) steadily built the foundation for a large total, which Clough (86) took advantage of with strong support from Payne (15), Lulka (18) and Hale (11), although the middle and late order could probably have capitalised more by not seeking fast runs. Strathfield started cautiously and without loss at the end of the day. The following week they slowly seemed to be digging themselves out of a hole, which was difficult against Karm (4-44) and Payne (3-24) who were going for less than two runs an over. A very late rush took the score from 8 for 93 to something almost respectable, which prevented an outright result. However, the previously third-placed team was never allowed into the match and the strength of our performance showed what might have been achieved with consistency.

### **v Lane Cove 6 for 169 defeated Lane Cove 162**

Against a Lane Cove side, stacked with ex-first graders, but still struggling, we sent them in and wickets fell, evenly spread across the bowling. From 6 for 99 their cavalier batting received sufficient luck to push the score towards something competitive, before Wolfson (1-26) was rewarded for keeping the ball up and debutant Sutton (1 for 9) removed the other dangerman. A cameo from Batten (2 for 28) and merciless second spells from Couper (2 for 40) and Hale (3 for 20) demolished the remaining wickets.

Having flown all night from Macau to arrive shortly after the start of the game, Lego would have been rewarded in fiction for such commitment, but in fact his reward was just three balls. However Sutton (40) and Burchett (21) steadied the innings in the face of some surprisingly adequate Lane Cove bowling with the ever-reliable Payne (25) steadying the middle-order, where the revived Tremeneheere (46) smashed Lane Cove into the line and length one expects to see from them. Batten (18) took advantage to win the game with a six.

### **v Burwood 69 and 9-183 lost to Burwood 4 (dec.) 106**

With rain all week and afternoon sun turning the pitch into a classic “sticky” it was obvious that the toss of the coin would determine the fate of the match. A huge grin broke out on the face of the Burwood captain as he invited us to bat and after fourteen overs we were 3 for 12, thanks largely to the bravery of Karm (1) who volunteered to try and stem the inevitable. Only Burchett (22) was able to negotiate the minefield for any length of time, with assistance from a plucky debut by Chippeck (9), while Tremeneheere (19) took the approach that the ball was going to go in the air so it may as well be hit hard and survived briefly. Disappointingly despite their obvious advantage, Burwood resorted to sledging and “in your face” threats as the wickets failed to fall quickly enough for them. The pitch managed to dry and flatten out just in time for the commencement of their innings and despite early wickets and tight bowling, including a promising debut by Chowdhury (1-8 off 6 overs) and inspiring consistency from Hale (2-20 off 13), they passed us three down and batted to the end of the day (suggesting an

improvement in the wicket). With their best wickets lost in comparatively good conditions, we could well have expected our bowling to restrict them to a very gettable total, if not for the luck of the toss.

On the second week in still difficult conditions, we gave further evidence of the advantage enjoyed by them the previous week, quickly removing the deficit and setting Burwood a target which, on the fall of further rain, they refused to chase. Chippeck (55), Payne (31), Robinson (32) and Brokate (22) so infuriated Burwood that they exhausted ten bowlers and again resorted to verbal abuse and physical threats. They won without dignity.

#### **v Canterbury-Bexley 4 (dec.) 121 and 99 lost to Canterbury-Bexley 104 and 9 (dec.) 149**

On a grassless track, and needing outright points for even a remote chance of a finals' berth, we sent Canterbury-Bexley in, despite fielding a depleted attack with a cameo appearance by last year's captain, Andrew Slattery. For the first time Payne (6-51) opened the bowling with Hale (1-24) and responded to his promotion with his best ever performance for the club with the ball, quickly tearing the heart out of the batting, including all six top-order batsmen. Dorney (1-14), Slattery (1-8) and Karm (0-4 off 3) maintained the pressure, which dismissed Canterbury-Bexley in the forty second over before tea. An opening stand of 44 by Lego (8) and Rose (45) all but killed any hope Canterbury-Bexley had of resurrection from their first innings' debacle and Payne (15) and Tremenheere (39) clinically confirmed our dominance, moving well beyond their score by the close of play.

The following week saw a very different game with caution thrown to the wind in search of outright points. Early wickets to Hale (3-31) and Payne (4-42) with support from Dorney (1-6 off 5) and Slattery (1-12 off 6) suggested the right decision was made. However from 6-71, Canterbury-Bexley recovered as the afternoon developed into a late summer scorcher, reviving memories of the game against Holroyd-Hills. Indeed, only Rose (61) and Robinson (17) could handle the heat in the second innings. Lack of fitness and perhaps asking too much of ourselves led to the loss of our last hypothetical chance of making the finals for the season.

#### **v Epping drew with Epping 4-146**

On a dismally wet day we worked hard just to convince the groundsman and Epping to play, especially after we won the toss and invited them to bat. However the pitch and ball were soon so wet that the bowlers did well to make the ball pitch, let alone take wickets. Rewarded for his performance in the previous game and throughout the season Payne (3-56 off 22) again took the new ball with Hale (1-22), supported by Brokate (0-6 off 7) despite the presence of last season's leading Second Grade wicket-taker. Luck favoured the Epping captain to the extent of 88 runs lobbed just over heads, between slips and outstretched fingers. Amusingly he thus accumulated 88 runs in an innings he was so reluctant to have. The following week was washed out, which ended an enjoyable, roller-coaster season.

**M.V.P.** : Stephen Rose.

## 3RD GRADE SHIRES STATISTICS 2000-01

### BATTING AVERAGES

| Batsman       | Matches | Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Average | Catches  |
|---------------|---------|---------|------|------|------|---------|----------|
| B.Kent        | 3       | 3       | 1    | 106  | 130  | 65.00   | -        |
| S.Rose        | 11      | 13      | -    | 82   | 403  | 31.00   | 4        |
| G.Lego        | 11      | 13      | 2    | 112x | 288  | 26.18   | 4        |
| A.Tremenheere | 5       | 6       | 1    | 46   | 109  | 21.80   | 1        |
| T.Duffin      | 4       | 5       | -    | 54   | 104  | 20.80   | 3        |
| S.Burchett    | 12      | 13      | -    | 38   | 204  | 15.69   | 8        |
| M.Payne       | 12      | 13      | 1    | 41   | 184  | 15.33   | 6        |
| A.Robinson    | 11      | 12      | -    | 32   | 119  | 9.92    | 16+4stp. |

### ALSO BATTED (Less than 100 Runs)

| Batsman     | Matches | Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Average | Catches |
|-------------|---------|---------|------|------|------|---------|---------|
| T.Clough    | 1       | 1       | -    | 86   | 86   | 86.00   | -       |
| J.Sutton    | 1       | 1       | -    | 40   | 40   | 40.00   | 1       |
| D.Chippeck  | 2       | 2       | -    | 55   | 64   | 32.00   | 1       |
| T.Luckman   | 2       | 2       | -    | 30   | 37   | 18.50   | -       |
| A.Brokate   | 9       | 10      | 5    | 32   | 91   | 18.20   | 7       |
| D.Couper    | 3       | 1       | -    | 17   | 17   | 17.00   | -       |
| S.O'Connor  | 6       | 7       | 1    | 63   | 89   | 14.83   | 2       |
| D.McIntosh  | 3       | 2       | -    | 24   | 28   | 14.00   | 3       |
| A.Hale      | 8       | 7       | 1    | 37   | 76   | 12.67   | 4       |
| M.Karm      | 10      | 7       | 2    | 32   | 50   | 10.00   | 2       |
| P.Chew      | 1       | 1       | -    | 10   | 10   | 10.00   | -       |
| N.Dorney    | 6       | 7       | 1    | 33   | 59   | 9.83    | 2       |
| A.Lulka     | 2       | 2       | -    | 18   | 18   | 9.00    | -       |
| C.Hook      | 3       | 4       | -    | 19   | 34   | 8.50    | 3       |
| S.Gasser    | 2       | 2       | -    | 10   | 15   | 7.50    | 1       |
| A.Chowdhury | 1       | 1       | -    | 3    | 3    | 3.00    | -       |
| A.Jelfs     | 4       | 4       | 2    | 3x   | 3    | 1.50    | 3       |
| W.Dean      | 1       | 1       | -    | 1    | 1    | 1.00    | -       |
| A.Slattery  | 1       | 1       | -    | 1    | 1    | 1.00    | -       |
| M.Schaafsma | 2       | 1       | -    | 0    | 0    | 0.00    | 1       |
| V.Chung     | 2       | 1       | -    | 0    | 0    | 0.00    | 1       |
| P.Batten    | 1       | 1       | 1    | 18x  | 18   | ****    | -       |
| R.Wolfson   | 2       | -       | -    | -    | -    | -       | 1       |
| J.Smith     | 1       | -       | -    | -    | -    | -       | -       |

## BOWLING AVERAGES

| <b>Bowler</b> | <b>Overs</b> | <b>Maidens</b> | <b>Runs</b> | <b>Wickets</b> | <b>10 in Match</b> | <b>5 in Innings</b> | <b>Average</b> |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| M.Payne       | 109          | 15             | 372         | 23             | 1                  | 1                   | 16.17          |
| A.Hale        | 81.5         | 16             | 255         | 14             | -                  | -                   | 18.21          |
| A.Brokate     | 84           | 11             | 347         | 12             | -                  | -                   | 28.92          |

## ALSO BOWLED (Less than 10 Wickets)

| <b>Bowler</b> | <b>Overs</b> | <b>Maidens</b> | <b>Runs</b> | <b>Wickets</b> | <b>10 in Match</b> | <b>5 in Innings</b> | <b>Average</b> |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| A.Chowdhury   | 6            | 3              | 8           | 1              | -                  | -                   | 8.00           |
| J.Sutton      | 2            | -              | 9           | 1              | -                  | -                   | 9.00           |
| A.Slattery    | 11           | -              | 20          | 2              | -                  | -                   | 10.00          |
| T.Duffin      | 8            | -              | 33          | 3              | -                  | -                   | 11.00          |
| D.McIntosh    | 9            | 2              | 48          | 4              | -                  | -                   | 12.00          |
| P.Batten      | 6            | 2              | 28          | 2              | -                  | -                   | 14.00          |
| R.Wolfson     | 10           | -              | 39          | 2              | -                  | -                   | 19.50          |
| D.Couper      | 16           | 1              | 61          | 3              | -                  | -                   | 20.33          |
| B.Kent        | 18           | 3              | 85          | 4              | -                  | -                   | 21.25          |
| N.Dorney      | 43           | 7              | 165         | 7              | -                  | -                   | 23.57          |
| A.Lulka       | 14           | 2              | 53          | 2              | -                  | -                   | 26.50          |
| A.Jelfs       | 35           | 2              | 153         | 5              | -                  | -                   | 30.60          |
| C.Hook        | 26           | 2              | 124         | 4              | -                  | -                   | 31.00          |
| M.Karm        | 79.2         | 5              | 315         | 9              | -                  | -                   | 35.00          |
| J.Smith       | 16           | 1              | 69          | -              | -                  | -                   | 69.00          |
| S.O'Connor    | 1            | 1              | 0           | -              | -                  | -                   | ****           |
| P.Chew        | 1            | -              | 12          | -              | -                  | -                   | ****           |
| A.Tremenheere | 10           | 3              | 24          | -              | -                  | -                   | ****           |
| S.Gasser      | 15           | 1              | 67          | -              | -                  | -                   | ****           |

