

The UTS North Sydney District Cricket Club

2020/21 Annual Report



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Distinguished Members & Office Bearers

Executive Committee

R Lavery (President), M Lloyd (Senior VP), P Lindsay (Secretary), S Berman (Assistant Secretary), A Wayling (Treasurer), S Jagot (Assistant Treasurer), N Lenoir-Jourdan, S Colless, C Savage, G Aitken, G Ashdown, A Gibbons, K Campbell, D James

SCA Delegates

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Cricket NSW Delegate

K Campbell

Life Member of SCA

B White

Life Members

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Life Member of NSWCA

D Cole





Mission Statement

The UTS North Sydney District Cricket Club (UTS NSDCC or the 'Bears') aims, through a quality structure and environment, to provide an opportunity for our cricketers to compete to their highest potential. The Bears provide a talent pathway all the way to Cricket NSW and ultimately Cricket Australia.

Our Mission is to:

- Establish and maintain formal links with our community within our geographic zone on Sydney's lower north shore;
- Assist our cricketers through their development from entry level (Woolworths Cricket Blast) through to Premier Grade Cricket;
- Provide the best quality structures and training; and
- Develop the life skills of our junior members.

Long Term Strategic Vision

The Bears have a long history and proud traditions and the Committee are committed to building on these solid foundations to enhance our sport within the community.

Our long-term vision is to:

- Develop and nurture a greater number of first class cricketers;
- Provide higher quality facilities by working constructively with local council, the State government and Cricket NSW to prioritise resources;
- Expand our training, development and playing programs to engage a broader universe of cricketers including schools and girls/ women's cricket; and
- Strengthen our community engagement.

Constitution

The NSDCC is governed under a constitution. Pursuant to the constitution the committee is charged with the responsibility of managing the affairs of the club including the delivery each year of the audited financial statements.

At the last general meeting we expanded the committee and, as such, we welcomed a number of new members to the Committee, Chris Savage, Gemma-Jayne Ashdown, Alan Gibbons and David James. We also farewelled Olly Knight and the club thanks Olly for his selfless service.

The challenges as we entered the 2020/21 season were significant. As COVID-19 swept the world, the physical and mental health of our club's community was at the forefront of our decision-making.

In spite of the challenges, the committee set out to ensure that it adhered to the following key principles:

- Transparency in our decision making;
- Accountability for our responsibilities;
- Democracy in decision making with committee members afforded the opportunity to test issues with rigorous debate; and the
- Financial sustainability of our club.

I am pleased to report that the committee has adhered to these key principles. As a committee we continue to strive to improve both our processes and our outcomes. The ultimate goal of this work is to ensure the players have every opportunity to succeed when they take the field.

Management of the UTS North Sydney District Cricket Club is the preserve of every member of the Bears' community. The Committee appreciates the support of all those who are willing to give it.

Committee Attendance

Rob Lavery – 100%
Michael Lloyd – 67%
Patrick Lindsay – 89%
David James – 100%
Simon Jagot – 89%
Adam Wayling – 89%
Alan Gibbons – 100%
Chris Savage – 100%
Kathy Campbell – 100%
Samuel Colless – 44%
Nicole Lenoir-Jourdan – 100%
Sarah Berman – 89%
Glenn Aitken – 22%
Gemma-Jayne Ashdown – 11%



President's Report

Rob Lavery

Season 2020/21 presented rarely-seen challenges to people and institutions worldwide. The season commenced with optimism that our teams might take the field for most of, if not all of, the season. That they ultimately did is a testament to the political and administrative leadership of our sport. Cricket NSW in particular deserves praise for its guidance in these difficult times.

On the field

One thing was for sure - once cricket was green-lit, all our players were ready and raring to go.

Four teams from the club made finals this year, a solid performance to be built upon. Women's third grade made history as the club's first women's team to make finals when they took on Manly in the 40-over competition. The Poidevin-Gray side fell foul of the weather in their quarter-final but showcased the value of registering wins during the regular season.

Fourth grade too lost out in week one of the finals, victims of a rainy Sydney Spring. Men's third grade made it to the semi-finals where a valiant bowling effort, particularly from Brad Wilson, was not enough to best a strong Easts side.

Across the other grades, the Bears put in solid performances, even if they ultimately didn't result in finals appearances. First grade were in the hunt for finals for most of the season, while Green Shield also just fell short of the top eight. Our Brewer Shield team pushed all their opponents close but couldn't quite record the win totals their efforts deserved.

All our captains performed admirably and are to be commended for nurturing the cricketing talent of the players under their leadership. This skilful leadership facilitated a number of sterling individual seasons.

Prime among these was Thomas Jagot's remarkable 1,000-run season in first grade. His consistent performances saw him become only the second Bear to win the O'Reilly Medal for the best first grade player in NSW Premier Cricket. On a great night for the club, Anushka Dongre also took home the women's third grade player of the season and Bernie Vince was awarded the lower grade ground of the year for Tunks once again.

The club's top eight finish in the men's Club Championship was a small rise from tenth in the previous season, and provides a platform for future improvements. The nurturing culture and growing depth of our women's cricket program also bodes well for coming seasons.

Cricket operations

Our improvement on the field had many contributors whose work often took place on non-game days. All our captains and players worked tirelessly to prepare themselves and their teams to perform come game day. The volume of work that goes into skipping a side can often be overlooked, and a major part of the club's improved performance comes down to having the right people managing our teams.

We are blessed to have an amazing coaching staff. Gary Whitaker continued as Director of Men's Cricket and is a deeply-knowledgeable mentor for our players. Michelle Goszko also continued to transfer her immense knowledge to all our female players as our Director of Women's Cricket.

We were fortunate to retain Jason Krejza's services as our Junior Development Manager and he is a tremendous resource for our younger cricketers. Todd Harper wore many hats, on top of his main role as Training Co-ordinator, and is a source of great support for our players. Olly Knight provided enthusiastic fielding coaching and Ash Perrot and Ray Beattie also gave much guidance, support and

effort to our players through the weekly training sessions and on match days.

Alan Gibbons was an incredible addition as the women's third grade manager. His tireless work and organisation rightly earned him the Clubperson of the Year. Our women's program also benefited greatly from the coaching support of Michael Keating, Rob Aitken, Brent Ridgway and Greg Buckley.

Our club captains, Sam Alexander, Mac Jenkins and Cam New, brought a feeling of togetherness to the club in a challenging environment for events.

Partners

The Bears continued its highly valued partnership with UTS this season. This partnership is a major reason we are on an upward trend as a club and we thank Fudge, Sam and all the team at UTS Sport.

Financial support and sponsorships

UTS North Sydney retained major sponsor Access RnD, as well as The Union Hotel and Hartford Partners, in 2020/21 to help maintain the financial stability of the club. A huge thanks to Rod, Dave and the team at Access RnD for their continued generous support. We also received continued support from our wine partner, Lavender Ridge, as well as retaining a website partner, NgageCMS, and player award sponsor, Mario Brothers Pizza and Pasta. Ritual Coffee Traders joined us in the second half of the season to provide a Women's MVP of the Week award. Thanks too to all our player sponsors.

The club has received significant grant support from Cricket NSW, the Australian Cricketers' Association, local and state government in 2020/21. Much of this support has been to improve infrastructure, such as sightscreens and net facilities, as well as to financially support our women's cricket program.

Without the support of our partners, it would not be possible for our players to take the field and we are enormously grateful to all our sponsors and financial supporters.

Junior pathways

UTS North Sydney worked to strengthen the pathways for local juniors, as well as UTS students, to represent the club at NSW Premier Cricket and NSW Women's Premier Cricket level. We continue to enjoy a great relationship with Karl, Jenny, Cameron and everyone at our junior club. Huge thanks to Jack Thomas, Jason Krejza, and all our junior coaches who gave our junior players great guidance through midweek training sessions and as part of our new elite junior pathway.

Volunteers

Club volunteers come in many forms, from the committee, to those who provide match-day management and support, to parents and families of players, as well as selectors, coaches and former players. The volunteer work undertaken by players themselves is also not to be forgotten. A subsequent section of this report properly thanks all our volunteers, but I would like to extend my own thanks to all those who contributed during the season.

A fortunate season

Sport is a beacon in these challenging times. The support and comradeship of club like ours is crucial, and I am proud of all our club's members and they have banded together.

The value of sport to us all won't reduce in the coming years. While we strive for excellence and to win on the field, COVID has reminded us that we share a common passion both with our clubmates, and with our opponents. It has also reminded us how fortunate we all are to be able to pursue this passion. Our challenge as a club is to never take that fortune for granted.

Volunteer Report

Sarah Berman

It's been an honour to coordinate our volunteer activity over the past season and see the difference that these wonderful people make to our club. It was fantastic to see all of the new volunteers of 2019-20 stay with the club and several more join us, especially in the women's section.

Alan Gibbons stepped up to manage the women's side of the club for 2020-21 and the contribution he has made can only be described as extraordinary. His dedication, enthusiasm and unfailing attention to detail has played a huge role in the expansion of our women's section, and his selection as Clubperson of the Year was richly deserved. Alan has been supported by nothing short of an army of parent volunteers, including Greg Buckley (photography, match reports and coaching), Michael Keating and Rob Aitken (coaching), and Brent Ridgway (live streaming, photography and coaching), Matt McKay (matchday warm-ups) – and an enormous number who shared the scoring load (Guy Kingsmill, Sachin Dongre, Katrina Oxenham, Luke Oxenham, Sarah Moss, Andrew Moss, Nick Eastman, Josh Day, Marisi Ridgway, Hamish Uthappa, Diana Lozell, Pip Warren, Brendan Thomas, Patrick Kapo, Rob Aitken). Alan would also like to call out and thank the players in the men's Grade sides who gave up their time to provide insights and tips at training, including Chris Savage and Tom Jagot.

On the men's side, Kathy Campbell not only remains the Queen of the Canteen and had to deal with ever-changing COVID safety regulations, but also looked after a host of other matchday logistics and coordinated our highly successful Gala Presentation Evening. We're all hoping that the best chicken burgers in Sydney Grade Cricket are back on the menu next season! Ash Perrott took on a host of roles,

including running warm-ups and drinks for second or third grade on Saturdays and leading fielding training every Tuesday and Thursday. Matchday for the men of course wouldn't have been complete without our volunteer scorers: Sarah Berman, Jeff Vilensky, Gemma-Jayne Ashdown, David James, and Lachlan Reynolds. And omnipresent was Chief Selector, Craig Tomko, whose petrol bill must beggar belief as he manages to get to most grades on most matchdays to ensure he's completely across everyone's performances.

Our media presence has gone from strength to strength this season, thanks to an ever-growing team. These included David James, who coordinated match reports and took a phenomenal portfolio of First Grade photos, Nicole James, who tirelessly pursued coverage in a host of external channels, Tony Johnson, whose fabulous photos covered all grades and every weekend, Rob Lavery, who looks after our website (which I've often referred to as his third child!) and email newsletter, and Chris Savage, Aiden Bariol and Adam Cavenor, all of whom assisted with video editing and social media.

The new addition to our media this year was the Frogbox live stream, which has been a game-changer, but only due to the tireless efforts of David James, Jeff Vilensky and Brent Ridgway in setting up and looking after the kit.

Finally, it's important to thank everyone who has helped the club raise vital funds this season and ensure we've not suffered financially due to the COVID uncertainty. Simon Jagot and Nicole James led the way sourcing a host of prizes for our raffle as well as club sponsors, but thank you to all who donated a prize, sponsored a player for the season or bought raffle tickets.

Onwards and upwards for 2021/22!

Team of the Decade

Bears' Best XI of the 2010s

In mid-2020, Bears' members and supporters cast their votes for the club's team of the 2010s. The result was a powerful XI.

The Team

The right/left hand opening pairing of Tom Jagot and Daniel Hughes would be a nightmare for opposition attacks. Get through them and run-machines Justin Avendano and Adam Crosthwaite await at numbers 3 and 4. All-rounders Scott Rodgie, Rob Aitken, Jay Lenton and Glenn Aitken provide flexibility through the middle order and would ensure the run rate keeps rattling along. 400-run days would be the norm given that 3 of the top 7 have strike rates north of 75 in the decade (excluding T20s) with all the top nine boasting strike rates over 55.

Skipper Glenn Aitken has a wide array of bowling options to choose from. The new ball could go to the two tearaways-turned-technicians Jimmy Campbell and Nic Bills, or the slinging pace and movement of Matt Alexander. Scott Rodgie would provide movement off the pitch with his heavy seamers and the contrasting spin options of Glenn's traditional offspin and Rob's inimitable bag of tricks would challenge any opposition line-up.

Jay Lenton provides class with the gloves behind the stumps and the fight for spots in the slips cordon would be fierce.

The Voting

Votes were spread; however Justin Avendano proved the most popular inclusion with 96% of voters



including him in their side. Rob Aitken, Adam Crosthwaite, James Campbell, Daniel Hughes, Jay Lenton, Nic Bills and Tom Jagot all featured in over 75% of the voted sides as well. Jaik Mickleburgh and James Aitken were unlucky to miss out on the final XI given their fine performances for the Bears and their inclusion in over 40% of the voted sides.

The voting for captain was incredibly tight with five players receiving 10% or more of the vote. Ultimately Glenn Aitken won the nod for his tactical nous and uncompromising leadership.

Thanks

A huge thanks to all those who voted. Thanks also go to all the photographers for their images (Tony Johnson, Malcolm Trees, Ian Bird and David James), to Sarah Berman for her tireless work managing the social media campaign and to Andrew Kelleher and Pat Lindsay for tallying the votes and assembling them into a team.

NSDCC's 45th Life Member

Tony Johnson

At the 127th North Sydney District Cricket Club Annual General Meeting, Tony Johnson was unanimously voted to be the club's 45th Life Member.

Tony's association with the Bears began when his son, David (first grade cap 573), joined the Green Shield side. Tony took up the scorebook for the club, and was a constant in the scorer's box until he stepped down after the 2012/13 season.

Tony introduced online scoring at the club – including having a monitor located outside the scorers' box on which players could check the game's progress. Tony also contributed regular articles to the North Shore Times and Mosman Daily.

In more recent times Tony has been the club's photographer, primarily at first grade, but in past two seasons he has covered all grades. Tony's high quality images grace all our publications (not least this one) and media platforms, and he never fails to provide each player with a portfolio of their images at season's end.

Through great periods of change, Tony has been a bedrock of the club and a friendly, familiar face to many. He has given the club so much of his time and is a true lover a cricket. Tony's other passions include National Parks and Steam Locomotives, and his tales of driving clear across the Eurasian landmass are truly remarkable.

As Tony says, his family comes first and the club is blessed to have Tony, Lyn and David as part of our family. Watch this space for another Johnson generation to possibly don the black and red in seasons to come.



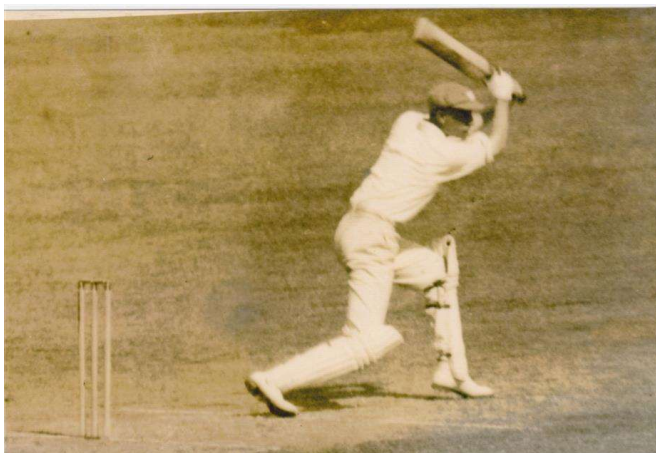
The Career of Austin Punch

Bears' History

In 2018/19, the Bears established the Austin Punch Club for those who score centuries for Norths during the grade cricket season. The name came in recognition of the Club's highest first grade run scorer, whose 9,075 first grade runs and 20 centuries have been the benchmark for over 80 years.

But, aside from being a prodigious batsman, who was Austin Punch? With the generous help of Austin's sons, John and Michael, we have been able to dig deeper into Austin's central importance to the history of the North Sydney District Cricket Club.

A Family Affair



Austin Punch in full flight

Austin was born in 1894, the youngest son of Francis Punch, the first Mayor of North Sydney. Austin followed in the footsteps of his older brothers, Jim (first grade cap 53) and Frank (first grade cap 58), in taking a keen interest in cricket, particularly the North Sydney District Cricket Club.

Frank still holds the association record for second grade runs in season, amassing an eye-watering 1,083 in 1900/01. Jim too holds a club record, finishing the 1910/11 season with a batting average of 93.80 in third grade.

Austin was a tall, right-handed bat who also bowled leg spin. It was with his leggies that he first made a splash, setting the Club's record for third grade wickets in a season (one that still stands) with 63 in 1910/11. In 1911/12, Austin, at 17 years of age, claimed 5 wickets in 5 balls, and later that season made his first grade debut against Waverley as cap number 123.

Austin was noted for his lengthy reach and his powerful stroke-play through the off side. One former groundsman at North Sydney Oval recalled, "First job on a Monday was to repair the pickets loosened by Austin's square cuts and cover drives the previous Saturday".

First Grade Dominance and Higher Honours

Starting in 1917/18, Austin led the first grade competition aggregate in three out of four seasons, also claiming the highest average in 1917/18 and 1919/20. This extended run of excellence earned him a State call-up 1919/20.

Austin's son, Michael, recalls Bill 'Tiger' O'Reilly stating that Austin Punch was the reason Bill chose North Sydney as his Club when he moved to the city. Bill went to Norths as he wanted to play with the best cricketer in the competition.