## 3RD GRADE SHIRES 2000-01

### BEST PERFORMANCES

|                                  |            |                           |
|----------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Batting Average</i>           | B.Kent     | 65.00                     |
| <i>Batting Aggregate</i>         | S.Rose     | 403                       |
| <i>Highest Score</i>             | G.Lego     | 112x v Roseville          |
| <i>Bowling Average</i>           | M.Payne    | 16.70                     |
| <i>Bowling Aggregate</i>         | M.Payne    | 23                        |
| <i>Most Wickets in an Inning</i> | M.Payne    | 6/51 v Canterbury-Bexley  |
| <br>                             |            |                           |
| <i>Most Wickets in a Match</i>   | M. Payne   | 10/93 v Canterbury-Bexley |
| <br>                             |            |                           |
| <i>Wicket Keeping</i>            | A.Robinson | 16ct + 4stp.              |
| <br>                             |            |                           |
| <i>Centuries</i>                 | G.Lego     | 112x v Roseville          |
|                                  | B.Kent     | 106 v Blacktown           |
| <br>                             |            |                           |
| <i>Highest Team Score</i>        |            | 304 v Roseville           |
| <br>                             |            |                           |
| <i>Lowest Team Score</i>         |            | 69 v Burwood              |

### RESULTS

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <i>Played</i>                  | 13  |
| <i>Won Outright</i>            | -   |
| <i>Won 1st Innings</i>         | 4 ( match lost outright after 1st Innings win ) |
| <i>Drawn</i>                   | 4   |
| <i>Lost 1st Innings</i>        | 4   |
| <i>Lost Outright</i>           | 1   |
| <i>Position in Competition</i> | 11th  |

### TEAM STATISTICS

### MACQUARIE

### OPPONENTS

|                           |       |       |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| <i>Runs Scored</i>        | 2663  | 2130  |
| <i>Wickets Lost</i>       | 151   | 72    |
| <i>Average per Wicket</i> | 17.64 | 29.58 |

### HIGHEST "3RD GRADE" SHIRES PARTNERSHIPS 2000-01

| Wicket   | Batsmen         |           |               |           | Runs       | Opponent           |
|----------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|
| 1        | S.Rose          | 54        | T.Duffin      | 54        | 112        | Pennant Hills      |
| 2        | S.Burchett      | 38        | T.Duffin      | 39        | 57         | Warringah          |
| <b>3</b> | <b>T.Clough</b> | <b>86</b> | <b>S.Rose</b> | <b>82</b> | <b>139</b> | <b>Strathfield</b> |
| 4        | J.Sutton        | 40        | M.Payne       | 25        | 54         | Lane Cove          |
| 5        | J.Sutton        | 40        | A.Tremenheere | 46        | 62         | Lane Cove          |
| 6        | M.Payne         | 41        | M.Karm        | 32        | 68         | Roseville          |
| 7        | A.Brokate       | 32        | A.Robinson    | 12        | 42         | Warringah          |
| 8        | B.Kent          | 106       | C.Hook        | 14        | 74         | Blacktown          |
| 9        | A.Hale          | 37        | C.Hook        | 19        | 52         | South Sydney       |
| 10       | N.Dorney        | 33        | A.Jelfs       | 3x        | 23         | Auburn             |



## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT – 4TH GRADE SHIRES**

It's hard to summarise a season of lost opportunity where players' full potential is not completely realised, knowing we were better than our finishing position on the ladder. With an early season win over South Sydney and three straight wins after Christmas against Holroyd-Hills, Strathfield and Lane Cove we had the opportunity to press for a finals' position yet failed to kick on at crunch time. If lessons can be learned from Fourth Grade this season about succeeding at this level they can be summarised as consistency, in batting, getting a start, not relying on the next man in to do the job, fielding, concentrating on every ball as catches do win matches, and bowling, maintaining pressure and composure when things aren't going our way. We are part way there, it's just a matter of putting it all together.

On a personal note it was a pleasure to captain a group of guys who enjoyed their cricket and played in the spirit the game should be. Our batsmen, led at different stages of the season by players outlined in match summaries below, had varied successes and can strive for improvement in the seasons ahead. Our bowlers also fought hard, particularly at times when another thirty runs would have been useful and gave their all.

Special thanks to those regulars during the season who played more than half of their matches in Fourth Grade this year. Adrian Lulka, who continues to perform with both bat and ball at this level, Chris Hook our leading wicket-taker, Amitav Chowdhury who will only improve on his debut season, Nick Dorney who has the potential to win a game with bat or ball and was the deserved Fourth Grade player of the season, the ever-reliable Paul Chew who continues to churn out runs, Phil Erskine for his runs at the top of the order, tireless efforts on committee and making life easier for his teammates by volunteering for everything and Robin Wolfson who continues to impress in all aspects of the game.

Thanks also to the committee for their unsung efforts in running our club, and adjacent team captains Simon and Wayne for their patience during the season.

**Mark Hughes**

**Fourth Grade Captain**

## MATCH REPORTS

### **v Lindfield 236 lost to Lindfield 6 ( dec.) 303**

Starting the season with a new Fourth Grade captain and no fewer than five debutants meant it was always going to be hard to ascertain our prospects for a good season. Despite defeat we started the season on a positive note and were encouraged at the prospect of improving on Fourth Grade's previous position on the ladder. Day one was an unseasonably hot day and losing the toss left us bowling and fielding in the heat on an exceptionally flat track and chasing copious amounts of leather to various sections of the fast Acron outfield. Most of the Lindfield batsmen, many of whom have played against us in this grade over the last ten seasons, cashed in on our ever-too-frequent one bad ball an over to post a score of 300 and resigning our team to playing for a difficult six points, the way Lindfield seem to play across all grades. Dropped catches, whilst few and far between, proved extremely costly right down to their captain batting at number nine who, when dropped first ball then scored sixteen off his next five balls to declare and leave us with eight overs until stumps on day one. Our bowlers toiled hard without making an impression on the scoreboard. However, Adrian Lulka (1-37 off 11) and Tony Barnes (0-31) impressed whilst Gus Hook (4-92 off 21) cashed in with late wickets during the run chase. Debut keeper Ashley Robinson impressed on a difficult day. We survived to be 0-9 at stumps.

Mid-week rain foiled our chances of a realistic attempt at the run-chase and with the season still young and a number of teams uncertain to get on and get points it was in our best interests to play and hope to get a jump on other teams on the ladder. Man of the Match was the Lindfield groundsman who put our own staff to shame by working all Saturday morning and early afternoon on the pitch and outfield to ensure we had a late start so that both teams could play for a result whilst our Third Grade team sat out the day. More comment on this later. We started poorly and at 3-22 were never in a position to threaten. However, our-middle order of Wayne Dean (59) on debut, Al Mahoney (26) and Hook (27) gave us some hope. Robinson (27) and newcomer Nick Dorney (30 not out) provided solid resistance until the death as we fell sixty seven runs short in the diminishing light, able to hold our heads high having had the worst of the conditions and with confidence that we were a competitive team.

### **v South Sydney 5-198 defeated South Sydney 196**

This was our club's first one day match under the competition's fifty-over-a-side rules which replaced the archaic sixty-over-a-side format of past seasons. South Sydney have historically been one of the strongest Fourth Grade teams since their entry to Shires cricket, having made the finals in every season, but are fast becoming the North Sydney Bears of Fourth Grade, always coming unstuck at the business end of the season. Hard to say what is the cause of their demise but their scalp is a prized one at this level. The rabbits have lost just once in regular season games in the last two seasons, or so I'm told by reports in *The Daily Telegraph* which compared them to the West Indies' sides of the 1970s. I now buy the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

With an early start the advantage of bowling first was ours after a correct coin toss and we set the standard early with a fine run-out from Dorney at point in the first over. Our bowlers and fielders responded magnificently and whilst the runs continued at a steady rate of four and a half an over we continued to chip away with wickets. Hard to single out any one bowler as Andrew Jelfs with in-swing (2-25 from 7.3), Lulka with accuracy (2-29 from 10), Jamie Smith with pace (2-27 off 7) and Dorney with bounce and aggression (2-46 from 10) combined to leave Souths unable to bat out their full quota.

Our run-chase got off to a flyer as Paul Chew (42), playing the third-man-to-cover point arc, set about putting us in the box seat with fine support from Shane O'Connor (37). 1-95 soon became 5-126 giving hope to Souths of maintaining their fine winning record, however Robinson (26

not out) and Dorney (43 not out) soon put paid to that with a partnership of maturity to see us home with three balls to spare and five wickets in hand. Dorney's straight and hard driving was enjoyed by all who returned to the club to witness our win and Souths' historic loss. Having outplayed Souths last year for a hard fought draw this was a pleasing victory, raising our hopes and setting the bar higher for the season with the talent available to us in the lower grades.

#### **v Blacktown 154 lost to Blacktown 5-155**

After our great win the week before maybe our hopes had been built up too high and with the five changes made to our side as the club experienced availability problems, the depths of our talent pool were put to the test in what is always a rugged affair out in the west. Recent top-dressing made scoring difficult, as evidenced by the below-two-per-over run rates from both sides with boundaries near impossible.

We won the toss and batted and were in early trouble at 3-18 after the first hour before the experienced Terry Luckman (22) and Mark Hughes (29) recovered the situation with Lulka (29) and Smith (37) adding an entertaining partnership with excellent running between wickets. The highlight was a massive six from Jamie that went into scrub a long, long way from the safety of our ground to where fire-fighters were later called to put out the flames of the bushfires lit by local pyromaniac youths. We lost our way in the last hour of the day, which ultimately cost us victory, crumbling from 5-139 to all out 154. This crucial hour of the game enabled Blacktown to dictate the pace of the chase, having over a day to accumulate the runs, where our aim was probably to bat a short time on day two to force Blacktown to press harder to score quickly on the still top-dressed outfield.

Paul Nelson (0-19 off 10) and Amit Chowdury (2-25 off 14) bowled with good control without over-threatening but were a great foil for Smith who capped off a fine double for the match with (2-26 off 27 overs) bowling without luck all day and menacing Blacktown's young batting line-up which had the run-chase under control. A pewter should be awarded to Lulka, (1-45 off 21) not for his consistent effort but for obtaining the only l.b.w. decision Blacktown gave all season.

#### **v Roseville 0-2 drew with Roseville 284**

Four changes to our side and a strengthening of our side from players returning. A good toss to win for Roseville, who were struggling this season. This was a game we pencilled in as must-win for a finals' spot this season.

We let ourselves down with the ball and in the field against a weak line-up that we should have dismissed for under 150. A welcome return by Robin Wolfson dusting off the cobwebs, along with the return of Hook and Barnes, were unable to make an impression against Roseville on an excellent wicket and outfield and a difficult run-chase was ahead of us on day two. Only Chowdhury (4-20 off 10.3) could stand tall in what would be the start of what would be better things for our "Leo of Bengal". Losing Smith from the bowling line-up with a side strain early did not help our cause.

Rain robbed us of any hope for day two in what was Al Mahoney's 300<sup>th</sup> match in the green and gold, best remembered for his locking his keys in his car and late arrival to the ground on day one. His quote of "That was the worst number three I have ever seen" was quite a sledge. If only their number three had known how many games Al had played and how bad that must make him!

### **v Auburn 112 drew with Auburn 5-61**

With all momentum lost after our South Sydney win this time it was a lamentable performance by our batsmen. Winning the toss on the same deck on which Roseville amassed 284 and starting comfortably with 1-49 we had no excuses to be dismissed for a paltry 112. Only Phil Erskine (23) and Hughes (32) got a start. The biggest disappointment was the loss of Smith for the season after mid-pitch mix up saw him turn on his ankle and rupture his Achilles, changing the shape of the Fourth Grade season. No excuses could be made for the poor batting performance of the middle-order which should have been more consistent. Given the lack of recent centre-wicket practice players need to keep their eye in at training for when the next occasion arises.

Our bowling however put us back in the picture as Auburn decided that the perfect batting strip must have devils in it based on our performance. Wolfson (2-33 off 11) and Lulka (2-21 off 8) dragged us back in the match to have Auburn 5-38 at one stage. After stumps on day one the match was still well poised and we had a real chance to press for the win we so desperately needed. With fresh bowlers and some mid-week rain we had even more cause to get excited about our chances. It is still hard to hide my disappointment with the fact that we were called off at 9.00 am on Saturday morning under sunny skies when we needed just an hour or so after tea to gain a result. Having seen so many other teams play and gain results it felt like a loss rather than a draw given that a pitch was prepared for Under 24s on the main oval for the next day. By the time I turned up at 4.00 pm the pitch and outfield would have been perfectly safe to play on. I could only note that the Lindfield Fourth Grade, playing at home, got on for a game again and until we match other clubs' ability to play on days like today, we are not going to cut it.

### **v Pennant Hills 110 and 4-109 lost to Pennant Hills 179 and (3 dec.) 86**

We ventured onto the main oval for our usual "home" match against Pennant Hills who only have one ground. Pennant Hills won the toss on a wicket that most batsmen would gladly have paid the \$3.30 toll to bat on given the road-like conditions. Once again our bowling attack exceeded expectations and dismissed Pennant Hills for a score of around hundred less than what both sides were expecting. Chowdhury (3-44 off 20) continued to impress with his variation, supported by Nelson (2-39 off 9) and Paul Chapman (2-37 off 10.4) returning to Fourth Grade after what appeared to be a far too lengthy spell in Metropolitan Cup. Our fielding was also up in standard which was also pleasing. With twenty three overs prior to stumps we were well placed at 2-40 after recovering from 2-15 thanks mainly to Chew (23).

Once again our batting let us down on day two when we capitulated from 2-40 to 5-40 in the space of twenty balls at the start of play. Lulka's determined (33) saved us from the possible embarrassment of following on and left us with a deficit of sixty nine with forty six overs to play. The offer of a declaration and run-chase was made to Pennant Hills. However our spinners and part-time bowlers even with the field up with the offer of quick runs was not taken seriously enough by Pennant Hills who scored their runs at only three an over leaving us with a near impossible target of 159 off 20 overs to gain a result. Chapman again bowled well to suggest Fourths could be his grade (1-8 off 5).

### **v Warringah 7 for 181 lost to Warringah 7 for 182**

Another match on Macquarie's number one oval for Fourth Grade as the groundsman prepared the same pitch for this match, which had been used for all matches on this ground prior to Christmas. The toss was won again and the conditions favoured us for the entire match with

early morning rain making conditions more difficult with both ball and bat for our opposition. We scored consistently throughout our innings with another good start provided by Erskine (26) but it was Hughes who provided the backbone of the innings with an unusually aggressive (74) with shots to all parts of the ground. John Sutton, in his debut for the club, kept the score ticking along with the lower-order to set Warringah a challenging score on a pitch that was now a seamers' paradise.

All of our pacemen bowled well to restrict the runs but having selected two spinners for this match, we were a seamer short and our spinners struggled with the damp conditions. At 3-133 off 35 overs our pace attack of Wolfson (1-25 off 10), Chowdhury and Barnes (both 1-31 off 10) and Darren Bull (4-47 off 10) were all bowled out earlier than planned and brought us back in the match. At 7-147 we had some hope but aided by Warringah's keeper-batsman and a lack of bowling options, Warringah made the target with two overs to spare.

Warringah continued to maintain their dominance over us in Fourth Grade leaving us without a win for at least ten seasons.

### **v Holroyd-Hills 5 for 162 defeated Holroyd-Hills 161**

A new year and wins were required to keep us in touch with those vying for finals. We won the toss and chose to bowl as this was seen to be the best option given the early start of play. None of our bowlers let us down and after a forty run opening partnership wickets fell at a steady rate as the Hurricanes lost their way to be all out in the last over of their allotment. It would be unfair to single out one stand-out performer as Wolfson (2-11 off 9), Jelfs (2-29 off 9.3) and Lulka (1-24 off 10) were all too street-smart for the newly-merged club, others chipped in with some valuable wickets.

We were 1-7 in the fifth over and losing our way until Erskine (29) combined with Hughes (57) who played the most out-of-character innings to set up victory with a 91 run partnership in just twenty overs. Hughes' chips-over-the-top with the fielding restrictions in place were a continuing frustration to the home team who were unable to push men outside the fielding circle, whilst Erskine played the unfamiliar role of second-fiddle. A mini-collapse from 1-98 to 5-124 was averted by Lulka (16 not out) and Dorney (15 not out) who had the pressure eased somewhat by having only to score at two an over. A most enjoyable win.

### **v Strathfield 270 defeated Strathfield 169 and 2-28**

Our third home ground for the season. We lost the toss and were strangely invited to bat on a hot summer's day. Our opening batsmen laid the platform with a ninety run opening partnership from Erskine (42), and Sutton (45) relishing the opportunity to bat up the top of the order. 0-90 suddenly became the all too familiar 5-130 and a rear-guard action was required. The turning point of the match was Dorney (19) being dropped when yet to score at second slip from a "dolly" compared to the brilliant catch to remove Hook the ball before. This gave O'Connor (62) the partner he needed to turn the game in our favour, combined with lower-order support from new keeper Ben James (19), Chapman (20) and a cameo innings from Bull (18) to set Strathfield a formidable target after a long hot day in the field.

The week after Strathfield were just not up to the chase losing wickets regularly during the day from one end while their opening bat was posting a score from the other. It was our spinners that did the damage with Chapman (3-55 off 15) and Hook (1-24 off 7) causing the most difficulty and ably supported by Sutton (2-24 off 7) who chipped in with vital wickets including the opener just after tea. Dorney (3-15 off 9.5) finished their innings and left Strathfield one short of the follow-on, leaving us with twenty three overs to try and do the damage required for an outright win.

The time in the field prior left us tired and unable to make enough of an impact in the second innings with Chapman (1-2 off 5) our best bowler for the match. Two wickets helped our quotient and we enjoyed two wins in a row for the first time this season. Lots of positives to take from the game, with all players contributing well to the victory with only our middle-order batting to improve.

#### **v Lane Cove 9-300 defeated Lane Cove 144**

Another home game and after the problems of two seasons ago when Lane Cove played an ineligible player on week two of the match, the aim was to put this team to the cleaners. After waiting forty five minutes for players to turn up Lane Cove struggled to once again provide a team list and with the threat of calling our secretary for a forfeit win, Lane Cove supplied the team list and were forced to play with the eight at the ground.

Losing the toss I was surprised to be sent in to bat given Lane Cove's knack of finding players after a match started and was even more surprised at being 3 for 4 after three overs. After middle-order batting problems in recent weeks the time was right to make amends. Lulka settled the ship with a sensible (22) and took the shine off the new ball. After this came the match winning 175 run partnership from twenty seven overs between new players Daniel Chippeck (74) and David McIntosh (113) who tore apart a sub-standard bowling line-up and made the eight Lane Cove players chase leather to various parts of the field. McIntosh's front foot play in particular was a joy to watch. Nine off the last three balls from Ben James (31 not out) saw us pass the three hundred mark.

Bull (3-32 off 6.4), Jelfs (2-19 off 9) and Chowdhury (2-36 off 8) ensured a big victory.

Having won three in a row and now in finals' contention we gained confidence that semi-finals were a distinct possibility after being in a forlorn position at Christmas, knowing that tougher opposition was to follow.

#### **v Burwood 158 lost to Burwood 5-159**

This match would be a true measure of our ultimate chances of success against the eventual premiers. Winning the toss and electing to bat we once again failed to start well and this time a quality opposition made us pay. Wickets fell and runs were hard to come by and at 7-70 off twenty eight overs, it showed what happens when there's tight bowling, good fielding and all catches taken. We were given something to defend by Lulka (29), Dorney (35) and James (33) but 158 was always going to be tough to defend. Having taken our first wicket against Burwood in two seasons (after 0-126 and an innings defeat last season) our pace bowlers were torn apart by batsmen intent on scoring while the field was up and at 1-78 off 15 overs the match was a good as over. Hook (3-20 off 10) showed that this team is vulnerable to spin and although we went down we fought to the end. A maiden over bowled with one run to win forced the run-out of their captain to show that you should never give up, no matter the circumstance.

This was a cricket lesson from a team who sets the benchmark in Fourth Grade in all facets of the game, including sportsmanship.