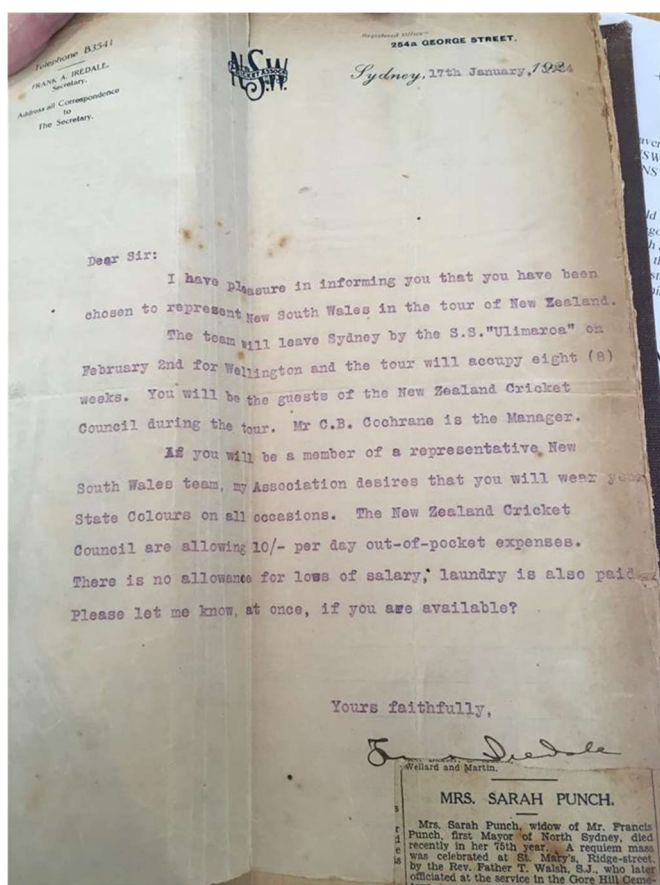
Bill O'Reilly also remembered Austin as a supportive club-mate with a good eye for talent. At Austin's funeral, Bill recalled, "It was Austin Punch, after my first net practice at North Sydney Oval as a young 17-year-old cricketer, who sought me out and told me I had a great future as a spinner... the first encouragement I received from a top cricketer."

In 1919/20, Austin was a part of a remarkable day's cricket at Sydney University. At the time, first grade matches were played from 2pm to 6pm only. Despite this, North Sydney managed to amass the remarkable

total of 4/515 in the day, with Austin's century one of three scored in the innings.

Despite strong returns for NSW, including 59 and 65no against the English in a tour match at the SCG in 1920, Austin missed out on the 1921 Ashes touring squad. Cricket writer Ronald Cardwell noted Austin as, "the player the selectors forgot to pick in the 1921 Ashes team." The selectors instead went with 39-year-old Victorian, Edgar Mayne, possibly to balance out the 10 New South Welshmen in the 15-man squad.

A 95-Year-Old Record



The letter from the NSWCA to Austin informing him of his selection on the NZ tour

Austin became a regular member of the NSW side and, in 1924, was in the team for the NSW tour of New Zealand. On that tour Austin and his captain (and close friend), Charlie Macartney, set a record that remains unique in first class cricket.

The team was scheduled to play a three-day match against Otago in Dunedin. The game started on a

Friday, so the Otago side batted first to ensure the larger Saturday crowd would get to watch the star-studded NSW batting line-up flex their muscle.

All went to plan with Otago losing their last wicket in the final session of the first day. Austin opened the batting and progressed to an undefeated 59 at the close. The crowd savoured the prospect of watching the test-quality batsmanship of Macartney, Kippax and Bardsley as they took their sets on the Saturday. Austin, however was not yet done.

In the first session of the day, Austin and Macartney became the first (and still only) pair of batsmen to each score hundreds in a session of first-class cricket. Austin finished with his highest first-class score, 176, and the crowd were more than entertained as NSW piled on 649 runs in the day, eventually declaring at 8/752.

A Move South

In the 1924/25 season, Austin captained the NSW side for the first time against Queensland, top-scoring in both innings.

Unfortunately, ill-health was an ongoing problem for Austin. The issues stemmed back to an earlier match against Victoria at the MCG when Austin was struck by a Ted McDonald bouncer on the head and collapsed. He subsequently suffered ongoing symptoms and decided to move to Launceston in Tasmania in an attempt to recuperate.

While in Tasmania, Austin continued to play and coach, guiding the Launceston Cricket Club to the 1926/27 NTCA title. During this time, he also played in a first class match for Tasmania against Victoria.

North Sydney Glory

Upon returning to Sydney, Austin re-joined North Sydney and was instrumental in bringing the club its fifth (and most recent) first grade premiership in

1931/32. The backbone of the 1931/32 premiership side was the “Big Four”, Tiger O'Reilly, Frank Cummins, Clem Hill and Austin.

That North Sydney would win in 1931/32 was no fait accompli. As the Captain, AH Vincent, observed in the Annual Report:

At the commencement of the season few, if any, entertained any such possibilities, as the team was considered to be a moderate, well-balanced combination, likely to surprise opponents when least expected.



Austin contributed with both bat and ball to the premiership – scoring 500 runs at 41.57 and taking 10 wickets at 15.60. It was in the latter half of the season that he had the greatest impact. As Vincent noted:

To him is credited the best all-round performance, viz., 102 runs and 7 wickets for 53 runs v Gordon – truly Austin's match. His next knock (consecutive) of 132 v Glebe on a far from perfect wicket, was in point of merit the best performance of the year – there was only one other double figure scorer in the innings.

Austin continued to play first grade at Norths until 1936. His more than 25 years of service to the Club as a player was complemented by a stint as Treasurer from 1917 to 1919.

Life After Cricket

Austin's passions extended beyond cricket field. He was an accomplished singer – often contributing to services and events at St Mary's Church on Miller Street. After games against local rivals, Gordon, he would often visit Charlie Macartney's home, alongside Chatswood Oval, and entertain players and guests with his fine singing voice, accompanied by Charlie's sister on the piano.

Being the youngest of three sons, and having lost his father in 1917, Austin was charged with taking care of his mother, Sarah, at their home on Ridge Street. It was this responsibility that allowed Austin to commit so much time to his cricket (training being a short walk across St Leonards Park) and was the main reason he was 39 before he married and started a family.

Austin instilled a love of cricket in his children, and his son Michael coached the St Aloysius' College and St Ignatius' College Riverview 1st XI teams for many years and was a NSW Schoolboys selector during his long teaching career. Michael's son, Frank, captained Riverview's 1st XI in 1996-1997, exactly 100 years after Austin's brother, Frank, had done so in 1896.

Another son, Austin, named after his father, had a long and distinguished grade career playing for Sydney University and Mosman cricket clubs. He captained several grade teams in those clubs to premiership successes.

Thanks to the Punch Family

The Club owes enormous thanks to John, Michael and all the Punch family for opening their family archives to the Club and letting us share Austin's story. They have assured their ongoing support in the years ahead and are honoured by North Sydney's decision to establish the Austin Punch Club.

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THE AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB
TOM JAGOT 149*
VS PARRAMATTA, 2020-21 ROUND 2

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THE AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB
AIDEN BARIOL 101
VS PARRAMATTA, 2020-21 ROUND 2

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THE AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB
MAX PAPWORTH 126
VS PARRAMATTA, 2020-21 ROUND 2

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THE AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB
ROB AITKEN 107*
VS PARRAMATTA, 2020-21 ROUND 2

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THE AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB
GLENN AITKEN 109
VS UNSW, 2020-21 ROUND 3

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THE AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB
JUSTIN AVENDANO 161
VS UNSW, 2020-21 ROUND 3

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THE AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB
JORDAN VILENSKY 106
VS WESTERN SUBURBS, 2020-21 ROUND 4

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THE AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB
JOHN NEVELL 117
VS ST GEORGE, 2020-21 ROUND 4

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THE AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB
TOM JAGOT 141
VS ST GEORGE, 2020-21 ROUND 6

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THE AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB
AIDEN BARIOL 116
VS GORDON, 2020-21 ROUND 8

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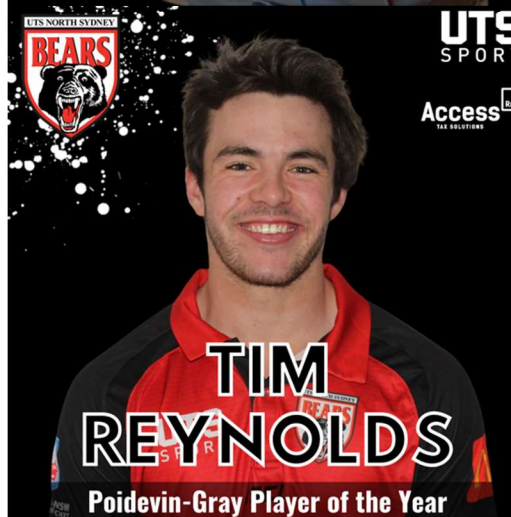
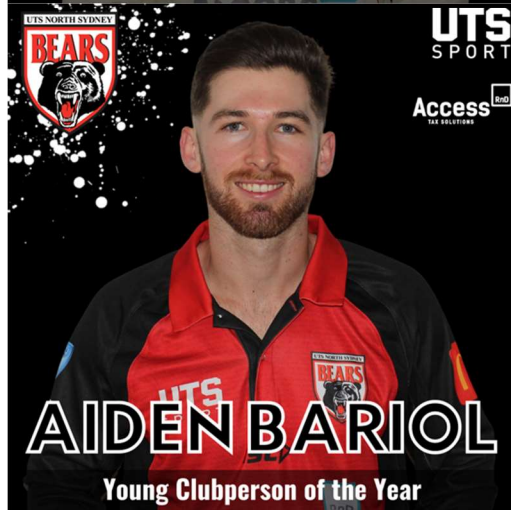
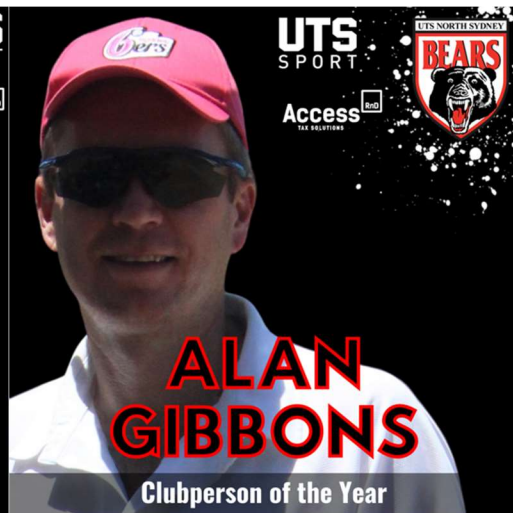
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THE AUSTIN PUNCH CLUB
TOM JAGOT 104
VS MANLY WARRINGAH, 2020-21 ROUND 10

UTS NORTH SYDNEY BEARS

LEN WALLIS AUDIO





Milestones

Thomas Jagot

4,000 First Grade runs

1,000 First Grade runs in a season

100 UTS North Sydney First Grade matches

Rob Aitken

8,000 UTS North Sydney First Grade runs

James Aitken

8,000 UTS North Sydney NSW Premier Cricket runs

James Campbell

250 First Grade wickets

150 First Grade matches

Glenn Aitken

5,000 UTS North Sydney NSW Premier Cricket runs

Tim Reynolds

3,000 UTS North Sydney NSW Premier Cricket runs

Nuwan Whyte

100 NSW Premier Cricket wickets

Fletcher May

100 NSW Premier Cricket wickets

Ben Knox

100 NSW Premier Cricket wickets

Representatives

BBL

Justin Avendano

NSW 2nd XIs

Justin Avendano

Thomas Jagot

NSW Metro U19s

Mac Jenkins

NSW Metro U17s

Jamieson Hedges

NSW Metro U16s

Grace Keating

Lucy Warren

NSW Metro Academies

Hamish Reynolds

Grace Keating

Lucy Warren

NSW CHS

Adam Cavenor (1st XI captain)

Jamieson Hedges (2nd XI)

Toby Laybutt (2nd XI)

Thomas Jagot

2020/21 O'Reilly Medallist

In 2020/21, Thomas Jagot was announced as joint winner of the prestigious O'Reilly Medal, sharing the award with Nic Stapleton of St George. He also received his second NSW Premier Cricket Merit Team cap. These were a fitting rewards for a remarkable season in which Tom racked up an even 1,000 first grade runs.

Tom joined the club in 2015 having previously played for UNSW and Randwick-Petersham. Tom became first grade cap number 644 before battling injury in the back end of his first season at the club. He cemented his place in the top grade the following season with a commanding hundred against Easts. From that point on, he has relentlessly piled on the runs.

Tom has scored over 600 runs in each of the past four seasons, with his 984 runs in 2018/19 earning him his first NSW Premier Cricket Merit Team cap, and the runner-up position in the O'Reilly Medal for that season. He has piled on 9 first grade hundreds and has developed the habit of making them big ones – with scores in the last two seasons of 156, 149* and 141.

This season Tom passed 100 first grade matches for the Bears and also cruised past 4,000 first grade runs for the club.

In 2018/19, Tom hit an undefeated 125 as he and Adam Crosthwaite shared a club-record fourth wicket partnership of 261 and mowed down Sydney's total of 380 at Drummoyne Oval. Tom has featured in six other partnerships in excess of 150, including 204 with Tim Reynolds against St George in Round 6 in 2020/21.

Tom has been rewarded with selection in NSW XIs in each of the past three seasons and has represented the Sydney Sixers academy team. He was also selected in the Bears' team of the decade for the 2010s and was this season's Access RnD Bradman Medallist.

About the O'Reilly Medal

The O'Reilly Medal is awarded the best and fairest player(s) in the First Grade competition, based on points awarded each match by the umpires. Before Tom, only Trevor Chappell (1986/87) had won the award while playing for North Sydney. The medal is named after a Bears great, who took 962 wickets at 9.44 for a combination of North Sydney and St George, so it was apt that the medal "came home" to be shared between the two clubs.



Sarah Berman

First Class Debut

UTS North Sydney's remarkable first grade scorer, Sarah Berman (pictured on the right below), made her first class scoring debut in 2020/21, taking the book for the Australia A vs Indians match at Drummoyne Oval. This landmark came after she scored a number of the WBBL matches earlier in the season.

Sarah came to the club three years ago, her offer of scoring assistance gleefully accepted after the club's long-serving scorer, Robyn Wilson, stepped down. Sarah's diligence and skill was quickly evident – not a great surprise given it was an international posting at a big 4 consulting firm that had brought her to Australia.

Sarah joined onto the committee shortly thereafter and she now occupies the office of Assistant Honorary Secretary. On the committee, Sarah has overseen an explosion in the volunteer ranks at the club, has helped model the club's financials during the challenging COVID-19 outbreak, and directed and produced the club's first virtual presentation night.

All those contributions overlook Sarah's contribution to the club's media. If you follow the Bears on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or YouTube, you have Sarah to thank for the peerless content that is produced without fail, week to week. To watch Sarah score a first grade game is a thing of wonder as she tweets, films, clips and communicates with all the other grades, all while performing her scoring duties flawlessly. Sarah provides terrific media support to our women's teams, including facilitating the live streaming of our Brewer Shield games.

In 2019/20, Sarah took out the coveted Malcolm Gorham scorer's award from the NSW Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association – a monumental achievement in her second season scoring in Sydney. Just as importantly, she made her on-field debut for the club as well, skipping our women's third grade side against Bankstown.

Sarah is a universally popular Bear, and all the club's players, volunteers, committee, coaches and supporters wish Sarah well as she progresses her scoring career. We are fortunate to have her at the club.



James Campbell

150 First Grade Appearances

Upon taking the field for round 7's match against Randwick Petersham, James Campbell made his 150th top grade appearance for the Bears. This significant milestone comes in Jimmy's tenth first grade season and sees him trailing only the Aitken brothers in first grade appearances for the club amongst active players.

A Bear to his bootstraps, James has played for the club for as long as he has owned whites, coming through our juniors to make his AW Green Shield debut in 2006/07. After taking 9 wickets in the final of the Bears' storied 2010/11 second grade premiership (achieved by reverse outright over local rivals, Gordon), Jimmy made his first grade debut in 2010/11, earning cap 624.

Jimmy quickly established himself in the top grade, taking 6/63 in his first innings and 9 wickets overall in his debut match against UNSW. Jimmy hasn't looked back since, terrorising the competition with his incisive new ball spells. In 2019/20, Jimmy's form earned him a recall to the NSW second XI after a seven-year absence.

Jimmy also holds a club batting record. In 2012/13, he and Nic Bills combined to put on 156 for the final wicket against Bankstown, setting the new benchmark.

A two-time winner of the Access RnD Bradman Medal, James has taken his 254 first grade wickets for the club with eight 5-wicket hauls. In the past three seasons Jimmy has been particularly deadly, claiming 41 wickets at 22.26 in 2018/19, 35 at 23.46 in 2019/20 and 33 at 20.03 in 2020/21.



Anushka Dongre

NSW Women's Premier Cricket Third Grade Player of the Year

Each year Cricket NSW selects one player from women's third grade for the award as Player of the Year, based on umpire votes from each match during the season. We are thrilled that this award for 2020/21 went to our very own Anushka Dongre!

Anushka topped our team charts in both batting and bowling, scoring a magnificent 208 runs and taking 13 wickets for the season, across the T20 and 40-over competitions. Anushka also finished in the top 10 across all players in the competition for batting, bowling and fielding – in fact, she was number one for runouts in both competitions.

But the stats only tell part of the story, of course. From day one as a humble and energetic player, she quickly earned the love and respect of her teammates and was elevated into the vice-captaincy early on. She provided strong support to her captain and teammates with a deep knowledge and instinct for the game, ably stepping in as captain when needed. While our third grade team, in our first full season,

were well aware that other teams may have had the upper hand, Anushka didn't seem to get that message – after all, every game has the same number of players, overs and equipment, right? Stepping into the captaincy role in match 4, Anushka set about building a fantastic innings of 30 before the mandatory retirement, then added 2/19 from her bowling, and then managed the bowlers and fielders through to our first ever win! This was followed by another 26 runs in the next match, then another 22 as we recorded our second win on a 41° day! But even more was to come in the Limited Overs competition, with Anushka adding scores of 44 and 46 in back-to-back matches, denied her 50 only by her partner's beautiful straight drive touching the bowler's hand on the way to the most unlikely of run outs.

While Anushka clearly leads by example in all aspects of the game on the field (especially with that deadly arm), she also shows enormous respect for the spirit of the game, care for her team and her opponents, and exemplary leadership off the field too. Anushka's level-headedness repeatedly took the pressure off her teammates and many an umpire would notice and comment on these qualities, making us incredibly proud to have Anushka as part of the Bears.



Bernie Vince

Lower Grade Ground of the Year - Tunks Park

It is known throughout NSW Premier Cricket that UTS North Sydney plays on the best collection of grounds in the competition. This was further enforced in May 2021 when Bernie Vince won Lower Grade Ground of the Year for the legendary Tunks International Sports Park for the twelfth time.

One of Sydney's most picturesque grounds situated on reclaimed land in Long Bay, Tunks is a testament to Bernie's hard work and diligence. Despite being low-lying, it takes a lot for the weather to get the better of Bernie's ground preparation and inevitably games take place at Tunks when much higher and drier grounds are washed out.

The wicket at Tunks is well used yet it is regularly one of the hardest and truest pitches in NSW Premier Cricket. Quicks get reward for hitting the pitch at Tunks, while spinners benefit from good bounce and can use the deep outfield pockets.

For batters with patience, the afternoon "Tunks Doctor" regularly blows through the valley and takes any moisture from the deck, making it a dream to bat on, particularly for those strong on the back foot.

In the early 2000s, Bernie worked at Bon Andrews where he started to set the standard for lower grounds in grade cricket, winning three Lower Grade Ground of the Year awards there. Since moving to Tunks, Bernie has picked up another twelve gongs, giving him fifteen of the last twenty-one.

The truth of the matter is that Bernie is unquestionably the most passionate groundsman in NSW Premier Cricket. Bernie never leaves after handing the ground over to the umpires on a match day. He is always there sweeping and remarking the



pitch in the breaks and is inevitably there at the end of the day as well.

In recent seasons, our women's third grade and Brewer Shield sides have played at Tunks more and more (the Brewer Shield final was played there as well). When the Brewer side first played at Tunks, our Director of Women's Cricket, Michelle Goszko, commented that she had never had a groundsman work so hard on a pitch during a match in grade cricket, not even during her lengthy first grade career.

Ultimately, Bernie says that he just wants to set the standard for groundsmen and ground preparation across the competition, and encourage others to strive for the same standard. It is safe to say he has stoked the fire under other groundsmen, with Merrylands and our own Bon Andrews (under David Sommerville's superb team) managing to take the award from Bernie in recent seasons.

But the trophy, which must surely carry his name one day, is back in Bernie's well-deserved grasp. Everyone at the Bears thanks Bernie for his hard work and passion for his craft. He is a true Bears legend.

Director of Men's Cricket Report

Gary Whitaker

The season has been one of missed opportunities, which is an area we have to address collectively and individually.

Our first grade team had some unfortunate wet weather when the side was in very strong positions.

The disappointing result was against St George, a game which we lost after letting the red and white off the hook with too many missed chances. At the season's end, this was the difference to playing finals.

Special mention goes to Tom Jagot who had an outstanding season, he was rewarded with numerous awards plus joint winner of the prestigious O'Reilly Medal.

Overall, we have a squad of players that were very competitive but we need to close out games when we have the opposition on the ropes.

The second grade team had an indifferent year but overall factor was our batting. The lack of consistency by our top order put a lot of pressure on the bowling group. The exposure of some younger batsmen is very exciting for the future of the club and a focus on the development of these players will strengthen our stocks.

Congrats to Jacob and his third grade players who had a tremendous year always playing tough competitive cricket. Our courage in the semi against Easts was example of the attitude of the group. Well done lads and in hindsight we can reflect and look at maximising our bowling options when playing finals cricket.

Pat's fourth grade side also qualified but was beaten by weather. I'm sure that there were matches in which we could have been better in the key moments. Again, the opportunities given to the next generation of players is a positive for the future.

Fifth grade had a huge turnover of players which made it very difficult for Alex, our skipper, to build momentum in the season. There were opportunities to close out games if we had played the crucial moments better. Hopefully this experience will be a benefit to the younger players.

In PGs, like first grade, missed opportunities cost us a higher spot on the ladder, which meant we were playing away in the finals. There are so many very good players in this squad. To have the unpredictable weather, along with the opposition's poor pitch preparation the day before the game, end our season was disappointing – especially as it occurred without a ball being delivered in the quarter final.

Our Green Shield had a good season and, as previously mentioned, we had chances to secure a finals berth but just missed out. The club has a number of very good young cricketers coming through this competition. I am excited by the talent that played this year and look forward to assisting their development.

Eighth in the Club Championship is a reasonable outcome and I urge everyone involved to drive our standards, continue to set/meet our targets, and maximise our opportunities each round to improve our position as a club.

Enormous thanks to all the captains, players, coaches, selectors, the board, supporters, and volunteers who made this season so enjoyable. To Sarah, huge thanks. You are a great human and I am forever grateful for your support.

First Grade Report

Thomas Jagot

The season 2020/21 was filled with optimism for our first grade group. With all but one of last year's top six side returning, thoughts of a possible premiership were certainly front of mind. New faces Aiden Bariol and Brent Atherton only heightened the expectations.

The season in general can be looked at as one of individual highlights and famous wins, but not disciplined enough cricket for long enough periods to ensure a third trip in a row to the finals. Rain, a northern beaches COVID interruption, mixed in with a couple agonising losses, meant we fell just one win outside the top six.

I strongly believe that, with such a young group mixed with the experience of a few wiser heads, this team has an extremely bright future. Our young players continued to improve throughout the season, providing match winning performance after match winning performance.



Highlights included Aiden Bariol's dominant display of ball striking to bring up his maiden hundred against Parramatta, followed up shortly thereafter with hundred number two against Gordon to dig us out of trouble. Mac Jenkins was a white ball wizard all season, culminating in his four wickets against Northern District. Tim Reynolds had two innings of the highest quality. His 91 at St George and a match-winning 78* against Manly proving he's one of the brightest talents in NSW. Jack James is truly a three-

dimensional cricketer. His bowling went to a new level this season, highlighted by four wickets against a very good Sydney side. Combine that with his tough runs at the top of the order, Jack is a huge part of this team's future championship prospects.



Veteran seamer James Campbell had another stellar season taking 33 wickets across all formats. He was ably supported by Matt Alexander who fought through injury most of the year to contribute a solid 19 wickets. Rob and James Aiken continued to stave off father time with important contributions when the team needed them. Rob's 3/38 and 23* against Campbelltown proved the difference in an important win. It's a real pleasure to pick the brains of Rob, James and Glenn year in and year out. I hope they've got many more years left in them.

Brent Atherton showed glimpses of real class in his first season at the Bears. Scoring 500 runs at an average over 30. Justin Avendano was at his brilliant best early in the season, dominating UNSW for a lazy 160. The Big Bash bubble limited Justin's involvement with us over the back half of the season. We're hopeful he'll be in Sixers' magenta again next season as well as being available for a finals run. Olly Knight battled injury most of the season, however showed glimpses of his destructive best throughout the season, hitting a few enormous sixes. He is a key figure for us as we hunt limited overs finals appearances next season.

It's been a pleasure captaining this group over the back half of the season. Can't wait for the next.

First Grade Statistics – One and Two-Day Cricket

Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NOs	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Thomas Jagot	15	15	883	3	4	3	149	73.58	6
Aiden Bariol	15	13	536	-	2	2	116	41.23	20/3
Jack James	15	15	451	1	3	-	98	32.21	6
Tim Reynolds	15	13	378	1	3	-	91	31.50	4
Brent Atherton	14	13	349	2	2	-	73	31.73	3
Justin Avendano	6	5	322	-	1	1	161	64.40	-
Robert Aitken	13	10	168	2	1	-	58	21.00	1
Mac Jenkins	15	11	136	5	-	-	29	22.67	4
James Aitken	11	10	132	5	-	-	36	26.40	4
Max Papworth	4	4	95	-	-	-	41	23.75	-
Matthew Alexander	13	8	78	5	-	-	36	26.00	4
Oliver Knight	10	8	43	-	-	-	14	5.38	8
James Campbell	14	4	15	3	-	-	10	15.00	2
Glenn Aitken	2	2	15	-	-	-	9	7.50	-
William Graham	3	1	2	1	-	-	2		-

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
James Campbell	161.2	23	548	29	2	18.90	3.40	5/25
Mac Jenkins	152.2	27	492	17	-	28.94	3.23	4/35
James Aitken	122.0	25	381	14	-	27.21	3.12	3/20
Jack James	102.2	13	413	14	-	29.50	4.04	4/37
Matthew Alexander	111.2	17	476	14	-	34.00	4.28	4/69
Oliver Knight	48.2	2	236	5	-	47.20	4.88	2/37
Robert Aitken	65.0	4	299	5	-	59.80	4.60	3/38
William Graham	32.1	1	120	4	-	30.00	3.73	3/30



First Grade Statistics – T20 Cricket

Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Brent Atherton	4	4	140	-	1	-	59	35.00	-
Thomas Jagot	4	4	117	1	1	-	81	39.00	1
Aiden Bariol	4	4	74	1	-	-	29	24.67	-
Robert Aitken	4	2	47	1	-	-	43	47.00	-
Matthew Alexander	4	2	37	1	-	-	31	37.00	2
Jack James	4	3	34	1	-	-	17	17.00	1
Justin Avendano	2	2	30	1	-	-	30	30.00	-
Tim Reynolds	4	3	25	-	-	-	13	8.33	-
Mac Jenkins	4	2	10	-	-	-	10	5.00	2
Oliver Knight	1	1	4	-	-	-	4	4.00	-
Jake Hardy	2	1	2	-	-	-	2	2.00	-
James Campbell	4	2	2	1	-	-	2	2.00	2

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
James Campbell	11.0	-	113	4	-	28.25	10.27	2/34
Sam Alexander	10.0	-	61	3	-	20.33	6.10	1/10
Jack James	14.0	-	77	3	-	25.67	5.50	1/17
Robert Aitken	12.3	-	91	3	-	30.33	7.28	2/32
Mac Jenkins	15.0	-	95	2	-	47.50	6.33	2/31
Matthew Alexander	12.4	-	102	2	-	51.00	8.05	2/22

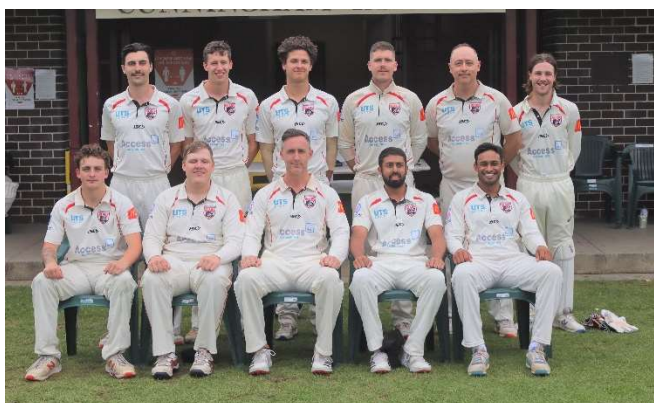


Second Grade Report

It was a season of some great highs and some near misses for second grade in 2020/21. A mid-table finish could have been much more had three one-wicket results gone the way of the good guys.

The season started strongly with a good team performance taking care of Easts by 8 wickets in Round 1. A dominant batting performance in Round 2, highlighted by centuries to Rob Aitken and Max Papworth, wasn't enough as Parramatta held on for a draw 9 down.

Rounds 3 and 4 ended in draws despite a strong hundred to captain GA and a breakthrough century at the top of the order to Jordy Vilensky. This was followed by losses to St George and Sydney in Rounds 5 and 6.



Six wickets to Fraser Noack and strong batting contributions from Vilensky and James Leary claimed the points for the Bears against Randwick-Petersham before the COVID draw in the last round before Christmas.

A powerful all-round bowling effort took care of the Ghosts in the first round back after the break, but Manly were far too strong in round 10. Round 11 saw a heartbreaking loss as the Lions' 10th wicket added an undefeated 50 to steer them home by a single wicket. Hawkesbury were dominant in Round 12 while

NDs came to rue their aggressive declaration in the rain-affected Round 13 as young guns Adam Cavenor (46) and Kobe Allison (74) starred in the Bears' run-chase.



History repeated against Mosman as their 10th wicket collected an undefeated 54 to claim the points in Round 14 while the season ended on a high with a low-scoring thriller against Sutherland highlighted by Will Graham's 4-for and Lachlan Stewart's 49.

The youngest members of the squad provided many of the brightest spots throughout the season with Jordan Vilensky leading the batting aggregates and fine innings from Adam Cavenor, Kobe Allison and Fletcher May. Will Graham and Harry May led the wicket-takers with Fraser Noack's 6-for on 2s debut the standout performance with the ball.



As ever, there was great spirit within the squad and there is much to look forward to in 2021/22.

Second Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Jordan Vilensky	15	14	400	-	2	1	106	28.57	9
Glenn Aitken	13	12	350	2	2	1	109	35.00	4
Max Papworth	6	6	308	-	2	1	126	51.33	5/1
Raymond Alexander	15	14	297	1	1	-	66	22.85	5
James Leary	10	8	249	3	2	-	71	49.80	12/1
Adam Cavenor	6	6	159	-	-	-	46	26.50	3
Robert Aitken	2	2	107	1	-	1	107	107.00	-
Sam Alexander	15	10	100	1	-	-	35	11.11	3
Lachlan Stewart	5	5	96	-	-	-	49	19.20	9/3
Kobe Allison	3	3	84	-	1	-	74	28.00	4
William Graham	9	6	73	-	-	-	27	12.17	5
Niranjan Naguleswaran	7	6	73	-	-	-	26	12.17	2
Chris Spratt	2	2	59	-	-	-	34	29.50	-
Oliver Knight	3	2	59	-	1	-	59	29.50	1
Jake Hardy	5	5	55	-	-	-	22	11.00	2

Also batted – F May (45 runs @ 15), N Whyte (42 runs @ 14.33), F Noack (33 runs @ 33), B van der Merwe (28 runs @ 9.33), F Nixon-Tomko (25 runs @ 12.50), H May (22 runs @ 5.5), J Nevell (21 runs undisch), B Knox (14 runs undisch), M Alexander (13 runs @ 13), C New (13 runs @ 6.5), B Atherton (11 runs @ 11), L Smith (2 runs @ 2)

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
William Graham	73.5	4	325	19	-	17.11	4.40	4/45
Harrison May	156.0	22	536	19	-	28.21	3.44	3/28
Sam Alexander	165.5	25	576	17	-	33.88	3.47	3/59
Fraser Noack	59.3	5	211	12	1	17.58	3.55	6/47
Fletcher May	67.0	9	254	8	-	31.75	3.79	3/67
Oliver Knight	32.0	6	118	7	-	16.86	3.69	3/31
Benjamin Knox	41.3	5	159	6	-	26.50	3.83	3/37
James Aitken	22.0	3	82	5	-	16.40	3.73	3/34

Also bowled – R Aitken (5 wickets @ 17.2), N Whyte (5 wickets @ 25.20), N Naguleswaran (5 wickets @ 46.20), K Allison (4 wickets @ 32.50), M Alexander (3 wickets @ 14.33), I Merlehan (1 wicket @ 7), A Cavenor (1 wicket @ 23), R Alexander (1 wicket @ 66), S Balbi (0 wickets for 6 runs), J Leary (0 wickets for 12 runs)

Third Grade Report

Jacob Graham



The season of 2020/21 for the UTS North Sydney third grade men's team will be looked at and remembered with fond memories, with few regrets and a whole lot of confidence inspiring moments in matches that the men in red and black experienced along the way. The most enjoyable part of the year was seeing so many guys play 3s for the first time and having them perform well enough to be promoted up into second grade. Players like Adam Cavenor, Lachlan Stewart, Fletcher May, Fraser Noack and the breakout talent that is Kobe Allison all went up, held their own and earned their spots in the grade above. Perhaps most pleasing was the general improvement of the players that came through 3s this year. For every club to succeed, third grade has to be humming in both talent and improvement.

Finn Nixon-Tomko had a breakout year in 3s with 230 runs at 30, Jacob Graham made 300 at 30, while Ben Van Der Merwe showed why he deserved to be in 2s for most of the year with 284 runs at 71. Chris Lloyd, with limited games, showed us how to bat with another season hitting more than 200 at 25.

With the ball, we were equally if not more so impressive. Jacob Graham had 21 wickets at an average of 14, Fletcher May took 18 wickets @ 16,

Brad Wilson was an absolute gem to have at the back end of the year and picked up 14 wickets @ 14 including a 6-fa in the semi-final. Nuwan Whyte and Fraser Noack took 14 wickets apiece @ 20 and both spent time up in second grade at various parts of the year, while Izaak Merlehan played an important role with 11 wickets at 26.

All of those player performances resulted in a season with 9 wins (including 3 bonus points), 3 draws and 3 losses for a total of 60 points, a 3rd place finish and a semi-final appearance. Our batting group amassed a fantastic 2,225 runs and the bowling group took a total of 121 wickets. Those numbers paint the simplest story of how the year panned out for us but it certainly doesn't tell it all. 25 young men pulled on the whites for third grade this season and I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them. Not every moment and every session went our way, and I as captain certainly didn't make every correct call, but there was a steely drive and determination in 3s this year to make sure that we competed for every run and every ball. We made sure that if we didn't win the last moment then we would make up for it in the next. We had each other's backs and we never gave in.

Unfortunately, the season didn't exactly start the way we wanted to, with a washout draw without a ball being bowled against Western Suburbs. With Wests having been a relatively poor side the season before, we were very hopeful that we will be starting off our season with a win and potentially a bonus point win at that. Some rain mid-week and a poorly performing wicket cover at Punchbowl Oval prevented us from starting on time, and by the time we were able to toss the clouds conspired against us and Mother Nature did the rest.

Round 2 had us winning the toss on a green one, and eager to put the misery of not having yet bowled a ball yet this season, we decided to have a bowl. What

a start to the year it was. Sydney is a proud strong club, and to get a win under the belt at the picturesque Birchgrove Oval is no easy feat but our bowlers were on. The ball nipped enough, stumps were everywhere, catches stuck and 0/20 turned into 4/30. 5/50 became all out for 103 as the bowlers ran rampant through the lower order. Benny Knox finished with an incredible 3/5 and Noack 3/19. They say small totals are the hardest to chase, but again as the sun started to emerge from behind the clouds so did some expansive batting from openers Dhruva Thorat and Ben van der Merwe. Runs came at a trickle for the first few overs as both batsmen found their feet and then they started to expand. Ben took the reins in the chase and completely dominated a rather hapless bowling attack lacking experience and leadership on his way to an unbeaten 66. Dhruva was dismissed for 17, but an unwavering Cameron New wouldn't be denied as we polished off the last runs required in the 25th over, finishing 1/104.