#### **v Canterbury-Bexley 86 and 191 lost to Canterbury-Bexley 9 (dec.) 123 and 5-155**

Now having to win both our remaining games, we forgot the basic rule of making sure of winning each game as they came instead of thinking too far ahead. A dustbowl wicket was prepared and after being sent in our strengthened side did not live up to expectation and at 9-48 I just wanted a big hole to hide in. No fewer than five batsmen were bowled. In the end Bull

(14 not out) and Chowdhury (24) gave the nine players previous, time to think about their actions.

Eighty six was never going to be enough but once again our bowlers toiled hard to get us back from 0-43 to 6-68 and we were left wondering what would have happened if we had scored one hundred and fifty. Wolfson (3-33 off 14) and Hook (5-66 off 14) put up a great fight in vain. Once again quality spin bowling showed it is a dangerous asset in Fourth Grade. However all hope was not lost and at 0-12 in our second innings and just twenty five in arrears at the end of day one, we vowed to go down fighting the week after.

With the aim of setting our opposition a target and a tea declaration, our batsmen played with more spine on day two. Sutton (57) and McIntosh (49) set about the runs at a lively pace and as we chased quick runs, we continually lost wickets and a late tea was taken with the final wicket falling, setting our opposition 155 off forty two overs. A gettable target but we were not in the position to choose given our need for points. At 3-34, thanks to Lulka (3-40 off 9), we were in with a great hope but lost our way when some terrible umpiring decisions, including an umpire calling wide on a ball that a batsman edged to the keeper, saw the match degenerate. Unfortunately some players lost their cool and from there Canterbury-Bexley went on to record an outright win as we lost the plot and any hope of making the finals.

### **v Epping 5-121 drew with Epping**

With only pride to play for we travelled up the road to Epping for the game that marked the era of Australian cricket after the death of Sir Donald Bradman.

A minute's silence and black armbands from both teams preceded a tricky day where Epping, needing points to make finals, were desperate to play and after a late lunch at the Epping Hotel we got underway at 2.30 after Epping worked their arses off to get on (take note all groundskeepers!) Epping won the toss and sensibly chose to bowl on a pitch that was doing plenty. Deliveries reared off a length, one knocking the lid off Erskine, showing that survival would be a great challenge. At 2-21 we were in danger of capitulating but Chris Savage (31) showed some late season form to rescue us with the aid of Chew (37 not out) who defiantly stood in Epping's way until rain and bad light stopped play with the match in the balance. Unfortunately our season ended with further downpours the next weekend to leave dreams and hopes unfulfilled for another season.

**M.V.P. :** Nick Dorney

## 4TH GRADE STATISTICS 2000-01

### BATTING AVERAGES

| Batsman    | Matches | Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Average | Catches |
|------------|---------|---------|------|------|------|---------|---------|
| N.Dorney   | 7       | 7       | 3    | 43x  | 154  | 38.50   | 1       |
| D.Chippeck | 2       | 3       | -    | 74   | 109  | 36.33   | 1       |
| D.McIntosh | 4       | 6       | -    | 113  | 185  | 30.83   | -       |
| B.James    | 5       | 6       | 2    | 33   | 104  | 26.00   | 2+2stp. |
| A.Lulka    | 11      | 11      | 2    | 41   | 228  | 25.33   | 2       |
| S.O'Connor | 6       | 6       | -    | 62   | 138  | 23.00   | 2       |
| M.Hughes   | 13      | 11      | -    | 74   | 240  | 21.82   | 3+3stp. |
| P.Chew     | 7       | 9       | 1    | 42   | 169  | 21.13   | 1       |
| J.Sutton   | 6       | 7       | -    | 57   | 146  | 20.86   | 4       |
| P.Erskine  | 11      | 11      | 1    | 42   | 172  | 17.20   | 4       |

### ALSO BATTED (Less than 100 Runs)

| Batsman        | Matches | Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Average | Catches |
|----------------|---------|---------|------|------|------|---------|---------|
| A.Robinson     | 2       | 2       | 1    | 27   | 53   | 53.00   | 4+1stp. |
| A.Mahoney      | 2       | 1       | -    | 26   | 26   | 26.00   | 1       |
| T.Luckman      | 1       | 1       | -    | 22   | 22   | 22.00   | -       |
| J.Smith        | 4       | 2       | -    | 37   | 38   | 19.00   | 2       |
| D.Bull         | 5       | 6       | 3    | 18   | 48   | 16.00   | 2       |
| P.Chapman      | 3       | 3       | 1    | 20   | 28   | 14.00   | 1       |
| W.Dean         | 6       | 6       | -    | 59   | 75   | 12.50   | 4       |
| C.Hook         | 9       | 7       | 1    | 32   | 73   | 12.17   | 6       |
| E.Aphaiswongse | 2       | 1       | -    | 11   | 11   | 11.00   | -       |
| C.Savage       | 6       | 7       | 1    | 31   | 60   | 10.00   | 3       |
| T.Barnes       | 5       | 5       | 1    | 10   | 23   | 5.75    | 2       |
| A.Chowdhury    | 9       | 7       | -    | 24   | 38   | 5.43    | 2       |
| V.Chung        | 1       | 1       | -    | 5    | 5    | 5.00    | 1       |
| R.Wolfson      | 7       | 5       | -    | 7    | 11   | 2.20    | 2       |
| A.Slimmon      | 1       | 1       | -    | 2    | 2    | 2.00    | -       |
| A.Jelfs        | 4       | 2       | 1    | 0x   | 0    | 0.00    | 2       |
| P.Nelson       | 5       | 4       | 4    | 9x   | 11   | ****    | 1       |



## BOWLING AVERAGES

| <b>Bowler</b> | <b>Overs</b> | <b>Maidens</b> | <b>Runs</b> | <b>Wickets</b> | <b>10 in Match</b> | <b>5 in Innings</b> | <b>Average</b> |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| A. Chowdhury  | 85.4         | 17             | 247         | 15             | -                  | -                   | 16.47          |
| D.Bull        | 42.4         | 4              | 178         | 10             | -                  | -                   | 17.80          |
| C.Hook        | 86           | 12             | 375         | 18             | -                  | 1                   | 20.83          |
| A.Lulka       | 113.2        | 27             | 342         | 13             | -                  | -                   | 26.31          |

## ALSO BOWLED (Less than 10 Wickets)

| <b>Bowler</b> | <b>Overs</b> | <b>Maidens</b> | <b>Runs</b> | <b>Wickets</b> | <b>10 in Match</b> | <b>5 in Innings</b> | <b>Average</b> |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| D.McIntosh    | 3            | -              | 10          | 1              | -                  | -                   | 10.00          |
| J.Sutton      | 15           | 3              | 44          | 3              | -                  | -                   | 14.67          |
| P.Chapman     | 38.4         | 10             | 111         | 7              | -                  | -                   | 15.86          |
| J.Smith       | 41           | 16             | 78          | 4              | -                  | -                   | 19.50          |
| A.Jelfs       | 40           | 6              | 125         | 6              | -                  | -                   | 20.83          |
| W.Dean        | 4            | -              | 22          | 1              | -                  | -                   | 22.00          |
| R.Wolfson     | 75           | 15             | 236         | 9              | -                  | -                   | 26.22          |
| N.Dorney      | 47.5         | 5              | 190         | 7              | -                  | -                   | 27.14          |
| P.Nelson      | 50           | 10             | 136         | 3              | -                  | -                   | 45.33          |
| T.Barnes      | 32           | 3              | 107         | 2              | -                  | -                   | 53.50          |
| S.O'Connor    | 3            | 2              | 3           | -              | -                  | -                   | ****           |
| A.Slimmon     | 4            | 1              | 12          | -              | -                  | -                   | ****           |
| P.Chew        | 7            | 1              | 21          | -              | -                  | -                   | ****           |
| C.Savage      | 8            | -              | 44          | -              | -                  | -                   | ****           |
| P.Erskine     | 11           | -              | 46          | -              | -                  | -                   | ****           |

## 4TH GRADE SHIRES 2000-01

### BEST PERFORMANCES

|                                   |             |                          |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Batting Average</i>            | N.Dorney    | 38.50                    |
| <i>Batting Aggregate</i>          | M.Hughes    | 240                      |
| <i>Highest Score</i>              | D.McIntosh  | 113 v Lane Cove          |
| <i>Bowling Average</i>            | A.Chowdhury | 16.47                    |
| <i>Bowling Aggregate</i>          | C.Hook      | 18                       |
| <br>                              |             |                          |
| <i>Most Wickets in an Innings</i> | C.Hook      | 5/66 v Canterbury-Bexley |
| <br>                              |             |                          |
| <i>Most Wickets in a Match</i>    | C.Hook      | 6/79 v Canterbury-Bexley |
| <br>                              |             |                          |
| <i>Wicket Keeping</i>             | M.Hughes    | 3ct + 3 stp.             |
|                                   | B.James     | 2ct + 2 stp.             |
| <br>                              |             |                          |
| <i>Centuries</i>                  | D.McIntosh  | 113 v Lane Cove          |
| <br>                              |             |                          |
| <i>Highest Team Score</i>         |             | 9/300 v Lane Cove        |
| <i>Lowest Team Score</i>          |             | 86 v Canterbury-Bexley   |

### RESULTS

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| <i>Played</i>                  | 13   |
| <i>Won Outright</i>            | -    |
| <i>Won 1st Innings</i>         | 4    |
| <i>Drawn</i>                   | 3    |
| <i>Lost 1st Innings</i>        | 5    |
| <i>Lost Outright</i>           | 1    |
| <i>Position in Competition</i> | 11th |

### TEAM STATISTICS

### MACQUARIE

### OPPONENTS

|                           |       |       |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| <i>Runs Scored</i>        | 2406  | 2805  |
| <i>Wickets Lost</i>       | 121   | 82    |
| <i>Average per Wicket</i> | 19.88 | 34.20 |

### HIGHEST "4TH GRADE" SHIRES PARTNERSHIPS 2000-01

| Wicket   | Batsmen           |            |                   |           | Runs       | Opponent          |
|----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|
| 1        | P.Erskine         | 26         | J.Sutton          | 25        | 90         | Strathfield       |
| 2        | P.Erskine         | 29         | M.Hughes          | 57        | 91         | Holroyd-Hills     |
| 3        | A.Lulka           | 33x        | D.McIntosh        | 20        | 53         | Pennant Hills     |
| 4        | D.McIntosh        | 113        | A.Lulka           | 22        | 63         | Lane Cove         |
| <b>5</b> | <b>D.McIntosh</b> | <b>113</b> | <b>D.Chippeck</b> | <b>74</b> | <b>175</b> | <b>Lane Cove</b>  |
| 6        | N.Dorney          | 43x        | A.Robinson        | 26x       | 72x        | South Sydney      |
| 7        | S.O'Connor        | 62         | B.James           | 18        | 38         | Strathfield       |
| 8        | N.Dorney          | 35         | B.James           | 33        | 59         | Burwood           |
| 9        | N.Dorney          | 30x        | A.Robinson        | 27        | 56         | Lindfield         |
| 10       | A.Chowdhury       | 24         | D.Bull            | 14x       | 38         | Canterbury-Bexley |

## CAPTAIN'S REPORT – METROPOLITAN CUP

Last year, even though we finished at the foot of the table, I figured that this year would be different. We had a young, enthusiastic side who learnt a lot and were keen to come back. With a few experienced players available to play in Metropolitan Cup we had the makings of a competitive side. There was also more stability and less turmoil in the club as a whole, which meant Fifth Grade used fewer players than any year I can remember. We had a team that played together week in, week out. Eleven players played eight matches or more, a twelfth played six, and it is hardly surprising that we made the finals and that these were the twelve players who participated.