Round 3 had us up against Eastern Suburbs who, as a club, have been strong for many years, With the likes of Peter Neville representing their first-grade side it has always been a way that the middle grades are also filled with lots of talent yet to find a spot for themselves in higher grades. We knew we had a challenge ahead of us especially coming up against them at their home ground at fortress Trumper Park. Another week of rain and drizzle had us on another green wicket but winning the toss wasn't to be and the experienced Easts captain sent us into bat. Just as in Round 2, Ben was strong at the top of the order. He was joined by young talent Adam Cavenor opening in 3s for the first time. Almost 50 was in the books for the good guys when Ben was dismissed in the 20s, a super start in the conditions we had. Cavenor continued to bat and bat and was joined by Chris Lloyd at 2/53, and the pair proceeded to put on 80 odd together before Adam was done in for 48, a brilliant debut match at the top of the order. Izaak

Merlehan and Lloyd put on another 40 together before both left in quick succession and, with a couple of short partnerships during the last 10 overs, we made our way to 8/223. It was a brilliant total considering where we started on a soft green deck only a couple hours prior. However, a pitch is only judged after both teams have batted on it and, with that in mind, we knew we would have to bowl well against a very experienced Easts top order. Resistance with the willow however was not to be found as the seam bowlers ran riot. Wickets were shared throughout with Graham and Noack both with 3, Nuwan Whyte 2 and Savage with 1. There was a DNB from Easts as one batsman injured himself in the field and as such the Bears had made it 2 bonus points in 2 matches with another 7-point performance rolling the Dolphins for 84 in the 27th over.



Round 4 brought us St George again in an away match and, like it does so many times when you think you're on top, cricket has a way to just pull you back to earth. We were thoroughly beaten in every aspect of the game on that day. A special mention to wicketkeeper Jake Holmes, however, who stood up and gave us a fighting chance with the bat, steering the ship to a somewhat respectable score of 140, However, we were never in it as the pitch flattened out and their top order ran riot. We lost in the 30th over for a bonus point defeat, the Dragons passing us 1 down.

Round 5 was a stinking hot of a day out at Merrylands Oval for another one-dayer against Parramatta. Winning the toss, we decided to have a bowl, knowing that the day would only get hotter and hotter. Whilst the innings was started well by seamers Nuwan and Fletcher, it was the spinning duo of Knox and Merlehan that put the bulldogs back in the kennel, restricting Parra to 9/201 off the full 50 overs. The pitch was flattening out but with the heat hovering near 40°C we knew we had to try and stay ahead of the Duckworth-Lewis rate lest the match get abandoned for heat. Chris Spratt, promoted up from 4s, continued on where he left off the season before blasting anything that was within arm's-reach to the boundary. 5 overs Parramatta started to show signs of their energy waning. It would be a double breakthrough on 45 that brought them into the game but it wouldn't be for long. Promoted up from number 8 Fletcher May walked out to bat at number 3 and he and Finn Nixon-Tomko went about building a partnership. Fletcher was given a license to swing for the hills and swing he did. With the pitch flattening out and the ball not moving, it was like watching school children bowl to David Warner. 8 fours and 3 huge towering sixes took Fletcher into the 70s before he was dismissed. Finn fell at 4/147 in the 29th over but 5 overs later the weatherman spoke and the match was abandoned as the thermostat hit 43°C forcing us from the field. We were ahead by plenty on DLS due to the innings by Fletcher, and he was still passed out on the floor as we started to sing the song... which we sang nonetheless. A match full of big hitting, great spin bowling, blokes getting horizontal for catches (you're welcome Nuwan), an umpire going down with heat stroke and Fraser passing out after his first bat in a while. Gosh the beer tasted good that night.



Round 6 against Randwick-Petersham was the best win of the year and in it there was probably the most significant innings played by anyone during the year. After we took a ridiculous 14 wickets for 110 runs in a friendly warm up match in the preseason against them, we knew that Randys would be coming for us. Kobe Allison was aggressive with the ball hitting blokes in the face but it wasn't until the first change that we made the first breakthrough with skipper Jacob Graham taking the first pole. An over before drinks, Finn was brought on with a gut feel move. A half tracker was hit down the throat of cow corner and the Bears had two in the bank. The second session was owned by one man, Fletcher May. He was a man with a bee in his bonnet after someone looked at him sideways and produced a spell to rip the heart out of the Randwick batting order, taking a bag of 5 as Randwick were bundled out for 175. Whilst there were starts made by some, Finn Nixon-Tomko put the team on his back. He scrapped hard as rain came down softening the pitch, turning it from a comfortable day out for the Bears into an absolute nightmare. He even hit his first ever 6 over backward square, a beautiful pull shot that had everyone out of their seat. His innings was disciplined. It was patient. It was uncompromising. They bowled to his areas and Finn scored. When they didn't, he left it alone. He was the rock that held our chase together. Last season I dare say we might have found a way to lose that game. As a group I'm not sure we had someone willing or able to do the hard yards for 46.2 overs grinding away

at a total till each and every run was scored but this year we did and he put up his hand to be that guy. There were contributions made by others, including Spratty with 20 odd and Luke Smith 30 but it was a not out 66 by Finn Nixon-Tomko which guided us to the crucial win.

Round 7 against UNSW was our first home game of the year, and as such we decided that we would treat the crowds to yet another spinning masterclass. This time it was a solo act by Izaak Merlehan as he took 5-fa to bowl us to victory after we put on 215 in the first innings. Lachlan Stewart and Luke Smith both made 40s, with 30-odd from Cavenor and the skipper, while cameos through the order got us to a very convincing first innings total. The response from UNSW was... disappointing. I've never been a part of a match where a team has actively batted themselves out of a game by not attempting to score but they did and that was fine by us. Our seamers bowled well with wickets shared, but when the game was there to take and the counter punch was launched by their middle order batsmen, Merlehan was there to quash all their plans. A skilful performance got him 5 including the wicket of an ex-Bear who had begun to threaten the chase with some late in the innings hitting. The Bees fell short and were all out for 181.



Round 8 was a reminder that COVID was still lurking around every corner and as such an early Christmas break was called for all as every match across the

competition was abandoned due to growing stay at home orders along the northern beaches.

Part 2 of the season resumed after the Christmas break with another home game at Bon Andrews, this time against the struggling Campbelltown-Camden. The match was an entire annihilation. If there was a mercy rule, we would have stopped early. If it were a boxing match, a towel may have been thrown on the field before the first drinks break. We were good. Really good. We won the toss and had a bat. Skipper Jacob Graham moved up the order to fill a spot and got 50. Graham and Chris Lloyd made hay with the sun shining as Lloyd got himself to 75 with some sweet, sweet hitting and Lachlan Stewart got 45 of the best himself. 214 was never going to be chased as we welcomed Harrison May, (brother of Fletch) back from second grade duties. He was fast and he was mean. At times he was too good but most of all he was at the stumps and took 3-fa. Nuwan wouldn't be denied with two good poles himself but it was the coming of age for Kobe Allison who was scarily fast for some of the kids in the CC line-up. He took three for himself as we skittled them for a measly 89 to register our third bonus point win of the year.

Round 10 arrived with the Bears hosting Manly. Unfortunately, the 'Tahs got the best of us as we weren't quite on the ball for the whole game. Our bowling with the new ball left something to be desired as they amassed 6/230, and when it was our chance to capitalise with the bat, we were found wanting, being bundled out for 125. It was a loss that maybe we needed to have in order to really know where we were at. It was our first real top 6 clash of the year aside from Easts early on.

Fairfield-Liverpool was a spicy affair in the 2019/20 season and this year would be no different. A fantastic bowling performance with wickets again shared around had them all out for 182. With no one getting

to 30, we knew we had bowled well. However, the pitch had played well and we had half an eye on maybe what could have been our fourth bonus point win of the year. As ever though, cricket is a funny game, and whilst we got to 100 in quick time, a few wickets in a clump put on the brakes. The Lions' off spinner had us in a fizz as he marched on to take 5fa, however once again Ben van der Merwe was the difference, standing up with 60 not out to get us to the total after we went from 4/100 to 8/164 in the 27th over. Enter Ben Knox. A man most often known for bowling with flight, guile and spin, he will however let you know till your ears fall off that his batting is supreme. For the next 12 overs BVDM would take a 1 off the first or second ball and then Knox would see out the rest. Time was on our side and we could see it home like this and see it home we did. 59 balls Knoxy defended, and on the 60th he deposited a short one over backward square for 4 to ice the leftover runs. It was a brilliant win for the lads, brilliant work by BVDM, and brilliantly supported by Benny Knox. Another gritty win for us from a position that lesser teams might have folded in.

Round 12 saw us washed out at Benson's Lane on day one and return on day two for 120 overs. Rain played its part heavily on day two which brought the two teams closer and unfortunately a pretty good performance with the ball wasn't able to be met with the best performance with the bat. Set 165 to win in 35 overs, we knew we were going to have to be good. Unfortunately, some untimely wickets and some panic never allowed us to continue to build and maintain the partnerships needed to get us close and we had to settle for one point, blocking out the remaining five overs in the day safe as houses with new club recruit Brad Wilson and that man again Benny Knox.



Round 13 saw us again have day one washed out as we came up against the competition and the undefeated Northern District. Day two presented us with the opportunity to test ourselves and, with that in mind, we were sent in to bat on what looked to be a juicy early morning Bon Andrews wicket. Juicy it was as the comp's number 1 side had us 2/0, 3/5, 4/18 and 5/36 as a combination of seam and swing was just too good for us. In the context of the innings, it was two good partnerships of 20 that finally got us to 89 all out, which was disappointing to say the least. We had it all ahead of us and we knew that if we could just take early wickets we were in with a sniff. Unfortunately, the first two wickets cost us 57 runs but after the second we took the next four wickets for only 10 runs.... It was game on. two competition heavyweights going at it and the ladder leaders were 6/67 chasing a mere 90 to win. Fletcher again was stoic, competitive at them all day for his 3-fa, Nuwan had a couple of good little spells, and wickets were shared between the rest of the seamers, but unfortunately NDs passed our total 6 down and then continued batting on. Cam New was thrown the ball with nothing to lose and our third spinner of the day went about wrapping up the tail with a tidy 3/34 off 2.2 overs. They sent us back in and we responded with hammering them everywhere to the tune of 1/99 in the second innings which showed just how different the game could have been if the toss had gone the other way. A loss but a good loss. ND's went on to be undefeated through the whole year, taking out the

third grade trophy. Whilst the end score had them bowled out for 150-odd, it was the closest they'd come to losing all year.



That loss gave us a lot of confidence, and with that confidence we towelled up local rivals Mosman. Bowling first at Bon, Brad Wilson and Fletcher were both good, both taking one pole each in their first spell as Fraser joined in the act with a couple. The skipper brought himself on to great effect taking four before Brad came back at the end to wrap the innings with a spectacular c&b as the Whales were left stranded all out for 110. Half the day was left but the light was starting to dim as storm clouds rolled over the field. No rain as such stopped us after tea but the day was called off early for light with the Bears 1/21. Day two came about and we made a decision to be proactive about how we were going to bat. A small chase of 90 could be knocked off in a small amount of time before setting a lead. Captain Jacob Graham was still not out and was ably accompanied at the crease by the middle order as all around him sent the Mosman bowlers to all parts of the ground. Graham passed 50 as we also passed the Whales and the foot was finally put down by the skipper. Unfortunately, it wouldn't be a day for bat raising and triple figure celebrating but the next 46 runs he scored came in about 20 balls as he moved into the 90s with 10 fours and two huge towering sixes over the long straight boundary. Yak finally fell short of the 100, out for a career high score of 96. Merlehan and Fletcher went

about their work for another two overs before we declared the innings at 7/174 off 43 overs. Our second innings performance with the ball was good without being great as we applied pressure but with nothing to play for and the pitch flattening out the Whales had no incentive to score and so they shut up shop for the most part. First grade opening bowler Greg West ended up not out on 40 as our neighbours finished the day 6/164.

The last round of the year saw us having to win to have any chance at a home final. Sutherland had been a competitive team all year and we knew we would have to be at our best to get the win. All of that was blown out of the water as we went to the first drinks break with them 5/32. Our fast bowlers had ripped the top order to shreds. Fletch had third with Noack and Wilson one each, but the counterpunch came in the second session as the numbers 6 and 7 started to throw the bat at everything and it worked. Both passed 50 before holing out and 203 became the total to chase. Runs were shared including 20s to May, Nevell and Graham, 30 to Nixon-Tomko and a standout 47 to James Leary. But it all came down to the last over. Everything on the line. Noack and Knox the not out batsmen. 8 down. 6 balls. 16 runs. The field was set. Long boundary to the off side. Short undefendable boundary on the leg side for the left-handed Noack.

First ball: Short. Leg stump. Dispatched. 4 runs.

Second ball: Carbon copy. It's like the bowler didn't know what the game plan was.

Third ball: Full. On the pads, smashed through the leg side out toward the mid-wicket boundary for 2 runs

Fourth ball: Short. Pulled in the gap. Boundary riders closing in as it rolled out to square leg. 2 runs.

Fifth ball: 4 runs to win. Short. Leg side. Fraser Noack doesn't miss after 4 sighters of the exact same ball and he punishes it through leg side for a remarkable win.

It was a win which rocketed us up from 5th to 3rd and into a home final. 6 points to the good guys. 600 schooners to celebrate.



The quarter-final was a washout at home which meant our semi-final was to be held out at Waverley Oval against Easts. It's a game we would end up losing but there were some brilliant, valiant performances of note. Brad Wilson started strong with two early poles and Merlehan got in on the act with one for himself after lunch as Wilson was brought back in and had himself another. The Dolphins' skipper would prove hard to remove as men around him dropped anchor. Fraser toiled away and was rewarded with a wicket for himself before Fletcher had himself one late in the day as well. Wilson was in the act again as he removed the skipper late on day one for a brilliant 5-fa, and Noack grabbed the ninth wicket before play was closed.

Day 2 begin with things tediously placed with Easts 9/294 however after the heavy roller was put on the pitch and with weary bodies and an unmoving ball the last pair put away all cricket shots. Eventually, after a partnership of 82, Brad deservingly wrapped the innings up with his sixth wicket. Our batting needed to be good but we had time. About 80 overs of time in the day to get 339 to win.

Our first partnership made it to the 50 before Graham was dismissed. Another big partnership of 60 had us almost halfway for the 4th wicket when Lloyd was dismissed. Ben VDM was brilliant again. He was the counterpunch we needed, and for us to have a chance he was the man we needed to continue to bat around. However, when he was dismissed for 71, we lost 4/20 to find ourselves with the match all but gone at 8/193. The tail put together some fun-filled batting to take us to 236, Fletcher May not out on 26, Brad Wilson the last man to fall after giving the crowd some Michael Bevan-esque drives. The season was done, but given the year as it was there are so many amazing things to look on, celebrate and enjoy.

Player of the year went to Jacob Graham with 303 runs, 21 wickets and 8 catches. Jacob also placed fifth overall in the 3rd Grade Champion Player rankings.



Third Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Jacob Graham	14	12	303	2	2	-	96	30.30	8
Ben van der Merwe	6	7	284	3	3	-	71	71.00	2
Finn Nixon-Tomko	9	10	239	2	1	-	66	29.88	5
Chris Lloyd	10	9	201	-	2	-	75	22.33	8
Luke Smith	9	9	183	1	-	-	49	22.88	3
Fletcher May	7	6	152	2	1	-	72	38.00	1
Kobe Allison	8	7	131	-	-	-	36	18.71	2
Lachlan Stewart	4	4	106	-	-	-	44	26.50	2
Chris Spratt	5	5	104	-	-	-	35	20.80	2
Izaak Merlehan	11	10	98	2	-	-	22	12.25	5
James Leary	6	7	93	-	-	-	47	13.29	3
Adam Cavenor	3	3	87	-	-	-	48	29.00	-
Jake Holmes	8	6	78	-	-	-	33	13.00	7/2
Fraser Noack	7	5	45	3	-	-	17	22.50	5
John Nevell	4	4	41	-	-	-	25	10.25	4
Benjamin Knox	10	7	36	6	-	-	16	36.00	5
Cameron New	7	7	33	1	-	-	10	5.50	4
Nuwan Whyte	9	7	29	3	-	-	16	7.25	2
Dhruva Thorat	4	4	26	-	-	-	17	6.50	1

Also batted – J Nevell (15 runs @ 15), B Wilson (4 runs @ 2), B Kumar (1 run @ 1), H May (0 runs @ 0)

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ
Fletcher May	100.5	22	302	21	2	14.38	3.00
Jacob Graham	97.0	27	292	18	-	16.22	3.01
Brad Wilson	88.5	28	216	14	1	15.43	2.43
Nuwan Whyte	84.1	16	275	14	-	19.64	3.27
Fraser Noack	81.4	13	285	14	-	20.36	3.49
Izaak Merlehan	84.0	13	293	11	1	26.64	3.49
Kobe Allison	45.1	4	204	9	-	22.67	4.52
Benjamin Knox	67.0	7	234	9	-	26.00	3.49
Harrison May	26.0	3	97	5	-	19.40	3.73

Also bowled – C Savage (4 wickets @ 8), C New (3 wickets @ 16.33), F Nixon-Tomko (1 wicket @ 19), J Leary (1 wicket @ 24), L Opacic (1 wicket @ 36), L Stewart (0 wickets for 5 runs), A Cavenor (0 wickets for 57 runs)

Fourth Grade Report

Pat Lindsay

How would I summarise Fourth Grade in season 2020/21? Well, we saw an improvement from 17th to 6th on the previous season and the first appearance in finals for this grade since season 2013/14! We saw eight wins including an outright and a number of bonus point wins.

We also saw losses to teams that came 10th, 11th, 12th and 16th and that was a key reason as to why we didn't finish higher up the ladder. A number of lost tosses didn't help. Furthermore, as the club's depth was tested due to injuries, we lost some players to higher grades. From the Round 1 team, two players finished the year in second grade, three were in the third grade semi-final team and two lads would have been if not for injuries during the season. As captain and a selector, it was great to see these boys get their chance in higher grades, however, there is no doubt that this affected the make-up of the 4s side.

Indeed, the season started with a bang with a bonus point win over Wests, and this followed through to a 5-2 record come the Christmas break with two other bonus points wins. After Christmas the aforementioned injury crisis began to bite, and we struggled to losses vs Campbelltown and Fairfield – teams we needed to beat to secure a home final. We played some good cricket after Christmas, however, as evidenced by the thrilling win over Manly and the gutsy performance vs Hawksbury after receiving the worst of the conditions all match. A big outright win over local rivals Mosman in Round 14 essentially secured a finals berth.

The team that finished the season did tremendously well and the emergence of young players like Hamish Reynolds, Jamieson Hedges, Sol Balbi and Nick Hay can only bode well for the future.