We improved in every facet of the game and our level of enthusiasm and determination rose. In a sport that can focus on individual performance we always played as a team. There were excellent individual performances but these were in the context of team play. A good batting performance was often made up of important partnerships and good bowling was supported by good fielding. Most of all we enjoyed playing together.

Good teams obviously have strengths, and ours was bowling, which was as strong as any team in the competition. Aside from the qualifying final against Balmain, no team scored more than 178 against us. We always put pressure on the opposition and it helped that we had a well-balanced attack. We had plenty of variety, and most of the team could bowl. Our fielding and catching improved immensely and this obviously contributed. Our batting also improved and we fought hard most of the time, but against better opposition we weren't quite there. This is where we have to improve to go another step or two next year.

The two best players in Fifth Grade this year were Paul Batten and Paul Chapman. Both were match-winners. Paul Batten was the Player of the Year in Fifth Grade while Paul Chapman was the club's most improved player. Paul Batten topped the averages and aggregates in both batting and bowling. As a player with experience in higher grades he was obviously a great asset this year. His performances as well as his enthusiastic approach to play lifted the whole team. Paul Chapman matured greatly as a player this year. He bowled extremely well, turning several important matches and made important contributions with the bat.

Some of the younger players in the team came on in leaps and bounds this year. Jason Huang improved immensely, especially with the bat. On quite a few occasions, it was his determination to hold on to his wicket that kept us in the game. He also took a few important wickets. Paul Nelson always gave it everything, and contributed some fiery spells yielding important wickets. Andrew Slimmon had a good start to the season and will improve again next year. He was under used as a bowler, usually taking wickets when called on.

Two new players to the club played important roles this year. Dave Warton always batted solidly and scored some good runs. His bowling wasn't recognized until late in the season but he bowled well when given the chance. Dave was probably our best player in the finals. Kevin Hew played some swashbuckling innings and was always entertaining to watch.

It was a pity that Bob Earls could not play more as he batted very well in the matches he played. Phil Erskine and Chris Savage made important contributions with both bat and ball when called upon.

The senior players in the team also made strong contributions. Eddie made some valuable runs and his keeping improved as evidenced by three smart stumpings. Doug Latto was always a helpful presence on the field and despite not batting as well as he has in the past, his bowling was handy. Jason Ford did little bowling this year but was an integral member of the team,

averaging over twenty with the bat and taking twelve catches. Tony Barnes, as always, contributed a great deal on the field, and was an important part of the attack, always putting pressure on the opposition.

Success on the field is never achieved without a lot of help off it. A big thank you to Craig Edwards and David Smith, both of whom do a great job for the club, as well as for Fifth Grade. Thanks to David Webb for organizing the equipment, thanks to the committee, personified by Phil Erskine. Danny McVey, as club coach, did not forget about Fifth Grade and implemented some warm-up drills which, I believe, helped with our success this season. As ever, Eddie did a lot for the team off the field, and Jason Ford, Tony Barnes, Doug Latto and Paul Batten made life easier this year. Again thanks to Gordon Slimmon for filling in whenever he was needed, and for helping on match day whenever I was beginning to run out of time.

We finished the regular season equal top of the table, and equal third when both strands of the competition were brought together. We did not advance to the final but we fought hard. After finishing on the bottom of the table last year, this was an outstanding effort. Well done Fifth Grade.

**Wayne Travers**

**Metropolitan Cup Captain**

## MATCH REPORTS

### **v Roseville 5-189 defeated Roseville 138**

Due to the lack of grounds, our season started a week late, with this one day match at Acron. Batting first, Andrew Slimmon (49 not out) and Phil Erskine (25) opened up with a 51 run partnership. Considering we were knocked over for 42 in the first match of last season, this was a positive start. Good support from Doug Latto (10) and Eddie Aphaiwongse (12) set up the innings well, Paul Batten (51) taking advantage with a blistering innings. Andrew batted sensibly for the whole fifty overs.

We bowled and fielded well, keeping the pressure on Roseville for the whole innings. Paul Nelson (3-20) and Ersko (3-25) stood out with good support from Travers (1-26). Batten (2-0) shone in a cameo one-over spell, which included the wicket of a Sports Tonight reporter. This was a good win and a great way to start.

### **v Lindfield 31 lost to Lindfield 2-33**

Fortunately this performance was an aberration which will be blamed on the shocking state of the pitch on the main oval. The only plus was that we weren't beaten by ten wickets (thank you Paul Batten).

### **v Pennant Hills 207 and 4-40 defeated Pennant Hills 169 and 77**

This was a great comeback after the previous round and it put us on top of the table for the first time this season. We bowled a bit loosely in the first innings, Paul Chapman (3-18) being the exception, with Jason Huang (2-34) taking a couple of important wickets. We batted extremely well as a team to pass them on the first day. Dave Warton (31), Bob Earls (36) and Jason Huang (21 not out) all contributed, as did winter cricket colleagues, and with Tony Barnes, Fourth Division champions, Dean Young (24) and Mark McIntyre (36). On the second day we extended our lead and then routed them for seventy seven. Travers (7-27) took most of the wickets thanks to a damp, bowler-friendly pitch. Despite the loss of early wickets Batten (18 not out) and Earls (7 not out) saw us home.

### **v Canterbury-Bexley 191 defeated Canterbury-Bexley 168**

For the second time this season Andrew Slimmon (56 not out) batted for 50 overs, another fine innings, and with the support of Chris Savage (31), Bob Earls (25) and Sundries (55) we posted a competitive score. With the opposition at 4-153 after thirty four overs the game looked to be slipping away. In what became a hallmark of this season, we never gave the game away, and Paul Chapman (5-29) bowled superbly to turn the match. He was given good support from Chris Savage (2-31) and especially Jason Huang (2-31) who found the edge on numerous occasions.

### **v Blacktown 6 (dec.) for 274 drew with Blacktown 0-9**

Rain on the second day robbed us of a probable victory, but not before a sensational display of batting. When Ben Bradley (103 not out), who somehow escaped the notice of Simon Burchett and Mark Hughes, strode to the crease some of the younger members of the team wanted to know what he was like as a batsman. Those in the know explained that he would get either 0 or 60, and whichever one it was, it would be fast. After being dropped first ball he smashed the

attack for the rest of the day for an undefeated century. It's a pity this was his only match for us. He was not the only one to shine. Paul Chapman (63) opened the innings and scored a very sound half century, indicating his all-round value to this team. Slimmon (23), Batten (26) and Huang (17 not out) also batted well.

#### **v Holroyd-Hills 144 and 5 (dec.) for 123 defeated Holroyd-Hills 115 and 72**

A poor start had us reeling at 5-14. As was the case for most of the season we dug deep and fought back. With the innings revolving around a very patient Jason Huang (26), who was last out, we managed to reach 144. Good hitting from Batten (23) and Travers (25), and superb hitting from Jason Ford (20 not out) complemented Huang's innings. This was followed by a brilliant effort in the field, in which we put enormous pressure on the opposition, resulting in them falling short. Batten (3-22) took the vital wicket of Buffet, a First Grader, playing on day one, while Travers (2-27) and Darren Bull (2-15) also chipped in. With fifty five overs left we went for an outright win and started by blasting 123 off twenty three overs. Aphaiwongse (31), Batten (34) and Travers (20 not out) hit the ball well. This left us with twenty nine overs to knock them over. This we did with Bull (2-14), Batten (2-8), Slimmon (3-40) and Huang (2-5) doing the job. This was a great result from a team beginning to believe in itself.

#### **v Epping 206 defeated Epping 143**

This match was played in wet, difficult conditions. We started badly again to be 4-5 but rallied once more. Paul Batten (47) started the ball rolling with a fiery knock, while Jason Huang (27) played the sheet-anchor role for the second match in a row. Travers (34) scored quickly as the rain began to tumble before being run-out. At this point it was getting very hard to bowl due to slippery conditions, and we took advantage with an unusual and entertaining ninth-wicket partnership between Kevin Hew (37) and Jason Ford (20 not out), the later sporting an average at this point of 40! As was the case with the last half of our innings, the first half of their innings provided very difficult bowling conditions. We stuck to the task well, by not panicking and applying good pressure. Paul Nelson (3-44) bowled with fire taking the early wickets while Andrew Slimmon (4-31) ripped apart the middle-order with good spin bowling. Paul Batten (2-9) bowled as consistently well as ever and Doug Latto (1-13) offered good variety with his top-spinners.

#### **v Balmain 146 lost to Balmain 6-147**

This was the match that we were looking forward to, as Balmain were the team to beat in this section of the competition. We were keen to test ourselves against quality opposition. Despite a decent opening partnership of 31 from Slimmon (13) and Savage (14) we crumbled to 7-71. Due to the fighting efforts of Paul Chapman (38) and Jason Ford (16) we were able to defend a small but reasonable total. It wasn't until the fiftieth over of the Balmain innings that the match was decided. At 4-48 in the twenty first over we had them worried. A very good partnership against quality bowling took them to 4-128 off 43 before both batsmen were removed by Batten and Chapman. They started the last over needing two runs to win and one to tie and on the third ball of a Darren Bull over a very streaky shot took them beyond our score. Darren Bull (0-26 off 9.3) bowled with great pace and control ; Tony Barnes (1-15 off 10) removed a danger man then bowled ten tight overs on the trot, Paul Batten (3-21 off 10) bamboozled all who faced him, and Paul Chapman (1-20 off 10) kept the batsmen pinned to the crease all day. This match showed that we had a lot of work to do on our batting, but our bowling and fielding was excellent.