I'd also like to highlight a few players that passed through 4s in season 2020/21 as follows:

1. **Lachlan Stewart.** It's fair to say Lachie has played a lot of cricket below his level of talent would suggest and this year it all came together. Lachie was third in fourth grade run scoring despite only playing five games, averaged 51.33 with the bat and was excellent behind the stumps. Lachie finished the season with the gloves in 2s which was a great reward for a committed attitude this season.
2. **Cam New.** Cam only batted three times in 4s and was our second top run scorer! Cam was clearly too good for 4s and his gutsy innings at Bon vs Hawksbury on a seaming deck was a truly match-winning innings.
3. **Kobe Allison.** Kobe only played three games for 4s but was a whirlwind of energy taking 9 wickets at 6.78 including a 5-fa vs semi-finalists Easts. He also averaged 45 with the bat and was a weapon in the field. Kobe as simply too fast the majority of the time in 4s and it was a pleasure to see him get up to 2s and cement his spot there.
4. **Chris Savage.** This season, in seven games, he took 24 wickets at 11 with a best of 5/15. He bowled us to victory vs Hawksbury and Mosman and was the skippers go to guy to take a wicket. In his first two season Chris has played below his ability in 5s and then 4s. Higher honours await.
5. **Baran Kumar.** Baran was the leading run scorer with over double the second placed man, scoring 346 runs at an average of 34.60. His two 50s came were match winning knocks vs Randwick and UNSW with the UNSW innings particularly brutal with eight 4s and two 6s. Baran is a free

scoring batsman who won't be tied down and puts the pressure back on the fielding team. He's a brilliant point fielder with arguably the best off-platform throwing action in the club. Baran was fourth grade player of the year – congrats on a great season.

I'd like to thank all players who played 4s this year! It was a really successful season. I'd also like to extend a special thanks to Lachlan Reynolds who scored for the majority of the season and was a great help to me, not only in 4s but for his work in Greenies as well. Thanks, Lachie.



Fourth Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Baran Kumar	11	11	346	1	2	-	84	34.60	4
Cameron New	3	3	168	-	2	-	97	56.00	1
Lachlan Stewart	5	4	154	1	1	-	90	51.33	5
John Nevell	5	5	152	-	1	-	69	30.40	7
Charlie Rose	10	11	150	1	-	-	44	15.00	8
Chris Spratt	5	5	148	-	2	-	61	29.60	1
Dhruva Thorat	8	10	140	2	1	-	57	17.50	3
Luke Smith	3	3	123	1	1	-	83	61.50	-
Hamish Reynolds	11	10	116	-	1	-	81	11.60	3
Finn Nixon-Tomko	4	4	90	2	-	-	36	45.00	4
Nicholas Hay	6	8	86	1	1	-	51	12.29	1
Jack Thomas	9	9	79	2	-	-	18	11.29	13
Drew Sellers	5	5	69	-	1	-	50	13.80	3
Michael Lloyd	6	5	67	-	-	-	25	13.40	1
Shivam Vohra	5	6	50	1	-	-	23	10.00	1
Jake Holmes	5	6	46	-	-	-	11	7.67	7
Kobe Allison	3	1	45	-	-	-	45	45.00	-
Jamieson Hedges	2	2	34	1	-	-	34	34.00	-
Patrick Lindsay	11	8	33	3	-	-	11	6.60	5
Brad Wilson	5	3	24	-	-	-	16	8.00	-
Luke Opacic	6	5	21	-	-	-	8	4.20	3
Christopher Savage	7	5	14	3	-	-	10	7.00	1
Fletcher May	2	1	10	-	-	-	10	10.00	-
Izaak Merlehan	2	2	9	-	-	-	8	4.50	1
Oliver Jennings	1	1	8	-	-	-	8	8.00	-
Aidan Thomas	1	1	7	-	-	-	7	7.00	-
Sol Balbi	4	3	7	1	-	-	4	3.50	-
Toby Laybutt	4	1	4	1	-	-	4	-	1
Aidan Bennett	1	1	3	-	-	-	3	3.00	-
Aditya Nigul	1	1	2	-	-	-	2	2.00	-
Akshit Rana	2	2	1	-	-	-	1	0.50	-
Ben Revai	1	1	-	1	-	-	0	-	-

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ
Christopher Savage	99.0	21	264	24	2	11.00	2.67
Patrick Lindsay	114.5	22	316	17	-	18.59	2.75
Jack Thomas	83.1	10	313	13	-	24.08	3.76
Brad Wilson	40.0	10	105	11	-	9.55	2.63
Kobe Allison	25.2	4	61	9	1	6.78	2.41
Toby Laybutt	37.2	7	72	7	-	10.29	1.93
Luke Opacic	39.1	3	155	7	-	22.14	3.96
Hamish Reynolds	45.1	4	195	6	-	32.50	4.32
Sol Balbi	31.1	9	55	5	-	11.00	1.76
Baran Kumar	40.0	-	180	5	-	36.00	4.50
Fletcher May	17.0	1	68	4	-	17.00	4.00
Nicholas Hay	19.3	-	81	3	-	27.00	4.15
Jamieson Hedges	13.2	1	49	2	-	24.50	3.68
Izaak Merlehan	17.0	2	58	2	-	29.00	3.41
Shivam Vohra	35.0	6	124	2	-	62.00	3.54
Ben Revai	2.0	-	4	1	-	4.00	2.00
Dhruva Thorat	2.0	-	17	1	-	17.00	8.50
Aidan Thomas	3.0	-	24	1	-	24.00	8.00
Akshit Rana	12.0	-	66	1	-	66.00	5.50
Aidan Bennett	2.0	-	19	-	-	-	9.50
Drew Sellers	10.0	-	70	-	-	-	7.00

Fifth Grade Report

Alex Perry

With an unprecedented off-season pandemic, the beginning of the season would not commence until 31 October, more than a month behind the usual scheduled season kick off of late September.

This intensified pre game jitters come Round 1, as the fifth grade Bears made their way out to Blick Oval to battle Wests in a bid to get their season off on the right foot. A strong side was named with a mix of youth, experience, power and finesse, having the side excited about not only the commencement of the season, but where the season may end up.



With a stacked bowling line up, in his first game back from an extended absence from the game, Perry won the toss and chose to bowl, signalling aggressive intent and setting the tone for the season to come. With the score at 4/60 mid-way through Wests' innings, and on the praecipies of victory, rain interfered to rob the upstarts of their first game, and potential six points of the 20/21 season.

Despite the wash out, true heart and commitment to the result was shown in trying to get the ground to a playable state, further setting the standards for the side for the rounds to come.

The early season was turbulent, with numerous close games, along with big blow outs, starting at Ryde Oval against Sydney. Luke Smith (84) and Nicholas Hay (60) put on a clinic with the bat to help the Bears post 8/279, and young upstart Luke Opacic took 6/18 with the ball to help dismantle the Sydney batting order for 98, ending in a bonus point win.

Next up was a game against eventual semi-finalists Easts, which went down to the wire as young opener Olly Jennings (41) helped the team to post a defendable 119 on a shifty wicket at Blick Oval. Easts unfortunately ran down the score 7 down in 45 overs, with Jack Thomas (3 wickets) and Aki Rana (2 wickets), the keys to keeping the game close. A heart breaker, but a lot was learnt from this game for the young side.

A trip out to St George was next on the schedule, where John Nevell showed everyone the talent he has, putting together one of the best lower grade innings of the season, a chanceless 117. Supported by Jennings (44) and Hay (36), another formidable total was posted, 6/252. St George fought back, sitting at 2/173 at one stage, however clutch bowling from Ben Revai and Sol Balbi (3 wickets each) along with Baran Kumar's effort with both the ball and in the fielder with a lightning run out saw the match turn on its head, and the bears rolled Saints for 229, taking another six points.

42 degrees and scorching heat awaited the Bears in the match up against Parramatta. Sent in on a sticky wicket with plenty of youth in the line-up, the Bears were up against it early, sitting at 6/29. However, a fightback ensued, led by Drew Sellers (80) and handy cameos from Shiv Vohra (25) and Rob Lavery (38), managing a very defendable total of 8/192. Despite the Herculean efforts of the side in the extreme heat, Parramatta chased the total 8 down with 1 ball to

spare. It was a heartbreaker for everyone involved, with MacGill, Wright, Vohra all taking 2 wickets.

Bottom of the ladder Randwick Petersham was next up for the fired-up Bears, and appropriately a clinical victory was executed swiftly. Winning the toss and choosing to bowl, Randwick were dismissed for 122, Sol Balbi the chief destroyer with 4/24 and Brad Wilson taking 3/35 on his way back from injury. The Bears chased it one down, with veteran Michael Oliver 63* and youngster Dilraj Singh 33*.

In what would end up being the final match before the Christmas break, another heart stopper was on the cards for the first game of the season at Tunks Park for fifth grade. UNSW made the trip across the bridge for this one-day matchup. With some controversy early doors, the Bears found themselves in a hole, and managed to scratch their way to a defensible 131 thanks to Ben Revai (28). The chase was difficult for UNSW, sitting at 6/95 thanks to all bowlers taking a wicket each, however they managed to pass the total 6 down with 3 overs remaining. Another one that got away, more application to the batting would've seen this one swing towards the Bears.

Due to a COVID-19 outbreak, a tough matchup against eventual finalists Gordon was abandoned, leaving the Bears with 19 points and sitting just outside the top 6 in 8th, with a favourable draw to finish the season.

With finals on their mind, 5s needed another clinical performance to kick off the post-Christmas campaign, which began at home to Campbelltown Camden. Winning the toss and sending the visitors in, Rob Lavery and Aiden Thomas dismantled the Ghosts' batting line-up, with 3/20 and 3/26 respectively, seeing them dismissed for 122. A vintage Michael Lloyd performance of 69* ensured the swift bonus point victory for the Bears, allowing the side to keep pace with the top six.

Round 10 saw fierce rivals Manly Warringah venture down to Tunks Park, a must win for both sides in the race for the finals. With the stakes high, Perry won the toss and electing to bowl first and take advantage of the early juice in the wicket. Manly were 6/89 at one stage and on the ropes, thanks to another Aiden Thomas (3/34) spell and some brilliant fielding from Sol Balbi to cause a run out. However, Manly fought back to post 194 in 48.5 overs, Revai finishing with 3/44 and Vohra finishing with 2/34. After a solid start with the bat, the Bears were overrun, with poor decisions and shot selection being made, the team folded and were rolled for 83. Lots of learnings from this game, after letting it slip from being on top early.

Still with a sniff at finals, Fairfield Liverpool came to Tunks Park. With a bonus point needed, Perry chose to bowl first again at Tunks, ignoring last week's result and backing his bowlers. The result was Fairfield all out for 117, another clinical performance with the ball thanks to MacGill 2/19, Balbi and Hedges both 2/20 and Perry 2/21. The ensuing performance with the bat was blistering, with Aiden Bennett leading the charge with a quick-fire 41, Dilraj Singh 33* and Charlie Rose 29. The Bears cruised past the target 2 down and secured the required bonus point victory.



In what proved to be a pivotal match of the season, 5s geared up for the first two-day game of the season

out at Benson's Lane against Hawkesbury. A monsoonal week saw the first weekend of this match-up washed out, so an early start and one day of 120 overs was on the cards. With more weather around, plenty of games were not going to get on around the competition, so this presented the opportunity for North Sydney to gain points on the teams above them. Winning the toss and bowling again, an electric start from MacGill (2/5) and Balbi (3/8) saw Hawkesbury reeling at 4/11, however the rain made it hard for the quicks to balance when running in causing a fightback by Hawkesbury. Perry (3/24) dismissed the key batsmen and the Bears ran through Hawkesbury for 140. A tough wicket presented a challenge, the top order scratched their way through on the back of Hay (27) to put the match on a knife's edge as the sun came out and the pitch flattened. The youngster Hedges was valiant with 33, however a lapse in judgement saw him run out with the score at 7/125. With this, the momentum of the game shifted and the Bears were all out for 130, another heartbreaker, ultimately ending the finals hopes for the season.



Another two-day match turned one-day match saw competition leaders and eventual champions Northern District make their way to Tunks Park. Being sent in against a consistent attack, the Bears were in trouble early, but Ben Revai with a gritty 38* along with Perry (19) carried the hopes of the team posting a competitive score, however it was not meant to be and we were rolled for 90. This did not

deter the youngsters, making a game of it, with NDs taking 45 overs to chase the score 5 down. MacGill took a classy 2/21.

Despite the tough losses in the previous two weeks, the Bear suited up for a bounce back performance in another two-day match-up against local rivals Mosman. Winning the toss and bowling first again, Mosman were 2 for 0, with Archie Wright (1/22) bowling thunderbolts and MacGill (2/20) shaping the ball nicely. After a brief fightback from the middle order, Aki Rana took 4/17 in a dominant display to dismiss Mosman for 156. Brad Spiby on debut took 5 catches behind the stumps in an impressive display of glovework. This left a tough period in the dark to negotiate for the Bear in the afternoon. The side collapsed to 4/19 overnight, leaving a lot to do the following week. However, in the fightback of the season, Dilraj Singh (72) and Aki Rana (45) took the score to 4/128, and the Bears saw their way home from there with the lower order chipping in across the board.

With only pride to play for in the final round, 5s ventured out to Sutherland for a showdown against the Sharks. Winning the toss and batting first, we made their way to 7/146 off their 50 overs, with Perry anchoring the innings with a patient 56 and Singh helping things along early with 33. This score was worth more due to the slow outfield and the chase was tough as the pitch began to crumble. However, despite our best efforts, Sutherland chased the total down with 3 balls remaining, with another heart-breaking loss to end the season. MacGill was the best with the ball taking 3/25 and Revai took a strangling 2/25.

The Bears finished 10th on the ladder, with 41 points (6 wins, three of which were bonus points) and the third best net run rate in the competition. With 40 players putting on the whites for fifth grade, and

numerous players being selected higher up, this was a tough season to have a consistent core of players. (John Nevell played second grade, Luke Smith, Brad Wilson and Baran Kumar third grade, and Sol Balbi, Nicholas Hay, Shiv Vohra, Jack Thomas, Jamieson Hedges, Luke Opacic, Michael Lloyd, Ben Revai, Olly Jennings, Aki Rana, Charlie Rose and Drew Sellers all playing fourth grade).

Ultimately a season of near misses, the games against Parramatta, Easts, Hawkesbury and Sutherland all

were crucial when the chips fell at the end of the season. However, the will to fight and compete along with the virtue of patience grew with each game, and the culmination of this was the Mosman game, where the side bounced back from sure defeat to take a commanding victory. The growth and development of everyone in this side over the season was a joy to see, and ultimately is more important than playing in any finals, as there is no doubt that these players will all come back stronger and hungrier next season.

Fifth Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Dilraj Singh	7	7	190	2	1	-	72	38.00	-
Nicholas Hay	8	7	172	2	1	-	60	34.40	2
John Nevell	4	3	155	-	-	1	117	51.67	5/2
Alexander Perry	14	10	146	1	1	-	56	16.22	7
Oliver Jennings	6	5	133	-	-	-	44	26.60	2
Drew Sellers	5	4	102	1	1	-	80	34.00	3
Luke Smith	2	1	84	-	1	-	84	84.00	-
Michael Lloyd	3	2	82	1	1	-	69	82.00	1
Michael Oliver	4	4	69	1	1	-	63	23.00	1
Ben Revai	8	5	68	1	-	-	38	17.00	3
Aidan Bennett	5	5	63	-	-	-	41	12.60	-
Akshit Rana	6	4	58	-	-	-	45	14.50	5
Alex MacGill	9	7	48	2	-	-	18	9.60	2
Charlie Rose	3	3	46	-	-	-	29	15.33	-
Jamieson Hedges	5	3	44	-	-	-	33	14.67	2
Robert Lavery	2	1	38	-	-	-	38	38.00	-
Shivam Vohra	9	6	28	-	-	-	25	4.67	3
Archie Wright	3	3	27	1	-	-	17	13.50	1
Baran Kumar	2	2	27	-	-	-	19	13.50	1
Aditya Nigul	2	2	24	-	-	-	20	12.00	-
Jack Thomas	3	2	21	1	-	-	16	21.00	1
Joseph Connell	7	4	18	-	-	-	16	4.50	12
Hamish Reynolds	1	1	15	-	-	-	15	15.00	-
Aden Clark	6	4	15	-	-	-	5	3.75	5
Patrick Lindsay	1	1	13	-	-	-	13	13.00	-

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Jaiveer Singh Dhanoa	3	3	13	2	-	-	6	13.00	-
Todd Harper	1	1	10	1	-	-	10	-	-
Aidan Thomas	3	2	8	-	-	-	5	4.00	-
Luke Opacic	2	1	8	1	-	-	8	-	1
Bradley Spiby	2	2	7	-	-	-	4	3.50	6
Cooper Goddard	1	1	5	-	-	-	5	5.00	-
James Barwise	1	1	5	1	-	-	5	-	-
Farjaam Atshan	1	1	3	-	-	-	3	3.00	-
Nuwan Whyte	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1.00	-
Michael Goode	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Sol Balbi	8	3	-	3	-	-	0	-	2

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ
Alex MacGill	76.5	15	203	15	-	13.53	2.64
Sol Balbi	57.1	8	145	14	-	10.36	2.54
Ben Revai	66.0	11	207	13	-	15.92	3.14
Shivam Vohra	75.0	7	242	9	-	26.89	3.23
Akshit Rana	59.5	12	145	8	-	18.13	2.42
Luke Opacic	13.1	2	30	7	1	4.29	2.28
Aidan Thomas	28.0	3	77	7	-	11.00	2.75
Jack Thomas	25.0	9	44	6	-	7.33	1.76
Alexander Perry	32.3	7	94	6	-	15.67	2.89
Jamieson Hedges	30.0	4	84	5	-	16.80	2.80
Robert Lavery	19.0	1	63	4	-	15.75	3.32
Archie Wright	24.0	2	72	4	-	18.00	3.00
Brad Wilson	9.5	-	35	3	-	11.67	3.56
Jaiveer Singh Dhanoa	24.0	7	53	2	-	26.50	2.21
Baran Kumar	16.0	-	55	2	-	27.50	3.44
Farjaam Atshan	4.0	-	13	1	-	13.00	3.25
Nicholas Hay	6.0	1	26	1	-	26.00	4.33
Hamish Reynolds	7.0	-	27	1	-	27.00	3.86
Aidan Bennett	19.0	2	60	1	-	60.00	3.16
Oliver Jennings	16.0	1	79	1	-	79.00	4.94
Todd Harper	1.0	-	5	-	-	-	5.00
James Barwise	6.0	1	22	-	-	-	3.67
Neil Sarkar	4.0	-	23	-	-	-	5.75
Christopher Savage	10.0	-	28	-	-	-	2.80
Drew Sellers	9.4	2	32	-	-	-	3.31
James Edwards	9.0	-	33	-	-	-	3.67

Women's Third Grade Report

Alan Gibbons and Hetti Blackburn



From humble beginnings as a half-season team in 2019/20 where we sometimes only had 8 players, battled our way to make more than 50 as a team, and yet built a team spirit and culture that was the foundation of our 2020/21 team, we entered the 2020/21 season with more excitement and passion than any team in the competition.