### **v Auburn 197 defeated Auburn 178**

This match was played at Blacktown over two hot and humid weekends against good opposition. In many ways this was the toughest and most satisfying victory. It almost guaranteed us a spot in the finals. On what was a good batting track, we failed to capitalise. Eddie (29) and Barnesy (32) batted well before a sterling innings from Kevin Hew (33), but 9-154 was not enough. Thankfully our super-sub Gordon Slimmon (3) hung around long enough for Batten (61 not out) to punish the weary bowlers. In reply, it took Auburn eighty six overs to compile 178 runs, and there were times it looked like they would grind out a victory. But ruthless bowling and fielding won us the day. Wickets were shared between Travers (2-36 off 20.2), Batten (2-27 off 18), Latto (2-41), Andrew Slimmon (1-25) and Kevin Hew (1-10). Special mention must go to Tony Barnes (2-25) who conceded only twenty five runs from twenty three overs.

### **v Lindfield 6-130 defeated Lindfield 128**

Scarred by the loss on the second weekend to Lindfield, the captain stood on the sidelines for this match and handed the reins to Paul Batten. Another good performance in the field saw Lindfield restricted to 128. As usual honours were shared. Paul Nelson (2-15) again bowled with fire, Chapman (2-15) was consistent and tight as ever, while Tony Barnes (0-15) was economical again. The two surprises were Jason Ford (2-17) making a welcome return to the bowling ranks and Dave Warton (2-12) who was obviously under-used throughout the year. The chase was not without its hiccups but Batten (21 not out) and Latto (28 not out) saw us home in the rain.

### **v Canterbury-Bexley 7-144 defeated Canterbury-Bexley 140**

Due to ground problems, we ended up on the main oval for a match against the bottom club, who had supplemented their ranks with higher grade players who had played the day before. This was not a match played in the best of spirits. At 1-72 they were travelling well, before Paul Chapman (4-30) intervened and turned the game. This included the wicket of a Second Grade player who had made seventy odd the day before. He was well supported by Paul Nelson (3-35) and Doug Latto (3-26). In reply Dave Warton (18) and Doug Latto (18) batted well, but we were in trouble at 6-87. Eddie (29) and Paul Chapman (22 not out), put together a fine partnership that took us to within three runs before Eddie was unfortunately run-out. This left the door open for Travers to finish the match with a six.

### **v Pennant Hills drew with Pennant Hills 5-136**

In a rain shortened match Pennant Hills didn't do much except provide us with bowling practice for the coming finals. Travers (2-24) and Barnes (2-14 off 14) took the opportunity.

### **Qualifying Final**

### **v Balmain 136 lost to Balmain 421**

To be brief, we were outplayed in all facets of the game by a better side. We were punished by a side that batted very well, on a very good batting wicket. We weren't helped by one of our poorer displays in the field, although to be fair, we did not drop more than two or three catches. Our bowlers worked hard and never gave up. They were led by Paul Chapman (4-85) and Paul Batten (2-26), with good work from Dave Warton (1-30), who took the wicket of their century-maker and ran out the next highest scorer. Eddie also affected a very neat stumping off Paul Chapman. After spending a day and a half in the field, and with four hundred and twenty two to get off seventy three overs, not surprisingly we did not bat as well as we could have. With the

score at 8-69 we only had pride to play for, and fortunately Dave Warton (28) and Wayne Travers (36) took the score well beyond one hundred.

### **Semi Final**

#### **v South Sydney 78 lost to South Sydney 162 and 7-103**

Despite the thumping the week before, we were still in it, and this was a new day. Any disappointment was forgotten when Nelson took a wicket in the first over. Wickets kept falling and we had them on the rack. Unfortunately we chose this day to put in our worst effort in the field. Instead of chasing one hundred to say one hundred and twenty, as it should have been, we were chasing 162, still a decent result. Everyone bowled well including Nelson (2-32) and Batten (2-40), but the pick of the bowlers was Tony Barnes (3-23). At the end of the day we were unfortunate to be 6-68. Decisions and luck went against us. With Barnes and Travers still in and Warton and Ford to come we were still in the hunt. However, when Travers ran Barnes out on the third ball of the day, the signs weren't good, and we were quickly dismissed. We did not give it away and had Souths at 7-81 and in trouble before rain and time defeated us. Batten (3-24) and Warton (3-34) were superb but it was not enough.

**M.V.P. :** Paul Batten.



## METROPOLITAN CUP STATISTICS 2000-01

### BATTING AVERAGES

| Batsman       | Matches | Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Average | Catches   |
|---------------|---------|---------|------|------|------|---------|-----------|
| P.Batten      | 11      | 13      | 3    | 61x  | 305  | 30.50   | 5         |
| P.Chapman     | 11      | 8       | 1    | 63   | 139  | 19.86   | 4         |
| J.Huang       | 13      | 12      | 4    | 27   | 147  | 18.38   | 8         |
| A.Slimmon     | 12      | 12      | 2    | 56x  | 170  | 17.00   | 3         |
| D.Warton      | 10      | 10      | 2    | 31   | 128  | 16.00   | 8         |
| W.Travers     | 13      | 12      | 2    | 36   | 154  | 15.40   | 10        |
| E.Aphaiwongse | 12      | 13      | -    | 31   | 134  | 10.31   | 11+3 stp. |
| D.Latto       | 13      | 14      | 1    | 28   | 121  | 9.31    | 8         |
| B.Bradley     | 1       | 1       | 1    | 103x | 103  | ****    | -         |

### ALSO BATTED (Less than 100 Runs)

| Batsman    | Matches | Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Average | Catches |
|------------|---------|---------|------|------|------|---------|---------|
| R.Earls    | 3       | 4       | 1    | 36   | 84   | 28.00   | -       |
| J.Ford     | 10      | 5       | 2    | 20x  | 61   | 20.33   | 12      |
| M.McIntyre | 1       | 2       | -    | 36   | 36   | 18.00   | 1       |
| C.Savage   | 3       | 3       | -    | 31   | 48   | 16.00   | 1       |
| K.Hew      | 8       | 7       | 1    | 37   | 82   | 13.67   | -       |
| D.Young    | 1       | 2       | -    | 24   | 27   | 13.50   | -       |
| V.Chung    | 1       | 1       | -    | 13   | 13   | 13.00   | 1       |
| T.Barnes   | 6       | 4       | -    | 32   | 51   | 12.75   | 1       |
| P.Erskine  | 3       | 3       | -    | 25   | 35   | 11.67   | 2       |
| W.Dean     | 2       | 2       | -    | 10   | 14   | 7.00    | 1       |
| D.Bull     | 2       | 2       | 1    | 4    | 5    | 5.00    | 2       |
| R.Wolfson  | 1       | 1       | -    | 4    | 4    | 4.00    | -       |
| G.Slimmon  | 3       | 1       | -    | 3    | 3    | 3.00    | -       |
| N.Hand     | 2       | 2       | -    | 3    | 3    | 1.50    | -       |
| P.Nelson   | 8       | 4       | 1    | 0x   | 0    | 0.00    | 2       |
| R.Ings     | 2       | 2       | -    | 0    | 0    | 0.00    | 1       |
| H.Bird     | 1       | 1       | -    | 0    | 0    | 0.00    | -       |
| A.Vile     | 1       | -       | -    | -    | -    | -       | -       |

## BOWLING AVERAGES

| <b>Bowler</b> | <b>Overs</b> | <b>Maidens</b> | <b>Runs</b> | <b>Wickets</b> | <b>10 in Match</b> | <b>5 in Innings</b> | <b>Average</b> |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| P.Batten      | 128          | 37             | 261         | 28             | -                  | -                   | 9.32           |
| P.Chapman     | 112.3        | 25             | 287         | 21             | -                  | 1                   | 13.67          |
| A.Slimmon     | 32.5         | 4              | 145         | 10             | -                  | -                   | 14.50          |
| P.Nelson      | 84           | 9              | 261         | 14             | -                  | -                   | 18.64          |
| W.Travers     | 140.5        | 27             | 411         | 18             | -                  | 1                   | 22.83          |

## ALSO BOWLED (Less than 10 Wickets)

| <b>Bowler</b> | <b>Overs</b> | <b>Maidens</b> | <b>Runs</b> | <b>Wickets</b> | <b>10 in Match</b> | <b>5 in Innings</b> | <b>Average</b> |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| P.Erskine     | 15.5         | 4              | 31          | 3              | -                  | -                   | 10.33          |
| K.Hew         | 5            | 1              | 13          | 1              | -                  | -                   | 13.00          |
| D.Bull        | 20.3         | 2              | 57          | 4              | -                  | -                   | 14.25          |
| D.Warton      | 38           | 10             | 99          | 6              | -                  | -                   | 16.50          |
| T.Barnes      | 85.1         | 27             | 156         | 8              | -                  | -                   | 19.50          |
| C.Savage      | 9            | 2              | 43          | 2              | -                  | -                   | 21.50          |
| D.Latto       | 44           | 4              | 130         | 6              | -                  | -                   | 21.67          |
| J.Ford        | 15           | -              | 51          | 2              | -                  | -                   | 25.50          |
| R.Wolfson     | 7            | -              | 27          | 1              | -                  | -                   | 27.00          |
| J.Huang       | 61           | 4              | 232         | 8              | -                  | -                   | 29.00          |
| D.Young       | 8.4          | -              | 35          | 1              | -                  | -                   | 35.00          |
| W.Dean        | 4            | 2              | 4           | -              | -                  | -                   | ****           |
| A.Vile        | 2            | -              | 23          | -              | -                  | -                   | ****           |

## METROPOLITAN CUP 2000-01

### BEST PERFORMANCES

|                                   |                |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <i>Batting Average</i>            | P.Batten       | 30.50                |
| <i>Batting Aggregate</i>          | P.Batten       | 305                  |
| <i>Highest Score</i>              | B.Bradley      | 103x                 |
| <i>Bowling Average</i>            | P.Batten       | 9.32                 |
| <i>Bowling Aggregate</i>          | P.Batten       | 28                   |
| <i>Most Wickets in an Innings</i> | W.Travers      | 7/27 v Pennant Hills |
| <br>                              |                |                      |
| <i>Most Wickets in a Match</i>    | W.Travers      | 8/57 v Pennant Hills |
| <br>                              |                |                      |
| <i>Wicket Keeping</i>             | E. Aphaiwongse | 11 catches + 3stp.   |
| <br>                              |                |                      |
| <i>Centuries</i>                  | B.Bradley      | 103x v Blacktown     |
| <br>                              |                |                      |
| <i>Highest Team Score</i>         |                | 6/274 v Blacktown    |
| <br>                              |                |                      |
| <i>Lowest Team Score</i>          |                | 31 v Lindfield       |