Our team included three first-time-ever players, two women aged over 50, a handful of underage players, a mother-daughter pairing and some players still wondering how weirdly some of the fielding positions are named ... it was safe to say that our expectations were low, and our competitors weren't worried in the slightest. How wrong did we prove them!

By the middle of the season, we were labelled 'the team to watch' and 'the team that can beat anyone on the day', we were complemented by players and umpires alike on our approach to cricket, the spirit we played in and the speed of our development and improvement. To show how far we had come, when we made the semi-finals, teams were no longer surprised; perhaps 'nervous' was a better description!

The highlight clearly was our team's unity and support for each other, our tenacity to give it our best no matter what, to support everyone having a go no matter what, our resilience to overcome challenges (like 41-degree heat and fields of glass), and our unwavering support for our teammates: celebrating successes like they were our own and the always-ready arm around the shoulders in empathy of the occasional duck.

And we were honoured by a glorious award from Cricket NSW, with our very own vice-captain Anushka Dongre named player of the season for women's third grade!

What an amazing season. Here's how it played out round by round.

T20 Round 1 v Manly @ Balgowlah Oval
Bears 9/72 (new team record score) lost to Manly 7/121

Urzana Ghadially 2/6 in her first game ever, Sarah Gibbons wicket maiden

The love of cricket was the clear winner today. Eleven UTS North Sydney players batted and 11 bowled today, giving everyone a go in a fantastic introduction to our season.

Manly batted first, scoring 7/121 in 20 overs, we responded with 6/72. Highlights included Urzana Ghadially 2/6 (first cricket match ever) and Anushka Dongre 2/9, plus a wicket-maiden from Sarah Gibbons. Our fielding was very good on a bumpy outfield and we were well-pleased midway.

We came out firing with Amy Gibbons and Anushka putting on 0/32 in the first 4 overs. Amy fell on 18 off 20, Anushka played an anchor role and retired on 12, and Hayley Yeomans added double figures. Six of our players managed to hit a four today - a real highlight

in a team that is very new to cricket. Excellent catches from Tilly Kingsmill and Sarah Gibbons and a great run-out from Anushka capped a great day out.

T20 Round 2 v Manly @ Tunks Park
Bears 8/87 (new team record score) lost to Manly 3/89

Hetti Blackburn 33*, Sherrie Elliot's first wicket ever, Bella Bursill – amazing catch

We managed to get a full game despite all the rain around (with great thanks to Bernie-the-Awesome with his super-sopper).

UTS North Sydney showed an improved performance in all aspects of the game. Captain Hetti Blackburn starred with the bat, retiring on 33* which included six 4s. She was backed up by Amy Gibbons making 13, Liz Buckley 8 and two players on 5, Sherrie Elliott and Zoey Ridgway. The Bears made 87 runs, a 15-run improvement over last week's performance against the same opposition.

Sherrie Elliott bowled brilliantly to pick up her first wicket in only her second game of cricket ever, with figures of 1/13, and Jasmeet Bedi showed enormous improvement in her bowling, bringing back a tight 0/5 in 2 overs. Catch of the day, or possibly the season, was from Bella Bursill at deep fine leg, holding a well-struck skier to enormous cheers from all her teammates.

T20 Round 3 v Campbelltown-Camden @ Clark Reserve

Match rained out

T20 Round 4 v Gordon @ Forsyth Park
Bears 5/94 (new team record score) lost to Gordon 1/141

Hetti Blackburn 33* (2-in-a-row), Evelyn McKay and Sarah Gibbons – first 4s ever at this level

We set a new record team score of today (94) as we continue to build strength and depth in our team.

Captain Hetti Blackburn retired on 33* for the second match in a row, this time off only 27 balls. Anushka Dongre added 13 off 13, Sarah Gibbons 8 off 9 and six other batsmen all put runs on the board - with five of them making their individual highest scores. We're improving our boundary scoring too, with Hetti Blackburn scoring our team's first 6 of the season and Sarah Gibbons and Evy McKay scoring their first 4s at this grade.



Though we struggled to take wickets, with only Bella Bursill picking up 1/12 (thanks to quick hands from keeper Evy McKay), Anushka Dongre bowled extremely well, pinning back their openers and returning just 0/5 from 4 overs. We also welcomed Lara Eastman on debut who put in a fine fielding effort today.

Gordon was the stronger team and showed great experience and thoughtful batting, something our team noticed and learned from, as well as fine sportsmanship and great spirit. Our team is very pleased to have almost doubled our previous score against Gordon, showing strong improvements in all aspects of our game.

T20 Round 5 v Bankstown @ Tunks Park
Bears 7/115 (new team record score and our first win!) beat Bankstown 4/105
Anushka Dongre 30* & 2/19, Caitlin Thomas 20,
Lucy Warren 16, Tilly Kingsmill 13
Urzana Ghadially & Jasmeet Bedi – first 4s ever

OUR FIRST WIN!!!

What an exciting match and a well-deserved victory for a team that has been improving in every match this season.

With our captain (and leading batter in the competition) sidelined due to an ankle fracture, our vice-captain Anushka Dongre stepped into the role for the first time and ably led our team to victory. From the very first ball by Urzana Ghadially, we could see that our training on improving our bowling length was working - we were immediately troubling the openers and giving them nothing short to work with. Amy Gibbons had an excellent match behind the stumps, keeping everything tight and putting pressure on the batsmen with at least one stumping chance that looked incredibly close. Our ground fielding was excellent and great throwing produced two run-outs, both from captain Anushka. Tilly Kingsmill held a fantastic catch at point and tight bowling kept the run rate down, resulting in Bankstown posting only 4/105. Anushka Dongre was the pick of the bowlers with 2/19, assisted by great economical bowling from Lucy Warren and Anjali d'Cunha.

Tilly Kingsmill opened for the first time for 3rds, batting superbly for 13 and absorbing some excellent opening bowling. Lucy Warren made a quickfire 16, Anushka Dongre a blazing 30* off 26 and Caity Thomas a fantastic 20 off 21.



What the numbers don't show is just how much we have improved our running between wickets, looking to turn dots into 1s and stealing 2s, vital to keeping the scoreboard ticking over. It was then up to our middle order to bring us home - Hayley Yeomans added 6, Jillian Edwards was brilliantly selfless in pushing hard to steal a second only to be run out from great fielding, and Jasmeet Bedi hit the winning runs with her first 4 ever!

The entire UTS North Sydney team had been camped together on the sideline, counting down every run needed, cheering loudly for every boundary and equally loudly for every single, erupting with joy as we passed Bankstown's score with seven balls to spare for our team's first win!

T20 Round 6 v Bankstown @ O'Neill Park
Bears 7/64 lost to Bankstown 5/115
Anushka Dongre 26. Bella Bursill 12 and 2/15, Jillian Edwards 1/8

Bankstown would not underestimate us again and they came out with a much more polished bowling attack from their younger players. Evelyn McKay fell early and Tilly Kingsmill dug deep, scoring only one run off her first 19 balls faced! Even Anushka Dongre at #3, who batted faster than run-a-ball last week, was only on 6 off 15 balls faced, such was the

stranglehold Bankstown managed to put on us. When Tilly retired on 12, Sherrie Elliott did well to rotate the strike and steal quick singles before falling on 5, bringing returning captain Hetti Blackburn to the crease. Hetti is known for powerful shots and fast scoring, but found the going as tough as the rest, scoring only 5 off 9. With Anushka eventually making a fine 26 and the others not troubling the scorers, we finished on only 64 runs - we knew that probably wasn't enough, but showing great character, we took to the field for a determined fight and showed no signs of waning energy or withering smiles.

Urzana Ghadially, Anushka Dongre and Anjali d'Cunha opened well, keeping the score to only 1/26 after 7 overs, with Anjali especially getting a great deal of swing and taking out their #2 with a fantastic yorker. But Bankstown settled well, passing our score in the 13th over, but not before Jillian Edwards picked up a 'bowled' against her name too, her first wicket for the Bears. The match continued in pursuit of bonus points - Evelyn McKay earned herself a great stumping off Sherrie Elliott's bowling, Anushka picked up yet another run-out with fine fielding from square leg, and Hetti Blackburn held onto a nice catch to give Urzana a well-deserved wicket. Fantastic to also see Lara Eastman have a go, bowling her first over at this level - all about building experience.

The game ended with happy smiling faces on both sides - Bankstown satisfied with their revenge and UTS North Sydney recognising the power of incredibly good bowling. Our team continues to love their cricket and develop their skills in every match and training session and it's very pleasing to hear players say "if only the game was a bit longer, we could all have done more" ... perfect timing as we were to switch into the 40-over format after Christmas!

**T20 Round 7 v Universities @ Tunks Park (41°C!)
Bears 1/113 beat Universities 3/107**

**Amy Gibbons 34* off 15 balls, Anushka Dongre 22,
Bella Bursill 19, Zoey Ridgway 12 off only 10**

Another win, in 41°C!

Three eskies full of ice, ice vest, & ice towels, ice slurry, more bags of ice, ice-cooled necklaces, ice-packed drinks, frozen lollies. Fielding changes at every over. Minimise running. Rotate players off every over. Nobody to bowl more than two in a row.

But it wasn't enough.

Player after player asked to come off. At times we fielded with nine, with three under ice. Only Sarah Gibbons seemed unfazed, fielding all 20 overs! Not so lucky for one of the umpires though, who stumbled off glassy eyed and double-visioned! Universities suffered equally, with two players off with heat issues. We shared our ice and our concern. Never seen anything like it.

And yet, despite the heat, we played incredibly good cricket. Anushka Dongre and Anjali d'Cunha opened with excellent spells and kept the visitors to 1/7 after 4 overs. Urzana Ghadially delivered an incredibly satisfying yorker that crashed through middle stump and Zoey Ridgway's spin kept the scores down. Sherrie Elliot delivered good economical bowling and Tilly Kingsmill, Bella Bursill and Jillian Edwards showed tough-stuff through the heat wave. Our fielding was about the best it's been all season - no dropped catches, very few mishaps in the uneven outfield, a great caught-behind by Amy Gibbons and an excellent run-out from Hetti Blackburn. After 20 overs, Unis had 107. And it was still 41°.

Bella Bursill and Zoey Ridgway dowsed their flames in ice and got us off to a fiery start, reaching 25 after 4 overs. Zoey was unlucky to be run out in a mix-up on 12 off only 10 balls and Bella went on to make 19*

before retiring. Anushka Dongre was in at #3 - her batting was exceptional given the circumstances, with her 22 coming off 27 balls without a single boundary! Hetti Blackburn was in at #4, making 10 off 15 balls before retiring hurt due to heat exhaustion.

Amy Gibbons at #5 is known for being able to rip into a bowling attack much like her hero, Alyssa Healy, and maybe it was the heat that ignited her today. We don't know, but 15 balls later Amy retired on 34* including three 4s and three 6s! We passed their score with five overs to spare and decided that was enough, chasing some extra bonus points in those conditions was simply not cricket.

Limited Overs Round 1 v Manly-Warringah @ Tunks Park

**Bears 146 (new team record) lost to Manly 199
Liz Buckley 46 & 3/23, Grace Keating 31 and 4/37,
Zoey Ridgway 15, Urzana Ghadially – one of the
catches of the season. First time we've ever bowled a
team out!**

Manly won the toss and batted first, with their numbers 2 and 4 both making 50s, taking the score up to 2/166 and looking to make a score of upwards of 250. But some much tighter bowling, improved bowling length and a real lift in our fielding saw us keep them to 199 - their last 8 wickets falling for only 33 runs (including the two retirees who returned at the end). We also managed a new milestone as a team, picking up all 10 wickets for the first time ever - well done Bears! Great bowling from Grace Keating (4/37) and Liz Buckley (3/23) and Evelyn McKay (just 1/5 off 3 overs). In the field we held good catches from Hetti Blackburn and Evelyn McKay, before Urzana Ghadially held one of the catches of the season - a looped spinning high catch coming over her shoulder-awesome catch!

Evelyn McKay (importantly soaking up 20 balls) and Zoey Ridgway (15) diligently did the duty of openers - seeing off the opening bowlers and keeping the runs ticking over, setting a platform for those that followed. Liz Buckley (46) and Grace Keating (31) thanked them for that, batting beautifully and aggressively as the score raced on to 92 before we lost our next wicket. At 4/114 at the halfway mark, we had quiet hopes of an amazing upset against Manly as Caitlin Thomas (10) and Liz Buckley put on 31 runs for the 5th wicket. Ultimately though, Manly's power and depth showed through as they rattled through our remaining batsmen and had us all out for 146. Nevertheless, Manly would have had a few moments of doubt ... and we'll claim a moral victory from that!

Limited Overs Round 2 v Gordon @ Tunks Park

Bears 66 lost to Gordon 5/186

Batting masterclass from Gordon

Not our best match to be honest. The only highlight was perhaps what we learned from watching just how well Gordon set about their batting, a lesson we would take on board two weeks later.

Limited Overs Round 3 v Bankstown @ Grahame Thomas Oval

Match rained out

Limited Overs Round 4 v Gordon @ Forsyth Park

Bears 9/146 lost to Gordon 161

Anjali d'Cunha 5/41 - our first 5-fer ever!

Mabel Oxenham – first wicket, on debut.

**Tilly Kingsmill 2/19, Anushka Dongre 44 and 2/17,
Amy Gibbons 31**

"UTS North Sydney is the team to watch" - Gordon team manager

Anjali d'Cunha picked up our club's first 5-wicket haul in women's cricket with the amazing bowling figures of 6.4-2-5-14!



Anushka Dongre's wicket maiden in her third over was well-deserved and her excellent line and length bowling could have easily bagged her another two or three in her opening spell. Lucy Warren kept things tight, returning 1/8, and Mabel Oxenham - our 12-year-old star on debut at the third grade level - picked up her first wicket at this level. Tilly Kingsmill (2/19) provided the key breakthroughs of dismissing Gordon's well-set opener and their #6 - the first from an absolute screamer of a catch from captain Hetti Blackburn (her first of two equally brilliant catches at short cover) and the second from piling through the batter's stumps. But Gordon bat deep and, at 5/143 with 12 overs to go, looked like making well over 200.

But then along came Anjali d'Cunha. Hetti Blackburn's amazing stop-chest-arm-hand juggle to hold a very powerfully driven catch was Anjali's first victim, followed by four bowled victims, included the returning 51* retiree. In 13 deliveries, Anjali picked up 5 wickets for 4 runs and Gordon had crumbled to 161 all out ... their lowest score against us and the first time we've bowled them out.

Tilly Kingsmill (3) and Bella Bursill (1) dutifully opened for us and saw off Gordon's openers. Anushka Dongre (44) then played the most determined innings

I've seen - a faultless and beautiful mix of super-tight defence and aggressive treatment of bad deliveries. Her six over square leg was celebrated with a big fist pump, brilliant to see. Anushka was only denied her maiden 50 by one of the unluckiest dismissals in cricket: a deflection of a great drive from the bowler onto the stumps to run her out at the non-striker's end. Lucy Warren (7) turned a free hit into an amazing six that cleared the fence at mid-on.

Hetti Blackburn (11) patiently accumulated runs before cramping up but unfortunately not retiring hurt, a decision she immediately regretted as her stumps were knocked over. Amy Gibbons (31) put on a 45-run partnership with Anushka Dongre, with Amy picking up 5 well-struck boundaries in an innings that lifted the run rate and put us in with a chance. Mabel Oxenham (7) and Sarah Gibbons (6) showed the importance of playing into the gaps and taking quick singles, but Anjali d'Cunha felt some revenge as she was bowled through the gate on her second ball. Jillian Edwards did the long walk out there to face only the last delivery, with her and Lara Eastman both finishing not out.

In the end we finished on 136, just 25 runs short, our lowest margin of defeat to Gordon by a long way. It was also our first 5-fa, our best fielding and catching and the second game in a row where we only conceded 15 sundries. Gordon graciously commented that we were the team to watch this season and that we now showed the talent to beat any team in this league!

Limited Overs Round 5 v Campbelltown-Camden @ Tunks Park

Match rained out

**Limited Overs Round 6 v Universities @ Tunks Park
Bears 8/182 (new record) beat Universities 92
Anjali d'Cunha 4/15, Abby Williams 3/10**

Amy Gibbons 50* - her and our team's first 50!
Anushka Dongre 46, Sarah Gibbons 18, Urzana
Ghadially 11*
Lara Eastman – first wicket ever at this grade

Just brilliant.

From the very first ball we were setting up for something special – Anjali was on a hat-trick of sorts, having taken two wickets with her last two deliveries in the previous match. We compressed the field, everyone in really, really close. Anjali ran in, full length, beat the batsman and missed the off stump by millimeters! So close and yet so far for the magic hat-trick! The very next ball, same delivery, millimetres closer and the off stump went cartwheeling. Next ball ... same again! Anjali had just bowled the following sequence of 7 deliveries:

W · W W · W W

Has anyone ever come closer to a hat trick and not had one?!! Anjali would finish the day on 7-3-4-15, a 4-fa to follow her 5-fa, absolutely amazing bowling!

Captain Hetti Blackburn decided to maintain the pressure of a very close-in field, which delivered results as Universities were soon in desperate trouble at 4/6 - a good catch from Bella Bursill at short fine leg, followed by Bella (7-2-1-12) then bowling the Universities number 4, none other than a relative of the great Alyssa Healy. Anushka Dongre (5-2-1-4) gave nothing away, going for less than 1 run per over and grabbing a wicket, Urzana Ghadially (2-0-0-4) kept things really tight and Evy McKay's (3-0-0-12) spin and bounce troubled the batters again. Abby Williams (5-3-3-10) bowled excellently to dismiss not only the opener (another good catch from Bella) but also adding an lbw and a bowled to her tally - great stuff Abby! And in one of our much-celebrated highlights of the day, Lara Eastman (2-0-1-11) earned

her first wicket for third grade - a fantastic one-handed low catch from Urzana!

Universities had made 92 all out and we could feel some growing excitement ...

Our openers, Evy McKay and Bella Bursill, had to face up against the Universities' best bowler - this week they could survive only 13 balls between them - always tough up front, but the team as always is so grateful for their willingness to take on the task. In her debut at the number 3 position was Sarah Gibbons who had earlier said "I just want to hit one good clean powerful four today" - well, she delivered to that goal and then some, striking four fantastic 4s through square leg on her way to 18 off just 19 balls, to many cheers of support from her teammates!

Amy Gibbons joined her Mum at the crease for a short spell before Anushka Dongre and Amy worked hard to keep that opening bowler out (she would finish on 8-2-2-12). With plenty of patience and very defensive dot balls, the score slowly trickled up. When both were well set, the fireworks started ...

Amy has tremendous power which seems to come effortlessly - in her last game against Universities she smashed 34 off 15 balls. Today had called for a more disciplined approach initially, but when she opened up, Universities must have had that dreaded sense of déjà vu... Amy picked up 7 fours and 3 sixes on her way to her - and our team's - first 50, with big smiles and cheers all round!

Having won the game, we faced a tough decision – do we bat on for bonus points? It's really tough for fielding sides to continue in this situation, and we felt bad doing it, but decided to bat on as we needed the points to give us an outside chance of making the finals. Apologies again to Universities; we wouldn't

have liked the reverse situation either but would have understood.

So we continued... Anushka had made 44 in the last match against Gordon and desperately wanted the magic milestone. Sadly, today was not to be, out caught off the bowling of Healy for a fantastic score of 46. We then had a chance to see all of our batsmen get a go as we batted through to the last ball of our 40 overs. Hetti Blackburn made a solid 8 and Jillian Edwards ground out 2 before Urzana Ghadially made her first double-figure score with the bat, finishing on 11* off 34 balls and showing growing confidence for every delivery she faced. Anjali d'Cunha doesn't love batting, but kept at it for 16 balls to make a good 3 runs (and of course importantly earn the sundries which added to our total), Abby Williams also added a solid 8 runs and was starting to really strike the ball well, and Lara Eastman faced just the final ball of the innings as our team finished on 182.

Even better than our win, our record score, our maiden 50, our 4-fa to follow a 5-fa and numerous other highlights, was seeing how well the team has united in support of each other. Hetti's captaincy has been superb all season and was even better today: creating pressure with her field, using her bowlers cleverly and maintaining a cohesive and inclusive spirit throughout the team. Great win!

Limited overs Round 7 v Universities @ Tonbridge Park

Drama...

The stage was set, a victory today would see our team make the finals, something we didn't even think of at the beginning of the season.

Unfortunately, it only took about two minutes of inspecting the field to find the first piece of glass,

then hundreds more. The council seemed to have installed drainage and the channels that were dug had stirred up glass and (suspected, then later confirmed) asbestos, making the field unplayable. No backup field had been arranged, so we returned home disappointed and wondering what the outcome would be.

The decision was made that the game would be declared a draw, despite our protests. It meant that our season had come to an end and we wouldn't make finals; we'd finished 4th on the ladder in a competition where semi-finals were set up as 2nd plays 3rd, the winner then plays 1st.

But the drama wasn't over just yet

Campbelltown-Camden had managed a somewhat surprising victory against the unbeaten Manly team – a close match that came down to the final over - and secured Campbelltown's spot in the semi-finals above us. However, Campbelltown had breached the rules and played an ineligible player, the SCA took some points away, which meant that ... we had finished 3rd!

We had made the finals!

**Limited overs SEMI-FINAL v Manly-Warringah @
Balgowlah Oval**

**Bears 10/48 lost to Manly 7/133
Urzana Ghadially 2/12, Evelyn McKay 10, Anushka
Dongre 10**

The semi-final!

From a team who couldn't field 8 players a year ago, we ended 3rd on the ladder and made the semis! Regardless of the outcome, we were already claiming victory #1 for the day! We arrived at Balgowlah full of enthusiasm and a faint hope in the back of the mind that maybe today we could provide the upset of the



season, and then who knows, we pushed Gordon close last time

We won the toss (victory #2 for the day) and sent Manly in to bat. We knew that if we picked up a few key wickets, the game could crack open. Excellent bowling again at the top from Anjali d'Cunha (8 overs 1/17) and Lucy Warren (8 overs 1/23) saw Manly's number 2 and 3 back in the shed for a duck and 3 runs respectively ... we had a chance!

But Manly's opener (with her third grade average this season of 52!) survived three successive and very close lbw decisions, or Manly could have been in big trouble early. Bella Bursill (5 overs 0/26) came in for some punishment from the opener who would go on to make another 50 and retire, while Abby Williams (5 overs 1/19) broke through number 4's defences before left-arm seamer Urzana Ghadially (3 overs 2/12) took a great catch off her own bowling and added a 'bowled' victim to her tally for the day. Anushka Dongre (8 overs 2/23) then strangled the runs in the tail and picked up 2 wickets, with Evy McKay (3 overs 0/12) providing some great spin variation. As a testament to how far we've come as a team, we actually held Manly to their LOWEST score against any team this season victory #3 for the day!

Our opening pair lost Tilly Kingsmill early, but Evy McKay (10 off 43) and Sarah Gibbons (5 off 32) dug in and fought hard to keep the opening bowlers out. Manly are perhaps the best fielding side in the competition and they cut off singles and fours with great skill - we crept up to only 1/9 after 8 overs, but we knew we had some fire-power coming ...

When Sarah was trapped lbw and Evy was run out, Anushka Dongre and Amy Gibbons were batting together again. We've had great success all season with their partnerships and we were full of hope, needing around five runs an over with seven wickets in hand (and both can easily score faster than that!). But another run-out, this time of the "but I was well in" variety, saw Amy depart without scoring and Lucy Warren come in. Lucy has also made good runs with the bat and hopes were still hanging in there ... unfortunately Lucy (1) was then the first of 4 wickets from Mia Nel (the Manly opener who made 50) as our batting collapsed for the only time this season. Captain Hetti Blackburn (7) and Urzana Ghadially (2 from 24 balls) held back the tide for a while, but eventually fell along with Bella Bursill and Jillian Edwards, leaving Anjali d'Cunha on 0* at the end. Manly were excellent in the field, their bowling was tight and we were well-beaten by a very good side.

But our final victory was to come from perhaps the most unlikely place of all - from an umpire, post-match! Kevin McFarlane, standing in nearly his 500th match, came over to tell us that we were the most awesome team in the league. He was delighted to see how far and fast our team was developing and how much we played cricket in the spirit in which it is intended.

Victory #4 ... not bad in a day's cricket.

Bring on the 2021/22 season!

Women's Third Grade Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Anushka Dongre	10	10	208	2	-	-	46	26.00	-
Amy Gibbons	9	9	156	2	1	-	50*	22.29	1
Hetti Blackburn	10	10	118	3	-	-	33*	16.86	2
Elizabeth Buckley	2	2	54	-	-	-	46	27.00	-
Sarah Gibbons	9	8	45	1	-	-	18	6.43	-
Tilly Kingsmill	10	9	39	1	-	-	13	4.88	1
Bella Bursill	10	9	37	3	-	-	19*	6.17	-
Lucy Warren	5	4	33	-	-	-	16	8.25	1
Zoey Ridgway	3	3	32	-	-	-	15	10.67	2
Grace Keating	1	1	31	-	-	-	31	31.00	-
Caitlin Thomas	2	2	30	-	-	-	20	15.00	-
Evelyn Mckay	7	7	26	1	-	-	10	4.33	1
Sherrin Elliott	7	6	22	1	-	-	6*	4.40	1
Urzana Ghadially	8	6	21	4	-	-	11	10.50	1
Hayley Yeomans	3	3	17	-	-	-	10	5.67	-
Abigail Williams	7	4	12	1	-	-	8	4.00	-
Mabel Oxenham	1	1	7	-	-	-	7	7.00	-
Jasmeet Bedi	4	2	7	-	-	-	4	3.50	-
Anjali D'Cunha	8	5	4	2	-	-	3	1.33	-
Jillian Edwards	8	4	3	1	-	-	2	1.00	-
India Keating	2	2	2	-	-	-	1	1.00	-



Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Anushka Dongre	49.0	4	152	13	-	11.69	3.10	2/9
Anjali D'Cunha	41.4	6	115	11	1	10.45	2.76	5/14
Urzana Ghadially	23.0	-	134	5	-	26.80	5.83	2/6
Grace Keating	7.0	-	37	4	-	9.25	5.29	4/37
Elizabeth Buckley	10.0	-	47	4	-	11.75	4.70	3/23
Abigail Williams	18.0	4	98	4	-	24.50	5.44	3/10
Sherrin Elliott	23.0	-	133	3	-	44.33	5.78	1/13
Bella Bursill	37.0	5	160	3	-	53.33	4.32	1/12
Tilly Kingsmill	13.0	-	101	2	-	50.50	7.77	2/19
Sarah Gibbons	2.0	1	7	1	-	7.00	3.50	1/0
Caitlin Thomas	4.0	-	10	1	-	10.00	2.50	1/10
Hetti Blackburn	3.0	-	16	1	-	16.00	5.33	1/8
Lara Eastman	3.0	-	21	1	-	21.00	7.00	1/11
Mabel Oxenham	6.0	-	31	1	-	31.00	5.17	1/31
Lucy Warren	21.0	1	65	1	-	65.00	3.10	1/23
Evelyn McKay	13.5	-	82	1	-	82.00	5.93	1/5
Jillian Edwards	11.0	-	87	1	-	87.00	7.91	1/8
India Keating	3.3	1	7	-	-	-	2.00	0/0
Jasmeet Bedi	3.0	-	16	-	-	-	5.33	0/5
Zoey Ridgway	5.0	-	30	-	-	-	6.00	0/7
Hayley Yeomans	7.0	-	55	-	-	-	7.86	0/16



Poidevin-Gray Shield Report

Aiden Bariol



The UTS North Sydney Poidevin-Gray Shield team had another solid season this year to place 4th in the Sixers Conference. The team won four out of the six round games. In these games we won, the beauty was in the utter dominance we had in each of them – a true testament to the talent and relentlessness of the team when in winning positions. In the games we lost, some class batting took the games away, but the boys fought each one to the end – something to be proud of. We were unfortunately knocked out in the conference semi-final due to poor weather the week prior dampening the square. The boys were very disappointed to not have the chance to go one further than the team did last year however I am sure next year's team will be just as motivated. Coming into the North Sydney side as a keen outside observer at the end of the prior season where I was able to witness their finals run, I was extremely excited. Upon joining, I was highly impressed by the calibre of young men and that opinion never changed throughout. In a season that was impacted by some of the wildest weather I have witnessed, we were fortunate to get all our round games in so thank you must go to our groundsmen for their hard work.

Some of the key highlights of the season can be summarised as follows:

- Highest team score of 275 vs St George
- Lowest opposition total bowling Randwick-Petersham out for 73 (T20)
- Tim Reynolds finishing fifth in the competition batting aggregates with 277 runs and first in the competition batting averages at 92.33
- Highest individual score by Tim Reynolds with 97* vs Sutherland in Round 2
- Leading wicket takers were Jack James and Mac Jenkins taking 7 wickets each at 18.29 and 23.57 respectively
- Best figures by Fletcher May with 4/37 vs Mosman in Round 5

With competitions like these, we have the luxury of selecting a larger squad than the 11 required. A special thanks to squad members Nicholas Hay, Adam Cavenor, Finn Nixon-Tomko, John Nevell, Jake Holmes and Drew Sellers who put the team before themselves in acting as 12th and 13th men when required.



Poidevin-Gray Player of the Year was awarded to Tim Reynolds. Tim put his hand up this year to lead the batting side this year, rarely missing out. It was amazing to see what this guy could do when he really committed his mind to it. It was great to watch his innings against Sutherland where he hit 97* to win the game after getting minimal sleep the night before and being crook as a dog throughout the day. Not sure what he ate the night before but luckily for us the runs weren't isolated to only off the field that day. Tim

hit two other half-centuries and a 49* during the season. Tim is a deserved winner of this year's Player of the Season. Well done, mate!



Thank you to Gary Whitaker for coaching the team this season. Your knowledge and structure provided the best blueprint for success. Thanks for giving your time to us on Sundays. The same goes for David James, our scorer. Life operates a whole lot easier for a captain when blessed with the likes of David, happy to score and help out without request. Thanks again, David! A big thank you must also extend to Pat Lindsay and Craig Tomko for their huge efforts in selecting the best team available each week. Another thank you to all players who came down to show support to the team this year, it was always massively appreciated.

Lastly, a big thank you to the club and committee for welcoming me in this year. I see the club becoming a powerhouse moving forward and it's something I'm excited to be a part of.

Final congratulations must go to Fletcher May, Kobe Allison, Jack James, Nuwan Whyte and Aiden Bariol for having played their finals PGs season. Good luck to the team next year. Go and get that Premiership!



Poidevin-Gray Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	Runs	NO	50s	100s	HS	Average	C/S
Tim Reynolds	6	6	277	3	3	-	97*	92.33	1
Jack James	5	5	177	-	2	-	70	35.40	2
Aiden Bariol	6	5	138	1	2	-	52	34.50	5/3
Kobe Allison	6	3	124	-	1	-	84	41.33	-
Adam Cavenor	4	2	54	1	1	-	54*	54.00	1
Jake Hardy	4	3	52	-	-	-	28	17.33	1
Mac Jenkins	6	4	30	2	-	-	22*	15.00	2
James Leary	6	4	30	-	-	-	11	7.50	3
Fletcher May	6	3	27	1	-	-	13	13.50	1
Benjamin Knox	6	2	16	1	-	-	11*	16.00	2
Nuwan Whyte	6	2	9	-	-	-	7	4.50	1
Finn Nixon-Tomko	1	1	7	-	-	-	7	7.00	-
Christopher Savage	5	2	4	1	-	-	2*	4.00	-
Broc Hardy	1	1	2	-	-	-	2	2.00	1

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Jack James	35.0	1	128	7	-	18.29	3.66	2/14
Mac Jenkins	45.0	5	165	7	-	23.57	3.67	2/7
Fletcher May	36.3	-	165	6	-	27.50	4.52	4/37
Nuwan Whyte	28.0	3	122	4	-	30.50	4.36	2/24
Broc Hardy	7.0	-	26	3	-	8.67	3.71	3/26
Christopher Savage	20.5	-	105	2	-	52.50	5.04	1/10
Benjamin Knox	34.2	2	180	2	-	90.00	5.24	1/10
Finn Nixon-Tomko	1.0	-	14	1	-	14.00	14.00	1/14
Kobe Allison	15.0	-	72	1	-	72.00	4.80	1/21

Brewer Shield Report

Lucy Warren

This season I had the great opportunity of captaining the Brewer shield team. I loved leading the girls on the field each week and watching them grow as people and cricketers. Thank you to everyone who made this season as great as it was for all the players, it wouldn't have been possible without you. An extra big thanks to Michelle and Alan who went above and beyond for us all. I loved this season and can't wait for many more years of being a Bear!



Grace Keating

Grace Keating was a very valuable member of this year's Brewer Shield team. Grace was the vice-captain of the side, and her leadership did not go unnoticed. Grace's batting innings only improved as the season progressed, with a top score of 99, and she was often the rock that held our innings together. Grace's bowling was amazing this season and she never failed to pick up a wicket or two a game.

Anjali Uthappa

This season Ani was one of the side's best bowlers with her statistics proving this. Ani had the lowest economy in the team this season with her best bowling being 4/28. Ani played an extremely

important role in the teams bowling attack. The team could always rely on Ani to bowl beautifully and she never let the opposition get many runs. Ani is a fabulous team player and always put 100% in.

Caitlin Thomas

Caity's enthusiasm, kindness and energetic personality was highly valued within the team this season. On and off the field she never failed to make us laugh. Her fast pace bowling was great this season. Caity held many of the batting innings together. When fielding, her catches at point were incredible and her enthusiasm never failed to energise the team. Her fielding was second to none, game after game.

Liz Buckley

Liz had a great season this year with both the ball and bat. Her accuracy and pace had improved out of sight when bowling. Liz often opened the batting, getting the team off to a great start. Liz was great in the field and was always keeping the chat up and encouraging everyone. I can't wait to see her grow even more next season.

Mabel Oxenham

Mabel was a new member to the team this season and we were very lucky to have her. Her spin bowling was superb, and she always left the opposition stressed as they could not score any runs while she was bowling. Mabel is an amazing team player who always put the team first. She was always looking for any extra feedback when training and, when given, always took it on to improve.

India Keating

Throughout the season India improved out of sight and was a great team player. India's fast pace bowling

was very crucial to the team. This season India's best bowling was 5/12 which is an amazing achievement, plus was the Brewer team's first ever five-fa! When batting, India got the team off to a great start the majority of the time and she was always encouraging when batting with her. India is a great team member who never failed to put the team first.

Tuvini Jayakody

Tuvini was one of the best team players of the side this season. Her batting and bowling improved greatly throughout the season. Tuvini was a reliable batter who held together many partnerships and got us very close to the target many a time. Her bowling economy was one of the lowest and her fielding was admirable.

Zoey Ridgway

Zoey was also a key spinner who had a very low economy and never let the other team get away with many runs when she was bowling this season. She also held the batting together many games and as well as this her fielding on the boundary was great. Zoey is always looking for more feedback, which is great.

Chloe Day

This season Chloe was of the fastest bowlers who scared every opposition we played. Along with her pace, her accuracy improved throughout the season. Chloe held together the batting in the later overs of

the games. Chloe always put 100% into training and was a very valued team member.

Charlotte Moss

This season, Charlotte often opened the bowling, and she always put the team in a great position. Her unique bowling was always a shock to the other team which worked to our advantage. Her batting improved out of sight this season as well. Charlotte is one of the sweetest people you will meet, and she always gave everything she had.

Bianca Lozell

Bianca was our star keeper this season. Her encouragement behind the stumps never went unnoticed and she was part of the reason we got through the overs this season! Her enthusiasm was admirable and her kindness was as well. Bianca was a great batter this season who often held the batting together.

Talia Kapo

This season Talia improved hugely in all areas of her game. She always gave 100% at training and at games and listened to every bit of advice that the coaches had. One thing that especially stood out to me this season was her improvement in fielding. Rarely ever did a ball ever get past her in the field. I can't wait to see Talia's further improvement next season.