### RESULTS

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| <i>Played</i>                  | 13  |
| <i>Won Outright</i>            | 2   |
| <i>Won 1st Innings</i>         | 6   |
| <i>Drawn</i>                   | 1   |
| <i>Lost 1st Innings</i>        | 7   |
| <i>Lost Outright</i>           | -   |
| <i>Position in Competition</i> | 4th |

### TEAM STATISTICS

#### MACQUARIE

#### OPPONENTS

|                           |       |       |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| <i>Runs Scored</i>        | 1869  | 2651  |
| <i>Wickets Lost</i>       | 178   | 93    |
| <i>Average per Wicket</i> | 10.50 | 23.51 |

### HIGHEST "METROPOLITAN CUP" PARTNERSHIPS 2000-01

| Wicket | Batsmen          |             |                  |            | Runs       | Opponent                 |
|--------|------------------|-------------|------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 1      | <b>C.Savage</b>  | <b>31</b>   | <b>A.Slimmon</b> | <b>56x</b> | <b>58</b>  | <b>Canterbury-Bexley</b> |
| 2      | P.Chapman        | 63          | P.Batten         | 26         | 42         | Blacktown                |
| 3      | <b>D.Warton</b>  | <b>12</b>   | <b>J.Huang</b>   | <b>16</b>  | <b>36</b>  | <b>Lindfield</b>         |
| 4      | <b>A.Slimmon</b> | <b>49x</b>  | <b>P.Batten</b>  | <b>51</b>  | <b>88</b>  | <b>Roseville</b>         |
| 5      | <b>D.Warton</b>  | <b>10</b>   | <b>P.Batten</b>  | <b>47</b>  | <b>63</b>  | <b>Epping</b>            |
| 6      | <b>D.Warton</b>  | <b>7</b>    | <b>P.Batten</b>  | <b>23</b>  | <b>27</b>  | <b>Holroyd Hills</b>     |
| 7      | <b>B.Bradley</b> | <b>103x</b> | <b>J.Huang</b>   | <b>17x</b> | <b>92x</b> | <b>Blacktown</b>         |
| 8      | <b>K.Hew</b>     | <b>33</b>   | <b>P.Batten</b>  | <b>61x</b> | <b>37</b>  | <b>Auburn</b>            |
| 9      | <b>D.Warton</b>  | <b>28</b>   | <b>W.Travers</b> | <b>36</b>  | <b>67</b>  | <b>Balmain</b>           |
| 10     | <b>P.Batten</b>  | <b>61x</b>  | <b>G.Slimmon</b> | <b>3</b>   | <b>43</b>  | <b>Auburn</b>            |

## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT – UNDER 24s**

While we didn't make the finals, nobody can say it wasn't a good season. At the start of the season a number of indicators were against us. Four of our five top run-scorers had left, our top three wicket-takers had disappeared, and our most intimidating bowler, was an Englishman! Not the best recipe for success. We did however have a core of experienced "Frank Grayers", including Marty Karm, Toby Duffin, Chris Harris, Adrian Lulka and Derek Couper, and a team of new-comers bursting to play key roles in a quality competition.

We won two out of five games to just miss out on the finals yet again, but more importantly, some promising talent was exposed and allowed to flourish. Toby Duffin owned the crease in amassing 158 runs at 31.60 and, if he wasn't so careless about where he placed his feet in relation to that crease, would have broken Toy's batting record which has stood for far too long. Chris Savage showed he had little understanding of pressure, steering the side out of trouble and to victory twice with unbeaten thirties. Chris Harris couldn't have picked a better opponent to smash such a dominant (76). Many South Sydney spectators stood in awe as he and Toby put together an opening stand of 109.

It was our bowling and fielding however that really shone, a testament to the effort put in and the sense of responsibility the players carried in the field. I couldn't quite understand what he was saying, but there was no doubting the quality of Radders' bowling, our top wicket-taker (when he got out of bed). He was too good for many batsmen and so Toy's bowling record also stands for even longer than it should. But of all the performances, the one I found personally the most pleasing was Marty Karm's. His length was more consistent than ever before as he created chance after chance. I believe his performance is indicative of the increased confidence and stature that the competition offers young players at the club and is exactly the reason why it deserves all the support we can give it.

I have no doubt that whatever team we field next year, it will be competitive and above all beneficial, if Macquarie University can get behind Frank Gray and make it an important feature of the club. I'd like to thank Craig Edwards and David Smith for the support they gave us as well as everyone who came to our games or even asked us how we were faring, making us feel like minor celebrities. There are certainly some very talented players to keep an eye on in the future although I think someone should check Anthony Brokate's birth certificate!

It is not unrealistic for Macquarie University to expect to see its Frank Gray team in the finals. It is no longer a joke. Over the last couple of seasons much has been done to turn around the perception that the junior side exists only to lose points rather than gain points. Fielding a completely eligible team doesn't hurt, but most importantly this season's players seized their opportunity to compete at a higher level, alongside their peers rather than the often intimidating hardheads that hog the strike on Saturday. I certainly wouldn't trade any of my four seasons of U24s.

**Richard Cann**

**U 24 Captain**

## MATCH REPORTS

### **v South Sydney 4-181 defeated South Sydney 179**

A great pre-game preparation had us start the game with a burst that Souths never recovered from. Radders bowled with pace capturing (2-21), but Marty stole the show with beautifully flighted leg-spin to take (4-54) and he could have had more wickets. Although 179 was more than they deserved Harry quickly set about decimating the target with a punishing (76), ably supported by Toby (37) in an opening partnership of 109. After Savage (30 not out) absorbed any pressure created by the loss of four quick wickets, Nick Dorney sealed the victory with some crisp hitting.

### **v Canterbury-Bexley 176 lost to Canterbury-Bexley 6-180**

Following the high of our opening win, our batting lacked commitment against a team we should have beaten. Toby again was impressive with a (58) that included some lovely strokes and Nick (30) again demonstrated what a pure striker of the ball he is, but 176 was poor given the conditions and quality of the attack. Still it would have been enough had their captain not absolutely destroyed our bowling attack. We fought well in the final few overs as we tightened up but a fifth wicket partnership of 112, of which he scored 81, did too much damage.

### **v Holroyd-Hills 5-102 defeated Holroyd-Hills 101**

The highlight of the season, but not because of a first-rate fielding and bowling effort or an epic, unbeaten forty four run stand between Savage (31 not out) and Marty (10 not out) that followed a collapse of 4-11. This match will always be remembered for Marty's hat-trick ball that missed the pitch entirely and rolled out towards point. It was a shame because I have never seen a more unlucky bowling performance and he still took (3-36)! Amitav bowled with beautiful control for (2-33) and Lulka (2-5) and Radders (1-12) contributed to our most consistent performance in the field.

### **v Burwood 86 lost to Burwood 0-91**

Nothing to say about this game, just blame it on the Englishman, it's easier that way. They took 11.4 overs to score 91 including (72 not out) from their number one. Toby's (24) felt like a century on a pitch that was too lively for the rest of us. The opposition didn't seem to have a problem though.

### **v Stathfield 90 lost to Strathfield 7-92**

How do you score 90, lose and walk away pleased? By fielding and bowling like the best team in the comp. I must have been dozing when we bowled our bad balls because I didn't see any. Radders, Derek and Marty bowled as well as any attack I've seen. Harry, Nick, Victor and Henry Bird all took terrific catches and we almost pulled off a miracle against one of the stronger teams. It was certainly a strangely uplifting way to close a season. Shame about the batting. If it wasn't for Toby's (27) and Derek's (17), I would have cried.

**M.V.P.** : Toby Duffin.

## “UNDER 24s” SHIRES STATISTICS 2000-01

### BATTING AVERAGES

| Batsman     | Matches | Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Average | 50's | Catches |
|-------------|---------|---------|------|------|------|---------|------|---------|
| C.Savage    | 4       | 4       | 2    | 31x  | 67   | 33.50   | -    | -       |
| T. Duffin   | 5       | 5       | -    | 58   | 158  | 31.60   | 1    | 2       |
| C.Harris    | 5       | 5       | -    | 76   | 104  | 20.80   | 1    | 2       |
| N.Dorney    | 5       | 5       | 1    | 30   | 55   | 13.75   | -    | 2       |
| M.Karm      | 5       | 4       | 1    | 12   | 31   | 10.33   | -    | 1       |
| A.Chowdhury | 4       | 2       | 1    | 10x  | 10   | 10.00   | -    | 1       |
| A.Brokate   | 1       | 1       | -    | 10   | 10   | 10.00   | -    | -       |
| V.Chung     | 3       | 2       | 1    | 7x   | 9    | 9.00    | -    | 3       |
| D.Couper    | 2       | 2       | -    | 17   | 17   | 8.50    | -    | -       |
| J.Radford   | 5       | 3       | -    | 13   | 18   | 6.00    | -    | 1       |
| S.O'Connor  | 4       | 4       | -    | 13   | 22   | 5.50    | -    | 2       |
| R.Cann      | 5       | 5       | -    | 14   | 25   | 5.00    | -    | 1       |
| A.Slimmon   | 1       | 1       | -    | 3    | 3    | 3.00    | -    | -       |
| T.Clough    | 1       | 1       | -    | 0    | 0    | 0.00    | -    | -       |
| H.Bird      | 1       | 1       | -    | 0    | 0    | 0.00    | -    | 1       |
| J.Huang     | 1       | -       | -    | -    | -    | -       | -    | -       |
| A.Lulka     | 3       | 1       | 1    | 13x  | 13   | ****    | -    | 1       |

### BOWLING AVERAGES

| Bowler      | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average | Best |
|-------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|------|
| R.Cann      | 30    | 8       | 69   | 7       | 9.86    | 2/ 9 |
| A.Lulka     | 4.1   | -       | 22   | 2       | 11.00   | 2/ 5 |
| J.Radford   | 37    | 3       | 146  | 9       | 16.22   | 3/35 |
| C.Harris    | 5     | -       | 17   | 1       | 17.00   | 1/10 |
| N.Dorney    | 6.3   | -       | 41   | 2       | 20.50   | 2/28 |
| D.Couper    | 10    | 2       | 45   | 2       | 22.50   | 2/21 |
| M.Karm      | 36    | 3       | 164  | 7       | 23.43   | 4/54 |
| A.Chowdhury | 11.4  | 1       | 51   | 2       | 25.50   | 2/33 |
| A.Brokate   | 7     | 1       | 55   | 1       | 55.00   | 1/55 |
| T.Duffin    | 0.2   | -       | 1    | -       | ****    | **** |