Brewer Shield Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	Runs	NO	50s	HS	Average	C/S
Grace Keating	17	16	388	3	1	99	29.85	10
Elizabeth Buckley	15	14	188	2	1	50*	15.67	5
Lucy Warren	16	15	167	2	1	50*	12.85	5
Tuvini Jayakody	16	15	152	3	-	43*	12.67	2
Caitlin Thomas	15	13	128	2	-	29*	11.64	2
India Keating	16	14	82	1	-	21	6.31	7
Bianca Lozell	11	11	77	-	-	38	7.00	6
Zoey Ridgway	15	10	68	3	-	20*	9.71	3
Charlotte Moss	17	10	37	3	-	12	5.29	-
Mabel Oxenham	14	9	32	2	-	10	4.57	-
Olivia Aylward	4	4	17	-	-	11	4.25	-
Anjali Uthappa	14	5	15	-	-	7	3.00	-
Talia Kapo	11	6	10	3	-	5	3.33	1
Chloe Day	12	4	2	2	-	1*	1.00	1
Amy Gibbons	3	1	1	-	-	1	1.00	-
Grace Boulding	3	1	-	-	-	0	-	-
Emily Aitken	3	1	-	-	-	0	-	-

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Grace Keating	78.2	6	336	18	1	18.67	4.29	5/20
Anjali Uthappa	46.2	5	181	11	-	16.45	3.91	4/28
Elizabeth Buckley	46.0	1	247	10	-	24.70	5.37	4/21
Mabel Oxenham	62.4	5	268	10	-	26.80	4.28	4/12
Lucy Warren	82.0	6	348	10	-	34.80	4.24	2/15
India Keating	29.2	1	144	6	1	24.00	4.91	5/12
Tuvini Jayakody	41.0	3	185	5	-	37.00	4.51	2/15
Zoey Ridgway	17.2	-	54	3	-	18.00	3.12	2/9
Chloe Day	22.0	3	110	2	-	55.00	5.00	1/7
Charlotte Moss	58.4	8	222	2	-	111.00	3.78	1/6
Bianca Lozell	3.0	-	18	1	-	18.00	6.00	1/18
Caitlin Thomas	5.0	-	50	1	-	50.00	10.00	1/16
Olivia Aylward	1.0	-	7	-	-	-	7.00	0/7
Emily Aitken	5.0	1	24	-	-	-	4.80	0/24
Talia Kapo	14.0	-	83	-	-	-	5.93	0/3

AW Green Shield Report

Jason Krejza

First, I want to thank Lachlan Reynolds for all his hard work throughout the entire season. The work he does in the background is incredible and without him it would be a rabble. I just keep hoping that Hamish has another 3-4 years left of Greenies...!



This year's campaign started with a game against Wests. After a really good preparation again in the pre-season and trial game period, I had high hopes of starting with a bang. It did, unfortunately it was in favour of Wests. Sent in on a wicket that was doing a bit, we just lost too many top order wickets to put up a decent total. A little flurry of late wickets wasn't enough, and we lost our first.

Round 2 was rain affected so ended up being played in 20/20 fashion. We posted 113 with good knocks from Botfield, Reynolds and Clarke. This ended up being enough as the bowling unit worked well together defending a reasonable total. Hedges and Dhanoa were the pick of the bowlers taking two each through the middle and Rana ended up with 3-fa, cleaning up the tail.

Our next challenge was Sydney, a very good team that the boys were excited to sink their teeth into. For me, this is a game we should've won even though it was a tough one. They batted extremely well on a good wicket scoring 247. They batted in partnerships,

rotated the strike beautifully and run us into the ground. Their strike rates tell the story, with four out of five of the batsmen with 70+.

After a half decent start, we lost our way in the middle once their spinners came on. I think at one stage we had three or four maidens in a row which stalled our run rate. We finished with 211, but really, we were good enough talent-wise to be closer to 250. The star of the game was Ben Champion, who almost got us home with 39 off 47. It was a nail-biter because Sydney started losing their way with because of our huge push at the end, but it just wasn't enough.

This is where our season really started coming together. The reason behind it was that our bowlers, in particular our spinners Rana and Oxenham, understood the importance of patience and bowling to a plan. We beat Campbelltown in aggressive fashion with probably our best performance of the competition, towelled up UNSW the following game, got beaten by eventual finalists Penrith the next game by their superb bowling group, and then Bankstown were destroyed by our spin twins.



All in all, I was pretty happy with this season. After so many years hanging out down the bottom of the ladder, for the boys to finish 10th and only be 2 points out of the top 8 is a really good sign for the club.

Next year could be an exciting year...

AW Green Shield Statistics

Batting

	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	NO	50s	HS	Average	C/S
Hamish Reynolds	7	7	127	-	1	64	18.14	4
Jamieson Hedges	7	7	122	2	1	58*	24.40	4
Harrison Allomes	7	7	105	2	1	56	21.00	3
Benjamin Champion	7	6	102	1	1	52*	20.40	2/1
Jayden Botfield	7	7	95	-	-	27	13.57	2
Akshit Rana	7	6	92	-	-	26	15.33	3
Dilraj Singh	6	6	71	-	-	48	11.83	2
Elijah Stead	5	4	67	1	-	29	22.33	2
Billy Rogers	2	2	59	-	-	30	29.50	-
Aden Clark	7	7	49	1	-	21	8.17	3
Jaiveer Singh Dhanoa	7	5	35	-	-	13	7.00	1
Everett Oxenham	7	4	20	3	-	11*	20.00	2
Neil Sarkar	3	1	8	1	-	8*	-	1

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	5WI	Average	Econ	BBI
Jaiveer Singh Dhanoa	42.3	5	139	11	-	12.64	3.27	3/25
Jamieson Hedges	37.5	4	152	10	-	15.20	4.02	3/34
Akshit Rana	55.0	6	170	8	-	21.25	3.09	3/17
Everett Oxenham	47.4	7	135	7	-	19.29	2.83	3/12
Declan Fitzpatrick	34.0	2	127	4	-	31.75	3.74	1/12
Hamish Reynolds	35.0	-	175	3	-	58.33	5.00	2/30
Elijah Stead	14.0	-	92	2	-	46.00	6.57	1/11
Fergus Hitchen	3.0	-	21	1	-	21.00	7.00	1/21
Neil Sarkar	6.0	-	32	1	-	32.00	5.33	1/32
Jayden Botfield	4.0	-	33	1	-	33.00	8.25	1/11

Club Records

Season Records

First Grade

Batting Aggregate:	1,267, S Hookey, 1994/95
Batting Average:	226.00, D Coltman, 1925/26
Highest Score:	243*, N Phillips, 1929/30
Bowling Aggregate:	64, Dr H Hordern, 1912/13
Bowling Average:	7.67, W O'Reilly, 1933/34

Second Grade

Batting Aggregate:	1,083, F Punch, 1900/01
Batting Average:	107.50, A White, 1991/92
Highest Score:	278*, N Phillips, 1904/05
Bowling Aggregate:	84, Dr H Hordern, 1904/05
Bowling Average:	7.59, J Groves, 1937/38

Third Grade

Batting Aggregate:	971, E Bubb, 1925/26
Batting Average:	93.80, J Punch, 1910/11
Highest Score:	205, D Long, 1923/24
Bowling Aggregate:	63, A Punch, 1910/11
Bowling Average:	6.52, Dr H Hordern, 1904/05

Fourth Grade

Batting Aggregate:	594, J Hopwood, 2009/10
Batting Average:	54.80, E Hepworth, 2010/11
Highest Score:	172, J Jesson, 1941/42
Bowling Aggregate:	60, W Watkins, 1957/58
Bowling Average:	8.33, W Watkins, 1957/58

Fifth Grade

Batting Aggregate:	543, P Maddocks, 2009/10
Batting Average:	67.33, S Henwood, 2007/08
Highest Score:	169*, A Waying, 2007/08
Bowling Aggregate:	56, B Townsend, 1974/75
Bowling Average:	7.40, B Townsend, 1974/75

Women's Third Grade T20

Batting Aggregate:	103, A Dongre, 2020/21
Batting Average:	41.50, H Blackburn, 2020/21
Highest Score:	37*, G O'Brien, 2019/20
Bowling Aggregate:	6, A Dongre, 2020/21
Bowling Average:	4.50, A Dongre, 2019/20

Women's Third Grade LO

Batting Aggregate:	105, A Dongre, 2020/21
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Batting Average:	30.00, A Gibbons, 2020/21
Highest Score:	50*, A Dongre, 2020/21
Bowling Aggregate:	10, A D'Cunha, 2020/21
Bowling Average:	6.30, A D'Cunha, 2020/21

Poidevin-Gray Shield

Batting Aggregate:	471, S Rodgie, 2007/08
Batting Average:	113.33, A Anderson, 1969/70
Highest Score:	200*, M Munro, 1986/87
Bowling Aggregate:	30, K Davenport, 1967/68
Bowling Average:	6.33, P Carey, 1958/59

AW Green Shield

Batting Aggregate:	525, S Birch, 2010/11
Batting Average:	114.00, G Spring, 1977/78
Highest Score:	155*, S Birch, 2010/11
Bowling Aggregate:	28, D Brooke, 1958/59 & A Bagga, 2008/09
Bowling Average:	5.00, H Sword, 1937/38

Brewer Shield

Batting Aggregate:	388, G Keating, 2020/21
Batting Average:	29.85, G Keating, 2020/21
Highest Score:	99, G Keating, 2020/21
Bowling Aggregate:	18, G Keating, 2020/21
Bowling Average:	14.50, B Tahana, 2019/20

200 runs or more in an innings

First Grade

A Hopkins, 229, 1906/07
G Moore, 205, 1912/13
R Minnett, 205, 1912/13
A Punch, 207, 1920/21
N Phillips, 243, 1929/30
N Phillips, 200, 1929/30
T Chappell, 201*, 1985/86
V Kringas, 205*, 1986/87
S Hookey, 200, 1994/95
N Taylor, 208, 1997/98
N Watkins, 202, 2015/16

Second Grade

F Kayser, 209, 1895/96
L McMahon, 214, 1896/97
A White, 278, 1904/05
G Sayers, 206, 1905/06
F Punch, 202, 1906/07
R Allen, 217, 1987/88

D Wotherspoon, 266*, 2000/01

Third Grade

D Long, 205, 1923/24

E Bubb, 201, 1925/26

Poidevin-Gray Shield

M Munro, 200*, 1986/87

10 wickets in an innings

Third Grade

E Bull, 10/22, 1906/07

Hat-Tricks

First Grade

C Hogue, 1921/22

W Pratt, 1921/22

W O'Reilly, 1933/34 (4 wickets in 4 balls)

J Callaghan, 1942/43

V Emery, 1962/93

S Taylor, 1974/75

G Spring, 1981/82

G Aitken, 2010/11

Second Grade

E Mansfield, 1906/07

A Whatmore, 1906/07

J Cahill, 1933/34

R Merchant, 1968/69

C Elder, 1973/74

T Middlebrook, 1985/86

A Butterworth, 1995/96

S Marshman, 2004/05

G Sullivan, 2009/10

P Lindsay, 2011/12

Third Grade

A Lough, 1911/12 (twice in an innings)

A Punch, 1911/12 (5 wickets in 5 balls)

W Davey, 1923/24

A Cheal, 1932/33

G Gavey, 1935/35

K Tulk, 1949/50

D Eade, 1972/73

Fourth Grade

J Freeman, 1968/69

R Turner, 1979/80

R Leishman, 2010/11

Fifth Grade

I Joyce, 1974/75

W Glacken, 1977/78

A Child, 1983/84

C Reed, 2010/11

J Keane, 2016/17

Colts

K Ryan, 1938/39

P Gill, 1962/63

R Robinson, 1969/70

AW Green Shield

R Young, 1946/47

M Puglisi, 1948/49

T Philp, 1953/54

H Cameron, 1967/68

F Paterson, 1975/76

200 First Grade Wickets for the Club

654 – V Emery

423 – K Spring

389 – R Shelton

384 – A Hopkins

378 – R Aitken*

340 – J Callaghan

303 – S Weisener

290 – M Burton

278 – S Hogue

261 – B White

260 – G Spring

258 – R Eaton

258 – S Taylor

255 – G Aitken*

254 – J Campbell*

243 – G Sullivan

234 – T Wooster

230 – C Hill

209 – J Peterson

204 – B Long

4,000 First Grade Runs for the Club

9,075 – A Punch

8,074 – R Aitken*

7,571 – J Brian

7,232 – N Taylor

6,449 – J Aitken*

6,328 – R Donovan

6,093 – J King

6,059 – S Hookey

5,809 – G Spring

5,515 – A Hopkins

5,355 – D Taylor

4,978 – J Lawes

4,877 – S Rodgie

4,735 – NY Deane

4,732 – J Avendano*

4,569 – P Marks

4,513 – K Gilkes

4,356 – D Johnston

4,096 – A Jesson

4,073 – V Emery

4,063 – T Jagot*

First Grade Partnership Records

Wicket	Total	Players	Opponent	Season
1 st	259	A White (177) & R Duff (96)	Redfern	1906/07
2 nd	303	A Oberai (166*) & J Avendano (176)	Manly-Warringah	2016/17
3 rd	258	W Duff (120) & A Hopkins (137)	Central Cumberland	1898/99
4 th	261	T Jagot (125*) & A Crosthwaite (143*)	Sydney	2018/19
5 th	248	G Moore (139) & V Deane (122*)	Balmain	1909/10
6 th	205	R Minnett (181) & A Johnston (108)	Glebe	1910/11
7 th	183	F Iredale (150*) & S Redgrave (84)	Waverley	1904/05
8 th	181	A Punch (207) & C Armstrong (61*)	Petersham	1920/21
9 th	119	C Smith (157) & B Long (40)	Middle Harbour	1915/16
10 th	156	N Bills (96*) & J Campbell (53)	Bankstown	2012/13

Australian Test Representatives Who Have Played for the Club

S Barnes	G Beard	D Bradman	T Chappell	P Charlton
R Duff	J Gregory	R Hartigan	A Hopkins	Dr H Hordern
F Iredale	J Krejza	C Macartney	S McCabe	S MacGill
K Miller	R Minnett	K O'Keeffe	W O'Reilly	B Shepherd
K Walters				

Sheffield Shield Representatives Who Have Played for the Club

A Anderson	S Barnes	G Beard	N Bills	A Bird
P Bowler	D Bradman	W Brown	P Cantrell	W Catchlove
R Chapman	T Chappell	P Charlton	G Clarke	R Collins
A Crosthwaite	F Cummins	G Davies	R Duff	V Emery
K Geyer	F Gilmore	F Goodman	J Gregory	R Hickson
R Hartigan	C Hill	S Hills	A Hopkins	S Hookey
Dr H Hordern	G Horsfield	D Hughes	F Iredale	R Jeffrey
F Johnson	D Johnston	T Johnston	J Krejza	J Lenton
E Long	J Lush	C Macartney	S McCabe	S MacGill
P Marks	K Miller	L Minnett	R Minnett	F McElphone
G Moore	F Nolan	K O'Keeffe	W O'Reilly	R Osborne
N Phillips	L Poidevin	H Pratten	A Punch	K Quist
S Redgrave	P Shea	B Shepherd	G Spring	E Waddy
K Walters	H Whiddon	E White	A Wyatt	

BBL Representatives Who Have Played for the Club

J Avendano	A Crosthwaite	D Hughes	S Keen	J Krejza
J Lenton	N Bills			

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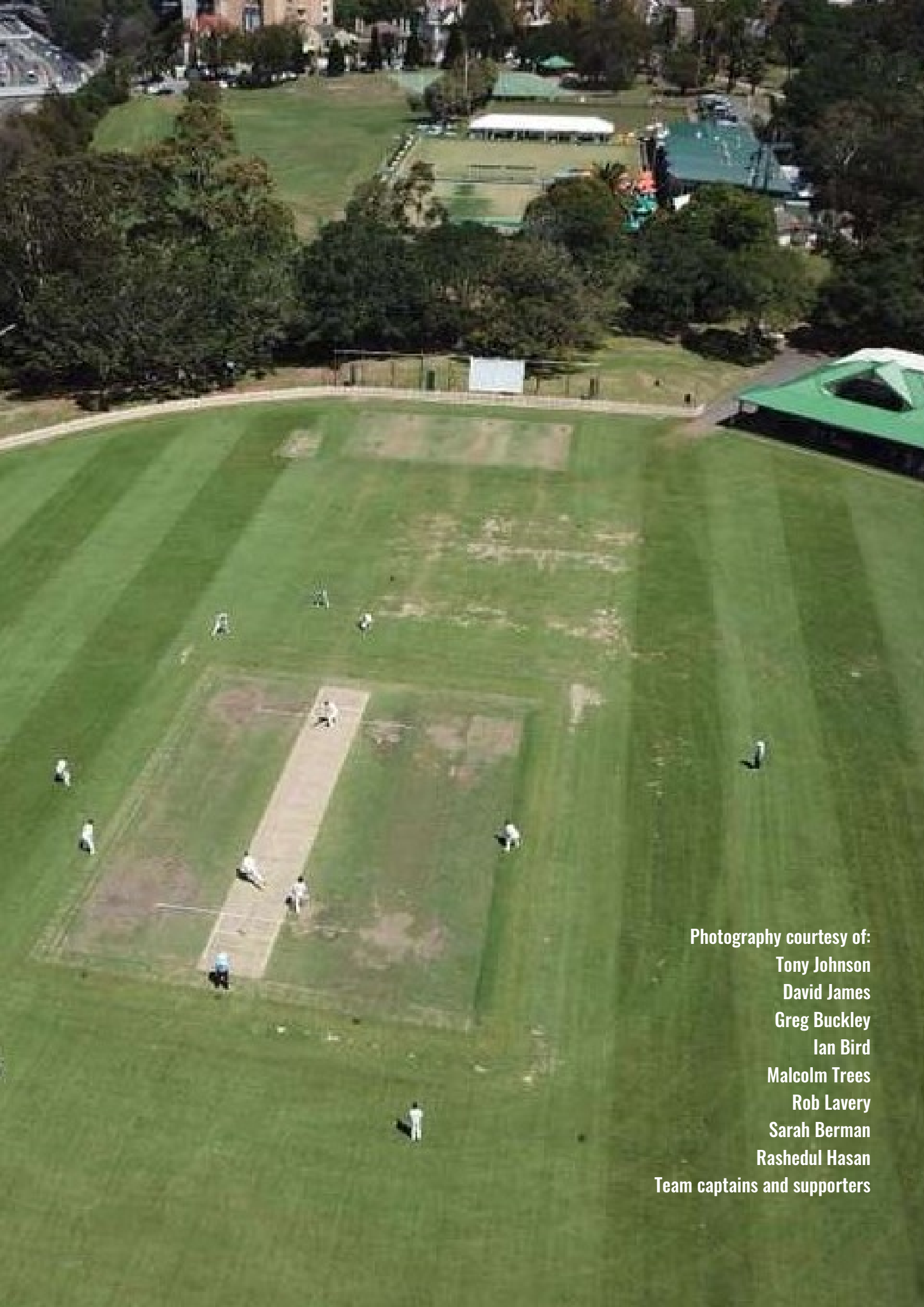
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