## SWCA 4TH GRADE STATISTICS 2000-01

### BATTING AVERAGES

| Batter           | Matches | Innings | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Average | Catches |
|------------------|---------|---------|------|------|------|---------|---------|
| A. Jarratt       | 11      | 10      | 7    | 50x  | 318  | 106.00  | 14      |
| K. Soulie        | 11      | 11      | 3    | 50x  | 187  | 23.38   | 2       |
| D.Mansour        | 10      | 9       | 4    | 51x  | 92   | 18.40   | 1       |
| J. Bodkin        | 11      | 10      | 1    | 26   | 72   | 8.00    | 4       |
| Z.Barker-Whittle | 5       | 3       | -    | 10   | 21   | 7.00    | 3       |
| T. Dwyer         | 8       | 5       | -    | 13   | 24   | 4.80    | 2       |
| J.Branscombe     | 11      | 8       | 1    | 11x  | 27   | 3.86    | 2       |
| A.Nicholls       | 12      | 7       | 2    | 11x  | 19   | 3.80    | 1       |
| A.Fitzgerald     | 5       | 5       | -    | 7    | 17   | 3.40    | 1       |
| K.Morrin         | 13      | 12      | 1    | 12   | 31   | 2.82    | 3       |
| L.Frost          | 12      | 8       | 2    | 3    | 5    | 0.83    | 1       |
| E.Mok            | 9       | 4       | 1    | 1x   | 2    | 0.67    | -       |
| J.Madden         | 5       | 3       | -    | 1    | 1    | 0.33    | 1       |
| K.Nicholls       | 5       | 4       | -    | 0    | 0    | 0.00    | 1       |

### BOWLING AVERAGES

| Bowler           | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | 5 in Innings | Best | Average |
|------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|--------------|------|---------|
| A.Fitzgerald     | 3.3   | -       | 13   | 2       | -            | 2/ 7 | 6.50    |
| T.Dwyer          | 47.5  | 7       | 162  | 12      | -            | 2/14 | 13.50   |
| J.Branscombe     | 38.5  | 7       | 143  | 9       | -            | 2/ 3 | 15.89   |
| K.Soulie         | 71    | 4       | 239  | 15      | -            | 2/26 | 15.93   |
| A.Jarratt        | 20.3  | 2       | 80   | 5       | -            | 2/ 6 | 16.00   |
| K.Morrin         | 79.5  | 8       | 217  | 13      | -            | 3/15 | 16.69   |
| A.Nicholls       | 65.1  | 7       | 191  | 11      | -            | 3/14 | 17.36   |
| L.Frost          | 3     | -       | 35   | 1       | -            | 1/14 | 35.00   |
| K.Nicholls       | 1     | -       | 12   | -       | -            | 0/12 | ****    |
| Z.Barker-Whittle | 3     | -       | 24   | -       | -            | 0/10 | ****    |
| D.Mansour        | 2     | -       | 24   | -       | -            | 0/24 | ****    |
| J.Madden         | 4     | -       | 40   | -       | -            | 0/ 5 | ****    |

## SWCA 4TH GRADE 2000-01

### BEST PERFORMANCES

|                                   |            |                          |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Batting Average</i>            | A. Jarratt | 106.00                   |
| <i>Batting Aggregate</i>          | A. Jarratt | 318                      |
| <i>Highest Score</i>              | D.Mansour  | 51x v Sydney University  |
| <i>Bowling Average</i>            | T.Dwyer    | 13.50                    |
| <i>Bowling Aggregate</i>          | K.Soulie   | 15                       |
| <i>Most Wickets in an Innings</i> | A.Nicholls | 3/14 v Uni of NSW        |
|                                   | K.Morrin   | 3/15 v Sydney University |
|                                   | K.Soulie   | 3/26 v Sydney University |
| <i>Most Wickets in a Match</i>    | As above   |                          |

|                           |                     |                      |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Wicket Keeping</i>     | J.Bodkin            | 2ct                  |
| <i>Half Centuries</i>     | D.Mansour           | 51x v Sutherland     |
|                           | A.Jarratt           | 50x v Uni. of N.S.W. |
|                           | K.Soulie            | 50x v Uni. of N.S.W. |
| <i>Highest Team Score</i> | 8/168 v Sutherland  |                      |
| <i>Lowest Team Score</i>  | 29 v Uni. of N.S.W. |                      |

### RESULTS

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| <i>Played</i>                  | 18  |
| <i>Won Outright</i>            | -   |
| <i>Won 1st Innings</i>         | 5   |
| <i>Drawn</i>                   | 6   |
| <i>Lost 1st Innings</i>        | 7   |
| <i>Lost Outright</i>           | -   |
| <i>Position in Competition</i> | 4th |

### TEAM STATISTICS

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| <i>Runs Scored</i>        | 1149  |
| <i>Wickets Lost</i>       | 88    |
| <i>Average per Wicket</i> | 13.06 |

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|       |
|-------|
| 1149  |
| 88    |
| 13.06 |

### OPPONENTS

|       |
|-------|
| 1223  |
| 80    |
| 15.29 |

### HIGHEST "4TH GRADE" SWCA PARTNERSHIPS 2000-01

| Wicket | Batters    |     |                  |     | Runs | Opponent       |
|--------|------------|-----|------------------|-----|------|----------------|
| 1      | K.Soulie   | 50x | A. Jarratt       | 50x | 116  | Uni. of N.S.W. |
| 2      | A. Jarratt | 34  | J. Bodkin        | 15  | 31   | HK&HDCA        |
| 3      | A. Jarratt | 40x | K. Morrin        | 12  | 38   | Sutherland     |
| 4      | D. Mansour | 51x | A.Jarratt        | 49x | 88   | Sutherland     |
| 5      | A. Jarratt | 30x | A.Nicholls       | 6   | 15   | HK& HDCA       |
| 6      | T.Dwyer    | 11  | A. Jarratt       | 49x | 26   | Sutherland     |
| 7      | A.Jarratt  | 30x | Z.Barker-Whittle | 9   | 23   | HK&HDCA        |
| 8      | A.Nicholls | 11x | A.Fitzgerald     | 7   | 14   | HK&HDCA        |
| 9      | A.Nicholls | 11x | L.Frost          | 0   | 5    | HK&HDCA        |
| 10     | K.Nicholls | 0   | D.Mansour        | 51x | 5    | Sutherland     |



### CURRENT PLAYERS - 30 GAMES MINIMUM

|                | MATCHES | RUNS  | AV.   | WICKETS | AV.   | CATCHES   |
|----------------|---------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-----------|
| E. Aphaiwongse | 94      | 859   | 8.25  | 5       | 22.20 | 55 +5stp. |
| T. Barnes      | 151     | 2,719 | 19.11 | 86      | 21.76 | 52        |
| P.Batten       | 36      | 713   | 24.58 | 71      | 12.73 | 11        |
| B. Bradley     | 89      | 1,424 | 19.77 | 3       | 7.67  | 60 +5stp. |
| J. Breden      | 161     | 3,802 | 25.52 | 87      | 23.69 | 54        |
| G. Brown       | 158     | 3,140 | 25.12 | 334     | 17.85 | 69        |
| D. Budge       | 135     | 1,177 | 15.91 | 211     | 20.58 | 29        |
| S. Burchett    | 251     | 5,522 | 22.08 | 4       | 42.50 | 120+2stp. |
| R.Cann         | 64      | 852   | 12.90 | 33      | 20.06 | 29+1stp.  |
| P. Chapman     | 47      | 438   | 11.23 | 59      | 19.45 | 12        |
| P. Chew        | 99      | 2,415 | 24.64 | 4       | 28.75 | 29        |
| T. Dorrell     | 60      | 1,628 | 24.67 | 10      | 29.00 | 38        |
| T.Duffin       | 50      | 1,152 | 20.57 | 7       | 15.71 | 27        |
| P.Erskine      | 36      | 540   | 15.42 | 11      | 45.09 | 15        |
| C. Edwards     | 180     | 2,546 | 20.69 | 228     | 24.86 | 69        |
| C.Fernandes    | 45      | 812   | 19.80 | -       | -     | 72+4stp.  |
| W. Folkard     | 293     | 3,707 | 18.44 | 352     | 21.11 | 98        |
| J. Ford        | 99      | 505   | 8.27  | 113     | 25.37 | 38        |
| C.Harris       | 45      | 771   | 16.40 | 1       | 28.00 | 12        |
| C. Hook        | 158     | 1,939 | 13.75 | 117     | 24.12 | 60        |
| N. Howlett     | 53      | 1,059 | 22.23 | 1       | 37    | 19        |
| M. Hughes      | 127     | 2,451 | 21.69 | 2       | 28.00 | 47+6stp.  |
| A. Jarratt     | 52      | 870   | 25.59 | 36      | 14.55 | 36        |
| M.Karm         | 44      | 135   | 6.75  | 3       | 37.21 | 9         |
| D.Latto        | 133     | 2,432 | 18.14 | 74      | 26.86 | 45        |
| G. Lego        | 239     | 6,134 | 28.66 | 1       | 65.00 | 119       |
| A.Lulka        | 44      | 616   | 18.11 | 54      | 25.37 | 11        |
| D. Mansour     | 74      | 289   | 7.81  | 63      | 12.91 | 28+9stp.  |
| A. Mahoney     | 300     | 6,911 | 21.73 | 1       | 11.00 | 148+2stp. |
| P. Notaras     | 141     | 4,267 | 30.69 | 239     | 18.92 | 65        |
| M.Payne        | 35      | 540   | 15.42 | 42      | 21.92 | 12        |
| B. Rounds      | 45      | 835   | 15.60 | 79      | 15.31 | 21        |
| P. Saliba      | 77      | 1,689 | 23.45 | 7       | 29.85 | 39        |
| M.Schaafsma    | 116     | 2,263 | 19.01 | 3       | 35.00 | 38        |
| A. Slattery    | 70      | 678   | 15.40 | 110     | 22.59 | 16        |
| D. Smith       | 65      | 524   | 14.16 | 111     | 16.84 | 11        |
| K. Soulie      | 61      | 830   | 18.04 | 65      | 14.29 | 21        |
| W. Travers     | 78      | 1,121 | 14.94 | 132     | 23.70 | 34        |
| D. Webb        | 141     | 2,703 | 24.35 | 368     | 14.68 | 66        |
| R.Wolfson      | 48      | 575   | 14.37 | 57      | 27.67 | 14        |